NDSU sets spring enrollment record

NDSU has set a spring semester enrollment record for the 10th straight time, reaching 12,562 students in the university’s undergraduate, professional and graduate programs. Part of the increase comes from an all-time record for graduate student enrollment. The official enrollment figures, which are compiled following the fourth week of classes, were announced Feb. 10.

The spring record figure represents a 7.4 percent increase, compared to 11,699 students one year ago.

The number of new freshmen for the semester stands at 102, compared with 54 one year ago, and there are 270 new transfer students compared to 237 in spring 2008.

“I am pleasantly surprised, primarily because of the increase in new freshmen and transfer students. Even though we anticipated a large increase last fall semester, I did not anticipate an increase of this magnitude for spring semester,” said Prakash Mathew, vice president for student affairs, noting that NDSU’s growth is in all areas.

NDSU also set a new high for graduate students, with 1,882 attending classes, compared to last spring’s 1,719, which was the previous spring record. This is an all-time record enrollment for a spring or fall graduate class.

“I am not surprised that our graduate programs continue to grow. As we expand our program offerings we appeal to a broader cross-section of students. What makes this record graduate enrollment impressive is that we set it in a spring semester, which does not happen frequently,” said David Wittrock, dean of the graduate school.

In addition, NDSU’s international student population is now at 982 undergraduate and graduate students, another spring record high. That number compares to 828 during the previous spring semester.

“Even though we have a record high enrollment, we were able to accommodate all the students needing housing in our on-campus housing facilities. We are also making plans for next fall semester to house all the incoming freshman students in our on-campus housing,” Mathew said. “We believe if we did not guarantee housing for first-year students, some of our later applicants would not have chosen NDSU. We are pleased we were able to retain a vast majority of these students.”

President Chapman addresses joint session of legislature

NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman addressed a special joint session of the North Dakota Legislature as part of the commemoration of the 200th birthday of President Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln signed the Morrill Land Grand Act that created what is now North Dakota State University, which Chapman called a “truly groundbreaking move to provide access to a new kind of education to millions of people never before offered such opportunity.”

Chapman said the original intent of the land grant act is very much part of the modern university. “In service to our land-grant mission, we continue to prepare students and citizens for the future. Our work today—to prepare students for and assist business with the global market place—is the 21st century version of the land-grant ideal.”

NDSU has always been responsive to the needs of the people, “and will continue to honor this special covenant of service. In the best tradition of visionaries like Justin Morrill and Abraham Lincoln, we work to address the needs of our state and nation not for the 1860s, not for the 1960s, but for the future,” Chapman said.

Approximately 55 students and staff from NDSU attended the session.
Department of Residence Life names director

Rian Nostrum has been named director of residence life, according to Michael Harwood, assistant dean of student life. Nostrum will provide leadership and direction to the Department of Residence Life.

Nostrum has been with the department since 1997 in various roles, most recently as associate director of operations. He earned his bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Wyoming and his master’s degree in educational administration from NDSU.

“Rian has provided good leadership in this role as an associate director. He will continue to provide good leadership for the staff and students in his new position,” said Harwood.

Nostrum is a member of Upper Midwest Region – Association of College and University Housing Officers, Association of College and University Housing Officers – International and Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. He serves as president of the State Housing Officers for North Dakota.

Janna Stoskopf, dean of student life, noted, “We were pleased with the caliber and qualifications of all four finalists. Rian is well suited to this new role.”

Jensen named assistant director

Jessica Jensen has been named assistant director of the Center for Disaster Studies and Emergency Management, according to center co-directors Daniel J. Klenow and George A. Youngs.

Jensen, who has a Presidential Dissertation Fellowship, earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from California State University-Northridge and a master’s degree in emergency management from NDSU. A Presidential Dissertation Fellowship provides a full tuition waiver and a $16,000 stipend for four years. It is considered the top-funding category for graduate students.

In 2008, she received a National Science Foundation-sponsored Quick Response Grant from the Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado at Boulder. The grant allowed her to travel to a disaster site to immediately begin gathering data on response efforts. Most of her research has focused on the National Incident Management System, which was implemented after the World Trade Center attack.

Jensen also is directing a research project for the International Association of Emergency Managers detailing the response infrastructure of 194 countries.

College of Business announces Master of Accountancy Program

The College of Business has initiated a Master of Accountancy Program, a non-thesis, professional program structured to advance the knowledge of qualified students with an undergraduate accounting degree. It is designed to have students complete graduate studies needed to advance their careers, whether it is in public accounting, corporate accounting or government accounting. It also helps in preparation for the Certified Public Accountant exam. The program, which will begin in the 2009 fall semester, replaces the previous five-year accountancy undergraduate program.

The focus of the new program is to develop analytical and communication skills, provide students with in-depth accounting knowledge, prepare students to identify accounting problems, research the problem, identify possible solutions by using online and other databases, and present a recommended action. The learning environment also provides students the opportunity to draw from the experiences of fellow students from diverse backgrounds as well as interact with corporate, public accounting, government and not-for-profit accounting discipline leaders.

The program is fully accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International, the premier accrediting agency in business administration and accounting. NDSU is one of only two business programs in North Dakota and western Minnesota accredited by the association. Only 15 percent of university level business programs in the world have met the demanding standards of the association’s accreditation.

Contact Donna Dietz at 1-8653 or donna.dietz@ndsu.edu for more information.

Volunteers needed for ‘Expanding Your Horizons’

The 30th annual Expanding Your Horizons is planned for Saturday, April 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. More than 600 young women in junior high school will participate in a series of hands-on workshops that introduce them to new careers and illustrate the importance of science and mathematics. Volunteers are needed to help at the registration table, serve as troubleshooters and assist bus drivers with directions to workshops located off campus.

The day includes 73 workshops led by faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students who serve as role models for the young women. The individual workshops may not feature science or mathematics directly, but the underlying assumption is that if young women persist in their math and science courses as they enter high school, their “horizons are expanded” in their education and career.

To volunteer, e-mail Karen Murie, Expanding Your Horizons coordinator, at karen.murie@ndsu.edu.
Chapman announces awards

President Joseph A. Chapman announced the availability of three awards designed to support and enhance the engagement of NDSU with Fargo and the state of North Dakota. Each award carries a stipend of $20,000.

The Ozbun Economic Development Award is established to stimulate NDSU faculty to assist the state in the area of economic development. Up to $20,000 ($10,000 as supplemental salary and $10,000 for expenses of the project described in the application) will be awarded in recognition of the presidency of Jim Ozbun.

The applicant must be a full-time faculty member at NDSU with the rank of assistant, associate or full professor. They also must be employed at NDSU when award payments are made.

Possible projects include studying the impact of tourism relative to wildlife, fisheries and other related environmental issues or water movement of the Red River.

The Efficiency in Government Award sponsors studies to increase efficiency in state, country or city government in North Dakota.

Individuals or entities from NDSU or outside of NDSU may make proposals and receive funding. Proposals are restricted to projects within North Dakota and funds are to be spent in North Dakota. Possible projects include studying ways to obtain better results from economic development funds and Extension pilot studies.

The Community Projects Award sponsors studies for betterment of the community in the area of social concerns. Individuals or entities from NDSU or outside of NDSU may make proposals and receive funding. Community projects are restricted to the city of Fargo. Possible projects include Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, crime stoppers, student recycling program, service learning or graffiti removal. These examples are not intended to limit the kinds of projects eligible for awards.

Anyone interested in applying for the awards should submit a one-page proposal, including a proposed budget, to the President’s Office no later than April 1.

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 2008-09 academic year. The application deadline is April 1.

The Centennial Endowment Fund can provide maximum awards of $5,000, with a total of $19,650 available. It supports professorships, scholarships, biotechnology, faculty development, the libraries and cultural arts.

The NDSU Development Foundation Board of Trustees Endowment can provide maximum awards of $1,000, with a total of $4,000 available. It supports general programs across campus.

The NDSU Development Foundation Libraries Endowment has $3,170 available. It supports requests from any academic unit on campus for materials that will enhance the collections and operations of university libraries.

The NDSU Development Foundation Gordon A. Larson Agricultural Research Fund has $12,230 available for awards. This fund has no maximum award amount and supports competitive grants for agricultural research efforts conducted at NDSU.

Application are available at www.ndsufoundation.com/grants.htm.

The NDSU Development Foundation will notify applicants of funding decisions by May 5.

Applications being accepted for Women’s Club Scholarships

The NDSU Women’s Club will award two $1,000 scholarships during the 2009 fall semester.

Applicants must be students from North Dakota, South Dakota or Minnesota and be a junior during fall 2009 with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.2 or higher. Demonstration of financial need is not required. Applicants also need to show evidence of extracurricular or community involvement.

Two letters of reference from NDSU-related personnel are required, with one of them from an adviser or professor in the student’s area of study.

Applications are available in the office of Student Financial Services. The application deadline is Friday, May 1.
Advance FORWARD names travel grant recipients

Advance FORWARD co-directors awarded travel grants to 35 recipients in six different NDSU colleges. The recipients will receive up to $1,500 for a variety of travel-related professional experiences. Some recipients and examples of the way they will use their travel awards include Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, associate professor of plant sciences; Carol Archbold, assistant professor of political science and criminal justice; Rebecca Woods, assistant professor of child development and family science; and Kara Wolfe, associate professor of apparel, design and hospitality management.

Hatterman-Valenti will attend and present research at the American Society for Horticulture’s annual meeting. She will meet with colleagues from other universities to develop a collaborative proposal for the Specialty Crop Research Initiative. She also will meet with colleagues to discuss vegetable and small fruit research.

Archbold will present research findings at the 2009 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences conference. Archbold is preparing to submit the findings in a research paper for Police Quarterly. She also will participate in a criminal justice graduate director roundtable discussion to gather information that may be used to improve the graduate program at NDSU.

Woods will attend the Society for Research in Child Development conference where she also will meet with her grant mentor, Amy Needham, who is a professor at Vanderbilt University and one of the top researchers in her field. Needham will assist Woods with a pilot project proposal for the Center of Biomedical Research Excellence. Woods will use her travel award to cover childcare expenses.

Wolfe will bring Carol Shanklin, dean of the graduate school at Kansas State University, to NDSU. Shanklin will meet with NDSU faculty and offer insights from her experience in securing significant external funding, establishing a distinguished publications record, advising and directing graduate students.

The travel grants are one of several efforts to support the advancement of women faculty that are included in the Advance FORWARD project. Organizers anticipate they will distribute approximately 30 travel grants for each year of the five-year project.

Recipients from the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources include Anna Grazul-Bilska, Siew Hoon Lim, Deirdre Prischmann-Voldseth, Birgit Pruess, Senay Simsek, Kim Vonnahme and Qi Zhang.

Recipients from the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences include Sarah Browning, Kris Groberg, Carol Pearson, Carrie Platt, Joy Sather-Wagstaff, Verena Theile and Courtney Waid.

Ruilin Tian is the recipient from the College of Business.

Recipients from the College of Engineering and Architecture are Stevie Famulari, LingLing Fan, Sumathy Krishnan, Cindy Urness, Yechun Wang and Jun Zhang.

Recipients from the College of Human Development and Education are Kristen Benson, Ann Braaten, Jae Ha Lee, Sherri Staasny and Ann Welch.

Recipients from the College of Science and Mathematics are Victoria Gelling, Erin Gillam, Wendy Gordon, Angie Hodge and Jen Juan Li.

NDSU personnel to present at agricultural conference

Several NDSU faculty and staff will give presentations at “Strengthening Our Way of Life,” a conference for farm and ranch women that will focus on recordkeeping, marketing and family communication. The event is planned for March 2-3 at the Jamestown, N.D., Gladstone Select Inn and Suites and on March 3-4 in Minot, N.D., at the Grand International Inn.

Participants can choose from a variety of breakout sessions. Morning presentations include a grassroots look at beef marketing by Walt Hackney, author of Data Transmission Network’s “Talkin’ Livestock” column. Frayne Olson, NDSU crop marketing specialist, will discuss choosing the right crop marketing tools at the right time. Tom Kalb, NDSU horticulture specialist, will give a presentation on tough plants for tough sites.

Lori Scharmer, NDSU Extension Service agent in Ward County and an organizer of the event, says the conference was developed based on feedback from farm and ranch women. “We surveyed rural women last fall and asked them specific questions about what they’d like to see in a rural women’s conference. The respondents ranked farm family communication, recordkeeping and commodity marketing as top priorities. We then took their answers and developed the conference tailored to their requests.”

Ron Hanson, professor of agribusiness at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, will open the conference the first evening with a dinner presentation. His topic is “You Can Buy the Farm, But Remember, I Still Own It.”

The afternoon sessions will focus on recordkeeping and money management. Speakers include a financial adviser from Waddell and Reed Financial in Fargo, who will talk about family finances from a women’s perspective. Tom Hanson and Virgil Dagman, farm business management specialists, will talk about the how, when and why of farm records. There also will be a showcase of software specifically designed for farm and ranch recordkeeping.

The cost for the conference is $85, which covers materials, sessions and meals. The registration deadline is Feb. 23. The registration fee after the deadline is $100. Spouses who plan to attend the evening meal can register for $35.

Go to www.ag.ndsu.edu/anniesproject or call the Ward County Extension Service at (701) 857-6444 for more information or to register.
Four new faculty members have joined NDSU’s plant sciences department. They are Alan Zuk, Greta Gramig, Kevin McPhee and Penny Kianian. Zuk, assistant professor, is the newest member of the Sports and Urban Turfgrass Management team with an 80 percent teaching and 20 percent research appointment. He will teach several courses including turfgrass management; landscape bidding and contracting; turfgrass science, ecology and management; horticulture therapy; and a senior seminar. His research projects will focus on ornamental grasses and low input turfgrass management.

Zuk is a Kansas native and earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in horticulture from Kansas State University. He then managed the turfgrass research farm for the KSU Department of Horticulture for 10 years while working on a doctorate in turfgrass science. Prior to coming to NDSU, Zuk was the chair of the horticulture department at Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, Neb.

Greta Gramig joined the weed science program as an assistant professor in weed biology and ecology. She has an 80 percent research and 20 percent teaching position. She will teach courses in weed identification and weed biology and ecology. Her research interests include characterizing and modeling environmental effects on weed competitive ability and weed response to management tactics.

Gramig is originally from Kingsport, Tenn., but has spent a lot of time in Bozeman, Mont., where she earned a bachelor’s degree in plant science at Montana State University. While at MSU, Gramig worked for an extension weed scientist and became interested in the study of weeds and their growth patterns. She earned a master’s degree and doctorate in agronomy at the University of Wisconsin, where she focused on the ecophysiology of crop-weed competition for light.

Before coming to NDSU, she was a postdoctoral scientist at the United States Department of Agriculture Research Service North Central Soil Conservation Research Lab in Morris, Minn.

McPhee comes to NDSU from the United States Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service Grain Legume Genetics and Physiology Research Unit in Pullman, Wash., where he spent 10 years as a research geneticist.

McPhee attended the University of Wyoming where he earned a bachelor’s degree in agronomy. He then moved to Moscow, Idaho, where he earned a doctorate in agronomy at the University of Idaho in 1995.

His research program will include germplasm enhancement and variety development for pulse crops pea, lentil and chickpea. The objectives of his research program include the genetics of disease resistance, lodging resistance and seed quality.

McPhee is president of the North American Pulse Improvement Association and the editor of Pisum Genetics. His appointment is 90 percent research, and he will teach a course in crop breeding and production.

Kianian is an assistant professor and will be responsible for teaching the undergraduate genetics laboratories course. She is responsible for the supervision and coordination of graduate assistants involved in teaching the course. Her research interests include improving crops using molecular genetic approaches and developing improved teaching methods in genetics for undergraduate students.

Kianian earned a bachelor’s degree from the Department of Plant Genetics and Agronomy at the University of Minnesota, and a master’s degree from the Department of Agronomy at Purdue University. She worked for several years as a research scientist at NDSU before returning to graduate school to earn a doctorate in applied plant sciences from the University of Minnesota in 2007.

After completing her doctorate, she was employed at Minnesota State University Moorhead as a genetics instructor. Kianian is a native of Minnesota, growing up in the St. Paul area.

Winkelman named to Academic All-District Team

NDSU forward Brett Winkelman was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District 7 University Division men’s basketball team selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America on Feb. 5.

Winkelman, a senior from Morris, Minn., has a 3.88 cumulative grade-point average in industrial engineering and management with a minor in business administration. He advances to the national ballot for ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America honors to be announced Feb. 25.

It’s the third straight district award for Winkelman, who was a first-team Academic All-American in 2008 and second team in 2007. To be eligible, student athletes must have a 3.30 or better cumulative grade-point average on a four-point scale, have sophomore athletic standing and be a starter or key reserve for their team.
Technology Fee Advisory Committee seeks proposals

The Student Technology Fee Advisory Committee is looking for action plans that will use technology to improve the quality of education and campus life at NDSU. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to submit action plans addressing innovative uses of technology to improve instruction and student learning.

For instructions and submission forms, go to www.ndsu.edu/tfac. Previous proposal submitters should note revisions to the proposal requirements. Deliver a signed paper copy of the action plan to the Technology Fee Advisory Committee, c/o Bonnie Neas, vice president for Information Technology, IACC 206A. E-mail a copy of the plan to Jeffery Gerst at jeffery.gerst@ndsu.edu, chair of the Technology Fee Advisory Committee. The deadline for submission of the action plan is Monday, March 23, at 2 p.m.

The Technology Fee Advisory Committee has 13 voting members including seven students, three faculty and three staff. Members will review the action plans and submit funding recommendations to Neas, who will make the final funding decision.

NDSU students plan ‘Country Cooking’ meal

Students from NDSU’s Food Production Management class have planned a “Country Cooking” menu for Tuesday, March 3, and Thursday, March 5, on the lower level of the West Dining Center. Seating begins at 11:30 a.m. and continues until 12:15 p.m.

Students will prepare Caesar salad, roast turkey with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, sautéed green beans with almonds, cranberry jelly and blueberry-apple crisp with cinnamon ice cream. A variety of beverages will be available. Holly Wadeson and Shelby Tabery, both juniors in the dietetics program, will serve as student managers of the event.

The price of the meal is $8.35. NDSU meal plans are honored, along with Bison bucks, cash, checks and credit cards. Reservations are encouraged, but not required. To make a reservation, call 1-7023.

West Dining Center is located between the four residence hall towers on campus, just south of Newman Outdoor Field. Guests may park in the visitor’s parking lot and enter the building using the street level east door.

Contact Sherri Stastry, assistant professor of health, nutrition and exercise sciences, at 1-7479 or sherri.stastry@ndsu.edu for more information.

Radiation safety course planned for March 5

A ”Laboratory Use of Radioactive Material” course is planned for Thursday, March 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Memorial Union Arikara room.

The course is designed for new and potential users of radioactive materials in the laboratory or field application. It also serves as a refresher course for those currently using radioactive materials. Successful completion of the course is required in order to use radioactive materials on campus and will be verified by a passing quiz score.

Topics include basic theory of radioactivity, biological interactions with radiation, radiation protection, minimizing exposure level, rules and regulations, safe handling and decontamination and lab procedures. Mike Borr, radiation safety officer, is the instructor.

Participants should bring a scientific calculator.

To register, contact Stephanie Wegner, office manager of the University Police and Safety Office, at stephanie.wegner@ndsu.edu or 1-7759.

Coykendall to lead Science Café

James Coykendall will present the next Science Café on Tuesday, Feb. 24, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Babb’s Coffee House, 604 Main Ave., Fargo. The professor of mathematics will lead the discussion titled “Solving the Rubik’s Cube: Does Math Help?”

Erno Rubik, a sculptor and professor of architecture, created the Rubik’s Cube in 1974. The cube’s origin was not a puzzle, according to Coykendall. It started out as an engineering design problem.

Between 1980 and 2005, it is estimated that more than 300 million Rubik’s cubes have been sold, making it one of the most popular puzzles of all time. According to Coykendall, the solution to solving a scrambled cube (without taking it apart or removing the stickers) is the stuff of legend.

The Science Café is sponsored by the College of Science and Mathematics. For more information, contact Keri Drinka at 1-6131 or keri.drinka@ndsu.edu.
Positions Available
Positions open and screening dates through the Office of Human Resources, SGC, 1919 N. University Drive. Position openings also are available through the NDSU Web site at www.ndsu.edu/jobs.

Clinic Assistant
Full-time, nine-month position (August to May)
Student Health Service
$18,190+/year
Feb. 19

Administrative Assistant
Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute
Salary commensurate with experience
Open until filled

Veterinary Technologist
Animal Science
$35,000+/year
Open until filled

Systems Engineer
Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering
$70,000+/year
Feb. 19

Telecommunications and Emergency Technologies Analyst
Telecommunications
Salary commensurate with experience
Feb. 27

Internal Auditor/#00020821
Budget Office
$50,000+/year
Feb. 28

Adviser Lecturer
10-month, half-time position
Computer Science
$17,000+/year
March 15

Academic Adviser/Lecturer
College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences
10 months
(Aug. 15 to May 15 plus summer hours)
$35,000+/year
Open until filled

Software Engineer (EduTech)
Information Technology Services
$42,000+/year
Open until filled

Assistant Director of Study Abroad
Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach
$36,000+/year
Open until filled

NDSU Advance FORWARD Project Coordinator
Center for Science and Mathematics
Salary commensurate with experience
Open until filled

Serials Librarian/#00019211
NDSU Libraries
Salary commensurate with experience, minimum $42,000
Open until filled

NDW-R forms due for 2009
If you are a resident of Minnesota and are having Minnesota state income tax withheld from your paycheck, fill out and submit a 2009 NDW-R form to the Human Resources and Payroll Office by Feb. 28. This form must be filled out every year in order to continue to have the exemption from North Dakota withholding. Employees who do not complete this form will have North Dakota state income tax withheld from their paychecks beginning March 13. Forms are available at www.ndsu.edu/hr/forms or in the Human Resources and Payroll Office, SGC 102.

Finance and Administration, Accounting offices relocate
Due to repair work in Old Main room 11, the accounting office is temporarily located in Old Main 18 (former Grant and Contracts Office). John Adams, vice president for finance and administration, is temporarily located in Old Main 203. Gina Haugen, assistant to vice president for finance and administration, is located temporarily in Old Main 202. All phone numbers will remain the same.

CALENDAR

February

11-20 Annual Flad Architecture Exhibit, Renaissance Gallery, 650 NP Ave., Fargo

18 YMCA of NDSU Brown Bag – “Cross Issues of Female, Black and Beauty,” noon, Memorial Union Room of Nations


19 World iView – “Architecture in Denmark, Regin Schwaen, associate professor of architecture and landscape architecture, noon, Memorial Union Century Theater

19 “The Critical Needs of Sophomores – an Opportunity for NDSU,” Shannon Finning, director of new student and sophomore programs at Clemson University, 1 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room

20 Black History Month – “What are You Mixed With,” 10 a.m., Memorial Union Meadow Lark room

20 Black History Month – “Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes,” second screening, 7 p.m., Memorial Union Great Plains Ballroom

21 F/M Communiversity – “Ancient Drama: From Tragedy to Comedy,” Carol Andreini, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Riverview Place, 5300 12th St. S., Fargo, $39 for the general public, $35 for seniors. Students are free. Register by calling (218) 299-3438.

21 Women’s Basketball vs. South Dakota State University, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

22 Wrestling vs. Northern Iowa, 2 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

22 F/M Communiversity – “Hitler and the Holocaust,” John Helgeland, NDSU professor of history, philosophy and religious studies; and John Cox, NDSU chair of history, philosophy and religious studies; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Concordia College, Jones Science Center, room 210, $39 for the general public, $35 for seniors and students are free. Register by calling (218) 299-3438.

22 Faculty Recital – Jeremy Brekke, trumpet, 5 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall, free admission
23 “Grant Writing 101,” noon to 1:30 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater

23 Plant Sciences Graduate Seminar – “Major Challenges and Potential Solutions for Cellulosic Ethanol Production,” Adisu Negeri, 3 p.m., Loftsgard Hall 114

23 Women’s Basketball vs. Utah Valley, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

23 Black History Month – “Tyler Perry’s Meet the Browns,” 7 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater

24 March 12 Women’s Week Exhibit, Reineke Visual Arts Gallery

24 Homemade Lunch – Food Production Management class, 11:30 a.m., West Dining Center. Meal includes chicken fajita salad, cornbread with honey butter, chili and made-from-scratch hot chocolate.

24 “Grant Writing 101,” noon to 1:30 p.m., Research I, room 148-154

24 Black History Month – “Campus Abroad in Uganda, Summer 2008,” noon, Memorial Union Meadow Lark room

24 Faculty Brass Quintet Mardi Gras Concert, 7:30 p.m., Plains Art Museum, free admission

25 Discover U: Moving Forward Together, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Memorial Union Great Plains Ballroom

25 Black History Month – Community of Color Town Hall meeting, noon, Memorial Union Century Theater

25 Live at the Wall – Songs from West Side Story, 2 p.m., Wallman Wellness Center

25 Black History Month – Soul Food Dinner, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., University Lutheran Center, 1201 13th Ave., N. Fargo

25 March 1 Little Country Theatre – “West Side Story,” Leonard Bernstein, Arthur Laurents and Stephen Sondheim, Wednesday through Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are $18 for adults, $15 for seniors, $10 for non-NDSU students, $8 for NDSU students. On opening night only, tickets are $10 for adults and seniors.