



Public Information Office

A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

New staff aboard

Minot State University would like to welcome one new employee, Douglas Abrahamson, and introduce him to the campus.

Abrahamson is a custodian. He previously worked for Graham Construction Services, Inc., as a superintendent on Minot Air Force Base. He has two sons, ages 20 and 17. Abrahamson enjoys summer activities and watching hockey and auto racing.



Smestad oversees campus mentoring and tutoring

On June 14, Jessica Smestad started in the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning as the peer tutoring and mentoring coordinator. Smestad, a Minot native, is diligently working with Minot State University departments and student services to coordinate mentoring and tutoring across campus.

"Jessica is excited to work with our students and to assist MSU in developing and expanding student success through the peer mentoring program and the peer tutoring program," said Beth Odahlen, CETL director.

Smestad received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Dakota in 2005. She then moved to Connecticut to pursue a graduate degree; she completed a Master of Arts degree in education from the University of Connecticut, Storrs, in 2007. After receiving her degree from UConn, Smestad accepted the position of coordinator of student organization services and leadership at the University of New Hampshire, Durham, where she worked until her move back to Minot.



MSU Archaeology Field School underway

The MSU Archaeology Field School began its three-week session July 6. The students traveled to Bismarck to work with Paul Picha, chief archaeologist, Archaeology and Historic Preservation Division, State Historical Society of North Dakota. Picha expounded on archaeological methods and goals and exposed students to the state archaeology lab and collections that contain relevant military materials.

"The students and coordinators wish to express their thanks for the support provided by Minot State University in preparation for this field experience," said Mark Timbrook, history adjunct, author and technology and design specialist for the Office of Instructional Technology.



July 14, 2010 PIO update

Years of hard work and progress in renovating Swain Hall are very near an end. Thanks to state funds and federal stimulus dollars, a completely renovated building will open in August.

The new facility will house the Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance offices. As well, numerous classrooms are spread throughout the three floors of Swain to accommodate our students' needs.

Two new commons rooms present a unique view of the Minot State University campus. They also provide an ideal location for small groups of students to study and relax between classes.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, Aug. 17, as the campus will open Swain Hall's doors for a Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event from 5 till 7 p.m. An official ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled at 11 that morning, as we celebrate the next step in education at Minot State.

I hope to see you there!

— *Mark Lyman, director
of public information*

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The team departed for Mitchell, S.D., on July 11. They will reside on Dakota Wesleyan University's campus during the excavation project at historic Fort James, which is located on property owned by the Rockport Hutterite Colony. Students will receive hands-on instruction in the use of various kinds of field equipment and techniques of excavation and artifact recovery, site mapping, documentation, and record keeping at the excavation site.



The principal investigator for the excavation is Mike Fosha, chief archaeologist, Archaeological Research Center, South Dakota State Historical Society. Margaret Sherve, associate professor of English, and Mark Timbrook are site coordinators and instructors. Eunice Timbrook is assisting in lab operations and health and welfare on site. The MSU team will return July 23.

For more information, visit www.minotstateu.edu/fort_james/index.shtml.

Spiritual Wellness series to convene

The Spiritual Wellness series will meet Thursday (July 15) and July 29. Come for a great conversation and a break in your day. Bring your lunch and join us on the picnic tables outside of Dakota Hall. In case of bad weather, we will meet in the Office of Housing conference room (Dakota Hall, south entrance), 12:15-1 p.m. Kari Williamson, campus pastor, will lead the discussion.

For questions, comments or suggestions for future Spiritual Wellness series initiatives, contact Williamson at 839-3949 or kari.williamson@minotstateu.edu.

Minot native to share FBI experiences with MSU students

Kevin Johnson, an alumnus, with 33 years of local and federal law enforcement experience, will speak to Minot State University criminal justice classes Monday morning (July 19) and to the Rotary at noon. A security consultant and private investigator for DynaSec International, Inc., he specializes in cyber crime and computer-related security.



Johnson was a nuclear security specialist with the United States Army Military Police Corps and a deputy sheriff and a patrol sergeant with the Ward County Sheriff's Department. In 1983,

the Federal Bureau of Investigation hired him, and Johnson began his 23-year career with the bureau.

Johnson received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Minot State in 1981.

Two tops remain on 'Summer Friend-Raising Golf Tour'

There are still stops left on the fifth annual "Summer Friend-Raising Golf Tour," which is sponsored by Minot State University and Dacotah Bank. On Tuesday (July 20), the summer tour stops in Garrison. Kenmare follows on Aug. 5. These dates are subject to change.

Registration begins at 4:30 p.m., with a shotgun start at 5. The format for each tour stop is a four-person, nine-hole scramble. A social will immediately follow completion of golf, estimated at about 7 p.m. Anyone, golfer or non-golfer, is welcome to attend.

Prizes, including scholarships, will be awarded at each event.

Optional meals and refreshments will be provided by the course. Golfers are also responsible for their own green fees and cart rentals. Transportation from Minot State University to each course will be available at no charge. Reservations for transportation and meals are requested one week before the date of each outing. It is recommended that golfers interested in carts make reservations as soon as possible because the number of carts available is limited.

Call the MSU Office of Advancement with questions or to register at 858-3890 or 1-800-777-0750, ext. 3890, or visit the Web site www.minotstateu.edu/alumni.

'Seven Brides for Seven Brothers' closes Summer Theatre

Aili Smith, assistant professor of communication arts, will direct "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," the final play of the summer 2010 season from July 19 to 24. This musical follows the tale of newlywed Milly in frontier Oregon in the 1850s. She discovers that she has six rowdy brothers-in-law for housemates; but it does not take Milly long to whip them into shape, and soon all the brothers can think about is finding wives of their own. Based on the MGM film, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" has daredevil dancing and features a lively score including "Wonderful, Wonderful Day," "Bless Your Beautiful Hide" and "Sobbin' Women."

All shows are in the MSU Amphitheater at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and children over 12, \$5 for children 12 and under, and \$3 for MSU personnel and summer students with current MSU ID. Reservations are made by calling the Summer Theatre box office at 858-3228.



NDCPD hosting open house to commemorate ADA's 20th anniversary

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities will proudly celebrate the 20th anniversary of The Americans with Disabilities Act with an open house on July 26 in Memorial Hall, 2-4 p.m. The ADA was signed into law on July 26, 1990.



“The ADA has provided for a fuller inclusion of citizens with disabilities into the fabric of our society,” said Brent Askvig, NDCPD executive director.

Join NDCPD for cake, coffee and lemonade as they celebrate this historic event.

For questions, contact 858-3004 or nicole.lavallie@minotstateu.edu.

MSU to host InC and JCEMP graduation celebration

In a unique graduation celebration, Minot State University will honor 22 graduates in two programs in Aleshire Theater on July 28, 2-4 p.m. Three students are from the Intercultural Cohort Program, and 19 students are from the Job Corps Executive Management Program. A reception will immediately follow the event.

The JCEMP, a collaboration between Minot State and Job Corps Centers, is the only program of its kind in the country. The 2010 graduating class is the program's ninth group of junior to mid-level Job Corps managers who aspire to be center directors; they come from Job Corps Centers across the country. A U.S. Department of Labor earmark sponsored by North Dakota Senator Byron Dorgan funds the JCEMP.

“This is another excellent year. The students have formed a bond that will follow them throughout their entire Job Corps careers and their lives,” said Lorraine Willoughby, director of JCEMP and professor of business information technology. “I have also enjoyed learning more about Job Corps from each one of them. It is a pleasure to have worked with each student.”

In its third year, Minot State's on-campus version of the Master of Science in management program has both foreign and domestic graduates. The InC Program combines international and domestic students. Students complete a 12 or 24-month program of study, taking one or two eight-week courses at a time. Students are required to complete applied research projects in intercultural teams. This gives them an opportunity to learn more about each other's culture and business practices.

“The International Cohort Program has been a wonderful opportunity for the American students to interact with our international students,” said Gary Ross, chair of the Department of Business Administration and director of the InC Program. “Both groups have grown from the experience and learned about each other's culture.”

2010 JCEMP fellows in the Master of Science in management include:

- John Beal; Ogden, Utah, Weber Basin Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center.
- Janina Bosma; Grand Rapids, Mich., CHP International, Inc.
- Karen Guin; Shreveport, La., Shreveport Job Corps Center.
- Julie Harmia; Yakima, Wash., Fort Simcoe Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center.
- Delaine Laney, Phoenix, Ariz., Phoenix Job Corps Center.
- Andrew MacPhail; Versailles, Conn., Hartford Job Corps Academy.
- Jaime Martinez; Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, Ramey Job Corps Center.
- Stephanie Ralston; Cadiz, Ky., Insights Training Group, LLC.
- Malyn Smith; Roswell, N.M., Roswell Job Corps Center.
- Terry Stephens; Wilmington, N.C., Kittrell Job Corps Center/Del-Jen, Inc.
- Jeffrey Taylor; Belleville, Ill., St. Louis Job Corps Center.
- Antione Terrell; Des Moines, Iowa, Odle Management Group, LLC.
- Carla Vigested; Minot, N.D., Burdick Job Corps Center.

2010 JCEMP fellows in the Master of Science in information systems are:

- Grant Earich; Nashport, Ohio, Colorado/Wyoming OA and CTS.
- James Freemont; Carville, La., Carville Job Corps Center.
- Karl Louhisdon; Maplewood, N.J., Edison Job Corps Academy.
- Margarita Lozano; El Paso, Texas, David L. Carrasco Job Corps Center.
- Benjamin Rodway; Louisville, Ky., Whitney M. Young Job Corps Center.
- Lanaya Trejo; Sacramento, Calif., Sacramento Job Corps Center.

Graduates of the Intercultural Cohort Program in the Master of Science in management include:

- Yuan Fang; Kaifeng City, Henan Province, China.
- Mark Pakula; Waterbury, Conn.
- Bingyu Wang; Zhengzhou City, Henan Province, China.

For additional information about the programs, contact Ross, at 858-3291 or gary.ross@minotstateu.edu, or Willoughby, at 858-3314 or lori.willoughby@minotstateu.edu.

Visit MSU at the NDSF

Minot State University representatives will visit with fairgoers at booth #1053 in Commercial Building II at the North Dakota State Fair from July 23 to 31. This public outreach activity allows friends, alumni and prospective students to visit with Minot State personnel to learn about admissions, academic



programs and current events. The booth is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Minot State hosting third annual luau at NDSF

Minot State invites alumni and friends to a luau party at the North Dakota State Fair on July 28, 5-8 p.m. The event is in the outdoor area of the Flickertail Gardens in conjunction with the Front Fenders, a musical group performing genre music ranging from the years of 1964 to 1974, and the Collectors Car Show.



The event's purpose is to get MSU out into the community and provide a fun atmosphere for alumni and friends in the area. During the event, there will be free entertainment with drink specials and other prizes.

"When Minot State began hosting the luau party three years ago, we wanted to create more events for our alumni and friends in the Minot area to gather, network and socialize. The North Dakota State Fair is a perfect venue to do that," said Tawnya Bernsdorf, director of alumni relations and annual giving. "We had an awesome turnout out last year of about 300 people. It was great to see MSU alumni reuniting and observe the conversations."

The Front Fenders and the Collectors Car Show will start immediately following the luau at 8 p.m. Tickets are included on the weekly show pass or available for purchase at the luau party.

For more information or questions on the event, call Bernsdorf at 858-3234 or tawnya.bernsdorf@minotstateu.edu.

Minot State granted Year Two status

Minot State University cleared the next hurdle in becoming a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II program.

The NCAA notified the school July 12 it has advanced into Candidacy Year Two in the membership process.

"This is an exciting time and great news for the university," MSU Athletic Director Rick Hedberg said. "It is kind of like last year at this time when we were notified for the Year One. We want to celebrate this decision and then look to the future."

The telephone call from the NCAA is just another step in the demanding three-year process.

"I think the biggest thing for us has been working on the compliance end. While Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance Melanie DeBoer-Brunsdon has been a key component to that, it really has been a campus-wide effort,"

Hedberg said. "We have had to put a lot of strategies in and that only can come from having a number of great committees."

During Year One, the school hired DeBoer-Brunsdon; it produced a detailed budget, constructed a Compliance Handbook, met with an NCAA Division II institution during a one-day visit to Minnesota State-Moorhead and attended the NCAA National Convention.

"The NCAA seemed happy with our progress. There certainly are some things we have to work on, but we are on the right track," Hedberg said. "Last year was like we were building the car. This year, we have to test drive and fine tune it, and next year, we will need to be ready to go full bore."

Educators attended ISRC/Special Education Summer Institute at MSU

Educators from a variety of disciplines serving children with disabilities attended this year's ISRC/Special Education Summer Institute on Minot State University's campus, July 6-8. The institute's theme was "Cognitive Science Meets Behavior: Brain-based Learning Strategies for Young Children with Disabilities." Holly Pedersen and Johnna Westby, assistant professors of special education, and Alan Ekblad, chair of the special education department and associate professor of special education, were co-directors of this collaborative effort between the ISRC project and the Department of Special Education.

"As a result of this collaboration, students and professionals from across North Dakota learned from networking with each other and from participating in group projects and discussions," Ekblad said. "Overall, it provided a sense of connectedness and common purpose for all participants working in a variety of rural settings."

Prompted by a significant need in North Dakota for trained personnel to work with infants, toddlers and young children with low-incidence disabilities and their families, MSU secured a four-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education to create the Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities project (ISRC) in 2009. The ISRC grant funding will conclude in May 2013.

Originally envisioned to fill a need in North Dakota, ISRC has had a greater impact. A national need exists for trained early intervention personnel, and this project has developed a rural distance training model that can be replicated in other states.

For further information, contact Ekblad at 858-3045 or alan.ekblad@minotstateu.edu.

Faculty, staff and student achievements

On June 16, 2010, **Nathan Anderson**, the College of Education and Health Sciences' accreditation technology support coordinator, **Linda Benson**, public information specialist, and **Anton Huether**, Web master and graphic

designer, represented Minot State at the North Dakota University System Staff Senate meeting in Fargo. Benson is president and Huether is vice president of MSU's Staff Senate. Anderson is a past president.

Becky Brodell, assistant professor of nursing, highlighted her research, "Views of Student Nurses on Caring and Technology in Nursing," at a poster presentation. The poster presentation was part of the Drexel University Nursing Education Institute in Myrtle Beach, S.C., June 21-24.



Kelly Buettner-Schmidt, Dorcas Kunkel and Tamara Johnson, all public health nursing faculty for the Department of Nursing, attended the 2010 Joint Meeting of the Association of Community Health Nurse Educators and the Association of State and Territorial Directors of Nursing in Collaboration with the American Public Health Association in June. Buettner-Schmidt's abstract "Social Justice: A Concept Analysis" was peer-reviewed and selected for a poster presentation.

The meeting theme was "Embracing Diversity: Innovations in Education, Policy and Practice" and was held in Arlington, Va. Topics included implementing research priorities, review and applications of standards of practice, recruiting and retaining diverse students and faculty and professional workforce

The Department of Nursing held an internal educational session on their newest high fidelity simulation unit, Noelle and Newborn HAL. This birthing and newborn simulator will allow students to engage in life-like scenarios practicing their ability to critically analyze health events, intervene appropriately, and provide high quality care. Faculty attending included **Laurie Dimler, Dawn Fredrich, Rita Meyer, Marie Mohler, Amy Roberts and Linda Schaefer**. Additionally, the department's Learning Resource Coordinator **Beth Hall** and **Robert Feller**, from Information Technology Central, attended to learn how to provide essential technical support for running simulations.

Announcements

MSU and Apple cooperate to recycle unusable university-owned electronic equipment

All departments will again have the opportunity to recycle "unusable" electronic equipment. The Apple Free Recycling for Education Program is a secure and environmentally responsible way to recycle. The tentative pickup week is Aug. 9, so do not delay.

The Office of Plant Services and Information Technology Central staff will work together to pick up and begin palletizing equipment. Each department is responsible for completing an inventory form for each item(s) designated for "transfer to

trash." All brands of the following equipment are accepted: computers, monitors, laptops, printers, fax machines, scanners, CD and hard drives, televisions, VCRs, projectors, overhead projectors, networking equipment, cables, keyboards and mice.

For questions, contact 858-4445 or cathy.horvath@minotstateu.edu.

— *Cathy Horvath, director of information technology*

Friendship Family Program information

The Office of International Programs invites Minot State University faculty and staff and community members to participate in the Friendship Family Program. The program's purpose is to provide support to MSU's international students, while offering its members the opportunity to build friendships with people from different countries and cultures. The main goal is to introduce an international student to American culture and traditions through dinners, holiday activities and everyday family events. It is desired that participants meet with their international friend at least two times each semester. Read more about the Friendship Family Program at www.minotstateu.edu/international/friends_001.shtml.

Individuals interested in participating should complete an application form, www.minotstateu.edu/international/pdf/friends_community_app.pdf, and return it to the Office of International Programs.

— *Virginie Vournas, international student coordinator*

North Dakota State Fair Parade information

Summer is flying by, and it is almost time for the North Dakota State Fair. Minot State University is participating in the parade on July 24. The theme for this year's parade is "Let's Go Retro." The MSU float will advertise the dates and theme, "Paint the Town Red," for MUS Homecoming 2010.

Everyone is welcome to walk with us. If you are planning to join us, please wear Minot State University clothing or something red. Our float number is 104, and the line-up time is 9:15 a.m. The pick-up area after the parade is in the east parking lot of the fairgrounds, and we will drive back to where we started, if you have a car there. If you have any questions the day of the parade, please call my cell phone at 701-240-3789.

If you are interested in joining us, just let me know by calling 858-3373 or sending an e-mail message to tawnya.bernsdorf@minotstateu.edu. Let us show the community some Red and Green school spirit and Paint the Town Red!

— *Tawnya Bernsdorf, director of alumni relations and annual giving*

Volunteers for NDUSSS committee requested

The North Dakota University System Staff Senate is forming a committee to follow the retirement plan budget woes of the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System and report to the NDUSSS. Sparb Collins, NDPERS executive director, presented at NDUSSS' June meeting; the NDUSSS membership

agreed to form a committee, which would follow this topic more closely and keep the NDUSSS membership informed of developments. Members of this committee do not need to be a current member of the NDUSSS, but they should be a full-time staff member having Staff Senate experience.

Currently, NDPERS has three proposals, which will go to interim committee this summer. Then, the three proposals will go to the North Dakota Legislature during the next legislative session

The committee's charge is to track the status of the budget shortfall and prepare a recommendation for the NDUSSS. This would include recommending the NDPERS option which best addresses NDUS staff concerns about the fund shortage. The committee would also prepare a final report and make a next-step recommendation to the NDUSSS.

Additionally, the State Board of Higher Education has included a proposal in its budget request to have both the NDPERS and the TIAA-CREF retirement plans increased by one percent for each of the next three years with a one percent staff match.

Any Minot State University staff person interested in participating on this committee should contact Linda Benson, your NDUSSS representative, and your name will be forwarded to the committee chair. Contact Benson at linda.benson@minotstateu.edu or 858-3199.

Thank you for your consideration and support of the NDUSSS.

— *Janine Trowbridge, NDUSSS president*

'The Economic Report with Greg Gumbel' segment will highlight MSU on nationwide television

The part Minot State University plays in providing a quality education, at an affordable price, during global hard economic times, is the focus of a national piece airing July 24. "The Economic Report with Greg Gumbel" produced this five-minute feature segment on topics, trends and issues related to "Education in the 21st Century."

Minot State University encourages you, and everyone you know, to take the time to view this segment as it airs for a nationwide audience on the Fox Business Network on July 24 at 11 a.m. CDT.

Please share this information with anyone who needs to hear about the many wonderful educational opportunities available to students of all ages at Minot State University. For questions, contact 858-3298 or mark.lyman@minotstateu.edu.

— *Mark Lyman, director of public information*

In the galleries

July 14-Aug. 5 — Pastel paintings by Sheila Rieman, Sentinel Butte, Hartnett Gallery.

Aug. 13-Sept. 22 — "Baker's Dozen," sculpture by James Parlin, Edinboro, Pa., Best of Show Americas 2009: All Media, Library Gallery.

Calendar

July 14-Aug. 14, 2010

July

- 14-23 Northern Plains Writing Project Advanced Summer Institute.
- 14-31 Northern Plains Writing Project Summer Institute.
- 14-15 College for Kids: Spanish for Children.
- 14-15 College for Kids: Sign Language for Kids.
- 14-16 College for Kids: Salamanders, Frogs and their Homes.
- 15 Spiritual Wellness Series, picnic tables near Dakota Hall, 12:15 p.m.
- 16 Prairie Public Radio Council, Westlie Room, 8 a.m.–noon.
- 19 Graduate School: last day for thesis/project defense if graduating summer semester.
- 19-23 College for Kids: Inner Kids ... Inner Peace.
- 19-24 Summer Theatre: "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," Amphitheatre, 8:30 p.m.
- 20 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 20 Summer Golf Tour, Garrison, 4:30 p.m.
- 20-22 College for Kids: Sign Language for Kids.
- 20-23 College for Kids: Salamanders, Frogs and their Homes.
- 21 Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
- 22-23 CONNECT orientation and registration by invitation, call 858-3350, Nelson Hall.
- 23-31 MSU at the North Dakota State Fair, Commercial Building 2.
- 24 MSU participating in the North Dakota State Fair Parade, 9:15 p.m.
- 26 NDCPD open house to commemorate the 20th anniversary of The Americans with Disabilities Act, Memorial Hall, 2–4 p.m.
- 27-30 College for Kids: Salamanders, Frogs and their Homes.
- 28 Graduation celebration for Intercultural Cohort program and Job Corp Executive Management Program, Aleshire Theater, 2-4 p.m.
- 28 MSU Luau Party, Flickertail Gardens, North Dakota State Fair, 5–8 p.m.
- 28-29 Final exams for 8-week summer classes.
- 29 Graduate School: last day to submit five copies of thesis/project if graduating summer semester.
- 29 Spiritual Wellness Series, picnic tables near Dakota Hall, 12:15 p.m.

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- 4 Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
- 5 Summer Golf Tour, Kenmare, 4:30 p.m.
- 5-6 CONNECT orientation and registration by invitation, call 858-3350, Nelson Hall.
- 8-10 Western North Dakota Energy Impact Symposium, "Energy Technology," Dickinson State University.

- 9 Grades must be entered by noon.
- 10 Development Foundation Investment Advisory Committee, Student Affairs meeting room, 3:30 p.m.
- 13-Sept. 22 NAC exhibit: "Baker's Dozen," sculpture by James Parlin, Edinboro, Pa., Best of Show Americas 2009: All Media, Library Gallery.

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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