

Bison collection greets visitors to Old Main

It's an unusual collection that catches the eye, piques curiosity and starts conversations. A set of nearly 100 bison figurines presented to NDSU by longtime Bison sports enthusiasts Dale and Diane Beling is now on display near the president's office at Old Main's south entrance.

A wall plaque acknowledging the Belings' gift was installed next to the collection on Friday, Jan. 29.



Interim President Allan Fischer presents the plaque to Dale and Diane Beling that now hangs in Old Main near their donated collection of bison.

The Belings collected the bison because they have enjoyed a lengthy relationship with the university. "We've been Bison fans for many, many years," said Dale Beling, who is secretary-treasurer of Team Makers. The Belings also have co-chaired the Bison Bidders Bowl. "We're not graduates of NDSU, but we've been involved with Bison Athletics for a long time."

The retired managing partner of Charles Bailly and Co., Fargo, previously kept the collection at his office. When it became apparent the Belings did not have the room to display the bison properly in their home, they decided to donate them to NDSU.

"Being this is 'Bison Country,' we hope people at NDSU will enjoy them just a little bit as much as we did," Diane Beling said.

Diane's father, Loren Grant of Enderlin, carved the first wooden bison for the collection in 1985. During the next 10 years, the Belings gathered more bison whenever they traveled across the United States and Mexico. Some of the figurines cost a few dollars, others were closer to \$1,000. They're made of everything from bronze to crystal, coal to glass, concrete to ironwood.

"I hope the collection is something people enjoy looking at," Dale Beling said. "It sure was fun collecting them."

Exempt W-4's and NDW-R forms due

Exemptions from federal income tax withholding for tax year 1998 expire Feb. 16. The Payroll office reminds all employees eligible to claim this status for the 1999 tax year that they must submit a new 1999 W-4 form to the Payroll office by Feb. 16. Employees should exercise caution when claiming exempt on form W-4.

1999 NDW-R forms for Minnesota residents were recently mailed to employees. Minnesota residents must complete a new NDW-R form each year to continue to have Minnesota state income tax withheld from their paychecks. Failure to submit a new NDW-R form will result in North Dakota state income tax being withheld. The completed NDW-R form is due to the Payroll office by March 1.

W-4 and NDW-R forms are available at the Payroll office, Old Main 205. For more information call 1-7326.

Administrative offices closed, no classes Feb. 15

Administrative offices will be closed and no classes will be held Monday, Feb. 15, in observance of the President's Day holiday in accordance with the State Board of Higher Education policy. Offices will open and classes will resume Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Memorial Union hours

In observance of President's Day, the Memorial Union will close at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, and will remain closed Saturday and Sunday. The building will be open from 1-11 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, and will resume regular hours Tuesday, Feb. 16.

1998 Flex Benefits deadline

The deadline for submitting 1998 claims against your '98 Flex account is Monday, March 1. Claims must be received in the Payroll office, Old Main 205, by 5 p.m. March 1 to be considered.

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People

Faculty Lecturer is internationally recognized eagle researcher



Grier

James W. Grier, professor of zoology and internationally recognized eagle expert, has been awarded the 41st Faculty Lectureship. Grier will present his talk, "Eagles: Here, There and Everywhere," at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18, in the Memorial Union Century Theater. A reception will follow the lecture in the Peace Garden Room. The lecture and reception are open to the public.

Grier has been working with eagles for 40 years. His research and the work of the Northern States Bald Eagle Recovery Team, which Grier leads, played a significant role in the recovery of the bald eagle, which was endangered only a few years ago. He also has worked extensively with golden eagles and Philippine eagles. As a doctoral candidate at Cornell University in 1972, Grier was the first person to successfully develop techniques for artificial insemination of eagles. Ithaca, the first golden eagle hatched from the process, lives at Grier's Hawley, Minn., home. In the early 1990s, Grier worked with a team that successfully hatched out the first Philippine eagle in captivity through a process of natural and artificial incubation.

In his presentation, illustrated with slides and video, Grier will explore factors believed responsible for the return of the bald eagle. He also will discuss the golden eagle, whose population has remained healthy, and the Philippine eagle, whose future is still uncertain. The professor will place the lessons and insights from his research into a broader context of the interactions between humans and other species.

Grier, a member of NDSU's faculty since 1973, has written 58 professional publications, more than 50 popular articles, and a book on animal behavior that is one of the main texts on the subject used across the country and internationally. He helped initiate research at NDSU on the biology of reptiles, including their microbiology and ecology, and he teaches several courses, including general zoology, animal population dynamics, herpetology and animal research principles. To stimulate his students' interest, he has used a variety of live creatures in lectures and the laboratory, including Ithaca and other birds, opossums, snakes, fish, insects and marine invertebrates.

Both colleagues and students express respect for Grier and his methods, saying he creates an enthusiasm and yearning for knowledge. In supporting his nomination, former student Robert N. Rosenfield, associate professor of biology at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, said, "Of all the professors I have interacted with, both as a student and as a professor myself, I believe that I have never met a more informed, dedicated or enthusiastic teacher and researcher."

Grier is active in the community, and has been featured in numerous local, regional and national radio and television programs, including the BBC-Time/Life series, "Wild World of Animals," the "Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson, and the Public Broadcasting Service "New Explorers" series. He consults for groups and government agencies in the United States, Canada, the Philippines and Indonesia, and is a reviewer for several professional journals. William Burnham,

president of The Peregrine Fund World Center for Birds of Prey, said, "Jim's sincere interest, endless patience and dedication have bridged the gap between cultures and helped to educate and motivate government and the private sector to action. He knows no social or intellectual class boundaries and works effectively with everyone."

Grier has received several honors, including the Mortar Board Preferred Professor award, NDSU Blue Key Distinguished Educator award, the first NDSU Sigma Xi research award, the Dean's Award from the College of Science and Mathematics, the Fargo Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Professor Award, a citation for his work on eagles by the Premier of Ontario, and the OMNI Life Model award.

Miltenberger research finds international audience

Two studies on habit disorders conducted by NDSU researchers have received attention by international news media. The work conducted in 1996 by Ray Miltenberger, professor of psychology, and Doug Woods, graduate student, was mentioned in the Feb. 3 edition of the London Sunday Times. Since then, Miltenberger also has been contacted by reporters in Spain and Montreal.

One study surveyed students in the introduction to psychology classes about the prevalence of certain types of habits. The other research involved experiments dealing with boredom and increased anxiety and what influence they had on the habits the participants were reporting.

"It's nice to see the scientific work being picked up by the popular media so that it may be communicated to people outside the scientific endeavor," Miltenberger said. "The things picked up are only a small sub-set of the work we're doing. We're focusing our current efforts to understand the factors that contribute to habits like hair-pulling, nail-biting and thumb-sucking. We're also doing treatment studies."

Dorn featured in NCAA publication

Lynn Dorn, women's athletic director, was featured in the Feb. 1 issue of The NCAA News. Dorn, who recently concluded her term as chair of the NCAA Division II Management Council, was interviewed on a variety of issues facing Division II schools.

The article notes Dorn was recognized at virtually every Division II forum during the 1999 NCAA Convention in San Antonio, Texas, and that she was called the "Division II person of the year" by Presidents Council Chair Arend D. Lubbers.

"It was a tremendous experience to represent the North Central Conference and NDSU. I'm very appreciative of the reaction and humbled by it," Dorn said. "It was a great professional and personal experience."

Thomas Riley, dean of arts, humanities and social sciences and NDSU's NCAA institutional representative, said, "This has been a crucial time in the NCAA because it's been going through a complete reorganization. Lynn Dorn has been a driving force and she is very well respected. Her work and the article definitely highlight the excellence of our programs and the people who run our programs."

Nicklas published in three journals

Theresa Nicklas, chair of the Food and Nutrition Department, has recently co-written three journal articles.

They include "Assessing Dietary Intake in Preschool Children: The Healthy Start Project - New York," published in *Nutrition Research*; "Nutrient Intake and Food Group Consumption of 10-Year-Olds by Sugar Intake Level: The Bogalusa Heart Study," published in the *Journal of the American College of Nutrition*; and "Position of the American Dietetic Association: Dietary Guidance for Healthy Children Aged 2 to 11 Years," published in the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*.

Visiting faculty receive Fulbright grants

Visiting faculty from Syria and Belarus have been awarded Fulbright Scholar Grants to help cover the costs of their visits to NDSU.

Abdel Baset Almouslem is a botany lecturer from the University of Aleppo, Syria, who worked at NDSU and the USDA/ARS with Prem Jauhar, adjunct professor, during his visit from June to August 1998. Igor Kotov is an instructor and chair of the department of history and theory cooperation at the Gomel Cooperative Institute, Belarus; his visit at NDSU runs January to May 1999. He is working with Bill Nelson, professor of agricultural economics and director of the Quentin Burdick Center for Cooperatives.

The Fulbright Scholar Program, established in 1946, provides funding for American faculty and professionals to lecture and conduct research abroad, and for visiting scholars to come to the United States. The program will fund more than 750 scholars from the United States and 725 from foreign countries in the 1998-99 academic year.

The program is sponsored and funded by the U.S. Information Agency, with additional funding provided by the participating governments and host institutions in the United States and abroad. Recipients are selected by the presidentially appointed J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, which also formulates policy for the program.

The Office of International Programs at NDSU helps bring the scholars to campus. More information on the program is available on the web at www.cies.org.

Nielsen honored by N.D. Counseling Association

Robert C. Nielsen, associate professor of education and counseling coordinator, received the Glen Dolan Award, North Dakota's highest award for counselors, at the 1999 North Dakota Counseling Association's annual conference.

The award is given based on the individual's outstanding contributions to his or her organizations, demonstrated leadership in the counseling profession, rapport with the community and fellow staff members, activity in community functions and organizations, and service and leadership to the community.

Pharmacy student publishes paper

Pharmacy student Brian Moe's research manuscript "Conjugated Estradiol Increases Female Sexual Receptivity in Response to Oxytocin Infused into the Medial Preoptic Area and Medial Basal Hypothalamus" will appear in the February volume of the *Journal of Hormones and Behavior*.

In the paper, Moe and his faculty mentor Jack Caldwell, assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences, demonstrate for the first time that the steroid estrogen affects female sexual behavior in rats by acting in a new way; it is able to act directly on the outer surface of brain cells instead of having to get inside the cell.

Events

McNair Foundation president to speak at NDSU TRIO Day



Carl McNair

Carl McNair, president of the Dr. Ronald E. McNair Foundation, will be the featured speaker at TRIO Day at NDSU February 23-24. McNair's presentation is scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, in the Memorial Union Century Theater. The presentation, sponsored by the Office of TRIO Programs and the Division of Student Affairs, is open to the public.

The foundation was established in honor of McNair's brother, who died along with six astronaut colleagues aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger in 1986. It is dedicated to developing and implementing educational programs that motivate and encourage young people toward academic excellence in science, mathematics, and aerospace technology.

The Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement TRIO Program is named in honor of the second African-American United States citizen in space, who was born in rural South Carolina and earned his doctorate in physics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Carl McNair will share the inspirational story of his brother, with the objective of motivating and inspiring young people to overcome obstacles and to achieve their life goals.

Tri-College seminar to explore medical, legal aspects of human rights

The Tri-College University World Studies Committee has scheduled "Medical, Legal and Law Enforcement Professions and Human Rights" 6:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 16, MacLean 173, Moorhead State University.

Members of the panel and their topics of discussion are:
Paul Kramer, legal profession and human rights
Tim Mahoney, medical profession and human rights
Kathy Cline, law enforcement and human rights
Mark Chekola, medical ethics
Robert A. Wood, police interrogation

The seminar is free and open to the public. For more information contact Maggie Skrogstad at 1-9731 or by e-mail at skrogsta@plains.nodak.edu.

Theology forum examines dynamics of relationships

Dale Hawley, associate professor of child development and family science, will present "Men and Women: Why Can't We Just Be Friends?" at noon Feb. 17, in the Memorial Union University Chamber. The seminar is part of the weekly "Horizons" series presented by United Campus Ministry and the University Lutheran Center.

The forum is free and open to the public. For more information contact United Campus Ministry at 235-0672 or the University Lutheran Center at 232-2587.

Live interactive forum to address evil and suffering

The Christian Faculty and Staff Fellowship at NDSU is sponsoring a live interactive seminar "Is there meaning in evil and suffering?" via satellite 5:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, in the Memorial Union Century Theater. The broadcast will originate from the Cobb Galleria Centre in Atlanta.

Scheduled panelists include Ravi Zacharias, Bernard Leikind, Jitendra Mohanty, and William Lane Craig. Kerby Anderson will be moderating the forum.

The presentation is free and open to the public. See more information on the web at www.leaderu.com/events/rz or contact Jim Reeves at 235-0672.

Legislative forum scheduled for Feb. 13

The Fargo Area League of Women Voters and the Chamber of Commerce of Fargo Moorhead are sponsoring a legislative forum 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, in the Fargo City Commission Chambers, City Hall.

Legislators scheduled to participate include Rep. Rick Berg (R), Rep. Sally Sandvig (D), Rep. Byron Clark (R), Sen. Tom Fischer (R) and Rep. Rachael Disrud (R). David Wahlberg, director of university news, will serve as moderator.

Residence hall, campus apartment reservations due Feb. 23

Students may begin reserving residence hall rooms or campus apartments for the 1999-2000 school year Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 23-24.

Students have four housing options: residence halls, single student apartments, graduate apartments and family student apartments. Detailed information will be distributed to all residence halls. For more information contact the Department of Residence Life at 1-7557.

Shorts and Reminders

Quantity Foods meals

The Quantity Foods class has scheduled an "All American Meal" 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, in the lower level of the West Dining Center. The menu includes bacon cheeseburgers, potato wedges, coleslaw, apple pie and popcorn.

A "German Feast" is planned from 11:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the lower level of the West Dining Center. The menu includes beer cheese soup, bratwurst, creamed potatoes with parsley, glazed carrots and apple kuchen.

A "Mardi Gras Meal" is planned from 11:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Feb. 18, in the lower level of the West Dining Center. The menu includes Southwestern chicken chili, Cajun rice, cornmeal muffins, Italian salad and ice cream with oreos.

The meals are open to everyone. The cost is \$5.25 or free to those on a meal plan. To make a reservation call 1-7023.

Open Positions

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

Information Specialist/#0577

Admission
\$17,048 minimum/year
Open until filled.

Administrative Secretary II/#835/4264/1197
Plant Sciences
\$15,600 minimum/year
Feb. 16

Administrative Secretary I/#4356
Polymers & Coatings
\$13,000+/year
Feb. 24

Motor Vehicle Mechanic/#0890/1366
Animal & Range Sciences
\$20,000+/year
Feb. 16

Computer Store/Department Manager/#4021
(Bookstore Manager I)
Varsity Mart/Bookstore
\$21,576 minimum/year
Feb. 18

Position openings are also available through the NDSU Web site at www.nodak.edu/human-resources/.

Research Opportunities

The Office of Research Administration in Old Main 201 announces the following funding opportunities and deadlines. For more information call 1-8908.

North Dakota Humanities Council Larry Remele Memorial Fellowships

Deadline: March 1

These fellowships are intended to promote research/writing and public programs in the humanities. Qualifications include at least a master's in history, philosophy, languages, linguistics, literature, archaeology, jurisprudence, ethics or comparative religion; or a master's in the history, theory, and criticism of the arts or in the social sciences, if the approach is historical or philosophical.

Department of Education

Learning Anytime Anywhere Partnerships Program

www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/FIPSE/LAAP/

Deadline: April 2 (preapplications)

June 18 (applications)

The Education Department is inviting applications to enhance the delivery, quality and accountability of post-secondary education and career-oriented lifelong learning through technology and related innovations. Areas of interest include developing and assessing model distance learning programs or innovative software; developing methods to identify and measure skills; developing and assessing innovative student support services; or other relevant activities. This program requires partnerships of two or more independent agencies.

National Science Foundation

CISE Educational Innovation Program

www.nsf.gov/pubs/1998/nsf9844/nsf9844.htm

Deadline: March 15

The objective of the Computer and Information Science and Engineering Educational Innovation Program is to stimulate innovative educational activities at the undergraduate level in CISE disciplines. The program will support the design, development, testing and dissemination of innovative approaches for increasing the effectiveness of the undergraduate learning experience by integrating research results into undergraduate courses and curricula.

Lake Region Arts Council Fellowship Grant Program

Deadline: April 6

This program, funded by the McKnight Foundation, is intended to recognize, reward, and encourage outstanding individual artists. A fellowship can support a broad range of study or activities over one year. For application materials, please call the LRAC office at (218) 739-5780 or (800)262-ARTS. There is an informational meeting March 2. Please contact LRAC to register.

Calendar

February

Through Feb. 17 Juried Student Art Exhibition, Memorial Union Gallery; for info call 1-8239

Through Feb. 26 art exhibition of work by Janet Hart Heinicke, Gallery 101, Art Building

12 Psychology—Brenda King, University of Tennessee, "Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) and Individual Differences," 3:30 p.m., Minard 209

12 Chemistry—Kay Brummond, West Virginia University, "Allenes, Alkynes and [2+2+1] Cycloadditions," 3:45 p.m., Dunbar 152

12 Plant Sciences—Carlyle Holen, thesis seminar, "Effects of environment on sugarbeet injury from Desmedipham and a growing degree day equation for predicting early sugarbeet leaf stages," 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 380

12 Animal and Range Sciences—Thomas E. Socha, Extension Swine Specialist, "Lean Growth and Pork Quality Modeling," 3 p.m., Hultz 104

12-15 Tour of Winnipeg

14 Tri-College Percussion Ensemble and Marimba Choir Concert, 3 p.m., Weld Hall Auditorium, Moorhead State University

14 "Celebration of Dance," by the NDSU Dance Team, 2 p.m., Bentson/Bunker Fieldhouse

15 President's Day, administrative offices closed, no classes

16 Administrative offices open, classes resume

17 Architecture/Landscape Architecture and Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics—Steven McNeill, architect and senior vice president, Mark Anderson, landscape architect, David Williams, mechanical engineer of LHB Engineers and Architects, Duluth, will present "LHB: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Office Practice," noon, 125 Electrical Engineering

17 USDA/ARS—David G. Davis, "Biological and Physiological Aspects of Leafy Spurge Growth and Development: Including Enzymatic Responses to Stress," 10 a.m., Northern Crop Science Laboratory, Large Conference Room

19 Psychology—Kevin D. McCaul, "Why Do People Obtain Cancer Screenings?" 3:30 p.m., Minard 209

22 Opening of "Dana Boussard: Between Places" exhibit, Memorial Union Gallery

22 Architecture/Landscape Architecture—Pliny Fisk III, co-director Center for Maximum Potential Building Systems, Austin, "Conceptual Space Race," 5 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall, Reineke Fine Arts Center

25 Chemistry—Paul Kiprof, University of Minnesota, Duluth, will present a seminar at 3:45 p.m., Dunbar 152

26 Psychology—David Corina, University of Washington, "Neural Representations of Human Language and Human Action," 3:30 p.m., Minard 209

March

Through March 23 "Dana Boussard: Between Places," Memorial Union Gallery; for info call 1-8239

1 "Dana Boussard: Between Places" reception
4-6 p.m., Memorial Union Gallery

2 Brenda Weiler concert, 7-9 p.m., Memorial Union Gallery; Tickets are \$5 and available at the Memorial Union Information Desk

2 Chemistry—William Bailey, University of Connecticut, will present a seminar at 3:45 p.m., Dunbar 152

2 University Chorus and Madrigal Singers Concert,
8 p.m., Festival Concert Hall

2 Architecture/Landscape Architecture—Carol Mayer-Reed, partner, Mayer/Reed, Portland, "The A-Mazing Water Garden and Other Current Works," 5 p.m., 114 Loftsgard

3 Varsity Band and Jazz Ensemble Concert, 8 p.m.,
Festival Concert Hall

3 Art Exhibition, "Paintings and Drawings," by Tracy Otten, Gallery 101, Art Building; runs through March 26

5 Psychology—Laura DeHaan, "Individual and Community Risk Factors Among Early Adolescents in North Dakota," 3:30 p.m., Minard 209

8-12 Spring break, no classes

15 Classes resume

18 Concert Choir Home Concert, 8 p.m., Festival
Concert Hall

19 Psychology—Gina Grimshaw, California State - San Marcos, "Interhemispheric Interactions: Why Two Brains Are Better Than One," 3:30 p.m., Minard 209

19 Architecture/Landscape Architecture—Donald MacDonald, principal, MacDonald Architects, San Francisco, "Creation of Democratic Architecture," 4 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall, Reineke Fine Arts Center

NDSU LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Prepared by Rick Johnson, NDSU General Counsel
Feb. 3, 1999

The following are some of the bills of particular interest to NDSU. The North Dakota State Board of Higher Education Office tracks additional bills. Text of the bills and other legislative information is available on the web at www.state.nd.us/lr/. Bolded descriptions below indicate information added since the previous report. Crossover (bills must be reported out of house of origin) is Feb. 19. This status report will likely be reported every two weeks after that date until closer to the end of the Session.

House

HB 1003 NDUS appropriation bill. Appropriates \$128,100,635 to NDSU from all funds (\$72,401,732 general fund). Authorizes bonding of \$4,500,000 for the Health and Wellness Center.

HB 1004 Section 7 provides that OMB should collect indirect cost reimbursement from state agencies.

HB 1021 Ag appropriation bill. Appropriates \$96,793,422 from all funds (\$47,917,280 general fund).

HB 1022 Appropriation authority for bonding for the animal care research facility.

HB 1034 Section 15 relates to higher education credit for juniors and seniors in high school who take courses.

HB 1037 Restricts claims against the State for Y2K liability if good faith effort is made.

HB 1046 Prohibits service contracts from extending into the following biennium.

HB 1048 Provides for the State Treasurer to collect debts for state agencies and for the State Treasurer and Director of Office of Management and Budget to supervise collection of debts.

HB 1049 Provides for confidentiality of audit reports until presented to the Legislature. **Failed House.**

HB 1058 Makes ticket scalping to public events, such as athletic contests, a Class A misdemeanor.

HB 1096 Requires employers to pay for medical examinations or drug tests if required for retaining or obtaining employment. Passed House.

HB 1105 Authorizes DMV to issue special collegiate license plates for \$25 per year. Failed House.

HB 1138 Makes patient records at the Student Health Service confidential. Passed House.

HB 1165 Provides for continuing appropriation for special revenue funds, including tuition.

HB 1170 Section 14 requires all vendors for state purchasing to be approved by the Director of OMB.

HB 1171 Deletes Board of Higher Education membership on State Personnel Board. Passed House as amended.

HB 1173 Exempts higher education institutions from certain postage meter approval requirements. Passed House.

HB 1174 Allows employee suggestion incentive rewards to cover cost savings in other agencies and provides for supervisors to share in the award. Passed House as amended.

HB 1186 Repeals a number of outdated provisions relating to various higher education institutions.

HB 1199 Creates a residency incentive loan program of \$250 per semester.

HB 1228 Requires prefiled bills for state employee raises.

HB 1257 Creates an alternative defined contribution retirement plan for nonclassified state employees.

HB 1262 Makes employees who voluntarily retire ineligible for Worker's Comp. **Failed House.**

HB 1296 Creates authority for Worker's Comp. programs for coverage beyond the state's borders.

HB 1297 Creates mandatory medical coverage for annual mammograms for women who are at least 40 years of age. Passed House.

HB 1300 Requires state agencies to grant mandatory leaves of absence for employees elected to the Legislature.

HB 1311 Establishes the state radiology technology board of examiners for licensure of persons who administer radiological procedures.

HB 1316 Requires economic impact statements to be filed before closure of a higher education institution.

HB 1331 Removes workers comp. immunity for employers who intentionally injure an employee. **Passed House.**

HB 1341 Increases the lodging per diem from \$39 to \$42 per day.

HB 1355 Establishes a midwestern regional higher education commission for coordination of certain higher education activities in 12 midwestern states.

HB 1359 Broadens state provisions restricting nepotism.

HB 1388 Includes performance of laboratory tests in the definition of practice of pharmacy.

HB 1398 Requires specific legislative approval for any building construction project or expansion.

HB 1418 Requires multiple bids for building projects when combination of separate contracts exceeds \$100,000.

HB 1419 Appropriates \$250,000 to NDSU for value added agriculture production.

HB 1437 Provides for additional student loans for education majors.

HB 1442 Mandates a bid preference for resident providers of information technology services and products.

HB 1443 Name change for UND-Williston and Lake Region and provides a workforce training appropriation.

HB 1469 Creates a North Dakota human rights commission for investigation of discrimination complaints.

HB 1470 Eliminates the 4 cent motor vehicle fuel refund funding for the agricultural research fund and replaces with 20% of the special fuels tax.

HB 1482 Restricts number of grant committees on the State Board for Agricultural Research.

HB 1483 Requires the State Board for Agricultural Research to evaluate a research funding goal equal to 2 percent of gross farm income.

HB 1484 Appropriates \$3,830,000 to NDSU for agricultural research.

HB 1486 Allows private sector employees and uninsured individuals to become members of the PERS health insurance program.

HCR 2032 Would amend Constitution to create a health and education trust fund from the tobacco settlement monies.

HCR 3036 Would amend Constitution to preclude individuals from having to exhaust administrative remedies before going into court.

HCR 3042 Would amend Constitution to distribute tobacco settlement monies, including 45% to the common schools trust fund.

Senate

SB 2015 Appropriates \$5,400,000 for equity compensation adjustments for classified state employees (Section 6). Provides \$35 minimum per month raises both years of the biennium with 3% each year of the biennium overall raises (Section 7).

SB 2029 Eliminates requirement that the legislative budget section approve the nonresident tuition rate.

SB 2031 Creates a legislative budget committee and provides procedure for developing a legislative budget.

SB 2043 Creates a state information technology department to regulate information technology for the state under the control of a state information technology board. State agencies will be required to access wide area network services through the department.

SB 2044 Creates a legislative council information technology committee to review activities of the information technology department.

SB 2047 Restricts contingent fee arrangements by the Attorney General.

SB 2056 Relates to Board of Higher Education's six year plan. Passed Senate.

SB 2058 Allows a fee waiver for criminal history record checks. **Passed Senate as amended.**

SB 2071 Increases the PERS multiplier from .77% to .89% and allows retirement plan rollovers to PERS.

SB 2072 Sets premium rate for non Medicare eligible retiree health insurance. Passed Senate.

SB 2084 Reduces higher education's portion of the Guard tuition waiver to 25%. Passed Senate.

SB 2108 Provides for out of state lodging prepayments where sales tax exemptions can be obtained. Passed Senate.

SB 2110 Creates a state risk management motor vehicle accident review board. **Passed Senate as amended.**

SB 2124 Requires OMB to prefile a separate bill for state employee salary increases. Withdrawn.

SB 2140 Relates to Board of Higher Education's six year plan. Failed Senate.

SB 2141 Makes confidential university fundraising and donor records. Passed Senate as amended.

SB 2176 Relates to the practice of pharmacy. Passed Senate.

SB 2191 Creates state mandatory collective bargaining act.

SB 2195 Establishes a prepaid tuition credit program for residents of the state and requires universities to participate in the program.

SB 2208 Relates to recommendation of the state employee benefits program committee regarding benefits extending beyond the current biennium.

SB 2215 Repeals statutory provisions relating to BHE membership and terms and to junior college mill levies. **Passed Senate.**

SB 2260 Creates a new section providing a civil penalty for refusing employee access to their personnel file.

SB 2291 Exempts all higher education employees from the state classified system.

SB 2312 Provides for a state facility energy improvement program to identify energy efficient conservation projects for state buildings.

SB 2335 Requires postsecondary enrollment options program credits to have been in courses taught by higher education faculty.

SB 2338 Mirrors HB 1483 and 1484.

SB 2340 Appropriates \$350,000 to NDSU for value added and irrigation research.

SB 2341 Provides appropriations for farm management, rural tuition rebates and 4-H programs.

SB 2380 Would change the legislative regular sessions to even numbered years from the current odd numbered years.

SB 2383 Would provide for legislative sessions in even numbered years for budget adjustment purposes.

SB 2431 Requires grant applications to be pre-approved by the Office of Intergovernmental Assistance.

SCR 4016 Proposes Constitutional amendment to allow two graduates from the same university on the Board of Higher Education at the same time.

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