



# Honor dance and powwow

*Celebrating accomplishments and reconnecting*

Native American dancers and drum groups will compete during the 23rd annual Native American Spring Honor Dance and Powwow Celebration at the Minot State University Dome Friday and Saturday (April 27-28). Approximately 1,500 people attend annually; anyone can dance, and regalia is not required. The powwow is one of the largest student activities on campus.

“It’s a time everyone gets together and sees people they haven’t seen in a while,” said Clifford Klimpel, an MSU junior and 2012 powwow chair. “It’s family time.”

This event, sponsored by the Native American Cultural Awareness Club and the university, will honor all 2012 graduates. Fifteen Native American students are graduating from MSU this year.

Both days feature performances, dance competitions and the sale of Native American arts, crafts and food. The activities start at 10 a.m. Two Grand Entries, the time when all of the dancers enter the arena, are scheduled for 1 and 7 p.m. each day. The Honor Parade, in which all 2012 MSU graduates are invited to participate, follows the 7 p.m. Grand Entry on Saturday (April 28).

“The powwow brings graduates, their families and friends and MSU faculty and staff together to celebrate and honor the graduates’ accomplishments,” said Annette Mennem, Native American Center director.

Other Powwow Committee members are Macey Tandeski, vice president; Miranda Grant, secretary; and Brandy Allard, treasurer.

Dance competitions will be held for men, women, teens, juniors and “tiny tots.” The competition for men



## April 18, 2012

### PIO update

On April 27 at the Holiday Inn Riverside, a wonderful event takes place that has far reaching implications for generations to come: the Minot State University Alumni Association hosts its 29th annual Gala.

It’s a night filled with elegant atmosphere, music and fine dining. “Semi-formal attire” encourages men to dust off suits that haven’t seen daylight since last year; women majestically don evening wear, looking red-carpet worthy. It’s like prom for adults.

But the Gala is more than about dressing up. It’s about students.

The focus of the Gala is to raise money for the Alumni Association Endowment Fund. For the 2012-2013 school year, of the 96 qualified applicants, the Alumni Association awarded 25 scholarships. This means 71 worthy students were denied.

MSU students are future teachers, bankers, business owners, lawyers, musicians, artists, scientists, doctors, nurses — the lifeblood of our community. The MSU Gala is an enjoyable way to foster those dreams and invest in our future.

The social and silent auction begin at 5:30 p.m. To order tickets, contact the Alumni Office at 701-858-3234 or email [alumni@minotstateu.edu](mailto:alumni@minotstateu.edu).

— Susan Ness,  
public information director

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includes traditional, grass and fancy dancing. Women's dance competitions include traditional, fancy and jingle styles. Cash prizes will be awarded.

A buffalo meal with all the trimmings will be served Friday (April 27) in the Student Center at 5 p.m. The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe donated the buffalo.

Admission is \$2 for ages 12-55; it is free to children under 12, senior citizens and MSU students, faculty and staff.

In addition to MSU and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, the Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa provided support for the event.

For more information, contact Mennem at 858-3365 or [annette.mennem@minotstateu.edu](mailto:annette.mennem@minotstateu.edu).

## Alumni Association plans premier Gala event

It is the Alumni Association's perennial favorite: the 29th annual Gala Dinner and Auction April 27 at Minot's Holiday Inn Riverside. The social and auction preview begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:45 p.m.

Net proceeds help fund scholarships and programs sponsored by the Alumni Association. For the 2012-2013 academic year, the Alumni Association awarded 25 scholarships.

Successful bidders may win an Irish dinner for eight, artwork by Floyd Fairweather, professor emeritus and hot pink pumps autographed by Fergie (Black Eyed Peas). Other items include Disney World passes, a hand-painted chair, sports memorabilia and a furniture set.

The \$50 ticket includes a gourmet dinner, music and elegant atmosphere. Attire for this event is semi-formal.

Reservations by April 20 are strongly suggested, as this event has sold out in the past. Tickets may be obtained by calling 858-3234.

## 'The Dance' celebrates Simons' 10 years with MSO

The Minot Symphony Orchestra's 2011-2012 season wraps up Saturday (April 21) with the pops concert "Can I Have This Dance?" This year's theme, "The Dance: Celebration of 10 Years," commemorates Maestro Dennis Simons' 10 years as conductor of the orchestra.



The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. Members of the Armed Forces will be saluted, and the concert concludes with the famous "Stars and Stripes Forever" by legendary American composer John Philip Sousa.

Minot State University students, faculty and staff are admitted free with a current ID. Additional tickets for adults are \$20. The price for senior citizens is \$15 single; students 12-18, \$10 single; children, \$5 single.



Minot, North Dakota, 1902



## Digital Minot: An On-Line Museum of Local History

## Digital Minot: preserving Minot for eternity

As Minot and the surrounding community continue to grow, need for space is often prioritized over preservation. This means that historic structures are demolished, lots are repurposed and records disappear.

To preserve these memories and allow Minot State University history students to practice their future profession within a local setting, Bethany Andreasen, associate professor of history, established a web-based museum and archive. She will present "Digital Minot: An On-line Museum of Local History," Tuesday (April 24) at 7 p.m. in Aleshire Theater, along with project coordinator Amy Lisner. Student researchers Stephen Davison, Kevin Matze, Alison Peterson and Kala Yarbrough will also speak about their individual research projects.

The Digital Minot team collaborated with local agencies and took Minot's history out of storage rooms and boxes, uploading materials and records spanning more than a century in order to display the Magic City's vibrant past on the Web. The general public will have access to historical photos, postcards, newspaper articles, advertisements, scholarly journals, legal documents, oral histories, biographies and more.

Student researchers conducted formal interviews and examined historical documents and images, which took them to sources including the Old Soo Depot Transportation Museum, the Minot Daily News, the Minot Park District, Sawyer City Hall, the Ward County Recorder's Office, Gordon B. Olson Library and Minot Public Library. Students then constructed presentations based on their research. After Tuesday (April 24), the resulting exhibits will be posted for public viewing on the project's webpage, <http://history.minotstateu.edu>.

"Having access to Minot's history on the Internet will be a great way for locals to bond and visitors to experience this area's rich history. Anyone will be able to contribute thoughts, ideas and materials," Lisner said. "Digital Minot will go beyond the parameters of the Magic City's limits and into homes across the globe."

"Digital Minot: An On-Line Museum of Local History" is part of the Northwest Art Center lecture series and is free and open to the public. Discussion and refreshments will follow.

For more information, contact [amy.lisner@minotstateu.edu](mailto:amy.lisner@minotstateu.edu).

## MSU celebrates Earth Day Monday

More than one billion people around the globe will participate in Earth Day 2012 Sunday (April 22). This year marks its 42nd anniversary.

Minot State University is celebrating Earth Day with a campus cleanup Monday (April 23) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The

event supports MSU's 2009 signing of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment articulating pledges and goals MSU adopted to reduce its carbon footprint. Campus cleanup also supports Earth Day campaigns' goal of collecting A Billion Acts of Green® and highlights environmental issues such as pollution.

The MSU Sustainability Committee will provide volunteers with gloves and trash bags for recyclables and other trash. But it's not all work and no play. Earth Day 2012 will include informational tables with "green suggestions" for the entire community. Minot-area "green businesses" will also be featured at booths, detailing green practices and their positive impact on the environment.

Guest speakers Heather Duchsherer and Joe Super will discuss Minot's water quality in the Beaver Dam at 11 a.m. Duchsherer is an environmental scientist from the State Department of Health, and Super is a biology teacher at Minot High School who monitors the Souris River with his students.

There will be free reusable water bottles for the first 50 participants, food, prize drawings and music by "Rooster" from noon to 2 p.m.

All indoor activities take place on the second floor of the Student Center.

For more information, contact Paul Lepp, assistant biology professor, at [paul.lepp@minotstateu.edu](mailto:paul.lepp@minotstateu.edu).

## 'Man From Nebraska' deals with loss and redemption

The excitement of live theatre awaits the audience with the Minot State University Theatre's performance "Man From Nebraska," written by American playwright, Tracy Letts. The play, directed by Kevin Neuharth, associate professor of communication arts, runs Thursday through Saturday (April 19-21) at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday (April 22) at 2 p.m.

"The Man From Nebraska" is about a man's loss of faith and his journey to regain it. Ken Carpenter, previously a devoted Baptist, undergoes a spiritual crisis. The play details his voyage of self-discovery in London.

Intended for mature audiences, the production is in Aleshire Theater. For reservations, call 858-3172.

For questions, contact Brittany Armstrong at [brittany.armstrong@my.minotstateu.edu](mailto:brittany.armstrong@my.minotstateu.edu).



## Service awards presented at Employee Appreciation Luncheon

All Minot State University faculty and staff members are invited and encouraged to attend the annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon April 26, noon-2 p.m. in the Dome. President David Fuller has advised supervisors to close offices where feasible to ensure full attendance.

Seventy-two Minot State University employees will be saluted for service at the recognition event. Employees to be recognized for five-year increments of service include:

35 Years — Kevin Neuharth, humanities.

30 Years — Karen Holmen, student publications and public information; and Gary Ross, business administration.

25 Years — Robert Crackel, science; Linda Cresap, Graduate School; Conrad Davidson, College of Arts and Sciences; Harry Hoffman, social science; Stewart Kelly, social science; Sherry Stoskopf, humanities; Kevin Vang, math and computer science; and Doreen Wald, publication and design services.

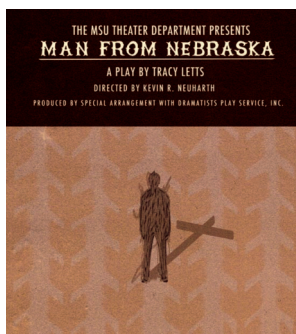
20 Years — Bethany Andreasen, social science and Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning; Karen Brunner Wright, College of Education and Health Sciences; Rita Curl-Langager, addiction studies, psychology and social work; Lisa Eriksmoen, student housing; Joseph Ferrara, special education; Duane Halvorson, humanities; Marcia Johnson, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities; Scott Kast, math and computer science; Susan Mack, NDCPD; and Betty Vang, business information technology.

15 Years — Lori Garnes, NDCPD; Cynthia Geyer, Business Office; William Harbort, humanities; Timothy Healy, facilities management; David Iversen, Gordon B. Olson Library; Linda Madsen, NDCPD; Paul Markel, addiction studies, psychology and social work; Neil Nordquist, College of Education and Health Sciences; and John Webster, science.

10 Years — Judith Bacon, teacher education and human performance; Caren Barnett, Student Health Center; Kristi-Ann Berg, business information technology; Andre Champieux-Miller, addiction studies, psychology and social work; Laurie Geller, math and computer science; Deanna Head, accounting and finance; Rick Hedberg, athletics; Jolina Miller, Center for Extended Learning; Cari Olson, institutional research; Dawn Olson, NDCPD; Scott Peterson, facilities management; Steven Peterson, NDCPD; Kari Schmidt, NDCPD; Margaret Sherve, humanities; and Donna Ziegler, communication disorders.

5 Years — Nathan Anderson, College of Education and Health Sciences; Luke Blikre, facilities management; Karla Bredahl, science; Paul Brekke, Student Health Center; Jennifer Claerbout, international programs; Darren Dobrinski, addiction studies, psychology and social work; Kelly Drevecky, NDCPD; Jennifer Feller, Business Office; Carmen Fricke, math and computer science; Nancy Haugrose-Mickelson, student development; Jennifer Hefter, special education; Sarah Henderson, Gordon B. Olson Library; Susan Herzog, addiction studies, psychology and social work; Lori Ihli, biology; Gretchen Ingledue, facilities management; Kelly Lichtenberger, math and computer science; JoAnn Linrud, College of Business; Susan Lommen, facilities management; Audra Myerchin, humanities; Jerusha Olthoff, NDCPD; Holly Pedersen, special education; Marguerite Ann Rivera, Healthy Communities International; Lisa Roteliuk, communication disorders; Paul Rudolph, athletics; Marvin Semrau, Office of the Vice President for Advancement; Avis Veikley, humanities; and Michael Wilz, Gordon B. Olson library.

For questions, contact Wes Matthews, director of human resources, at 858-3352.



## International Film Series ends with 'Monsieur Ibrahim'

The 2011-2012 Minot State University International Film Series, "Migrations: The Journeys Each of Us Takes," concludes May 1 with "Monsieur Ibrahim" in Memorial 114.

The screening begins at 7:30 p.m. with an introduction by a foreign language faculty member. There will be a prize drawing for a \$20 dinner gift certificate to an area international restaurant.

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

## NDUS performing well

The North Dakota University System performs very well when compared to other states and national standards, according to an accountability review established by the Legislature, State Board of Higher Education and Roundtable on Higher Education.

"The North Dakota University System is deeply committed to meeting — and exceeding — the expectations of the people and state of North Dakota," said Bill Goetz, NDUS chancellor.

The "2011 Accountability Measures Report" reflects the system's responsiveness to state needs and addresses five important cornerstones — economic development, educational excellence, flexibility and responsiveness, accessibility and funding-rewards.

Report highlights include:

- 66.7 percent of graduates are retained (employed, enrolled or both) in North Dakota and 63.1 percent are employed in North Dakota one year after graduation.

- Businesses reported a 99.5 percent workforce training satisfaction level for 2011.

- NDUS college-university students meet or exceed the national average on most nationally recognized exams, and 85 percent of NDUS two-year students and 88 percent of NDUS four-year students rate their overall experience as good or excellent.

- The NDUS served 16,416 students in fall 2011 who enrolled in courses for credit through non-traditional delivery methods. These students made up 34 percent of the system-wide total headcount enrollment.

- The fall 2011 NDUS part-time and full-time degree-credit headcount enrollment was a record-high 48,833.

- North Dakota's four-year universities, on average, rank seventh-lowest in the nation in average student cost.

The NDUS vision is to lead the nation in educational attainment through access, innovation and excellence. The mission is to enhance the quality of life of those served and the economic and social vitality of North Dakota through the discovery, sharing and application of knowledge.

Core values include high integrity; open, honest, forthright and mutually respectful in discussions and actions; trustworthiness; accountability; a cooperative and valued partnership with other state agencies and entities; being responsible stewards of the state investment in NDUS; supporting and embracing diversity.

For more information, the complete report can be viewed at <http://www.ndus.edu/makers/accountability-measures-report/>.

## Wellness works

### Clinical trials improve health and cancer care

According to the National Cancer Institute, clinical trials are research studies in which people help doctors find ways to improve health and cancer care. Each study explores scientific questions and better ways to prevent, diagnose or treat disease. A clinical trial is one of the final stages of a long and careful cancer-research process. Studies with cancer patients test whether promising approaches to cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment are safe and effective.

The National Cancer Institute describes the different types of clinical trials as:

- Treatment trials testing new treatments.
- Prevention trials testing new approaches.
- Screening trials testing the best way to find cancer, especially in its early stages.
- Quality of life trials exploring ways to improve comfort and quality of life for cancer patients.

Even with health insurance, patient plans may not cover all of the costs related to receiving treatment in a clinical trial.

Some health insurance companies define clinical trials as "experimental."

The NCI states there are two types of costs associated with a clinical trial — patient-care costs and research costs. Patient-care costs fall into routine-care and extra-care costs. Routine-care costs are related to treating cancer, whether a person is in a trial or receiving standard therapy. These costs include doctor visits, hospital stays, lab tests, x-rays and scans and are often covered by health insurance. Extra-care costs are related to clinical trial participation and are not always covered by health insurance.

Research costs are those related to conducting the trial. These costs are often covered by the organization sponsoring the trial.

Anyone considering a clinical trial should feel free to ask their doctor questions about issues concerning the trial. People should write down their questions in advance and record the answers for later review. They may also consider taking someone along for support and help in asking questions or recording answers.

American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer-approved facilities in North Dakota include:

- Trinity Health, Minot, Community Hospital Cancer Program.
- Medcenter One, Bismarck, Community Hospital Cancer Program.
- St. Alexius Medical Center, Bismarck, Community Hospital Cancer Program.
- Innovis Health, Fargo, Community Hospital Cancer Program.
- Sanford Health, Fargo, Community Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Program.
- VA Medical Center, Fargo, Veterans Affairs Cancer Program.
- Altru Health System, Grand Forks, Community Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Program.

For questions, contact Caren Barnett, Student Health Center director, at 858-3371 or [caren.barnett@minotstateu.edu](mailto:caren.barnett@minotstateu.edu).

## Announcements

### Small Research Grants submission deadline is Monday

Monday (April 23) is the submission deadline for proposals for the fall 2012 Small Research Grants. The RFP can be found at [www.minotstateu.edu/rsp/small\\_r\\_grants.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/rsp/small_r_grants.shtml)

For questions, contact 858-3316 or [linda.cresap@minotstateu.edu](mailto:linda.cresap@minotstateu.edu).

— *Linda Cresap, dean of the Graduate School and research and sponsored programs*

### DCB Minot programs hosts open house

Dakota College at Bottineau will have an open house and informational meeting for its career and technical education degrees offered on Minot State University's campus, including the new caregiver services and paraeducation programs. The open house is in the Student Center Atrium Thursday (April 19), 4-7 p.m.

Caregiver services (AAS) with a child option focuses on services for children, while the adult option focuses on services for the elderly and individuals with disabilities. The paraeducation (AAS) prepares students for employment as teacher assistants in early childhood, elementary and secondary schools. Successful completion of the paraeducation program qualifies graduates for a certificate of completion from the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction.

DCB also offers accounting technician, administrative assistant, advertising and marketing, medical administrative assistant and medical assistant programs.

For questions, contact 858-4338 or [russ.gagnon@minotstateu.edu](mailto:russ.gagnon@minotstateu.edu).

— *Russ Gagnon, DCB professor and DCB Minot programs director*

### 2012-13 MSU parking permits

New Minot State University parking permits for fiscal year 2012-2013 will be available for sale in May. Students may purchase residence hall or unreserved permits, starting May 8. Faculty and staff may begin to purchase permits for their assigned lots May 15. Lot assignments are made by building and are designed to minimize the average walking distance for all employees. The Parking Committee will consider any requests for exception. Bona fide medical conditions will be addressed by the Parking Committee and should be documented by a current physician's order. Please note that unreserved passes are available only to commuter students.

Permits will be available in the parking office, located in the facilities management building. Reserved permits will be sold for \$45 and unreserved permits will be sold for \$35. When purchasing a parking permit, individuals should bring their license plate number, student/employee ID, and driver license. Payment must be made with cash or check.

For questions, contact 858-3210.

— *Roger Kluck, assistant vice president for facilities management*

### MSU band concert scheduled May 2

The Minot State University Concert Band slated its Spring Concert for May 2. The 7:30 p.m. performance will feature senior horn soloist Sally Podrebarac performing the Mozart Concerto No. 2 for French horn and band. In addition to a variety of excellent compositions for the Concert Band, the program will also include a trumpet and trombone duet, featuring Alan and Matt Jermiason. The concert, held in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, is free and open to the public.

For questions, contact 858-3189.

— *Joe Alme, director of bands*

### Noted journalist Tim Giago to speak at North Dakota general education summit

The seventh North Dakota General Education Council Summit is Friday (April 20), hosted by United Tribes Technical College, for representatives from the North Dakota University System, tribal colleges and private institutions.

The summit will explore how a variety of institutions with different missions can work together to prepare students with the skills and knowledge needed to be successful professionals and engaged citizens. Maintaining a seamless transfer among institutions and respecting different missions is crucial to the success of the initiative.

Guest speaker for the summit will be journalist Tim Giago, a member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe. Giago studied journalism at the University of Nevada-Reno and was awarded the prestigious Nieman Fellowship in Journalism to Harvard University in 1990-1991. He also founded the weekly Lakota Times, later Indian Country Today, in 1981. He served as editor and publisher for 18 years building it into the largest independent Indian newspaper in America before selling the paper in 1998. He started the Lakota Journal in 2000 and served as its editor and publisher until his retirement in July of 2004.

Additional information and registration for the summit is available at <http://www.ndus.edu/system/councils/academic-affairs/general-education-summit/>.

— *John Irby, NDUS public affairs consultant*

### In the galleries

April 18-24 — "Concrete Abstractions," photography by Ryan Stander, Grand Forks, Library Gallery.

April 18-May 3 — MSU juried student art show by MSU students with juror Paul Noot, Bismarck, Hartnet Gallery.

May 1-25 — "Unspoken Narratives of the Human Mind," video exhibit by MSU senior Joshua Collins, Library Gallery.

The opening reception for "Unspoken Narratives of the Human Mind" is May 1, Library Gallery, 6:30-8 p.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.*

**Kristi Berg**, assistant professor of business information technology, represented North Dakota as a facilitator and judge at the Collegiate DECA National Competition in Salt Lake City, March 20-25.

**James Ondracek**, professor of business administration, presented a paper, "Doing Business in Mexico," in absentia at the Global Business Development Institute International Conference. Ondracek co-authored the paper with business administration faculty **M. Saeed** and **Andy Bertsch**.

**Jeanne MacDonald**, instructor of business administration on

Bismarck State College's campus, facilitated focus groups in Crosby for the Great Plains Center for Community Research and Service Impact Solutions Project March 13.

**Long Pham**, assistant professor of business administration, presented a paper, "Alternative Structural Models for E-Banking Adoption in Vietnam," at the Academy of Business Research Conference in New Orleans, March 14-16.

**Tom Seymour**, professor of business information technology, performed as a Higher Learning Commission consultant and evaluator at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla., March 26-28.

**Narayan Thapa**, assistant professor of mathematics, had a research paper, "Optimal Parameters for Klein-Gordon Equation with Neumann Boundary Condition," accepted for publication. It will appear in the International Journal of Pure and Applied Mathematics, vol. 77, no. 2, year 2012.

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