October 18, 2006

High school juniors and seniors coming to campus

Campus Preview Day for senior high school students takes place Friday (Oct. 20), in the Conference Center. Minot State University’s Enrollment Services hosts this annual event for prospective students and their families. Preview Day is a chance for high school juniors and seniors to come and tour the campus, visit with departments of intended major, receive information about MSU, and also attend MSU extracurricular events Oct. 20-21.

MSU honored by Red Cross for Katrina relief efforts

Minot State University was honored Sept. 18 by the American Red Cross for its efforts to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina. The Red Cross has produced a limited edition print for distribution to organizations that raised more than $3,000 in funds for relief. Along with individuals, MSU groups that assisted with the effort include the football team, KMSU, Student Association, Communication Disorders and Special Education Department, and the Advancement Office. Allan McGeough of the Mid-Dakota Chapter made the presentation to MSU.

Hold-back funding released

President David Fuller informed faculty and staff Oct. 11 that campus funding previously held back would be released. Hold-back dollars included 5 percent of departmental operating budgets and an additional 0.6 percent salary increase recommended by the Compensation Task Force for targeted positions, generally below respective market rates.

The president’s decision was based on favorable third-week enrollment figures close to projections and in line with conservative budgeting that reflected a 2 percent decline in full-time-equivalent enrollments.

The actions to hold back operating dollars and not fully fund the CTF recommendations were based on summer application and enrollment numbers indicating enrollment lower than expected. Decisions to fill or add positions were also delayed and reviewed. During the process and with periodical updates on enrollment, the administration decided to proceed with two important searches—one for the director of international programs and the other for a marketing director. Both of those positions had been identified as critical for MSU to strengthen its enrollment and to enhance its position in North Dakota and regional higher education and were strongly recommended by campus committees working on the issues.

The president said that while the drop in head count and full-time students was not significant, it was large enough to warrant continued work to improve our recruitment efforts. Fuller urged all campus members to assist in the ever-important job of recruitment of new students and the support of existing students. Suggestions or ideas about improved recruitment and retention should be shared with deans, supervisors, or enrollment services personnel.

Fuller thanked the campus for their patience and understanding while fall semester numbers were being assessed. He said he was pleased that the operating funds could be released and that the goals of the compensation task force could be fully met.
‘Tom Jones’ opens main stage season

The MSU main stage play “Tom Jones,” will run Oct. 19-22 in Aleshire Theater. Show times for the comedy are 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday. The story is about an adopted Englishman, Tom Jones, who tries to move up the social scale and win the heart of the beautiful Sophia Western. Matt Murphy plays Jones, and Jazmine Wolff is Western. Katie Fast is the Lady Bellaston in the comedy written by Henry Fielding and adapted by David Rogers. The cast says this production, produced by Conrad Davidson, is a must see. MSU students, faculty and staff are admitted free with MSU ID. Tickets at the door are $6 for adults and $5 for senior citizens and children. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 858-3172.

—excerpted in part from the Red & Green

Life Skills Workshops open to all

Faculty and staff are encouraged to recommend the Life Skills Workshops sponsored by Career Services to all MSU students. While the workshops are a product of the MSU Mentor Program, all students are welcome to attend. Today, study skills are being discussed during “This Book is Worthless” in the Missouri Room, from 11 to 11:50 a.m. The remainder of the fall schedule follows:

• Oct. 25—Time Zappers (Time Management), Missouri Room, 1-1:50 p.m.
• Oct. 26—What Do I Want to Be? (Career Exploration—Part II), Old Main 106, 12:30-1:20 p.m.
• Nov. 1—How Well Do You Play with Others? (Personality Traits), Old Main 106, noon-12:50 p.m. (Participants must contact the Residence Life office at 858-3363 to take the Myers Briggs Type Indicator before the workshop so that the results can be used in the workshop.)
• Nov. 2—Money Management, Old Main 106, 1-1:50 p.m.
• Nov. 7—Who am I? (Career Exploration—Part I), Memorial 114, 1-1:50 p.m.
• Nov. 14—What Do I Want to Be? (Career Exploration—Part II), Memorial 114, 1-1:50 p.m.
• Nov. 28—Show Me the Money … Financial Aid 101, Missouri Room, 12:30-1:20 p.m.

Descriptions of the workshops are available at www.minotstateu.edu/mentoring and questions may be directed to Debra Chandler, student services advisor, at 858-3144 or debra.chandler@minotstateu.edu. Registration is requested.

Skogen named president of Bismarck State College

Larry C. Skogen was selected Monday by the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education to be the next president of Bismarck State College. He will assume his new position March 1, 2007.

“We are very pleased Dr. Skogen will be the next president of Bismarck State College,” said John Q. Paulsen, SBHE president. “All three finalists would bring many strengths to the presidency, and we were pleased to have such outstanding candidates. In the end, however, Dr. Skogen’s vision for the future of the college most closely matches that of the board.”

“A college president interacts with many constituencies,” said Eddie Dunn, chancellor of the North Dakota University System. “Dr. Skogen brings a strong set of core values that will serve him well as president of Bismarck State College and in his interactions with the State Board of Higher Education and throughout the University System. BSC is a dynamic community college, and we are genuinely excited about its future under Dr. Skogen’s leadership.”

Skogen, a native of Hettinger, is academic dean and deputy superintendent for academic affairs at New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, N.M., a position he has held since 2001. He has taught history in collegiate and military settings and served in other capacities in the U.S. Air Force, most recently as director of operations and inspector general of the Francis E. Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming, 1998-2001. In 2004, he was an educational consultant to the United Arab Emirates.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in secondary education from Dickinson State University, a Master of Arts in history from Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, Mo., and a doctorate in history from Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz. Skogen will be paid $126,000 per year and will receive an annual housing allowance of $10,000 and an annual vehicle allowance of $11,000.

—partially excerpted from NDUS news release

Potts named new ASU chancellor

Robert Potts, former North Dakota University System chancellor, was selected Oct. 5 to serve as the first chancellor of the Jonesboro campus of Arkansas State University. ASU’s five-member Board of Trustees met in a special session to act on a recommendation by Les Wyatt, system president, ending a nine-month national search.

Potts, 62, will be paid $198,196 annually. ASU will also provide housing and a vehicle. The Board of Trustees gave him a three-year contract, which can be extended yearly. Potts officially
begins in his new position Nov. 15. He also remains under contract as a consultant for NDUS through June 30, 2007. Potts resigned as NDUS chancellor June 30 after unsuccessfully obtaining explicit authority from a majority of North Dakota State Board of Higher Education members.

The Jonesboro campus, the largest in the four-campus ASU System, has a budget of more than $130 million and 11,001 students. While at the NDUS, Potts oversaw a $1.5 billion biennial budget for 11 campuses with 42,000 students.

Unlike the NDUS, in which university presidents rank beneath a system chancellor, at Jonesboro, Potts will rank beneath Wyatt. Wyatt has been serving both as the president of the ASU system of campuses and as chancellor, or chief executive officer, of the Jonesboro campus. ASU’s Board of Trustees voted last December to separate Wyatt’s duties. Potts was one of six finalists.

—partially excerpted from an ASU news release

Ellis up for next NAC lecture

Lee Ellis, sociology, discusses “Universal Sex Difference in Behavior,” Oct. 26 during the next Northwest Art Center lecture. Lectures in November include “France in Africa,” by Scott Sigel, humanities, Nov. 2, and “Rock Art,” by Linda Olson, chair of humanities, Nov. 16. The talks will take place in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m.

Hintz talks about children’s literature

Kathy Hintz, education, will present the next Brown Bag Book Talk, Oct. 25. She will discuss “Should We Burn Babar?: Essays on Children’s Literature and the Power of Stories.” The book talks, sponsored by the Gordon B. Olson Library, begin at noon and conclude in time for 1 p.m. classes. All are held in the lower level of the library in Group Study Room 2. You need not read the featured book ahead of time and are encouraged to bring a sack lunch; dessert will be provided.

Announcements

KMOT/MSU Athletics Food Drive was successful

The Minot State University Athletic Department would like to thank all individuals that supported our food drive. Over 400 nonperishable items from MSU employees were donated to the Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry. It was a great success and your generosity is appreciated. Good job MSU!

—Rick Hedberg, director of athletics

Cancellation for non-payment of tuition and fees concluded

The cancellation process for non-payment of tuition and fees has been completed. I am requesting that faculty run an updated class roster. If a student is in a class and does not appear on the faculty member’s updated class roster, the student should contact the Business Office. The last day a student can be reinstated into his/her classes is Oct. 30. The reinstatement fee remains at $50. Reinstatements will not be accommodated by the Business Office after Oct. 30.

—Tania Balas, registrar

(at the request of Dr. Rabe and Ron Dorn)

Spring textbook adoption time is here

It is time again for faculty to get their spring textbook adoptions in to the Bookstore. I am still fairly new at this position; so the sooner orders are in, the better. The deadline for spring textbook adoptions is Oct. 25.

A separate form must be completed for on-campus, on-line, correspondence, Minot Air Force Base, and MSU-Bottineau classes. Orders must be sent to me by campus mail or made in person. To eliminate problems experienced this semester, orders by e-mail or telephone will not be accepted.

Delays may result if out-of-print and old editions are requested since they are difficult to obtain. Any delinquent orders will be processed as they are received. Any orders not received by the Oct. 25 deadline will be assumed “No Text” classes unless informed otherwise. If there are questions or concerns, call me at my new phone number 858-3220.

—Abbie Baklenko, textbook manager

Discount offered for employees at MSU Bookstore

The MSU Bookstore would like to remind the employees of Minot State University of the pay-day discount. Any Minot State University employee with appropriate ID will receive a 20 percent discount on any clothing purchase made on the regularly scheduled bimonthly pay dates. Please come in and browse our fine selection of apparel and accessories. For further details, ask the Bookstore staff.

—Sandra Foley, Bookstore manager
In the galleries

Through Oct. 27—Rosanne Olson photography exhibit, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Through Oct. 27—“Pony Blankets and Buffalo Hides, Works by Black Pinto Horse” by artist Monte “Black Pinto Horse” Yellow Bird, Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery.

Oct. 23—Yellow Bird Lecture, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.

Nov. 1-22—“Poster Offensive,” Hartnett Hall Gallery.


The public reception for the Nov. 1-22 exhibits is Nov. 6, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.

Calendar

Oct. 18- Nov. 30, 2006

October

18 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
18 Life Skills Workshop: “This Book Is Worthless” (study skills), Missouri Room, 11-11:50 a.m.
18 Men’s Club Hockey at Western Michigan U.
19 Last day to drop a 16-week class.
19 Lyrical Lunch: Erik Anderson, cello, Olson Library, noon.
19 Men’s Basketball scrimmage vs. Lake Region State College, 3:30 p.m., and Williston State College, 6:30 p.m., Dome.
19 Women’s Basketball scrimmage vs. Lake Region State College, 5 p.m., and Williston State College, 8 p.m., Dome.
19 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.
19-22 Theatre: “Tom Jones,” Aleshire Theater, Thursday-Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m.
20 Campus Preview Day for senior high school students, Conference Center.
20 Cross Country hosts DAC Championships, Souris Valley Golf Course, women 1 p.m. and men 1:45 p.m.
20 Beaver Boosters luncheon, Grand International Inn, noon.
20 Volleyball vs. Dakota State U., Dome, 7 p.m.
20-22 Men’s Club Hockey at ACHA Showcase, Youngstown, Ohio.
21 MSU Alumni Association gathering in Golden, Colo.
21 Football vs. Dakota State U., Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
21 Volleyball vs. Jamestown College, Dome, 7 p.m.
22 International Artists Series: pianist Eric Himy, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
22 Concert: Brass Band of Minot, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
23 Second 8-week classes begin.
23 Nursing Student Association, Memorial Hall 304, 12:15 p.m.
23 Student Association, Westlie Room, 6 p.m.
23 NAC: lecture by Monte Yellow Bird on his exhibit in the Library Gallery, Aleshire, Theater, 7 p.m.
24 Concert: MSU Concert Band, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
25 Life Skills Workshop: “Time Zappers” (time management), Missouri Room, 1-1:50 p.m.
26 Last day to add a second 8-week class.
26 Life Skills Workshop: “Career Exploration” (two-part series), “What Do I Want to Be?” (Part II), Main 106, 12:30-1:20 p.m.
26 NAC lecture: “Universal Sex Differences in Behavior,” by Lee Ellis, sociology, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
27 Volleyball at Mayville State U.
27-29 Women’s Basketball at Regina Tourney.
27-29 Women’s Club Hockey at Rainy River Community College Tourney.
28 Senior student recital: Ben Huseby, trombone, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
28 Concert: Chuchumbe Band, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
28 Football at Jamestown College.
28 Volleyball at Valley City State U.
28 Men’s Basketball exhibition game at U. of North Dakota.
29 Faculty recital: Erik Anderson, cello, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
30 Concert: MSU Choirs, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
31 SAC: music and free candy, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
31 SAC: Halloween dance, Beaver Dam, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

November

1 Life Skills Workshop: “How Well Do You Play With Others?” (personality traits), pre-registration required, contact Debra at 858-3144, Main 106, noon to 12:50 p.m.
1-22 NAC exhibit: Poster Offensive Show, Hartnett Hall Gallery.
1-22 NAC exhibit: All About Color, Library Gallery.
1-22 Life Skills Workshop: “Money Management,” Main 106, 1-1:50 p.m.
2 Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
2 NAC lecture: “France in Africa,” by Scott Sigel, humanities, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
2 SAC: comedian Pete Lee, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.
2-4 Theatre: “Freshman Ten” and “Alpha Particles,” Black Box Theater, 7:30 p.m.
2-4 Men’s Club Hockey at Weber State U., Layton, Utah.
3 Noon deadline for graduate students who are graduating fall semester to file permit to take written comprehensive exams in the Graduate School Office.
3 Volleyball vs. South Dakota Tech., Dome, 7 p.m.
3 Women’s & Men’s Basketball at U. of Great Falls.
Northwest Festival of Music and Percussion Festival.
Concert: Northwest Festival of Music and Percussion Festival showcase concert, Nelson Hall, 3:30 p.m.
Guest percussion ensemble concert: “Panoramic!” Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
Football at Black Hills State U.
Volleyball vs. Black Hill State U., Dome, 3 p.m.
Women’s & Men’s Basketball at Montana State U.-Northern.
Concert: Northwest Festival of Music high school honors concert, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
Senior student recital: Stacy Grunert, voice, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
Faculty recital: Dennis and Penny Simons, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Student Association, Westlie Room, 6 p.m.
NAC: lecture by artist Jeff Johnson, Poster Offensive Show exhibit, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
Online Studies Committee, Jones Room, 1 p.m.
WebCT training: basic skills, Main 314, 5 p.m.
SAC: movie, Aleshire Theater, 9 p.m.
Lyrical Lunch: Selmer Moen, eclectic music, Olson Library, noon.
Holiday, Veterans Day, university closed.
Beaver Boosters luncheon, Grand International Inn, noon.
Women’s & Men’s Basketball vs. U. of Great Falls, Dome, 6 & 8 p.m.
Women’s Club Hockey vs. North Dakota State U., All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Women’s & Men’s Basketball vs. Montana State U.-Northern, Dome, 6 & 8 p.m.
Registration for spring semester 2007 for currently enrolled students.
Financial Aid workshop for high school counselors, Conference Center, 8 a.m.-noon.
Life Skills Workshop: “Career Exploration” (two-part series), “What Do I Want to Be?” (Part II), Memorial 114, 1-1:50 p.m.
University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
Mentor meeting, Missouri Room, noon.
SAC: music by Mozella, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Admission to teacher education seminar, Old Main 106, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
NAC lecture: “Rock Art,” by Linda Olson, humanities chair, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
Men’s Club Hockey vs. Weber State U., All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Collegiate Music Educators National Conference Talent Show, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Men’s Basketball at Rocky Mountain College.
Women’s Club Hockey vs. Bemidji State U., All Seasons Arena, 4:30 p.m.
Minot Symphony Orchestra, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Women’s Club Hockey vs. Bemidji State U., All Seasons Arena, 11 a.m.
Junior student recital: Olga Dvornikova, violin, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
Student Association, Westlie Room, 6 p.m.
International Artist Series: Joe Burgstaller “The Man with the Golden Horn,” Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Last day to drop a second 8-week class.
Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
Brown Bag Book Talk: Chad Heinzel, geoscience, on “Education of a Wandering Man,” Olson Library lower level, noon.
Alumni Executive Board, Alumni office, 4 p.m.
Women’s Basketball vs. Presentation College, Dome, 7 p.m.
Concert: MSU String Ensemble, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Curriculum Committee, Westlie Room, 12:30 p.m.
Holiday, Thanksgiving, university closed.
Men’s Club Hockey vs. U. of Central Oklahoma, All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
No classes, university offices open.
Men’s Basketball at Presentation College.
Nursing Student Association, Memorial Hall 304, 12:15 p.m.
Senior student recital: Donna Kephart, voice, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Women’s Basketball at Brandon U.
Music class recital: “Creativity in Music,” Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
SAC: movie, Aleshire Theater, 9 p.m.