President Fuller responds to Virginia Tech tragedy

Dear MSU Faculty, Staff and Students:

I’m certain that you, as have the members of President’s Staff and myself, been following the horrific shootings at Virginia Tech University. It is hard to imagine that something like this could happen on a university campus.

I want to assure you that the safety of the Minot State University campus is of great concern, and we take it very seriously. MSU works with the Minot Police Department to provide security and protection. The university is included in regular police patrol routes on a 24-hour basis. After regular business hours, MSU also employs personnel from a private security company and off-duty Minot Police Department officers as campus police.

If immediate police or emergency response is needed, call 9-911 from campus extensions. Please report actions or circumstances that seem suspicious to your supervisor. It is important that all of us are actively engaged in keeping our campus safe.

Our residence halls are locked around the clock. Plant services personnel follow an established schedule to secure campus buildings after classes and scheduled meetings have ended. It is vital that all of us help maintain the security of buildings and do not unlock them or prop doors open.

Every university and place that opens its doors to the public is vulnerable to this type of occurrence. Therefore, I have also asked members of President’s Staff to review our policies and response plans regarding campus security.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the students and our colleagues at Virginia Tech University. We feel deeply for the victims, their families and the entire Virginia Tech community.

Sincerely,

David Fuller, President

Join MSU at Dakota Square Mall

Join your MSU colleagues for an afternoon of fun at Dakota Square Mall, April 28, from noon to 4 p.m. There will be MSU booths, tables and activities throughout the mall. A sampling includes musical performances, a pottery sale, storytelling, speech and hearing testing, a hoop shoot, and a traveling science museum. Enrollment Services staff will be available to assist with admissions and financial aid. Complete the scavenger hunt, and you could win a $200 gift certificate for Dakota Square. Other door prizes will be given away, too. Thanks to all departments and offices that are participating and representing MSU.
MSU hosting Native American Honor Dance

Native American dancers and drum groups from throughout North Dakota and neighboring states and provinces will compete during the 18th Annual Native American Honor Dance and Spring Celebration, at the Minot State University Dome May 4-5. The celebration will also include special Native American attractions.

The powwow-style event, sponsored by the MSU Native American Cultural Awareness Club and the university, will honor all 2007 graduates. Two “Grand Entries,” the time when the dancers enter the floor of the arena, are scheduled for 1 and 7 p.m. each day.

Following the Grand Entry on May 4, the memory of Nathan Goodiron, an MSU student who was killed in action Thanksgiving Day in Afghanistan, will be honored. Goodiron, a junior majoring in finance, was serving with the N.D. Army National Guard. From Mandaree and an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, he had been involved with the MSU Native American club. His family will conduct a give-away ceremony. This traditional event honors the person by giving gifts to people who were inspirational, helpful or instrumental in that person’s life.

The “Honor Parade,” in which all 2007 graduates are invited to take part, follows the Grand Entry on May 5.

Dance competitions will be held for men, women, teens, juniors and tiny tots. The competition for men includes traditional, grass and fancy dancing. Women’s dance competitions include traditional, fancy and jingle styles. Cash prizes will be awarded. Dance specials include men’s and women’s veterans.

Drum money will be awarded to the first 10 drums. The host drum group is Battle River from Red Lake, Minn.

The celebration will include special attractions, such as a Native American hoop dance exhibition by Wayne Fox, a Native American traditional games activity by Marvin Bald Eagle Young Man, Native American storytelling by Cassi Rench, a Native American beadwork display and hands-on-project by Marilyn Hudson, and a teepee and Native American regalia display by NACA. The Battle River drum group also will be performing songs and students will be able to participate in the round dance.

Teachers are invited to bring school-age children as educational presentations for them are planned on May 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. That evening, a traditional buffalo meal will be provided by the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation and the Spirit Lake Nation.

The doors open each day at 9:30 a.m. with performances, demonstrations, dance competitions and the sale of Native American arts, crafts, and food, taking place throughout.

Admission to the Honor Dance and Spring Celebration is $3 for ages 12-55; it is free to children under 14, senior citizens, and MSU students, faculty and staff. For more information, contact Wylie Hammond, MSU Multicultural Services, at 858-3365 or 1-800-777-0750, ext. 3365.

Pytlik picked to head ConnectND

The North Dakota University System has hired a new director for ConnectND.

Mick Pytlik will become executive director for ConnectND on May 1. He will replace Bonnie Neas, who has served as interim executive director since May 2006.

Pytlik has worked for the university system since 1988, first as an accountant and lecturer at Valley City State University and more recently as ConnectND’s financial system director.

He will earn an annual salary of $115,000.

— partially excerpted from Associated Press

Earth Day activities continue

Earth Day is being observed with free activities through Saturday (April 21). Films are being shown in the Beaver Dam each evening at 7.


Organizer Chad Heinzel, geosciences, said that while this year’s films are environmentally-themed, they also deal with prominent social issues such as environmental racism, social justice and diversity. Informal discussion will follow each show.

On Saturday, the entire lineup will be replayed, beginning at 9 a.m. in Cyril Moore Science Center Room 16, with discussion afterward. In-depth film summaries are available at the link (http://gis.misu.nodak.edu/heinzel/Sustain%20links.html).

Campus clean-up day is scheduled for today. MSU Earth Day activities are sponsored by the Student Association, Augite (geosciences) Club and Environmental Sustainability Committee. Call Heinzel at 858-3114 for more information.

MSU enrollment services coordinator accepts out-of-state position

Shane Larson, enrollment services coordinator at Minot State University, has accepted a position with a higher education institution in Nevada.

Larson joined the MSU enrollment services staff in April 2004 and formerly held the position of enrollment services representative. He was promoted to enrollment services coordinator in October 2005.

“I have great respect for the faculty and staff of Minot State University, and I will miss the relationships that have been developed during my time with enrollment services,” said Larson. “I am looking forward to the challenges and growth I will experience with my new position.”

The primary responsibilities of Larson’s position include the recruitment of students from North and South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Minnesota, and the adjacent Canadian
provinces. He has also been responsible for the day-to-day coordination of a team of recruiters.

“Shane has been extremely dedicated to MSU and was great at helping us tell our story to prospective students as he coordinated recruiting efforts across the region,” said Gary Rabe, vice president for academic affairs and supervisor of enrollment services. “His resignation is a loss for Minot State University, and I wish him the best as he pursues new career opportunities in Nevada.”

Larson graduated from North Shore High School, Makoti, in 1998 and from Minot State University in December 2002, with majors in management and marketing.

Larson’s last day of employment with MSU will be April 25.

Poster session invite

Minot State University faculty members will share their research and scholarship activities, particularly that which has occurred in collaboration with students, at the 2007 Research Poster Session. The session will take place April 26 in the Student Union atrium area, noon-2 p.m. The campus and community are invited to attend.

Conference concerning reclaiming cultural identity to be held

A one-day conference, Reclaiming our Cultural Identity: Native American Culture of the Northern Plains, will be held May 3 in the Crane Hall conference room, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Topics will include culture, identity, politics and history; Eurocentrism to tribalcentrism; cultural competency; cultural trespassing and ethnic fraud; and service providers and the dilemmas of intervention. Presenters will be from diverse cultural and educational backgrounds.

The registration fee is $25, and registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Continuing education units of 7.5 are approved for social workers and addiction counselors. This conference is free to MSU students.

For more information, contact Nelrene Yellow Bird at 858-3510 or Harry Hoffman at 858-3284.

Staff Senate to hold elections May 8

Elections for Staff Senate will be conducted May 8, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The ballot table will be located by the Post Office, second floor Administration Building.

Passive nominations will be utilized again this year. Consequently, the Election Committee will mail Staff Senate Constituency and Eligibility Lists, as defined by functional areas, through intra-college mail. If a staff member does not wish to be considered for election to Staff Senate, Renee Olson, communication disorders, must be contacted by 4:30 p.m. on May 1, and the employee’s name will be removed from the ballot. Olson’s telephone number is 858-3031; her e-mail is (reneeolson@minotstateu.edu).

For clarification, once a staff senate representative has completed a two-year term of service, the individual is eligible to serve another two-year term.

Be in the Know sessions help all know more about MSU

Be in the Know sessions can empower the entire campus community to become better Minot State University marketers. This unique learning environment will provide relevant facts about MSU and its degree programs and student services. Sessions are held each Wednesday in Aleshire Theater, 2-2:30 p.m. The remainder of the spring schedule follows:

- Today—humanities, advancement and alumni, Chartwells, Information Technology Central.
- April 25—social science, MSU Bookstore, Business Office, athletics, special education.
- May 2—Registrar’s Office, student services, addiction studies and psychology.

Announcements

Vision 2013 teams seek campus input

Team members for Vision 2013 strategies desire ideas and comments on specific initiatives and action plans for their respective strategies. Many of the teams have scheduled meetings to garner campus input. The sessions are as follows:

- Today—Vision 2013 Strategy 3: Valuing Faculty and Staff Within an Engaged Community, Library Media Center, 1-2 p.m.

‘SuperHero’ lecture slated April 19

Author and speaker Gary Cohen will be presenting “SuperHero,” his powerful talk on how discovering our strengths and pursuing our passion can lead to a rewarding life, tomorrow (April 19) at 8 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, Old Main.

The Student Association is featuring Cohen because of his proven track record for leading students to a new understanding of their own amazing potential. Students walk away with more than just a new appreciation for their education. They also leave with an understanding of what it feels like to pursue a career they love and to feel unstoppable on the path to that dream.

Because SA members believe this program will help students succeed in class and beyond, they are asking faculty members to consider making attendance mandatory or to offer extra credit. The SA looks forward to seeing you and your students at this event. Please direct any questions to Shannon Wilson at 858-3412 or (shannon.wilson@minotstateu.edu).

— Shannon Wilson, programming director of Student Activities Association
Graduation applications are due Friday

Faculty: Please make sure all graduation applications have been turned into the Registrar's Office by Friday (April 20). On April 23, a final draft of the commencement program will be delivered to Lowe's Printing. Once the program goes to print, the names of those students who turn in late applications will not be printed in the commencement program.

All spring and summer graduation applications were due to the Registrar's Office by February 9. Please let me know if you have any questions.

— Tania L. Balas, registrar

Students can add themselves to wait lists

Faculty: beginning fall 2007 students will be able to add themselves to a wait list using CampusConnection. Please keep this in mind when signing an add/drop form for a closed section. Instructors can view a wait list by accessing their class roster in CampusConnection and changing the enrollment status to “waiting.”

Wait lists allow students to indicate interest in a course that is presently full. For courses with the wait-list option, students will be asked to check “OK to Wait list” during the enrollment request through self-service in CampusConnection. The course will appear on the study list as “waiting” which indicates the potential for enrollment, not actual enrollment.

If a seat becomes available in the class, the first eligible student on the wait list will be automatically enrolled in the course. Students are responsible for monitoring their study lists and complying with all add/drop policies once enrolled. Students who no longer want to wait for an opening in a course must drop themselves from the wait list through CampusConnection.

The last day to add to a wait list is the third class day of a regular (16 week) session in fall/spring semester. A student may be moved from the wait list to enrolled through the fourth day of a regular (16 week) session in fall/spring semester.

A student will be dropped from multiple wait lists if they are on the wait list for multiple sections of the same courses and are successfully enrolled in one of the sections. Students will not be added to a course off a wait list if they are already enrolled in an available section of the same course. An add/drop form cannot be used to be added to a wait list.

— Jennifer Sick, associate registrar

Faculty tenure and promotion

‘shop talk’ sessions slated

For all MSU faculty: members of MSU’s Tenure and Promotion Committees will gather April 25 and 26 to discuss with faculty matters great and small regarding tenure and promotion. These meetings will be in the Westlie Room from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The committees are jointly meeting to discuss tenure and promotion on each of the two days, with the understanding that some people can make it more easily on one day than they can on another.

For more information, contact Julianne Eklund (chair, tenure), 858-3086, and Robert Kibler (chair, promotion), 858-3876. Bring your questions and your lunch!

Academic and career advising teleconference to be held April 26

As a first step toward achieving Vision 2013 Strategy Five: Focusing on Student Success and Future Achievements, Student Affairs and Academic Affairs will be hosting a teleconference on Academic and Career Advising: Keys to Student Success on April 26 from noon-2 p.m.

The teleconference will be held in the Student Affairs conference room which is located on the first floor of the Administration Building and seating is limited. Therefore, if you are interested in attending, please email Debra Chandler at (debra.chandler@minotstateu.edu) as soon as possible to reserve a seat.

The Writing Center announces revised schedule

The Writing Center has distributed an updated schedule. The center, located in the lower level of the Olson Library, will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., with the following exceptions:

Closed Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:30 a.m. to noon; closed Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m.; open an extended half-hour Friday from 4 to 4:30 p.m.

Other times are available by appointment. To make an appointment, call 858-3060 or e-mail (writing@minotstateu.edu).

Please let your students know about this useful resource. Our tutors are eager, friendly, trained and ready to help students with any paper, in any subject. Our service is free to all Minot State University students, staff and faculty.

Students need to be present for the session and bring their paper or their assignment handout. We are not a “drop off and pick it up later” editing service. We try to work with students to make them better writers.

We also offer e-mail tutoring. See our Web site, (http://www.minotstateu.edu/writingcenter/) for more details.

— Patti Kurtz, assistant professor of English

MSU-Bottineau provides updates

• MSU-Bottineau started its campaign April 3 to raise $200,000 to fund a football and women’s softball team for 2008-2009. There seems to be a great deal of interest in the community for the college starting these programs (we had football here up until 1960). The task is to convert that interest into something tangible. MSU-B is going to wrap up the local campaign by April 17 and then move on to out-of-the-area alumni, starting with the football alumni.
• MSU-B is very close to adopting a campus book-read. The book we are using will more than likely be “Refuge, An Unnatural History of Family and Place” by Terry Tempest Williams. The book correlates with our “nature, technology, and beyond” focus.

• MSU-B held a “registration rally” on campus April 4. It is an attempt to boost retention by placing a renewed emphasis on registering in the spring for the subsequent fall semester as well as a return to advisors having a more hands-on approach to registration. Campus members and students gathered as a group for the event where substantial cash door prizes were offered as an incentive.

Faculty/staff acknowledgments from the April 11 University Cabinet include:

Department of Athletics

Kudos to Chad McNally for organizing a very successful Beaver Booster Spring Party with over 500 attendees.

College of Education and Health Sciences

The College of Education and Health Sciences acknowledges:

• Clarine Sandstrom, teacher education, who recently completed her doctoral studies with Capella University.

• Tom Linares, chairman of communication disorders, who was recently asked to serve on a national board for the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA).

• Orlene Schroeder, communication disorders, who recently attended a legislative conference in Washington, D.C. representing the N.D. Speech-Language Pathologists and met with Congressman Earl Pomeroy and the staff of our two senators regarding their support for new legislation.

• Neil Nordquist, dean of the College of Education and Health Sciences, for recently being invited by the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education to become a member of the Board of Examiners for NCATE accreditation visits.

• Marita Hoffart, nursing, who was recently awarded a grant of $3,000 from St. Joseph’s Community Foundation for technology support in the MSU nursing program. This follows a $10,000 grant she earned last year. The St. Joseph’s Community Foundation has also provided five $1,000 scholarships to students in the MSU nursing program.

• Kelly Schmidt, nursing, who is again having success in the N.D. Legislative session as she continues to seek improved laws relative to tobacco use.

• Ruth Kihm, social work, and her colleagues for doing a wonderful job in hosting the recent Great Plains Connections Conference on service learning

• The Department of Communication Disorders for recently hosting its annual conference in speech-language pathology.

College of Arts and Sciences

• Chris Beachy, biology, was invited to give a keynote speech at the N.D. Science Teachers Association meeting held at MSU March 23-24.


• Rick Watson, English and humanities, will have four poems published in the 2007 edition of Fire Ring Voices, a publication from Bemidji State University, and one in Plains Song Review for the second year in a row.

• Lee Ellis, social work, Shyamal Das, social work, and Hasan Buker, criminal justice, presented a paper “Androgen-Promoted Bodily Traits And Criminality: A Test of The Evolutionary Neuroandrogenic Theory,” at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference, March 13-17, in Seattle.

• Two faculty members presented during Women’s Heritage Month in March. Bethany Andreasen, history, gave the lecture titled “What Was ‘Normal’ at Minot?: Women of the State Normal School at Minot.” Michelle Sauer, English and Gender/Women’s Studies, presented the lecture “Premodern Lesbians and the Lesbian Premodern.”

Other

Caren Barnett, student health, Lilah Diederich, IT Central, and other members of the Wellness Committee, for sponsoring and organizing a very successful campus health fair, March 28.
**In the galleries**
April 4-24—Juried MSU Student Art Exhibition, Hartnett Hall Gallery.
April 4-24—“New Encaustics” by Linda Whitney, Valley City, Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery.

**Calendar**

**April 18-May 29, 2007**

**April**

18    Campus clean-up day.
18    Last day to drop a second eight-week class.
18    Math Track Meet: grades 7-8, Dome, 12:30 p.m.
18    Vision 2013 Strategy 3 meeting, Library Media Center, 1 p.m.
18    Be in the Know: humanities, advancement and alumni, Chartwells, Information Technology Central, Aleshire Theater, 2-3 p.m.
18    Baseball vs. Jamestown College, Corbett Field, 2 p.m.
18    SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater 9 p.m.
18    Earth Week: film “The Charcoal People,” Beaver Dam, 7 p.m.
19    Earth Week: film “Shipbreakers,” Beaver Dam, 7 p.m.
19    SAC: “SuperHero” presentation, Nelson Hall, 8 p.m.
20    Peace Awareness Day, labyrinth in Student Union, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
20    Earth Week: film “Maquila: A Tale of Two Mexicos,” Beaver Dam, 7 p.m.
20    Concert: Western Plains Children’s Choir, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
21    Earth Week: film replay and discussion, Cyril Moore, Room 16, 9 a.m.
21    Crafting Day, sponsored by MSU Student Council for Exceptional Children, Dome, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
21    Region 8 Solo and Ensemble Festival, Nelson Hall, all day.
21    Outdoor Track & Field at North Dakota State U.
21-22    Baseball and Softball at Mayville State U.
22    Senior student recital: Melissa Chilson, piano, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
22-23    Outdoor Track & Field DAC Multi-events Championship, Jamestown.
22-23    Golf at Black Hills State U. invite.
23-27    SAC: Spring Splashdown.
23    SAC: music by KMSU and free food, Quad, 11 a.m.
23    Nursing Student Association, Memorial 304, 12:15 p.m.
23    Senior student recital: Nicole Pincombe, voice, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
23    SAC: Johnny Holm dance, Holiday Inn, 9:30 p.m.
24    SAC: free food and karaoke, Quad, 11 a.m.
24    Connect: new student orientation and registration information session for faculty and staff, Conference Center, 2-3 p.m.
24    SAC: intramural dodge ball, Swain, 6 p.m.
24    Debate: “Creation vs. Evolution,” sponsored by Pacesetters, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
25    Senior Celebration and Student Appreciation, Quad, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
25    Tenure and Promotion committees “Shop Talk” session, Westlie Room, 11:30 a.m.
25    Addiction studies, psychology and social work student presentation day, Memorial 222, 3-6 p.m.
25    Be in the Know: social science, MSU Bookstore, Business Office, athletics, special education, Aleshire Theater, 2-2:30 p.m.
25    Baseball vs. Dickinson State U., Corbett Field, 2 p.m.
25    Softball vs. Dickinson State U., South Hill Complex, 3 p.m.
25    SAC: pool party, Student Union pool, 7-9 p.m.
26    SAC: music and free food, Quad, 11 a.m.
26    Tenure and Promotion committees “Shop Talk” session, Westlie Room, 11:30 a.m.
26    Vision 2013 Strategy 5 teleconference, Student Affairs conference room, noon-2 p.m.
26    Research poster session, Student Union atrium, noon-2 p.m.
26    SAC: pool tournament, Beaver Dam, 2 p.m.
26    Concert: MSU String Ensemble, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
26    SAC: comedian Daniel Kino, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.
26-29    Outdoor Track & Field DAC Multi-events Championship, Jamestown.
26-29    Golf at Region 3 tournament.
27    SAC: free food, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
27    SAC: dance, Beaver Dam, 10 p.m.
27    MSU at Dakota Square Mall, noon – 4 p.m.
27    International Artists Series: “Time for Three,” Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
28    Outdoor Track & Field at Jamestown College.
28-29    SAC: music by KMSU and free food, Quad, 11 a.m.
28-29    MSU 3-3 Basketball Tournament, Dome and Swain Hall.
28-29    Baseball at Dakota State U.
28-29    Softball at Black Hills State U.
29    Senior student recital: Alicia Preskey, voice, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
29    Student Association, Westlie Room, 6 p.m.
30    Chinese banquet, Yenti Villa, downtown Minot, 6:30 p.m.
30    Concert: MSU Concert Band, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
30-May 1 Golf at Region 3 tournament.
May
1  Concert: MSU Percussion Ensemble, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
2  Be in the Know: Registrar’s Office, student services, addiction studies and psychology, Aleshire Theater, 2-2:30 p.m.
2  Alumna recital: Christina Mixemong, viola, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
3  SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater 9 p.m.
3  State Board of Higher Education, Wahpeton.
3  Admission to teacher education seminar, Main 218, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
3  Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
3  Concert: MSU Choirs, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
3  SAC: dance, Beaver Dam, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
3-5  Baseball DAC Tournament, Jamestown.
4  Outdoor Track & Field DAC Championship, Dickinson, N.D.
4  Sophomore student recital: Sarah Hanzel, cello, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
4-5  Spring Celebration and Honors Dance (Pow Wow), Dome.
4-5  Softball DAC Tournament, Madison, S.D.
5  Multicultural event: Cinco de Mayo celebration, Multicultural Center, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
6  Faculty recital: Dianna Anderson, piano, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
7  Deadline for graduate students who are graduating spring semester to submit five copies of thesis to Graduate School Office.
7-10  Final exams in 16-week classes.
8  Staff Senate elections, Post Office, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
8-10  Final exams in second eight-week classes.
9-12  Softball Region 3 Tournament.
10-12  Baseball Region 3 Tournament.
11  MSU Commencement, Dome, 10 a.m.
11  Concert: Minot Area Council of the Arts, “Esta,” Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
13  Outdoor Track & Field Last Chance Meet, Parker Stadium.
14  Grades must be entered by noon.
15  Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
16  University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
18-20  Baseball NAIA Super Regional.
20-27  Softball NAIA National Tournament.
24-26  Outdoor Track & Field NAIA Championship, Fresno, Calif.
29  Summer eight-week classes begin.