



Music names two new faculty

With the retirement of Dennis Simons, Minot Symphony Orchestra conductor, and Joe Alme, assistant music professor and band director, the MSU Division of Music launched two of the most comprehensive faculty searches in the division's history. Scott Seaton has been hired as MSO conductor, and Devin Otto will be band director.



Seaton

"Both bring a wealth of energy and accomplishment to their new positions," said Ken Bowles, music division chair.

Chosen from more than 60 international orchestral conductors, Seaton is a versatile musician equally at ease with all genres. Beyond his conducting responsibilities, he will teach courses in music appreciation and world music.

Seaton has conducted orchestras spanning North America, South America and Europe since his 2007 international debut with the Orchestre Philharmonique du Luxembourg. His previous civic and academic positions include music director of the Lakeland Civic Orchestra and the Kent State University Orchestra.

This October, Seaton will compete in the 2012 Sir Georg Solti International Conducting Competition in Frankfurt, Germany, after being selected from a pool of over 400 conductors from 73 countries.

Seaton earned degrees from the Université de Montréal, the New England Conservatory, Boston, and the Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt University.

Otto, also chosen from large number of applicants, comes to MSU from the University of Colorado, Boulder, where he is a candidate for the Doctor of Musical Arts in wind conducting and repertoire. He will also teach the low brass studio for the Division of Music.

Prior to his doctoral studies, Otto served as assistant director of bands and instructor of tuba and euphonium at his alma mater, Eastern Washington University, Cheney, Wash., where he directed athletic bands, symphonic band and repertory jazz ensemble and taught jazz history and applied lessons on tuba and euphonium. Otto's EWU groups achieved distinction in performances at national conferences and festivals in the Pacific Northwest. He also served as Spokane British Brass Band conductor and artistic director and taught low brass at Spokane Falls Community College.

As a clinician and consultant, Otto worked in the concert, marching and jazz band genres at schools throughout eastern Washington and northern Idaho. He holds a bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Idaho and a master's degree in music education from EWU.



Otto

Aug. 8, 2012

PIO update

It's already the second week of August and many of us wonder: "Where did the summer go?"

When I was younger, summers involved sleeping late, lazy days at Roosevelt pool, long bike rides, fishing at the lake, sun-kissed noses and shoulders. Now I rarely get time to enjoy my backyard without noticing something else that needs weeding or trimming.

But news flash! Time, and what we do with it, is a matter of priority.

It is my choice to sweep the deck, or savor a quiet moment. It is my choice to rush through life, or stop and appreciate a blue sky or picturesque sunset. It is my choice to engage with others, or hole up in my office. We all have those choices.

As we reconvene next week, take time to greet new colleagues and reconnect with old. Ask about a sick loved one, share a moment of laughter or tell a heartfelt story. Scratch beneath the surface of pleasantries and get knee-deep in genuine conversation.

What a satisfying way to begin back to school.

— Susan Ness,
public information director

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MSU to look at 'Energy Impact Solutions'

Minot State University will host "Energy Impact Solutions" Tuesday (Aug. 14), as part of a Western North Dakota Energy Impact Symposia series. MSU and Dickinson State University are sponsoring this series in cooperation with the Great Plains Energy Corridor. A U.S. Department of Energy grant funds the symposia.

"The Solutions Conference is a great opportunity for people to discuss the solution models that have been developed and to share their own ideas about how to deal with the 'new reality' in western North Dakota," said Joanne Beckman, conference coordinator.



Researchers have prepared solution models to address community culture, education, emergency preparedness and response, leadership and public health issues which surfaced due to increased energy activity. The researchers presenting solution models are Steven Doherty, DSU assistant political science professor; John Hurlimann, DSU Office of Extended Learning director; Jeanne MacDonald, MSU business administration instructor-Bismarck program; Suzanne Russ, DSU assistant psychology and education professor; and Kostas Voutsas, DSU assistant business professor.

To review the conference agenda, go to www.minotstateu.edu/energy.

For questions, contact Beckman at (701)224-2614 or JoAnne.Beckman@minotstateu.edu.

Convocation starts new year

Aug. 15 in the Conference Center, Minot State University convocation launches a new academic year. If student assistance is not available for coverage during the general session, President David Fuller asks employees to close their offices and attend. Breakfast items will be served beginning at 8 a.m.

At 8:30 a.m., Lenore Koczon, vice president for academic affairs, will provide welcoming comments. After comments from the presidents of Faculty and Staff Senates and Student Government Association, Wes Matthews, human resources director, will introduce new staff members, and Koczon will introduce new faculty members. At 9:15, President Fuller will update the campus.

At 10:30 a.m., Jennifer Joslin, director of the University of Oregon's Office of Academic Advising and president of the National Academic Advising Association, will speak about student advising. Joslin was awarded the NACADA Region 8 Advising Administrator award in March 2011. At UO, she supervises eight full-time advisors who serve over 10,000 students annually through advising appointments and outreach programming.

Meetings of the three colleges will start at 1 p.m. Arts and sciences will meet in Aleshire Theater; business will meet in the Slaaten Learning Center; education and health sciences will meet in Memorial 131.

MSU Fall Kickoff Celebration gathers campus community

The MSU Fall Kickoff Celebration, coordinated by Staff Senate, is Aug. 15, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the lawn in front of Old Main. Join your counterparts for food, entertainment, live music and fun. Food will be served from 5 to 6:30 p.m., or until gone. A clown, face painting and games are planned for children.



The event is free to MSU faculty, staff and student workers and their immediate families. For questions about the MSU Fall Kickoff Celebration, contact Vicki Troftgruben, Staff Senate president, at vicki.troftgruben@minotstateu.edu or 858-3490.

Minisessions scheduled Aug. 16

Convocation activities continue Aug. 16, with a morning of informative minisessions. The minisessions begin in Memorial 114; coffee and breakfast rolls will be served in the hallway outside Memorial 114, 8-8:30 a.m.

At 10:30 a.m., Jennifer Joslin, director of the University of Oregon's Office of Academic Advising and president of the National Academic Advising Association, will speak about academic advising.

Other minisessions, scheduled through 12:30 p.m., will run concurrently. Presenters include:

- Eric Bonness, MSU Experience coordinator — Hobson's International Consulting recommendations for international student recruitment and branding strategies
- David Klassy, Veterans Center director — Green Zone training
- Teresa Loftesness, marketing, Susan Ness, public information, and Doreen Wald, publication and design services — marketing and communications
- Heather Martin, Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning advising coordinator — advising undeclared students
- Rebecca Porter, registrar — degree audit training
- Steve Swenson, assistant athletic director-compliance and student life — advising student-athletes
- Sherie Saltveit and Mark Timbrook, Office of Instructional Technology — the new Blackboard
- Bryan Schmidt, assistant chemistry professor — Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Research Subjects or IRB.

A complete schedule was sent to all employees via campus mail. Employees are encouraged to attend as many sessions as possible.

History students to give Digital Minot presentations

Emily Anderson, Leiya Crawford and Elizabeth Krebsbach, Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning interns, will present their research for "Digital Minot: An On-Line Museum of Local History" Aug 18 at the Taube Museum at 11 a.m. All three are history majors, and their presentations will be part of Downtown Minot's Fall Festival.

Anderson researched Minot State's Beta Theta Sorority, and Krebsbach's topic was Minot Park District's Roosevelt Park Zoo. Crawford learned about the Samuelson Shoe Store, which operated in Downtown Minot for 95 years. They created electronic exhibits about their chosen topics of local history, which enhanced their abilities in research, communication, problem solving, writing and editing. The presentations are in fulfillment of their service-learning projects.

"Working on the Digital Minot Project gave me invaluable experience in the field of public history and helped me to practice and improve my research skills. I really enjoyed this project and may even continue my research next spring," Krebsbach said. "Now, as I am nearing completion of my exhibit, I am so proud and excited to share what I learned with the Minot community and the rest of the digital world!"

The Digital Minot website can be found through the history department homepage, <http://history.minotstateu.edu/>, or at <http://digitalminot.minotstateu.edu/omeka>.

MSU and Apple successfully recycle e-waste

An Apple truck arrived Aug. 2 at Minot State University and carried away 16 pallets of e-waste. The e-waste consisted of unusable, university-owned electronic and computer equipment, previously deemed scrap and beyond repair.

This is the fourth year that MSU has utilized Apple's free-waste recycling program for educational institutions. Minot State remains eco-friendly while disposing of scrap items at no cost.



Athletic HoF inductees announced

The 2012 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees class will have four individuals, one team and one special achievement award winner. This Hall of Fame class will be honored during half-time of Oct. 20 Beavers football game against University of Minnesota-Crookston at Herb Parker Stadium.

The Hall of Fame Committee voted in Michelle (Boyeff) Hoff, Harry Mills, Ken Vetter and Lisa (Webb) Hodgins. The 2003 men's cross country team will join the 2002 team, which was inducted last year. Both teams won NAIA national titles.

Joe Alme will receive a special achievement award for his role in reviving the MSU Marching Band. The band began playing at football games in 2010 after a 25-year absence.

For more information, visit www.msubeavers.com.

Murken named basketball coach

Minot State University Athletic Director Rick Hedberg introduced Matt Murken July 25 as Minot State's 15th head men's basketball coach.

The Cedar Rapids, Iowa, native is an 11-year veteran of the collegiate coaching ranks and has been head coach at Jamestown College for two seasons.

Murken was named the Dakota Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 2011-12 after leading the Jimmies to a No. 11 national ranking and the NAIA Division II national tournament. He was 46-16 in two seasons at JC, coaching three NAIA All-Americans, the DAC Most Valuable Player and five All-DAC performers.

In 2003, Murken was a graduate assistant at Wayne State College in Wayne, Neb. He was promoted to assistant coach in 2004 and served as the team's recruiting and academic coordinator. During his time at WSC, he successfully recruited the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Freshman of the Year and five NSIC All Conference players in four years. As academic coordinator, his teams had a cumulative GPA of 3.0-plus over a four-year span.

Murken spent one season at Des Moines Area Community College, finishing with a 22-7 record in 2009-10 before taking the Jamestown College coaching position.

He holds a Master of Science in education from Wayne State College and a Bachelor of Science in secondary education from Concordia University in Seward, Neb. Murken played basketball for Concordia University, twice being named to the NAIA Academic All-American team.

MSU is a first-year NCAA Division II institution and will begin competing in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference this season.



Murken

New staff aboard

Minot State University would like to welcome nine new employees, Courtenay Burckhard, Samantha Gilbert, Amy Hill, Aaron Hughes, Josh Kittell, Randall Lakoduk, Kim Lentz, Michael Painter and Jennifer Smith.

Burckhard is a wellness specialist with the Student Health Center and the Wellness Center. She earned a bachelor's degree in corporate fitness and athletic training from MSU in May. She was previously employed by Minot's Alaska Alder Grill. She is engaged to Chris Corpe, an alumnus.

Gilbert, admissions coordinator in the Office of Enrollment Services, comes to MSU from The Computer Store in Minot. A native of Nassau, Bahamas, Gilbert has a bachelor's degree in management information systems from MSU and an associate degree in business administration from Northern Oklahoma College, Enid.



Burckhard



Gilbert

Hill, grants and accounting analyst in the Business Office, possesses a bachelor's degree from MSU in accounting and another bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University, College Station, in biomedical science. Previously, she was employed by Dakota Fire Extinguishers in Minot. Her spouse is Chris Hill.



Hill

Hughes, student activities coordinator, served as a work-study student or intern in Information Technology Central, Office of Publication and Design Services and the Student Success Center. She holds a bachelor's degree in art with a graphic arts specialization from MSU. She is a partner in Hint of Whimsy, a Minot business, and is married to MSU student Jordan Hughes.



Hughes

Kittell is an assistant football coach. He completed a bachelor's degree in business administration and marketing from Jamestown College. Currently, he is working toward a Master of Education in physical education and human performance from MSU.



Kittell

Lakoduk, groundskeeper in the Office of Facilities Management, previously worked for FedEx and Menard's in Minot. He received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from MSU. He and his wife, Kim, have three sons, Jonathan, Jordan and Nathan.



Lakoduk

Lentz, an early interventionist with the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, joins Minot State from Minot Head Start. She received a bachelor's degree in elementary education and special education from MSU. She and her husband, Scott, have a four-year-old son, Jackson.



Lentz

Painter is an assistant football coach. He possesses a bachelor's degree in sports management from Bowling Green State University, Toledo, Ohio, and a master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Cincinnati. While serving as an assistant football coach at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind., he took additional master's classes.



Painter

Smith is an administrative assistant for College of Business graduate programs. She previously worked at Minot's Trinity Health. She completed associate degrees in medical assistant and advertising and marketing from Dakota College at Bottineau. She has a daughter, Gianna, who is 14 months old.



Smith

Geller named Honors director

Laurie Geller, associate mathematics professor, accepted the position of director of Minot State University's Honors Program. Geller will begin serving in this role fall semester. Her duties are broad reaching and range from recruiting students and teaching courses in the Honors curriculum, to assisting faculty advising Honors Program participants.

Sarah Aleshire, English instructor, was the interim director through the past academic year.

For questions, contact Lenore Koczon, vice president for academic affairs, at 858-3310 or lenore.koczon@minotstateu.edu.

InC and JCEMP Graduation Celebration honored graduates

In a dual graduation celebration July 25, Minot State University honored 16 graduates in two programs in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. Six students from the Job Corps Executive Management Program and 10 students from the Intercultural Cohort Program earned a Master of Science degree.

This year's guest speakers, Sally Rieger and Jason Trainer, represented alumni of both groups.

Rieger, a 2009 JCEMP fellow and a 10-year Job Corps veteran, came to the program as the human resource manager at Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Center in Tucson, Ariz. She presently serves as administrative services director at the Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Center, overseeing six areas of responsibility.

Trainer graduated in the 2008 InC cohort. He joined 15 students from China, two from India, one from Canada and seven domestic students. He is Northland Community and Technical College's marketing and communications director in Grand Forks and an MSU management adjunct. Currently, he is studying for a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of North Dakota.

Minot State and Job Corps collaborated to create the JCEMP, the nation's only program of its kind. The 2012 graduating class is the program's 11th group of mid-level Job Corps managers who aspire to possess master's degrees in management or information systems; they are from Job Corps Centers across the country. A U.S. Department of Labor earmark sponsored by former North Dakota Senator Byron Dorgan funds JCEMP.

In the 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; most do so in intercultural teams, giving them an opportunity to learn more about other cultures and business practices.

2012 JCEMP fellows in the Master of Science in management were Mary (Mae) Heins; Chicago, CHP International Inc.; Cindy Madrid, Mammoth, Ariz., Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Center; Richard Wallace, St. Petersburg,

Fla., Pinellas County Job Corps Center; and Christine Rudolph, Union City, Ga., Cornerstone Solutions, Inc.

2012 JCEMP fellows in the Master of Science in information systems included Vahan Bogosian, Kenmore, Wash., NW Desi; and Zena Foster, Jacksonville, Fla., Jacksonville Job Corps Centers.

Graduates of InC in the Master of Science in management were Aryn Arndt, Minot; Kai Chen; Xinmi, China; Benjamin Edwards; Carlyle, Saskatchewan; Jordan Kannianen, Stanley; Filiz McNamara, Adana, Turkey; Nicole Messamer, Russell, Iowa; Koco Nzi, Abidjan, Cote D'ivoire; Sharon Seidl; Ft. Pierce, Fla.; Vicki Troftgruben, Ely, Minn.; and Kristin Wood, Mohall.

Fairweather dies

Floyd Fairweather, professor emeritus and acclaimed artist, died July 26 in Rapid City, S.D. He was 84.

Fairweather taught 32 years at Minot State University, primarily in the Division of Humanities. He then spent 10 years painting various art projects and assisting a downtown Minot decorator. His knowledge, passion and humor will be remembered by many.

MSU named the Bottineau native as Distinguished Lifetime Educator in 2009. This award is made to a retired faculty member who has exhibited outstanding contributions to the university during their employment and after retirement.

A Korean War veteran, Fairweather, chose to be cremated and buried with fellow veterans at the Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis, S.D.

Minot State University offers condolences to Fairweather's family, friends and former students.

For more information, visit www.kirkfuneralhome.com.

Mark your calendars

- Aug. 13-14 — New faculty orientation
- Aug. 23 — Wellness Center grand opening
- Sept. 15 — Homecoming parade and football game

Former MSU administrator dies

Minot State University extends condolences to the family and friends of Randolph Foster Jr., who died July 27 in Georgetown, Texas, at the age of 91. Foster was the dean of Minot State College from 1963 through 1968. A graveside service was held July 31.

Announcements

Campus Cleanup Day slated for Friday

Join your Minot State University colleagues Friday (Aug. 10) at Campus Cleanup Day from 8 to 11 a.m. Our goal is to pick up trash and pull weeds around campus. Wear cleanup clothes; gloves will be provided. With this team effort, volunteers can make the campus beautiful and ready for fall

semester. If there is rain, Campus Cleanup Day will be canceled.

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

CONNECT Orientation and Registration Friday

Minot State University will host a group of new fall 2012 students for CONNECT Orientation and Registration sessions Friday (Aug. 10). Check-in and a Resource Fair will take place in the Student Center Atrium. Please help us to welcome our new students and guests to campus! For questions, contact 858-3362 or tammy.wolf@minotstateu.edu.

— *Tammy Wolf, student services advisor*

Beaver Brew Café is open

The Beaver Brew Café, which is student run and operated, is now open and invites Minot State University faculty and staff to take a break and enjoy a cup of coffee. We're located in the Beaver Ridge Plaza across from the campus. We also offer a full line of cappuccino, mochas and delicious cookies and caramel rolls. For questions, contact 858-3019 or chuck.barney@minotstateu.edu.

— *Chuck Barney, director of the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy*

Offices change

Minot State University is on the move with the Registrar's Office relocated to Administration 161. Rebecca Porter, registrar, and her staff are ready to help from their new location:

- Rebecca Porter, registrar — 858-3126
- Deb Kinzell, associate registrar — 858-3684
- Melissa Cantone, transfer student specialist — 858-3347
- Kathleen Neshem, records specialist — 858-3152
- Erica Sundahl, degree audit and NCAA eligibility specialist — 858-3349

- Ashley Formanek, administrative assistant — 858-3340

The Institutional Research office has returned to second floor of the Administration Building. It is now in the old Registrar's Office location:

- Cari Olson, institutional research director — 858-3323
- Penny Brandt, IR administrative assistant — 858-4132

The Graduate School is also in the old Registrar's Office location of second floor of the Administration Building:

- Marilyn Undhjem — Graduate School administrative assistant — 858-3250.

— *Celeste Simmons, administrative assistant to the vice president for academic affairs*

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

— *Linda Benson, public information specialist*

In the galleries

Aug. 9-Sept. 6 — Print exhibit by artist Angela Young, of Tempe, Ariz., Library Gallery

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, and **Tom Seymour**, professor of business information technology, had an article, “Social Media Lessons for Business Leaders,” published in the August 2012 issue of North Dakota Living magazine.

Neil Scharpe, Great Plains Center for Community Research and Service director, was recently elected the Sertoma Organization North Dakota district governor. This is the first time in the 52-year history of the Minot club that a member has served in this capacity. Scharpe has been a member of the Minot Sertoma Club for 26 years and has served in many offices at the club level. Sertoma (Service to Mankind) is a national organization focused on speech and hearing issues.

The Minot Sertoma Club currently has an endowment with the MSU Development Foundation to support communication disorders students with scholarships. It has awarded two \$300 scholarships for the 2012-13 academic year.

Narayan Thapa, assistant mathematics professor, was appointed to a three-year term as associate editor for British Journal of Mathematics and Computer Sciences.

Thapa had “Computational Algorithm for Parameter Identification in Sine-Gordon Equation with Neumann Boundary Conditions” published in Applied Mathematical Sciences, vol. 6, 2012, no. 97-100, 4939-4953. He co-authored “Existence of Optimal Parameters for the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model” with MSU students Justin Ziegler and Carson Moen. The paper was published by International Journal of Pure and Applied Mathematics for vol. 78, no. 4 2012, 523-534.

Thapa served as a judge for undergraduate research presentation at the Mathematical Association of America’s MathFest Aug. 2 in Madison, Wi., and presented “Optimal Parameters for Damped Klein-Gordon Equations with Neumann Boundary Condition” Aug. 4. He also judged for abstract selection for the Young Mathematicians Conference at Ohio State University, Columbus, July 27-29.

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