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A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

Two faculty sabbaticals announced

David Fuller, president of Minot State University, recently announced two new sabbatical projects. Linda Olson, chair of the Division of Humanities and professor of art, will receive sabbatical leave for fall semester 2011, while Patti Kurtz, associate professor of English and director of the Writing Center, will receive sabbatical leave for spring semester 2012.

Olson will engage in rock art research activities. Specifically, the Drake native will obtain additional training to become more proficient with three-dimensional imaging



and software currently in use for documentation of rock art sites. The sabbatical will enable her to continue her research and documentation of petroglyphs and pictographs.

"As an engaged artist, scholar and professor, Linda Olson models the qualities we hope our students emulate," said Conrad Davidson, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of communication arts. "In addition, her sabbatical proposal addresses themes of place and preservation of artistic, historical and cultural

heritage, all core values of Vision 2013."

Kurtz plans to revise, research, edit and refine the manuscript of "Dark Enough to See



the Stars." A young-adult historical novel, "Dark Enough to See the Stars" focuses on events before and immediately after the May 31, 1889, flood in Johnstown, Pa., which killed more than 2,200 people. In addition to finishing this manuscript, Kurtz will acquire increased skill and knowledge of the process of composing a historical novel for teens. She will take the skill and knowledge into her writing classrooms.

"Dr. Kurtz has steadily produced quality scholarship in the areas of writing pedagogy and literary biography," Davidson said. "She has also published creative writing as well as served as a literary editor."

The objective of Minot State University's sabbatical program is to support faculty, professional development and scholarly research. The program contributes in new and powerful ways to students, faculty, the university and Vision 2013. The sabbatical proposals were reviewed and evaluated with three criteria categories: demonstrated teaching excellence, advanced professional development within a faculty member's discipline and contribution to Vision 2013.

For more information about the program, contact Selmer Moen, interim vice president for academic affairs, at 858-3310.

New staff aboard

Minot State University would like to welcome one new employee, John Johnson, and introduce him to the campus. Johnson, an electrician with the Office of Facilities Management, previously worked for Larson Electric, Minot. He attended the North

Dec. 16, 2010 PIO update

Ah, the joy of finishing finals week and enjoying a much deserved break!

For many students, this time of the semester is a great and glorious moment of relief and ecstasy. For others, it is a time to wonder if they prepared enough for their finals and hope that their last-minute projects or paper will earn a passing grade!

Either way, a lot of hard work is put into this time of year. And, it's not just the students with a keen interest in finishing the semester.

Long hours put in by both faculty and staff, appropriately serving the students, reaches a climax just before Christmas. Thankfully, the semester break leaves most of us with a few well-deserved days to recharge our creative batteries. I know I'll spend some time tying up loose ends on projects and getting ready for 2011.

Enjoy your holiday break.

— Mark Lyman, director of public information

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Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton for one year and then completed an apprenticeship to become a journeyman electrician. Within the Velva community, he was a city commissioner for six years and currently serves on the golf course board. Johnson and his wife, D'Ann, have two

children, Tricia and Gunnar. For hobbies, he enjoys hunting, ice fishing and golf.

MSU Bookstore offering textbook rental program

Beginning in January 2011, Minot State University Bookstore will give students a new lease on their often budgetfocused, hectic lives by offering a multichannel textbook rental program designed to deliver maximum savings and convenience.

"This innovative textbook rental program will allow students to rent their textbooks for less than 50 percent of the cost of purchasing a new printed textbook," said Sandy Foley, MSU Bookstore manager. "As an added convenience, students will be able to rent their books either in the store or from the store's website. While not every textbook is included in the rental program, more than 100 titles are available to rent this spring."

Minot State and Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, which contracts to manage the campus bookstore, decided jointly to offer a textbook rental program. Whether students are interested in new, used, digital, unbundled or rental books, they can find what they want at the bookstore.

Other program features include:

- Students can pay the rental fees using any form of tender currently accepted by the bookstore (excluding PayPal) including student financial aid and campus debit cards.
 For security purposes, a valid credit card must also be provided regardless of the tender used for the rental fee.
- Students can highlight or mark the rented books just as they would if they purchased a book and planned to sell it back to the bookstore.
- Students can convert their rental to a purchase during the first two weeks of class.
- The rental period is for the duration of the semester. Books are due back by the last day of finals. Students can return books in person or mail them to the bookstore.

Courtesy e-mail messages will go out as the end of the semester approaches reminding students to return their books. Books not returned, or returned in unusable condition, are subject to replacement and processing fees.

Nationally, more than 300 Barnes & Noble College Booksellers college and university bookstores began offering textbook rental programs beginning in fall 2010. In a follow-up survey, more than 90 percent of the students said they would rent from the bookstore again.

For more information about the program or the Minot State University Bookstore, visit minotstateu.bncollege.com.

Boren opens semester's NAC lectures with 'Australia Bound'

Mark Boren, music instructor and brass studies coordinator, will present "Australia Bound" Jan. 12 as part of the Northwest Art Center lecture series. The presentation is about his trip to the 35th annual conference of the International Trumpet Guild in Sydney, Australia. Boren, Angela Orluck, a junior music education major



Mark Rorer

from Minot, and Alyson Gross, a junior music education major from Mandan, represented Minot State University with The Regional Upper Midwest Performance and Educational Trumpet Summit Ensemble (TRUMPETS Ensemble).

In addition to his current position at Minot State, Boren is also currently on faculty at the International Music Camp, Dunseith. He came to MSU in 2007.

Boren received his bachelor's degree in music from Wichita State University, Kan., and his master's in music degree from DePaul University, Chicago.

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 trumpeters Angela Orluck, Mark Boren, Alyson Gross pose in front of the Sydney Opera House.



Mark Boren conducts a performance of TRUMPETS on the Trumpet Prelude Series.

MSU and MACA to bring Doug Talley Quartet to Minot

Minot State University in partnership with the Minot Area Council of the Arts will sponsor the Doug Talley Quartet, a Kansas City-based jazz ensemble, for a two-day residency Jan. 14-15. This residency will culminate with a Jan. 15 concert in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m. The Minot State University Jazz Ensemble will join them at this concert; admission is \$10.

Well respected educators and equally respected jazz musicians, the Doug Talley Quartet will visit Minot-area schools Jan. 14 as part of MACA's Arts in the Schools program from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. That evening at 8 p.m., MSU's Student Government Association will host a jazz jam in the Beaver Dam. The jazz jam, which features the quartet with community and student musicians, is free and open to the public. On Jan. 15, the Doug Talley Quartet will conduct master classes and clinics with MSU music students from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Formed in 1995, the Doug Talley Quartet has compiled four albums of original music and played at numerous jazz festivals and workshops. Doug Talley has also performed in Las Vegas with The Four Freshmen, The Platters and The Diamonds.

Contact Terri Aldrich or Steve Veikley, MACA, at info@minotarts.org for information.

MSU and JCFL sign exchange agreement

Realizing emerging trends in today's global world, David Fuller, president of Minot State University, recently signed an articulation agreement with Japan College of Foreign Language. Under the memorandum of understanding, the two institutions agree to work toward a "two-plus-two" collaboration model, which means courses students complete at JCFL will be accepted by Minot State and will apply toward a four-year degree at MSU.

"The partnership with Japan College of Foreign Languages is a great opportunity for Minot State University to enroll high-caliber students from Japan who have already proven their ability to succeed in university-level courses and who have a high level of English proficiency," said Libby Claerbout, director of international programs. "Students benefit by transferring up to 31 credits towards their general education requirements here at MSU."

Minot State received the opportunity to work with JCFL, a non-profit educational foundation accredited by the Japanese Ministry of Education in 1978 as a vocational college, through The Language Company. JCFL grants two-year associates degrees, and the school was looking to expand the number of its study-abroad partner universities.

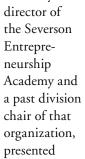
Japanese students will study two years at JCFL and receive a general education associate's degree. English, as a foreign language, is a main component of the two years of study. Students will then transition into the Language Company to enhance their English skills and finally matriculate into Minot State, a TLC-host institution.

Kristen Wood, transfer articulation specialist, worked closely with MSU's academic departments on the coordination of transfer-credit approval. JCFL students may transfer up to 31 credits and receive credit for up to seven general education requirements at MSU.

For additional information, contact Claerbout at 858-4155 or libby.claerbout@minotstateu.edu.

Isaacson shared experiences with business students

Bill Isaacson, Minot State University alumnus, spoke to students Dec. 10 about innovation, intrapreneurship and entrepreneurship. Isaacson, a former 3M executive and inventor of permanent contact lenses, also received an Outstanding Intrepreneurship Award from the Technology and Innovation Division of the Academy of Management. Shawn Carraher,





Isaacson with the national award when Isaacson spoke to a business class.

Isaacson, who now lives in Stanley and has a consulting business, described intrepreneurship as the pursuit of inventions, and Isaacson said 3M possessed a culture that strongly fostered it. He continues to work on new inventions more than 50 years after he attended Minot State.

Underwood High School wins again at MSU Technology Day

Underwood High School, which received the most points for placements in all competitions, won the Sweepstakes Team Traveling Trophy during the Department of Business Information Technology's 13th annual Technology Day. UHS won last year also. Other participating high schools included Berthold, Des Lacs-Burlington, Kenmare, Max, Sawyer, Surrey, TGU Granville, TGU Towner and Westhope.

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

BIT faculty members, business teacher-education students and Phi Beta Lambda members supervised the competition.



MSU faculty and students impact statewide conference

The North Dakota Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance 2010 state conference was held in late



October in Bismarck, where Minot State faculty members and students had a big impact. At the annual recognition and honor awards ceremony, Terry Eckmann, professor of physical education, received the

2010 NDAHPERD Honor Award.

Eckmann is an active member in NDAHPERD and served as president during the 2008-2009 term. In 2007, the Halliday native was named NDAHPERD College/University Teacher of the Year.

MSCOPE students attended the conference providing games and activities that can be used in an elementary physical education setting. This year's MSCOPE presentation was organized by Sara Deutsch, teacher education and human performance adjunct faculty. Eckmann serves as a co-advisor for the Minot State Club of Physical Educators. The club is known for being one of the most active in the state and district.

Jaimie McMullen, assistant professor of physical education, attended the NDAHPERD conference and provided a session on teambuilding activities. McMullen's session focused on the benefits of teambuilding, such as cooperation, communication, decision making, problem-solving and critical thinking.

Eckmann and McMullen presented several workshops during the statewide conference.

NDCPD presents at national AUCD conference

In October, several faculty and staff from the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities at Minot State University participated in the 2010 Association of University Centers on Disabilities annual conference in Crystal City, Va. AUCD is a national network of interdisciplinary centers advancing policy and practice through research, education and services for and with individuals with developmental and other disabilities, their families and communities.

Mary Mercer, community training core coordinator, served as a panel member of Think College mini-grantees for the postsecondary education preconference workshop.

Dawn Olson, consumer liaison, Kari Schmidt, project director for the North Dakota Disability Health Project, and Deb Unruh, Consumer Advisory Council president, participated in poster presentations at the conference. Schmidt spoke about "Diabetes Awareness and Prevention on North Dakota Indian Reservations." Olson and Unruh presented "North Dakota's Example of Exceptional Support;" this presentation highlighted NDCPD receiving national recognition for support of its CAC.

While at the conference, Olson was elected co-chair of the Council on Community Advocacy, and Unruh became COCA secretary. Both were elected to three-year terms. COCA comprises Consumer Advocacy Council members from each University Center of Excellence across the AUCD network. COCA assists AUCD to advance policy and practice for and with people with disabilities, their families and communities.



Kari Schmidt presents at the AUCD conference

Chamber of Commerce sponsors legislative forums

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee will once again host Saturday Legislative Forums. The first begins Jan. 15 at the Minot Municipal Auditorium Room 201, 9 a.m.

The forums give those attending a chance to meet with Minot legislators and ask questions. The format includes a moderator who asks questions submitted in writing by the audience. Each session runs from 9 to 11 a.m. at the auditorium.

The remaining schedule is as follows:

- Jan. 22, Room 201.
- Jan. 29, Room 201.
- Feb. 5, Room 201.
- Feb. 12, Room 201.
- Feb. 19, Room 201.
- March 12, Room 201.
- March 26, Room 201.
- April 9, Room 201.

Wellness works

Hand washing is everyone's first line of defense against germs. Hand washing seems like an effortless hygienic routine, but many people tend to forget this very important practice. Washing one's hands with warm soapy water for at least 15 seconds prevents various forms of contamination.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, if individuals do not wash their hands frequently, they can pick up germs from other sources and then infect themselves. Everyone is at risk every time they touch their eyes, nose or mouth. In fact, one of the most common ways people catch colds is by rubbing their noses or their eyes after the cold virus has gotten on their hands.

If people do not wash their hands frequently, especially when they are sick, they can spread germs directly to other people or onto surfaces that others touch. And before long, everyone is coming down with something!

Think about all of the things that a person touches in a day — from the telephone to the toilet. Maybe they blew their nose or played with their dog. Whatever individuals do, they come into contact with germs. So it is easy for germs on people's hands to end up in their mouths (for example, when they scarfed candy from their colleague's desk).

By frequently washing their hands the right way, people will wash away germs — such as bacteria and viruses — that they picked up from other people, through contaminated water and food, from tainted surfaces or from animals and animal waste.

Everyone should wash their hands:

- After using the bathroom.
- After blowing their nose or coughing.
- Before eating, serving or preparing food.
- After touching pets or other animals.
- After outdoor activities.
- Before and after visiting anyone who is sick.
- When their hands are dirty.
- After changing a diaper.

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

Faculty, staff and student achievements

The Health Resources and Services Administration invited Brent Askvig, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities executive director, to be a speaker for its national Webinar "Children and Youth with Special Health Needs in Rural Communities" Nov. 17. Askvig presented "Technologybased Services in a Rural State."

Announcements

'President's Report' correction

In the monument sign article of the "President's Report: July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010," Mattson Construction was incorrectly identified as the builder of the monument sign. Rolac Contracting, Minot, built the monument sign.

— Mark Lyman, director of public information

Nine to compete in Staff Senate Holiday **Decorating Contest**

Nine Minot State University offices, departments, clubs, programs or individuals are competing in the holiday decorating contest. The entries are the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning, Club Biology, the College of Business, the Department of Communication Disorders, Information Technology Central, the Minot Infant Development Program, the MSU Post Office, the Student Health and Development Center and Rosie Winczewski, from math and computer

Judging will be Friday (Dec. 17) from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The winner will be announced before Friday's end, and the victor will receive bragging rights and a priceless traveling trophy.

— Staff Senate Holiday Decorating Contest Committee

Applications for the Staff Senate Scholarship are available

The criteria and application forms for the Minot State University Staff Senate Scholarship are available at www. minotstateu.edu/stfsenat/pdf/ss_scholarship.pdf.

The endowment fund's purpose is to assist staff or their dependents in their educational pursuits at MSU. The deadline to submit applications to Merri Jo Connole in the Office of Financial Aid is Jan. 14.

For questions, contact staffsenate@minotstateu.edu or a Staff Senate representative.

— MSU Staff Senate Scholarship Committee

Distinguished Lifetime Educator Award nominations due Feb. 1

Nominations for the Minot State University Distinguished Lifetime Educator Award must be received by Cheryl Nilsen, Faculty Senate president, no later than Feb. 1. The nominator is to submit a letter of nomination and three accompanying letters of support. All nominations are presented to Faculty Senate for

consideration. Formal recognition of any selected nominations will occur at the April 7 Employee Appreciation Banquet.

Awarding of the Distinguished Lifetime Educator Award is based on the following criteria:

- The nominee must have made significant contributions to Minot State University during employment at MSU.
- The nominee must have been retired from Minot State University for a minimum of five years. The MSU Faculty Senate may waive this requirement at its discretion.
- The nominee must exhibit evidence of outstanding contributions and ongoing commitment to MSU postemployment.

If you know of a deserving retired MSU faculty member, please consider submitting a nomination. For questions, contact 858-3106 or cheryl.nilsen@minotstateu.edu.

— Cheryl Nilsen, Faculty Senate president

Salvation Army needs gifts for teenagers

This year, the Salvation Army toy distribution will take place Dec. 23 at the MSU Dome from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Salvation Army annually gives out Christmas gifts to parents who could not otherwise afford gifts for their children. And each year, the Salvation Army does not have enough teenage-appropriate gifts for that age group. Those who donate gifts love to donate toys for children under age 10 (which is really great), but the teenagers are often forgotten.

Some of the more popular teenage gifts each year include: Axe body spray, makeup, brand-name clothes, hats, mittens, scarves, books, perfume, razors, etc. These teenagers are not asking for Wii games or iPods, they are asking for things you and I take for granted on a regular basis.

If you would like to donate any teenage items to this great cause, please bring them to Teresa Loftesnes, marketing director, in Student Center 309 or myself in Student Center 302 by Friday (Dec. 17). Thanks for your help during this holiday season! Merry Christmas!

For questions, contact 858-3373 or tawnya.bernsdorf@minotstateu.edu.

— Tawnya Bernsdorf, director of alumni relations and annual giving

Grants for international initiatives available

Funding is available for Minot State University departments, faculty, staff and students to support projects that will enhance internationalization at MSU. Opportunities include, but are not limited to, institutional partnership building, faculty research, development of international group-study opportunities, international student/scholar support and internationalization of the curriculum. Proposals must

demonstrate the ways in which student learning will be directly affected and describe the long-term benefits for the general campus community. Grants can be sought for up to \$2,000. To apply for an International Initiatives Grant, all applicants should refer to these grant guidelines, www. minotstateu.edu/academic/pdf/Vision2013FundingPriority-InternationalizingtheCampus24FEB10.pdf. The application deadline is Jan.15, 2011, and funds must be dispersed by June 15, 2011.

Study Abroad participation is also supported through this grant program by way of financial awards to individual students. Awards will range from \$200 to \$500 for an individual summer program or faculty-led study tour, \$1000-\$1500 for a semester program and \$1500-\$2000 for an academic year-long program. Study-abroad participants seeking a scholarship should refer to the Study Abroad Scholarship Application, www.minotstateu. edu/international/pdf/StudyAbroadScholarshipApplication.pdf. The application deadline is Jan. 15, 2011.

For more information, contact at 858-4155 or libby. claerbout@minotstateu.edu.

— Libby Claerbout, director of international programs

In the galleries

Dec. 16-23 — "Winter Court," hand-stitched embroidery and letterpress printing by Ann Greenwood, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Dec. 28-Feb. 6 — Best of Show "Americas 2010: Paperwork," by Art Werger, Athens, Ohio, Library Gallery.

The public reception for Best of Show "Americas 2010: Paperworks" by Werger in Library Gallery is Jan. 19, 6:30–8 p.m.

Calendar

Dec. 16, 2010-Jan. 30, 2011

Dec.

- 16-17 Final exams for second 8-week classes.
- Women's Basketball vs. University of Montana Western, Dome, 6 p.m.
- 17 Graduate School: last day to submit five copies of thesis/project if graduating fall semester.
- 17 CONNECT for spring 2010 new students by invitation, Student Center, 8 a.m.
- 17 Men's Basketball at Carroll College, Helena, Mont.
- 18 Women's Basketball at Montana State University-Billings.
- 18 Men's Basketball at University of Montana Western, Dillon.
- Grades must be entered by noon.
- 21 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- Lorie Line concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Weight Management Club, Souris Room, 8:30 a.m.
- 24 Christmas Day holiday, university closed.

28-29	Women's Basketball at Warner Southern Tournament,	14	Doug Talley Jazz Jam, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.
	Lake Wales, Fla.	15	Men's Club Hockey vs. University of Oklahoma, All
28-30	Men's Basketball at Wesman Classic, Winnipeg,		Seasons Arena, 2 p.m.
	Manitoba.	15	Doug Talley Jazz Quartet, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
28-Feb. 6 NAC exhibit: Best of Show "Americas 2010:		15	Wrestling at Dickinson State University.
	Paperwork," by Art Werger, Athens, Ohio, Library	17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day, university closed.
	Gallery.	19	NAC public reception for Best of Show "Americas
31	New Year's Day holiday, university closed.		2010: Paperworks" by Art Werger, Athens, Ohio,
			Library Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m.
Jan. 2011		19	Wrestling at Dickinson State University.
4	Men's Basketball vs. Briercrest College, Dome, 7 p.m.	20	Last day to add 16-week class.
7	CONNECT orientation and registration by invitation,	21	Women's and Men's Basketball at South Dakota School
/	all 858-3350, Nelson Hall.		of Mines and Technology, Rapid City, S.D.
7	Beaver athletic luncheon, Sevens Restaurant, noon.	21-22	Men's Club Hockey at University of Arizona.
<i>7</i> 7	Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Dakota State	22	Women's and Men's Basketball at Black Hills State
/	University, Dome, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.		University, Spearfish, S.D.
8	Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Mayville State	22	Wrestling at Jamestown College.
O	University, Dome, 4 and 6 p.m.	24	Student Government Association, Westlie Room,
8	Wrestling at Ridgewater College open, Wilmar, Minn.		7 p.m.
10	First 8-week classes begin.	24-25	Men's Club Hockey at Arizona State University.
10	Classes begin at 4 p.m.	26	Financial Aid Disbursement and Spring Tuition Due.
11	16-week classes begin.	26	Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Jamestown College,
12	NAC lecture: "Australia Bound," presented by Mark		Dome, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
12	Boren, MSU Division of Music, Aleshire Theater,	26	Wrestling at University of Regina, Saskatchewan.
	7 p.m.	28	Beaver athletic luncheon, Sevens Restaurant, noon.
12	Women's and Men's Basketball at Dickinson State	29	Minot Symphony Orchestra Concert Lecture, Nelson
	University.		Hall, 6:30 p.m.
13	Last day to add first 8-week class.	29	Minot Symphony Orchestra, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
13	Women's and Men's Basketball at University of North	30	Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Valley City State
	Dakota, Grand Forks.		University, Dome, 4 and 6 p.m.
14	Men's Club Hockey vs. University of Oklahoma, All		
	Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.		
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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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