



Public Information Office

A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

Two academic officers named at Minot State

Two academic positions have been filled at Minot State University, according to Gary Rabe, vice president for academic affairs.

Conrad Davidson will serve as interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Minot State University for the 2007-08 academic year. Conrad is a professor of communication arts who joined MSU in 1986 after teaching at the secondary level for 10 years. He was chair of the Division of Humanities from 1997 to 2006. Davidson earned a doctoral degree in English from the University of North Dakota, a master's degree in theatre from North Dakota State University and a bachelor's degree in theatre from Dickinson State University. Most recently he received the 2007 Board of Regents Faculty Achievement Award in service. Davidson will act as interim while a search is conducted for a new arts and sciences dean. Dean Yueh-Ting Lee is leaving for a similar position in Ohio.



John Girard will become director of enrollment services, effective Aug. 15. He has been providing consulting and management services for the Office of Enrollment Services as a summer contract. Girard will continue as a faculty member of the College of Business. He earned a Ph.D. and an M.B.A. from Touro University International, California, and a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science from the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. Girard joined MSU in 2004 as an associate professor in business administration and business information technology and has served as director of the Job Corps Executive Management Program since May 2005.



'Into the Woods' closes Summer Theatre

"Into the Woods" wraps up the Summer Theatre season and continues through Saturday (July 28).

This award-winning musical intertwines a collection of uncensored versions of 18th century Brothers Grimm fairy tales. Each character's wish for something that he or she does not have leads to complications.

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 I.D. Reservations may be made by calling the Summer Theatre box office at 858-3228.

July 25, 2007

MSU at the Zoo III

It is version three of "MSU at the Zoo," Aug. 14. Join your MSU counterparts from 5-9 p.m. in the Roosevelt Park Zoo for FOOD, FUN, and PRIZES! The event includes admission to the zoo, a free dinner served from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and a drawing for door prizes. MSU faculty and staff and their immediate families will be admitted free by presenting an MSU I.D. or the MSU at the Zoo invitation distributed through campus mail. Please use the main zoo entrance to access the event. Additional parking will be available at Corbett Field. Questions about the event can be directed to Chad Carr, Staff Senate president, at (chad.carr@minotstateu.edu) or 858-3468.

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Visit MSU at the North Dakota State Fair

Representatives from Minot State University will be visiting with fairgoers at booth #1053 in Commercial Building II at the N.D. State Fair through July 28. This public outreach activity allows friends, alumni and prospective students to visit with Minot State personnel to learn about admissions, academic programs and current events. The booth will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Two MSU business students earn top national awards



College of Business students at the national PBL competition include (l. to r.): Penny Lipsey, Cassandra Dahl, Beth Stroklund, Annette Radomski, Bethany Stai, Whitney Loftesnes, Andrew Evanoff and Trevor Hieb.

Two members of the Phi Beta Lambda chapter at Minot State University earned top honors at the PBL National Leadership Conference in Chicago June 22-27.

Annette Radomski, an accounting major from Kenmare, took second place in the accounting for professionals competition. This section of the competition tests the highest level of accounting skills that are possessed by the students. Radomski had earlier placed first in the state competition in that category.

Cassandra Dahl, a Beulah native, placed third in the nation in the Future Business Teacher competition. Dahl had earned first place in this category at the state competition. This competition tests the students' ability to not only grasp business concepts, but also to express those concepts and teach them to other students. Dahl graduated in May and has accepted a teaching position in North Dakota.

Radomski and Dahl were among eight MSU College of Business students who attended nationals, competing against

students from top universities around the country. Adviser Dean Frantsvog said he's excited about the results.

"It really reinforces what we at Minot State University already know, which is that our students can compete with other college students, not only regionally but nationally as well," he said.

The trip was funded by local business sponsors. Phi Beta Lambda is a professional business organization for post-secondary students, an extension of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) program for high school students. FBLA-PBL has been in existence for more than 55 years and currently involves an estimated 250,000 students in the United States each year. Its mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs.

Two arts organizations awarded NDCA grants

Two arts organizations affiliated with Minot State University were awarded Institutional Support grants from the North Dakota Council on the Arts in support of their efforts to provide arts programming in Minot. Art Friends of the Northwest Art Center was awarded \$5,980 and the North Dakota Art Gallery Association (NDAGA) was awarded \$6,390.

The grant to Art Friends, the advisory and support organization of the Northwest Art Center, will help provide funds for NAC's two galleries, the Hartnett Hall Gallery and the Library Gallery on the campus of Minot State University, as well as programming for the Northwest Art Center Lecture Series. The center's galleries focus on exhibitions by contemporary artists. About 20 exhibits are presented each year, featuring a cross section of local, regional and national talent.

The NDAGA grant will help provide funding for its ongoing artist's support and touring exhibition programs. NDAGA is a nonprofit corporation organized in 1975 that recognizes and honors outstanding contemporary, folk and traditional visual artists. Administered by a board of gallery member representatives, the association provides professional training opportunities, while coordinating common information and services for gallery personnel and its members. Headquarters is in the MSU Art Department.

"Without such support our mission would be impossible to accomplish," said Linda Olson, NDAGA executive director. "NDAGA is grateful for the opportunity to continue to address the expansion of arts programming in North Dakota."

"The Northwest Art Center is a valuable educational and cultural resource for northwest North Dakota. School groups from throughout the area take field trips to our galleries, and our lecture series is well supported by the community," said Director Avis Veikley. "The lectures have covered topics from insanity on the prairie to quantum physics to vampires."

Speakers include MSU faculty, regional lecturers, and visiting scholars. All exhibitions and lectures are free and open to the public.

The two organizations were among 57 recipients receiving Institutional Support grants totaling \$348,835 this round. The Institutional Support program is designed to benefit artists, arts organizations, and the general public. The program provides general support for qualifying arts and cultural organizations that have proven they have strong management and leadership, quality artistic programming and services, and are an important part of the arts infrastructure in their communities.

The North Dakota Council on the Arts is the state agency responsible for the support and development of the arts throughout North Dakota, and is funded by the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Mark your calendars

These important events are slated for fall semester:

- Aug. 15—President's Convocation
- Aug. 17—Move-In Day for residence halls
- Sept. 16-22—Homecoming Week
- Oct. 5—Gala

Additional details will be forthcoming.

Regents met July 19

David Fuller, president of Minot State University, updated the MSU Board of Regents about campus happenings when they met July 19.

In view of the murder of MSU student Anita Knutson in an off-campus apartment in June and an assault on a student earlier this month in the Campus Height's parking lot, a closer look is being taken at campus security. Fuller said he and members of President's Staff met within 15 minutes of hearing about the parking lot assault and immediately decided to send out a notice alerting faculty and students. It's important that clear information is available, said Fuller.

Fuller told the Regents of other options being reviewed: utilizing a system that would simultaneously alert those who sign up for the service of emergencies via their cell phones, telephones, and computers; installing loudspeaker systems in campus buildings and video cameras in campus parking lots; adding more lighting along University Avenue and trimming overgrown trees to prevent obscured viewing. Members of a campus safety committee walked throughout the campus earlier this year with MSU officials to locate any possible trouble spots.

Fuller also presented details of the campus master plan. The first element of the campus master plan to be implemented will be signs for each campus building.

Reported attack on Minot State University grounds

An attack in the Campus Heights Apartments parking lot was reported July 9. The report stated that at about 11 p.m., an unknown male grabbed a female resident from behind and threw her to the ground. The alleged assailant ran away when a vehicle entered the parking lot. The on-duty campus security officer responded to the call from the resident and filed the report with the Minot Police Department indicating that the female sustained minor injuries.

This incident is being investigated by the Minot police. If you should have any information that may aid the investigation, please call police dispatch at 9-852-0111 from campus extensions.

President Fuller notified faculty, staff and students about the incident by e-mail the morning of July 10. Hard copies of the message were delivered to on-campus residents. In his message, he acknowledged that having the event happen on the Minot State University campus and in the wake of the off-campus death of student Anita Knutson is cause for great concern.

The president said that the importance of security cannot be emphasized enough. He urged people to be deliberate in maintaining your personal security, be aware of your surroundings, and be certain to maintain the security of campus buildings.

Information will be provided as it becomes available.

New faces

Welcome to the following individuals, who are new to Minot State University:

- Georgianna Bercier—secretary, Student Health Center
- Luke Blikre—custodian, plant services
- Melissa Cantone—transcript record specialist, Office of the Registrar
- Kelly Drevecky—occupational therapist, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities
- Daniel Fisher—athletic facilities worker, plant services
- Kathie French—licensed practical nurse, Student Health Center
- Twila Gantzer—secretary, athletics
- Kristin Hall—service coordinator, NDCPD
- Kelly Lichtenberger—records specialist, Office of the Registrar
- Katherine Poline—media center clerk, special education
- Michael Rowe—assistant football coach, athletics

Announcements

Grades due by noon on July 31

Faculty: Grade rosters will be generated Wednesday morning (July 25) for the summer 2007 term. All grades are to be entered by noon on July 31. If you are encountering any problems or issues with grade entry, please contact the registrar's office. Thanks.

— *Tania L. Balas, registrar*

There is still golf left

There are still stops left in the second annual "Minot State University Friend-raising Golf Tour" sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association, Beaver Boosters, marketing and enrollment services. Next week, the last event will be in Kenmare on Aug. 2. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m., with action starting at about 5 p.m. The format will be a four-person, 9-hole scramble. A social will follow immediately at about 7 p.m., and non-golfers are welcome to attend. Optional meal and refreshments will be provided by the golf course. You are also responsible for your own green fees and cart rentals. There will be a couple of vans traveling to and from each location. Call the Office of Advancement at 858-3890 a minimum of one week prior to each scramble to reserve a meal and transportation. There will be lots of prizes including a \$200 MSU scholarship. Thus far, there has been great attendance and enthusiasm at each outing. Hope to see you there!

— *Tawnya Bernsdorf, director of alumni and annual giving*

Faculty nominations needed

Faculty: I am circulating another appeal for nominations for faculty positions on Faculty Senate and institutional committees. I have received nominations for a few of these positions but not nearly all of them. Please consider nominating yourself for one or more positions. All full-time faculty with the rank of instructor or above are eligible.

Appointive positions on Faculty Senate committees include: Faculty Senate/Executive Board Parliamentarian (one-year term, but the person cannot be a 2007-2008 Senator), Athletic Policies Committee (two positions, one with a two-year term, one with a three-year term), Constitutional Review Committee (three-year term), Faculty Handbook Committee (three-year term and must be in the College of Education and Health Sciences), General Education Committee (five positions with varying term lengths), three positions from the College of Arts and Sciences (one with a three-year term, two with two-year terms, and the person must be from outside the science division), one position from the College of Education and Health Sciences (three-year term) and one position from the College of Business (one-year term).

Appointive positions on institutional committees are two positions on the Board of Student Media, three positions on

the Evaluation Committee and two positions on the Student Welfare and University Affairs Committee.

You may nominate yourself by responding to me by e-mail at (bethany.andreassen@minotstateu.edu).

— *Bethany Andreassen, Faculty Senate president*

All course equivalencies are now online

Minot State University's Office of the Registrar has placed a list online of all course equivalencies that have been approved by the departments. You can find them at (www.minotstateu.edu/records) and click on "Transfer Equivalents." This is an ongoing list and will be updated no less than three times a year (at the beginning of each registration period).

Also on the Web site you will find the "Transfer Course Equivalency Form." If you are granting a student a course equivalent for pre-requisite purposes and it will work for all students at MSU, please complete the form and forward it to Ann in the registrar's office.

This form should not be used for individual exceptions or exceptions only if the student is in a specific major. Contact Ann at 858-3347 or (ann.headrick@minotstateu.edu) if you have any questions or concerns.

— *Ann Headrick, student transfer specialist*

Submit events for MSU calendar of events

The Office of Public Information is compiling information for the official fall semester calendar of events. This is the calendar that is printed and widely distributed. In order to be included, upcoming events and meetings must be received in our office by August 24. Preferred delivery is by e-mail to (kimberlee.thompson@minotstateu.edu). The information that is needed includes: name of event/meeting, location and time.

The Office of Public Information 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*

Submit information for MSU directory

The Office of Publications & Design Services is compiling information for the official campus directory. In order to be included, information must be received in our office no later than Aug. 17. Please make your changes in red pen by doing the following:

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

We prefer not to receive this information by telephone or e-mail.

— *Sandy Nordstrom, director of publications & design services*

In the galleries

July 25-Aug. 22 — “Portrait Perceptions,” Kristin Olson’s senior show, Library Gallery.

July 25-Aug. 17 — Senior exhibit by Cindi Finley Mintie, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

The public reception for the Finley Mintie exhibit is July 26, 6:30-8 p.m.

Calendar

July 25-Aug. 30, 2007

July

- 25-28 Summer Theatre: “Into the Woods,” Amphitheater, 8:30 p.m.
- 25 Last day of eight-week classes.
- 26 NAC: opening reception for Cindi Finley Mintie senior exhibit, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30 p.m.
- 26-27 Final examinations in eight-week classes.
- 30 Women’s golf scramble, Souris Valley Golf Course, 9 a.m.
- 31 Grades must be entered by noon.

August

- 2 Golf tour, Kenmare.
- 2-3 State Board of Higher Education retreat, Bismarck.
- 15 President’s Convocation
- 16 CONNECT: new student orientation and registration, call 858-4348 for information.
- 17 Residence hall move-in day.
- 20 16-week classes begin after 4 p.m.
- 20 First eight-week classes begin after 4 p.m.
- 21 16-week classes begin.
- 23 Last day to add a first eight-week class.
- 24 Spring 2008 student teaching application due to field placement office by 4 p.m.
- 25 Doug Lockrem Memorial Ride, Pure Honda, 11 a.m.
- 28 Graduate School: last day for fall graduates to file admission to candidacy and application for graduation with advisers.
- 28 Graduate School: noon deadline for fall graduates to file thesis proposal in Graduate School office.
- 29 Last day to add a 16-week class.
- 30 Mandatory orientation for student teaching spring 2008, Main 106, 12:30 p.m.