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A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

New center established to assist N.D. communities

Federal funding for a new research and service center at Minot State University is now in place. MSU President David Fuller recently announced the funding of the Great Plains Center for Community Research and Service. The initial year of funding is set at \$950,000.

Leading the new Great Plains Center for Community Research and Service will be Paul Markel, psychology professor, and Neil Scharpe, research associate for the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities. Markel will concentrate his efforts on faculty and students, and Scharpe will provide local communities with a forum to address issues they believe are most pressing.

"GPCCRS will give students and faculty an unprecedented level of support and opportunity to collaborate successfully with community leaders throughout the region of northwest North Dakota, tackling real-world problems and achieving significant goals," Markel said.

Building on best practices and focusing on the special needs of rural North Dakota and the Great Plains, the GPCCRS will support public and nonprofit agencies within the region through focused research assistance, program assessment and evaluation, survey development and analysis, and collaborative problem-solving activities. The goal of the GPCCRS is to strengthen communities while enhancing the university's distinctive mission and role by raising its educational standards and impacting student learning.

The center will encompass two major components. The first component is a research function to conduct undergraduate, graduate and faculty research focused on issues and problems associated with the local area and the larger area of the Northern Great Plains. The second component is a development function to disseminate information and offer grant writing support, engage students in community research and other civic learning activities focused on growth of the local place.

The center will offer local communities the chance to address self-identified issues by engaging faculty and students in researching the problem, collaborating on a method to address the problem and implementing a solution. It will offer faculty support to accomplish meaningful research on issues that truly affect the local area and contribute to the understanding of the challenges facing the Great Plains.

MSU's core values are incorporated in all levels of this center. By engaging students and supporting communities, the mission of the GPCCRS, which is to strengthen the quality of life in rural communities, is accomplished.

The center is located in Memorial Hall on the Minot State campus. For more information, contact Markel at 858-4296 or Scharpe at 858-3596.

Nov. 17, 2010 PIO update

Starting this past February at the request of MSU President David Fuller, the Office of Public Information started publishing the special edition of Inside. This monthly edition comes as a direct result of faculty/staff surveys that indicated that Minot State employees didn't feel like their professional achievements or accomplishments were being recognized appropriately.

I hope that, in general, you as the reader of the Inside are now more aware of the many unique contributions our students, faculty and staff are making to their specific fields of study and the community in general.

I'd also like to use this space to ask for more input from students, faculty and staff when it comes to noteworthy professional or community-related accomplishments. The special edition of Inside would be empty without your input. Please take a few minutes every month to send us an e-mail with achievements reached in your departments, offices or groups. It is your input that supplies us with the information needed to shine a light on the many successes taking place at Minot State. Thanks!

— Mark Lyman, director of public information

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Minot State students experience 'Freezin' for a Reason' in five N.D. communities

The Minot State University Student Social Work Organization sponsored "Freezin' for a Reason" at Minot's Town & Country Shopping Center parking lot Wednesday (Nov. 17) from noon to 10 p.m. "Freezin' for a Reason," which is an annual event, raises awareness of homelessness in the community and gathers food items for the Minot Area Homeless Coalition and local food pantries.

"Homelessness is a growing concern in the Minot community, and we hope that this project will help the public become more aware of the problem," said Rebecca Rose, a senior social work major.

The participants stand in the cold and "freeze" to receive a firsthand experience of what homelessness is like. Individuals 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. The Minot Area Homeless Coalition and SSWO are holding the event as part of the National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, Nov. 14-20.

Along with annual events in Minot and Bismarck, the MSU SSWO has added "Freezin' for a Reason" awareness drives in Williston, Belcourt and Stanley.

For questions or additional information about "Freezin' for a Reason" events in western North Dakota, contact Debra DeWitz, SSWO's faculty advisor and assistant professor of social work, at 858-4259 or debra.dewitz@minotstateu.edu or SSWO members at sswo@minotstateu.edu.

New faculty and staff aboard

Minot State University would like to welcome three new employees, Kristi Schaefer, Bethany Stai and Tricia Vondal, and introduce them to the campus.

Schaefer, an alumna, joins the Minot Infant Development Program as an early childhood specialist after being a therapeutic riding instructor at Minot's Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. She completed a bachelor's degree in developmental disabilities at MSU. Her hobbies include riding horse, reading and playing basketball. Schaefer and Mark, her husband, have four children, Emma, Jack, Oliver and Henry.

Stai, a recent Minot State graduate, is the executive assistant for the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy. She previously worked at Michael's Restaurant in Minot. Stai holds bachelor's degrees in finance, international business and economics. She loves traveling, especially traveling internationally.



Schaefer



Stai



Vondal

Vondal, an alumna, is the Graduate School administrative assistant. Previously, she worked for Minot's Alltel for 16 years. She received a bachelor's degree in management information systems and an associate's degree in medical secretary and information processing. She and her husband, Rick, have three children, Lukas, Kadi and Alexis. The family enjoys the hobby of stock-car racing.

Moorhouse recounts 'Spanish Teachers' Training Program in Peru'

Kemerly Moorhouse, instructor of Spanish and education abroad coordinator, will share "Spanish Teachers' Training Program in Peru" Wednesday (Nov. 17) as part of the Northwest Art Center lecture series. Moorhouse accompanied four area high school Spanish teachers on a trip to Peru June 4-23 as a part of MSU's Study Abroad Program.

Minot High School instructor Megan Hibbs and Bismarck High School instructors Kamara Yri, Regina Solemsaas and Charlene Nemec completed a six-day teacher training workshop at Lima's Instituto Pedagogico Nacional Monterrico. They also visited two local schools, one public and one private, to learn about the Peru education system.

Moorhouse holds a bachelor's degree in Spanish language and literature education. She first came to the U.S. in 2005 to work as a language assistant in a cultural exchange program. She has taught Spanish at MSU since 2008. Moorhouse led a student study tour to Peru in the summer of 2009 and plans for another trip in the summer of 2011.

All lectures are held in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m. They are free and open to the public, and refreshments are served afterward.

MSU and USPS host passport drive Thursday

Minot State University's Office of International Programs and the Minot office of the United States Postal Service are sponsoring their fourth annual passport drive Thursday (Nov. 18) in the Multicultural Center (Student Center, first floor), 3-6:30 p.m. This drive's objective is to offer an easy and convenient avenue for American students, faculty, staff and community members to apply for a passport book or passport card.

Passport books cost \$135 for adults and \$105 for minors 16 years and under. Passport cards cost \$55 for adults and \$45 for those 16 years and under. The passport drive will also provide passport photos for an extra \$15. To see a complete list of documents required to submit a passport or passport card application, visit the OIP's website at www.minotstateu.edu/international.

Science students to hold dodgeball tournament as cancer fundraiser

Participants can dodge, duck, dip and dive in an effort to raise money for cancer patients Nov. 30. Minot State University students in a cancer biology course taught by Heidi Super, professor of biology, decided to hold a Dodgeball Cancer Benefit tournament in Swain Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost to participate is \$5 per person, with teams made up of six people.

All proceeds from the Dodgeball Cancer Benefit will go to defer expenses for Minot-area cancer patients. The tournament is co-sponsored by the Department of Biology, MSU Club Biology, Trinity Health CancerCare Center and Minot-area merchants.

For registration, e-mail senior pre-dentistry student Amber Kroke at amber.kroke@gmail.com. Rules and regulations for the event will be given to all teams who sign up. For more information, call 721-6499.

Technology Day showcases high school students and MSU business teacher-education students

On Dec. 1 at Minot State University, area high school students will compete during the Department of Business Technology's 13th annual Technology Day. The welcome

session, which follows registration, begins at 9 a.m. in the Conference Center, third floor of the Student Center.



"Technology Day is an excellent event to showcase area high school students in their business and technology skills," said Jan Repnow, instructor of business information technology. "This event also showcases our business teacher-education students as they plan, organize and manage all aspects of this competition in preparation for their upcoming teaching careers."

The area high schools select students for competition in accounting, business law, desktop publishing, document production, business principles, spreadsheet applications, Web page design and business presentations. Every school is eligible to enter one student in each of the eight individual events.

The school with the most points for placements in all competitions will receive a sweepstakes trophy. Participating high schools are Berthold, Des Lacs-Burlington, Kenmare, Max, Sawyer, Surrey, TGU Granville, TGU Towner, Underwood and Westhope.

BIT faculty members, business teacher-education students and Phi Beta Lambda members will supervise the competition, which starts at 9:15 a.m. in the Conference Center and Main 314 and 316. A lunch and awards ceremony is scheduled for 12:15 p.m. in the Conference Center.

In addition to the College of Business' BIT department, Technology Day sponsors include SRT Communication, Grand International Inn and Microsoft Corporation.

For questions about this event, contact Repnow at 858-3325 or jan.repnow@minotstateu.edu.

KMSU Auction announces 2nd Story as the 2010 beneficiary

The Minot State University Program of Broadcasting will host their 12th annual KMSU auction on Dec. 2. The auction will air live on KMSU's Channel 19 at 6:30 p.m.

This year, the broadcasting program will donate 10 percent of the proceeds to 2nd Story, a Minot social club dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for adults with developmental disabilities.

The organization plans various social, educational and recreational activities for its members, and it strives to enable members to gain life-long friendships and experiences that promote independence and self-sufficiency. 2nd Story is open daily, except on Sunday. It receives no state or federal funding and, therefore, relies solely on contributions and fundraising projects for financial support. This organization holds an important role in the Minot community in working to improve the livelihood of individuals with developmental disabilities.

"We feel that we made a good decision after meeting with 2nd Story," said Mary Christian, KMSU Auction co-coordinator, "Our class felt an emotional connection with the staff and its members."

The KMSU Auction will have a booth at the Dakota Square Mall on Saturday (Nov. 20) from noon to 5 p.m. to promote the auction and showcase the items that will be available to bidders. There will be a \$5 coupon for those who visit the KMSU Auction booth. The coupons may be redeemed by bidders on the night of the auction. There will also be an opportunity to apply for a Minot State University broadcasting scholarship. Ten percent of the KMSU Auction proceeds will go towards the scholarship.

To make the auction goals possible this year, the group is seeking both non-profit and business donations.

If individuals or businesses are interested in making a contribution or if there are any questions regarding support for 2nd Story, contact Quita Hines, KMSU Auction co-coordinator at (701)471-6090 or visit the auction's website at www. minotstateu.edu/auction.

NDCPD receives \$792,000 for autism spectrum disorders treatment project

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, a University Center of Excellence at Minot State University, recently received \$792,000 in

funding from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health



and Human Services for the Great Plains Autism Spectrum Disorders Treatment program.

"We are so thankful again for the support of our congressional delegation in obtaining funding for GPAST. Senators Dorgan and Conrad, along with Representative Pomeroy, have seen the needs of our rural families and have helped us shape a program to address those needs," said Brent Askvig, NDCPD executive director, GPAST project principal investigator and special education professor.

NDCPD received the funding to continue its programs in telehealth, community-based assessments, infrastructure development and community education on autism. This funding is primarily aimed at rural communities that have little access to qualified professionals and services for children and youth with autism spectrum disorders.

GPAST has three primary goals for the coming year. They are to:

- Increase North Dakota's personnel capacity to deliver diagnostic and follow-up services to rural children and youth with autism and their families.
- Develop and implement an effective telehealth protocol for delivery of services to rural children and youth with autism and their families.
- Improve the state's infrastructure for developing research, training and intervention systems for children and youth with autism and their families.

For more information on GPAST, contact Lori Kalash, NDCPD associate director for community services and GPAST project director, at 858-3580 or visit the project website at www.ndcpd.org/autism.

CIO of N.D. technology department returned to Minot State for Distinguished Alumni Series

Lisa Feldner, chief information officer for the Information Technology Department and alumna of Minot State, made presentations to a variety of community, student, faculty and staff groups Nov. 15 as part of the Minot State University Distinguished Alumni Series.

Feldner presented to Minot State students, spoke at Rotary Club, met with Information Technology Central staff and visited with
Department of
Business Information
Technology faculty.
She concluded with
an open forum in
the Gordon B. Olson
Library.



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chief information officer for ITD, Feldner oversees technology activities in state and local government, K-12 schools, higher education and manages a staff of about 300 employees. The Kenmare native also holds an important leadership role in coordinating major IT initiatives, including the Statewide Technology Access for Government and Education Network, ConnectND and the

Prior to Feldner's appointment as ITD's CIO in April 2006 by Gov. John Hoeven, she served as the technology director for Bismarck Public Schools. She was the assistant technology coordinator for Minot Public Schools from 1988 to 1991.

Feldner holds a bachelor's degree in computer science and a master's degree in mathematics education from Minot State. She also possesses a doctorate degree in educational leadership from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

Hear Now project given \$150,000

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, a University Center of Excellence at Minot State University, recently received a \$150,000 grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration for the Hear Now project.

"We are happy to announce that the supplement to the Hear Now grant was funded," said Wendy Thomas, Hear Now project director. "It will provide additional staff to increase follow-up efforts, create new opportunities for increased statewide data tracking, fund new screening equipment purchases and afford training stipends for audiologists."

For more than 10 years, NDCPD staff have engaged in a wide range of activities to implement universal newborn hearing screening at birthing hospitals across North Dakota. Currently, Hear Now project staff work to ensure coordinated efforts happen for infants requiring follow-up services and early intervention.

For more information on the Hear Now project, visit the project website at www.ndcpd.org/ehdi or contact Thomas at wendy.thomas@minotstateu.edu or 1-800-233-1737.

Jensen ponders 'Why Don't Students Like School?'

Deb Jensen, associate professor of education and director of the Center for the Applied Study of Cognition and Learning Sciences, will contemplate "Why Don't Students Like School?" by Daniel Willingham, Dec. 1.

People 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.

Campus Players present 'The Velveteen Rabbit' Dec. 9-12

The MSU Campus Players production of "The Velveteen Rabbit," directed by Peggy Morris, a student from Garrison, will run Dec. 9-11, at 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 12 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.

Global Sights Photography Competition's winning entries announced

In celebration of International Education Week, the winning photographs, along with honorable mentions, are on display in the hallway near Beaver Creek Café (Student Center, second floor) through Friday (Nov. 19). Winning submissions are as follows.

Students

- First place "Untitled," in Malta, by Josh Collins, music and art major.
- Second place "City by the Sea," in Portovenere, Italy, by Kyra Hansen, art major.
- Third place "A walk in Angkor Wat," in Siem Reap, Cambodia, by J. Erin Nolan, communication disorders.
- Honorable mention "Roman Ruins," in Rome, by Ashley Krosbakken, business/management information system major.

Faculty and staff

- First place "I can't take it anymore, I'm going to jump!"
 Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris by Andrew Aken, assistant
 professor of business information technology.
- Second place "Farmer's Market," in Kiev, Ukraine, by Om Madhok, professor emeritus (biology).
- Third place "Rio in the Sand," in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, by Rick Heit, social networking specialist, marketing office.
- Honorable mention "Milan Galleria," in Rome, by Andrea Donovan, assistant professor of art and humanities.

Minot State University students, faculty, staff, retirees and alumni should submit photos of their travels abroad in the

future as the Global Sights Photography Contest is an annual occurrence during International Education Week.

MSU receives honor eight years in a row

Minot State University was named an NAIA Champions of Character institution for the eighth consecutive year the NAIA announced Oct. 19.



MSU earned 71 points on the NAIA Champions of Character Scorecard during the 2009-10 season. To receive the award, a school must earn at least 60 points on the Scorecard.

"We are happy to be honored once again as a Champion of Character institution," said MSU Athletic Director Rick Hedberg. "This is an annual goal of our department. Our coaches and student-athletes work hard to achieve this distinction. The core values of integrity, respect, responsibility, servant leadership and sportsmanship are what we attempt to live by each day within our department."

Institutions are measured based on a demonstrated commitment to Champions of Character and earned points in each of the following categories: character training, conduct in competition, academic focus, character recognition and character promotion. Institutions earned points based on exceptional student-athlete grade point averages and by obtaining zero ejections during competition throughout the course of the academic year.

More than 70 percent of NAIA member institutions and 77 percent of member conferences were named to the Five Star list.

Wellness works

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month: lung cancer and tobacco use

According to the North Dakota Cancer Coalition, lung cancer is the leading cancer in both men and women, and the number one cause of lung cancer is smoking. In fact, smoking causes 87 percent of lung-cancer deaths, but even nonsmokers are at risk for lung cancer if they are breathing in secondhand smoke.

Some facts about lung cancer, tobacco and secondhand smoke include:

- In North Dakota, doctors diagnose more than 390 new cases of lung cancer each year.
- Nonsmokers have a 20 to 30 percent greater chance of developing lung cancer when exposed to secondhand smoke at home or work.
- Some concentrations of cancer-causing chemicals are actually higher in secondhand smoke than in the smoke inhaled by smokers.
- Each year, about 3,000 nonsmoking adults die of lung cancer because of breathing secondhand smoke.

 Other than smoking and secondhand smoke exposure, other risk factors for lung cancer include exposure to radon; exposure to asbestos and other toxic chemicals; environmental contamination and a family history of lung cancer.

Although all cases of lung cancer are different, signs and symptoms that may indicate lung cancer include coughing that does not go away; shortness of breath; constant chest pain; coughing up blood; hoarseness; recurrent pneumonia or bronchitis; feeling tired all the time and weight loss with no known cause. If a person has one or more of these symptoms, they should consult with their health care provider.

The NDCC stresses the importance of mentioning that using spit tobacco is not a safe alternative to smoking. It contains 28 known cancer-causing chemicals. Using spit tobacco can greatly increase the risk of developing mouth and throat cancers, so if a smoker switches to spit tobacco to avoid the risk of lung cancer, it is trading one danger for another.

The NDCC also states that lung cancer is the most preventable form of cancer death. If an individual smokes, the most important thing that a person can do to prevent lung cancer is to quit. Contacting the North Dakota Tobacco Quitline, a health care provider or the First District Health Unit's cessation program is the right first step to protecting their lungs.

Anyone wanting to quit smoking or other tobacco use can contact the North Dakota Tobacco Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW. The Quitline offers free telephone counseling a free 28-day supply of the nicotine patches nicotine gum or nicotine lozenges to qualified enrollees.

For questions, contact Caren Barnett, Student Health Center director, at 858-3371 or caren.barnett@minotstateu.edu.

Announcements

International Education Week activities continue

International Education Week, a nationwide effort to prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States, runs through Saturday (Nov. 20). Remaining activities include:

- Wednesday through Friday (Nov. 17-19) Global Sights Photography Contest winning entries are displayed in the Student Center.
- Wednesday (Nov. 17) Kemerly Moorhouse, Spanish instructor, will present "Spanish Teachers' Training Program in Peru." This is a Northwest Arts Center presentation, which will be in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m.
- Thursday (Nov. 18) Passport drive, co-sponsored by the MSU Office of International Programs and the United States Postal Service, in the Multicultural Center, 3-6:30 p.m.

- Saturday (Nov. 20) Curling Bonspiel at the North Dakota State Fairgrounds, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tyson Snelling, Canadian student assistant in the Office of International Programs, organized this event. Come cheer on your team! Contact Snelling for more information at international@ minotstateu.edu.
- Saturday (Nov. 20) International Night sponsored by the International Student Organization, Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 7 p.m. This event will feature food from more than 10 countries, music, dancing, poetry, a fashion show and other entertainment. Admission is free. Contact Boma Brown, International Student Organization president, for further information at boma.brown@my.minotstateu.edu

Additional details on each event can be found at www. minotstateu.edu/international/.

— Libby Claerbout, director of international programs

Continue the 'Red Out' at the Chamber's Showcase of Business

Minot State University will host a booth at the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce's Showcase of Business this Thursday (Nov. 18) from 5 to 8 p.m. The event is at the All Season's Arena. Teresa Loftesnes, director of marketing, invites faculty and staff to team up with her at MSU's booth to share with the public the exceptional stories happening at MSU. This year's theme is "Show Your Team Spirit!" Our Pride of MSU marching band will perform at approximately 5:30 p.m. to energize our school spirit. MSU's booth will exhibit "Catch the Excitement."

If you are not able to work at the booth but plan on attending, wear something red to the event to support MSU's "Red Out" at the showcase.

— Teresa Loftesnes, director of marketing

TLC-Minot needs homestay families

TLC-Minot, the English as a Second Language program at Minot State University, needs homestay families for international students. The students are from various countries around the world — China, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, Ivory Coast, South Korea, etc. They are here an average of four to five months and would like to experience American life while studying English.

They would need a private bedroom but can share bathroom and living spaces. Students will need transportation to and from MSU for class. Classes are held Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. The TLC-Minot office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and MSU buildings are open much earlier and stay open later in case students need to be dropped off or picked up later.

To help cover the cost of transportation and housing, TLC-Minot will pay homestay families \$600 every four weeks.

If individuals are interested or know someone who may be, please call 858-4561 or e-mail bonnie.carrera@minotstateu.edu. The experience of sharing with another culture is priceless.

— Bonnie Carrera, director of TLC-Minot

In the galleries

Nov. 17-Dec. 14 — "At the Bottom of Everything," prints by Eric Johnson, Library Gallery.

Nov. 17-Dec. 23 — "Winter Court," hand-stitched embroidery and letter-press printing by Ann Greenwood, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Calendar

Nov. 17-Dec. 11, 2010

Nov.

- 17 Freezin' for a Reason, Town & Country Center parking lot, noon–9 p.m.
- 17 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam, 9 p.m.
- 17 NAC lecture: "Spanish Teachers' Training Program in Peru," presented by Kemerly Moorhouse, MSU humanities, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- SAC: comedian Arvin Mitchell, Beaver Dam, noon.
- 18 Passport Drive, Multicultural Center, 3 p.m.
- Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
- MSU at the Minot Area Chamber's Business After Hours "Showcase of Business," All Seasons Arena, 5–8 p.m.
- 18 Men's Basketball at Montana Tech, Butte.
- 19 Speech and hearing screening, Memorial Hall 138, 9–11 a.m.
- 19 Beaver athletic luncheon, Sevens Restaurant, noon.
- 19 Women's Basketball vs. University of Manitoba, Minot High School, MCC gymnasium, 7 p.m.
- 19 MSU piano students' recital, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Men's Basketball at Montana State University, Bozeman.
- 20 Graduate School: written comprehensive exams.
- Women's Basketball vs. University of Manitoba, Minot High School, MCC gymnasium, 4 p.m.
- 20 International Night for students, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
- 20 Men's Basketball at Montana State University, Billings.
- Wrestling at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 21 Brass Band of Minot, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.
- 22 Student Government Association, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
- Percussion Ensemble concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 23 International Artist Series, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. University of Montana Western, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 25 Thanksgiving Day, university closed.

- Thanksgiving vacation, university open, no classes.
- 29 NAC lecture: "Ancient Pictographs, Shamans and Ghosts: Close Encounters with the Naxi Tribe on the Sino-Tibetan Borderland," presented by Robert Kibler, MSU humanities, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 30 Small Ensembles concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Dec.

- 1 College of Business Technology Day, Old Main 314 and 316, 8 a.m.
- 1 SAC: Karaoke, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Brown Bag Book Talk: Deb Jensen, teacher education, on "Why Don't Students Like School?" by Daniel Willingham, Olson Library, noon.
- 1 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam, 3 and 9 p.m.
- 1 MSU creativity class recital, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 1-2 Theatre: auditions for "A Doll's House," Aleshire Theater, 4 p.m.
- 2 Student success workshop: "What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?" Old Main 106, 1–1:50 p.m.
- Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
- 2 KMSU Auction, Channel 19, 5 p.m.
- Wrestling vs. University of Regina, Dome, 7 p.m.
- Women's and Men's Basketball at Valley City State University.
- 3 Last day to drop second 8-week classes.
- Men's Club Hockey vs. Dakota College at Bottineau, All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- Women's and Men's Basketball at Jamestown College.
- 4 Cello and Bass Quintet by music students Maggie Byers, Grace Haen, Jamie Israelson, Jonathan Clark and Mark Cuneo, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Wrestling at Minnesota State University–Moorhead.
- 5 "Messiah" concert, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.
- Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Brandon University, Dome, 4 and 6 p.m.
- Graduate School: last day for thesis/project defense if graduating fall semester.
- 6 Student Government Association, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
- 7 Band and choirs concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 SAC: Winter Social, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.
- 8 Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
- 9 Jazz Ensemble concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 9-12 Theatre: Campus Players Christmas production, Aleshire Theater, Thursday-Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m.
- Beaver athletic luncheon, Sevens Restaurant, noon.
- 10 Wrestling at Ridgewater College, Wilmar, Minn.
- 10 Men's Basketball vs. Montana Tech, Dome, 7 p.m.
- Men's Club Hockey vs. North Dakota State University, All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Wrestling at St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, Minn.

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

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