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PIO update

For many, spring is time to “clean house.” That could mean paring down in closets or drawers, throwing out old newspapers and magazines, cleaning gutters, washing windows, mowing lawns and trimming bushes. It is also a time to celebrate longer days and warmer weather.

But why not let spring be an opportunity to clean out the cobwebs in our minds — the excuses that allow us to resist positive change. Spring also could be a time for personal renewal.

According to research, it takes two months to form a new habit (or about 66 days on average). That means New Years’ resolutions are either abandoned or budding results. Why not revisit your list and pick one or two that would benefit your life today?

Quit smoking. Walk every day. Mend a fence, even if you are right. Find beauty in our battered city. Greet someone you see every day but don’t know. Start a gratitude journal.

Plant your garden, one day at a time, and expect wonderful results to bloom!

— Susan Ness,
public information director

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MSU and Sodexo Dining Services staff look on as Allan McGeough, Mid-Dakota Chapter executive director, thanks David Fuller, MSU president, for Minot State University’s support by sheltering flood victims.

MSU honored by Red Cross for flood relief efforts

Minot State University was honored March 15 by the American Red Cross for its support by sheltering 2011 Mouse River flood refugees in the Dome. Allan McGeough, executive director of the Mid-Dakota Chapter of the American Red Cross, presented MSU with a limited edition print.

“The print is a portrayal of a Red Cross volunteer caring for a small infant at one of our shelters during the flood. We believe it demonstrates the humanitarian spirit of the many hundreds of volunteers who were there to lend a helping hand,” McGeough said. “We are presenting these prints to all of our major donors and partners who assisted us throughout the flood.”

For questions, contact McGeough at 852-2828 or almcgeough@minotredcross.org.



Fuller, left, and McGeough, right, converse near the limited edition print presented to MSU.

Women's Education: Women's Empowerment

March is national Women's History Month, and the 2012 theme is "Women's Education: Women's Empowerment." To commemorate, Minot State University is showcasing events based on this year's theme, and all students, faculty and staff are encouraged to join the celebration.

•Tuesday (March 27) — "Women without Men," Aleshire Theater, 7:30 p.m. An independent film covering the lives of four Iranian women during Iran's 1953 CIA-backed coup d'état. The screening is part of the 2011-2012 International Film Series, and a foreign language faculty member will introduce the film.

•March 29 — "Women's Education," Aleshire Theater, 2 p.m. Deb Kunkel, YWCA executive director, will discuss the importance of education to the empowerment of women, domestically and internationally.

These activities will focus on woman-centered experiences and expressions that highlight the vast and important contributions women have provided to world culture. All activities are supported by the Office of International Programs.

For more information, contact Bethany Stai Keusch, global education coordinator, at bethany.stai@minotstateu.edu or 858-4645.

Area students to compete at Northwest Regional History Day

The Minot State University Division of Social Science will host the Northwest Regional History Day Friday (March 23) in Swain Hall 110, 112 and 118, noon-3 p.m. Students from area junior high and high schools will compete with displays, papers, performances, websites and documentaries around the theme of "Revolution, Reaction and Reform in History."

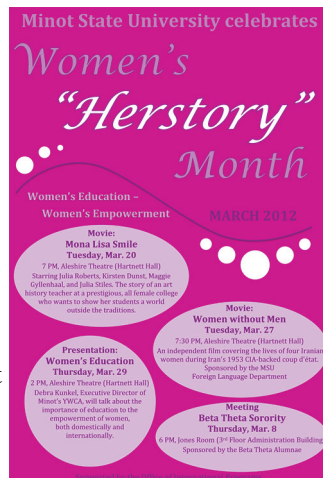
MSU students, faculty and staff and community members are welcome to attend and view the displays. For more information, visit <http://history.minotstateu.edu:8080/historyday>.

"It is great to see the students having fun with history. More than anything, this helps the students with their knowledge about history in various formats from performances to documentaries," said Ernst Pijning, professor of history. "This year, we are getting more webpages, which is indicative of a shift in the usage of new media."

Winners will advance to the State History Day competition April 13 at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck.

Pijning coordinated Northwest Regional History Day, which was rejuvenated last year after a four-year hiatus.

For more information, contact Pijning at 858-3509 or ernst.pijning@minotstateu.edu.



Pijning

Welcome new staff

Minot State University welcomes new employee Christopher Schmidt.

Schmidt is a night custodial float with the Office of Facilities Management. Previously, he worked for Trinity South Ridge in Minot. He is majoring in marketing, management and international business at MSU. He and his wife, Lisa, have four cats and two dogs.



Schmidt

MSU staff assist with N.D. College Goal Sunday

On Sunday (March 25), Minot State University staff will participate in the fifth annual "One Day, Several Locations" North Dakota College Goal Sunday. They will help college-bound students and their families complete and submit college financial aid applications online in Old Main 314 and 316, 1-3 p.m.

This is a free event for students interested in furthering their education after high school. College Goal Sunday's objective is to assist students with financial aid applications to pay for college.

Most colleges, universities and vocational and technical schools require students seeking federal financial aid, including grants and loans, to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Because many types of aid are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis, this form should be completed as soon as possible after Jan. 1. April 15 is the priority deadline in North Dakota. While forms may still be submitted after this date, students may miss aid opportunities.

"At College Goal Sunday, we help students complete the FAFSA properly and before important deadlines," said Merri Jo Connoles, financial aid counselor.

All students who complete a FAFSA at North Dakota College Goal Sunday will receive a flash drive and be eligible to win a scholarship or a computer. The generous contributors are Basin Electric Power Cooperative of Bismarck and the North Dakota College Access Network, administered by Bank of North Dakota.

Participants need to bring tax documentation to College Goal Sunday. For a complete list of what to bring, visit <http://www.collegegoalnd.org>.

The North Dakota Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators received a grant from Lumina Foundation to implement this program in North Dakota. More than 125 volunteers will assist students throughout the state.

Other cities taking part in North Dakota College Goal Sunday are Belcourt, Bismarck, Dickinson, Fargo, Fort Totten, Fort Yates, Grafton, Grand Forks, New Town and Williston. For specific time and site information, visit <http://www.collegegoalnd.org/>, call (866)454-3308 or e-mail collegegoal@nd.gov. North Dakota College Goal Sunday is also on Facebook.

For specific questions related to the Minot site, contact the MSU Office of Financial Aid at 858-3375.



MSU Sociology Club hosts town hall meeting on affordable housing

The Minot State University Sociology Club is sponsoring a town hall meeting Monday (March 26), from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Aleshire Theater. Discussion will focus on affordable housing and renters' rights in Minot.

The guest panel of representatives includes Dick Jenkins, vice president for student affairs; Lisa Eriksmoen, student life director; Amy Moen, Minot Planning Commission president; George Withus, Minot City Council member; Dean Frantsvog, Minot City Council president; Donna Bye, Minot City planner; and Robert Frantsvog, District 40 state representative.

"The Sociology Club adopted affordable housing and homelessness as its agenda two years ago. Last summer, members went to Chicago to visit the (Jane Addams') Hull House and learn more about their programs," said Jynette Larshus, assistant professor of sociology and club advisor.

The Hull House was a Chicago service organization, founded in 1889, which was internationally recognized for its assistance and advocacy programs. It closed this March.

"With the flood last summer, affordable housing became a larger issue," Larshus added. "The club felt that the needs of homeowners were being addressed, but not renters. The questions that kept surfacing were 'What is the city doing? What is the state doing?' The lack of renters' rights became apparent."

Working with the Minot Area Homeless Coalition, the club continues to research how other cities and agencies work towards alleviating homelessness. The goal is to combine best practices of other communities to create solutions for improving housing in the Minot area.

Monday's town hall meeting is open to students, faculty, staff and the general public. For more information, contact Larshus at jynette.larshus@minotstateu.edu or 858-4324.

2012 BOR achievement award nominations requested

Nominations for Minot State University Board of Regents faculty and staff achievement awards are due in the Office of the President by April 5. There are separate forms, criteria and selection committees for each award:

- Faculty: Nominations may be made by anyone knowledgeable about the achievement and contributions of the faculty member. Self-nominations are allowed. Self-nominations must include an endorsement by a faculty member or supervisor. Nominations must be specific for the area of teaching, scholarship or service and must include a one-page supporting narrative.

- Staff: Nominations may be made by anyone knowledgeable about the staff member. A description of the personal characteristics and accomplishments of the nominee must be provided.

More specific details are contained on the nomination forms. The forms may be found on the MSU website under the faculty and staff section, <http://www.minotstateu.edu/faculty.shtml>. The awards will be presented at the MSU Employee Appreciation Banquet, April 26.

Students coordinate NSSLHA spring conference on ASD

For 19 years, student members of the Minot State University chapter of the National Students Speech Language Hearing Association have planned, organized and executed nationally renowned conferences. NSSLHA is holding its 2012 spring conference March 30 in the Conference Center, from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The keynote speaker is educational psychologist Glenis Benson, an Autism Spectrum Disorders consultant, who trains nationally and internationally.



Benson

"Planning the MSU NSSLHA conference is a great opportunity to gather professional skills and make contacts in the professional world. Although planning keeps us busy, we know the professionals and students gain valuable clinical knowledge through the conference," said Kristen Schneider, conference co-chair. "As future SLPs, we look forward to hearing Dr. Benson's knowledge about the assessment and intervention techniques for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders."

ASD includes a variety of developmental disorders such as Asperger's Syndrome, Pervasive Developmental Disorder and Rett Syndrome. Having supported persons with ASD for over 30 years, Benson began her career in autism teaching at the Edmonton School for Autistic Children.

"These spring conferences are attended not only by MSU students, faculty and staff, but also by practicing speech-language pathologists from Montana, South Dakota, Minnesota, Saskatchewan and Manitoba," said Lesley Magnus, associate professor of communication disorders.

This conference is intended for speech-language pathologists, educators, university faculty and students and others interested in ASD. On-site registration is \$75. All communication disorders majors and graduate students must attend the conference with pre-approval from all professors. The conference is free to all MSU faculty, staff and students.

For questions, contact conference co-chairs Schneider and Sarah Lemieux at kristen.schneider@my.minotstateu.edu or sarah.lemieux@my.minotstateu.edu.

MSU Job Fair provides exploration and networking

The Student Success Center is sponsoring the annual Minot State University Job Fair March 28. The fair will be held in the Conference Center (Student Center, third floor) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This event serves as an opportunity for students and alumni to explore career options, network and interview for seasonal, part-time and full-time job opportunities and internships. Faculty and staff are also welcome to attend this event to visit with employers and company representatives. Your presence will show students that you are interested in their future and the job market.

To view the list of attending employers, visit www.minotstateu.edu/careers/.

For questions, contact Linda Bertsch, SSC director, at 858-3996 or lynda.bertsch@minotstateu.edu.

MSU at the Mall scheduled March 31

Get a tattoo. Buy a cool shirt. Toss around a bean bag. Shoot the breeze with your pals over a little Xbox. Swing by the fish-pond. It could be a typical visit to the North Dakota State Fair, but it is not.

It's the sixth annual "MSU at the Mall."

The Minot area community is invited to attend MSU at the Mall March 31 in the Sears court from noon to 3 p.m. This collaborative venue provides a great opportunity for Minot State University to feature its academic programs, services and student organizations. With over 30 campus groups participating, MSU at the Mall will be a day chock-full of activities for all ages to learn more about MSU.

"This is our sixth year at Dakota Square. Each year keeps getting bigger, better and more entertaining for our audience," said Teresa Loftesnes, director of marketing. "MSU at the Mall allows the community to visit one on one with Minot State students, faculty and staff to learn more about all the exciting things happening on campus."

Featured events include science and ceramics demonstrations, air-brush tattoos, face painting, wheel of fortune contests, a drawing for College for Kids camps, screen printing and blood-pressure testing, to name a few. There will also be interactive activities to increase public awareness related to communication disorders, autism and sign language.

For more information, contact Loftesnes at 858-3062 or teresa.loftesnes@minotstateu.edu.

'Pennies for Patients' results in

Minot State University's goal for the "Pennies for Patients" fundraiser for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society was \$1,400.01 and the university surpassed it with a grand total of \$2,521.91.

Participating groups included Dakota Hall, \$83.08; POWER Center, \$5.98; Student Health Center, \$5.98; Information Technology Central, \$24.87; Crane Hall, \$279.61; Student Center, \$84.51; McCulloch Hall, \$226.27; Lura Manor, \$596.03; and Cook Hall, \$938.52. The groups received participation certificates.

A Penny Carnival, sponsored by residence life and the Student Activities Committee, netted \$277.

For questions, contact Heather Stroupe-Smith, residence life coordinator, at 858-3584 or heather.smith@minotstateu.edu.



Mark your calendar

- March 31 — MSU at the Mall, Dakota Square Mall, noon-3p.m.
- April 4 — Beaver Booster Spring Party, Minot's Grand International, 6 p.m.
- April 17 — MSU Engagement Fair, Student Center Atrium, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- April 27 — MSU Alumni Association Gala, Holiday Inn-Riverside, 5:30 p.m.
- April 27-28 — Native American Spring Honor Dance and Powwow Celebration, Dome
- May 11 — Commencement, Dome, 10 a.m.

Shirvani selected NDUS chancellor

Hamid Shirvani was named North Dakota University System chancellor March 14 by the State Board of Higher Education and will begin his appointment by July 1.

"Dr. Shirvani's record of leadership, working with students and his visionary approach to higher education makes him the perfect fit to lead the NDUS," said Grant Shaft, SBHE President.

Shirvani, president since 2005 of California State University-Stanislaus, Turlock, was selected after two finalists emerged, including Marshall Hill, executive director for the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, Lincoln.

North Dakota's new chancellor will be paid between \$340,000 and \$350,000, according to Shaft, slightly above the state's highest-paid university president. The chancellor serves as the chief executive officer for the SBHE and NDUS and carries out the policies and directives of the SBHE. Shirvani will succeed William Goetz, who is retiring in August.

Shirvani earned a master's degree from Harvard and a doctorate from Princeton. He has been a professor or administrator in California, Colorado, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania.



Shirvani

Wellness works

CEO Cancer Gold Standard

Minot State University has been re-accredited as a CEO Cancer Gold Standard employer for 2012.

The CEO Cancer Gold Standard™ was developed by the CEO Roundtable on Cancer to assist organizations in reducing the burden of cancer. Organizations that adopt the Gold Standard demonstrate a commitment to improving the health and lives of their employees and their family members by maintaining a culture that fosters healthy lifestyles and provides support when a diagnosis of cancer becomes a reality. In addition, they offer benefits and programs that lower the risk of cancer, detect it earlier and provide access to high-quality treatment, including clinical trials.

The Gold Standard focuses on five critical areas, known as the Five Pillars. The first three pillars, related to risk reduction through lifestyle change, are tobacco use, physical activity and diet and nutrition. The fourth pillar, which supports the objective of early detection, is prevention, screening and early detection. The fifth pillar, access to quality treatment and clinical trials, supports the third goal of the CEO Cancer Gold Standard™: quality care.

MSU became a CEO Cancer Gold Standard accredited organization June 1, 2009. The university continues to meet the high standards of this initiative, which will not only help with prevention of cancer, but it will assist in reducing the risk for other serious conditions like obesity and chronic diseases, such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

For questions, contact Caren Barnett, Student Health Center director, at 858-3371 or caren.barnett@minotstateu.edu or Paul Brekke, Fitness Center coordinator, at 858-3485 or paul.brekke@minotstateu.edu.



Announcements

ITAC sponsors classes

The Information Technology Advisor Committee has scheduled classes for all faculty and staff. The classes are all located in Old Main 314:

- Intermediate Word, Thursday (March 22), 2–4 p.m., Jan Repnow
- Beginning Excel, Tuesday (March 27), 1–3 p.m., Julianne Eklund
- SharePoint, March 29, 1–3 p.m., Lori Willoughby
- Intermediate Excel, April 3, 1–3 p.m., Julianne Eklund
- Beginning Access, April 10, 1–3 p.m., Kristi Berg
- Advanced Access, April 17, 1–3 p.m., Kristi Berg

To register for the classes, go to www.minotstateu.edu/rsvp/. More classes may be added, so check back for availability.

For questions, contact 858-3989 or amy.woodbeck@minotstateu.edu.

— Amy Woodbeck, professional and community education coordinator

Green Zone training offered

A Green Zone training seminar has been developed to assist staff and faculty to better understand student veterans and the possibility for assistance in completing their goals of a degree. The seminar will be offered at four times in the Westlie Room: Tuesday (March 27) at 11 a.m., March 29 at 1 p.m., April 2 at noon and April 4 at 8:30 a.m. Individuals should pick the session most convenient to attend.

A Green Zone is considered a safe place to a veteran. The student veteran will know that faculty and staff who have Green Zone placards have a basic understanding of some of the situations that may arise for student veterans and can provide assistance or referrals. The seminar will provide information on the Veterans Center and why student veterans are an integral part of Minot State University. Discussion will also include what Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury are and some of the signs and symptoms that may be seen in the classroom or office environment.

Please call Pam Hopkins, Veterans Center administrative assistant, at 858-4003 or pam.hopkins@minotstateu.edu to confirm attendance.

— David Klassy, Veterans Center director

Reflection about ‘faith and life’

All Minot State University students, faculty and staff are invited for a midweek time of reflection and conversation around the theme of “faith and life” during the Lent season. The last time of reflection and conversation will be March 28 in Administration 159 at 12:15 p.m. This study is in partnership with Minot’s First Lutheran Church.

For questions, contact 833-2221 or kari.williamson@minotstateu.edu.

— Kari Williamson, campus pastor

CETL seeks proposals for mini-grants

The Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning will accept proposals for engaged mini-grants. Proposals should be submitted to CETL no later than April 1. Proposal outlines and instructions are located on the CETL website at www.minotstateu.edu/cetl/CoffeeHour.shtml.

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

— Beth Odahlen, CETL director

Minot State University athletics to host Spring Party April 4

The Minot State University Athletic Department invites campus members to the 41st annual Beaver Booster Spring Party April 4 at Minot’s Grand International Hotel, 6 p.m. The cost for



the event is \$50 per person and includes all food and drink for the evening and the chance to win five drawings of \$50 and one \$500 drawing. Booster members are able to purchase a ticket for \$25.

The money raised from this event goes directly towards scholarships for MSU student-athletes. Two round-trip airline tickets from Bismarck to Las Vegas, courtesy of Allegiant Air, will be among the prizes

for the evening. There will be a number of raffles and silent auctions for guests to win some great prizes.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Jake Carstensen, athletic marketing and promotions director, at jake.carstensen@minotstateu.edu or 858-4094 or Chad McNally, Beaver Boosters executive director, at chad.mcnally@minotstateu.edu or 858-4451.

— Jake Carstensen, athletic marketing and promotions director

MSU recycling e-waste again

Minot State University plans to participate this summer in the Apple Free Recycling Program. The pickup timeframe is usually the first part of August although there is no confirmation at this early date. In 2011, MSU recycled 16,243 lbs. of computer-related waste.

In preparation, Information Technology Central and facilities management staff are available to start the pickup process. If your department has unusable electronic equipment (computers, monitors, TVs, printers, etc.), contact the Help Desk at 858-4444 to get your name on the list.

All e-waste items must have a completed “Change of Inventory” form attached and must be MSU-owned. No personal e-waste is allowed under this free program. The recycling process, which includes palletizing and shrink-wrapping all scrap items, will continue through the spring and summer months.

— Cathy Horvath, director of information technology

In the galleries

March 21-April 4 — Biennial exhibit of various media by MSU art faculty, Hartnet Gallery.

March 22-April 24 — "Concrete Abstractions," photography by Ryan Stander, Grand Forks, Library Gallery.

The public reception for "Concrete Abstractions" is Thursday (March 22), 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Standar will his discuss his work and its art historical context in a presentation Friday (March 23) in Aleshire Theater, 9 a.m.

Faculty and staff achievements

The Office of Public Information proudly shares the many accomplishments of faculty and staff with the campus community in every issue.

John Girard, professor of business administration, served on the Chancellor Search Committee Feb. 8 and on the Performance Funding Task Force Feb. 17, both in Bismarck.

Bill Harbort, professor of graphic arts, will have an artist reception and exhibit at Dawson Community College, Glendive, Mont., March 23-24. While there, he will speak to classes.

Deanna Klein and **Tom Seymour**, Department of Business Information Technology, organized the Feb. 23 "Technology Discussion" seminar in the College of Business.

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