



Public Information Office

A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

President's Convocation starts off new year

The Aug. 16 President's Convocation kicks off a new academic year and will be held in the MSU Conference Center, Student Union. If student assistance is not available for coverage during the general session, employees are asked to close their office and attend. Refreshments will be served beginning at 8 a.m.

At 8:30, Gary Rabe, vice president for academic affairs, will provide welcoming comments. Additional remarks will be provided by Jonelle Watson, controller, Dick Jenkins, vice president for student affairs, and Brad Botz, vice president for advancement. At 9:15, Rabe will give an academic briefing, followed by Ron Royer, who will provide an update on Higher Learning Commission re-accreditation efforts to date. New faculty and staff will be introduced. Following, Alexandra Deufel, Faculty Senate president, Julie Drum, Staff Senate president, and Alethea Guitian, Student Association president, make remarks.

Beginning 10:30 a.m., President David Fuller shares a draft of the new vision and strategic plan for Minot State University. Presentation of this draft is the culmination of a comprehensive, two-year planning process coordinated by the Planning and Budgeting Council. Campus members have been invited to both learn about and participate in the planning through focus groups, open forums, surveys and other means of communication. While much of the work has been undertaken with an eye on our centennial in 2013, the strategic plan provides the case and strategies to support a bold new vision for Minot State University. What will the MSU of the future be? Achieving this vision will depend on a unity of purpose and commitment by all of us.

College meetings will follow in the afternoon, starting at 1 p.m. Arts and sciences will meet in Aleshire Theater; business will meet in Old Main 308; education and health sciences will meet in Memorial 131.

Informative mini-sessions scheduled Aug. 17

Convocation activities continue Aug. 17, with a morning of informative mini-sessions. The majority of the presentations are being held in rooms in the Student Union, and breakfast will be served in the adjacent hallway, 8-8:30. The 50-minute sessions at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 include: Re-accreditation: HLC criteria breakout sessions; engagement and service: MSU's evolution and integration of domestic and international service learning; assisting students with disabilities; "Finding Funding" research and sponsored programs; Graduate School updates; mentoring first-year students; "Survey Says..." results of Student Satisfaction and College Student Inventory surveys; human resources updates; multicultural diversity at MSU; recruiting: how faculty can assist; "Moving Up" promotion and tenure.

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Put a little muscle behind placing 'students first'

Aug. 17 is Freshman Move-In Day. Accompanied by a picnic, the event is sponsored by the President's Office to welcome students and help them move into the residence halls. The majority of students arrive between noon and 4 p.m. and volunteers are needed during these hours. Tasks include help students move into the halls, serving lunch, and working the information tables.

Volunteers are asked to wear a red MSU t-shirt or polo shirt. The Bookstore has red polo shirts available for purchase. The red MSU "Be Seen. Be Heard." t-shirts may be purchased through CEL.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the campus community to come together and show that we do put students first. Volunteers for any amount of time will be greatly appreciated. Please e-mail or call your availability to Deb Wentz at 858-3301 or deb.wentz@minotstate.edu. Further information will be distributed to volunteers prior to Aug. 17.

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Two sessions will be held in Model Hall 213. "Enhancing your campus class with online technology and support" is at 9:30 and "classroom engagement with technology" follows at 10:30.

A complete schedule grid has been provided to all employees via campus mail. Employees are encouraged to attend as many sessions as possible.

Personnel from the Registrar's and Business offices will provide faculty and staff assistance with PeopleSoft at 8:30 in the Souris Room. Individual assistance will be available from 9 to 10:30.

At 11 a.m. everyone should meet in the area adjacent to the Souris Room for tours of the campus! See the renovations of the Beaver Dam (old Student Union ballroom), Crane Hall and the first floor of Dakota Hall. Several offices have also relocated on campus and this tour will help you become familiar with their new locations.

MSU at the Zoo II

It's version two of "MSU at the Zoo," Aug. 17. Join your MSU counterparts from 5-9 p.m. in the Roosevelt Park Zoo for FOOD, FUN, and PRIZES! The event includes admission to the zoo, a free dinner served from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and a drawing for door prizes. MSU faculty and staff and their immediate families will be admitted free by presenting an MSU I.D. or the MSU at the Zoo invitation distributed through campus mail. Please use the main zoo entrance to access the event. Additional parking will be available at Corbett Field. Questions about the event can be directed to Julie Drum, Staff Senate president, at julie.drum@minotstateu.edu or 858-3371.

Next registration day for new students is Aug. 14

The final registration session for new freshman and transfer students is Aug. 14. Upon the receipt and review of a student's application materials, they receive a letter indicating if they are eligible to attend registration. Benefits of attending registration are: meeting their advisor, registering for classes, purchasing a parking permit, receiving additional information on their residence hall room, and receiving the most recent information on financial aid. Minot State registration days are coordinated by appointment only, so it is important that students complete and return the reservation form sent with their admission letter. The enrollment services staff looks forward to helping students start the next step in their academic careers. If assistance is needed completing the application or if there are questions regarding new student registration, please contact Rebecca Porter, registration specialist, by phone at 858-4348 or 1-800-777-0750, ext. 4348 or by e-mail at rebecca.porter@minotstateu.edu.

Required student orientation is Aug. 18-19

New student orientation is Aug. 18-19. Orientation is compulsory for all first-time MSU students because it is an important tool to help them be successful in their college experience. After meeting faculty, staff and other students, and getting to know our campus and its services, students are better acclimated and more comfortable at Minot State University.

A sampling of orientation topics includes "Team Building," "Health Center and Counseling Services," "What to Expect of Faculty, Class and Honors Programs," and "Diversity and Safe Zones."

Parent and family orientation is set for Aug. 18, the first day of student orientation. College may be a new experience for a family, and the adults in a student's life play a crucial role in their success. Parent orientation is not required but highly recommended. Hotel accommodations have been made with the Grand International Inn located north of the MSU campus.

Students must register for orientation by filling out the orientation form and submitting the fee of \$35. Additional information on new student and parent orientation and the registration form are available on the Web at www.minotstateu.edu/orientation.html. Questions can be directed to Tricia Weiser, student activities coordinator, at 858-3987 or the enrollment services office at 858-3350.

Dunn named chancellor

Eddie Dunn, a vice chancellor of the North Dakota University System, was named chancellor Aug. 3 by the State Board of Higher Education. The board approved his selection by an 8-0 vote. Dunn assumed his new position Aug. 4. Dunn succeeds former Chancellor Robert Potts, who resigned and whose term ended Aug. 3.

"Eddie Dunn is a man of impeccable integrity who has served higher education and the state of North Dakota very, very well for many years," said John Q. Paulsen, SBHE president and search committee chair. "Eddie has an outstanding reputation among board members and campus CEOs and throughout the University System. I believe he will provide the same outstanding service and leadership as chancellor that he has provided as a vice chancellor."

Although his term of service is anticipated to end June 30, 2007, Dunn will be known as the chancellor, rather than the interim chancellor, a title used during the search process for Potts' replacement. Board member Bruce Christianson, Minot, insisted on the change, saying the title of interim chancellor carried a stigma.

Dunn, 65, a native of LaMoure, has served as the NDUS' executive director for the College Technical Education Council since 1993 and as vice chancellor for strategic planning since 1999. He has been highly involved in development of the Roundtable on Higher Education and NDUS' response to the Economic Development Centers of Excellence initiative. He has held teaching, research, extension and administrative positions at the university level. Dunn served for nine years as vice president of the Greater North Dakota Association and is a former agricultural economics professor at North Dakota State University.

Dunn will continue with his responsibilities as vice chancellor throughout his term as chancellor. He will be paid an annual salary of \$205,000, prorated over the term of the 11-month contract. He will receive \$22,500 for as an allowance for housing and hosting and \$15,000 for a vehicle allowance.

— *excerpted in part from the Associated Press and NDUS*

Nursing leadership changes at MSU

Effective July 1, Mary Kay Smith R.N., M.S., became interim chair of the Department of Nursing at Minot State University. Smith has been a member of the nursing faculty since 1984 and is a former president of the North Dakota Nursing Association. She will serve as interim chair while a national search for a new chair is conducted.

Former chair Elizabeth Pross resigned her position in June to become director of the Dakota Nurse Program. The program is the collaborative effort between Lake Region State College, Bismarck State College, Williston State College and MSU-Bottineau to educate more practical and registered nurses in the state. It was established in response to legislation enacted in 2003 to allow a two-year course of study for becoming a registered nurse.

Looking ahead to Diversity Week

Diversity Week is scheduled Sept. 7-14 at MSU. On the agenda thus far are two panels "Sharing Diversity Stories – Then and Now," at noon, Sept. 7 and "The Right to Be: American Indian Perspective in Dakota," at noon, Sept. 12. Individual class lectures on civil rights and new directions of civil rights by Avra Johnson will be available Sept. 11. On Sept. 14, S.B. Woo, lieutenant governor of Delaware, will provide an evening presentation on equal opportunities for members of diverse cultures. More details, including bios of the presenters will be forthcoming. Faculty are urged to look ahead and consider how these topics may fit into their classwork.

Mentor training held

Albert Valencia, Ed.D., from California State University, Fresno, provided mentor training yesterday (Aug. 8). He conducted two 90-minute sessions and coordinator Debra Chandler, career services, presented a 45-minute session detailing specifics of the Minot State University mentoring program.

As many mentors as possible are also being asked to attend new student orientation Aug. 18. Please advise Chandler by e-mail at debra.chandler@minotstateu.edu if you are available, including specific times if not able to attend the whole day.

If someone is interested in being a mentor and could not attend the Aug. 8 training, another session will be provided later in the semester.

Faculty and staff notes

David Fuller, president of Minot State University, has been nominated for a three-year term on the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. His term will begin Oct. 1. Fuller has been active with the Chamber Ambassadors and Task Force 21 and was previously appointed to fill a vacant, unexpired term on the board.

Elaine Larson, teacher education, received her doctorate in educational leadership July 18 and attended the graduation exercises at the University of North Dakota Aug. 4. Her dissertation topic was "Perceptions of the Future Need for Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers in North Dakota's Public Schools." Larson presented her dissertation at the family and consumer sciences teachers section of the state Career and Technical Conference in Bismarck Aug. 9. Larson is the director of the Teacher Advisement and Field Placement Office at MSU.

Mark Timbrook, Office of Instructional Technology and **Christina Campbell**, adjunct faculty member in the Department of History, participated in the Beacon Island Archaeological Excavation on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation from June 24 to July 3.

Timbrook recently participated in the investigation of research misconduct at the University of Colorado at Boulder concerning allegations of academic misconduct against Professor Ward Churchill.

Timbrook, Kris Warmoth, Office of Instructional Technology, and **Cathy Horvath**, Information Technology Central, presented at a national distance learning conference in Chicago in July. Their presentation was titled "Supporting Education Excellence: Using Technology to Advance Learning."

Announcements

Send updates for the campus directory

It is once again time to update the campus directory. Please make your changes in red pen by doing the following:

- copy each section of your current directory pages
- cross out any deletions in each section
- make changes next to the current entry in each section
- include new entries on an additional sheet of paper

If you do not want your photo printed, please indicate that with the changes that are sent over. If your photo was not in the directory last year and you would like to have it printed this year, also indicate that with your changes.

We prefer not to receive this information by telephone or e-mail. You may send us your changes as soon as they are available. To be included in this year's directory, the changes must be in the Publications and Design Services Office by the end of the day, Aug. 18.

— *Sandra Nordstrom,*
director of Publications and Design Services

Baklenko is Bookstore textbook/assistant manager

Effective Aug. 1, Abbie Baklenko is the new textbook/assistant manager in the Minot State University Bookstore. Baklenko's e-mail address is abbie.baklenko@minotstateu.edu. She can be reached at either 858-3392 or 858-3220 at the present time.

— *Sandy Foley, Bookstore manager*

Directions for ordering supplies from Bookstore supplied

If departments need to order supplies from the Bookstore, please call the main line, 858-3391 and talk to a "live" person. Please don't leave messages on Pam Hopkins extension or send to her via e-mail. Also, the order needs to be made by 11 a.m. to guarantee delivery that same day.

— *Pam Hopkins, MSU Bookstore*

Enrollment/admissions services has relocated

Enrollment services, including admissions, has relocated to its new office, Administration 165. Ronnie Walker from the international student office has also relocated to this area. An official open house will be held at a later date this fall.

— *Shane Larson, enrollment services coordinator*

Post student employment opportunities

It is time to start thinking about student employment positions for the upcoming year. As in previous years if you would like to have a position in your department posted, I will need the following information:

- Job title
- Job duties
- Special requirements/skills
- Schedule (specific hours or flexible)
- Hours per week
- Hiring department and location
- Contact person
- Contact phone number
- Whether the position is work study, hard cash, or either

Feel free to email me with the information or use the online form at this link: http://www.misu.nodak.edu/finaid/student_emp_req_form.shtml

— *Merri Jo Connole, financial aid counselor*

Submit events for MSU calendar of events

The Office of Public Information is compiling information for the official fall semester calendar of events. This is the calendar that is printed and widely distributed. New this year is the inclusion of submitted events in two large display calendars near the Food Court at Dakota Square Mall. In order to be included, upcoming and events and meetings must be received by our office Aug. 25. Preferred delivery is by e-mail to kimberlee.thompson@minotstateu.edu. The information that is needed includes: date, name of event/meeting, location and time. The public information office does maintain a common campus calendar and will inform parties of scheduling conflicts to discourage the occurrence. To help us provide accurate information to the public, please keep us informed of any changes as they occur or additional events as they are scheduled during the semester.

— *Kim Thompson,*
director of public information

In the Galleries

Through Aug. 18—Monster Tales, the secret stories of monsters, featuring artwork by Kelly Kamphuis, Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery.

Through Aug. 25—Impromptu faculty exhibit, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Aug. 28-Sept. 27—Erin Harmon: Best of Show exhibit, Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery

Aug. 28-Sept. 27—Americas 2000: All Media, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Calendar

Aug. 9-Sept. 9, 2006

August

- 10 Ribbon cutting at Dakota Square Mall, 10 a.m.
- 14 New student registration, MSU Conference Center.
- 14-15 New faculty orientation.
- 16 President's Convocation, Conference Center, refreshments at 8 a.m., meeting 8:30-noon.
- 16 Convocation college faculty meetings; arts and sciences, Aleshire Theater; business, Old Main Room 308; education and health sciences, Memorial Room 131; 1 p.m.
- 17 Convocation mini-sessions, Conference Center and Model Hall Room 213, refreshments at Conference Center, 8 a.m., mini-sessions at 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- 17 Residence hall move-in day, noon-4 p.m.
- 17 MSU at the Zoo, Roosevelt Park Zoo, 5-9 p.m.
- 18-19 New freshman and transfer student orientation.
- 20 Student Activities Committee: hypnotist Jason Mystic, Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
- 21 SAC: music in the quad between Old Main and Student Union and tours of campus, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 21 First eight-week and 16-week classes after 4 p.m. begin.
- 21 First eight-week classes after 4 p.m. begin.
- 22 16-week classes begin.
- 22 Mandatory graduate student orientation.
- 22 SAC: music and free wings in the quad, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 23 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9-11 a.m.
- 23 SAC: campus club and organization fair, music and free food, quad, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 23 SAC: comedian Eric O'Shea, Nelson Hall, 8 p.m.
- 24 Last day to add a first eight-week class.
- 24 SAC: barbeque and music, quad, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 24 SAC: "Mission Improvable," watch improv in action, Nelson Hall, 8 p.m.

- 25 Spring 2007 student teaching applications due by 4 p.m. to Field Placement Office.
- 25 SAC: "You Be the Star" karaoke and make your own funny t-shirts and pictures, Student Union atrium, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 25-26 Volleyball at Jamestown Invite.
- 29 Graduate School: noon deadline for fall graduates to file thesis proposal in Graduate School office.
- 29 Graduate School: last day for fall graduates to file graduate candidacy and graduation forms for fall.
- 29 SAC: movie, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
- 29 SAC: second showing of movie, Nelson Hall, 9 p.m.
- 30 Last day to add a 16-week class.
- 30 Golf at Jamestown.
- 30 SAC: pool party, Student Union swimming pool.
- 31 SAC: "Welcome Back Dance," plaza between Dome and Hartnett Hall, 10 p.m.

September

- 1-2 Volleyball at Great Falls (Mont.) Invite.
- 2 Football at Rocky Mountain College, Miles City, Mont.
- 4 Labor Day holiday, university closed.
- 5 Golf at Bismarck.
- 6 Volleyball at Dickinson State U.
- 6 SAC: movie night, Nelson Hall, 9 p.m.
- 7-14 University Diversity Week.
- 8 Undergraduates: fall semester applications for graduation due to advisor.
- 8 Cross country hosts Minot State Invite.
- 9 Football vs. Bemidji State, Herb Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m.

Future events:

- Sept. 18-23 – Homecoming.
- Oct. 6 – MSU Alumni Association Gala dinner and auction, Holiday Inn, 5:30 p.m.