



**INSIDE** *A Newsletter for Employees & Friends of Minot State University*

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**President's open forums slated for Thursday**

President David Fuller will convene two open forums Thursday (Jan. 31) from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Minot State University Conference Center. The agenda for each meeting includes discussions on several current topics and issues, including the budget, enrollment, MSU's recent legislative presentation and other legislative items impacting the campus.

Fuller will share information on the governor's proposed funding plan and Chancellor H.A. Shirvani's Pathways to Student Success project and his recently announced plan for each campus to increase its retention and graduation rates by five percentage points annually. He will also discuss the revival of campus-wide conversations about future planning, possible new recruitment steps to replace the Grow North Dakota initiative and MSU's response to the Higher Learning Commission's "pathways" program that will require the identification of a specific strategic quality-improvement project.

All are invited to attend and join in the discussion.



**Alumnus John Greenslit shares life's journeys**

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

Greenslit, director of the Eaton County Parks Department in Grand Ledge, Mich., met with students in fitness and physical education classes and toured the Student Wellness Center. Within the community, he presented to the Kiwanis, a

service club, and met with Ron Merritt, Minot Park District director.

“Connections are important to success. I’m appreciative of the honor to come back, and I hope I gave something back,” said Greenslit. “I am extremely pleased with ‘my’ university and very proud.”

## Rumney showcases French influence

Music professor and violinist Jon Rumney will give a recital of French music with pianist and colleague Dianna Anderson Sunday (Feb. 3) at 3 p.m. in Minot State University’s Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.



The recital will include two French works, different in style and expression, which begin and end the musical program. The first piece, written by Jean Baptiste Senaille’, is a French sonata, written in 1720, accompanied by harpsichord and cello, featuring Erik Anderson, music professor. The final selection is a French sonata written in 1875 by Gabriel Faure’ that is full of dynamics and expressive slides representing the Romantic period.

“The Baroque aesthetic of Senaille’ is based on harmonies and a variety of ornamentation, rather than vibrato and virtuoso technique,” Rumney said. “Faure’s late romantic piece is very much like vocal song, and full of passion. The contrast of the two celebrates the spirit of viva la difference.”

Sandwiched between the French works will be two short presentations that pay tribute to famous violinists of

the 20th century. Highlights include a Gershwin song, specially arranged by Russian violinist Jascha Heifetz, and a Schumann Romance, arranged by Austrian violinist and composer Fritz Kreisler.

Rumney’s celebration of diversity in MSU’s thriving musical culture is free and open to the public.

## Wrestling room debuted Feb. 8

Minot State University Athletic Department cordially invites the campus and public to celebrate the unveiling of the MSU Wrestling Room Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. The ceremony, which will also honor Howard "Bucky" and Linda Anderson and Gene and Judy Krebs, begins at 6:30 p.m., on the Dome’s lower level. Hors d’oeuvres, beverages and a tour of the new Student Wellness Center will be provided.

“The Andersons and Krebs assisted in the re-establishment of our wrestling program,” said Rick Hedberg, athletic director. “Without their continued support, we would not have revived the program or created the wrestling room.”

Howard “Bucky” and Linda Anderson have given almost 50 years of service to the sport of wrestling in North Dakota. The North Dakota High School Activities Association inducted both into its Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2002.

After wrestling in high school and college, Bucky coached at Napoleon, Bismarck High School, Bismarck Century High School, Minot High School and Des Lacs Burlington, spanning the period from 1969 to 2000. From 1983 to 2000, he officiated wrestling matches. He was also named Coach of the Year in 1972, 1975 and 1983.

Linda was secretary of USA Wrestling of North Dakota from 1975 to 2000. She also organized the first Northern Plains Regional Tournament in the state.

Gene and Judy Krebs ('01) graduate, and their children, Jesse, Josh and Jamie, have been involved in Minot's wrestling scene for more than 30 years.

After wrestling in high school and college, Gene coached at Minot High School as a head or assistant coach, 1983-2008. From 1992 to 2004, Gene served as state chair of USA Wrestling of North Dakota; since 2003, he has been the regional representative for seven states at the national level with USA Wrestling. In 2001, USA Wrestling named Gene the National Junior Person of the Year.

Following the ceremony, the MSU Beavers take on Southwest Minnesota State University at 7 p.m.

## MSU's Darwin Day resurrected

After a year's hiatus, Darwin Day returns to Minot State University Feb. 13-15. The focus of MSU's Darwin Day, celebrated through a confluence of humanities, science and art, is evolution's relevance to everyday life.

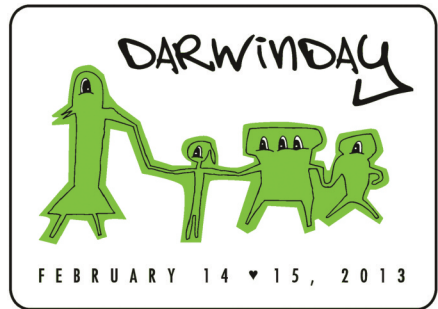
Heidi Richter, alumna and scientific illustrator, will open Darwin Day Feb. 13 with her presentation "Visualizing evolution" in Cyril Moore 213, 1-2 p.m.

Feb. 14, Richter will discuss "Art applied to science" in Hartnett 202E, 9-10 a.m. That evening from 7 to 8 p.m. in Cyril Moore 16, Smithsonian and North Dakota paleontologist Tyler Lyson will talk about "How dinosaurs lived and why they went extinct."

Feb 15, Richter will demonstrate live scientific illustration in the Beaver Dam, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with music provided by local bands. Josh Hoeks, ecological interactive sculpture artist, will present "Collaboration" in Aleshire Theater, noon-1 p.m. Lyson will speak about "Origins of turtles and their shell" in Moore 213, 1-2 p.m. And Andrea Donovan, assistant humanities professor, will discuss "Why Art and Science Can Co-Exist" in Aleshire Theater, 2-3 p.m.

"We're celebrating evolution's role as it pertains to many facets of life, everything from art to science," said Chris Beachy, biology professor and Darwin Day 2013 organizer. "We strive each year to make this a humanities event for the general public."

"What does evolution mean to you?"



an artists' exhibition, will be displayed in the Beaver Dam Feb. 15, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Then, it will be moved to 62 Doors Gallery for that evening's Darwin Day reception and award ceremony, 7 p.m.-midnight.

Art and writing contests with cash prizes are featured in this year's Darwin Day. These cash-prize contests include restricted divisions for high school and middle school students.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://msubiology.info>.

## Alumni Assoc. seeking scholarship applications

The Minot State University Alumni Association is accepting applications for its annual scholarships through Feb. 15. The scholarship application form is available at <http://www.minotstateu.edu/alumni/scholarship.shtml> or a paper copy can be requested from the alumni office at 858-3399.

"We are excited to offer this opportunity to students. Last year, the MSU Alumni Association awarded over \$20,000 in student scholarships, and we are committed to awarding the same amount this year," said Janna McKechnie, director of alumni relations and annual giving.

Students, who previously received an

MSU Alumni Association Scholarship and are junior, senior or graduate students, can also apply for the Peggy Wittliff Memorial Scholarship. This \$4,000 scholarship is paid over the full academic year.

For questions, contact McKechnie at [janna.mckechnie@minotstateu.edu](mailto:janna.mckechnie@minotstateu.edu) or 858-3234.

## Hoffarth re-elected staff advisor to the SBHE

The North Dakota University System Staff Senate re-elected Janice Hoffarth Jan. 11 as the staff advisor to the State Board of Higher Education. The Esmond native is an administrative assistant in the University of North Dakota Department of Music.



*Hoffarth*

Hoffarth is the first NDUS staff member to serve in this position, which was created with the passage of HB 1213 by the 2011 Legislative Assembly. She was also the first president of State Staff Senate, which convened in 2008 and represents more than 8,000 full and part-time NDUS staff members.

Hoffarth is a non-voting SBHE member and can be contacted at [Janice.Hoffarth@ndus.edu](mailto:Janice.Hoffarth@ndus.edu).

## New faculty and staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes new employees, Constance “Connie” Geyer, Anne Nordgaard and Mike Wardzinski.

Geyer, nursing instructor, graduated from the University of Mary with a bachelor’s degree in nursing. She and her husband, Bruce, have two daughters.

Nordgaard, office manager for enrollment services, graduated with



*Geyer*



*Nordgaard*

a bachelor’s degree in management from MSU and worked for Bismarck’s Midcontinent Communications for 16 years. She is Nedrose Elementary School’s PTO president, and she volunteers at Second Story and United Way. She and her husband, Mark, have two daughters, Bailey and Kendall.

Wardzinski, criminal justice Bismarck site coordinator, retired from the Bismarck Police Department. He earned a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from MSU and a master’s degree in management from U-Mary.

## Academic Hall of Fame Committee seeks nominations

The Academic Hall of Fame Committee at Minot State University is soliciting nominations for spring 2013 inductees. AHFC seeks nominees whose careers began at MSU. Induction into the Academic Hall of Fame honors meritorious service in an academic discipline and highlights the accomplishments of the university’s most distinguished alumni.

Nominations may be made by any individual or organization, either within Minot State or from the community. Nominees must be alumni who completed a significant portion of their education at MSU, and who went on to complete an advanced degree and made substantial contribution to the advancement of their field of study. Nominations must include a letter for support from their Minot State University academic division or department. The deadline for nominee submissions is April 1.

Submissions are first reviewed by AHFC; then inductees are chosen from finalists by the Faculty Senate in April. Details of nominee qualifications and the nomination process may be viewed online at <http://www.minotstateu.edu/ahof/index.shtml>.

The AHFC will receive nomination packets from on and off campus at the



following address: Academic Hall of Fame Committee, Attn: Dr. Eric Furuseth, MSU Division of Humanities, 500 University Avenue West, Minot, N.D. 58707.

## 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 next is Friday (Feb. 2) 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.

Remaining forum dates are Feb. 9, 16 and 23, March 16 and April 6.

## In the galleries

Jan. 30-Feb. 7 — "Beneath the Surface" by Kent Kapplinger, Americas 2012: Paperworks best-of-show artist, Library Gallery.

Jan. 30-Feb. 20 — "Americas 2013: Paperworks," a national juried competition with juror Nicole Pietrantoni, Walla Walla, Wash., Hartnett 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.*

**Kathy Hintz**, assistant professor of education, had an article accepted for

publication by Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin for spring 2013. The article, "It Takes a Village to Start the School Year: A Community Rallies after a Natural Disaster," explains the extensive collaboration required to start the area schools in August, after the 2011 Souris River Flood.

At the Mid-Dakota Education Cooperative January Inservice in Minot, Hintz presented "Holidays Old and New," which focused on ways to improve multicultural awareness in schools.

Hintz also served on a panel, "'Oh, It's You Again ...': Looping in Social Studies Teacher Education Programs at Small Colleges and Universities," at the College and University Faculty Assembly of the National Council for Social Studies Annual Conference in Seattle in November.

**Narayan Thapa**, assistant professor of mathematics, presented his current research on "Regularization for Second Order Hyperbolic Partial Differential Equation with Neumann Boundary Conditions" at Joint Mathematics Meetings, the world's largest mathematical meeting, in San Diego, Jan 10. Thapa also judged an undergraduate poster session at the Joint Mathematics Meetings, Jan 11.

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## Minot State University mission

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