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

July 17, 2013



*Daniel Johnson as Simon (center) leads the Zealots in a dance.*

**‘Jesus Christ Superstar’ closes season 48**

Absent for more than a decade, “Jesus Christ Superstar” returns to the Minot State University Amphitheatre stage Thursday through Tuesday (July 18-23) at 8:30 p.m. This thought-provoking Summer Theatre favorite exposes many layers of the human spirit. Seemingly a parallel to “worshipping” today’s celebrities, this 1960s rock opera

retells the swift rise to fame of Jesus, his radical teachings, and the apostles who supported or betrayed their beloved teacher.

“‘Jesus Christ Superstar’ was the first and, in my estimation, the best rock opera. It has a complete range of voice types and great characters to go along with the range. The characters struggle with their feelings, choices, decisions and the inevitable,” said Kevin Neuharth, director. “The story deals with the last days of Christ as a man on this earth: Did he go too far too fast? Did he question his need to die in order to save? How does this story affect us in our world? These and many other questions are explored.”

Filled with intensity, humor and sentimentality, Andrew Lloyd Webber’s memorable score and Tim Rice’s lyrics provide an emotionally stirring experience.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and children over 12, \$5 for children 12 and under and \$3 for MSU personnel and summer students with current MSU ID. On Sunday (July 21), Northern Tier FCU is sponsoring “Military Night.” All active military and immediate families receive a discounted ticket with military ID. For reservations, call the Summer Theatre box office at 858-3228.



*Emily Taylor as Mary comforts Brett Olson as Jesus in “Jesus Christ Superstar.”*

## MSU Luau at NDSF during Centennial year

Minot State University is hosting its annual luau party at the North Dakota State Fair July 24, 5-8 p.m. This MSU Centennial Celebration event will be in the outdoor area of the Flickertail Gardens, and admission is free.



The MSU luau provides the venue for Minot State supporters to rekindle old friendships and create new memories. Highway 55 will begin performing country and rock music at 6 p.m. There will also be drink specials and other prizes.

“The luau is a perfect occasion for MSU alumni and friends to get together, relax and have a great time, especially in this centennial year,” said Janna McKechnie, director of alumni relations and annual giving. “We hope everyone comes to enjoy the evening with us again.”

## Visit MSU at the NDSF

Minot State University representatives will visit with fairgoers at booth #1053 in Commercial Building II at the North Dakota State Fair from



July 19 to 27, as they celebrate the university’s 100th anniversary. This public outreach activity allows friends, alumni and prospective students to see MSU’s history depicted through pictures and interact with Minot State

personnel to learn about admissions, academic programs and current events.

The booth is open 10 a.m.–9 p.m.

## Two stops remain on Friend-raising Golf Tour

There are still stops left on Minot State University’s eighth annual Friend-raising Golf Tour. On July 30, the tour stops in Velva, and on Aug. 1, the tour stops in Kenmare.

Registration begins at 4:30 p.m., with a shotgun start at 5 p.m. The format for each tour stop is a four-person, nine-hole scramble. A social to recognize area students receiving 2013-2014 scholarships will immediately follow golf’s completion. Non-golfers are welcome to play.

New this year, a drawing for two \$1,000 scholarships will be conducted Aug. 1 at Kenmare. Prizes and T-shirts will be awarded at each event.

Meals and refreshments will be provided by the course, and purchase is optional. Golfers are responsible for their own green fees and cart rentals. Transportation from Minot State to each course will be available at no charge. Reservations for transportation and meals are requested one week before the date of each outing. It is recommended that golfers interested in carts make early reservations because of limited availability.

The golf tour is sponsored by MSU Alumni Association, Advancement Office, Athletic Department and the Marketing Office. Call the MSU Advancement Office with questions or to register at 858-3234 or 701-800-777-0750, ext. 3234, or visit the website, [www.minotstateu.edu/alumni](http://www.minotstateu.edu/alumni).

## New staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes new employee, Gerald Wiese.

Wiese, a facility maintenance worker in

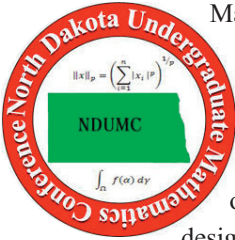


Wiese

the Dome, previously worked at the Burlington Elementary School. Married for 32 years, he and his wife, Rene, have three children and 10 grandchildren.

## Minot State to host math conference

Minot State University is hosting the first North Dakota Undergraduate



Mathematics

Conference Sept.

21 in Model Hall,

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

NDUMC is a

one-day meeting

designed to provide an

opportunity for undergraduate and high school students to present their mathematical research or projects in a professional setting. Students are strongly encouraged to present in the areas of mathematics and mathematics education. Likewise, students who are not presenting may attend and learn more about mathematics and potential mathematics careers.

NDUMC will feature:

- Two keynote presentations
- Panel discussion about careers in mathematics
- Undergraduate student presentations

“We are so pleased that we received funding to host the North Dakota Undergraduate Mathematics Conference on MSU’s campus,” said



*Thapa*

Narayan Thapa, conference director and assistant mathematics professor. “We are one of approximately 30 sites in the nation to be chosen this year; it is such an honor.”

NDUMC is free for all participants, but registration is required by Sept. 14. Lunch and other light snacks will be provided throughout the conference.

To register, visit [www.minotstateu.edu/ndumc/index.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/ndumc/index.shtml).

Funding for the 2013 NDUMC is provided by NSF grant DMS-0846477

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For questions, contact Thapa at [narayan.thapa@minotstateu.edu](mailto:narayan.thapa@minotstateu.edu) or 858-3087.

## Mark your calendars

- Aug. 19-20 — New faculty orientation
  - Aug. 21 — President’s Convocation
  - Aug. 21 — MSU Fall Kickoff
  - Sept. 21 — Community Block Party
  - Sept. 27 — Homecoming Greek and Alumni Reunions
  - Sept. 28 — Homecoming parade and football game
- Additional details forthcoming.

## Omicron Tau inducts 11 members

Omicron Tau Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, International Nursing Honor Society, recently held its annual induction of new members at Minot State University.

Among the inductees were MSU graduates from May: Darcy Mott, Keri Nelson, Christopher Petty, Megan Ripplinger, Katey Scott and Kelly Wong. MSU students who will graduate in December 2013 are Leslie Crosten, Megan Schaan, Krystal Schmidt and Leah Stevens. Natalie Kulkarni, an RN to BSN student from Bottineau, was also inducted. Students need to have completed more than half of their program and rank in the upper third of their class with a grade point average above 3.0 on a 4.0-point scale.

Community nurse leaders included Constance Geyer, MSU nursing instructor.

The International Nursing Society was founded in 1922 and has more than 140,000 active members in 85 countries throughout the world. Its vision is to create a global community of nurses who lead in using knowledge,



scholarship, service and learning to improve the health of the world's people.



## Sigma Delta undertakes Power of 100

The revived Sigma Delta Sorority rolled out its first Power of 100 service project: Toilet Paper Tuesday!

The sorority's charter members canvassed Minot State's campus July 16 collecting 423 rolls of toilet paper to donate to the YWCA Center of Hope.

"It was good to know something so small could make such a big difference in the lives of so many women, and we are thrilled with the amount of support we got from faculty and staff," said Breanna Benson, Sigma Delta member.

## In the galleries

July 17-July 25 — "A Trip Around the World," an exhibit of pastel-charcoal drawings by John S. Postovit, Hartnett Gallery.

July 17-Aug. 6 — "Face to Face," a photography exhibit by senior art students Molly Kvigne and Katelyn Reiter, 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.*

**Linda Benson**, public information specialist, judged two categories, "Home Environment" and "Extras for Your Room," at Ward County 4-H Achievement Days June 26. **Kathleen**

**Neshem**, administrative assistant to the registrar, was a judge's assistant for the floral arrangement entries.

**Linda Cresap**, associate business information technology professor, and **Gary Ross**, business administration professor, presented "The Online Student Integrated Course: One Class Section—Three Modes of Delivery" at the UBTech Conference in Orlando, Florida June 10-12.

**John Girard**, management professor, facilitated a half-day workshop, "Leading Knowledge in a 2.0 World" for the Dubai Police in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, May 26. He also facilitated a two-day workshop of the same name for the Royal Air Force of Oman in Muscat, May 26-27. Both workshops were based on his book, "A Leader's Guide to Knowledge Management."

Girard delivered the opening keynote address, "Social Knowledge: Are you ready for the future?" at the International Institute of Applied Knowledge Management's conference in Novi Sad, Serbia, June 26. At the conference banquet, he received the institute's "Fellow and Distinguished Scholar" award.

**Guy Hanley**, assistant science professor, along with Robert Gordon, Smithsonian Institute professor emeritus, and Claudio Canepari, Societa Entomologica Italiana, published a second paper discussing South American Coccinellid beetles. This research project, published in the journal *Insecta Mundi* June 28, revises and describes 61 species in the genus *Dilatitibialis*. These papers are an ongoing effort to completely revise the known fauna of South American Ladybird beetles. The paper, "South American Coccinellidae (Coleoptera), Part XV: systematic revision of *Dilatitibialis* Duverger (Coccidulinae; Hyperaspidini)," can be downloaded at [www.centerforsystematicentomology.org](http://www.centerforsystematicentomology.org).

**Christopher Keller**, biology

professor, was a guest of the lab of Martin Fellner of Palacky University's Institute of Experimental Botany in Olomouc, Czech Republic, May 13-19. While in Olomouc, Keller presented a seminar describing on-going work in his lab, critiqued the work of graduate students and discussed possible collaborative projects with Fellner.

**Deanna Klein**, associate business information technology professor, presented a paper, "A Website Evaluation for a College of Business – A Case Study," at the KM, Knowledge Management, conference 2013 in Nori Sad, Serbia, June 26-28. She is a member of the program committee and a session chair.

In June, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities staff members attended the Nordic – US International Conference on Intellectual Disabilities and a series of meetings in Oslo, Trondheim and Lysoya, Norway. NDCPD staff gave presentations on various topics. **Hilory Liccini** presented "Red flags of autism spectrum disorders and the benefits of early intervention," **Linda Madsen** discussed "The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: How people with disabilities will be impacted," **Mary Mercer** spoke about "Community Staff Training: Support providers, university, and state government collaboration," **Neil Scharpe** talked about "TeleAudiology- Implications for Newborn Hearing Screening," and **JoLynn Webster** presented "A model for shifting attitudes and practices toward quality lives for all." **Brent Askvig** and **Lori Garnes** with assistance from other NDCPD staff highlighted "The Essentials of Grant Writing for Norway."

**Brenda Munson**, NDCPD project

coordinator, presented "Emergency Preparedness for Vulnerable Populations" June 27 at the Emergency Preparedness Conference in Bismarck.

**Jan Reppow**, business information technology instructor, received the 2013 Mountain-Plains Business Education Association Teacher of the Year Award- Postsecondary Business Teacher in early June.

**Steve Peterson**, NDCPD online services coordinator, was recently appointed to the Verendrye Electric Member Advisory Committee.

**Emily Rodacker**, NDCPD project coordinator, presented "Accessibility: It's More than Just a Ramp" June 6 at the Dakota Medical Conference in Mandan.

At its awards ceremony, the Omicron Tau Chapter of International Nursing Honor Society, Sigma Theta Tau, gave Best Practices Awards to **Nikki Roed**, Department of Nursing chair, and **Jennifer Woivode**, recent MSU graduate. These awards are given annually to nurses who excel in their nursing roles, no matter where they practice nursing. MSU nursing faculty **Linda Pettersen** and **Nikki Medalen** were installed as vice president and board member, respectively.

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