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Beavers head to cross country nationals



Three seniors and one freshman carry the Beavers colors to Louisville, Ky., for the NAIA National Cross Country Championships Saturday (Nov. 18). Seniors Genevieve Binsfeld, Zach Burdick and George Anderson and freshman Phoebe Garcia earned the trip to nationals through their high finishes at the Region 3 championships held Nov. 4 in

Sioux Falls, S.D. The four will be leaving today from the parking lot of Dakota Hall and Lura Manor at 3 p.m. Campus members are invited to come out and wish them well.

Binsfeld of Watson, Saskatchewan, won her fourth regional title, while Garcia, New Town, finished fourth to earn the second individual qualifying spot of seven available. Binsfeld toured the Sioux Falls course in 17:22 to win by 48 seconds, while Garcia ran a personal best of 18:20. Burdick of Devils Lake, and Anderson of Leeds, finished

ninth and tenth respectively in 25:15 and 25:17 to earn the fourth and fifth individual qualifying spots on the men's side.

The four-time DAC and Region 3 champion and three-time NAIA All American Binsfeld takes an undefeated record into nationals looking to earn the one honor that has eluded her—a national championship. Binsfeld's national placings have been 11th as a freshman, seventh as a sophomore and second last year.

Burdick makes his second trip to the national championships after being on the 2003 National Championship team. Running as the sixth man for the Beavers, Burdick finished 110th overall with a time of 26:46.

Anderson makes his fourth trip to the nationals and looks to improve on his 2005 performance of finishing 33rd (25:23) and missing All-American status by three places and nine seconds.

As the lone freshman, Garcia looks to gain more experience in her young collegiate career at her first national championship.

"These four individuals will be great representatives for the Beavers at nationals with the ability to earn All-American status and a national championship," said Stu Melby, head cross country coach. "After dealing with an injury at the beginning of the season, Genevieve is in position to take the next step of taking the title. I'm sure many people

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After-cabinet meeting moved to today

This is a reminder that the University Cabinet met today and the President's Report was distributed to all employees via e-mail. President David Fuller is planning to hold "after-cabinet" meetings for open discussion on a regular basis. While the hope is that generally they will take place on the following day, it is not possible this week. The after-cabinet meeting will be held today, at 4 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, lower level of the Student Union.

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across the country feel she is the one to beat, and they are going to have to run hard to beat her. Vieve really wants the title."

"Phoebe has stepped up to the challenge of college competition. She is very tough and wants to be right up there and I think she can and will be on Saturday. Zach and George have been working hard all year and want to crack the top 30, and they are ready to do that."

MSU vice president resigns

Bradley Botz, vice president for advancement at Minot State University, has tendered his resignation, effective Dec. 1.

In accepting the resignation, David Fuller, MSU president, expressed his appreciation for Botz's work and dedication to Minot State. Fuller cited Botz's fundraising efforts, the reinstatement of departmental phonathons, and the establishment of friend-raising golf outings in regional communities among his contributions to the university. Botz became MSU vice president for advancement in July 2005.

"As a graduate of Minot State University, Brad has well been able to strengthen relationships with MSU alumni," said Fuller. "I wish him the best in his future endeavors."

Fuller said a search for a new vice president for advancement will begin immediately, with the hope of the position being filled in April.

Olson talks about rock art tomorrow

Tomorrow evening, Linda Olson, humanities chair, will present "New Directions in Rock Art Documentation" as part of the 2006-2007 Northwest Art Center Lecture Series. The lecture is at 7 p.m. in Aleshire Theater.

Olson will discuss methods of documentation and protection of petroglyphs and pictograph sites in North America. She has conducted field schools and documented rock art sites in North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Arkansas, Nevada and New Mexico. In addition to currently serving as chair, Olson teaches ceramics, photography and professional practices for the visual artist at Minot State University.

Admission is free and open to the public; refreshments are served afterward.

Symphony performs fall concert Saturday

The Minot Symphony Orchestra will present its second concert of the season Saturday. The dramatic Beethoven Symphony No. 5 sets the mood for a brilliant evening of symphonic music. Organist Christopher Anderson will perform the Poulenc Organ Concerto on the restored Kimball pipe organ.

MSU faculty, staff and students are admitted free with a current ID. Additional tickets for adults are \$15 per concert or \$50 for a season ticket. The price for senior citizens is \$13 single, \$45 season; students 12-18, \$8 single, \$24 season; children, ages under 12, \$4 single, \$12 season. All concerts are held in the Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The remainder of "Five of Our Finest" include: "Family Concert," Jan. 27; "Winter's Passing (Spring Concert)," March 3; "Pops Concert," April 14.

New chancellor wanted by March

David Fuller, president of Minot State University, is a member of the search committee to recruit a new chancellor for the North Dakota University System. The State Board of Higher Education hopes to fill this position in five months.

The Chancellor Search Committee met Nov. 1 to finalize the wording for an advertisement and job description for the position of chancellor. The description was forwarded to the full SBHE for review at their meetings Nov. 8-9 in Dickinson.

Richie Smith, who is an attorney and a SBHE member, is chairman of the search committee. In addition to Smith and Fuller, the committee consists of two SBHE members and the presidents of North Dakota State University, the University of North Dakota and Williston State College.

This group has Allen Koenig, a consultant from R.H. Perry & Associates, to assist in recruiting candidates. Smith said the search committee anticipates interviewing at least eight semifinalists and recommending four finalists to the SBHE for interviews.

"Our goal on the board is to keep strong institutions, keep them dynamic in their own niches, able to grow within the system," Smith said. "That's a hard thing to do. You need a unique person that can lead a system of 11 different campuses, the different types of universities and institutions we have."

The SBHE's goal is to hire a new chancellor in March and have the individual begin work July 1, 2007, Smith said. The incumbent chancellor, Eddie Dunn, plans to retire June 30, which is the end of Robert Potts' original contract. Dunn replaced Potts who resigned as NDUS chancellor June 30, 2006.

RMEP gives methamphetamine campus awareness presentations

Minot State University's Rural Crime and Justice Center's Rural Methamphetamine Education Project (RMEP) has developed a methamphetamine public awareness/education campaign that is delivered to children, schools, teachers, parents, and communities within North Dakota. Presentations have been tailored to educate professionals, community members, and students on the most current issues regarding methamphetamine.

The RMEP has developed numerous research projects aimed at understanding the various facets of methamphetamine usage/production and its impact on families, communities, businesses, and the criminal justice system. RMEP will be giving their demonstrations on campus Nov. 16-17 in the Student Union Conference Center at the following times:

- Nov. 16—9:30-10:20 a.m., 11-11:50 a.m., 12:30-1:20 p.m., 2-2:50 p.m.
- Nov. 17—9-9:50 a.m., 10-10:50 a.m., 11-11:50 a.m., 1-1:50 p.m., 2-2:50 p.m.

All faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to attend. Contact hours are available for social workers, law enforcement, first responders, and nurses. Presentations have been set during regular class hours to accommodate class schedules. The same presentation agenda will be covered for each scheduled time period. No registration is necessary and refreshments will be provided by Chartwells.

Last of three library director finalists visits MSU Nov. 29

Ron Wirtz of Waco, Texas, the remaining candidate for director of library services at Minot State University, is slated to visit the community and campus Nov. 29. The first two candidates to interview were Susan Grigg, Fairbanks, Alaska, and Sheila Collins, Archbold, Ohio.

Wirtz's interview will follow the same format as the previous two, including a presentation on "The Roles of Tradition and Innovation in Academic Library Services," followed by questions. This presentation and open forum will be from 2-3 p.m. in the Media Center, located in the lower level of the Gordon B. Olson Library.

Wirtz, director of library services at McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas, possesses more than 15 years of experience as an academic library administrator or department head. Fluent in French, he has extensive knowledge in strategic planning and technology. He is also active in public relations and professional staff development. Wirtz received a Bachelor of Arts degree in French and a doctorate in education from Kansas State University, Manhatten, Kan., a Master of Arts degree in French from Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo., and a Master of Library Science from Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan.

The interview materials of all three candidates are available though electronic reserves in the library. The search committee is chaired by Joseph Jastrzembski, associate professor of history.

SSWO is 'Freezin' for a Reason' today

Today, the Minot State University Student Social Work Organization is sponsoring "Freezin' for a Reason" at the Town and Country parking lot from 12:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. "Freezin' for a Reason" is an annual event to raise awareness of homelessness in the community and gather food items for local food pantries. The participants stand in the cold and "freeze"

to receive a firsthand experience of what homelessness is like.

You can be a part of the effort by dropping off food or monetary contributions at the parking lot or by "freezing" with the SSWO members. Non-perishable food items can also be brought to campus. You may drop your food at Memorial 226 (SSWO office); if that is inconvenient, please email sswo@minotstateu.edu and a student will pick up your food. You may send monetary donations to SSWO via campus mail. Checks should be made out to the Minot Area Homeless Coalition. If you have questions, please contact Debra Dewitz, the SSWO faculty advisor, at debra.dewitz@minotstateu.edu.

The Minot Area Homeless Coalition and SSWO are holding the event as part of the National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, Nov. 12-18.

Last life skills workshop discusses financial aid

"Show Me the Money ... Financial Aid 101" is the last life skills workshop for fall semester. It will be held Nov. 28 in the Missouri Room, 12:30-1:20 p.m.

The life skills workshops, with some of the same topics and new topics, will be offered next semester also. Faculty and staff are encouraged to recommend the life skills workshops sponsored by Career Services to all Minot State University students. While the workshops are a product of the MSU Mentor Program, all students are welcome to attend.

A description of this last workshop is available at www. minotstateu.edu/mentoring and questions may be directed to Debra Chandler, student services advisor, at 858-3144 or debra.chandler@minotstateu.edu. Registration is requested.

Two more Brown Bag Book Talks remain

Two Brown Bag Book Talks remain for fall semester. On Nov. 21, Chad Heinzel, geoscience, will discuss "Education of a Wandering Man," which is Louis L'Amour's memoir. John Girard, business, speaks on "The World is Flat: a Brief History of the Twenty-first Century" Dec. 5. This best-selling book by Thomas L. Friedman analyzes the progress of globalization with an emphasis on the early 21st century.

You need not read the featured book ahead of time and are encouraged to bring a sack lunch; dessert will be provided. The book talks, sponsored by the Gordon B. Olson Library, begin at noon and conclude in time for 1 p.m. classes. All are held in the lower level of the library in Group Study Room 2.

Heritage Singers and Voices of Note unite for 'Messiah'

The Heritage Singers men's chorus and the Voices of Note women's chorus will combine to present Handel's "Messiah" Dec. 3 at 4 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. Admission is by free-will offering and proceeds of the event are directed to the John Strohm Music Scholarship Fund.

Campus Players modernize 'A Christmas Carol' Dec. 7-10

The MSU Campus Players production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," directed by students Ashley Nilsen, a Riverdale native, and Kymn Quill of Minot, will run Dec. 7-9, at 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 10 at 2 p.m., in Aleshire Theater.

"A Christmas Carol" will be presented in contemporary times with many updates in design and concepts. These include modern costumes, sets and special effects. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students, children and senior citizens. Reservations can be made by calling 858-3172.

New minor and concentration offered in communication disorders and special education

The Department of Communication Disorders and Special Education has two new undergraduate opportunities for students interested in special education programs: a preprofessional deaf and hard of hearing teacher education minor and a special education concentration.

Deaf education licensure and credential requirements are so rigorous that they usually cannot be completed in a four-year undergraduate program. MSU has adopted a unique approach to preparing teachers to work with deaf children. Rather than having a five or six-year undergraduate program, MSU's Special Education Department provides undergraduate classes that can be included as a pre-professional minor. This minor can be part of any of MSU's undergraduate teacher education programs. In this way, much of the coursework required for a deaf education credential can be completed as part of an enriched general-education teaching degree. Students who successfully complete the pre-professional minor then seek admission to the MSU Master of Science in special education—deaf and hard of hearing program.

This approach has two advantages over other universities' six-year undergraduate degrees. First, MSU graduates earn a master's degree. When they begin work, their initial salaries can be considerably higher than those of graduates of other universities' long-term undergraduate programs. Secondly, generous alumni donations to the MSU Foundation will pay all

or part of the costs of the graduate portion of the deaf education program.

A special education concentration is similar to a minor but requires fewer credits for completion. This concentration in special education should be attractive to elementary and secondary teachers. It includes classes designed to improve their ability to meet the needs of exceptional learners in general education classrooms. It also makes graduates more employable and shortens special education graduate programs (for people with non-SPED undergraduate majors).

Advisors should pass this information along to their advisees. Any questions can be directed to Joe Ferrara, professor of special education, or Lisle Kauffman, assistant professor of special education. This information is also available through MSU's Department of Communication Disorders and Special Education Web site.

Announcements

Wellness Team sponsoring 'Health Holidays Awareness Week'

The MSU Wellness Team has been sponsoring "Healthy Holidays Awareness Week" beginning Nov. 14. The remaining activities are as follows:

- Today—Great American Smokeout, coordinated by Student Health Center, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Student Union Atrium.
- Nov. 16—"Healthy Holiday Eating," presented by Diane Thorne, First District Health Unit, 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m., Missouri Room.

We look forward to you joining us at these informational sessions.

—Caren Barnett, director of the Student Health Center

Security measures strongly urged

It has been just two short weeks since a campus-wide message was routed regarding safety and security. It stated that when areas were left unattended and/or unsecured, the likelihood of theft was greatly elevated. I am sorry to report that there has been another rash of incidents this past week.

An individual in the Administration Building left her office for a short period of time only to return and find that her purse, which was placed under her desk, had been rifled through and cash and checks were missing. The weight room at Swain is missing a medicine ball and a quantity of dumb bells. Classroom 102 in Old Main had the ceiling-mounted projector stolen. Some music students left coats and purses unattended in the practice rooms at Old Main, and those, too, fell victim to theft.

I am asking your cooperation in continuing to report suspicious behavior or thefts to Plant Services and the Minot

Police Department. We do employ campus police and security officers on a daily basis, but the likelihood of them interrupting an incident while in progress is not great. These individuals walk the campus, inside and out, looking for unsecured areas and find almost on a daily basis, doors that are unlocked, unlatched, or propped open. This is not only a security issue, but a safety concern as well.

Please take measures to help ensure not only the safety of yourselves, but others as well. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

—Jared Edwards, director of plant services

Faculty must complete FERPA training

Faculty should log in to their PeopleSoft accounts and verify that they have access to their faculty roles. If they have not completed the FERPA training, they will not have access to enter grades at the end of the semester.

If a faculty member does not have access to their PeopleSoft account, they must contact Lisa Haman at 858-3018, and she will send the link for the FERPA training.

—Tania Balas, registrar

2007 spring class schedule is available in additional locations

The 2007 spring schedule of classes is available in two new locations besides CampusConnection. A non-printable PDF of the schedule can be found on Minot State's home page and by selecting "What's Happening" and "2007 Spring Term Schedule" or by inserting the address http://www.minotstateu.edu/records/term_schedule_spring. shtml and a printed copy is available for purchase in the bookstore. Schedule changes will be uploaded to the Web every two weeks. Keep in mind that the most accurate schedule information is located in CampusConnection. The students will still need to log in to CampusConnection to register for classes.

—Jennifer Sick, associate registrar

AUGITE is holding a raffle

AUGITE, the geology club, is having their annual raffle and the prizes this year are:

- A Remington 870 express 12-gauge shotgun—provided by DHD sports, Minot
- Eight Magnum Guide goose decoys
- A clay trap thrower with a box of clays

Only 500 tickets will be sold and the price is \$5 each.

The drawing will be held Dec. 1. For tickets, e-mail or call Guy Hanley at 858-3076.

Flu shots are currently available

The Student Health Center still has flu vaccine available for faculty, staff and students with a current ID. We are open from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can stop by the Student Health Center in the lower level of Lura Manor during these hours and receive your flu shot. The administration fee is \$15 for students and \$25 for faculty and staff. We look forward to seeing you.

-Caren Barnett, director of the Student Health Center

Eligible students should be directed to the Honors Program

With spring registration underway, please encourage qualified students to consider signing up for the Honors Program, an MSU concentration. Interested students need to speak with me in person (Model 208) or via e-mail (lynne.rumney@minotstateu.edu).

I would be happy to visit any relevant campus classes to give the "pitch" (directed mainly to first and second-year students) or to follow up with individual students you have identified.

Qualified students are those with a 3.30+ university grade point average, a high school GPA of 3.50, or a composite ACT of 25+. Thanks for your assistance!

—Lynne Rumney, director of the Honors Program

In the galleries

Nov. 1-22—"Poster Offensive 3," Hartnett Hall Gallery. This group exhibit utilizes poster art to comment on contemporary political and social issues.

Nov. 1-22—"All About Color," Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery.

This exhibit includes quilts by five Fargo-Moorhead quilters.

Dec. 5-20—"Moving Color and Light Drawings" by Adam Konczewski, MSU art student, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Dec. 5-Jan. 3— Sarah Dyer senior exhibit, Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery.

The public reception for the Konczewski and Dyer exhibits will be Dec. 5, 6:30-8 p.m.

Calendar

Nov. 15-Dec. 31, 2006

November

- 15 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
- 15 Mentor meeting, Missouri Room, noon.
- 15 "Freezin' for a Reason," sponsored by MSU Student Social Work Organization, Town & Country parking lot, 12:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.
- SAC: live band, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Admission to teacher education seminar, Old Main 106, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- NAC lecture: "New Directions in Rock Art Documentation," by Linda Olson, humanities chair, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 16-18 Men's Club Hockey vs. Weber State U., All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Men's Basketball at Rocky Mountain College.
- 18 Women's Club Hockey vs. Bemidji State U., All Seasons Arena, 4:30 p.m.
- 18 Minot Symphony Orchestra, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Women's Club Hockey vs. Bemidji State U., All Seasons Arena, 11 a.m.
- 19 Junior student recital: Olga Dvornikova, violin, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
- 20 Student Association, Westlie Room, 6 p.m.
- International Artist Series: Joe Burgstaller "The Man with the Golden Horn," Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Last day to drop a second 8-week class.
- 21 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 21 Brown Bag Book Talk: Chad Heinzel, geoscience, on "Education of a Wandering Man," Olson Library lower level, noon.
- 21 Alumni Executive Board, Alumni office, 4 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Presentation College, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 21 Concert: MSU String Ensemble, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Curriculum Committee, Westlie Room, 12:30 p.m.
- Holiday, Thanksgiving, university closed.
- 23-25 Men's Club Hockey vs. U. of Central Oklahoma, All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- No classes, university offices open.
- 25 Men's Basketball at Presentation College.
- Nursing Student Association, Memorial Hall 304, 12:15 p.m.
- 27 Senior student recital: Donna Kephart, voice, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Life Skills Workshop: "Show Me The Money ... Financial Aid 101," Missouri Room, 12:30-1:20 p.m.
- Women's Basketball at Brandon U.

- Music class recital: "Creativity in Music," Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- SAC: movie, Beaver Dam, 9 p.m.

December

- Theatre: No Shame Theatre, Black Box, submissions at 8:15 p.m., performance at 9 p.m.
- 1 Men's Basketball at U. of Montana-Western.
- Women's Basketball at Rocky Mountain College.
- 2 Men's Basketball at Montana Tech.
- 2 Recital: MSU piano students holiday and other music, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
- 2 Men's Club Hockey vs. St. Cloud State U., All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- Men's Club Hockey vs. St. Cloud State U., All Seasons Arena, 2 p.m.
- Concert: "Messiah" performed by Heritage Singers and Voices of Note, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.
- 4 Last day for thesis defense for graduate students who are graduating fall semester.
- 4 Alumni Board, Westlie Room, 4 p.m.
- 4 Student Association, Westlie Room, 6 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Brandon U., Dome, 6:30 p.m.
- 4 Concert: Western Plains Children's Choir, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 5 Brown Bag Book Talk: John Girard, business, on "The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century," Olson Library lower level, noon.
- 5 Online Studies Committee, Jones Room, 1 p.m.
- WebCT training: ending a semester, beginning the next, Main 314, 5 p.m.
- 5 NAC: public reception for Adam Konczewski and Sarah Dyer exhibits, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.
- 5 Concert: MSU Choirs, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 5 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam, 9 p.m.
- 5-20 NAC exhibit: "Moving Color and Light Drawings," Adam Konczewski, Hartnett Hall Gallery.
- 5-Jan. 3 NAC senior exhibit: Sarah Dyer, Olson Library Gallery.
- 6 SAC: free cookies and hot chocolate, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 6 SAC: Holiday dance, Grand International Inn, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
- 7 Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
- 7 Women's & Men's Basketball vs. Dickinson State U., Dome, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
- 7-10 Theatre: "A Christmas Carol," Aleshire Theater, Thursday-Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m.
- 8 Registration for spring semester 2007 for new students, Conference Center.
- 8 Beaver Boosters luncheon, Grand International Inn, noon.

- 8 Concert: MSU Concert Band, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 8-9 Men's Club Hockey vs. North Dakota State U., All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Super Saturday open house for high school students, Conference Center.
- 9 Concert: Percussion Ensemble holiday music, Dakota Square, 2 & 3:30 p.m.
- 9 Senior student recital: Alan Clark, violin, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
- 9 Men's Basketball vs. Brandon U., Dome, 7 p.m.
- 9 Faculty recital: Brandon Craswell, trumpet, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Concert: Brass Band of Minot, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.
- Women's Basketball at Presentation College.
- Noon deadline for graduate students who are graduating fall semester to submit five copies of thesis to Graduate School Office.

- 11 Admission to teacher education seminar, Old Main 214, 3-4 p.m.
- 11-14 Final exams in 16-week classes.
- Women's Basketball vs. Rocky Mountain College, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 13-14 Final exams in second 8-week classes.
- 15-17 "A Christmas Carol" performed by Rinat Studio of Ballet, Nelson Hall.
- 15-Jan. 5 Winter recess from classes.
- 18 Grades must be entered by noon.
- 18 Men's Basketball at U. of North Dakota
- 19 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 20 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
- 25 Holiday, Christmas, university closed.
- Women's Basketball at Hope International College, Fullerton, Calif.
- 28-30 Men's Basketball at Winnipeg Christmas Tourney.
- 29 Women's Basketball at Westmont College, Santa Barbara, Calif.