Congratulations, graduates!

Minot State University is proud of its Class of 2007 undergraduates and graduates who earned degrees May 11. Approximately 700 undergraduate and graduate degrees were conferred, with about 600 to 650 students participating in the ceremony.

The commencement ceremony honored Minot State University’s traditions and set some new precedents as well.

In a nod to its past, this year’s graduates were presented a rolled scroll of congratulations signed by President David G. Fuller upon completing their walk across the stage. The idea came from an April 2006 visit by Fuller with alumna Ila Selzler in Towner. At that time, Selzler showed President Fuller her original diploma as it had been presented during her commencement ceremony—as a rolled scroll, tied with red ribbon. Selzler graduated from the State Normal School at Minot on June 10, 1932, with a Standard Course of Study diploma. Her diploma is signed by President George A. McFarland, 1922-1938, who died in office at the age of 80. Selzler was introduced as an honored alumna during the ceremony and was presented with a bouquet of flowers by President Fuller.

In looking ahead to Minot State University’s centennial in 2013, the ceremony recognized the institution’s new strategic plan “Vision 2013.” The 2007 commencement speakers, senior Kelsey Broschat of Cooperstown, and MSU alumnus Orlin Backes of Minot, addressed the theme “Sense of Place,” which corresponds to the strategic plan’s first strategy, “Creating a Distinctive Mission Focused on Engagement and Place.”

Orlin Backes, a Glenburn native and a 1958 MSU graduate, told the graduating students to find a career they love and they will never work a day in their lives. He said he passed up job opportunities that might have been more prestigious, but he has never

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DCM marks 11th season

The Dakota Chamber Music Institute and competition for strings and piano will celebrate its 11th season June 4-10. The festival brings professional artists together with talented and motivated students and adults for intensive performance and study. Erik Anderson, Jon Rumney, and Dianna Anderson are members of the 2007 festival faculty.

The Dakota Chamber Music faculty recital will be in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall on June 7, 7 p.m. The participant concert on June 8 will be in the Gordon B. Olson Library, 11 a.m. The remaining two participant concerts will be in Nelson Hall on June 9 at 7 p.m. and on June 10 at 2 p.m.

For further information call Erik Anderson at 858-3576 or e-mail (erik.anderson@minotstateu.edu).
regretted returning to Minot and becoming part of the McGee, Hankla, Backes & Dobrovolsky law firm for 44 years. The former mayor of Minot said he loves the community.

Kelsey Broschat, who earned a Bachelor of Science in Education degree, with a double major in history and music, also spoke of how she realizes that she is at the beginning of her own journey of education. She asked other graduates to consider their graduation “not the end of your education, but the beginning of a lifetime of learning.” She was named the 2007 Outstanding Student in Teacher Education by the Minot Association of Teacher Educators, and she plans to teach next year.

Honorary degrees were conferred on two deceased MSU students. Craig Bauer, who had been an agent of the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigations since 1992, was three classes short of earning his degree when he died of natural causes in September 2006 at the age of 43. Nathan Goodiron, Mandaree, was killed in action in Afghanistan on Thanksgiving Day in 2006. Goodiron, 25, was an MSU junior.

While Minot State University will be striving to achieve all seven strategies of “Vision 2013,” each commencement ceremony for the next six years will carry a theme related to one specific strategy. In this way, each of the following graduation ceremonies will build upon the strategic plan and culminate in the 2013 ceremony, which celebrates Minot State’s centennial.

Another new feature at this year’s commencement was the presentation of flags representing the countries of MSU’s international students. In this way, the university will not only honor the homelands of international students but also demonstrate its goal to develop and support a diverse and multicultural campus in the near future.

President announces salary decisions for next year

In a May 10 memo to the campus, President David Fuller explained the salary administration decisions for the next fiscal year. The president reminded campus members that the Compensation Task Force, made up of faculty, staff, and administration, was formed last year to examine salaries and to develop a five-year plan and competitive salary goals.

This year, the Compensation Task Force has made recommendations regarding compensation to meet a five-year plan and to address specific disparities. Following regular open forums with faculty and staff, the CTF recommendations and report were reviewed and supported by the Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and the University Cabinet.

For the next fiscal year the State Board of Higher Education authorized a 5 percent average increase in appropriated salaries. This translates to an approved increase of $677,000 for salaries at Minot State University. After careful consideration and study of the CTF recommendations and the budget, President’s Staff has decided on the following:

• An across-the-board increase of 4 percent in salaries for all regular, full-time faculty and staff. This means that the increase in salaries is larger than the 2.5 percent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) recommended as the across-the-board minimum by the CTF. It should be noted that supervisors do have the discretion to hold the salary increase to 2.5 percent for individuals within their areas who have not met some or all of their performance goals as determined through the performance evaluation processes. Overall, approximately $467,000 of the $677,000 additional salary dollars will be used to fund the 4 percent increase.

• In response to the CTF recommendation and analysis, $127,000 will be designated to address equity and market disparities.

• Subtracting those amounts from the total of $677,000 leaves $40,000 to distribute to discretionary increases for merit and market. Understanding the CTF recommendation for discretionary increases, MSU wanted to meet the CTF proposal recommendation to award at least 10 percent of the total salary dollars to a discretionary pool for faculty merit and market adjustments. This amounts to $68,000. An additional $19,000 is also allocated to meet a CTF recommendation to provide funding for discretionary increases for non-academic staff. Five percent, or $34,000, of the total amount designated for salaries will be budgeted for non-academic discretionary increases. The distributions of these funds will be handled in the following manner.

• The vice president for academic affairs, along with the deans, will manage the administration of discretionary funds for faculty according to established guidelines within the respective college.

• Merit and market adjustments for staff employees will be managed in a different way from the manner it has been managed in the past. The distribution of those funds will require a recommendation from the supervisor to the respective vice president.

Out of the total of $677,000, state appropriations will provide approximately $440,000, or 65 percent, and MSU will need to provide $237,000 or 35 percent through tuition revenue and other institutional dollars. MSU will also be allocating an additional $19,000 to cover the overage for discretionary funds and $24,000 for promotion increases.

The new promotion rates for faculty members earning promotions effective in the next academic year will be increased from $700 to $1,500 for new assistant professors, from $1,400 to $3,000 for new associate professors, and from $2,100 to $4,500 for new full professors. Minot State University has essentially more than doubled its existing promotion awards. These new awards are as well significantly higher than the current promotion dollars provided by other state universities and colleges. While representing significant increases in the
amounts previously awarded to promotion, these new rates differ from the CTF recommendation to award a flat 15 percent increase. Enough funds to support a flat rate were not available for allocation, and there was concern that the recommended flat rate would create additional inequities within academic departments. This year, $24,000 will be budgeted for funding new promotions. The new schedule does create the need for minor equity adjustments for current faculty, which has been worked into the budget. As was done last year, faculty promotion increases will be funded with additional institutional funds and will not be taken from any of the state allotment for the authorized salary increase.

The president was pleased to report that the total increase in funding for salaries at Minot State University will be $720,000, which amounts to an average increase of more than 5 percent. It is reassuring that Minot State University is able to provide an across-the-board increase larger than what was recommended and still be able to fund the CTF recommendations. The new promotion rates represent a substantial increase in MSU’s commitment to recognize and reward promotion by faculty members and to provide for discretionary increases for faculty and staff.

This salary administration process is yet another step to address equity and market issues and still provide discretionary funding for supervisors to reward exemplary performance. The process and plan recommended by the CTF are measured and effective ways to progress in a deliberate way to reach our salary goals for faculty and staff and to emphasize one of our “Vision 2013” priorities, which is to value Minot State University faculty and staff and to offer competitive salaries and compensation packages.

President Fuller congratulated the CTF members for their good efforts and recommendations. He also thanked the N.D. Legislature, Gov. Hoeven, and the State Board of Higher Education for authorizing the 5 percent average salary increase.

Individual results based on the salary administration process will be forwarded in a memo from Human Resources. A letter of appointment or contract will follow that memorandum.

**North Broadway construction impacts access to MSU campus**

Access to Minot State University is being impacted by construction on North Broadway. The west side of the North Broadway and University Avenue intersection will be closed through approximately May 17. This means you will not be able to access University Avenue and the south side of the Minot State University campus from Broadway. On the east side of Broadway, one lane of north and south traffic will continue. As has been the case, left hand turns are not permitted at 11th Avenue North. The alternate routes are marked with blue informational signs.

Only local traffic will be allowed on the portion of University Avenue between Broadway and 8th Street NW while the intersection is closed. To restrict through traffic to Broadway, a barricade will be set up on University Avenue just beyond its intersection with 8th Street NW. There will be room for traffic needing local access to MSU to drive around the barricade.

When you are traveling north on Broadway and want to get to the southern part of MSU, the preferred and signed detour will direct you to turn left at 4th Avenue NW (at the foot of the overpass), travel to 8th Street NW and turn right. Then, you travel north to University Avenue for local access.

If you choose not to detour at 4th Avenue NW, your last opportunity to turn left off Broadway to access the southern part of the campus is at 5th Avenue NW, the turn opposite of First Lutheran Church.

Maps that specify routes “getting to” and “leaving from” MSU are linked to the MSU home page at (www.minotstateu.edu). Select “North Broadway construction impacts access to MSU campus.”

The Office of Public Information will also be monitoring the information and passing along updates to the campus. Please do your best to provide this information to guests or visitors to our campus.

If you need further information or assistance, please call the MSU Office of Public Information at 858-3298.

**CONNECT orientation and registration event welcomes new students to MSU**

To help new students get acclimated at Minot State University, enrollment services is sponsoring CONNECT, a series of two-day orientation and registration events. All students are mailed CONNECT information and registration forms along with their acceptance letter to MSU.

The Thursday-Friday dates for CONNECT are May 31-June 1, June 21-22, July 12-13, and July 19-20. The CONNECT events begin at noon on Thursday and end at noon on Friday. The $45 fee for CONNECT includes all meals. Thursday night lodging is available at the residence halls for $10 or at a local hotel for $65.

Activities on Thursday include touring the campus and learning about campus services, financial aid, international programs and housing. The day concludes with dinner and entertainment. Friday’s schedule will include getting your student ID and parking pass, meeting with an advisor and registering for classes.

Minot State is dedicated to helping students succeed, and requiring orientation for all new students (freshman and transfer) is an important first step. Freshmen must attend the full event, while transfer students are required only to attend Friday. However, transfer students are welcome to also attend Thursday. Parent and family orientation is not required but highly recommended. Family members, too, will learn about Minot State University and its services and have the chance to
CONNECT with families of new and current college students. It’s a great opportunity to learn what to expect during their student’s first year at MSU.

All new students are automatically billed the $45 fee for CONNECT.

A committee exists to consider attendance exemptions and a virtual orientation is available for students who are provided an exemption.

The registration form for CONNECT may also be completed online and found at (www.minotstateu.edu/orientation_form.html). Questions may be directed to enrollment services at 858-4348 or by e-mailing (msu_registration@minotstateu.edu).

Minot State explores partnerships in Scandinavia

David Fuller, president of Minot State University, will be traveling to Scandinavia June 1-9, in hopes of establishing partnerships with universities in Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. Gary Rabe, vice president for academic affairs, JoAnn Linrud, dean of the college of business, Neil Nordquist, dean of the college of education and health sciences, and Linda Cresap, dean of graduate school and research and sponsored programs will also be on the trip.

Fuller and his wife, Nancy, will travel to Norway and Denmark. Meanwhile the rest of the group will travel to Kristianstad, Sweden, in order to sign an agreement with the University of Kristianstad.

At this point in time, Fuller said that Minot State is only beginning to look at Scandinavian partnerships, with the exception of the University of Kristianstad, which has already been set up.

“Since we’re so connected with the Scandinavian culture here in Minot, it certainly makes a lot of sense for Minot State to at least investigate the possibility of having some exchanges with the Scandinavian schools,” he said. “If that should happen, then we can explore the possibility of offering some Scandinavian languages if at all possible, perhaps eventually having some sort of curriculum related to the Scandinavian culture.”

In addition to the Scandinavian partnerships, Fuller has also been looking into collaborating with one of the universities in Trinidad and Tobago. Currently, Minot State University has partnerships with SIAS University in China and Kadir Has University in Istanbul, Turkey. The MSU president said that one of his goals is to give students important key places to experience other cultures.

“It’s not that we’re trying to collect partnerships,” he said. “We’re really trying to target some key areas in the world that students can explore.” Students who are interested in foreign travel will soon have a variety of opportunities available to them.

Work continues on campus master plan

Minot State’s campus is set to undergo some major changes as work on the master plan continues.

Architects JoAnne Kissel, Dennis Scheer and Kent Munster visited the university last month to gather information for finalizing plan changes, and they will return to MSU May 30-31 with their final results. The three are part of Clark Enerson Partners, an architectural firm based out of Kansas City, Mo.

According to David Fuller, president of Minot State University, the architects covered many different areas during their visit.

“We talked about landscaping, putting paths through the campus, and doing some basic beautifying to the campus,” he said. “They also spoke with students and others about the Student Union, and met with engineers, the Department of Roads and Transportation and city officials to see how we can landscape with the North Broadway renovation project.”

Fuller said that there are three main projects that he would like to see work begin on at this point in time.

“Signage will be one of the first priorities, as well as some of the Student Union work, and then landscaping,” he said. “The signage will hopefully be completed this summer, so when students come back this fall the campus will have a different look.”

Construction in the Student Union will begin during the summer as well. Munster, the interior designer who helped renovate the Beaver Dam, will also be on board for the Student Union remodeling. Several areas are set to be remodeled in the Student Union, including the entrance into the swimming pool and the bookstore frontage, as well as the atrium, which will take up the majority of the work.

Fuller said that the post office will be moved from its current location on the second floor of the Administration Building to the first floor entrance to the Student Union atrium. The current Prairie Room will be converted to a Starbucks, and more computer kiosks will be added.

Despite the workload of instituting the plan, Fuller still remains optimistic about finishing by MSU’s centennial celebration.

“There are some major dimensions to the master plan, but I think by 2013 we’ll get it done,” he said.

—partially excerpted from the Red & Green

Kids are at college again

Once again, Minot State’s Center for Extended Learning is undertaking its perennially popular “College for Kids.” Fifteen summer camps will be offered throughout June and July. The 2007 camps include: Art in the Garden, The “Art” of Planting Flowers, “You’re on the Air,” Forensic Science, Imagine It…Create It! 1 and 2, Business of Babysitting, Riddles and Mysteries Young Writers Workshop, Web Page Fun, and
Summer Theatre prepares for another great season

“Li’l Abner,” the first of four plays to be performed by Minot State University Summer Theatre, will run from June 12 to 17. The other scheduled productions are: “Moon over Buffalo,” June 26-30, “Clue: The Musical,” July 10-14, and “Into the Woods,” July 21, 22, and 24-28.

Summer Theatre has been a tradition at MSU for more than 42 years. The company is made up of a variety of people including community members, MSU students, faculty and staff. Approximately, 8,000 -10,000 theatergoers attend the productions every summer.

The outdoor theater’s main purpose is to provide excellent amusement, however, it does more.

“ Apart from entertaining people, these performances also enhance the visibility of MSU,” Kevin Neuharth, associate professor of communications, said.

All shows are in the MSU Amphitheater at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $8 for adults, $7 for senior citizens and children over 12, $5 for children 12 and under, and $2 for MSU personnel and summer students with current MSU ID. Reservations may be made by calling the Summer Theatre box office at 858-3228.

Carr heads Staff Senate

Chad Carr, Rural Crime and Justice Center, is the new Minot State University Staff Senate president. Other new officers are Donna Just, library, vice president, and Toni Schwartz, criminal justice.

Minot State University Staff Senate elections were held May 8. Listed below, according to their constituencies, are the newly elected representatives, along with their areas of employment if different from their constituencies:

- Athletics/College of Education and Health Services (50% voter turnout)—Linda Llewellyn, addiction studies, psychology, and social work; enrollment services/Center for Extended Learning/distance education (47.4% voter turnout)—Amy Woodbeck, professional and community education coordinator, and Libby Claerbout, director of international programs; physical plant (maintenance) (33.3% voter turnout)—Roger Burchill; president’s office/Vice President for Academic Affairs/registrar’s office/financial aid office/Graduate School (61.5% voter turnout)—Kathy Nelson, financial aid counselor; public information/Vice President for Student Affairs/career services/Student Health and Development Center/housing/multicultural services (42.1% voter turnout)—Ann Rivera, student activities coordinator; and members-at-large—Brenda Anderson, Graduate School, Lilah Diederich, Information Technology Central, and Brenda Roedocker, nursing.

MSU senior Castro garners Arthur Ashe award

Jenny Castro, a senior majoring in broadcasting, was recognized as a member of the 2007 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars by Diverse: Issues In Higher Education. Castro was named to the women’s basketball 1st team. The magazine established the awards to honor undergraduate students of color who are achieving both academically and athletically.

Castro has been a stand-out member of the MSU women’s basketball and track and field teams. In 2003-04, she helped the Lady Beavers reach the Elite Eight at NAIA II National Tournament. This year, she set the school record for most rebounds in a game with 20 rebounds. In 2006, Castro earned NAIA All-American Status in javelin and was the Dakota Athletic Conference outdoor track and field champion in javelin. She qualified for the 2006 indoor NAIA championships in shot put but did not compete due to a conflict with basketball. Castro just finished a term as the vice president of the MSU Student Association and is a member of Honors Society and Media Inc. She has served as a youth mentor with the YWCA for two years and has been involved with MSU Youth Basketball Camp for four years. Castro’s fall GPA was 4.0 and her overall GPA is 3.90. Visit the link (http://www.diverseeducation.com/Ashe2007a.asp) to read about her award.

Diverse: Issues In Higher Education invites U.S. colleges and universities to participate in the annual awards program by nominating their outstanding sports scholars. The awards are inspired by tennis legend Arthur Ashe Jr.’s commitment to education as well as his love for the game of tennis. In addition to their athletic ability, Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars must exhibit academic excellence and community activism. To be included, students have to compete in an intercollegiate sport; maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2; and be active on their campus or in their communities. Dick Jenkins, vice president for student affairs, nominated Castro.

Student activity fee raised

In order to give campus organizations more support and funding, Minot State University recently approved an increase in student activity fee funding, raising the previous amount of $209.54 to $255.44.

Proposals for the increase were submitted earlier this year to the finance committee. After receiving the proposals, the
committee discussed and met with some of the groups, with the Student Association later voting on them. David Fuller, president of Minot State University, gave final authority for the changes.

Areas receiving increased funding include athletics, Multicultural Support Services, the tutoring program, the mentoring program, Student Health Center and women’s club hockey. The Student Association, Student Activities, and the Homecoming Committee will also receive additional funding.

The increase is set to go into effect this fall.

—Partially excerpted from the Red & Green

New Student Association president shares plans for upcoming year

Minot State University Student Association President Wade Regier is already planning for the upcoming year.

“The big goal is the exposure and publicity of the SA next year,” the marketing and management major, said. “What we do, and to let students know how we can help them at the university.”

Regier, a junior from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, said that security, student activity and extended library hours are some of the topics that the SA will look at next year. That list also includes student engagement—students participating in Homecoming activities and other events that bring students together at MSU. One challenge is the scheduling of assignments and tests during Homecoming Week, and the days following long breaks, such as spring break.

Regier said that starting this fall, it will be mandatory for freshmen to live in the residence halls; the SA wants to be prepared for the change. “We want the services on campus, especially the food services, to be ready for the increase of students that will be staying on campus next year,” he said.

Other Student Association officers for 2007-2008 are:
Ashley Bernsdorf, vice president, Amber Jensen, secretary, Steve Stoicescu, treasurer, Chase Lee, co-intramural director, Paul Stueby, co-intramural director, Ken Story, program director, Courtney Wankel, publicity governor, and Sharlese Robertson, executive commissioner.

—Partially excerpted from the Red & Green

Be in the Know sessions were a success

Thank you to everyone who attended Be in the Know sessions this semester. We all learned a lot about other Minot State University entities. During the final session, the marketing committee gave away prizes. The winners and their prizes were:
• Kathy Huettl, advancement/alumni, a red MSU wind shirt; John Girard, business, a white MSU polo shirt; Becky Volk, Copy Center, a T-shirt and a free lunch on Chartwells; Marlene Hargrave, Business Office, a free lunch on Chartwells and MSU portfolio; and Kelly Lichtenberger, Registrar’s Office, a free lunch on Chartwells.

Mentors wanted

The MSU Mentor Program is looking for more mentors New students for fall 2007 will be invited to participate in the program and willing faculty, staff and administrators are needed to serve as their mentors.

The MSU Mentor Program was established to help new MSU students make a smooth transition to university life. The MSU Mentor Program started in fall 2006 with 147 students and 42 mentors. Students in the program (known as mentees) are looking for someone on campus to help them with questions they may have and sometimes, when they do not have questions, they are longing for someone to know who they are.

The main part of the program is the relationship that is developed with the mentor and mentee. We also offer the students the option of earning priority registration by meeting a few goals we set for them. Students interested in this option are asked to sign an agreement which lists requirements to earn priority registration. These requirements include:
• Meeting with their mentor three times per semester.
• Meeting with their academic advisor once per semester.
• Attending two life skills workshops per semester (workshops include topics such as time management, money management, financial aid, study skills and much more).

Any full-time faculty, staff or administrator who has completed at least two years of higher education can be a mentor. In addition, non-exempt employees must have supervisor’s cooperation to participate.

Mentors in the MSU Mentor Program:
• Serve as a resource for new students (the number of students assigned to you is based on how many you feel you can handle given your schedule).
• Meet with mentees at least three times per semester (Some mentors/mentees found it helpful to meet weekly or every other week while others were satisfied with the three times per semester. You must also be willing to have students stop in when they need help because not all situations can wait until the next meeting).
• Help students identify campus and community resources to assist with problems that arise (tutoring, job searches, roommate problems, financial aid, etc.)
• Be willing to listen to their problems and guide them in the right direction
• Encourage your mentees to complete other program requirements (attending workshops and meeting with advisor)
• Communicate with mentor program coordinator regarding your students
• Most importantly—be a friend to a new MSU student.
If you would like to know more please feel free to ask one of our current mentors. A list of mentors and their contact information can be found at (http://www.minotstateu.edu/mentoring/MeetourMentors.shtml).

Also, do not think you have to be an expert on MSU to be a mentor. We are a network of professionals that can help each other and training will occur at the beginning of the fall semester as well as periodically throughout the year.

If you are willing to serve as a mentor in the program, please go to (http://www.minotstateu.edu/mentoring/mentor_app.shtml) and complete the online application. Include as much information as possible since this will be used to match mentors and mentees.

To find out more about the mentor program, contact Debra Chandler, mentor program coordinator, at 858-3144 or at (debra.chandler@minotstateu.edu). You can also visit the MSU Mentor Program Web site at (http://www.minotstateu.edu/mentoring/).

Finally, if you know of any students starting next fall please encourage them to sign up for the program. They can do so by clicking on the application link on the MSU Mentor Program Web site (http://www.minotstateu.edu/mentoring/).

Recruiting and admissions director search concluded

Ron Dorn, vice president for administration and finance and search committee chair, and Gary Rabe, vice president for academic affairs, announced May 4 that the search for a director of recruiting and admissions had been concluded.

Minot State University interviewed two internal candidates, Pat Hubel and Jim Vossler, for the position. The search committee thanked Hubel and Vossler for their interest and application. They found that the candidates had distinctly different backgrounds and experience. While each would bring certain qualifications to the position, neither candidate was a complete fit. Upon the recommendation of the search committee and after careful consideration by President’s Staff, the search was discontinued. As supervisor of enrollment services, Vice President Rabe is reviewing the leadership needs of the department and will be determining the next step.

Former faculty member and coach dies

Kenneth Becker, retired Minot State University faculty member and coach, died April 26 in a Phoenix hospital. He was 74 years old.

Becker came to Minot State in 1967, where he remained until 1984. During his tenure at MSU, in addition to teaching, he coached football, basketball, baseball and golf. As a head coach he accumulated 251 wins, secured 13 conference championships and two district championships. He led his 1970 football team to a national quarter-finals playoff. He was inducted into the Minot State Hall of Fame in 1998.

A memorial service was held in Bismarck on May 7.

—partially excerpted from Minot Daily News

Announcements

Food service summer hours announced

Please note the following summer hours and changes for Symbols and the Beaver Dam:

- Symbols Convenience Store, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. (Starbucks brewed coffee will be available).
- Beaver Dam Summer Hours, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Food service will not be available).

—Brad Damm, director of Chartwells Dining Services

New phone number

The direct line to reach Kathy Huettl, advancement office, has changed. Her phone number is now 858-3382. Please note the change in your directory.

Faculty, staff and student notes

Paul Markel, psychology, had his biography selected for the premier edition of Marquis Who’s Who of Emerging Leaders. This highly-anticipated first edition features over 25,000 of the most accomplished individuals under the age of 40 from across the globe. This new generation of international achievers includes visionary business people, award winning doctors, scientists and researchers, renowned entrepreneurs, heads of state, Olympic athletes, filmmakers and entertainers. Markel’s biography was selected also for the 2007 editions of Marquis Who’s Who in Science and Engineering as well as Who’s Who in America. Markel also published a peer-reviewed journal article this month in the Annals of Human Genetics (Volume 71, pages 141-151). This article, titled “Approaches to handling incomplete data in family-based association testing”, was co-authored by Kristel Van Steen (Ghent University, Belgium), Nan M. Laird (Harvard School of Public Health), and Geert Molenberghs (Center for Statistics, Hasselt University, Belgium).

Kathryn Hintz, teacher education, received one of 26 scholarships in the amount of $6,000 awarded by Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in late March. A member of the society’s Gamma Chapter in North Dakota, Hintz is attending the University of North Dakota, where she is pursuing a doctorate in teaching and learning. Recipients must have earned a master’s degree, be enrolled in a recognized graduate program and have been a society member for at least three years to qualify for scholarship consideration. The award of the Catherine Nutterville Scholarship to Hintz was made by the International Scholarships Committee. Since its
scholarship program began in 1940, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has awarded more than $3.4 million in scholarships to 910 women educators. The honor society for women educators promotes excellence in education and personal and professional growth of women educators, leading in the field of graduate scholarships given to members and emphasizing leadership development for its more than 121,000 members in 15 countries.

Kim Thompson and Linda Benson, public information, attended a full-day workshop “Techniques for Excellent Writing” April 14 in Bismarck. The workshop was sponsored by North Dakota Professional Communicators and presented by Stephen Wilbers, a writing consultant, syndicated columnist and award-winning author. In addition to his on-site training programs, Wilbers teaches writing at the University of Minnesota.

Dale Gehring and Laurie Weber, financial aid, attended the N.D. Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators conference in mid-April in Valley City. Weber received the “Super Star Award,” which is given to a member for outstanding contributions to the association. She was also elected president-elect for 2008 and will serve as the association president in 2009.

In the galleries


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Calendar

May 16-June 29, 2007

**May**

16 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
20 Opening reception for MaryAnn Hintz and Amanda Crawford senior exhibit, 62 Doors Gallery, 7 p.m.
24-26 Outdoor Track & Field NAIA Championship, Fresno, Calif.
29 Summer eight-week classes begin.
31-June 1 CONNECT: new student orientation and registration, call 858-4348 for information.
31-July 9 NAC exhibit: “Nice Jam,” by MSU photography students, Olson Library Gallery.

**June**

1 Last day to add an eight-week class.
3 NAC: opening reception for “Nice Jam” exhibit, Olson Library Gallery, 6 p.m.
4-10 Dakota Chamber Music Institute.
7 Dakota Chamber Music faculty recital, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
9 MSU Alumni Association Portland area gathering in Clackamas, Ore.
12-17 Summer Theatre: “Li’l Abner,” Amphitheater, 8:30 p.m.
13 Golf tour, Velva.
13-16 N.D. Family Connections Conference, Fargo.
13-July 12 NAC exhibit: Janet Wentz memorial exhibition, Hartnett Hall Gallery.
15 Golf tour, Stanley.
19 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
20 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
20 Golf tour, Rugby.
21 State Board of Higher Education at U. of North Dakota.
21-22 CONNECT: new student orientation and registration, call 858-4348 for information.
26-30 Summer Theatre: “Moon Over Buffalo,” Amphitheater, 8:30 p.m.
27 Golf tour, Hazen.
28-29 Western Plains Children’s Choirs summer musical, Graving Theater, Minot High School, 7:30 p.m.