



March 27, 2013



*Above: Minot Sertoma Club members and MSU faculty and students pose following the check presentation.*

*Left: Connie Feist, Leisa Harmon and MSU President David Fuller.*

## Minot Sertoma Club donates \$36,000 to MSU Development Foundation

Continuing a tradition of supporting Minot State University speech and hearing efforts, the Minot Sertoma Club contributed \$36,000 March 20 to the MSU Development Foundation. The donation will fund the purchase of new voice lab equipment for the Department of Communication Disorders and enhance the Minot Sertoma Club Scholarship fund.

“The digital equipment donated by the Minot Sertoma Club offers MSU students high-quality, advanced technology for comprehensive vocal assessment,” said Lisa Roteliuk, communication disorders instructor. “The equipment offers a recording system which will enhance clinical efficiency and reporting of findings. The equipment will be utilized for student learning, in-clinic patient assessments and research purposes.”

In 1989, the Minot Sertoma Club established the Minot Sertoma Club Scholarship to assist MSU communication disorders students. Twenty years ago, the local service club purchased voice lab evaluation equipment for the department. State-of-the-art technology then was analog, today it is digital. With today’s donation, the club’s total donation to MSU is approximately \$175,000.

“We are extremely grateful for Sertoma’s support of our speech-language pathology program. This generous donation will allow us to once again have the latest technology available to train students and to serve clients in our on-campus

clinic,” said Leisa Harmon, communication disorders department chair.

“With this \$20,000 gift, we are pleased to enhance the Minot Sertoma Club Scholarship fund that is dedicated to assisting students advancing their education towards speech and hearing careers. This contribution brings the endowment to over \$90,000 from which annual scholarships are awarded,” said Connie Feist, Minot Sertoma Club president. “We are also proud to announce an additional \$16,000 gift, which will be used to purchase voice lab equipment used within the communication disorders department. This will upgrade equipment that is used as learning tools and benefits the entire speech-and-hearing community.”

The Minot Sertoma Club has a 53-year history of Service to Mankind in the Minot area. It has a mission of supporting speech and hearing projects, youth-related projects and national heritage efforts.

## **SSWO symposium advocates ‘Creating a Culture of Change’**

Minot State University's Student Social Work Organization will sponsor "Creating a Culture of Change" April 5 in the Conference Center (Student Center, third floor), 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sara Peters, the presenter for this spring symposium, is the director of the Women's Center at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

“Since domestic violence and sexual assault are seriously under-reported issues, many of the people around us have been directly affected whether we know it or not,” said Mary Morazan Knight, event co-coordinator. “This symposium is intended for everyone, not just professionals, to take part in this cultural change.”

As a prelude to the symposium, Peters and Raegan Gagne, Domestic Violence Crisis Center victim advocate,

will present "Culture of Victim Blaming: How to Intervene" April 4 at 6 p.m. in the Conference Center. Their discussion on victim empowerment is free and open to the public.

“Over the years, we have had many requests to have our speakers available to the public due to the wealth of knowledge and expertise they can share with so many community citizens,” said Dionne Spooner, SSWO faculty advisor. “We are very excited to open this Thursday evening event to the community at no cost.”

Peters was hired in 2005 as the education and advocacy coordinator for UTC's Transformation Project, a grant-funded project to reduce violence against women. In 2008, she became the founding director of the UTC Women's Center, which grew out of the Transformation Project.

Symposium attendees will look at cultures that contribute to violence as well as creating cultures of change. Peters will address myths that surround violence against women including domestic violence, rape and victim blaming. She will address ways that individuals and communities can create awareness, prevention and protection while overcoming barriers.

The conference cost is \$60. MSU students, faculty and staff can attend at no cost.

For more information about the symposium, go to [www.minotstateu.edu/socialwork/pdf/SpringSymposium2013.pdf](http://www.minotstateu.edu/socialwork/pdf/SpringSymposium2013.pdf).

For questions, contact Spooner at [dionne.l.spooner@minotstateu.edu](mailto:dionne.l.spooner@minotstateu.edu) or 858-3142.

## **Pijning to discuss colonial Brazil taxation**

April is tax-filing month, and Ernst Pijning, history professor, gives taxation a historical spin in “How the King Became the Smuggler: Trade and Society in 18th-Century Brazil,” April 3. This Northwest Art Center lecture,



free and open to the public, is in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m.

“In 18th century Brazil, the Portuguese king’s power to levy duties on products became increasingly under attack. Just like the Bostonian patriots dumped British tea in the harbor in 1773, Brazilians also defied the Portuguese right to tax their external commerce,” Pijning said.

Pijning will address the right to tax, and how the issue of taxation has become central in the discussion of Brazilian history. Pijning's remarks are drawn from “Controlling Contraband: Economy, Mentality and Society in 18th Century Rio de Janeiro,” a book he is writing about 18th century Brazilian economy and society.

Pijning possesses a master’s degree from the University of Leiden, Netherlands, and master’s and doctoral degrees from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

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

## **National Walking Day: Get your sneakers out!**

April 3, Minot State University is celebrating National Walking Day with the American Heart Association by sponsoring a walk around campus. Seventy percent of Americans do not get adequate exercise and are at greater

risk for heart disease, stroke and other blood vessel diseases.

MSU faculty and staff will join millions of Americans as they pledge to live a healthier lifestyle and get physically active. MSU employees are encouraged to wear sneakers to work April 3, and join colleagues at the all-employee rally at 12:15 p.m. in the Student Center Atrium and pledge to live a healthier lifestyle. Since they will be wearing sneakers, they can take their first 30-minute daily walk. Follow our designated Walking Path or another route to start a habit of daily walking at work.

Visit [www.heart.org/HEARTORG/GettingHealthy/PhysicalActivity/NationalWalkingDay/National-Walking-Day-2013\\_UCM\\_448665\\_Article.jsp](http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/GettingHealthy/PhysicalActivity/NationalWalkingDay/National-Walking-Day-2013_UCM_448665_Article.jsp) and use the American Heart Association’s free tips, tools and trackers to keep motivated on a walking program and to sign up to participate and fundraise for the Heart Walk.

## **‘Codex’ encore screening**

Minot State University’s Northwest Art Center will host an encore screening of "Codex," a film by Micah Bloom, assistant art professor, April 4 in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m.

"Codex" explores the post-flood struggle between nature, humanity and the printed word. The film will be followed by a question-and-answer session with a reception in the art exhibit in Hartnett Hall Gallery. The event is free and open to the public.

To learn more about “Codex,” go to [www.minotstateu.edu/news/000624.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/news/000624.shtml).

## **Dianna Anderson and friends give recital**

Dianna Anderson, music instructor and pianist, will share the stage with an array of talented musicians in an eclectic program of music for piano April 5 in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7:30 p.m. She will be joined by DeVera

Bowles, soprano; Ken Bowles, tenor; Kari Files, oboe; Cherie Collins, English horn; Elizabeth Demme, flute; Devin Otto, tuba; Briana Schwann, piano; Lynne Rumney, violin; Jon Rumney, violin; Abby Walker, viola and Julianne Boren, cello. The recital is free and open to the public.

## **CETL coordinates MSU Engagement Fair**

The Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning will host the fourth annual Minot State University Engagement Fair April 11 on the Student Center Atrium's second floor, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The fair showcases the varied experiences and the relevance of civic engagement of MSU students, faculty and staff. This event also fosters dialogue about how MSU and the community can best work together for our mutual benefit. Community organizations, such as the YWCA, RSVP+, Ward County Emergency and the Minot Area Homeless Coalition, will provide information on their programs and how people can best share time, talent and energy.

For questions, contact Julie Keller, CETL administrative assistant, at 858-4040 or [julie.keller@minotstateu.edu](mailto:julie.keller@minotstateu.edu).

## **'Be in the Know' sessions enlighten**

"Be in the Know" sessions answer questions about Minot State University departments or procedures. All sessions will be in Aleshire Theater, 10-10:30 a.m.

•April 3 — "Getting It WRITE." Doreen Wald, publications and design services manager and designer, will discuss proper typing rules for publications, guidelines to produce clear, readable and professional documents, common mistakes and tips to polish publications.

•April 10 — "Emergency Operation Plan (EOP)." William Chew, facilities

and security director, will outline the MSU Emergency Operations Plan and EOP playbooks and give updates to the campus.

•April 24 — "The Branding of MSU Athletics." Michael Linnell, sports information director, will answer "Why brand MSU athletics?" He will also describe proper ways to use the Beaver logos and what options are available for use by student organizations.

These Be in the Know sessions align with "Vision 2013 strategy three: valuing faculty and staff within an engaged community" and empower the entire campus community to be better MSU marketers.

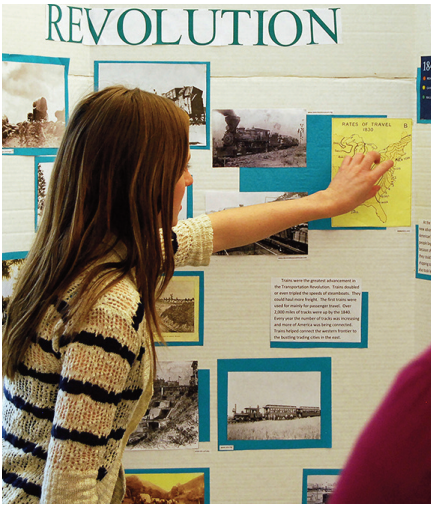
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*Left to right, Kelly Lichtenberger, Laurie Weber, Matt Benson and Lindsey Benson.*

## **College-bound students helped by College Goal Sunday**

Minot State University staff members Lindsey Benson, Merri Jo Connole, Kelly Lichtenberger and Laurie Weber and Matt Benson, Town & Country Credit Union, participated March 24 in North Dakota College Goal Sunday. Their objective was to assist college-bound students and their families complete and submit college financial aid applications online before important deadlines.



## Area students sparred at Northwest Regional History Day

March 25, the Minot State University History Department hosted the Northwest Regional History Day. Junior and senior high school students competed with displays, papers, performances, websites and documentaries around the theme of "Turning points in history: People, Ideas, Events."

"The Northwest Regional History Day winners are qualified to participate in the State History Day April 5 at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck," said Ernst Pijning, history professor.

For a list of the winners, visit <http://history.minotstateu.edu:8080/historyday>.

## In the galleries

March 27-April 5 — "Codex," an art exhibit by Micah Bloom, MSU assistant art professor, Hartnett Gallery. "Codex" explores the post-flood struggle between nature, humanity and the printed word.

March 27-April 25 — "Put a Bird on It," bird-themed art by Ali LaRock and Paul Noot, Bismarck, Library Gallery.

## Faculty and staff achievements

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**Cheryl Nilsen**, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science chair, served as meet manager and certified judge and assisted with results tabulation at Campus Players' annual invitational speech meet March 11. Other certified judges were **Carlen Gilseth** and **Aili Smith**, communication arts, and Campus Players **Brittany Armstrong**, **Jason Gaarder**, **Daniel Johnson**, **Grant Johnson** and **Krys Zorbaugh**. Campus Players who were ballot drop or prep room attendants included **Samantha Christman**, **Josh Snyder** and **Charles Wolleschlager**. Twenty-two high schools brought more than 250 students to the contest.

**Narayan Thapa**, assistant mathematics professor, presented his research result, "Computational Algorithm for Parameter Identification in sine-Gordon Equation with Neumann Boundary Conditions," at the 29th Southeastern Analysis Meeting at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, March 15-16.

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