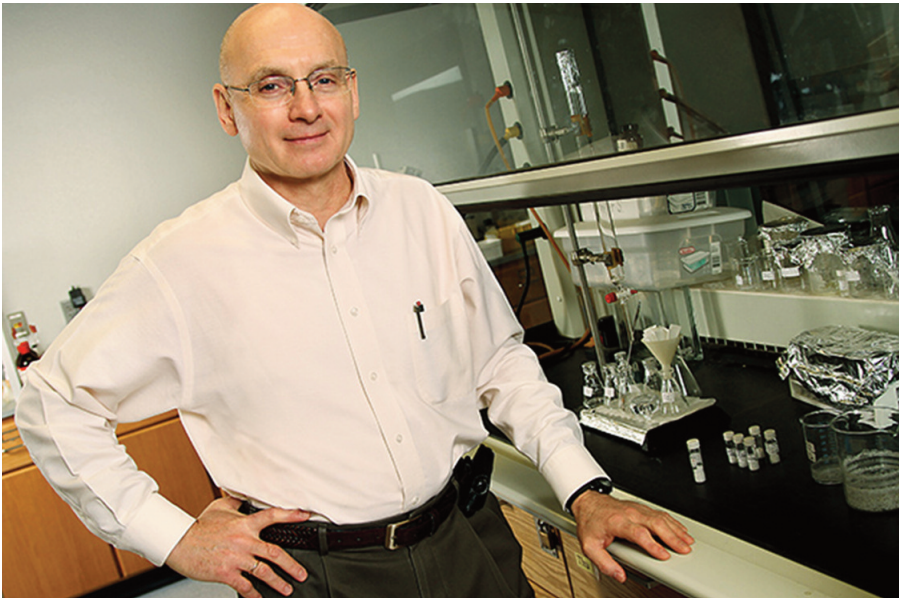




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Bobylev granted MSU's first patent

In December, Mikhail Bobylev, associate professor of chemistry, obtained a United States patent for a method of synthesis of new agrochemicals and pharmaceuticals. Because of his research, what previously took hours in the laboratory can now be completed almost instantly.

Before coming to the U.S. 20 years ago from Russia, Bobylev obtained 16 to 18 patents in his homeland and one in Finland. This is his first U.S. patent, and Bobylev is the first MSU faculty member to secure a patent.

To read a Minot Daily News article about Bobylev's patent, go to <http://www.minotstateu.edu/news/000600.shtml>.

U.S. News ranks MSU online programs among best

The U.S. News & World Report announced Jan. 15 Minot State University's College of Business online graduate programs and MSU undergraduate online programs rank among the country's best online education programs. Recognizing the growing significance of online education in the university experience and the unique, numerous factors involved in making online degree programs successful, U.S. News released its annual "Top Online Education Programs" rankings.

Among universities reporting their graduate business program practices, the CoB's online Master of Science in management and Master of Science in information systems ranked sixth in the nation (86.8 points) for "Student Services and Technology." They also ranked 25th (82.3 points) for "Admissions Selectivity," 47th (68.8 points) for "Faculty Credentials and Training" and 57th



(61.4 points) for “Student Engagement and Accreditation.”

“Online delivery of our graduate programs is important to the College of Business. We are thrilled to rank so well among our national peers. Our faculty have been committed to online education for over a decade, and our best feedback comes from our students. It’s very gratifying, however, to see that we compare well with other universities,” said JoAnn Linrud, College of Business dean. “MSU’s Center for Extended Learning and instructional technology staff are incredibly dedicated to making online education work for our students.”

For the overall performance of its online undergraduate programs, MSU ranked 17th (65.0 points) for “Student Engagement and Assessment” and 41st (76.8 points) for “Student Services and Technology.” MSU’s online bachelor’s degree programs include management, management information systems, marketing, international business, nursing for registered nurses, general studies, applied management and applied business information technology.

According to Linrud, about 16 percent of CoB students take their major business program completely online, while approximately 80 percent take at least one course online.

“When you consider that a majority of our students take some portion of their programs online, we strive to make courses available to them and pay attention to their needs. Our high rankings are attributable to our dedicated faculty and staff. As a pioneer in online education, MSU has fine-tuned its offerings and procedures,” Linrud said.

U.S. News ranked online bachelor’s degree programs and online master’s degree programs in business, engineering, nursing, education and computer information technology. Programs needed to have at least 80

percent of their course content available online.

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Girard and Naze explore the world

On sabbatical leave, John Girard, management professor, is participating in the Institute for Shipboard



John Girard welcomes Archbishop Desmond Tutu on board MV Explorer in Ensenada, Mexico.

Education’s spring 2013 voyage with Semester at Sea. Meanwhile, Abigail Naze, Miss Norsk Høstfest 2012, is enrolled at Minot State University’s partner institution Telemark University College in Bø in southern Norway.

Girard and his wife, JoAnn, joined more than 600 students Jan. 9 as they circumnavigate the globe onboard MV Explorer. During the 106-day voyage, Girard will combine teaching, global comparative education and academic research while traveling to 12 countries.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Nobel Peace Prize recipient, will sail on MV Explorer for about three months.

To follow John and JoAnn Girard’s adventures aboard MV Explorer, visit <http://johngirard.net/sas/>.

Naze, a senior majoring in music with a concentration in performance, is participating in TUC’s Scandinavian Studies Program. During her study-abroad experience, she plans to play with an orchestra. To read about her experiences, visit <http://abbiemeetsnorway.wordpress.com/>.

Crawford named MSU Student Nurse of the Year

Ian Crawford is the 2013 Minot State University Student Nurse of the Year. Crawford was selected because of his leadership skills, professionalism, commitment to nursing and professional growth and involvement in the campus Nursing Student Association and the nursing department. He also serves as a role model for future nurses.



“This year has been an incredible year of growth. I see a definite need for nursing advocacy, and I have really enjoyed working with NSA,” the Minot native said. “Going into the state competition, I’m honored to be the first male Student Nurse of the Year, or SNOY (pronounced ‘snow-ee,’ to represent Minot State.”

One of three finalists selected by MSU’s NSA, Crawford won after being interviewed by a three-judge panel. He will advance to the state competition Feb. 2 in Grand Forks.

To read the full article, go to <http://www.minotstateu.edu/news/000593.shtml>.

MSU art offers open-studio opportunities

To combat winter doldrums, the Minot State University Art Program is offering a variety of open-studio workshops to the public during spring semester.

“To address an often-expressed community need, we have organized open-studio opportunities,” said Linda Olson, Division of Humanities chair. “We look forward to working with community members with an interest in our specialties.”

A highlight of the open-studio workshops is “China’s Terracotta

Warriors: The First Emperor’s Legacy” in Minneapolis with Linda Olson, ceramics professor. Participants will meet Saturday (Jan. 19) to visit the Minneapolis Institute of Art and see this special exhibition; a tour of the oriental ceramics and a discussion will be held.

Other workshops include “Ceramics Open Studio” with Olson and Robin Reif, art instructor, in Pioneer Hall ceramics studio on a selected Thursday, Jan. 24 through March 7; “Introduction to Airbrushing” with Bill Harbort, art professor, Feb. 20; “Image Transfers” with Ryan Stander, art instructor, March 6; “Monotype Night!” with Micah Bloom, assistant art professor, March 27; and “Photograms” with Stander April 10. Photograms, or camera-less photography, are images made by placing objects on the light-sensitive photo paper and exposing it to light.

To register online, go to <http://www.minotstateu.edu/cel/OpenArtStudioClasses.shtml>.

For details about the workshops, visit https://epayment.ndus.nodak.edu/C22800_ustores/web/index.jsp.

Alumnus John Greenslit to share life’s journeys

John Greenslit, alumnus, will visit Minot State University Tuesday (Jan. 22) as part of the Distinguished Alumni Series. His career journey has encompassed the areas of education, government service, business management, marketing and consulting and sales.

“I hope to share with students the need to master communication skills, accept adversity, develop support networks, seek mentors and maintain ethics, integrity and humility,” Greenslit said. “I also want to encourage them to never forget the background and support that provided their career-mobility opportunities, while recognizing family values.”

Greenslit will meet with students in

fitness and physical education classes and tour MSU's campus and its new Student Wellness Center. Within the community, he will present to the Kiwanis, a service club, and meet with Ron Merritt, Minot Park District director.

After enjoying several career avenues, Greenslit was recruited in November 2010 to direct the Eaton County Parks Department, located in Grand Ledge, Mich. He manages nine county parks and over 306 acres at a combination of sites, trails and recreation facilities.

The Morton, Minn., native began his career at Minot State College; following his 1960 graduation, he substituted for a faculty member on sabbatical. During 1960-61, he was head tennis coach, assistant football coach and Minot Model High wrestling coach. He also started an intramural program and operated as the sports information office.

Greenslit taught middle school science and coached track and cross country and wrestling in St. James, Minn., from 1961 to 1963. While at St. James, he completed master's degree coursework at Mankato State University and was named a National Science Foundation Scholar in geology and astronomy, studying at Carleton College.

The alumnus returned to his alma mater during 1964-66 as a health and physical education teacher, intramural director and assistant football coach. He also provided sports information to media and assisted with alumni relations. In 1966, Gov. William Guy appointed Greenslit to his cabinet as the director and state liaison officer for the North Dakota Outdoor Recreation Agency.

Greenslit received a master's degree in health, physical education and recreation administration from Central Michigan University in 1976, after moving to Michigan in 1972.



Mondon examines world's writing systems

Jean-Francois Mondon, assistant professor of foreign language, will present "What All Writing has in Common" Jan. 22 in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m. as part of the Northwest Art Center lecture series. All lectures are free and open to the public.

Mondon will discuss the similarities of writing systems. He holds bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in linguistics from the University of Pennsylvania, focusing on historical linguistics and phonology, the study of how sounds are represented in the brain.

A question-and-answer period and informal reception will follow the presentation.

MSO performs Family Concert Jan. 26

Scott Seaton, assistant music professor, will conduct the Minot



Symphony Orchestra Jan. 26 in its Family Concert in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m. He promises a concert with diverse music, featuring different sections of the orchestra.

Erik Anderson, MSO High School Soloist Competition winner, will be the

featured soloist at the Family Concert and Jan 25 Children's Concerts. The Minot High School senior will perform "Concerto in E-flat for Saxophone and Orchestra" by Alexandre Glazounov.

Minot State University students, faculty and staff are admitted free with a current ID to MSO concerts. Additional tickets range from \$5 to \$25 by age and seating choice, with season ticket prices available.

For more information, visit <http://www.minotstateu.edu/symphony/>.

Chamber sponsors legislative forums

Tom Seymour, business information technology professor, chairs the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee. The committee hosts Saturday legislative forums, and the first begins Saturday (Jan. 19) at the North Dakota State Fair Center, 9 a.m.

The forums give attendees a chance to meet with Minot legislators and ask questions. The format includes a moderator who asks questions submitted in writing by the audience. Each session runs from 9 to 11 a.m. at the NDSF Center. Other dates are Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23, March 16 and April 6.

In the galleries

Jan. 16-Feb. 7 — "Beneath the Surface" by Kent Kapplinger, Americas 2012: Paperworks best-of-show artist, Library Gallery. Kapplinger will give an artist talk Friday (Jan. 18) at noon in Aleshire Theater.

Jan. 16-Feb. 20 — "Americas 2013: Paperworks," a national juried competition with juror Nicole

Pietrantoni, Walla Walla, Wash., Hartnett Gallery.

A public reception for both exhibits is Thursday (Jan. 17) in the Library and Hartnett Hall galleries, 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.

Tom Seymour, business information technology professor, Shawn Grosz from SRT Communications and Carissa Swenson from EduTech presented "iPad Apps and Techniques For You" at the North Dakota Association of Telecommunications Cooperatives Dec. 4 meeting in Bismarck. Seymour also spoke about "History of Blogging" at the Global Business Development Institute Conference in Las Vegas, Dec. 17.

Associate English Professor **ShaunAnne Tangney's** article "The Dream Abides: The Big Lebowski, Film Noir, and the American Dream" has been published in the Rocky Mountain Review of Language and Literature, Vo. 66, No. 2, Fall, 2012.

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