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Campus Master Plan



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The other day I was reading old microfilm copies of the Ward County Optic, the publication that preceded the Minot Daily News. I was looking for the reports on the state-wide 1911 referendum to approve the 1907 and 1909 legislative bills authorizing the establishment of the State Normal School at Minot. While looking for the actual reports on the referendum, I ran across a number of articles about the controversy regarding the need to donate and identify the location of the 60 acres of land for the campus.



Erik Ramstad eventually donated the 60 acres on which the university is now located, but that came after a great deal of controversy about where exactly the campus should be located in the city of Minot and who would donate the land. I also found a few articles around that time explaining that the state appropriations set aside to support the proposed new school were in danger of being cut, that is until a coalition of Minot leaders traveled to Bismarck to lobby for the funds and reiterate the strong need for the Normal School in Minot and the northwest region of the state. They were successful in their appeal. From that time in 1911 and the date of the

official opening of the school in 1913-14 until today, Minot State has grown from 11 faculty, 99 students, 60 acres, and two buildings to approximately 500 faculty and staff, 3,800 students, 102 acres, and 22 buildings, including five residence halls, two

apartment buildings, seven classroom buildings, student union, library, domed athletic facility, a concert hall, two theaters, and two art galleries. Erik Ramstad, who is buried in the cemetery adjoining our campus, would have been very proud to see the campus flourish and grow from those early and tenuous times.

This edition of *Connections* includes a feature story on the draft of our campus master plan. During recent focus-group discussions about our strategic plan, participants often commented about our campus, especially about its attractiveness, ambience, cleanliness, beauty, and utility. They also mentioned many of our beautiful buildings, such as the Gordon B. Olson Library, Old Main, and the Dome. One individual shared the observation that MSU has the “best walking campus in the state,” while another noted the non-intimidating nature of the setting for rural students and visitors.

It is interesting to reflect on the growth of the campus and to consider a number of the proposed improvements in this campus plan. In a time when the numbers of on-campus students are declining and being replaced by online students, and in a time nationally when more and more students are choosing to remain “virtual” students, taking

courses over the Internet, accessing libraries through Web sites, and even seeking student support through this medium, the questions as to the relevance of a campus are being asked. Even the growing numbers of part-time students and older-than-average students come to classes and spend little time on campus before leaving to go to work or return home. So, one might ask, why worry about a campus master plan, about signage, campus entrances, landscaping, walking paths, dormitories, student activity centers, parking, future buildings, department and program realignments, and campus expansion. While the enrollment trends and some educational prognosticators suggest that campuses are going to be things of the past, there are others, including yours truly, who believe strongly that the experience of education will continue to depend on an engaged and dynamic place. It is interesting to note the comments made by participants in our strategic planning. They acknowledge the role of the Internet, advanced technology, and the continued need for a dynamic and engaging campus.

The campus master plan described here reasserts the value of place, the importance of interaction, dialogue, relationships, history, and activities. The campus plan identifies informal meeting places for dialogue, signage describing building names and historical figures and events, improvements for parking and campus access, green space, designs for future growth, improved academic, student, and athletic facilities, and a walking trail traversing campus for people to experience the beauty and the collegial sense of this campus built upon a long-standing commitment to students and education. The

walking trail will connect us with our past. Imagine a walking trail honoring and leading from the graves of prominent individuals in our history, such as Erik Ramstad and Brynhild Haugland, through a campus proud of its place and its future.

In the pages that follow are stories of faculty, staff, students, and alumni who continue to make our campus a place to be proud of and a place to live, visit, and enjoy.

There are interesting profiles and stories about our accomplished faculty and staff, those who were honored by the Board of Regents Achievement Awards, distinguished alumni, and students. We are also pleased to recognize and welcome our new Dean of the College of Business, Dr. JoAnn Linrud, and our new Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Gary Rabe. These profiles and stories make it very clear that the strength, vibrancy, and design of our campus plan will continue to depend on the quality of the people who are Minot State University.

Thank you.

—DAVID FULLER
President

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President Visits Local Communities

Dr. Fuller recently wrapped up his community visits for this school year. The purpose of the visits was to foster relationships with communities in the region, to inform area residents about MSU initiatives and programs, and to build relationships with local alumni. In April, Dr. Fuller spoke to the Rugby Lions Club and hosted an afternoon pie-and-coffee social in Towner. In both communities, he toured the public schools and met the school superintendents, principals and guidance counselors. A visit to Kenmare and

Crosby was completed in May. The president spoke at the Kenmare Association of Commerce meeting, toured the high school and met with the superintendent. In Crosby, he hosted an afternoon social. Additional cities Dr. Fuller has visited over the past two years include Bottineau, Stanley, Garrison, and communities where Tribal Community Colleges are located. If you would like to schedule a visit in your local North Dakota community, call 1-800-777-0750 ext. 3373 or 701-858-3373 for more information.



Visit to Rugby: left to right, Superintendent Jeff Lind, Dr. Fuller, and Pat Bye from the Rugby Job Authority.



Visit to Towner, left to right, Alumnus Larry Volk of Towner, Tawnya Bernsdorf; Dr. Fuller, Kim Thompson and Alumna Ila Selzler



Visit to Crosby: Dr. Fuller spoke to locals at the Red Rooster Café.



Visit to Kenmare: Dr. Fuller spoke with the Association of Commerce.

UPCOMING ALUMNI GATHERINGS

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Call 701-858-3234 for more information.

Congratulations, Graduates!



Minot State University is proud of its more than 650 undergraduates and graduates who earned degrees May 12. U.S. Sen. Kent Conrad delivered the keynote address and urged the graduating class to create change, work for good, and overcome any challenges they might face in life.

“You are entering a world faced with unprecedented challenges,” said the senator. “I encourage you to embrace these challenges with the strength and knowledge gained here at MSU. Become involved. Be a leader. Don’t fear failure. For it is your actions that will decide how the next generation lives.”

First elected to the U.S. Senate in 1986, Sen. Conrad has spent the last 20 years advocating a wide range of issues important to North Dakota and the nation.

MSU President David Fuller conferred the degrees, and Bruce I. Christianson ’73, member and former president, represented the State Board of Higher Education.

MSU Goes Smoke-Free

Minot State University became a smoke-free campus June 1. MSU has had smoke-free buildings for many years, and the policy was extended to university property to further protect the health and promote the wellness and safety of all students, employees, and the general public. The policy, which was approved by the Faculty and Staff Senates, Student Association, University Cabinet and President’s Staff, reads: “Smoking on university property, indoors or outdoors, or in university vehicles, is prohibited at all times. This prohibition includes smoking in personal vehicles parked on university grounds. The policy applies to all employees, students, and visitors. The policy also applies to external individuals or companies renting space with MSU and should be reflected in all agreements/contracts with such individuals or companies. For purposes of this policy, ‘smoking’ means carrying or having in one’s possession a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or other object giving off smoke.” The full policy is available at www.minotstateu.edu/smoking/.

Congratulations to the 2006 Golden Award Recipients

*Brent Askvig John Kincheloe
Thomas Myhra Curtis Zimbelman*

*The awards will be presented at the Golden Awards event
Thursday, Sept. 28, 6 p.m., MSU Student Union Conference Center*

*For ticket reservations call 858-3234 by Sept. 14
\$15 per person*

Alumni Association Travel Opportunities



Travel the world with alumni and friends!

The tour offerings are available to all graduates, former students, friends of MSU, as well as anyone ready for the adventure of a lifetime. Proposals are available through 2007, but a limited listing is included in this issue.

2006

November Las Vegas Weekend
December Christmas in New York
Tournament of Roses
National Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas

2007

January 21-28 7-day Exotic
Western Caribbean
January 14-21 Mexican Riviera
Caribbean
January South America
February Eastern Caribbean
Panama Canal
March Nascar in Las Vegas
TransAtlantic with Venice
April Western Caribbean
Italy
May Germany, Austria
& Switzerland
Best of Greece

For more information, contact the Alumni Office at 800-777-0750, ext. 3234 or 701-858-3234; email: alumni@minotstateu.edu

Alumni Offers Scholarships

The Minot State University Alumni Association is proud to be able to offer scholarships to students attending MSU who are children/grandchildren of MSU alumni, faculty and/or staff. The alumni awards are only distributed to Minot State University students and may be applied to online courses.

Fifty-four awards for the 2006-07 academic year have been chosen, and the awards range from \$150 to a full tuition of \$4,200. The recipients, listed alphabetically by their hometown, include:

Michael Poitra, Belcourt
 Matthew Gerde, Beulah
 Kelsey Aide, Zachariah Klingbeil, and Kelly Roemmich, all of Bottineau
 Sarah Perry, Burlington
 Maria Ely and Shalene Erickson, both of Columbus
 Jessica Jastrzebski, Crosby
 Drew Bryantt, Des Lacs
 Rebecca Holler, Drake
 Drew Hysjulien, Grand Forks
 Kimberly Carlson, Jamestown
 Matthew Quintus, Killdeer
 Morgan Fetzer, Max
 Ciara Klein, Munich

Tim Henke, New Salem
 Callie Hiedbreder, Stanley
 Alexander Knipp, Surrey
 Resa Haukedehl, Wildrose
 Priscilla Monson and Erin Ross, both of Williston
 Jesse Bergstedt, Brekka Bloms, Amanda Crawford, Brock DesLauriers, Andrew Evanoff, Cory Fiddler, Brandon Fjeld, Lance Gehring, Alethea Guitian, Jonathan Hawkins, Chauncy Hendershot, Alyssa Holmen, Eric Johnson, Brian Knowles, Nicholas Kondos, Matt Larson, Molly Lundeen, Justin McDermott, Stefanie Merck, Julie Reiten, Alicia Rossow, Dan Ruby, Stephanie Sehn, Katie Slauter, Amy Thomas, Krista Tonneson, Erin Twomey, Brian Walz, Danielle Wolf, and Dana Zander, all of Minot.

Amanda Towle, Clancy, Mont.
 Suzanne Paradine, Binscarth, MB

Anyone wishing to receive additional information regarding the alumni scholarships can contact the Alumni Office at 701-858-3234, or access information and an application form at the Web site, http://www.minotstateu.edu/alumni/About_Us/Gifts___Contributions/Scholarship/scholarship.html. Deadline for submitting applications for each year is Feb. 15.

Friend-Raising Golf Tours

Minot State University's first annual friend-raising golf tour has gotten underway. So far, there has been great attendance and enthusiasm at each event. For the month of June, the tour has been to Velva, Stanley, Rugby and Westhope. Still to come are Garrison, New Town, Mohall and Kenmare. The format is a nine-hole, four-person scramble with a social following. If your community is interested in hosting a golf event in 2007, contact (701) 858-3373 or toll-free 1-800-777-0750 ext. 3373 for more information.



The winning team in Velva included Dennis Linke, Jason Jensen, David Buen, and Terry Peterson with eight under par.



The winners of the playoff in Stanley included Kelly Schunke, Cory Rice, Pam Nelson, and Jackie Nelson. The other team consisted of Chad McNally, Maynard Sandberg, Duc Thiel, and Tyler Thiel.



Golf participants enjoying some dinner and door prizes in Rugby. There was a tie for first place. Team 1 included Michelle Lake, Leanne Pfeifer, Brandon Martin, and Dennis Parisien. Team 2 included Marianne Hanson, Colleen Hermanson, Corey Espe, and Gary Myhre.



The Westhope event had the winners once again determined by a playoff hole. The winning team was made up of Brad Botz, Jeff Cooper, Chad McNally and Tawnya Bernsdorf. The other team was made up of Greg Fjeld, Bill Strattow, Jim Vossler, and Albert Zaste.

Staff Changes on Campus

Academic Vice President Appointed

Gary Rabe, Ph.D., of Minot has been named Vice President for Academic Affairs at Minot State University, according to President David Fuller. Rabe, an associate professor of criminal justice, has been serving as interim vice president for academic affairs at MSU since June 30, 2005. He began his new appointment July 1.



“My decision was based on the strong recommendation from the search committee and Dr. Rabe’s exceptional record as a teacher, scholar, faculty leader, grant writer, and administrator,” said Fuller. “He has proven dedication and commitment to our academic freedom, student learning, scholarship, and to the mission and future of Minot State University.”

“I look forward to working with President Fuller, the faculty, and the staff to help Minot State University embrace the opportunities and face the challenges of the future,” said Rabe.

“Throughout my career at MSU, I have been guided by the goal of offering a quality academic experience to students. I have worked hard to build strong undergraduate and graduate programs. I believe in and have fostered inclusive communication and decision-making between administration and faculty because it is the most effective way to bring about improvements in the institution and academics for the benefit of students.”

“Dr. Rabe’s primary commitment to student learning and success is a characteristic that will serve Minot State University well,” said Fuller.

Rabe joined Minot State in 1993 as an assistant professor of criminal justice and was promoted to associate professor in 1998. He served as department chair in 2000-01 and 2002-03. During the 2001 academic year, Rabe was interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Under his leadership, the Criminal Justice Department redesigned its master’s program and collaborated on the development of a Ph.D. in criminal justice with the University of North Dakota.

From 1999 to 2001, he directed the Rural Law Enforcement Education Project. The project was instrumental in establishing the Rural Crime and Justice Center, a University Center of Excellence that has received over \$9 million in external funding since its inception in 2000. Rabe was the executive director of RCJC from 2001 until June 2005, when he became the interim VPAA.

Rabe was a member of the Faculty Senate from 2002 to 2005 and served as president during the 2004-05 academic year. He has served on numerous university committees, including faculty affairs, promotion, assessment, and Graduate School Council.

Fuller also said Rabe’s attention to planning and involvement with research will provide MSU with a means to align institutional and academic direction while striving to achieve the university’s new vision.

“I believe that my experience in program and policy evaluation and in research will be useful to the institution,” said Rabe. “While

we have begun to collect data and information, we now need to put it into a suitable form, conduct the appropriate analysis, and use the results to help understand problems and inform decisions. We also must study where we have voids in data and develop appropriate methodologies to collect information and analyze it. Those are areas where I have expertise.”

He earned a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Minot State University in 1987, a master’s degree in criminology and corrections from Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, and a doctoral degree in criminology from the University of Delaware, Newark.

College of Business Dean Appointed

JoAnn Linrud, Ph.D., Mount Pleasant, Mich., has been named the new dean of the College of Business at Minot State University. Linrud has been the interim associate dean and director of the Master of Business Administration program of the College of Business Administration at Central Michigan University since 2004.



“I am very pleased that Dr. Linrud will be serving as our new dean of the College of Business,” said David Fuller, MSU president. “Dr. Linrud brings with her extensive administrative experience and strong academic credentials. As an accomplished leader, she possesses all the qualities we need—a collegial leadership style, a commitment to academic excellence, a keen knowledge of and appreciation for North Dakota, and the ability to work cooperatively with community leaders and businesses from Minot and our state. I look forward to having her join us.”

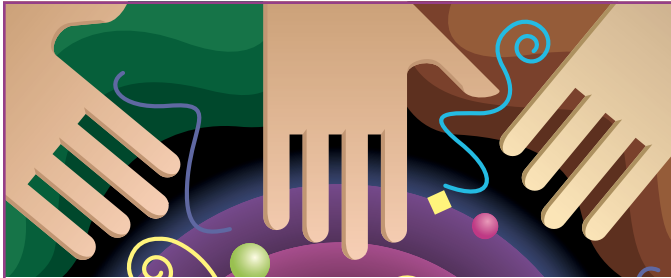
“I’m thrilled to be coming to Minot State as the business dean,” said Linrud. “I’m very impressed with what I’ve learned about the College of Business’ emphasis on quality education, the dedication of the faculty, and their concern for meeting the present and future educational needs of the residents of North Dakota. I believe that MSU and the College of Business have a bright future that I’m happy to be part of.”

While Linrud has been M.B.A. director at CMU, the program developed a new Professional M.B.A. (P.M.B.A.) to be delivered in the metro-Detroit market beginning in May. From 1998 to 2004, Linrud was the chair and a professor in the Department of Marketing and Hospitality Services Administration at CMU. Previously, she was a marketing faculty member at Mankato State University, 1986-98, and North Texas State University, 1984-86.

Linrud completed her doctoral degree in business administration and M.B.A. at the University of Arkansas. She earned a bachelor of science degree in art education from the University of Minnesota and a bachelor of arts degree in English from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn.

Linrud grew up on a farm near Velva and graduated from Velva High School. Her parents and other family members still live in the area. She said being able to move closer to them is “a real plus.”

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WE NEED YOU!

New volunteers, hosts, and event ideas for regional areas are always welcome. The Alumni Office at Minot State University is in the process of forming clubs and scheduling gatherings across the country. These events happen because the alumni and alumnae of the university are willing to get involved, build connections, and commit their time, energy, and resources to sustaining the MSU community beyond four years and beyond the city limits of Minot. We are looking for individuals interested in hosting or helping plan an alumni event in their area. Contact Kathy at 800-777-0750, ext. 3234 or alumni@minotstateu.edu for more information.



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The new dean officially started with the College of Business July 1. Gary Ross, a faculty member since 1984 and previous chair of the Department of Business Administration, has been serving as interim dean since July 2005.

Balas Appointed as MSU Registrar

Tania Balas of Minot has been named as the new registrar.

She will be responsible for the oversight and management of registration and student records. Responsibilities will include scheduling of courses and classroom space, records maintenance, student advising and assignment of advisors, evaluation of transfer credits, provision of official and unofficial transcripts, and training for users of PeopleSoft student database.

The registrar position is being re-established. It is the result of reorganization of the Records Office with the responsibilities being divided between Enrollment Services, the Registrar's Office, other administrative offices, and academic units.

Before coming to MSU, Balas served as the center director for operations for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at Minot Air Force Base since 2003. She was responsible for budgeting, marketing, overseeing graduation, counseling and registering students, hiring faculty, and maintaining student files. In addition, she was an adjunct instructor in English and speech for MSU and other institutions.

Balas, a Granville native, graduated from Moorhead State University in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in English education. She received her master's degree in education from the University of North Dakota in 1999 and taught high school English for seven years in North Dakota and Minnesota.

She and her husband, Matt, a training and research associate at the MSU Rural Crime and Justice Center, have two children, Mattison and Luke.

Former Presidents Honored

Former Minot State University presidents have continued to garner honors. Gordon B. Olson, president from 1967 to 1992, was named a 2005 Alumni Fellow by the Alumni Association of his alma mater, Dickinson State University. The DSU Alumni Fellow program seeks to recognize alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers. Named by their respective DSU academic department, the award is the highest honor bestowed upon alumni by the university's various academic departments. Olson graduated from DSU in 1948 and was named a Fellow by the Department of Teacher Education. Before coming to Minot State, Olson was department chairman, institutional dean and vice president at DSU. He earned his doctorate from the University of North Dakota. Olson and his wife, Carley, continue to reside in Minot.

President H. Erik Shaar, who served MSU from 1992 to 2004, was granted emeritus status by the State Board of Higher Education at its November meeting. President David Fuller recommended Shaar for presidential emeritus status. Shaar came to MSU from the president's post, 1986-1992, at Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Previously, he had served as vice president for academic affairs at Shippensburg (Pa.) University since 1975. Shaar completed his doctorate at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., in 1964. Since retiring from MSU, Erik and Jane Shaar have relocated to the East Coast to be nearer to a daughter and extended family.

Campus Master Plan Presents Future Options



*A*s Minot State University approaches its 2013 centennial, the campus could undergo a dramatic makeover.

The university's new master plan features three core values—integrity of place, connections between people and resource stewardship.

"You don't want a master plan that is generic," said JoAnne Kissel, a landscape architect with Clark Enersen Partners of Lincoln, Neb. "You want something that stands for what Minot State is."

Kissel and fellow architect Dennis Scheer unveiled a preliminary draft of the plan at a series of campus forums in late March.

The master plan recommends sweeping changes to the campus, including the reopening of 11th Avenue, the addition of a Community Bowl west of the Dome, a parking ramp east of the Dome, new student housing and an alumni village near the library, a Wellness Center and a skywalk across Broadway.

"The reaction has been very positive," said MSU President David Fuller. "Some of the anticipated controversies have been received well, such as the reopening of 11th Avenue, the addition of a Wellness Center and the parking ramps."

The final draft of the plan, to be delivered later this summer, will include cost estimates. Funding is expected to come from

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city, state and regional entities. Other sources will include private donations, grants and fees.

“A capital campaign focused on the campus strategic plan and the centennial will draw on a number of features in the master plan,” Fuller said.

Altering campus entrances will be a priority within the plan, the president said.

“Our campus is configured as a ‘backdoor’ campus, meaning that quite a few of our main entrances are essentially backdoor entrances, such as the Student Union and the Dome,” he said.

Core Values

Integrity of place, the first core value, acknowledges the cultural history of the region. Hidatsa

Indians built domed lodges, while early white settlers built sod homes. The master plan includes rolling, mounded earth berms along pedestrian pathways.

The master plan is also committed to building connections between the campus and the Minot community. A proposed bicycle path and mixed-use commercial development on Broadway could eventually link to an alumni village on the west side of campus. Linkages may also include outdoor plazas, informal gathering areas and a pedestrian commons.

Finally, the master plan stresses the stewardship of resources. It recommends the protection of open greenspace and the confinement of parking lots and ramps to controlled areas.

Specific Recommendations

New apartment/suite-style residence halls and an alumni townhouse village will

be constructed on the west side of campus. Existing residence halls will be converted to other uses, such as classrooms and a corporate training facility and retreat center.

On the east side of Broadway, private developers could build loft-style apartments and retail services. A skywalk across Broadway would integrate this area with the campus to the west.

A Community Bowl would be built west of the Dome to service MSU and Minot area high school athletic programs. All

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Athletic Department offices would be consolidated in the Dome and Community Bowl. Swain Hall would be converted to an academic building.

The Student Union would become more student-friendly. A Fitness Center, day-care facility and Multicultural Center would be added. Office hours for stores and offices would be extended.

Dakota Hall would be renovated to house Administration offices and a new Visitor’s Center. A new Alumni Center would be created with a location yet to be determined.

Vehicular traffic through and around campus will be improved. Eleventh Avenue will be reopened to traffic to create “front doors” to key campus buildings, such as the Dome, Aleshire Theater, Student Union and Gordon B. Olson Library.

A pedestrian-scale streetscape along 11th Avenue will feature ornamental lighting, banners and a 10-foot bicycle path. Landscaping, medians and paving materials will discourage cut-through traffic on the avenue.

Sidewalks, trails and pedestrian commons will make walking on campus a pleasurable experience. The commons will unite the east and west halves of the campus. Pedestrian plazas at building entrances will encourage informal gathering and emphasize primary entrances. Bicycle trails through and around campus will connect to the city trail system.

The master plan proposes the building of a parking ramp east of the Dome. The north parking lot next to Summer Theatre will be controlled to promote safety and to generate parking revenue. The Physical Plant will be moved to a location north of the football fields. The Power House would be demolished.

Parking in front of Old Main will be eliminated to strengthen the connection between the Ellipse and the rest of the campus.

Campus Image

A primary goal of the master plan is to improve campus image and identity. Strategies to do that include signage, streetscape development and development of a pedestrian commons.

A signage system, with consistent use of logo and graphics, will direct visitors to key locations. A gateway sign at the southeast corner of the campus will direct patrons to the school’s front door on 11th Avenue. Building signage will include names, lists of occupants and directions.

A streetscape will be established around the campus to identify its edges and draw visitors into the campus.



Proposed monumental signage on Broadway



Streetscape elements would include ornamental lighting and MSU banners.

A pedestrian commons would feature special paving materials, street furniture, ornamental lighting, gentle berms, ornamental trees and planting beds. Accent lighting would highlight special areas along the path.

School officials will involve all interested parties in the plan's implementation over the next 10 years.

"The decision will be collective, involving President's Staff, Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Student Senate, Alumni Board, Board of Regents and other stakeholders," Fuller said.



Proposed streetscape and signage on pedestrian bridge across Broadway

Clark Enersen Partners has Impressive Track Record

Harvard University classmates Ken Clark and Larry Enersen formed a design firm in 1946 in Lincoln, Neb. Three years later, Clark & Enersen wrote the master plans for every state park in Nebraska.

The firm served as consultants on a 1,000-unit housing project at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. It went on to complete 250 separate school projects in the 1940s and '50s.

A major project of the 1960s was the C.Y. Thompson Library at the University of Nebraska. The American Institute of Architecture called it "an architectural and aesthetic showplace ... a modern representation of a classic Greek temple."

In 1970, the firm adopted its current name.

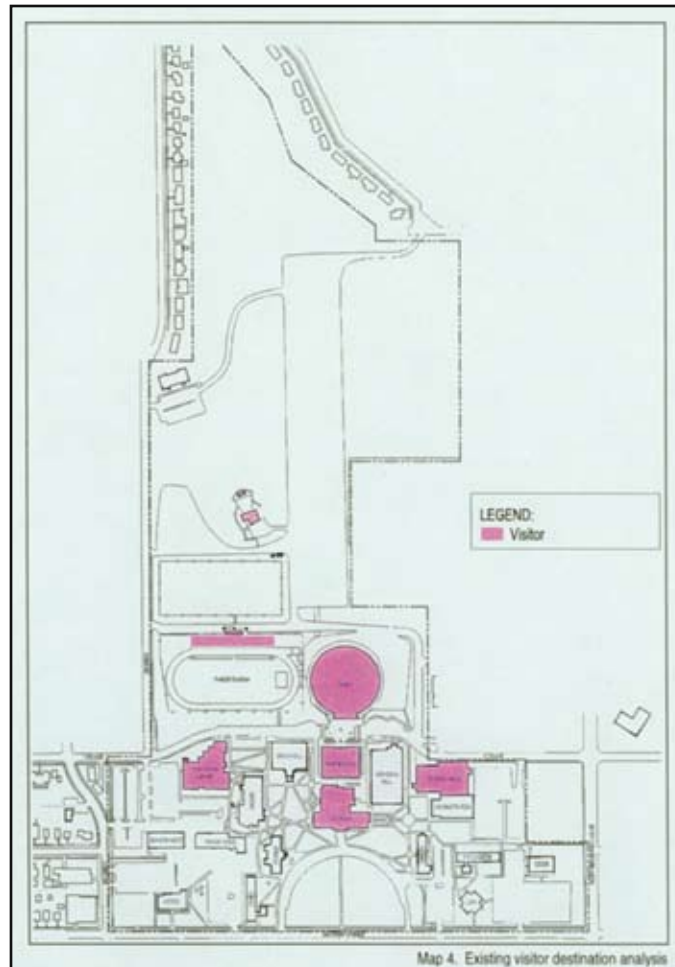
A recent project is the Strategic Planning Center at Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha, Neb. The secure, briefing/conference room within Strategic Air Command headquarters has become a prototype within the U.S. military.

The firm opened a Kansas City office in 1999. It specializes in facilities for medicine and the sciences.

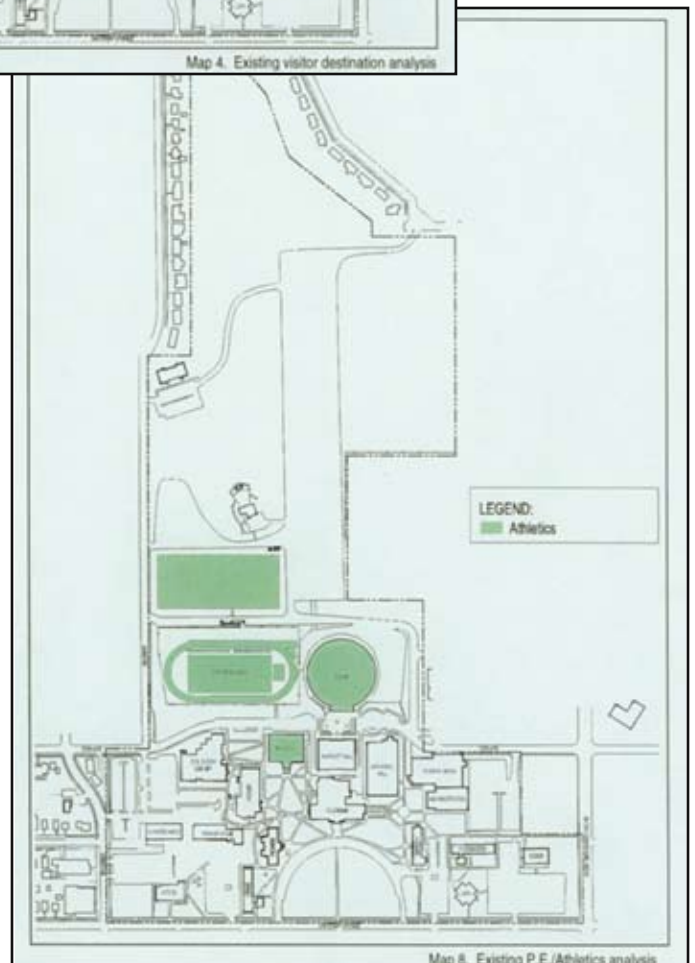
Clark Enersen worked on the recent North Stadium Improvement Project at the University of Nebraska. The \$40.8 million project includes the addition of 6,400 seats and the creation of a new athletic complex in Memorial Stadium. It will be completed by the start of the football season this fall.

The firm boasts a staff of 75 professionals in the primary design disciplines. Its projects include office facilities, libraries, parks, schools, churches, and medical and scientific facilities.

Landscape architects JoAnne Kissel and Dennis Scheer developed the master plan for Minot State University.



Map 4. Existing visitor destination analysis



Map 6. Existing P.E./Athletics analysis

Business Office Worker Always Gets the Job Done

Throughout her career at MSU, LaDona Malachowski has accepted challenges and met them successfully.

Malachowski worked in the mailroom/switchboard when she started at MSU in 1977. That office was the nerve center of the campus at the time.

"All the calls had to go through the switchboard. You couldn't dial directly to any of the offices. It was very busy," she said.

Two years later, Malachowski shifted to the Computer Center. As a keypunch operator, she provided the human face to offset the center's cold efficiency.

"I was interacting with students because that's how they added and dropped their classes back then," she said.

Her next stop was the Business Office in 1981. Starting as a clerk, she did filing, cashiering and student billing. She now handles student accounts as the senior member of the office staff. Student contact remains a key component of her job.

"They're easy to get along with. I enjoy that part of my job the best," she said.

Malachowski has been a stable force in the office that has seen a large turnover in recent years.

"We job-share as much as we can," she said. "I do that more than others because I've been here the longest, and I've done it all."

The veteran office worker is especially close to Robin Wagner, a budget and accounting analyst. The pair has worked together for 25 years. Malachowski filled in for Wagner when she had a baby and when she studied to become a certified public accountant.

Wagner noted that her friend is not only helpful to co-workers but also to students with account problems.



"For LaDona, it's always students first," Wagner said. "She goes above and beyond to settle students down if they're angry about something. She tries to get things fixed if something isn't charged right on their account."

'For LaDona, it's always students first. She goes above and beyond to settle students down if they're angry about something.'

Ron Dorn, vice president for finance, echoes Wagner's sentiments.

"She's fair with the students," he said. "That's a tough job to have to tell them 'no.' I haven't gotten any complaints."

A recent challenge in the Business Office has been the conversion to Connect ND's PeopleSoft, a software program designed to unite state government and higher education.

"Processing is very different from the legacy system," Malachowski noted. "Our work takes more time, so you don't get as much done in one day as normally. I'm hoping it gets easier and faster."

To learn PeopleSoft, she and her co-workers sacrificed nights, weekends and

holidays for two years to attend training sessions around the state.

"She's willing to put in the time it takes to get the job done," Dorn said.

Not content to just stay busy at MSU, Malachowski has also been active in her hometown of Granville. A member of the local economic development board, she helped the town win a \$100,000 national contest. The town used the proceeds to build a new community center. With other funding, the economic development board has created a day-care center and a café.

Malachowski also served on the local school board for nine years. She helped oversee the consolidation of schools in Granville, Upham and Towner, a particularly challenging task. She has also served on her local church council.

The MSU worker and two other women make the 25-mile commute from Granville to Minot every day. She said Granville is thriving with a population of 275. She encourages Granville seniors to attend Minot State instead of large, distant universities.

"It's more like a home; people take care of you," she said of Minot State. "You're not just a number in the computer system. I've seen a lot of Granville people go through here and graduate."

Malachowski and her husband Marty have three grown children—daughters Jesse and Veronica and son Tony. The couple has two grandchildren.

The Malachowskis like to snowmobile in the winter and camp and golf in the summer. They also spend weekends at their cabin on Lake Sakakawea.

Retirement from the stresses of the Business Office is just over the horizon for the veteran office worker.

"I've enjoyed my years here. PeopleSoft has been a challenge, but I think I'll make it," she said.

MSU Graduate is an Active First Lady

Mikey (Laird) Hoeven has made the most of her life in her adopted state of North Dakota.



She has gone from military transplant to First Lady of the state. Her husband is John Hoeven, the state's two-term governor.

A self-proclaimed "Air Force brat,"

Hoeven attended high schools in several states before arriving in Minot for her senior year. After graduation, she enrolled at Minot State and quickly found a home.

"In Minot, the people were so friendly that I quickly developed a circle of friends," she said.

She transferred to the University of Texas-Austin for a year, but the huge classes sent her scurrying back to MSU.

"I liked the close relationship that you were able to have with your instructor at Minot State," she said.

Hoeven graduated with degrees in business administration and executive secretarial studies in 1984. She paid for college by working part time at Minot's First Western Bank. It was there that she met John Hoeven, who was executive vice president of the bank.

After serving as president of the Bank of North Dakota for eight years, John Hoeven was elected governor in 2000. Suddenly, Mikey Hoeven found herself the state's First Lady.

"There's no job description for it," she said of the role. "It's freeing for me to develop it into whatever I want it to be."

Hoeven has enjoyed traveling the state and meeting its people. She also discovered critical issues that needed attention.

"Once I learned that North Dakota ranked No. 1 in underage binge drinking, I realized this is where I want to spend my time," she said.

Hoeven launched a statewide ad campaign, titled "Let's Keep Our Kids Alcohol Free," in 2001 to increase awareness of the

problem and to empower young people to say no to alcohol.

The First Lady has also held annual Women's Health Summits featuring state and national experts.

"The purpose is to empower women with tools that they can take home and start implementing into their daily lives," she said.

A highlight for the Hoevens was a two-day visit with President George W. Bush and wife Laura at the White House.

"They're normal human beings," Mikey Hoeven said. "They love their family; they love their pets."

While their husbands immersed themselves in policies and politics, Hoeven spent time with the First Lady of the Land.

"Laura is a class act. She's so measured, smart, appealing, gracious. She asked me to work out with her and her trainer. It was great to get to see that side of her," she said.

Married for 24 years, the Hoevens have two children. Daughter Marcela majors in business administration at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. Son Jack is a high school junior with interests in golf, tennis and snowboarding.

Track Coach Learned Values at Minot State

Heartland values have helped a North Dakota native forge a successful coaching career.



Karlsruhe product Curt Kraft was a first-rate hurdler at Minot State in the early 1980s. He also participated in cross country as a senior and varsity basketball as a junior.

As a track athlete, Kraft absorbed the philosophy of legendary coach Wiley Wilson.

"Wiley influenced me a lot," he said. "I like to treat people with respect. You're in this to guide young student-athletes. Winning will take care of itself."

Kraft graduated with a physical education degree in 1984. He then taught

and coached at Carrington for five years. After earning a master's degree from the University of Nebraska, he began coaching at the University of Nevada-Reno in 1991.

Over the next 14 years, Kraft developed a winning formula in the competitive Western Athletic Conference.

"I was part of five championships there," he said.

His teams' successes led to numerous coach-of-the-year accolades for Kraft. But after 2004, Kraft left coaching for a year. The respite served to refocus his energies.

"I needed to get back into coaching because that's where the love was. I missed it," he said.

Kraft then became head women's coach at the 25,000-student East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. The change in geography, culture and people has refreshed the veteran coach. His task is to rebuild the women's program in a sports-crazed state.

"There are 50 four-year schools in the state of North Carolina. We're all going after the same kids," he said.

Based on the philosophy he learned at Minot State, he'll be building character and capturing titles at the Conference USA school in short order.

"Education is so important, getting kids prepared for life," he said. "I want to fill voids that they had growing up in their high schools and in their home life."

Kraft is married to Nancy (Edwards), an MSU graduate who double majored in elementary and special education. The couple has two daughters. Alicia, 19, will be a freshman at the University of Nevada-Reno. Kayla, 17, will be a senior in high school.

Rigors of Track Shaped Businessman's Character

Running track was an integral part of the learning experience for one MSU alumnus.

Scott Louser participated in cross country and steeplechase in the early 1990s. Steeplechase is a distance event that calls for runners to clear hurdles and negotiate water jumps.

"I had an interest in it growing up. It was only offered in college," he said of the unique event. "My brother-in-law Eric Schaeffer ran it a couple of years prior to my running it."

When track coach Wiley Wilson put out a call for steeplechasers, Louser accepted the challenge.

"I gained a work ethic and appreciation for teammates and coaches," he said. "Those are not easy sports to participate in. I had a lot of respect for the people ahead of me that set the standards high."

He also learned lessons about leadership under coach Wilson.

"He had the unique ability to command respect and be a friend at the same time," the former runner said.

Louser graduated with a business administration degree in 1994. He returned to earn a master's degree in management

in 2001. He has worked as a real estate broker at Prudential Preferred Properties for nine years. His father owns the firm. His mother is an attorney and real estate commissioner.

"Oddly enough, she regulates my industry. She protects consumers against me," he said.

Using the leadership skills he gained in track and as president of the Business Administration Club, Louser has held state and national posts in the real estate profession. He has also served on the board of directors of the MSU Alumni Association and Beaver Boosters.

The real estate broker left Minot for two years but chose to return for business, family and quality-of-life reasons. He remains a huge supporter of his hometown.

"We offer a lot more than we advertise," he said.

To promote the city, Louser and other young professionals have created Greater Expectations for Minot (GEM).

"One of our core beliefs is that Minot State is a valuable resource to the community. We work to enhance the relationship between the university and the community," he said.

Minot State is a family affair for the Lousers. His father is a graduate. His sister and brother-in-law hold master's degrees from the school, and both of his brothers attended MSU.

"You have the opportunity at a smaller school to excel in an area that you choose," he said. "Since I graduated in '94, I've seen a lot of improvements made on campus. I really like the direction the school is going."

New Faces for the Alumni Association Executive Council

The new fiscal year brings new leadership to the MSU Alumni Association Board of Directors. Darwin Langseth '74 will serve as the president, with Brenda Foster '92 serving as president-elect each for a two-year term. Serving as vice presidents will be Linda Christianson '72 for outreach, Dale Olson '73 for events, and Ryan Hertz '00 for promotions.

The following new members will serve a three-year term, which began Jan. 1, 2006: Robert Anderson '83; Jennifer Aspaas '04; Kari Klein '96/'03; Shane Larson '02; Trisha Roberts '99; Amy Simmons '01; Ellen Simmons '68; and DelRae Zimmerman '04.

Darwin Langseth '74, is owner/president of Signal Management Corporation (SMC). He also serves on the board of MADC and the planning commission of Minot. Darwin and his wife, Nancy '74, have two children and live in Minot. Darwin's interests include fishing and golfing.

Brenda Foster '84/'92 is vice president of First Western Bank & Trust, where she began in 1981. She serves as board member, treasurer of the Minot Chamber of Commerce as well as board member of the Junior Achievement program of Minot. She is a member of the Minot Public School Foundation board, treasurer of the Washington School PTA, secretary of the Minot City PTA, and vice president of Leadership for North Dakota PTA. Brenda and her husband, Wayne, have two children and live in Minot.

Brenda's interests include spending time with family and friends, attending her children's school and extracurricular activities, and being involved in the community.

Linda Christianson '72 is a grade five teacher at Edison School in Minot. She has been a teacher in the Minot School system since she graduated from MSU in 1972. She has received a number of awards and recognition, including the KXMC Golden Apple Award in 1991 and 1995, Minot Education Association Teacher of the Year in 1998 and the KMOT Lifetime of Learning award in 1998. Linda and her husband, Bruce I. '73, have two daughters and a granddaughter. They live in Minot. Linda's interests include golf and spending time with her family.

Dale A. Olson '73 has retired from teaching at Jim Hill Middle School, but continues to provide substitute teaching in the Minot School system. He is a member of the Zion Lutheran Church council and former president of the Minot Baseball Babe Ruth boosters. Dale and his wife Teresa '93 have two children and live in Minot. Dale's interests include golf, reading, and traveling.

Ryan Hertz '00 is a commercial loan officer at First International Bank and Trust in Minot. He and his wife, Erin (attended 1994-96), have two children, and live in Minot. Ryan's interests include sports, hunting, fishing, and entertaining the kids.



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Annual Giving Opportunities

As this is my first article for *Connections*, I thought I would give a little background on myself. I was raised in Minot. I graduated from Minot High School in 2000 and from Minot State University in 2004. I received a bachelor's degree in both marketing and management. I started as the Director of Alumni and Annual Giving at Minot State University in October of 2005. The first nine months have been a great experience, and I am looking forward to many more opportunities here.

As my job description states, I am in charge of the annual giving opportunities at Minot State University. With the beginning of a new school year approaching, this is the perfect time to explain all about annual giving. As taken from Wikipedia, "annual giving is one of the most important areas in an organization's fundraising efforts. Annual giving consists of many separate solicitation vehicles. When these vehicles are assembled together with skill, they can form the foundation of the institution's



philanthropic support. A university or non-profit organization builds upward as it prepares for its future. Annual giving programs are needed to make that upward structuring possible."

Minot State University relies on annual giving from alumni and friends to guarantee the quality of the student experience and to remain competitive with its peers, as universities are measured by the percentage of alumni that give back. State funding is becoming scarcer every year with the tuition costs on the rise. Annual giving is

done year round with the intention of raising both friends and funds that support the university.

Strong growth in annual giving will allow Minot State to remain flexible and focused in meeting our most demanding needs and taking those opportunities that further our mission. Annual gifts may be directed to a number of different areas within the university, such as a specific college, department, or program. Gifts can also go towards scholarships or endowment funds. Unrestricted support, in particular, will give Minot State the ability to act on new initiatives and enhance student services throughout the year. These gifts also help relieve some of the pressure on endowments and tuition as primary funding sources.

Many different appeals and initiatives are conducted through the annual giving program. They include direct mailings to all alumni, department or universitywide phonathons, an annual Minot State faculty and staff campaign, and various special events held both on and off campus.

This kicks off a new year of annual giving for Minot State University. There will be a direct mailer coming out in the next few weeks asking for your support with emphasis on the importance of student scholarships. If you have any questions or comments, call me at 701-858-3373 or e-mail me at tawnya.bernsdorf@minotstateu.edu.

I hope that you will consider joining all of our alumni and friends in support of your alma mater, Minot State University.

— TAWNYA BERNSDORF
Director of Alumni/Annual Giving



Hooterville Flyin Lions Club presented Vice President of Advancement, Brad Botz, with a check at a recent meeting.



MSU to Remain NAIA

Minot State University President David Fuller announced that MSU is not intending to pursue NCAA Division II affiliation at this time. This decision is in agreement with the recommendation made by a task force who has been studying the issue for about nine months. Fuller had until June 1 to make a final decision to meet the deadline established by the NCAA.

“I am certainly open to consideration of affiliating our athletics with NCAA Division II in the future,” said Fuller. “But I also agree with the findings of the task force that Minot State University should be prepared to make such a move, namely having our financial support and conference membership in place.”

Fuller’s decision means that MSU athletics will not enter into what the NCAA defines as an official “exploratory period.” The exploratory period is a mandatory one-year intensive study that is required as part of the transition to Division II.

The MSU president said that he was very encouraged by the positive sense for a move to Division II gained through the study by the university task force.

“I see cautious but strong support for the move. The Beaver Booster support is there,” said Fuller. “The study showed that Minot State University is very similar to other Division II institutions and, certainly, our interest will continue as will our efforts to strengthen our Athletic Department and position it for the future.”

Fuller thanked the task force for its hard work, saying that a great deal of research and examination led to a sound decision. He said there is a wealth of information contained in the study that will help Minot State University be prepared for future changes in intercollegiate athletics.

Carter Selected for NAIA Hall of Fame

Six-time NAIA National Champion thrower Donelle Carter was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame for Track & Field on May 28 at the 2006 National Outdoor Championships in Fresno, Calif.

Carter, who is a Garrison, N.D., native, graduated from Minot State in 1999 with a bachelor of science in criminal justice. While at Minot State, Carter won two indoor titles in the shot put, one in the 20-pound weight throw, two outdoor shot-put titles, and one in the discus. In 1998, her indoor shot-put title was won with a then national record of 51 feet, 2 ¾ inches, while her 1999 outdoor shot-put title was a record 50 feet, 4 inches.

As a Beaver, Carter earned a total of nine All-America honors while attending four national championships—two indoors and two outdoors. Carter began her collegiate career at Jamestown College in 1995, and earned three All-America honors before transferring to Minot State in 1997 to pursue a criminal justice degree.

During her collegiate career, Carter attended seven national championships and earned at least one All-America honor at six of those championships. In addition to her athletic success, Carter excelled in the classroom, graduating with a cumulative grade point average of 3.67. During her junior and senior years, because of her academic success, Donelle was also recognized by the NAIA as an All-America Scholar Athlete.

Carter is the first Minot State University athlete to be recognized by the NAIA for this honor in any sport. In 1984, longtime coach and administrator Herb Parker was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame for Outstanding Achievement and Meritorious Service.

MSU Athletic Director Rick Hedberg said, “We are very happy to see Donelle receiving the recognition she deserves. She was an outstanding student-athlete, and she represented MSU well during her time here. It’s also a tribute to her coaches Dave Zittleman and Lisa Salander.”

2006 VOLLEYBALL

AUGUST

25-26 Jamestown Inv. Tournament TBA

SEPTEMBER

1-2 Great Falls Inv. Tournament TBA

6..... Dickinson State University 7:00 pm

15..... Jamestown College 7:00 pm

16..... Dakota State University 3:00 pm

22..... Valley City State University..... 7:00 pm

23..... Mayville State University..... 7:00 pm

29..... Black Hills State University 7:00 MST

30..... South Dakota Tech..... 3:00 MST

OCTOBER

4..... Dickinson State University 7:00 pm

20..... Dakota State University 7:00 pm

21..... Jamestown College 7:00 pm

27..... Mayville State University 7:00 pm

28..... Valley City State University 7:00 pm

NOVEMBER

3..... South Dakota Tech..... 7:00 pm

4..... Black Hills State University..... 3:00 pm

8..... DAC Playoff Quarterfinals TBA

10-11 DAC Tournament Final Four TBA

16-17-18. Region III Tournament TBA

Home games in bold.

2006 Hall of Fame

Four former MSU students-athletes will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming 2006. They will be inducted at halftime of the Homecoming game on Saturday, Sept. 23, and honored at a banquet that evening.

Donelle Carter was a track & field athlete from 1997-99. She won six national championships, was a two-time All America Scholar Athlete and still holds two NAIA national records. She is the first MSU athlete to be inducted into the NAIA Athletic Hall of Fame.

Scott Deibert was a football and track athlete from 1994-98. The three-time All Conference player holds the MSU records for rushing yards in a season, points scored in a season and scoring average per game. Scott just retired from an eight-year career in the Canadian Football League which included one Grey Cup Championship.

Bart Manson was the point guard for the basketball team from 1993-95. He was the leading scorer for the Beavers in both seasons and was voted the NDIC Player of the Year. Bart is currently the head basketball coach at Red River High School in Grand Forks.

Jason Obenauer was a football player from 1991-94. He was a two-time All Conference and All District player before being named Second-Team All American his senior season. Jason led his team to four NDCAC championships during his career at MSU.

Homecoming 2006

The MSU Athletic Department and Beaver Boosters will host a reunion of all the teams coached by Ken Becker for Homecoming 2006. The Homecoming parade and football game are set for Saturday, Sept. 23. The Ken Becker teams will have a reunion on Friday, Sept. 22, in conjunction with the Greek reunion at the Holiday Inn. They will also be introduced at halftime of the football game on Saturday, along with riding in the Homecoming parade. If you were a member of any of Coach Becker's football, basketball, baseball, or golf teams, please clear your schedules to be a part of this great event. For more information, you can contact the MSU Athletic Office at 701-858-3041 or www.msubeavers.com. We look forward to seeing you back on campus for Homecoming 2006.

COACH KEN BECKER

Ken Becker coached football, basketball, baseball, and golf at Minot State from 1967-84, while also teaching in the Department of Physical Education. As a head coach, he accumulated 251 wins, with 149 of them coming in conference play. He secured 13 conference championships and two district titles. He has coached numerous All Conference, All District, All American and Hall of Fame athletes over his career. For his outstanding accomplishments, Coach Becker was inducted into the MSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998.



Coach Becker won football championships in 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973 and 1974, while finishing with a 26-4 conference record for his career. The 1970 team finished the season with a school record eight wins and a trip to the NAIA National Playoffs. He also won three basketball championships in 1977, 1979, and 1981, along with two baseball titles in 1968 and 1970. In three years, as the head golf coach, his teams won three conference championships and two district titles.

Coach Becker was always recognized as a players' coach. His demanding coaching style not only prepared them for upcoming games, but also for future careers and life. The respect and admiration he has gained from his former players is best described by them.

2006 FOOTBALL

SEPTEMBER

- 2..... Rocky Mountain College 6:00 MST
@ Miles City, MT
- 9..... **Bemidji State University** 1:30 pm
- 16..... **Black Hills State University** 1:30 pm
- 23..... **South Dakota Tech** 1:30 pm
(Homecoming)
- 30..... Dickinson State University 1:30 MST

OCTOBER

- 7..... **Mayville State University** 1:30 pm
- 14..... Valley City State University 1:30 pm
- 21..... **Dakota State University** 1:30 pm
- 28..... Jamestown College 1:00 pm

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COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Students & Student Learning

- Several plays were shown in the Aleshire Theatre in spring 2006. Kristen Boeshans and Chris Stroschein received Irene Ryan nominations for their performances in "Androcles and the Lion." The nomination qualifies them to audition for scholarships at the 2007 American College Theatre Festival.
- Over 500 participants attended a presentation about dinosaurs on drifting continents by Dr. Paul Sereno, a well-known dinosaur biologist, in February.
- Approximately 60 pieces of art created by art students were displayed at Hartnett Hall Gallery and juried by external faculty, Prof. Peter Kilian.
- Loni White and Andrea Isaacson, two music majors under Professor Penelope Simons in the Division of Music were featured pianists with the Minot Symphony Orchestra in April. They were co-winners of Senior Honors competition.

Academic Excellence, Accomplishments, and Community Connection

- Dustin Martin '03 was named co-recipient of the North Dakota State History Day Teacher of the Year award. Dustin teaches at St. Thomas Public School in North Dakota. His student, Erin Droske,


received the Best Women's History Entry award and a \$500 scholarship to MSU at the N.D. State History Day competition in Bismarck in April.

- Jenette Nelson and 15 of her Stanley High School students gave a lecture on conflict resolution to several classes at MSU and were hosted by Dr. Patricia Lomire in her Introduction to Sociology class.
- Dr. Margaret Sherve, English; Ruth Kihm, social work program; Pat Hubel, academic projects and research; and Ronnie Walker, international student coordinator; participated in an International Service-Learning Workshop in Indianapolis, Ind., in March.
- Music faculty Richard Viglucci, Patrick Hoffman, Avis Veikley, and 40 students visited high schools in Burlington, Stanley, Lakota, Carrington, Washburn, and Velve in March. This showcase included Beaver Brass, percussion ensemble, brass ensemble, drum line, and two student soloists. The showcase demonstrated the best performances and the talents of music students and faculty.
- The Math/Computer Science Department held a phonathon this spring with the money raised earmarked for the Robert L. Holmen Scholarship Fund.
- Robert Kibler was notified that the Northern Plains Writing Project (NPWP)

has received \$45,000 in annual federal funding to continue its work with area K-12 teachers.

- There were department chair changes in the CAS in May. Dr. Conrad Davidson of Humanities, Dr. John Webster of Science and Dr. Rick Seklecki of Criminal Justice have served as chairs of their departments and will continue as faculty members. Prof. Linda Olson will replace Dr. Davidson in Humanities and Dr. Ryan Winburn will replace Dr. John Webster in the Division of Science. No replacement for the Criminal Justice Department has been named.
- Chad Heinzel and John Webster organized the Earth Day Festival in April. The event was held in Cyril Moore Hall and sponsored by MSU Department of Geosciences, Augite Club, DRC, Souris Valley Chapter, and the Sierra Club—Dakota Chapter.
- Ernest Pijning (History) is organizing the 2006 International Peace Garden Conference of Minot State University and Brandon University.
- The biennial Faculty Exhibition was presented in the Hartnett Hall Gallery in March. MSU art faculty Bill Harbort, Jon Olson, Linda Olson, Walter Piehl, Doug Pfliger, and Tom Willis showed a variety of media, such as paintings, ceramics, and mixed media.

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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

The Department of Business Administration has had a very busy and prosperous year of growth within the faculty.

Dr. Michael Duffy was deployed to Iraq with the Air Force Reserves for the spring and summer semesters.

Dr. James Ondracek traveled to Brazil, Argentina, and Chile in May to attend the Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER) conference.

Ottis Walizer traveled to Orlando, Fla., in April to attend the IACBE 2006 Annual Conference.

Ron Weinmann traveled to Minneapolis, Minn., in March along with Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) club members to attend regional competition.

Dr. John Girard traveled to Toronto in March to present at the Information Highways Conference.

Keith Witwer with Dr. Frank Moseley proposed to the department, college, and university president, Dr. Fuller, possible technology programs for MSU.

The department cooperated in research to determine the need for a fitness and well-

ness facility contiguous to the Ina Mae Rude Aquatic Center in Stanley.

Department members researched for presentations at seminars and workshops on International Negotiations, such as the State Human Resource Conference.

Business Administration Programs

The Business Administration Department has three academic programs. One of the three academic programs includes a Master's of Science in Management (MSM). The MSM program is based on time-tested theories, concepts, and applications presented by experienced international faculty from around the world. The MSM program is designed to prepare students to address leadership and managerial goals, responsibilities, strategies, and tactics to enhance the overall effectiveness of their respective organizations. The MSM is offered in an online environment.

Three of the BADM programs are undergraduate and include the bachelor of science in management, bachelor of science in marketing, and bachelor of applied science

in management. The department is currently pursuing the reinstatement of the previously offered bachelor of science in international business. The entire BS-Management and BAS-Management programs are offered in both the on-campus and online delivery modes. The BS-Management program is also delivered on the campus at Bismarck State College in a mixed environment that may include campus courses, interactive television (IVN), and/or online courses.

The department continues to offer as a joint residence and online program the Job Corps Executive Management Program.

Business Administration Faculty

Dr. Michael Duffy, Chair; Mr. Ottis (Wally) Walizer, Interim Chair; Mr. Andy Bertsch; Dr. John Girard; Dr. Ji Hee Kim; Dr. James Ondracek; Dr. Gary Ross; Dr. M. Saeed; Mr. Ron Weinmann; and Mr. Keith Witwer. Ms. Eileen Solberg is the department secretary. Information on the Department of Business Administration can be found online at <http://www.minotstateu.edu/business/>.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HEALTH SCIENCES

A Busy Year for Student Social Work Organization

The Student Social Work Organization, a club that is part of MSU's Social Work program in the College of Education and Health Sciences, has had an active 2005-06 school year.

Faculty member Deb DeWitz, social work field coordinator and adviser of SSWO, reports that students have completed many projects and spent "countless hours in service to the community and the globe." According to DeWitz, projects take students out into the community and help fulfill one of SSWO's goals to educate students in the leadership and networking skills that are needed in the social work profession. The organization sponsored a booth at MSU's annual community Halloween party, conducted its annual phonathon to raise scholarship funds, gave a donation to buy gifts for the campus-wide Christmas Tree project, and participated in the January "Love Without Fear" walkathon at the MSU Dome to raise

money for Minot's Domestic Violence Crisis Center. They also co-sponsored a brown bag lunch with the social work faculty in April when social work students met with recent graduates of the program to discuss licensure, job hunting, and questions about the field.

In addition, one of SSWO's major projects was the second-annual "Freezin' for a Reason" event for the Minot Area Homeless Coalition in November. Participants raised community awareness of homelessness by sitting for 12 hours in cardboard boxes in the Town and Country Shopping Center parking lot. They raised over \$500 and collected 1,000 pounds of food. Many people, including the homeless, stopped to learn about the project and to talk. This was the second year the Homeless Coalition has asked SSWO to coordinate the "Freezin'" event as part of National Homelessness Week. "This was a great learning experience because it opened members' eyes to the issue of homelessness," said SSWO president Brenna Modin. "People who don't have as

much donated the most. We knew this was a big sacrifice for them."

Another major project was a day-long spring symposium in April titled "Men as Allies" that focused on the issue of domestic violence from the man's perspective. Featuring Ben Atherton-Zeman from the National Organization for Men Against Sexism, the symposium educated participants on how men can become advocates in the fight against domestic violence and dating violence. Other speakers included representatives from the Minot Police Department, family service agencies, college athletics, and the Minot Domestic Violence Crisis Center. The symposium was planned by a committee which included SSWO members and representatives from the Department of Nursing and the Domestic Violence Crisis Center.

SSWO members helped to write a grant request for the MSU Intellectual Climate Committee to fund Atherton-Zeman's appearance. The grant also funded a

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breakfast a month before the symposium for men in key community leadership roles to involve them in the issue of violence against women. At the symposium, the SSWO's annual awards ceremony was held. Students who were awarded scholarships, past and present officers, committee members, and people from the community were recognized.

Another project, "Free Wheelchair Mission," was begun this year and will continue next year. SSWO member Sara Steckler is chair of this committee. Created in 2001, Free Wheelchair Mission raises funds to pay for specially designed wheelchairs for low-income people in underdeveloped or rural areas. Each wheelchair is made from a chair equipped with bicycle wheels to make it easy to transport and repair, and costs only \$41. Members learned about this project from adviser DeWitz. She brought it to their attention because it would help fulfill MSU's desire

to gain a "more international perspective" by making students global citizens. The project appealed to SSWO members because it gave them a new perspective: "I never thought about people crawling on the ground because they can't afford a wheelchair. I was surprised I could change their lives so much by raising money," said Steckler. She and her committee became committed to this cause: "I hope those people get off the ground today," she said. The SSWO raised enough at a bake sale and at the spring symposium for 10 wheelchairs. At their display tables, they were able to educate people and widen their perspective as well.

The Free Wheelchair Mission project will continue next year. Project committee members have sent a letter to area churches asking them to become partners in this project and offering to give presentations about the project. Each year the SSWO designs its own T-shirt. Next year's design will feature a Free Wheelchair Mission logo designed by a student. Those interested in

Free Wheelchair Mission can learn more by calling 1-800-733-0858 or by checking their Web site: www.freewheelchairmission.org.

DeWitz, Modin and Steckler all emphasize that SSWO projects go far beyond each task itself. They learn how to write a grant, how to organize an event, how to be responsible, how to delegate, and how to network with others. They discover their leadership skills and abilities; they learn to look beyond their expectations of others and to value others' abilities. They raise their own and others' awareness, too, by learning how to "get people to listen to your story," said DeWitz. They become active in teaching students, faculty, and staff about issues that social workers encounter. In sum, students are moving outside and beyond the classroom and applying what they learn; they are making the connection between the curriculum and experience, said DeWitz. This empowers students, she says, to know their strengths and to make the transition from student to professional social worker.

CENTER FOR EXTENDED LEARNING

Supporting Education Excellence: Using Technology to Advance Learning

Imagine you are sitting in a large psychology class. The professor asks a question; you know the answer. But instead of raising your hand, you press a button on a small electronic device. Within seconds, a graph appears on a large screen at the front of the room, displaying the correct response and a summary of the entire class's answers.

Consider another scenario. You are a nursing student in a clinical situation. A question comes up about a possible drug interaction. You reach into your lab coat and take out a palm-sized device. Within seconds, you know the patient's history and the possible impact of prescribing a certain drug and dose.

Can technology tools be used to promote learning? That question was tackled this past semester in a technology pilot study conducted on the MSU campus.

Four courses were included in the pilot study, with each course using a different technology tool. The goal was to enrich the overall learning experience by adding technology and assessing the outcome. Four technology tools were used in the study.

A Personal Response System (PRS) uses a hand held "clicker" to record student answers to multiple-choice questions. Responses are compiled and displayed on a screen at the front of the classroom. This tool was used in a large psychology class as a way to engage students and to assist in determining if key concepts were being mastered.

The iPod is a portable digital media player. The professor in an online graduate business course used this tool as a way to make available lectures, case studies, and an electronic textbook.



Nursing students use their PDAs for clinical preparations.

The Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) is a hand-held computing platform. Nursing students used the information on their PDAs for clinical preparation, knowledge about medications, calculations, assessment, and diagnosis.

The final technology tool was a SMART Board used in a large math class. Instructor-developed notes and sample problem pages were displayed during class lecture time and later saved as files students could access online. In addition, entire class sessions were recorded for students who missed class or who needed a review.

Students were surveyed at the end of the semester, and the response was very positive. Eighty-eight percent reported that the technology tool helped them to understand course material;



Math instructor David McCormack demonstrates the new SMART board technology.

68 percent replied that the tool helped them complete assignments, and 89 percent stated that the technology tool they used improved their learning in the course.

Comments from students included:

- “I feel the PRS is great to have in the classroom. It is fun as well as you are able to learn.”
- “It was a great experience; more teachers should use it [Smart Board].”
- “I would strongly support the use of iPod technology for other courses.”
- “I really enjoyed the PDA. It was a great opportunity to try out new technology.”

Special thanks are given to the faculty who participated in the pilot study: Dr. Shirley Cole-Harding, Dr. John Girard, Dr. Marita Hoffart, Dr. David McCormack, Ms. Linda Schaefer, and Ms. Deb Townsend. A similar study is planned for the Fall '06 semester.

For more information about this study, contact Ms. Cathy Horvath at cathy.horvath@minotstateu.edu or Dr. Kris Warmoth at kris.warmoth@minotstateu.edu.



Xcel Energy community relations manager Kathy Aas presents a check to President Fuller.

Sando Named Distinguished Lifetime Educator

Robert Sando, professor emeritus of business, was named Distinguished Lifetime Educator by the Minot State University Faculty Senate at the annual Employee Appreciation Banquet on March 23. The award is made to a retired faculty member who has exhibited outstanding contributions to the university during his employment and after retirement.



Sando retired in 2002 as professor and dean of the College of Business, a position he held for seven years. Prior to that, he served as chair of the Business Information Technology Department for 10 years. Sando began his employment with MSU in 1966 and throughout the years served on numerous university committees. He was a co-recipient of the first Burlington Northern Faculty Achievement Award in 1985. Sando established a scholarship for business students using his personal funds.

He continues to be very active with the MSU Department of Athletics and Beaver Boosters. He served on the board of directors for the Boosters for 14 years and was president in 1991-92. In addition, he was Minot State University's faculty athletic representative to the NDCAC and helped form the DAC conference. Sando also participates in the MSU retired faculty group and regularly supports MSU activities and events. In 2003, he received the MSU Alumni Association's Golden Award, the highest honor bestowed by the organization.

Sando has represented the university very well in the community. Especially noteworthy is his service in Sertoma. Sando was in charge of the Christmas in the Park initiative. He was named Sertoman of the Year in 1999 and 2002 and District Sertoman of the Year in 2005. Sando also served on the Minot City Planning Commission for 15 years, directed the Business and Community Assistance Center, was an ex-officio member of the Minot Area Development Corporation (MADC) and worked closely with the Minot Area Growth through Investment and Cooperation (MAGIC) Fund. He received the MADC Chairman's Award in 1999 for his economic development efforts.

Alumni Association Seeks Board Nominations

The Alumni Association is seeking nominations for its board of directors who work closely with the university to assist in achieving its goals. The board represents more than 26,000 alumni and friends and sets the course for the association. The board meets on campus quarterly. If you are interested in being nominated or nominating someone, email alumni@minotstateu.edu or call 701-858-3234. Nominations are due by Sept. 1.

Five Earn Achievement Awards

Three faculty members and two staff members received special honors during Minot State University's annual Employee Appreciation Banquet March 23. The awards and their recipients are:

MSU Board of Regents Faculty Achievement Award—Ruth Kihm, social work, Shirley Cole-Harding, addiction studies, and David Rochholz, teacher education and human performance.

MSU Board of Regents Staff Achievement Award—Robert Feller, Information Technology Central, and Tammy Wolf, Career Services.

The faculty achievement awards recognize excellence in the areas of teaching, scholarship and service. The staff achievement awards recognize staff members for outstanding service to the university and the community.

Kihm, a licensed certified social worker and a lecturer of social work, was recognized for excellence in teaching. She initially started at MSU in 1999 as a counselor. In 2001 she began her teaching career, after 13 years of direct social work practice, mostly in the state's rural areas. Her professional experience includes the areas of rural and global social policy, human services administration and delivery, program development and international service learning.



Kihm's interest in global policy and service learning has resulted in her developing an interdisciplinary international service learning class and leading students on three trips to Guatemala. She also places her students into the local community and integrates multiple levels of community experience into her classes. Kihm believes that learning needs to be dynamic and collaborative between the teacher, the student, and the world. She sees her role as assisting students to learn to take risks and be open to change, to be broad and critical thinkers, and to constantly renew insight about themselves and the world around them.

Cole-Harding, associate professor of psychology and a faculty member since 1992, was recognized for excellence in scholarship.



Before coming to MSU, she had been a post-doctoral research associate at the University of Chicago and a graduate and professional research assistant at the University of Colorado-Boulder. Cole-Harding is known as one of the most dedicated researchers and scholars on MSU's campus. Her work has been presented in numerous publications and at many professional conferences. She is tireless in her research and spends long hours working to provide students with the research base they need to get into graduate school. The titles of a few of these projects include: "Subjects' expected and actual alcohol consumption and the effects on mood," "Correlations between blood alcohol levels and subjective measures of impairment," and "A new scale for measuring changes in mood and emotion."

Rochholz, assistant professor of physical education and human performance program director, joined MSU in 1987. Rochholz was recognized for service and as a quality model of putting "students first." He has been instrumental in developing relationships with 10



area fitness centers and hospital-based wellness programs to provide MSU students with a wide variety of quality field experiences. His leadership, research, and dedication have led to the development and implementation of numerous academic and fitness opportunities for the student population. Examples include development of the bachelor of science degree in corporate fitness and the physical education concentration in the master's of education degree. Rochholz has been the guiding force in the creation of a quality fitness center for students, faculty and staff, as well as the separate weight room for the athletic teams. He has served as an adviser for the Minot State Club of Physical Educators (MSCOPE) and as a member of numerous university committees.

Wolf has been with Minot State since November 1993. She currently serves as the secretary in Career Services. She is a key



member of that office as her talents, innovative ideas and organizational skills have assisted in the expansion of services. Wolf is very professional and provides excellent customer service to students, alumni, faculty, staff, and the general public. She always remains a calm, reassuring presence despite constant interruptions. For a time, the Career Services and Enrollment Services offices were combined, and Wolf was a great asset during this transition. She was reliable and receptive to new ideas and challenges; she enthusiastically undertook additional duties and responsibilities. Friendly, warm, caring and dedicated, Wolf always looks for ways to be more creative and efficient in providing services to students.

Feller, the electronics specialist in Information Technology Central, came to Minot State in July 1977. Over the years, he



has participated in the rollout of numerous technology initiatives, including the wiring of the campus fiber backbone network and the implementation of the Interactive Video Network (IVN). Currently, he is responsible for the customized architecture of the campus "smart" classrooms. These technology-enhanced rooms help create new opportunities for faculty teaching and student learning. Because of Feller's skill level in working with multimedia equipment, MSU also hosts many training sessions for outside organizations. His role at ITC requires that he work closely with faculty, staff, and students to orientate them in the use of classroom technology. Feller makes himself accessible to the campus community; he can be found setting up the electronics in a classroom, troubleshooting in a faculty office, or helping a student set up for a presentation. In addition, he served two terms as Staff Senate president, and he is an active member of MSU Beaver Boosters.

Service awards were presented at the luncheon to 64 faculty and staff with five, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years at the university, and one distinguished lifetime educator was honored.

Luther's Career was a Study in Success



Wes Luther excelled at everything he did during his long career in athletics.

As a student-athlete at MSU from 1947-1950, Luther participated in football, basketball and track. In football, he was a four-year All-Conference pick and was the third-leading scorer in the nation in 1947. He earned third-team Little All America honors the same year. He is a charter member of the MSU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Luther taught and coached at Fessenden, Devils Lake and Beulah before joining the Minot State staff in 1966. Luther coached track for two years and then assumed the reins of the basketball program. He also coached football from 1966 to 1967 and again from 1976 to 1981. He achieved his greatest success in basketball.

"My coaching career was highlighted by four conference championships in seven years with a trip to the National Tournament in 1972," the Rugby native said.

Luther also officiated high school basketball from 1949 to 1968 and football from 1949 to 1983. He was inducted into the N.D. Officials' Hall of Fame in 1987.

After becoming athletic director in 1976, Luther oversaw the addition of a press box and an upgrade to the running track at Herb Parker Stadium. But his crowning achievement was construction of the MSU Dome.

Ground was broken for the Dome in spring 1978, and it was dedicated in January 1983. The facility, which seats 9,642, cost \$6.3 million to build, with two-thirds of the financing coming from the state.

The multi-purpose facility has accommodated athletic tournaments, conventions, concerts and graduations. The Dome replaced the smaller Swain Hall as MSU's principal athletic facility.

"It was an unbelievable addition to our campus," Luther recalled. "It has been put to use not only by the college but also by high schools and organizations in the area."

MSU's new master plan calls for a Community Bowl to be built west of the Dome. Basketball, football and baseball would be played in the indoor facility. The university and the Minot Public Schools would cosponsor the \$20-million project.

Proponents hope the facility will draw more state tournaments to Minot, events it has been losing to cities with more modern facilities.

"If something isn't done, we'll probably fall further and further behind," Luther said. "It's going to be a long, hard-fought battle to come up with the financing to provide a facility of that magnitude."

Luther retired from Minot State in 1991 after a 25-year career. He and his wife Donna Mae (Borstad) spend six-to-eight weeks in Mesa, Ariz., each winter and summers at Van Hook, where they fish and relax.

Many Minot State alumni live or winter in Mesa. The Alumni Association regularly sponsors get-togethers in the area.

"Walking through a mall or down a street, somebody will say, 'Hi, Wes!' You look around, and it's somebody you've known for years," Luther said.

In retirement, the former AD has picked up the hobby of matting and framing pictures.

"We've done work for craft shows and family over the years," he said. "It's kind of therapy. When you get a little bored, you start cutting and matting and see what you come up with."

The Luthers have three children — Mark, Mike and LeAnn. All live in Minot. The couple has four grandchildren. One recently graduated from MSU, and the other is currently attending the university.

Former Dean Remains Committed



A former MSU instructor and administrator continues to contribute to the university.

Dale Elhardt taught sociology from 1970 to 1990 and then served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for 11 years. He earned an undergraduate degree in mathematics from Minot State before he studied sociology in graduate school.

Elhardt and his wife LaDonna live in Beulah five months of the year and in Vail, Ariz., the rest of the year. Vail is a suburb of Tucson.

Current Arts and Sciences dean Yueh-Ting Lee has reached out to former faculty and local professionals to improve the college.

"I'm on the Arts and Sciences Advisory Council," Elhardt said. "I haven't had much chance to participate, living in Arizona, but I will be going to the summer meeting this year."

He and his wife regularly participate in MSU Alumni Association activities.

"Last year, we went to a couple of them in Phoenix. This year, we hosted one at our home in Tucson. I've gone to the joint Bishop Ryan-Minot State (golf) scramble in Chandler twice now," he said.

Elhardt spends his time landscaping, playing golf and pursuing an interest in the arts.

"In Tucson, we've had the opportunity to partake of a wide range of cultural events — symphonies, off-Broadway productions, musical events of all kinds. We've enjoyed being retired," he said.

As a professor and dean, Elhardt advocated lifelong learning and the importance of the liberal arts, which is not to be confused with liberal politics.

"Some people have criticized universities for political bias. Smaller schools provide more perspective on political and social points of view. I don't think places like Minot State are hot spots of liberalism," he said.

Elhardt has fond memories of the people he worked with at Minot State, particularly President Gordon B. Olson.

"He gave me my first chances," he said. "He got me involved in statewide committee work, which allowed me to get experience. I always had a good relationship with Dr. Olson."

The retired dean said MSU is the right size school to work at, since it gives students opportunities to get involved and to develop close relationships with faculty.

Elhardt and his wife have three children. Mary lives in Bismarck. Jim resides in Littleton, Colo., and Rob lives near San Francisco.

Gene Shaparenko '61, pre-engineering graduate of Pismo, Beach, Calif., writes:

“Thanks for the fine issue of *Connections* for spring. I enjoy reading about progress as MSU and reminiscing of our time there in 1961. I especially liked the sepia-toned back cover pix of the campus in the 1950’s—brings back many memories.

I visit Minot regularly as my Mom is at one of the assisted living facilities and I drive to the MSU campus occasionally and walk around the campus and buildings with memories flooding back again.

In 1961, the MSTC band was the band of the day at the Seattle World’s Fair. Somewhere I have a slide of the band standing at the train station getting ready to board to go to Seattle. I was a disc jockey at KCJB radio during that time and daily sent phone reports back to the radio station from Seattle, reporting on the activities of the day and personal stories from many of the students with me at that time.

Being a radio announcer on the local station and taking English 101 at MSTC was an interesting combination. Regularly, my English teacher, Miss White, I believe, chewed me out in front of the class for improper English on the radio; of course everyone in town listened to my evening record spinning programs and the

class regularly got a good laugh out of the teacher’s comments at my expense, of course.

Thanks for keeping us on your distribution list for *Connections* magazine. I own several corporations in California involved in engineering and water purification; building bottling plants all over the world. I graduated from UND and Purdue with some post-doctoral fellowship activity at Stanford University. I spent many years in the aerospace engineering world, working on exciting technology such as the Global Positioning system, the meteorological satellite program that bring you your evening earth weather maps, and many other projects, most highly classified.

I send my regards to Dr. Lyle Fogel. Dr. Fogel was one of my instructors and homeroom teacher at Minot High and worked with myself and an associate in our first patent application experience. I see a building was named in memory of Prof. Hartnett. He, too, liked to chide me in his public speaking class about some of my fractured English on the air. He clearly helped my organizational skills in public speaking. Dr. Madany, the chemistry professor, also enjoyed making fun of my on-the-air antics. He used to come to the Student Union and regularly challenge me at ping pong—and usually won, playing in his suit at that.”

Thanks for the memories—keep them coming.

In Response to “In the Spotlight” from Spring 2006

Judy Thorson Ross, Minot, ND:

The basketball pictures are of the model basketball team that was Class B champions in 1953 coached by Vince Elgie. They also won state championships in 1947, 1948, 1950, and 1952 under coaches Leon Lande and Frank Good.

The choir picture was directed by Miss Carol Irwin in 1955-56.

The band picture was taken in 1952 with their new band uniforms.



Kathi Froeber '69, Edina, Minn.:

On page 9 of the Spring 2006 *Connections* I believe you have a picture of the Messiah choir during the 1959-60 school term as I don’t believe I sang in a mixed choir but only in the women’s Bel Canto. There were some fine voices at MSTC. I believe I recognize my hairdo in the far lower right of the photo. Were we ever so young?

Janice Peterson Klimpel writes:

I can identify some of the individuals in the photos from page 9.

Top basketball photo: second row, white uniform, Opstad; front row, left to right, Jerry Rice, Jerome Peterson, Jim Walker, Jim Glasoe, Claude Odland and Bud Rice.

Second photo, back row, left to right, Mr. Bjorlie, Jerome Peterson, Claude Odland, Ron Nelson, unknown, unknown, Vince Elgie; front row, Jerry Rice, Henry Milkey, James Peterson, Jim Glasoe, Jim Walker and Bud Rice.

Bottom photo is the Minot Model Band and Judy Peterson is seated, from left, second row, first seat.

Darold Hornstein '65, Williston, writes:

The basketball photos on page 9 of the last *Connections* magazine can be identified as follows:

1953 State B Champs, front row, left to right, Jerry Rice, Henry Milkey, Jim Peterson, Jim Glasoe, Jim Walker and Bud Rice; back row, C.S. Bjorlie, principal; “Wheaties” Peterson, Claude Odland, Ron Nelson, Bob Esterby, Mel Opstad, manager, and Coach Vince Elgie. The top photo must be before the trophy presentation of the 1953 tournament.

CROSSROADS

50s

Bill Iljana '56, Carmichael, Calif., is still writing stories and has completed another one. He is still retired, happy and content, and married to Sandy.

60s



Dennis '64 and **Melanie '62 (Gustafson) Smith** are living in Minot. They also are spending some time in Arizona each winter and with their children in Indiana and Minnesota. Dennis worked for Midwest Motor Express for 28 years in sales and management and is currently employed part-time for G&P Commercial Sales. Melanie works part-time for AAction Movers in the office. They have three children, Michael, Tracey, and Robert and five grandchildren.

70s

Susan (Jensen) Van Meter '73, Albany, Ore., received the Oregon Business and Management Educators distinguished service award. She has been a business education teacher since graduating from MSU and retired in July. She continues to teach part-time in Philomath, Ore.

Linda Rae L. (Fugere) (Ball) Wheeler '77, Denver, Colo., was recently promoted as the manager, administrative support services for the Western Area for the United States Postal Service in Denver. The Western area supports 14 Districts that include the states of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Arizona, and Nevada. She was also named the combined federal campaign coordinator for the Western area. She has had the pleasure of visiting all 50 of the States and has enjoyed trips to China, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, France, Canada, and Mexico. Her husband is an employment attorney with the United States Postal Service.

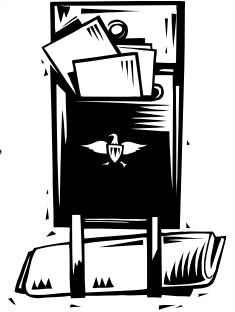
80s



Curtis Kraft '84, Winterville, N.C., was hired as the head women's track coach at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C., after spending 14 years at the University of Nevada-Reno as the head women's track coach. He is married to **Nancy Edwards Kraft '84**. She is a first grade teacher. They have two daughters, Kayla and Alicia.

Joni Buechler-Price '88, Jamestown, was presented a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree from the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences during commencement ceremonies on May 6 at the Chester-Fritz Auditorium. She will go on for one-year transitional residency training at University of South Dakota School of Medicine in Sioux Falls, and for further residency training in radiology at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa, in July 2007.

CROSSROADS



Please let us hear from you with news of your career updates, marriage, family, address change, etc. While you're at it, include a photograph if you have one.

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- (‘30) Ingebritson (Livdahl), Thelma E.; Calif.; April 2006; age 96
- (‘31) Hovey (Underwood), Wilda M.; Grenada, Miss.; February 2006; age 98
- (‘31) Scarff, Maxine; Bismarck; March 2006; age 95
- (‘34) Snippen (Bryn), Mildred; Albany, Ore.; June 2006; age 92
- (‘35) Harding (Ellefson), Clara; Eugene, Ore.; March 2006; age 91
- (‘38) Howe, Alton; Hopkins, Minn.; March 2006; age 90
- (‘38) Knudsvig (Schultz), Adeline; Williston; March 2006; age 87
- (‘39) Varberg (Aadness), Margaret; Minot; March 2006; age 85
- (‘40) Cook (Minier), Laura M.; St. Augustine, Fla.; May 2006; age 88
- (‘40) Marsaa, Bernice I.; Bottineau; March 2006; age 91
- (‘40) Saunders, Richard; Minot; March 2006; age 86
- (‘41) Bye (Haakenson), Dagmar; Jamestown; February 2006; age 94
- (‘41) Duerre (Edinger), Edna T.; Kenmare; June 2006; age 93
- (‘42) Carlson, Kenneth T.; Casper, Wyo.; May 2006; age 84
- (‘42) Jackson (Martin), Amy Jean; San Antonio, Texas; April 2006; age 89
- (‘42) Johnson, Dorothy C.; Rapid City, S.D.; May 2006; age 86
- (‘49) Dickerson, Richard E.; Seattle, Wash.; March 2006; age 77
- (‘51) Koble (Rodewald), Beverly; Riverdale, Calif.; February 2006; age 73
- (‘51) Lies, Donald P.; Glendive, Mont.; April 2006; age 78
- (‘53) Pettys (Kalness), Alice M.; Olympia, Wash.; April 2006; age 95
- (‘54) Plunkett (Legacie), Barbara; Harvey; June 2006; age 73
- (‘58) Denich, Ardyth N.; Minot; May 2006; age 82
- (‘58) Spillum, Galen O.; Portland, Ore.; April 2006; age 72
- (‘59) Warner, Joel; Dallas, Ore.; April 2006; age 76
- (‘61) Force (Byrne), Kathryn C.; Glenwood Springs, Colo.; April 2006; age 66
- (‘61) Stecker (Murphy); Scottsdale, Ariz.; May 2006; age 95
- (‘64) Olson (Chase), Marjorie A.; Minot; March 2006; age 95
- (‘65) Horning (Enyart), Scarlett; Bismarck; March 2006; age 64
- (‘65) Nelson (Smith), Florence D.; Great Falls, Mont.; April 2006; age 94
- (‘67) Hudson, Ronald; North Platte, Neb.; June 2006; age 63
- (‘67) Loucks, Larry; Austin, Texas; May 2006; age 62
- (‘69) Casper (Boyd), Elaine; Westhope; April 2006; age 84
- (‘69) Olson (LaBarre), Marie S.; Thornton, Colo.; February 2006; age 58
- (‘70) Westlake (Williams), Marlene; Rio Rancho, NM; March 2006; age 69
- (‘74) Stack, Glenn; Minot; May 2006; age 58
- (‘95) Olson (Heise), Catherine; Deering; May 2006; age 47
- (‘00) Galusha, Teri; Minot; June 2006; age 47
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Benson, Lyle F.; Fargo; April 2006; age 84
Bingham (Hoffarth); Portland, Ore.; March 2006; age 71
Christianson (Young), Eunice; Bismarck; April 2006; age 98
Dart, Loyal H.; Minot; February 2006; age 81
Delzer, Marvin; Mandan; April 2006; age 57
Eberle (Binde), Gladys M.; Williston; March 2006; age 80
Esser (Nelson), Darylne J.; Coleharbor; March 2006; age 63
Farver, Gladys; Seattle, Wash.; February 2006; age 86
- Gieser (Wemer), Thelma; Minot; June 2006; age 91
Grafsgaard (Haugen), Lily M.; Moorhead, Minn.; June 2006; age 82
Gust (Kuebler), Violet; Bottineau; April 2006; age 80
Hoseth (Mattson), Violet; Mandan; April 2006; age 82
Jones (Davis), Andrea; Bay City, Mich.; February 2006; age 45
Kiefer (Ackerman), Amelia R.; Yuma, Ariz.; January 2006; age 75
Krebsbach, Paul; Minot; April 2006; age 74
Miller-Hauf, Wanda; Lewiston, Idaho; May 2006; age 66
Pendley (Handeland), Hazel E.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; March 2006; age 86
Purdy, Keith; Richardson, Texas; April 2006; age 63
Reiser, Larry B.; Fargo; May 2006; age 56
Rogness (Mortenson), Myrtle; Harvey; February 2006; age 94
Ryan, Robert; Oceanside, Calif.; April 2006; age 72
Saunders (Jeanotte), Marie; Minot; May 2006; age 85
Schafer, John E.; Calvin; February 2006; age 79
Scholl (Moore), Jeanette; Minot; February 2006; age 76
Spain, Rev. Arnold; Apache Junction, Ariz.; April 2006; age 86
Taylor (Fifield), Dorothy L.; Baltimore, Md.; January 2006; age 41
Thomas (Jenson), Norma B.; Albany, Ore.; June 2006; age 97
Tudahl (Kleven), Norma; Berthold; May 2006; age 77
VanZoest, Sgt. Travis A.; Bismarck; June 2006; age 21
Westereng (Stromstad), Irene; Minot; April 2006; age 91
Williams (Thomas), Evelyn; Daleville, Va.; May 2006; age 89
Winden, John O.; Watford City; April 2006; age 84

FRIENDS

- Anderson, Russell W.; Minot; May 2006; age 74
Lee, Bernadine A.; Burlington; June 2006; age 70
McGee (Norman), Donna; Grand Forks; March 2006; age 86
Meijer, Dr. Henry; Tucson, Ariz.; February 2006; age 79
Nicolaison (Schmidt), Martha; Minot; March 2006; age 88
Ulvilden, Oliver “Ollie”; Sister Bay, Wisc.; June 2006; age 79

FORMER FACULTY/STAFF

- Burnes, Bruce; Red Wing, Minn.; May 2006; age 73
Flagstad (Dickey), Jacqueline; Minot; May 2006; age 83
Werth (Faul), Elizabeth; Minot; March 2006; age 76



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Anderson (Huerta), Maria; Minot; 1988	Bina (Krueger), Bonnie; Fairfax, VA; 1970	Dempsey, John; Bismarck; 1975	Garbe (Brannan), Colleen; Green Bay, WI; 1971	Hirschhorn (Wonnenberg), Marian; Atlanta, GA; 1967	King, Lyle; Salem, OR; 1949
Anderson, Roland; Las Vegas, NV; 1967	Boechler, Duane; Moorhead, MN; 1972	Dickens (Felix), Angelita; Albuquerque, NM; 1972	Glassman (Stalneck), Sharon; Anchorage, AK; 1969	Hjelm (Hafner), Eunice; Plenty- wood, MT; 1950	Kingsley (Keller), Catherine; Mead, WA; 1939
Anderson, F.; Redlands, Calif.; 1958	Boechler, Jeanette; Moorhead, MN; 1976	Dion, Dennis; Minot; 1974	Goldsack, Cheryl; Garden Grove, CA; 1975	Holland (Huber), Alta; Cedaredge, CO; 1952	Klein, Margaret; Bismarck; 1937
Anderson (Kooreny), Rachel; Pablo, Mont.; 1941	Bopre, Mary; Rolla; 1953	Dougherty (Assels), Ladonna; N Las Vegas, NV; 1975	Grueneich, James; Baxter, MN;	Holwegner, Daniel; Minot; 1976	Klein-Hafliger (Klein), Karen; Fargo; 1971
Arieza-Vargas (Foote), Rose; Arlington, VA; 1966	Boschert, Marie; Jamestown; 1966	Dove (Reichenberger), Shannon; Minot; 2000	Guthrie, Edward; South Padre Island, TX; 1965	Huber, Alois; West Fargo; 1973	Kovalenko (Reich), Marva; Libby, MT; 1969
Austin (Johnson), Lorry; Sioux City, IA; 1971	Bosworth, Christopher; Del Mar, CA; 1976	Duckworth, Cory; American Fork, UT	Hagen, Delwyn; Denver, CO; 1977	Hubig, Kenneth; Newport, KY; 1977	Kovar, Royce; Detroit Lakes, MN; 1965
Austin, James; Sioux City, IA; 1971	Bower (Buettner), Elizabeth; Oswego, NY; 1968	Dudley (Henriksen), Cynthia; Jackson, NJ; 1972	Hagen (Smith), Darlene; Williston; 1970	Iverson (LUND Coons), Delores; Minot; 1956	Kraft, James; Minot; 1970
Babbitt (Safely), Luella; Tecopa, CA; 1934	Brandt (Benefiet), Sarah; Bismarck; 1973	Elker, Carlton; Burlington; 1967	Hagen, Thomas; Williston; 1970	Jacobson (Milkey), Colleen; Vale, SD; 1978	Kurzweg, Edgar; Fargo; 1971
Backes (Backes), Mary; Mascoutah, IL; 1971	Breiland, Donald; Saint Louis, MO; 1972	Elliott, Paul; Mohall; 1972	Halvorson, Robert; Minot; 1971	Johansen, David; South Fulton, TN; 1951	Lagasse, Catherine; FPO, AE; 1974
Bakken (Weber), Helen; Lone Pine, CA; 1942	Elshaug, Irene; Grafton; 1968	Feist (Herberg), Karen; Newton, KS; 1975	Halvorson, Richard; Minot; 1965	Johnson, David; South Fulton, TN; 1951	Larsen (Seidlinger), Mary; Larimore; 1972
Bakken (Deseth), Toni; Glendive, MT; 1977	Bridges, Charles; Mercer Island, WA;	Feldner, Gary; Donnybrook; 1970	Hammer (Tweten), Karen; Grand Forks; 1933	John (Berridge), Norlynn; Marquette, MI; 1974	Launt, Eugene; Westminster, CO; 1958
Bargabos, Carl; APO, AE; 1974	Brown (Cain), Cleona; Mount Vernon, WA; 1967	Filloon, Charles; Bismarck; 1966	Hanson (Iverson), Irene; Great Falls, MT; 1960	Johnson, Thomas; Minot; 1966	Lauster (Scheltens), Irma; Hunting- town, MD; 1933
Bauer (Lenarz), Valorayn; Mesa, AZ; 1950	Buechler (Hanson), Dorcas; Golden Valley; 1960	Findlay, Dennis; Minot; 1970	Harchenko (Harchenko), Lillian; San Diego, CA; 1930	Johnson (Ramstad), Evinde; Spokane, WA; 1948	Lee, George; Sioux Falls, SD; 1964
Beer, Katherine; Santa Ynez, CA; 1976	Cantore (MacKinney), Laura; Vafb, CA; 2002	Finnessey, John; Palatine, IL; 1971	Harchenko (Harchenko), Lillian; San Diego, CA; 1930	Johnson (O'Brien), Eva; Loveland, CO; 1934	Leichtnam, Linda; Minot;
Belbutowski, Paul; Keyser, WV; 1972	Carlson (Schroeder), Ella; Bloomington, MN; 1932	Flath, Ronald; Great Falls, MT; 1965	Harmon (McQuay), Bonnie; Minot; 1976	Johnson (Brounty), Sheila; Augusta, GA; 1976	Leitner, Robert; Minot; 1976
Berger, Carl; Fargo; 1973	Cheney, Theron; Hagerman, ID; 1973	Folden, LaRae; New Brighton, MN;	Headrick, Loren; Minot; 1973	Jones (Ringenberg), Lois; Devils Lake; 1959	Lemer (Fedorenko), Paulette; Hazen; 1975
Bessette, Thomas; Minot; 1975	Forsberg, Michael; Kramer; 1978	Fredrick, Dan; Ft Lauderdale, FL; 1977	Heimdal, Larry; Tioga; 1970	Johnson (Brounty), Sheila; Augusta, GA; 1976	Lindenberg, Barton; Turlock, CA; 1968
Betz (Grove), Beverly; Kent, WA; 1958	Frederick, Howard; Rolla; 1967	Frydenlund (Molden), Jeanette; Minot; 1958	Henderson, Joan; Minot; 1974	Johnson (Brounty), Sheila; Augusta, GA; 1976	Lindquist, Mary; Grand Forks; 1962
Bible, Mary; Baxter, MN; 1941	Fredrick, Dan; Ft Lauderdale, FL; 1977	Galgerud, Ole J.; Laramie, WY; 1950	Herd (Neubauer), Lilly Ann; Portland, OR; 1960	Kabanuk (Olson), Doris; Minot; 1945	Loken, Michael; Brinsmade; 1971
Bierman (Limke), Marlys; Tucson, AZ; 1963	Clark (Olson), Corlis; San Manuel, AZ; 1970	Galloway, Jaime; Faribault, MN; 1971	Hickenbothom, Marjorie; Mohall; 1956	Kann (Benest), Evelyn; Muskegon, MI; 1940	Low (Jarland), Olga; Snohomish, WA; 1930
	Conklin (Gross), Marie; Scottsdale, AZ; 1959		Hill, Donald; Fargo;	Kavlie, Grant; Glendale, AZ; 1977	Luchsinger, Joan; Pittsburgh, PA; 1966
	Cookson (Anderson), Darlene; Cookson, OK; 1958		Hilsman, Gerald; Tioga; 1973	Kelly (Holst), Karen; Rapid City, SD; 1958	Lundgren (Wagner), Arlis; St. Cloud, MN; 1961

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After writing these first two sentences, I had to stop and think. Where did that music scholarship I received to attend MSU actually come from?

Well, the answer is that a farmer decided it was important to the future of the Music Division to set up an endowed scholarship to help music majors at Minot State University (Minot State College at that time). This was very important to me and made it possible for me to attend Minot State and complete my degree.

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