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Volunteers assist freshmen moving in

Faculty, staff and students helped freshmen move into the residence halls on Move-in Day. Accompanied by a picnic, the Office of the President sponsored the event to welcome students and their families to campus.

Based on Aug. 21 figures, there are 627 occupied beds in Minot State University's residence halls.



Campus groups assisting with the effort included Residence Hall Association, Greek Life and POWER Center.

Minot State University to host math conference

Minot State University is hosting the second North Dakota Undergraduate Mathematics Conference Sept. 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Model Hall. 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. Students who are not presenting are strongly encouraged to attend and learn more about mathematics and potential mathematics careers.

NDUMC will feature two keynote presentations, undergraduate student presentations and a panel discussion about careers in mathematics.

"We are so pleased that we received funding to host the North Dakota Undergraduate Mathematics Conference on MSU's campus," said Narayan Thapa, assistant mathematics professor and conference director. "We are one of approximately 35 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 Tuesday (Sept. 16). Lunch and other light snacks will be provided throughout the conference. To register, go to www.minotstateu.edu/ndumc. For questions, contact Thapa at narayan.thapa@minotstateu.edu or 858-3087.



Funding for the 2014 North Dakota Undergraduate Mathematics Conference is provided by NSF grant DMS-0846477 through the MAA Regional Undergraduate Mathematics Conferences program and supported with additional funds by the Minot State University Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

'Black Gold Boom' featured in Northwest Art Center lecture

In "Black Gold Boom," Minneapolis-based journalist and documentary filmmaker Todd Melby explores the recent phenomenon of oil- and gas-producing counties experiencing rapid growth and industrialization, the effects of which trickle across North Dakota. His presentation, part of the Northwest Art Center lecture series, is Sept. 8 in Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.



A Hettinger native, Melby is the lead producer of "Black Gold Boom," a public media project documenting North Dakota's oil boom. His stories have aired on U.S. public radio stations, including NPR shows. He is a senior producer at 2 below zero, a public media nonprofit, and he has won multiple national journalism awards, including a pair of Edward R. Murrows and Sigma Delta Chi awards.

A question-and-answer period and informal reception will follow Melby's presentation. All lectures are free and open to the public. For questions, contact nac@minotstateu.edu.

Futurepalooza set for Sept. 9

Futurepalooza, an annual signature event, showcases professionals and post-secondary schools highlighting career and educational opportunities for high school students. Minot State University will host Futurepalooza Sept. 9 in the Dome. Exciting presentations and informational booths will be free and open to students, parents and community members from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"Futurepalooza will be bigger this year with some fun additions. We expect more than 800 North Dakota high school students to attend. Kyle Scheele, a youth motivational speaker, will show students how their lives will be defined by the actions they take, the people they help and the lives they change," said Derek Van Dyke, admissions counselor and Futurepalooza organizer. "High school students will have the opportunity to experience what MSU has to offer!"

Sixty-one presenters from 16 career cluster will participate in round table sessions with the students. They will discuss their education backgrounds and the steps they took to achieve professional success.

Post-secondary schools and military branches from across the region will also exhibit at the event. These include 42 colleges, universities, institutes or academies from North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota, Manitoba and Montana.

"Futurepalooza could be one of the most important events students attend this year," said Kevin Harmon, assistant vice president for enrollment management. "We have experts from a wide variety of career fields and every North Dakota higher education institution in the same place at the same time!"

Weight loss and fitness research study needs participants

Minot State University's Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance is seeking female participants ages 40 to 65. The participants will engage in a unique experience to explore an emerging new method of delivery and programming for group exercise. An information session with application submission will be Friday (Aug. 28) at Aleshire Theatre at 7 p.m.

"The Transitions and the Circuit Resistance Training studies are two wonderful opportunities for women age 40 to 65 to lose weight, get fit and meet new friends," said Terry Eckmann, physical education professor.

WELLBEATS Transitions is cutting-edge fitness programming designed by Linda Shelton, a world-renowned leader in the fitness industry. Shelton will come to MSU to train students to teach Transitions.

"The Circuit Training Research is a replication of a study MSU students and I conducted 10 years ago," Eckmann said. "The results of the study were quite impressive. The average weight loss was six pounds, the most lost was 15 pounds."



This research project is seeking women age 40 to 60 years of age who have not exercised for three months or exercise sporadically. Women must be 10 pounds over ideal body weight, according to Metropolitan height/weight chart (online) or over 25 percent body fat.

Information and application packets can be picked up at the MSU Post Office, Headquarters Salon, Lee's Hallmark or Bricks Fitness. If individuals are unable to attend the information session, applications can be sent to Terry Eckmann, TEHP Swain Hall, Minot State University, 500 University Ave W., Minot, N.D. 58707. Applications may also be dropped off at the teacher education

office in Swain Hall (second floor). Applications must be completed and submitted by Friday (Aug. 29) in order to be considered for the projects. All classes will be held after 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday morning and afternoon. Schedules will be posted once study groups are assigned. For more information, visit [Call for research participants.pdf](#).

Caroline's Carts have arrived at Minot's Marketplace Food stores

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, a Center of Excellence at Minot State University, and Marketplace Foods have collaborated to make Caroline's Carts available at each Marketplace Foods location in Minot.

Caroline's Carts were created by parents who realized their daughter would eventually outgrow a typical shopping cart. Their mission was to make carts available to retailers everywhere to enable individuals with special needs to participate in mainstream society through the common activity of grocery shopping with their family.

Caroline's Carts permits parents and caregivers to do grocery shopping without having the impossible task of maneuvering a wheelchair and a traditional grocery cart at the same time.

Dianne Bossert, Minot Infant Development Program project director, approached Craig Heupel, South Broadway Marketplace Food manager, about purchasing a cart for his store. Recognizing the community need, Heupel was supportive and instrumental in securing a cart for each of Minot's five Marketplace Foods stores. Heupel also promised that Marketplace Foods personnel will meet families at their vehicles with Caroline's Carts so that families will not have to transfer individuals from their vehicles, into wheelchairs and then into the carts. After receiving a call, Marketplace Food personnel will meet a family at their vehicle. Business cards with the telephone numbers of Minot's five Marketplace Foods locations will be printed and available at Marketplace Food stores. To learn more about Caroline's Cart, go to www.carolinescart.com/. For questions, contact Bossert at 858-3149 or dianne.bossert@minotstateu.edu.



Craig Heupel assisted Carol Rovig and her granddaughter, Mystika, with a Caroline's Cart.

New faculty and staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes new employees, Dan Conn, Sherry Filler, Mark Singer and Leslee Thorpe.

Conn, assistant professor of teacher education, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, a master's degree from Adams State College, Alamosa, Colo., and a doctorate in education from UNC. Before moving to Minot, he was employed by Frenchman RE-3 School District in Fleming, Colo. His wife, Linda, is the office clerk for Information Technology Central. The couple have two children.

Filler is an administrative assistant for the Department of Addiction Studies, Psychology and Social Work. She was previously employed by the Anamoose-Drake Elementary School. In 1996, she completed an associate degree at MSU. Both of her children attend Drake High School, and they are avid sports fans. Filler is treasurer for the Raider Sports Booster Club.

Singer is a visiting assistant professor of history. He holds master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Missouri, Columbia. He last taught at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

Thorpe, an instructor of teacher education, received bachelor's degrees in social work and education from the University of North Dakota and a master's degree from MSU. A native of Mohall, Thorpe previously worked at the Early Explorers Head Start in Devils Lake.

In the galleries

Aug. 27-Sept. 20 — "NOTSTOCK Guest Artist Poster Exhibit" features works by Zeb Love, Pittsburgh, Pa., Eric Nyffeler, Omaha, Neb., and John Hitchcock, Madison, Wis., Library Gallery.

Aug. 27-Sept. 26 — "Americas 2014: All Media" is a national juried exhibition with juror Kimble Bromley, Hartnett Gallery.

A public reception with juror Kimble Bromley will be Sept. 11, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., with Bromley discussing his selections and awards for the national competition at 7 p.m. A public reception for the NOTSTOCK artists will be Sept. 18 in the library gallery, from 6:30 to 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



Conn



Filler



Singer



Thorpe

every issue.

Brent Askvig, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities executive director, served as a grant reviewer for the North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities. The council panel reviewed grant applications and made recommendations for awarding over \$82,000 in funding for projects related to health, leadership, transition and innovation in disabilities services in the state.

Mark Timbrook, Office of Instructional Technology design specialist, history adjunct and author, and his wife, Eunice, completed a grave marker restoration project at the Beth Itzchock historic cemetery near Ashley, in McIntosh County, Aug. 18. Standards and procedures for the project followed those used by the National Center for Preservation Training and Technology, National Park System, Department of the Interior. Rebecca Bender, a great-granddaughter of one of the interments, with her son Lincoln, and Raymond Schneider-Kuhn, from Bath, S.D., volunteered during the project. Four grave markers were repaired and cleaned, and a fifth was identified for major repair during the 2015 season.



Minot State University mission

Minot State University is first and foremost dedicated to the success of all students: their growth and development as educated citizens, their confidence, and their life-long devotion to the common good and the welfare of others.

Be seen. Be heard.