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Alumnus Robert Boyd returns to Minot State

Robert Boyd, retired University of North Dakota vice president for student and outreach services, will return to Minot State University Monday (Nov. 21) as part of the Distinguished Alumni Series. During his visit, he will interact with MSU students, faculty and staff, community members and middle school children.

“I am honored to be asked to return to Minot State University as part of its Distinguished Alumni Series. I am proud to be a graduate of MSU and appreciate how it provided the foundation for a 45-year career in education,” Boyd said.

The Rock Lake native graduated from MSU with a bachelor’s degree in mathematics education in 1964. He also holds master’s and doctoral degrees from UND. Boyd served as vice president at UND for 13 years. Prior to that, he was dean of outreach program for 19 years. Before joining UND, he taught mathematics in Mohall (1964-67) and Minot (1969-73). In both cities, he was named “Young Outstanding Educator” by their Junior Chamber of Commerce groups. In 1973, he became an assistant principal at Minot High School’s newly opened Magic City Campus, and he served as its principal from 1976 to 1978.

At UND, Boyd ran the "virtual" university established in the immediate aftermath of the Grand Forks Flood of '97. He then chaired the Exigency Task Force on Enrollment to help return UND to its pre-flood headcount. In 1998, he was chosen to lead the newly reconstituted Division of Student and Outreach Services. President Emeritus Charles Kupchella named Boyd to chair UND's Quasiquicentennial, the celebration of 125 years. Meanwhile, Boyd led his own vice presidential division to a level of excellence often noted through national awards. In 2010, President Robert Kelley appointed him transition officer to oversee the retirement of the UND nickname and logo.

Boyd possesses expertise in the areas of leadership, organizational change, planning and ethics. From the state of North Dakota, he received the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Public Service. The Grand Forks-East Grand Forks Area Chamber of Commerce gave him the Henry Havig Award, its highest honor. Professionally, he received the prestigious Julius M. Nolte Award for Extraordinary Leadership from the University Continuing Education Association, now the University Professional and Continuing Education Association.

For questions, contact Boyd at robertboyd@mail.und.edu or Sharon Ervin Johnson, alumni volunteer, at srej@min.midco.net.



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PIO update

The Souris River Flood changed the face of our community, without regard to age, race or socioeconomic status. Suddenly, those needing help, for whatever reason, are our families, our neighbors, our friends, our colleagues, ourselves. This week, there are two activities that deserve repeated mention and hopefully inspire everyone to participate on some level.

Today (Nov. 16) from noon to 9 p.m., the Minot State University Student Social Work Organization will be “freezin’” in the Town & Country Center parking lot to commemorate National Hunger and Homelessness Week. “Freezin’ for a Reason” is asking that we donate non-perishable food items such as peanut butter, canned tuna and canned meat, as well as paper goods or cash.

If cold isn’t your thing, then today through Friday (Nov. 16-18), the MSU Rotaract Club is sponsoring a winter clothing drive for children K-6. “Giving Warmth to the Heart” boxes are situated around campus ready to collect winter coats, hats, gloves and mittens.

Emerson said it best: “It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.”

— Susan Ness,
public information director

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SSWO 'Freezin' for a Reason' in Minot and Bismarck

The Minot State University Student Social Work Organization and Minot Area Homeless Coalition are sponsoring "Freezin' for a Reason" at Minot's Town & Country Center parking lot Wednesday (Nov. 16) from noon to 9 p.m. In Bismarck, MSU SSWO and Bismarck Area Homeless Coalition are holding "Freezin' for a Reason" at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church parking lot Friday (Nov. 18) from 4 p.m. to midnight.

"Homelessness is a huge concern for the Minot area, especially now more than ever due to our recent flood, which has left hundreds homeless and hungry," said Jessica Wright, a senior social work major.

The participants stand in the cold and "freeze" to experience homelessness firsthand. Individuals can participate by dropping off food or monetary contributions at the parking lots or by "freezing" with the MSU SSWO members. The homeless coalitions and MSU SSWO are holding the events as part of the National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, Nov. 14-20.

"Homelessness is of growing problem in the Minot and Bismarck communities, and we hope that this project will help to raise awareness of the problem," said Amanda Fetzer, a senior social work major in Bismarck.

For questions about the Minot event, contact Debra DeWitz, SSWO faculty advisor in Minot, at 858-4259 or debra.dewitz@minotstateu.edu or SSWO members at sswo@minotstateu.edu. For questions about the Bismarck event, contact Shelly Paul, SSWO faculty advisor in Bismarck, or Fetzer at 701-516-2974 or amanda.fetzer@my.minotstateu.edu.

Dakota Chamber Music Scholars take to the road

Since 1996, Dakota Chamber Music has trained musicians of all ages how to perform chamber music repertoire. The weeklong DCM Institute held each June at Minot State University has attracted participants from New Jersey to British Columbia. To further DCH's impact, music professors Erik Anderson and Jon Rumney developed the "Dakota Chamber Music Scholars" project.

Dakota Chamber Music Scholars received funding from the Great Plains Center for Community Research and Service, allowing one student string quartet training in performance and presentation. The student musicians then travel and share their love of chamber music in an "informance" format: an informative, outreach performance for young musicians in area schools. Dakota Chamber Music Scholars will perform excerpts and lead discussions that expand public school students' musical experience.

Performances are scheduled for music classes in Devils Lake and in Minot at the Ramstad Middle School orchestra class.

If schools have music programs and want the Dakota Chamber Music Scholars to perform for the students, they should call Rumney at 858-3304 for more information.



MSU NOTSTOCK and 'Beaver' art eBay auction garners \$600

Combining talent and creativity, NOTSTOCK co-organizer Bill Harbort and renowned illustrator, Monster Engine artist and NOTSTOCK guest Dave DeVries developed a fundraiser to benefit a flood-impacted family. The idea united MSU's beaver mascot and elementary students' "Monster Beaver" or "Beaver Rebuilding Minot" drawings with DeVries' Monster Engine interpretations. Almost \$600 was raised for a family of eight.

After reading about the auction on Facebook, an art alumnus bought the original acrylic "Monster Beaver" for \$400. A Minot resident bought the pen-and-ink "Beaver Rebuilding Minot" for more than \$125. The remaining funds came from free-will offerings during DeVries' NOTSTOCK visit.

NDCPD seeks public input

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities at Minot State University seeks input for its five-year plan of work and invites North Dakota residents to complete a survey to help prioritize goals and activities. The survey



can be completed online or in another format with responses accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 28.

The Administration on Developmental Disabilities at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services requires NDCPD to develop a five-year plan. In preparation for the 2012-2017 plan, NDCPD asks for input on potential activities related to services, research, education, community training and information dissemination for persons with developmental disabilities in North Dakota.

To help NDCPD understand what North Dakotans view as its most important work in the next five years, individuals can complete an online survey. On the NDCPD website, ndcpd.org/, participants should click on the "Share Your Voice" banner in the center of the webpage to link to the survey. The survey consists of only two questions.

Individuals unable to complete the online survey, or who simply prefer an alternate format, may contact NDCPD by calling toll-free (800)233-1737 or emailing ndcpd@minotstateu.edu.

Individuals and organizations may also submit written comments and suggestions to: North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, 500 University Ave. W., Minot, N.D., 58707.

Welcome new faculty and staff

MSU welcomes two new employees, Michael Klemp and Sarah Barron.

Klemp, a custodian in the Dome, is returning to MSU and facilities management. Previously, he worked for Diversified Maintenance in Minot. He and his wife, Polly, have a son, Trevor.



Klemp

Barron is the athletics business and operations manager. Before moving to Minot, she worked for Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP in Charlotte, N.C. She holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance and a master's degree in professional accountancy from Clemson University, S.C. She enjoys all sports, particularly Clemson Tiger athletics. She and Fike, her miniature dachshund, are also Atlanta Braves fans



Barron



Veterans honored

As part of a Nov. 10 Native American veteran's presentation, the Myron Johnson/Nathan Goodiron VFW Post 271 Honor Guard, Mandaree, presented the flags and staff. They invited David Klassy, Minot State University Veteran Center director, to participate.

The MSU Veterans Center also sponsored a veterans program later that day.

'Whale Rider' closes International Film Series

The 2011-2012 Minot State University International Film Series concludes the semester with "Whale Rider" Dec. 6 in Memorial 114 at 7:30 p.m. "Whale Rider," a 2002 New Zealand drama film directed by Niki Caro, is based on Witi Ihimaera's novel of the same name. The film features a 12-year-old girl struggling to become the chief of the tribe, when her grandfather believes the role is for males only. The film, open and free to the public, will be followed by a discussion period and door-prize drawing for a \$20 dinner gift certificate to an international restaurant.

For questions, contact Scott Sigel, assistant Spanish professor and foreign languages coordinator, at 858-4265 or scott.sigel@minotstateu.edu.

Partners in Learning re-established

The Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs announces the re-establishment of the Partners in Learning Program. This year, the program will run for the spring semester and will fund five pairs of faculty members interested in undertaking a peer-to-peer exploration of teaching effectiveness. Faculty will visit and observe each other's classes, interview each other's students and share results, for the purpose of improving instruction at Minot State University. Upon completion of the program, faculty will be compensated \$500 each.

More information and all application materials are available at <http://www.minotstateu.edu/pil/index.shtml>.

To apply, each member of a pair should submit a completed application form and the compensation agreement form to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs no later than Tuesday (Nov. 22). Completed forms can be sent to Celeste Simmons, administrative assistant to the VPAA. Electronic submissions will be accepted at celeste.simmons@minotstateu.edu.

For more information, contact Lenore Koczon, vice president for academic affairs, at 858-3329 or lenore.koczon@minotstateu.edu or Paul Markel, co-director of the Great Plains Center for Community Research and Service and professor of psychology, at 858-4296 or paul.markel@minotstateu.edu.

Willer leads State Staff Senate

The North Dakota University System Staff Senate elected Anthony Willer as its president Nov. 10. Willer is the instructional technology and online coordinator in Dickinson State University's Office of Extended Learning and president of the DSU Staff Senate.



Willer

"Staff members are essential for the core function of a university. They are a diverse group that provides stability for each institution," Willer said. "I am extremely proud to represent the staff of the NDUS schools."

Willer, a Dickinson native, graduated from DSU in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Prior to returning to Dickinson State in 2004, he taught elementary school in Taylor and was employed as the regional training manager for Rosenbluth International/American Express Travel Agency in Dickinson.

The State Staff Senate serves staff members at the 11 institutions in the North Dakota University System. The State Staff Senate identifies staff interests and issues; acts as a forum for staff-related matters; and promotes communication between the NDUS campuses' Staff Senates, the NDUS chancellor and the State Board of Higher Education.

Willer, who is fulfilling Aaron Berg's term, will serve until June 2011. Berg recently left the North Dakota State College of Science.

For questions, contact Willer at (701) 483-2166 or anthony.willer@dickinsonstate.edu.



E-waste recycling hits all-time high

Sims Recycling Solutions issued a certificate of destruction to Minot State University for technology e-waste received totaling 16,243 pounds. This exceeds last year's total of 10,446 pounds.

Sims Recycling is the facility contracted by Apple, Inc. as part of the Apple Recycling Program for Education. All material is processed in accordance with environmental policies and in compliance with all federal, state and local regulations. Information Technology Central and facilities management staff collected, palletized and loaded the items for transport to the recycling facility.

For questions, contact Cathy Horvath, information technology director, at 858-4444 or cathy.horvath@minotstateu.edu.

Wellness works

Weight Management Club promotes a healthy lifestyle

The Weight Management Club meets every other Wednesday for 30 minutes in the Souris Room at 8:30 a.m. A group member gives a short educational presentation, and the remaining time is devoted to supporting others as they learn to make simple, live-saving changes in their lifestyle. Good health is the goal, and a healthy lifestyle is a great way to lose weight. It is a "win-win" situation of better health and better weight. Individuals interested in weight management should plan to attend the next session Nov. 30. Small choices made every day can make a huge difference.

Announcements

International Education Week activities planned

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. 19). The week's activities on the MSU campus include:

- Wednesday (Nov. 16) — Campus lecture of "Education and Politics in Argentina: Compatible? To What Extent?" by Eduardo Ayala, Fulbright foreign language teaching assistant, and sponsored by the foreign language department in Hartnett 328W, 3 p.m.

- Wednesday (Nov. 16) — Belly Dance Workshop by Soodabeh Haji Akhondi, Swedish exchange student from MSU's partner institution Kristianstad University, will teach the basics to men and women in the Beaver Dam, 7-9 p.m. (Please bring a scarf)

- Thursday (Nov. 17) — Brown Bag Book Talk of "How the Irish Saved Civilization: the Untold Story of Ireland's Role from the Fall of Rome to the Rise of Medieval Europe" by Thomas Cahill led by Tiffany Ziegler, assistant professor of history, and sponsored by the Gordon B. Olson Library, noon-1 p.m.

- Saturday (Nov. 19) — International Night sponsored by the International Student Organization in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 6 p.m. This event will showcase countries from around the world through cultural presentations, music, dance and much more!

Global Sights Photography Contest winning entries are displayed on the second floor of the Student Center in front of the Beaver Creek Café through Friday (Nov. 17). Students winners are "I Think I'll Just Sit Here" in Marbella (Andalucia) Spain, by McKenzie Rudolph, international business and Spanish major from Minot, first place; "Whitby" in Whitby, England, by Kayla Schmidt, English major from Minot, second place; and "Life on the Fjord" near Harstad, Norway, by Jacey Peterson, business education major from Berthold. Faculty, staff, retirees and alumni winners were "Perspective" at Recoleta Cemetery in Buenos Aires, Argentina, by Charissa Arneson, Class of 2005 alumna from Minot, first place; "Venetian Canals" in Venice, Italy, by Andrea Donovan, art and humanities faculty member from Minot, second place; and "Which Way from Here" in Cordoba, Spain, by Kyra Hansen, Class of 2011 alumna from Minot, third place.

For questions, contact 858-4645 or bethany.stai@minotstateu.edu.

— *Bethany Stai Keusch, global educational coordinator*

Academic advisor information

Academic advisors should join the Student Success Center at its monthly academic advising discussion Tuesday (Nov. 22) in the Jones Room from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Please feel free to bring your lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

For questions, contact 858-3362 or heather.martin@minotstateu.edu.

— *Heather Martin, SSC advising coordinator*

Get your flu shot now!

The Student Health Center is taking appointments for flu shots. The cost is \$20 for faculty and staff and \$10 for students. Participants will receive an insurance form to submit to Blue Cross/Blue Shield for reimbursement. Call Student Health at 858-3371 to schedule an appointment.

— *Caren Barnett, Student Health Center director*

Holiday bakers needed

Calling all holiday bakers and non-bakers! Minot State University Staff Senate is coordinating a campus-wide service project to bring holiday cheer to the staff, faculty and food-service workers who experienced a tough year due to flooding. Staff Senate is creating 125 goodie trays to be delivered to designated individuals on campus, and campus participation would be greatly appreciated. While baking, please consider making two dozen extra of a favorite holiday cookies, bars, mini-loaf breads or buy a bag of holiday candy to share.

It is important to know how many people will be donating to ensure all 125 trays are filled. Please communicate with the Staff Senate by Thursday (Nov. 17) by completing the form available on the Staff Senate website at www.minotstateu.edu/stfsenat.

Further details will be provided via email to those who sign up to participate.

Thank you for giving time to make a fellow Minot State University employee's holiday brighter!

— *MSU Staff Senate*

In the galleries

Nov. 16-Nov. 23 — "Walk as a Woman: The Resurrected Treasures," ceramics, drawings and paintings by MSU student Michele McKamy, Hartnett Gallery.

Nov. 16-30 — "Touched and Untouched" by North Dakota printmakers, Library Gallery.

Dec. 6-30 — "Synesthesia," photos by MSU student Briana Schwan, Library Gallery.

The public reception for "Synesthesia" is Dec. 7 in the library gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.

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