



MSU wins against flood waters



The Souris River reached a crest of 1,561.72 feet at 11 p.m. on June 26. Minot State University reopened July 5 after fighting off the flood waters of the “Mighty Mouse.”

MSU’s dry and beautiful campus is bustling with activity. The Beaver Creek Café remodel, College for Kids, athletic camps and Summer Theatre continue. Construction crews will be drilling holes for phase one of MSU’s geothermal conversion, the football stadium fitted with new stadium seats, steel beams are in place to form the foundation for the new Wellness Center and the residence halls provide respite for emergency and cleanup crews.

Minot State’s campus, buildings and services were spared. The university is preparing to start classes and host many events and activities in the fall semester.

Area educators attending NPWP

More than 20 North Dakota educators are on both Minot State University’s campus and in Bismarck for MSU’s annual Northern Plains Writing Project Summer Institute and Advanced Summer Institute. The Summer Institute runs July 5-29, while the Advanced Summer Institute is from July 5 to 22. NPWP is in its eighth year of instruction.

“The Writing Project is an intense experience for many teachers. Each year, teachers from across the state come together to discuss what they do in the classroom, experience the joy of writing and share educational theories and practices that shape and improve what they do with students that build their students’ writing,” said Ron Fischer, associate professor of English and NPWP co-director. “The daylong activities really help them bond and build a network that lasts throughout the year.”

“After teachers go back to their schools, a change begins. They start to teach and interact with their students differently. As a result, the students end up benefiting the most.”

As one of two National Writing Projects sites in North Dakota, NPWP receives funding from the university, the state and the federal government. This year, stipends pay for a majority of the teachers’ tuition, credits and housing. All 200 Writing Project sites across the nation bring about educational reform by following the model of “teachers teaching teachers.”

July 13, 2011

PIO update

Recent events have irrevocably changed the lives of many. Everyone who lives, works or shops in this community has been touched by the flood. The lucky ones have relatives, colleagues or friends in the flood plain. The less fortunate were victims of the rising waters at home, at work or both.

Minot State University sits at the edge of what became known as “Beaver Dam.” Were it not for quick assessment, calculated planning and 24-hour vigilance, the campus would have also fallen victim to the flood.

Without MSU’s dike, it is estimated the water would have made it to the steps of Old Main, taking out the residence halls, Model Hall, facilities management and ITC, causing massive economic damage far beyond campus grounds.

Thank you facilities management and ITC for your personal sacrifices and behind-the-scenes efforts to keep MSU dry, safe and functioning. And, thank you countless numbers of volunteers for your selfless giving. These generous acts contributed to MSU’s service to its students, employees and community.

— Susan Ness, public information
director

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Front row, left to right: Sandra Sherlock and her dog Eddy, Towner; Ashley Griffey, Minot; Laura Untz, Minot; Ashley Seykora, Towner; Ron Fischer, Minot. Back row, left to right: Tara Jordan, Minot; Tyler Hancock, Minot; Sam Kitzenberg, Williston; Susan Devine, Bismarck; Matt Nelson, Minot; and Chad Gifford, Minot.

On July 11, the Minot Summer and Advanced Institutes hosted a visitor's lunch, where NPWP participants invited colleagues.

On Wednesday afternoon (July 13), the Minot Institutes and the Bismarck Institute met at Fort Stevens, Garrison. They had a picnic, social and open-mic session.

In June, NPWP in conjunction with MSU's College for Kids offered student writing classes.

For further information about NPWP, contact Fischer at 858-3174 or ron.fischer@minotstateu.edu.

Minot State advances to NCAA Provisional member

Officials at Minot State University were informed July 8 the university was granted National College Athletic Association Division II Provisional member status by the governing body.



MSU will spend this year as a provisional member of the NCAA and looks to complete the four-year process in July 2012. MSU will be an NCAA Division II independent for the upcoming school year, but it has been selected as a member of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference beginning in the 2012-13 school year.

"The NCAA personnel who called indicated that they view Minot State University as a very solid DII institution," said Rick Hedberg, athletic director. "That's exciting to hear because our entire campus has worked very hard at this process. Our coaches, student-athletes and everyone across campus have done a wonderful job of embracing this move. Their attention to the requirements of the NCAA during this transition has been outstanding and the committee was very aware of that."

The university began the transition to NCAA Division II rules and regulations during its second year of candidacy but will now be required to meet all regulations and abide by all rules during the provisional status. MSU will also be required to

submit any violations to the Northern Sun office. The university will go through a compliance blue print review this fall, serving as a follow-up to the NCAA membership committee site visit that took place in April.

"This is one more step toward Minot State University realizing its goals within Vision 2013 on becoming a premier institution in the Great Plains," Hedberg said. "This is an exciting final step in our transition."

New staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes three new employees, Tara Bjornson, Kathy Neshem and B. Belinda Strotheide.

Bjornson, an alumna, is the Healthy Communities International project assistant for the Tobacco Policy and Environmental Change Collaborative. She was formerly employed by Minot's McGee Law Firm. She earned an associate degree in criminal justice from Dawson Community College, Glendive, Mont., and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from MSU. She will complete a master's degree in forensic psychology from the University of North Dakota in August. She volunteers at the Domestic Violence Crisis Center. Bjornson and her husband Shane and their two dogs enjoy camping and fishing.



Bjornson



Neshem

Neshem, is an administrative assistant in the Office of the Registrar. She worked at Ryan Chevrolet in Minot before joining MSU. Neshem, her husband and their four children, Liz, Kenzi, Emma and Kaleb, live on a farm west of Minot. She loves to read and attend her children's activities.

Strotheide, the Great Plains Center for Community Research and Service grants coordinator, was previously a grants coordinator at St. Alexius Medical Center in Bismarck. She possesses an associate degree from Southwestern Oregon Community College, Coos Bay, Ore., and a bachelor's degree in merchandising management from Oregon State University, Corvallis. She served as a founding board member of Green Country Arts, a member of the Humanities Council, a vice chair of REAP Investment Board and the treasurer for Bay Area Together for Youth and Community Coalition. Michael Strotheide, her husband, is an alumnus.

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

There are two stops left on Minot State University's sixth annual "Summer Friend-Raising Golf Tour." On Tuesday (July 19), the golf tour stops in Garrison at the Garrison Golf Club. Kenmare follows on Aug. 4.

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

Prizes will be awarded at each event.

Optional meals and refreshments are provided by the course. Golfers are responsible for their own green fees and cart rentals. Transportation from Minot State 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.

The golf tour is sponsored by MSU Alumni Association, Advancement Office, Athletic Department and the Marketing Office. Call the MSU Advancement Office with questions or to register at 858-3890 or 1-800-777-0750, ext. 3890, or visit the website, www.minotstateu.edu/alumni.

Davidson to direct 'My Fair Lady'



Conrad Davidson, professor of communication arts, will direct the musical "My Fair Lady" July 21-25. Based on George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion" and the book and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner and music by Frederick Loewe, the story concerns Eliza Doolittle, a Cockney flower girl who takes speech lessons from Professor Henry Higgins, a phoneticist, so she may pass as a proper lady.

"Don't Dress for Dinner," which will be a fundraiser, is rescheduled for Aug. 25-27 in Aleshire Theater. Paula Lindekugel, associate professor of communication arts, will direct this farce.

"My Fair Lady" is 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 may be made by calling the Summer Theatre box office at 858-3228.

JCEMP and InC Graduation Celebration slated for July 27

In a unique graduation celebration, Minot State University will honor 20 graduates in two programs in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall on July 27, 2-4 p.m. Fourteen students from the Job Corps Executive Management Program and six students from the Intercultural Cohort Program will earn a Master of Science degree. A reception will immediately follow the event.

The guest speakers this year, Cadd Rosborough and Martin Dahl, represent alumni of the first cohort in both groups. Rosborough, a fellow in the inaugural JCEMP cohort, came to the program as the business community liaison at the St. Louis Job Corps Center. She presently serves as center director at the Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Center in Tucson, Ariz. Dahl enrolled in the first InC cohort in 2007. He joined 15 students from China, two from East India and nine domestic students. He is currently the McLean Electric Cooperative's chief executive officer and general manager.

MSU and Job Corps collaborated to create the JCEMP, the only program of its kind. The 2011 graduating class is the program's 10th group of junior to mid-level Job Corps managers who aspire to be center directors; they come from Job Corps Centers across the country. They will possess master's degrees in management or information systems. A U.S. Department of Labor earmark sponsored by former North Dakota Senator Byron Dorgan funds the JCEMP.

"This is another excellent year. The students have formed a bond that will last their entire Job Corps careers and their lives," said Lorraine Willoughby, director of JCEMP and professor of business information technology. "These fellows not only survived the course work but also survived the historic Mouse River flood. This is a testament to their determination to not let anything stop them from succeeding. I am very pleased to have the opportunity to share MSU, the College of Business and North Dakota with this excellent group of fellows."

In InC's on-campus version of the Master of Science in management program, 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 cultures 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 cultures."

2011 JCEMP fellows in the Master of Science in management are:

- Christopher Allen; San Jose, Calif., San Jose Job Corps Center
- Sarah Bossie; Caribou, Maine, Loring Job Corps Center
- Amy Briggs; Roswell, N.M., Roswell Job Corps Center

- Laura Goldie; Grand Junction, Colo., Colorado/Wyoming OA/CTS
 - Peter McCarthy; Newport, Ore., Angell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center
 - Thomas Piper; Lamar, Colo., Albuquerque Job Corps Center
 - Kathryn Quin-Easter, Caribou, Maine, Loring Job Corps Center
 - Amy Ralph, Minot, N.D., Quentin N. Burdick Job Corps Center
 - Scott Scifres, Laona, Wis., Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center
 - Todd Skocki; York, Pa., Woodstock Job Corps Center
 - Cassie Thompson; Ham Lake, Minn., Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center
 - Ashley Willey; Ogden, Utah, Weber Basin Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center
- 2011 JCEMP fellows in the Master of Science in information systems include:
- Michael Jones; Antigo, Wis., Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center
 - Agrein Otis; Detroit, Mich., Detroit Job Corps

Graduates of the InC in the Master of Science in management are:

- Ashley Henry; Malta, Mont.
- Aymone Kouame; Abidjan, Ivory Coast
- Doriane Kouame; Abidjan, Ivory Coast
- Michael O'Dwyer; Innisfail, Alberta
- Ogochukwu Udekwe; Minot, N.D.
- Jonelle Watson, Minot, N.D.

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

Mark your calendars

Additional details are forthcoming, but save these dates:

- Aug. 15-16 — New faculty orientation
- Aug. 17 — President's Convocation
- Aug. 17 — MSU Fall Kickoff Celebration
- Aug. 18 — Move-in Day
- Sept. 18-24 — Homecoming Week

First NDUS staff advisor named to SBHE

The North Dakota University System Staff Senate has appointed Janice Hoffarth, an administrative assistant in the University of North Dakota Department of Music, to serve as the first staff advisor to the State Board of Higher Education.



Hoffarth

Approved by the 2011 Legislative Assembly, HB 1213 provides for the addition of a non-voting staff advisor to the SBHE. Hoffarth will serve a one-year term ending June 30, 2012.

"North Dakota University System staff members are integral to the success of higher education in our state," said Jon Backes, SBHE president. "The staff voice will be a valuable addition to our board discussions. We welcome Janice Hoffarth as the first staff advisor to the board."

An Esmond native, Hoffarth was one of six statewide winners of the 2010 Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service. She was the 2008-09 UND Staff Senate president. That same year, she was elected the first president of the SSS, which was convened in 2008 with the approval of Chancellor Bill Goetz. Each of the 11 campuses has at least one SSS representative. The group represents more than 8,000 full and part-time NDUS employees.

Hoffarth will join John Girard, Minot State University professor of business administration and business information technology, as an advisor to the board. On July 1, Girard began his second one-year term as the non-voting faculty advisor to the SBHE. He recently was reappointed to this position by the NDUS Council of College Faculties. A third campus representative also serves on the board; a student from one of the 11 NDUS campuses will be named by Gov. Dalrymple to serve for the 2011-12 term. As an appointee of the governor, the student representative is a voting member of the board.



Girard

Minot State saddened by death of Wiley Wilson

Minot State University athletics lost one of its most storied coaches June 15 with the death of longtime track and field and cross country coach Wiley Wilson.

Wilson was a head coach at MSU from 1968 until 1997. He guided 17 NDCAC Conference and District Championship teams in track and field as well as cross country. During his tenure at MSU, he mentored 10 NAIA All-Americans and 240 individual conference and district titles. He was elected into the Minot State Hall of Fame in 1998.

Wilson was born in Tennessee in 1931, but he grew up in Stanton. Wilson attended Dickinson State University and served four years of service in the U.S. Air Force before earning an undergraduate degree at DSU. He earned his master's degree in physical education from the University of North Dakota and then began teaching and coaching in the northwest part of the state.

In 1965, Wilson began working at Minot Model High School and within three years was at the helm of the track and field teams at Minot State. He reinstated cross country at MSU a year after coming to the university.

A funeral service was held June 18 in Fargo. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to the Wiley Wilson Endowment Fund at Minot State University. Memorials can be sent to the Advancement Office.

Northwest Art Center receives arts grant

To provide regional arts programming, Art Friends of the Northwest Art Center secured a \$7,355 institutional support grant by the North Dakota Council on the Arts.

The Institutional Support program benefits artists, arts organizations and the general public. The program provides general support for qualifying arts and cultural organizations that have proven they have strong management and leadership, quality artistic programming and services, and are an important part of the arts infrastructure in their communities.

The grant will provide funds for the Northwest Art Center's two galleries, the Hartnett Hall Gallery and Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery. It will also finance programming for the Northwest Art Center lecture series.

"The Northwest Art Center is a valuable educational and cultural resource for northwest North Dakota," Avis Veikley, Northwest Art Center director, said. "School groups from throughout the area take field trips to our galleries, and our lecture series draws audiences from the community at large as well as the university."

The galleries focus on exhibitions by contemporary artists. About 20 exhibits are presented each year, featuring a cross section of local, regional and national talent. Lecture series speakers include university faculty, regional lecturer, and visiting scholars. All exhibitions and lectures are free and open to the public.

For questions, contact 858-3264 or avis.veikley@minotstateu.edu.

Faculty, staff and student achievements

At the North Dakota Alpha Omicron State Delta Kappa Gamma convention held in Minot June 10-11, Minot State University faculty members were elected to state offices:

Rebecca Anhorn, teacher education and human performance, state president; **Jan Repnow**, business, secretary; and **Elaine Larson**, TEHP, treasurer. Their terms are for the 2011-2013 biennium

The American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists named **Chris Beachy**, professor of biology, as the new editor of *Copeia*. A major journal in its field since 1913, *Copeia* publicizes original research in which fish, amphibians or reptiles serve as study organisms. As editor, Beachy will supervise an editorial staff of 17, which publishes editions quarterly.

Lynda Opp, admissions coordinator, received an Eagle Award pin and certificate July 12. The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce initiated the Eagle Award program to recognize Minot area employees who display excellence in customer service.

Announcements

CONNECTIONS meeting for faculty and staff slated for July 26

There will be a meeting on July 26 for Minot State University faculty and staff who are interested in participating in CONNECTIONS, the second part of the orientation process for all new first-year students and transfer students. The meeting will be in Old Main 103 from 10 to 11 a.m. All information regarding format for CONNECTIONS and faculty and staff roles in this process will be explained during this meeting.

CONNECTIONS will be Aug. 18-22. CONNECTIONS assists students in finding the essential resources to succeed as an MSU student. CONNECTIONS also facilitates connecting with faculty, staff and current students, as well as other first-year students at MSU.

The Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning will also have several opportunities for CONNECTIONS groups to assist local community members through service projects. This is a time for the campus community to welcome new members of the MSU family and help them with the transition to college life.

For questions, contact 858-3177 or beth.odahlen@minotstateu.edu.

—Beth Odahlen, CETL director

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For questions, contact 858-3199 or linda.benson@minotstateu.edu.

—Susan Ness, director of public information

E-waste pick-up timeframe set for Aug. 1

Minot State University will again participate in the free Apple Recycling promotion. The tentative pick-up week will be Aug. 1. If departments have unusable electronic equipment, such as computers, monitors and televisions, Information Technology Central and facilities management staff will pick up those items. All e-waste items must be MSU-owned and have a completed Change of Inventory form. No personal e-waste is allowed under this free program. A tentative deadline has been set for the last week of July to allow time to palletize and shrink wrap any remaining items.

Please participate. Contact the Help Desk at 858-4444 or submit a work-order request to helpdesk@minotstateu.edu.

—Cathy Horvath, director of information technology

Summer session deadline to enter grades is Aug. 8

Due to questions concerning deadlines and posting grades for this summer, the deadline to post grades is extended to Aug. 8. Grades will be posted shortly thereafter. Reminder email messages about submitting grades will be sent in the last week of July.

This late posting allows the flexibility to complete courses which may need more time to conclude. For questions or if faculty members would prefer to have their grades posted sooner, enter all course grades and email rebecca.porter@minotstateu.edu with the course name, catalog number and course number.

—*Rebecca Porter, registrar*

In the galleries

July 13-21 — “Dis/Illusioned,” paintings by MSU senior Sharonda Fudge, Hartnett Hall 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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