



Public Information Office

A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

New staff for 2008-2009

Minot State University would like to welcome three new employees, Efthalia Esser, Tammy Folsom and Roger Triplett, and introduce them to the campus. Esser, an alumna, is a research associate for the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities. Previously, she worked at Cankdeska Cikana Community College, Fort Totten. While at that institution, she received the 2006 Faculty of the Year award for her volunteer service with the Red Cross. Folsom is the administrative secretary for the Student Health Center. Before coming to MSU, she worked at the North Central Human Service Center. She and her husband, Ray, have two children, Michael and Rachael. Triplett, an alumnus, is an athletic facilities worker, who previously worked at the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. His hobbies include hunting and fishing.



Esser



Folsom

MSU business students launch new organization

Minot State University students will soon have the option of choosing an all-encompassing organization. Beavers on Business, which is a new student group, will serve as an umbrella association for all College of Business clubs and organizations. BOB will officially kick off April 14 in the Conference Center, 5 p.m.

"Beavers on Business will provide many new opportunities, including a partnership with the Minot Young Professionals group," said Andrew Evanoff, Minot State student and BOB originator. "This will bring networking, educational and career opportunities to students."

BOB will coordinate the efforts of the four current student organizations: Accounting Club, Phi Beta Lambda (a collegiate level of Future Business Leaders of America), Delta Epsilon Chi (collegiate level of DECA) and Students in Free Enterprise.

"Beavers on Business is a grassroots effort; the idea and the implementation have been the students' doing," said JoAnn Linrud, dean of the College of Business. "This reorganization will provide better coordination among the College of Business student organizations. I congratulate them for being proactive!"

The launch party for BOB includes a presentation by Terry Fleck, owner of the Institute of Attitude. Following Fleck's remarks, Evanoff, will provide an overview of Beavers on Business. The evening will also include comments from Linrud, and the Young Professionals group in Minot.

BOB will also serve as an advisory group to Linrud and the College of Business. The event is free and open to the community.

April 8, 2009

PIO update

A very busy winter across the state has led to a very busy spring.

The realities of snow melt and flooding have once again hit North Dakota. And, in turn, the national media picked up the story.

Of course, the Fargo area, Bismarck and the towns between them aren't the only ones affected. Ward County and the surrounding region is now the epicenter of a rush for sandbags and the concerns that follow.

Minot State University is not a training ground for lifesaving efforts related to flooding. What we are, though, is a resource of manpower that the city and county will be counting on in time of need. Now, is that time of need.

What you can do is simple, volunteer.

Find time in your schedule to fill sandbags or talk to a rural friend or an elderly neighbor. Reach out and ask if things are OK. Find out what their needs are, help them address their concerns and be a community supporter.

It is this type of support that has worked during disasters in the past and will work for tomorrow's problems as well.

— Mark Lyman, director
of public information

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Forbes' 'Entrepreneur of the Year' and MSU alumnus visits campus

On March 30-April 1, Minot State University hosted Clint Severson, a 1973 MSU alumnus and Forbes' "Entrepreneur of the Year" for 2007.



Severson is the president and chief executive officer of Abaxis. A medical-device manufacturer based in California, Abaxis specializes in point-of-care blood analyzers.

Severson's presented "Being Prepared to Accept

Opportunities: An Entrepreneur's Perspective" to students on March 30. The Prairie Community Development Center sponsored this Professional Aspirations Seminar. Severson also visited with various MSU business classes and a class at Minot High School's Magic City Campus. Severson also spent time with representatives from the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and Trinity Health and the general Minot State community.

The Foreign Film Festival 2009 continues with 'Au dela de la Haine (Beyond Hatred)'

The foreign language department invites everyone to the Foreign Film Festival 2009. The next film, "Au dela de la Haine (Beyond Hatred)," will be shown Thursday (April 9) in Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m. Discussion will follow the screening.

Amina Escalera, French instructor, is the host for the films' screenings. For questions, contact her at 858-4335 or amina.escalera@minotstateu.edu.

The remaining scheduled films are:

- April 27 — "Deux jours a Paris (Two days in Paris)," a French-American comedy.
- April 28 — "Persepolis," French film.

APEX presents 'Conversation with ...'

The Aspirations for Professional Excellence Program in the College of Business presents the "Conversation with ..." series. All sessions begin at 5 p.m. in MSU's Multicultural Center:

- April 14 — "World of Work" presented by Terry Fleck, owner of Institute of Attitude.
- April 28 — "Motivation and Attitude" presented by Fleck.

University and community members are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Amanda Bibow, administrative assistant to the dean of the College of Business, at 858-3110 or amanda.bibow@minotstateu.edu

Women's Heritage Month culminates with 'Women and Entrepreneurialism'

On April 15 at noon, Women's Heritage Month concludes with "Women and Entrepreneurialism" in the Conference



Center. JoAnn Linrud, dean of the College of Business, will moderate the panel discussion comprised of women who own area businesses. They will share stories about the challenges and rewards of opening and operating their own businesses. Women entrepreneurs on the panel will include Betty Fedorchak, owner of Esoterica, Minot; Pam

Hovdestad-Karpenko, owner of Clean Tech, Minot; Jo Khalifa, owner of MoJo Roast, Westhope; Kari Warberg, founder and chief executive officer of Earth-Kind Manufacturing, Stanley; and Suong "Sue" Willson, artist, caterer and owner of United Pantry, Minot.

"Whenever you start a business, it's a gamble," said Bethany Andreasen, Women's Heritage Month Committee chair and associate professor of history. "Women need to talk to other women who have already taken that plunge, so that they can increase their chances for success."

Fedorchak has owned and operated her women's clothing and accessories store since 1994, first as Walter's, and since 2001, in its current location as Esoterica. The store offers updated clothing and accessories for a discerning clientele.

Hovdestad-Karpenko is owner and general manager of Clean Tech, which has provided contract-cleaning services and products since 1992.

Khalifa and her husband, Mohamed, own and operate MoJo Roast, which roasts coffee for wholesale and retail customers. The business, which also includes an on-line store, has been in operation for about two years.

Warberg founded Earth-Kind Manufacturing. Her company's mission is to create natural, safe and effective products that perform better than their chemical counterparts.

Willson opened United Pantry, a specialty grocery store, to offer the Minot area many foreign-food items not previously available in the region. The store also includes a restaurant and provides a home base for her catering services. Willson is also known for her artwork, particularly the painting of ostrich eggs.

Overall, WHM activities have focused on woman-centered experiences and expressions that highlight the vast and important contributions women have provided to our world culture.

MSU volunteers help in sandbagging effort



Doug Pfliger presents Brown Bag Book Talk

On April 15, Doug Pfliger, associate professor of art, will discuss “From Oz to Why Not Minot?: Literary and Visual Cultural References That Have Influenced My Art,” at the next Brown Bag Book Talk. 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.

Retirement social slated for April 21

The annual retirement social will be April 21 in the Conference Center, 2-4 p.m. This year nine Minot State University employees, who have recently retired or will retire at the end of this semester, will be honored. The honorees are Kenneth Billings, Office of Plant Services; Judy Bjornson, Gordon B. Olson Library; Larry Crabbe, plant services; Richard Debertin, Center for Extended Learning; David McCormack, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science; Donald Mosser, plant services; Helen Oie, plant services; Helen Otto, MSU Post Office; and Gary Ryum, plant services.

Faculty, staff and other MSU retirees in the Minot area are invited to attend. The formal welcome will be at 2:30 p.m., and refreshments will be served. For additional information, contact Wes Matthews, director of human resources, at 858-3352 or 1-800-777-0750, ext. 3352.

To combat social-worker shortage, MSU’s social work department to host open house in Dickinson

Minot State University’s Department of Social Work is striving to meet the challenge of the rising, critical social-worker shortage in rural North Dakota counties. To highlight its initiative of bringing its social work program into the areas where social-worker shortages exist, the social work department will host an open house on April 21 at the Dickinson State University Student Center Room 112, 3-5 p.m. The MSU social work faculty members will give a short presentation at 4 p.m.

“We bring our program into areas where need and opportunity exist, rather than asking students to come to where we are,” said Deb DeWitz, Minot State assistant professor of social work and field education coordinator.

At the open house, interested individuals can visit with MSU social work faculty members about MSU’s program. The MSU social work faculty would also like to meet licensed social workers who may be willing to serve as field instructors and agency representatives so students may be placed for field educations in their agencies, beginning in the summer of 2010.

“As field coordinator, it has always been my belief that field education belongs to the professional community and the student,” DeWitz said. “The involvement of licensed social workers as field instructors is critical in making sure students are accepted and well prepared.”

In coordination with Dickinson State, MSU has delivered its social work program to Dickinson through the Interactive Video Network since January 2009. Students accepted into the program attend classes on the DSU campus, but are Minot State students, enrolling in the same classes as the Minot-site students. The Dickinson program will be on-going, allowing students to progress toward a degree at their own rate.

For additional information, contact DeWitz at 701-858-4259 or debra.dewitz@minotstateu.edu.

NDDDN to host child care and disability summit

The North Dakota Developmental Disabilities Network, a collaboration between the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities on Minot State University’s campus, the North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities and the North Dakota Protection and Advocacy Project, is hosting a Child Care and Disability Summit on Thursday (April 9). The summit will be held in the Senate-Chamber Room of the Best Western Doublewood Inn in Bismarck. Registration for the summit begins at 8:30 a.m.



“The NDDDN is excited to have an opportunity to explore the important issue of child care for children with disabilities throughout the state of North Dakota,” said Andrea Peña, executive director of SCDD. “The results of this summit will benefit consumers, their families and providers of individuals with disabilities, who often face unique, unmet child care needs in their communities.”

The keynote speaker for the summit will be Linda Reinicke, director of Child Care Resources and Referral in Minot. Reinicke will discuss the various kinds of child care available in North Dakota, the current state and federal child care funding streams and the challenges faced by the industry and child care consumers. She will also highlight proposed state and federal child care legislation and how the proposed legislation could impact child care services for children with special needs. The afternoon session will include a panel discussion on the issues of child care and disability from the agencies in attendance. The panel members scheduled to take part are Shonda Wild, coordinator of the N.D. programs for infant and toddler caregivers at Child Care Resources and Referral; Geri Herring, director of the First Steps Learning Center East; Vicki Peterson, a consultant for Family Voices of North Dakota; and Shelly Hauge, director of the Child’s Hope Learning Center.

The Child Care and Disability Summit is the second in a series of monthly, multifaceted summits designed to:

- provide a venue where persons with child care and disability issues can come together with professionals in the field to discuss specific issues and provide valued input on the challenges surrounding them.
- create a list of actionable tasks to provide direction to the NDDDN for future project.
- gather insight on how members of NDDDN can feasibly address these issues.

The Child Care and Disability Summit will conclude at approximately 3 p.m. The public is welcome to attend, and there is no fee.

For more information, contact Chad DeCoteau, summit organizer, at 1-800-233-1737 or 1-701-858-3405 or by e-mail chad.decoteau@minotstateu.edu .

MSU nursing students helped ‘e-rase your e-waste’

Minot State University public health nursing students organized a community-wide “e-rase your e-waste” recycling event on April 1-2.

Collection totals were 10,599 pounds of e-waste, plus a box full of cell phones that were donated to the Student Government Association for their fundraising project. Tattione, the e-cycling company, will send a report of how much was collected of each heavy metal so that the nursing students will know exactly how the event impacted the local landfill. .

For questions about this “e-rase your e-waste,” contact Nikki Medalen, instructor of nursing, at 858-4476 or nikki.medalen@minotstateu.edu.



Winners of WHM student-poster session and competition announced

As part of Women’s Heritage Month, a student-poster session and competition was held April 2 at Minot State University. The winners of the poster contest were:

Nathan Zochert, an English education major from Minot, first place with his poster “Daoism and Feminism in ‘The Left Hand of Darkness;’” Ashley Brossart, an English

education major from Rugby, second place for “Coco Chanel: Her Little Black Dress;” and Michele Caton-Richardson, a psychology major from Minot Air Force Base, and Emily Fries, a social work major from Minot, won third prize for “Mary E. Richmond.” Brossart also won the People’s Choice Award. The YWCA provided cash prizes for the award winners. Twenty-eight students submitted 23 posters for the contest this year.

“The student-poster session serves as a cornerstone of our Women’s Heritage Month activities each year,” said Bethany Andreasen, associate professor of history and chair of the Women’s Heritage Month Committee. “It provides an opportunity for MSU students to consider the experiences



of women, investigate a particular aspect of those experiences that excites them and then share that excitement by presenting what they have discovered to the university community and the public.”

Judges for the contest were Linda Cresap, dean of the Graduate School and Research and Sponsored Programs; Ruth Kihm, assistant professor of social work; Kathryn Kilroy, assistant professor of geoscience; Debra Kunkel, executive director of the YWCA; Susan Podrygula, library coordinator for collection development and head of technical services; and Ronnie Walker, international student coordinator.

For additional information on Women’s Heritage Month activities, visit the WHM Web page at <http://www.minotstateu.edu/women/> or contact Andreasen at 858-3243 or bethany.andreasen@minotstateu.edu.

‘Spring Week 2009: It’s about dam time’

In order to increase student activities and student life on Minot State University’s campus, the Student Government Association is continuing the tradition of the spring carnival. This year’s event has the theme “Spring Week 2009: It’s about dam time” and runs April 20-24.

“Spring Week provides a good release for the student before the stress of final exams,” said Amber Jensen, SGA director of public relations.

The week begins April 20 with musician Jason Levasseur in the Beaver Dam from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Taco-in-a-bag will be served in the hallway by the SGA office. At 8 p.m., comedian Johnny Cardinale will perform in the Beaver Dam.

On April 21, music and subs will be provided, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., in the SGA hallway. Casino Night will be conducted in the Beaver Dam at 7 p.m.

Pizza will be available April 22 in the SGA hallway, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Comedian Michelle Buteau will also perform during the lunch hour. C.L. Lindsay, a Facebook lecture speaker, will present at 7 p.m. in the Beaver Dam.

On April 23, music and barbecue will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., SGA hallway. At 9:30 p.m., 32 Below will perform at the All Seasons Arena.

On April 24, Sloppy Joes and chips will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., along with a presentation by the Bearded Men Improv Comedy group in the Beaver Dam. This improv group will perform again at 7 p.m.

Food will be available to students while supplies last. Depending on the weather, some events throughout the week may take place outside at the Quad.

SPRING WEEK 2009



IT'S ABOUT DAM TIME

Symphony ends season with pops perennial

The Minot Symphony Orchestra’s 2007-2008 season wraps up April 25. This concert, which includes music from “Pirates of the Caribbean” and “Raiders of the Lost Ark,” features all the action, danger, excitement and thrills of the search for treasure. This is the perennial popular pops concert, and it will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. Maestro Dennis Simons, associate professor of music, is the orchestra’s conductor.

MSU faculty, staff and students are admitted free with a current ID. Additional tickets for adults are \$15 per concert. The price for senior citizens is \$13; students 12-18, \$8; children, under 12, \$4 single.

Alumni Association’s premier Gala event is May 9

It’s the Alumni Association’s perennial favorite, the 26th annual Gala Dinner and Auction on May 9 at Minot’s Grand International. The social and auction preview begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:45 p.m.

A committee of more than 30 local volunteers, including Alumni Association Board members, plan and present this extravaganza. The \$50 tickets include a gourmet dinner, and the attire for this event is semi-formal.

Net proceeds help fund scholarships and programs sponsored by the Alumni Association. Reservations by May 4 are strongly suggested, as this event has sold out in the past. Tickets may be obtained by calling 858-3234.



Minot State broadcasting program wins awards

The Northwest Broadcast News Association recognized the Minot State University broadcasting program with Eric Severeid Radio and Television Awards on March 28 in Bloomington, Minn. The NBNA awards were handed out as part of the Midwest Journalism Conference.

Derek Van Dyke, a junior broadcasting student from Mandan, earned an Award of Merit for Best Student Weathercast. Bryce Aschenbrenner, a senior broadcasting student from Surrey, and Cody Rogness, a senior broadcasting student from Minot, received an Award of Merit for Best Broadcast Writing for their story on “The Pangea House.”

Neil Roberts, associate professor of communication arts, earned three separate awards: Award of Merit for Soft Feature for his story, “Murphy Brothers,” for small-market radio; First Place for Best Use of Audio in a story for small-market radio;

and First Place for Best Series in a small-market radio. Both of Roberts' first place entries were stories about the Murphy Brothers' 40 years of running the carnival at the North Dakota State Fair.

The student entries were all telecasted on "MSU Inside/Out." Inside/Out is the campus television program produced live Thursdays at 5 p.m. on KMSU TV Channel 19, the local cable-access channel for Midcontinent.

Roberts' professional awards are a part of a syndicated series called "On Air at the Fair," which is syndicated to radio stations across the state.

Sarah Perry elected SGA president

As of March 27, the 2009 Student Government Association election results are as follows:

- President — Sarah Perry, Burlington, mathematics education.
- Vice president — Danielle Wangler, Rugby, special education and elementary education.
- Secretary — Amanda Roise, Minot, biology.
- Treasurer — Andrew Figueira, Winfield, British Columbia, biology.
- College of Arts and Sciences senators — Kayla Cote, Bottineau, graphic design; Jack Fowler, Minot, general studies; Katie Haarslager, Mohall, broadcasting; Sara King, Minot, broadcasting; and Derek Van Dyke, Mandan, broadcasting.
- College of Business senators — Max Buchholz, marketing; Whitney Loftesenes, Norwich, international business; Reeann Magandy, predentistry, marketing, management and international business; and Stetson Sannes, Minot, international business.
- College of Education and Health Sciences senators — Lisa Brule, Spirit Wood, Saskatchewan, communication disorders; Melissa Elker, Bismarck, music; Annamaria Holt, Andover, Minn., special education and elementary education; Alycia Kiazzyk, Brandon, Manitoba, communication disorders; and Tana Tchida, Havre, Mont., foreign language education.
- General studies senator — Brandon Smith, Minot, general studies.

Sandstrom releases book

Clarine Sandstrom, assistant professor of education, has self-published "A Melody is Forever: A Collection of Childhood



Songs." She collected the songs and published with Lowe's Printing in November 2008. A book signing was held April 4 at Home Sweet Home.

"The story line that accompanies the songs is personal, but reflects family traditions and values that should appeal to readers," Sandstrom said.

Sandstrom and her three daughters, Barb Sandstrom, Debby Moen and Laura Thompson, recorded 34 songs with David Roise Music of Minot. A CD is enclosed in each book. Rachael Vincent of Lowe's completed the book's illustrations.

The book is available at Home Sweet Home for \$31. Direct mailing book orders are also available for \$32 from Clarine Sandstrom, 1103 34th Ave. SW, Minot, N.D. 58701.

Anderson participated in princess program

Vanessa Anderson, a 2008 Minot State University graduate, represented North Dakota in the National Conference of



State Societies' Annual Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C. The National Cherry Blossom Festival commemorates a gift of 3,000 cherry trees from the city of Tokyo to the people of Washington, D.C., in 1912. One princess is chosen from each state, based on her leadership and academic achievements.

Anderson is a 2005 Jamestown High School graduate and was president of the Honors Society and the German Club at MSU. She also founded an organization called Students for an Environment and Ecological Democracy, an advocacy group devoted to educating the public on today's most pressing environmental issues.

Tatianna Durhan, from New Mexico, was chosen U.S. Cherry Blossom Queen by a spin of a wheel at the Cherry Blossom Queen Grand Ball on April 3. The first duty of the new queen will be to travel to Japan for a two-week cultural tour and to represent the United States in the Japanese cherry blossom celebration.

SBHE restates support for 2009–2011 NDUS budget initiatives

In a conference call meeting April 6, the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education restated its support for two key initiatives included in the board's 2009-2011 North Dakota University System budget request.

Funding to keep higher education affordable for students and equity funding to address campus priorities are omitted from SB2003, the NDUS budget bill, in amendments adopted by the House Appropriations Committee, Education and Environment Division. The SBHE concurred on the urgency to oppose these amendments and sustain this funding.

"The State Board of Higher Education's 2009 2011 budget request focuses on providing high quality education at an affordable cost, in response to the needs of our students and our state," said Richie Smith, SBHE president. "These budget initiatives are vitally important to the future of higher education in our state."

— NDUS news release

Announcements

Schedule TIAA-CREF individual counseling sessions

From April 13 to 15, TIAA-CREF financial advisors will be on Minot State's campus. To schedule an appointment, visit TIAA-CREF's Web site at <https://ais2.tiaa-cref.org/cgi-bin/WebObjects.exe/ARS> or call 1-800-877-6602, ext. 3102.

— *Wes Matthews, director of human resources*

Summer work-study requests due Thursday

Requests for summer work-study are due in the Office of Financial Aid office no later than Thursday (April 9). Due to time constraints in awarding summer aid, no requests can be considered after Thursday (April 9).

Also, please forward to Merri Jo Connole, financial aid counselor, the names of any work-study students returning to your departments in the fall. Please review the March 11 Campus Announcements for detailed information regarding summer/fall work study.

For questions, contact 858-4152 or merrijo.connole@minotstateu.edu.

— *Merri Jo Connole, financial aid counselor*

An invitation to the next Blue Rider book discussion

MSU faculty and staff are invited to the next Blue Rider book discussion, scheduled for April 14 at the Blue Rider, 4:30 p.m. Participants will discuss "The Power of Now: A Guide to Spiritual Enlightenment" by Eckhart Tolle. This selection is faculty recommended.

For additional information, contact 858-3159.

— *Conrad Davidson, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences*

Marketing office adds valuable videos to MSU virtual tour site

Need to highlight the Minot State campus to potential students, faculty, staff or friends of the university? I invite you to send them to www.minotstateu.edu/tour/ to view several new, outstanding videos showcasing our beautiful campus, exemplary faculty and students and our excellent academic programs. For questions, contact 858-3062 or teresa.loftesnes@minotstateu.edu.

— *Teresa Loftesnes, director of marketing*

Sustainability Committee meets April 14

The next meeting of the Sustainability Committee is April 14 in Crane Hall, 8:30 a.m. Faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend. For questions, contact 858-3508 or paul.lepp@minotstateu.edu.

— *Paul Lepp, assistant professor of biology*

Retirement open house in honor of Helen Oie April 15

Please join the Office of Plant Services on April 15 for a retirement open house to show appreciation to Helen Oie, athletic facilities worker, for over 28 years of service to Minot State. The open house is in the Christianson Room (Dome, second floor), 1-3 p.m. For questions, contact 858-3210.

— *Roger Kluck, director of facilities*

In the galleries

April 8-17 — Paintings by Michelle Lindblom, Bismarck, Library Gallery.

April 8-30 — NAC exhibit: MSU juried student art show, Michelle Lindblom, Bismarck, juror, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Calendar

April 8-May 15, 2009

April

- 8 Beaver Booster Spring Party, Grand International Inn, 6 p.m.
- 9 Last day to drop 16-week class.
- 9 Foreign Film Festival: "Au dela du la Haine (Beyond Hatred)," Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 10 Good Friday holiday, university closed
- 13 University open, no classes.
- 14 Sustainability Committee meeting, Crane Hall, 8:30 a.m.
- 14 Blood pressure screening, Student Center, second floor, 9-10 a.m.
- 14 College of Business APEX guest speaker: "Conversation with Terry Fleck," Multicultural Center, 5 p.m.
- 14 Faculty music recital by DeVera Bowles, accompanied by Dianna Anderson, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 14-15 Baseball at Mayville State U.
- 14-21 Summer and fall registration for currently enrolled students.
- 15 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
- 15 Math track meet, grades 9-10, Dome, noon.
- 15 Brown Bag Book Talk: Doug Pfliger, art, will discuss "From Oz to Why Not Minot?: Literary and Visual Cultural References That Have Influenced My Art," Olson Library, noon.
- 15 Women's Heritage Month: "Women and Entrepreneurialism," a panel discussion with area women business owners, Conference Center, noon.
- 15 Retirement open house for Helen Oie, Christianson Room, Dome, 1-3 p.m.
- 15 Softball at Valley City State U.
- 16 Camus open forums, Aleshire Theater, 8-9 a.m., 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.-noon.

- 16 Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
- 16 SAC: Battle of the Bands, Beaver Dam, 7 p.m.
- 17 Pulse Concert, Dome, 6 p.m.
- 17 Student piano recital: Penny Simons' students performing, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Graduate School: written comprehensive exams.
- 18 Outdoor Track & Field hosts Minot State Open, Herb Parker Stadium, noon.
- 18 Softball vs. Dickinson State U., South Hill Complex, 1 and 3 p.m.
- 18 Baseball vs. Dickinson State U., Corbett Field, 1 and 4 p.m.
- 18-19 Girls Youth Basketball Tournament, Dome.
- 19 International Artists Series: Peter Halverson, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
- 19 Softball at Dickinson State U.
- 19 Baseball at Dickinson State U.
- 19-20 Golf at South Dakota Mines, Meadowbrook Golf Course, Rapid City, S.D.
- 20 Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
- 20 SAC: Spring Week 2009, lunch, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
- 20 SAC: Spring Week 2009, music by Jason LeVasseur, Beaver Dam, noon.
- 20 SAC: Spring Week 2009, Johnny Cardinale, comedian, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.
- 21 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 21 SAC: Spring Week 2009, lunch, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
- 21 Curriculum Committee, Jones Room, 12:30 p.m.
- 21 Retirement social, Conference Center, 2-4 p.m.
- 21 Small Ensembles concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 21-22 Baseball at Valley City State U.
- 22 Last day to drop second 8-week class.
- 22 Earth Day.
- 22 SAC: Spring Week 2009, lunch, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
- 22 Math track meet, grades 7-8, Dome, noon.
- 22 Golf at Bismarck State College, Prairie West Golf Course.
- 22 SAC: Spring Week 2009, guest speaker C.L. Lindsay, Beaver Dam, 7 p.m.
- 23 SAC: Spring Week 2009, lunch, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
- 23 Faculty Senate elections, Aleshire Theater, 12:30-2 p.m.
- 23 Ironweed community film: "Burning the Future: Coal in America," Multicultural Center, 2 p.m.
- 23 SAC: Spring Week 2009, dance with 32 Below, All Seasons Arena, 10 p.m.
- 23-26 Theatre: "Play It Again Sam," Aleshire Theater, Thursday-Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m.
- 24 MSU Brass and Percussion Day.
- 24 Student speech and hearing screening, Memorial 138, 9-11 a.m.
- 24 SAC: Spring Week 2009, lunch, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
- 24 SAC: Spring Week 2009, Bearded Men Improv comedy act, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- 24 Concert: Bill Miller, in conjunction with Powwow, Nelson Hall, 8 p.m.
- 24-25 CONNECT: orientation and registration by invitation, call 858-3350, Nelson Hall.
- 24-25 Spring Honor Dance and Powwow Celebration, Dome.
- 25 Softball vs. Dakota State U., South Hill Complex, 1 and 3 p.m.
- 25 Baseball vs. Dakota State U., Corbett Field, 1 and 4 p.m.
- 25 Minot Symphony Orchestra, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Outdoor Track & Field at Jamestown College.
- 26 Softball vs. Dakota State U., South Hill Complex, 1 and 3 p.m.
- 26 Baseball vs. Dakota State U., Corbett Field, 1 and 4 p.m.
- 26 Percussion Ensemble, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
- 26 Junior music recital by Joel W. Kanning, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 26-27 Outdoor Track & Field DAC Multi-events, Jamestown College.
- 26-27 Golf at Black Hills State University, Spearfish Canyon Golf Course, Spearfish, S.D.
- 27 Foreign Film Festival: "Deux jours a Paris (Two Days in Paris)," Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 27 Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
- 27 Junior music recital by Chantz Hall and Katie Langemo, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 27-May 21 NAC exhibit: "My Matisse," senior show by Rachael Vincent, Minot, Library Gallery.
- 28 Sustainability Committee, Crane Hall, 8:30 a.m.
- 28 College of Business APEX guest speaker: "Conversation with Terry Fleck," Multicultural Center, 5 p.m.
- 28 Foreign Film Festival: "Persepolis," Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 28 "Pride of MSU" spring band concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 SAC: Dance with Johnny Holm Band, All Seasons Arena, 10 p.m.
- 29 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater 9 p.m.
- 29 NAC gallery reception for "My Matisse," senior show by Rachael Vincent, Library Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.
- 29 Brass Quintet student recital by Larissa Baker, Alyson Gross, Angela Orluck, Sally Podrebarac and Breanna Tande, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 30 NAC lecture: "Gargoyles and Stained Glass: Church Architecture from Paris to Minot" by Andrea Donovan, humanities, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 30 IBLA concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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- 1 Board of Regents, Conference Center, 7:30 a.m.–noon.
1 Voice recital by Joann Martinson, MSU alumna, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
1-2 Softball DAC Tournament, Dickinson, N.D.
1-4 Baseball DAC Tournament, Corbett Field, Minot.
2 N.D. Class B Music Festival.
2 Basketball 3-on-3 Tournament, Dome.
2 Outdoor Track & Field at Minnesota State U.-Moorhead.
3 MSU Choirs concert, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
4 Graduate School: last day for thesis/project defense if graduating spring semester.
4 Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 p.m.
4 Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
4 Guest piano concert by John Murphy, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
5 SAC: dance, Grand International, 10 p.m.
6 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater 9 p.m.
7 Admission to teacher education seminar, Main 214, 12:30–1:30 p.m.
7 Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
7 NAC lecture: “North Dakota Dinosaurs” by John Hoganson, N.D. state paleontologist, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 7 Spring Jazz Ensemble, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
7-June 3 NAC exhibit: “Intercourse of Color” by Eric Buchmann, Minot, and “Heroes and Villains” by Iosefa Faiai, Minot, Hartnett Hall Gallery.
8 Outdoor Track & Field DAC Championship, Dakota State U., Madison, S.D.
8 Senior music recital by Kimberly Breiner, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
9 Special Olympics Track Meet.
9 MS Walk, Dome, 9 a.m.
9 Music recital by Sally Podrebarac, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
9 Alumni Association Gala dinner and auction, Grand International, social 5:30 p.m., dinner 7 p.m.
10 Luminus recital, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
11 Graduate School: last day to submit 5 copies of thesis/project if graduating spring semester.
11 Western Plains Children’s Choir Concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
11-14 Final exams for 16-week classes.
12 Blood pressure screening, Student Center, second floor, 9–10 a.m.
13-14 Final exams for second 8-week classes.
15 Graduate School Hooding Ceremony, Nelson Hall, 8 a.m.
15 Commencement, Dome, 10 a.m.

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