



New staff for 2008-09

Minot State University would like to welcome two new employees and introduce them to the campus. They are Donna Marquart, who is an administrative assistant with the Office of Enrollment Services, and Cynthia Poole, who is an administrative assistant for the Graduate School and research and sponsored programs.

Marquart, a Minot native, will receive her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from MSU in May 2009, and she plans to continue on with graduate studies. Before joining MSU, Poole retired from the U.S. Air Force.



Marquart



Poole

Native American Awareness Week continues at MSU

Native American Awareness Week runs through Friday (Nov 21) at Minot State University. All activities, except for the presentation by Alyce Spotted Bear, will be held in the MSU Conference Center, located on the third floor of the MSU Student Center.

"We have arranged to have presenters from area reservations (Fort Berthold, Turtle Mountain and Spirit Lake) and the United Tribes Technical College to speak during our Native American Cultural Awareness Week," said Wylie Hammond, director of



Native American Awareness Week activities included an Indian taco sale.

multicultural support services and the Native American Cultural Center. "Faculty, students, staff and the community are encouraged to take advantage of this 'insight' into Native American people and culture."

On Wednesday (Nov. 19), an Indian taco sale was held on the first floor of Old Main, where arts and crafts were displayed.

Nov. 19, 2008

PIO update

Being a "place of distinction—committed to engaged learning and student success" is no easy task. But Vision 2013, and all it entails, is a worthwhile goal and cause to strive for at Minot State University.

The Grow North Dakota proposal recently approved by the State Board of Higher Education is one step that will help us reach this goal.

Now is an appropriate time to say thanks to all those who have shown their strong support in favor of this tuition change. A more competitive tuition for out-of-state students will likely help keep tuition lower for all students and provide those from within and without a chance to learn more about the global community of which we are all a part.

The buzz about "Beaver Country" continues to grow louder and louder as we continue to bring Minot State University up to the status "as one of the premier public, regional universities in the 'great' Great Plains."

— Mark Lyman, director of public information

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Activities on Thursday (Nov. 20) include Nelrene Yellowbird, assistant professor of social work, and Harry Hoffman, associate professor of sociology, discussing “Cultural Competency and Cultural Trespassing: Finding the Boundaries” at 10 a.m. At 1 p.m., Dr. Monica Mayer will speak about “The Medicines of Lewis and Clark and the Three Affiliated Tribes.” As part of the Northwest Art Center lecture series, Alyce Spotted Bear, an English instructor at Fort Berthold Community College, will present “Boarding Schools: Long-term Effects on Native Culture and Communities” in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m.

On Friday (Nov. 21), Vernon Lambert will discuss “Spirit Lake Tribal Constitutional Law” at 10 a.m.

These free cultural events and presentations are open to the public and sponsored by the MSU Native American Cultural Awareness Club. The dates and times of events are subject to change. For questions, contact Hammond at 858-3365 or wylie.hammond@minotstateu.edu.

Retired FBI agent to speak Nov. 20-21

On Thursday (Nov. 20), William Smits, a retired Federal Bureau of Investigations agent and an applicant for the Department of Criminal Justice assistant professor position, will present “Significant Issues Involving the Transfer of High Technology to the former Soviet Union” in Administration 152, 12:30 p.m. On Friday (Nov. 21) in Memorial 222, he will present “Structure and Operations of the 21st Century FBI” at 10 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend these lectures.

KMSU Auction celebrates 10th anniversary

The countdown will come to an end on Dec. 2, when Minot State University’s broadcasting department hosts its 10th annual KMSU Auction. The auction starts at 6:30 p.m., airing on Minot’s local Access Channel, Channel 19, with a preshow starting at 5 p.m.

“Our 10th annual auction will feature new and exciting things,” said Amber Jensen, KMSU Auction coordinator. “We are collaborating with MSU broadcasting alumni and streaming the auction to be available online.”

Some big packages include a year’s family membership for the YMCA, a 37-inch flat screen LCD TV from Pure Energy Services, a dog kennel from Dakota Fence, numerous medical spa features from Socle Medical Spa in Bismarck and Minot and much more!

The auction benefits the broadcasting department in funding for Media Ink, departmental equipment and MSU



broadcasting scholarships. Also, 10 percent of the proceeds will go to Kala Wangness, an ill MSU student, to help defray medical expenses.

Last year, the KMSU Auction raised over \$9,000 with the help of more than 150 businesses. Participating in the auction is a valuable and unique way to market any business. Please visit www.kmsuauction.com for more details or to watch the auction live, go to mms://kmsu.minotstateu.edu:8080. For additional questions, contact Jensen at amber.jensen@my.minotstateu.edu or 848-6158.

Pearson concludes Brown Bag Book Talks for fall semester

One Brown Bag Book Talk remains for fall semester. Nancy Pearson, instructor of communication arts, will end the semester with “Classroom Instruction That Works: Research-Based Strategies for Increasing Student Achievement” by Robert Marzano, Debra Pickering and Jane Pollock on Dec. 3.

You need not read the featured book ahead of time and are encouraged to bring a sack lunch. 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, Voices of Note, MSU Concert Choir and others unite for ‘Messiah’

The Heritage Singers men’s chorus, the Voices of Note women’s chorus, area high school students and MSU Concert Choir will combine to present Handel’s “Messiah” Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. They will be directed by Ken Bowles, professor of music. Admission is by free-will offering and proceeds of the event are directed to the Dr. Joseph Hegstad Scholarship Fund.

Campus Players present ‘A Christmas Carol’ Dec. 11-14

The MSU Campus Players production of Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol,” adapted by Kevin Neuharth, associate professor of communication arts and directed by student Chris Stroschein will run Dec. 11-13, at 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 14 at 2 p.m., in Aleshire Theater.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students, children and senior citizens. MSU IDs will not be accepted for admission, as this production is a fundraiser for Campus Players. Reservations can be made by calling 858-3172.

MSU Rotaract begins ‘Bentley the Bear’ service project

The Minot State University Rotaract has initiated a service project, titled “Bentley the Bear,” designed to benefit area children. The Rotaract club has been raising money to purchase teddy bears, which will be donated to the Minot Domestic Violence Crisis Center during the holiday season.

“We as Minot State students are starting Rotaract to make a difference, to give back to the community,” said Anthony Anderson, president of MSU Rotaract. “Since establishing the club, we have participated in the community Halloween event in the Dome, but giving these bears is our biggest endeavor yet.”

The Minot State University Rotaract is the newly-formed collegiate program of the Minot Noon Rotary. It prides itself in being the only service club on the Minot State campus and is composed of students of the university who are determined to make a positive difference in their community.

For more information about this program, or to donate, e-mail Anderson at minotrotaract@yahoo.com.

MSU implements personal response system clickers into classrooms

At Minot State University, the Departments of Education, Psychology and Nursing have started to use a new system called PRS Interwrite RF clickers to encourage student engagement within the classroom. The College of Business and the Department of Music are exploring the option of implementing the clickers. PRS stands for personal response system, but they are also called CRS or classroom response systems. The RF clickers are radio-frequency and allow for fewer interruptions through physical barriers than infrared clickers.

“The clickers have been a desired technology due to their ability, when properly used, to engage students, especially in larger classrooms,” said Mark Timbrook, technology and design specialist in the Office of Instructional Technology. “They also give shy or reserved students a medium to participate without risks.”

The PRS clickers can be used to ensure students understand content, to create group discussion, capture group data and conduct assessments and attendance. The Office of Instructional Technology uses the clickers to conduct Blackboard training, to assess end-of-training comprehension and to gather group data during a conference.

“I’ve found that all students like the clickers,” said Shirley Cole-Harding, professor of psychology at Minot State. “It’s an opportunity for them to test their knowledge. Also, it gives the professor an opportunity to see what proportion of the class understands certain concepts. By asking why students gave wrong answers, we can clarify misunderstandings.”

As of now, each department owns the clickers and hands them out to the students when needed. This is to accommodate

their current use across campus. When the clickers become more widely utilized, the departments will consider having students purchase their own clickers.

The current RF clickers allow for easy use by the students and faculty and have a low-learning curve, which allows for quick implementation. Various studies have been conducted indicating that proper employment of clickers improves overall student performance and retention. When clickers are combined with other technology, such as SMART boards, which the nursing department uses, there is even a greater impact.

For more information on the PRS clickers, contact Timbrook at 701-858-3832 or mark.timbrook@minotstateu.edu.

Faculty, staff and student notes

On Nov. 14, **Nathan Anderson**, Minot State University Staff Senate president and accreditation technology coordinator for the College of Education and Health Sciences, and **Linda Benson**, a past MSU Staff Senate president and public information specialist, attended the first annual Staff Leadership Conference on the University of North Dakota’s campus. With the approval of Chancellor William Goetz, a North Dakota University System Staff Senate was instituted, and interim officers were elected. The interim officers, their institutions and positions are Janice Hoffarth, UND, NDUS Staff Senate president; Janine Trowbridge, North Dakota State University, NDUS Staff Senate vice president; Mary Morrell, Bismarck State College, NDUS Staff Senate secretary; and Cindy Rerick, Lake Region State College, NDUS Staff Senate communications officer.

Thomas Linares, chair of the Department of Communication Disorders and associate professor of communication disorders, will present a poster session titled “Comparison of Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Programs in the U.S.” at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association convention in Chicago on Nov. 20. **Lesley Magnus**, associate professor of speech-language pathology, and student **Mary Huston** will also present a poster session named “Comparison of Subjective and Objective Intelligibility Measures in Preschoolers.” This is Huston’s research project, which she will defend upon her return from the convention.

Announcements

Students needed for photo shoot

The MSU marketing office is holding a photo shoot Thursday (Nov. 20) from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in informing your students of this photo shoot. Please have them contact Teresa Loftesnes or Tracey Tesch in the marketing office at teresa.loftesnes@minotstateu.edu or tracey.tesch@my.minotstateu.edu by today (Nov. 19) for further details. Thank you for your help!

— *Teresa Loftesnes, director of marketing*

State Class A and B Volleyball Tourney to be held in the Dome

The Minot State University Dome will host the 2008 North Dakota State Class A and B Volleyball Tournament on Thursday (Nov. 20) through Saturday (Nov. 22). Sixteen high school volleyball teams from across the state will compete for State Championships. Consequently, there will be increased traffic around campus and especially around the Dome. Lot L (east of the Dome) will be utilized for VIP parking for the tournament and will also be available for current permit holders. Although access to the lot will be monitored, MSU Lot L permit holders need only to simply display their permit to gain access to the lot.

Tournaments such as these bring a number of prospective students to our campus and thousands of fans from across the state. If you see players or fans in need of direction or assistance, please help in any way you can. Thank you for your cooperation. For questions, call athletics at 858-3041 or plant services at 858-3210.

— Roger Kluck, *director of facilities,*
and Rick Hedberg, *director of athletics*

Faiths Explored series continues

The Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Multicultural Center is hosting the popular Faiths Explored series in the Multicultural Center on Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The remaining session is Prit Paul Kaur speaking about Sikhism on Thursday (Nov. 20).

The Faiths Explored series is open for students, faculty, staff and members of the community to participate. This is for educational purposes and not for proselytizing. For questions, please contact Campus Pastor Tim Eighmy at 839-3949 or e-mail at campusministry@srt.com.

— Pastor Tim Eighmy, *Lutheran Campus Ministry*

North Dakota Reads Downtown

“North Dakota Reads Downtown,” a reading group funded by the North Dakota Humanities Council and sponsored by the Minot State University humanities division, will meet Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. at Main Street Books (16 Main Street South). Meetings will resume in January, and the subject is “Great Poetic Literature.” Everyone is welcome at these gatherings. The books are available and can be checked out now at the humanities division office in Hartnett Hall. For more information, contact Rick Watson at 858-3014 or rick.watson@minotstateu.edu.

— Rick Watson, *instructor of humanities*

English 200 Usage Lab helps build writing skills

Advisors: If you have advisees who have completed English Composition I and II but are still uncertain about or having difficulty writing papers for their classes, you could advise them to register for English 200 Usage Lab. This is a class where they can review punctuation, structure and practice writing the type of papers that they might write in their major classes. This is a two semester-hour class that meets from 3 to 4 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday.

— Sherry Stoskopf, *professor of English*

MSU Small Grant Program 2009–10 calls for proposals

Pending funding, the Faculty Development and Research Committee invites applications for the MSU Small Grant Program for the 2009-10 academic year. All faculty members are encouraged to submit a proposal following the outline that is available through the MSU Research and Sponsored Programs homepage http://www.minotstateu.edu/rsp/small_r_grants.shtml.

Grants may provide funds for equipment, supplies, student assistance and travel for research purposes. Travel to present the proposed work at a conference may also be funded, but priority will be given to the research component of any application. Seven copies of the proposal are due to Linda Cresap's office, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (Memorial 200) by Feb. 27. Questions can be addressed to Linda Cresap at 858-3316 or Ursula Schittko at 858-3116.

— Ursula Schittko, *chair of the Faculty Development and Research Committee*

New CONNECT dates for fall 2009

Please mark your calendars! The CONNECT (new student orientation and registration) dates have been finalized for fall 2009:

- April 24-25, 2009.
- May 21-May 22, 2009.
- June 25-26, 2009.
- July 23-July 24, 2009.
- Aug. 20-21, 2009.

Also, a reminder that the CONNECT dates for spring 2009 new students are coming quickly. They are:

- Dec. 12, 2008.
- Jan. 9, 2009.

For questions, contact Debra Chandler at 858-31434 or debra.chandler@minotstateu.edu or Rebecca Porter at 858-4348 or rebecca.porter@minotstateu.edu.

— Debra Chandler and Rebecca Porter,
CONNECT co-coordinators

In the galleries

Nov. 19-Dec. 4—Watercolors by Caroline Doucette, Rugby, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Nov. 19-Dec. 26—“Americas 2000: Before and Beyond,” prints from the MSU permanent collection, Library Gallery.

Dec. 9-31—“Americas 2000: Before and Beyond,” prints from the MSU permanent collection, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

The public reception for the Doucette exhibit and “Americas 2000: Before and Beyond” is this evening (Nov. 19), Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.

Calendar

Nov. 5-Dec. 31, 2008

Nov.

- 19 – 19 Native American Awareness Week: Indian taco sale, first floor Old Main, 11 a.m.
- 19 SAC: music, The Fault Line, Beaver Dam, noon.
- 19 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater, 9 p.m.
- 19 NAC: public reception for Caroline Doucette exhibit and “Americas 2000: Before and Beyond” exhibit, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30 p.m.–8 p.m.
- 19-Dec. 26 NAC exhibit: “Americas 2000: Before and Beyond,” prints from the MSU permanent collection, Olson Library Gallery.
- 20 Native American Awareness Week: “Cultural Competency and Cultural Trespassing: Finding the Boundaries,” Nelrene Yellowbird and Harry Hoffman, Conference Center, 10 a.m.
- 20 SAC: music, Ryanhood, Beaver Dam, noon.
- 20 Native American Awareness Week: “The Medicines of Lewis and Clark and the Three Affiliated Tribes,” Dr. Monica Mayer, Conference Center, 1 p.m.
- 20 Speaker: William Smits, “Significant issues Involving the Transfer of High Technology to the former Soviet Union,” Administration 152, 12:30 p.m.
- 20 Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
- 20 Native American Awareness Week and NAC lecture: “Boarding Schools: Long-term Effects on Native Culture and Communities,” by Alyce Spotted Bear, Ft. Berthold Community College, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 20-22 N.D. Class A & B Volleyball Tournament, Dome.
- 21 Native American Awareness Week: “Spirit Lake Tribal Constitutional Law,” Vernon Lambert, Conference Center, 10 a.m.
- 21 Speaker: William Smits, Structure and Operations of the 21st Century FBI,” Memorial Hall 222, 10 a.m.
- 21 Piano students festival recital, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 21-23 Women’s Basketball at Rocky Mountain College.
- 22 Graduate School: written comprehensive exams.
- 23 Senior recital by Ashley Liebel, Nelson H all, 3 p.m.

- 24 Percussion Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Last day to drop a second 8-week course via CampusConnection.
- 25 Small Ensembles Concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Thais Nicolau piano recital, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.
- 26 Men’s Basketball vs. University of Montana-Western, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 27 Thanksgiving Day, university closed.
- 28 Thanksgiving vacation, no classes.
- 29 Men’s Club Hockey vs. Steinbach North Stars, All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Men’s Club Hockey vs. Steinbach North Stars, All Seasons Arena, 2 p.m.

Dec.

- 1 SAC: Karaoke, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
- 1 Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
- 1 North Dakota Reads Downtown, Main Street Books, 7 p.m.
- 1 Women’s Basketball vs. Rocky Mountain College, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 1 Men’s Basketball at Rocky Mountain College.
- 1 Western Plains Children’s Choir, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 2 KMSU auction airs live on Channel 19, 6:30 p.m.
- 2 International Artist Series: Pavlo, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 3 Brown Bag Book Talk: Nancy Pearson, communication arts, on “Classroom Instruction That Works: Research-Based Strategies for Increasing Student Achievement,” by Robert Marzano, Olson Library, noon.
- 3 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater 9 p.m.
- 3 “Creativity in Music” music class presentation, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 4 General Education Ad Hoc Committee Bok Book Talk, Olson Library, 12:30 p.m.
- 4 SAC: dance, Grand International, 9:30 p.m.
- 5 Nursing student research day, Memorial Hall, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
- 5 MSU Athletic Luncheon, Sevens Restaurant, noon.
- 6 Enrollment Services: Saturday tours, call 858-3350 for an appointment.
- 6 Women’s and Men’s Basketball vs. Dickinson State University, Dome, 4 & 6 p.m.
- 6 Men’s Club Hockey vs. MSU-Bottineau, All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 “Messiah” Concert, performed by Heritage Singers, Voices of Note, MSU Concert Choir and local high school students, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.
- 8 Graduate School: last day for thesis defense for fall graduates.

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| 8 | Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Brandon University, Dome, 6 & 8 p.m. | 12 | Women's Basketball vs. Montana State University-Northern, Dome, 7 p.m. |
| 8 | MSU Band, Concert Choir and Women's Chorus Concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m. | 13 | Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Rocky Mountain College, Dome, 6 & 8 p.m. |
| 9 | Men's Club Hockey at MSU-Bottineau. | 13 | Men's Club Hockey vs. South East Prairie Thunder, All Seasons Arena, 8:30 p.m. |
| 9 | Minot Symphony Orchestra High School Competition Concert, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m. | 14 | Men's Club Hockey vs. South East Prairie Thunder, All Seasons Arena, noon. |
| 9-31 | NAC exhibit: "Americas 2000: Before and Beyond," prints from the MSU permanent collection, Hartnett Hall Gallery. | 14 | Brass Band of Minot, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m. |
| 10 | Enrollment Services: parent forum. | 15 | Admission to teacher education seminar, Main 214, 3 p.m. |
| 10 | Senior recital by Kristin Boeshans, theater, Aleshire Theater, 3 p.m. | 15 | Graduate School: last day for fall graduates to submit five copies of thesis to the Graduate School Office. |
| 11-14 | Theatre: Campus Players annual Christmas production, Aleshire Theater, Thursday-Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m. | 15-19 | Finals exams for full 16-week courses. |
| 12 | CONNECT: orientation and registration by invitation, call 858-3350, Nelson Hall, 8 a.m. | 16 | Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m. |
| 12 | MSU Athletic Luncheon, Sevens Restaurant, noon. | 17 | University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m. |
| | | 17-18 | Finals exams for second 8-week courses. |
| | | 18 | NAC lecture: "Musa & Taban: Acting it Out for Sudan Radio Service," by Conrad Davidson, dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m. |

Minot State University Mission

Minot State University is first and foremost dedicated to the success of all students: their growth and development as educated citizens, their confidence, and their life-long devotion to the common good and the welfare of others.

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