

NDUS marks record spring headcount enrollment

Spring headcount enrollment in North Dakota's public colleges and universities reached an all-time high in 2008, according to information provided by the North Dakota University System Office.

A total of 39,968 students have enrolled for the spring semester. Although spring headcount enrollment has been more than 39,000 for the past several years, 339 more students (0.85 percent), are enrolled for spring 2008 compared to spring 2007.

"The Roundtable on Higher Education established expectations that the North Dakota University System would be accessible to more students and would meet the 'anytime-anyplace' needs of today's learners," said Bill Goetz, NDUS Chancellor. "The fact that the University System is maintaining steady enrollment at a time when the number of traditional-age students in North Dakota is declining shows that our institutions have become more responsive to the people we serve."

The strong spring enrollment numbers include roughly 16,500 online course registrations, an increase of about 20 percent since fall semester 2007. Also included are 15,583 non-resident students, which compares to 15,161 in spring 2007. In addition to tuition and fees, each non-resident student spends about \$9,000 per year in the state. Previous studies have shown that about 30 percent of non-resident students stay in the state after college graduation.

Although the NDUS is serving a record number of students in spring 2008, full-time equivalent enrollment (total undergraduate student credit hours divided by 15; total graduate credit hours divided by 12) declined slightly compared to spring 2007. Spring 2008 FTE enrollment decreased by 59 students (0.2 percent), which is an indication that more students are enrolling in college on a part-time basis.

Assessment methods preferred by employers

An interesting survey conducted by the Association of American Colleges and Universities and reported in *Community College Times* reported that employers think the following assessment methods work best:

- Faculty evaluations of internships or community-based learning;
- Essay tests that measure problem-solving, writing and analytical thinking;
- Electronic portfolios of student work; and
- Faculty evaluations of comprehensive projects.

This survey points to the importance employers place on hands-on learning and demonstrations of students' abilities to integrate what they have learned. This type of assessment has been referred to as "authentic assessment."

The article also discusses the idea that transcripts and diplomas do not tell an employer what graduates know and can do. Note the importance of faculty evaluation in the list of methods employers think work best.

For information on incorporating more authentic assessment into your courses and program, contact Gloria Dohman at 3-2619.

Wildcat athletics receives donation

The Wahpeton-Breckenridge Modern Woodmen of America camp helped raise \$5,000 for Wildcat athletics.

Modern Woodmen of America matched gate entrance fees collected at NDSCS basketball games on Jan. 28, Feb. 17 and Feb. 27. Modern Woodmen partners with community organizations to hold fund-raisers, matching money raised up to \$2,500. The money will be used for equipment for the NDSCS Wellness Center.

Paulette Stein, NDSCS women's basketball coach, worked with Patrice Koreselman of Modern Woodmen of America on the fundraiser. Stein heads up fund-raising projects for the NDSCS Athletic Department.

On Campus:

- March 13** — River Valley Inn Restaurant, Red River Valley Room, 5-7 p.m.
- March 19** — Automotive Technology and Recreational Engines Technology Career Fair, Redwood Room
- March 21** — Good Friday Holiday (no classes, offices closed)
- March 24** — Easter Break (no classes)
- March 26** — NDSCS Variety Show, Stern Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m.
- March 27** — River Valley Inn Restaurant, Red River Valley Room, 5-7 p.m.

Birthdays ...

March

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| 14: John Walter | 22: Curt Haberman |
| 18: Janie Anderson
Mike Renk | 23: Gayle Gruebele
Kristie Kersten |
| 19: Patti Wells | 25: Brian Rempfer
John Travis |
| 20: Kathy Buckhouse | |
| 21: Tom Hickman
Larry Stanko
Delbert Steffens | |

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Women's basketball players named all-conference

Two NDSCS women's basketball players were named to the 2007-08 Mon-Dak All-Conference Team. Sophomore Nikki Washek (Underwood, Minn.) was named to the first team, and freshman post Alicia Stensgard (Fargo) received honorable mention.

Washek, a 5-foot-8 guard, averaged 14.4 points and 4 rebounds per game, shooting 50.3 percent from the field. Washek was named Mon-Dak Conference Player of the Week January 26 as she scored 50 points, 11 rebounds, 7 assists and 15 steals in two games.

Stensgard, a 6-foot-1 post player, averaged 9 points and 5 rebounds a game in her freshman season. She is a Fargo South High School graduate.

The Lady Wildcats finished fourth in the Mon-Dak Conference with an overall record of 17-13.

Auxiliary Services sets schedule for Easter break

Classes will not be in session Friday, March 21, and Monday, March 24, for the Easter break. Regular classes will resume on Tuesday, March 25. Meal plans will not be in effect March 21-24. Auxiliary Services operations (Dining Services, Bookstore and Mail Services) will return to regular hours on March 25.

Auxiliary Services schedule for Easter break is:

Thursday, March 20 — Campus Connection/CStore will close at 5 p.m.; Flickertail Dining Room meal plans will end at 6:30 p.m.; Catering service will be closed with exception of scheduled catering events; Bookstore will be open regular hours, 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m.; Mail Services will be open regular hours, 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m.

Friday, March 21 — All services will be closed, with exception of scheduled catering events.

Saturday, March 22 — All services will be closed, with exception of scheduled catering events.

Sunday, March 23 — All services will be closed.

Monday, March 24 — Campus Connection/CStore and Flickertail Dining Room will be closed; Catering service will be provided as previously scheduled; Bookstore will be open regular hours, 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m.; Mail Services will be open regular hours, 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m.

Anyone needing assistance can contact:

Karen Bajumpaa (3-2331) or Judy Larson (3-2325) for dining information;

Judy Larson (3-2283) for catering;

Sue Braun (3-2605) at the Bookstore; and

Kate McBeth (3-2227) for Mail Services.


Men's basketball players on all-time scoring list

Two NDSCS men's basketball sophomore players finished the 2007-08 season with enough career points to be on the NDSCS all-time scoring list.

James Eayrs, a 6-foot-6 forward from Roseville, Minn., finished his NDSCS career with 1,156 points, placing him fourth on the list behind 2003 graduate David Erbes. Eayrs averaged 24 points per game, third in NJCAA Division I regular season play. He scored 764 points, shooting 49.7 percent from the field.

Sammy Ricks, a 5-foot-11 guard from St. Paul, Minn., ended the season with 934 career points, placing him 13th in all-time scoring. Ricks scored 470 points his freshman season and 464 as a sophomore, averaging 15 points per game.

The NDSCS men finished the season with a record of 25-6.



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Diabetes information

As diabetes rates soar, the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS) notes that more patients are developing a dangerous foot complication known as Charcot foot that is caused by severe nerve damage (neuropathy).

In Charcot foot, the bones in the foot soften, leading to fracture, joint loss, collapse of the arch and ulcers. Severe cases can lead to foot amputation or even death.

Symptoms, which include swelling and warm, reddened skin, appear suddenly and are often mistaken for infection. Reconstructive surgery can help correct the damage.

Charcot foot is rare, affecting less than one percent of people who have diabetes, but foot and ankle surgeons expect the incidence of this complication to rise along with increased occurrences of diabetes.

Article taken from *Hear Insight Magazine*, February 2008.