

President wants MSU nationally recognized



Minot State University President David Fuller envisions the university becoming known nationally as one of the premier public, regional institutions in the “great” Great Plains. He would like MSU to be identified as an attractive option for out-of-state students seeking a high-quality education.

“We need to be nationally recognized,” Fuller told faculty, students, and staff at the annual convocation Aug. 16.

North Dakota, which faces continuing declines in high school graduation numbers could absorb some of those out-of-state students, he said.

Fuller said the New York Times recently ran an education supplement which included an article, “Off the Beaten Track,” highlighting quality institutions outside of the arena of Ivy League schools. The supplement noted the extreme difficulty in getting accepted into the “top-tiered” colleges and universities and recommended that students and parents look elsewhere for educational quality and choices. The article cited a 1999 study that concluded that there was little difference in how much graduates of those institutions and the Ivy League schools earned. The study concluded that the student’s motivation and drive mattered more than their choice of college.

Fuller said that MSU faculty compare favorably to the quality of faculty in “elite” institutions or the distinctive institutions listed in the New York Times article.

At the convocation, he also outlined a draft of the university’s strategic plan, Vision 2013. This plan will guide MSU in planning for the future. It was developed based on open forums and focus groups held during the past two years and includes input from students, faculty, staff, alumni, community members and others.

Some major goals outlined were to recruit and retain quality faculty and staff, to promote diversity and multicultural programs on campus, and to encourage civic engagement and involvement in Minot and the surrounding area. An emphasis is to be placed on academic achievement and student engagement in campus life.

Fuller stressed that a “sense of place” should be promoted. He emphasized the uniqueness of Minot and MSU and its placement on the Great Plains.

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Campus open forums scheduled Sept. 7

President David Fuller will convene two campus open forums at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Sept. 7, in the MSU Conference Center. The purpose of the meetings is to provide a follow-up session for members of the MSU faculty and staff to offer comments and suggestions and to ask any questions they may have regarding the draft strategic plan, Vision 2013. The draft was distributed at convocation and includes ample space for notes. Anyone who did not receive a copy may contact Deb Wentz in the President’s Office by phone at 858-3301 or by e-mail to president@minotstateu.edu. It will be sent in campus mail.

President Fuller invites all to attend the meetings and join in discussion. This will be the final opportunity to offer comments and suggest changes to the draft. Afterward a final version of Vision 2013 will be printed and distributed.

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“The Great Plains is a great place to be and not a great place to leave,” he said.

Copies of the strategic plan draft were distributed for review to those in attendance. Fuller invites comments and suggestions and has scheduled open campus forums Sept. 7.

The full text of the president’s convocation remarks have been distributed to the campus via e-mail and placed on the university Web site.

— *partially excerpted from the “Minot Daily News”*

Minot State University promoting itself at mall

Minot State University is promoting itself at Dakota Square Mall. The university is establishing its presence in the mall by “adopting” the food court as part of its marketing efforts. President David Fuller and MSU personnel were joined by the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors for a ribbon-cutting ceremony in the food court Aug. 10.



The area now displays an abundance of red and white, the colors being used in MSU’s marketing and advertising campaigns. Patrons of the food court will be greeted by five large banners promoting MSU hung near the ceiling. Table tents advertising MSU will appear a minimum of four times per year on the 150 tables in the area. Minot State will also partner with Dakota Square four times during the year for special promotions in the mall involving students, athletes, employees and academic programs. Two large events calendars will be displayed in adjacent areas.

In addition, Minot State advertising materials are featured in three mall directories and in permanent signing located in the mall wing stretching from the food court to Sears.

Establishing a Minot State University presence at Dakota Square was the idea of President Fuller and an initiative completed by the university’s marketing committee.

“Dakota Square estimates that 10.7 million people visit the mall each year and it is the primary shopping destination in northwest North Dakota,” said Fuller. “Coupled with the fact that Dakota Square is open 363 days per year and people can be reminded about MSU every one of those days, the partnership is a win-win situation for both parties.”

Fuller saw a similar promotion at the mall located near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where the women’s basketball team competed in the NAIA national tourney. The partnership is a contract between Dakota Square Mall and Minot State.

(Editor’s note: the final paragraph is a correction from the Aug. 9 news release provided to media.)

More details regarding Diversity Week

Diversity Week is scheduled Sept. 7-14 at MSU. Two panel discussions and a lecture will be held in Aleshire Theatre. The panel “Sharing Diversity Stories —Then and Now,” will be Sept. 7 at 12:30 p.m. Second panel “The Right to Be: American Indian Perspective in Dakota” follows Sept. 12, 12:30 p.m. Keynote address “Equal Opportunities and Diversity,” by Delaware former Lt. Gov. S.B. Woo will be Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Slated Sept. 11, during the 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. class periods, are individual lectures on civil rights experiences as an African woman and on new directions of civil rights by Avra Johnson, associate professor and assistant vice president at University of Minnesota-Mankato. A Sept. 11 open forum over the noon hour on human harmony, peace and diverse beliefs is being coordinated by Kathy Hammond, United Campus Ministries. She may be reached at 833-5357 or kathy.hammond@minotstateu.edu. Presenters and location are to be determined.

On Sept. 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., a multicultural and international social will be held in the new Multicultural Center, lower level of the Student Union. The center is located to the south of Buckshot’s Cafe (formerly called the snack bar). Enjoy cookies, coffee and lemonade and chat about how to build a multicultural and diverse climate on campus. Contact Wylie Hammond at 858-3365 or wylie.hammond@minotstateu.edu or Ronnie Walker at 858-3348 or ronnie.walker@minotstateu.edu for details.

Campus reminded of smoke-free policy

Minot State University became a smoke-free campus effective June 1. Smoking on university property, indoors or outdoors, or in university vehicles, is prohibited at all times. Prohibition includes smoking in personal vehicles parked on university grounds. This 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 the policy, "smoking" means carrying or having in one's possession a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or other object giving off smoke.

A student in noncompliance should be reported to the Vice President for Student Affairs. An employee in noncompliance should be reported to his or her supervisor. Noncompliance by a student may result in disciplinary action as outlined in the Student Conduct Policy Handbook. Noncompliance by employees may result in disciplinary action as outlined in Section 25, Job Discipline/Dismissal of the North Dakota University System Policy Manual. Organizers of events are responsible for communicating this policy to attendees and for its enforcement. Visitors who persist in noncompliance must be directed off university grounds. The full policy is available at www.minotstateu.edu/smoking.

'Freedom from Tobacco' classes start Sept. 14

Has MSU's smoke-free policy got you thinking about quitting smoking (or chew)? A new series of cessation classes will start on campus Sept. 14. The eight sessions will be held from noon to 1:15 p.m. in the Student Union (room to be determined). By teaming up with the First District Health Unit, the class is free and NDPERS will pay up to \$500 of physician and medication costs. There are no up-front costs for participants because FDHU provides patches and gum and bills PERS. Besides MSU employees, their spouses and dependents 18 years and older may participate because all are eligible for the NDPERS benefit. A flier with details has been distributed via e-mail, and questions may be directed to FDHU at 852-5043.

Enrollment management assistant VP leaving

Gary Rabe, vice president for academic affairs, has accepted the resignation of Stephanie Witwer, assistant vice president for enrollment management. Witwer started at Minot State University as director of outreach in 2001 and was promoted to assistant vice president one year ago.

Witwer has accepted a position in nursing administration with Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Her new position gives her the opportunity to move back into the health care profession. Witwer came to MSU from Trinity Health and had been a vice president at UniMed Medical Center in Minot. Witwer earned a master's degree in nursing and administration and a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of North Dakota. She was an instructor in the MSU College of Nursing, 1984-1987.

Rabe said he was happy for Witwer, but that it will be a challenge to replace her on his administrative team. "Stephanie's leadership and vision were central to the growth and success of the Center for Extended Learning and distance education at MSU," said Rabe.

Witwer also oversaw the newly created Enrollment Services Office, which has primary responsibility for recruitment and admissions. The search for a replacement will begin following a review of the organizational structure of CEL and enrollment services. Witwer's resignation is effective Sept. 13.

College faculty vote 95-1 against supporting NDSCS president

Faculty at the North Dakota State College of Science gave a 95-1 vote of no confidence for Sharon Hart, their president, Aug. 17.

The faculty council plans to send a letter to Hart, the State Board of Higher Education and North Dakota University System Chancellor Eddie Dunn. The council said they lack confidence in Hart's leadership. They said they do not trust Hart, and they are upset about June promotions she made to her administrative team. In an e-mail, former Chancellor Robert Potts had told Hart those promotions were creating substantial concerns on her campus and in the community. In 2002, faculty voted 58 to 41 rejecting a vote of no-confidence for Hart.

Hart told faculty and staff Aug. 16 that she plans to talk to Dunn about an exit plan from the college presidency, but she did not mention resigning or state a specific timeline. Copies of a petition are circulating asking Hart to resign, and the NDSCS Alumni Foundation has expressed concerns about her leadership to the SBHE.

Dunn, who succeeded Potts as chancellor on Aug. 4, said he's agreed to meet with representatives of the alumni foundation, who have said Hart's leadership is hurting their fund-raising ability. "I am very much in the information fact-gathering portion of this," Dunn said. "She has not said to me that she definitely is wanting to depart or is announcing she's departing on any date."

The chancellor said he wants make sure the process is fair to everyone who's affected, including students, the college and Hart. Marquardt planned to present the petitions asking for Hart's resignation to the SBHE by Aug. 22.

Potts has said Hart had his full confidence and support. He and previous chancellors gave her positive evaluations.

— *partially excerpted from "The Forum"*

Announcements

Office relocations noted

Please note that several offices have relocated as we want to be certain that we are directing students to the right places. Here are the changes in a brief format:

- Student life and housing has moved to the lower level of Dakota Hall, south entrance.
- Advancement and alumni are now located on the third floor of the Student Union, where housing and the Student Association offices were located.
- Enrollment services, including recruitment, admissions (Carissa Klabunde) and international students (Ronnie Walker) are located in Administration 165, where advancement and alumni were previously.
- Tricia Black, student activities, and Deb Chandler, student services advisor and mentor program coordinator, are now located with career services, second floor of the Student Union.
- Chartwells has moved into the former Student Union director's office.
- Leon Perzinski, Student Union director, is now located adjacent to his former office on the second floor of the union, in the old international students office.

— *Kim Thompson, director of public information*

Last call for MSU calendar of events submissions

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 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*

Update on who's who in the registrar's office

The registrar's office provided this update regarding positions and responsibilities.

Registrar: Tania Balas

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- Process withdrawals/reinstatements
- Approve class overloads
- Monitor athletic eligibility
- Establish academic calendar—terms and dates
- Report term enrollments
- Chair Student Rights and Suspension Committees
- Oversee graduation
- Rewrite portions of undergraduate catalog

Associate Registrar: Jennifer Sick

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- Develop classroom schedule
- Process non-course room reservations
- Organize monthly events calendar
- Maintain term schedule in PeopleSoft
- Create training manuals and develop formal training sessions for faculty, staff, and students on PeopleSoft
- Receive and process security requests for faculty and staff
- Print and post term schedules
- Maintain master catalog in PeopleSoft

Transfer Student Specialist: Ann Headrick

Phone: 858-3347

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- Correspond with departments on course evaluations and substitutions
- Update current and returning student files
- Evaluate, code, and process all official transcripts
- Process ISEP transcripts
- Process CLEP/AP/DANTES transcripts and update brochures
- Perform general education evaluations for current students and faculty

Records Specialist: Jeni Anderson

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- Process applications for returning students
- Process audit and credit by exam requests
- Determine student academic standing (warning, probation, suspension)
- Grant admission into majors (nursing, education, social work)
- Perform academic assessment of past grades
- Process name, social security number, address, advisor, and major/minor changes

Transcript Records Specialist: Jerusha Olthoff

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- Process official/unofficial transcripts
- Perform degree verifications
- Inform students of holds on transcripts
- Maintain three transcript databases
- Image/electronically file student transcripts

Administrative Assistant: Sue Lommen

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- Act as the office “front window”
- Monitor office budget
- Maintain withdrawal database

For admission information, such as catalogs, applications, information on programs, or campus tours, please contact Enrollment Services at 858-3350.

— Tania Balas, registrar

In the galleries

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.

The public reception for the Harmon and America’s 2000 exhibits is Sept. 12, 6:30-8 p.m.

Calendar

Aug. 23-Sept. 30, 2006

August

- 23 Student Activities Committee: 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, too, Student Union atrium, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 25-26 Volleyball at Jamestown Invite.

- 28 Student Association, Westlie Room, 6 p.m.
- 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, 7-9 p.m.
- 31 Mandatory orientation for student teaching spring 2007, Main 218, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- 31 SAC: “Welcome Back Dance,” plaza between Dome and Hartnett Hall, 10 p.m.

September

- 1 Theatre: No Shame Theatre, Black Box, submissions at 8:15 p.m., performance at 9 p.m.
- 1-2 Volleyball at U. Great Falls Invite.
- 2 Football at Rocky Mountain College, Miles City, Mont.
- 4 Holiday, Labor Day, university closed.
- 5 Golf at Bismarck.
- 6 Volleyball at Dickinson State U.
- 6 SAC: movie night, Nelson Hall, 9 p.m.
- 7 President’s open forums, Conference Center, 8 & 10 a.m.
- 7 Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
- 7-14 University Diversity Week.
- 7 Diversity Week: panel “Sharing Diversity Stories—Then and Now,” Aleshire Theater, 12:30 p.m.
- 8 Undergraduates: fall semester applications for graduation due to advisor.
- 8 Cross country hosts Minot State Invite, Souris Valley Golf Course, 3:30 p.m.
- 9 Football vs. Bemidji State, Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
- 10-11 Golf at Dickinson.
- 11 Student Association, Westlie Room, 6 p.m.
- 11 Diversity Week: lectures by Avra Johnson on civil rights experiences as an African woman and on new directions of civil rights, Aleshire Theater, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- 11 Diversity Week: open forum on harmony, peace and diverse beliefs, Aleshire Theater, noon.
- 12 Diversity Week: panel “The Right to Be: American Indian Perspective in the Dakotas,” Aleshire Theater, 12:30 p.m.
- 13 Voting for Homecoming royalty nominations, pizza and music, Beaver Dam or quad, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 13 Diversity Week: multicultural and international social, Multicultural Center, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

- 13 Brown Bag Book Talk: Margaret Sherve, English, on "Service-Learning Across Cultures: Promise and Achievement," Olson Library lower level, noon.
- 14 Diversity Week: lecture by S.B. Woo, former lt. governor of Delaware, "Equal Opportunities and Diversity," Aleshire Theater, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Admission to teacher education seminar, Old Main 106, 3-4 p.m.
- 15 Volleyball at Jamestown College.
- 15 Cross Country at U. of North Dakota Ron Pynn Invite.
- 16 Theatre: "24 Hour Play Festival," Aleshire Theater, performance at 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Volleyball at Dakota State U.
- 16 Football vs. Black Hills State U., Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
- 16 SAC: "Red Out" at the football game, wear your red and win prizes.
- 17-23 Homecoming 2006: "Get Your Beav On."
- 17 Homecoming: free movie, pop and popcorn, Oak Park Theater, 9 p.m.
- 17-18 Golf at Jamestown.
- 18 Homecoming: king and queen voting, barbeque and KMSU music, quad, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 18 Homecoming: intramural tournament, Swain Hall, 8 p.m.
- 19 Last day to drop a first eight-week class.
- 19 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 19 Homecoming: "Get in Your Face" caricatures and free taco in a bag, quad, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 19 Homecoming: coronation with entertainment by Nick Motil, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
- 19 Homecoming: dance with band "October Road," Holiday Inn, 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m.
- 20 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
- 20 Homecoming: casino games and free nachos, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 20 Homecoming: comedian Lee Camp, Nelson Hall, 9 p.m.
- 21 Homecoming: billiards tournament, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 21 Northwest Art Center lecture: "Horizons Unlimited: Experience and Learning Across Borders and Cultures" and Michelle Sauer's international trip, Robert Kibler, humanities, and Sauer, humanities, and students, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 21 Homecoming: "Battle of the Sexes" game show, Beaver Dam, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Fall semester applications for graduation due in Registrar's Office.
- 22 Homecoming: Beaver Golf Scramble sponsored by Delta Epsilon Chi, Souris Valley Golf Course, 1:30 p.m.
- 22 Volleyball vs. Valley City State U., Dome, 7 p.m.
- 22-23 Family Weekend.
- 23 Homecoming: parade, route from Minot Civic Auditorium through downtown and north on Broadway to Dome, 10:30 a.m.
- 23 Homecoming: tailgating, east parking lot of Dome, 11:30 a.m.
- 23 Homecoming: football vs. South Dakota Tech, introduction of Homecoming royalty and Athletics Hall of Fame inductees at halftime, Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
- 23 Volleyball vs. Mayville State U., Dome, 7 p.m.
- 23 Cross Country at Roy Griak Invite, Minneapolis.
- 24-25 Golf hosts in Minot, Sunday Souris Valley Golf Course, 1 p.m., Monday Minot Country Club, 9 a.m.
- 25 Student Association, Westlie Room, 6 p.m.
- 26 International Artists Series: Bay Street Brassworks, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam, 9 p.m.
- 27-30 Theatre: "The Drawer Boy," Black Box Theater, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Seminar for student teaching spring 2007, Missouri Room, 8 a.m.-noon.
- 28 NAC lecture: "If Knowledge is Power ... Why Am I Always in the Dark?" John Girard, business, Aleshire Theater, 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Deadline to submit proposals to the Intellectual Climate Committee.
- 29 Board of Regents, Conference Center.
- 29 Seminar for student teaching spring 2007, Missouri Room, 8 a.m.-noon.
- 29 Club hockey vs. Colorado College, MAYSA Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Volleyball at Black Hills State U.
- 30 Club hockey vs. Bemidji State, MAYSA Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Football at Dickinson State U.
- 30 Volleyball at South Dakota Tech.