Telemark University College officials visit MSU

Minot State University hosted a very successful visit by officers from Telemark University College in Skien, Norway, Oct. 9-10. The purpose of the visit, held in conjunction with Høstfest, was to work out details regarding the agreement signed by the two institutions in June. Representing Telemark were Knut Duesund, vice rector and vice chair of the TUC Executive Board, Anne Glenna, chair of the Department of Teacher Education and former executive board member, and Trine Ellefson, director of international relations and executive board member. Duesund and Glenna also are members of Telemark’s International Committee which deals with international relations and programs, student exchanges and related matters. Along with a general meeting where both institutions made presentations, the three Telemark officials met with the deans of the three MSU colleges, the Graduate School and the Center for Extended Learning to discuss program specifics. A larger group tackled and made progress on details to facilitate faculty and student exchanges.

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High school juniors and seniors coming to campus

Campus Preview Day for senior high school students takes place Saturday (Oct. 20), starting in the McFarland Gallery in Old Main. Minot State University’s enrollment services hosts this annual event for prospective students and their families. Preview Day is an opportunity 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.
‘Laramie Project’ opens main stage season

The Minot State University main stage play “The Laramie Project,” will run Oct. 18-22 in Aleshire Theater. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday.

This award-winning play is by Moisés Kaufman and members of the New York Tectonic Theater Project. The script centers around the town’s reaction to the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyo. The murder was widely considered to be a hate crime. The play draws from more than 200 interviews conducted by the theater company, the company members’ own journal entries and published news reports. Combining all creates a chorus of voices that brings to life the thoughts and feelings of the people of Laramie.

There will also be a panel and audience discussion following the performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

MSU students, faculty and staff are admitted free with MSU ID. Tickets at the door are $6 for adults and $5 for senior citizen and children. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 858-3172.

Nationally known rock poster artist to visit MSU

Jay Ryan, a Chicago-based rock poster artist, has created artwork for Pearl Jam, the Decemberists, Death Cab for Cutie, Built to Spill, Melvins, Shins, Interpol, Fugazi, Ben Harper, QOTSA, and many more popular bands. On Thursday (Oct. 18) Ryan will be silk screening all day in the Beaver Dam, second floor of the Minot State University Student Center. Art students will be assisting Ryan in the production of a special edition of posters that will promote an upcoming concert at MSU featuring Minneapolis-based Standard Thompson and Minot’s own Crawling Inward. Local musicians and spoken-word artists will provide spirit and momentum for the 24-hour poster creation deadline (also in the quad, weather permitting).

Ryan will also give a public presentation about his career at 7:30 p.m. in the MSU Conference Center on Oct. 18. There will be a reception with live music in the Beaver Dam following his presentation. All of the Beaver Dam/Jay Ryan events are free and open to the public. They are sponsored by MSU’s Intellectual Climate Committee, Student Government Association, Alumni Association, MSU Foundation, Student Activities Committee, Art Department, Division of Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, and Division of Music.

The premier concert featuring Standard Thompson and Crawling Inward is Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Beaver Dam. It is sponsored by the Student Activities Committee.

Neuhalfen joins advancement team

Kate Neuhalfen of Minot has been named the new donor relations coordinator in the Office of University Advancement at Minot State University. Neuhalfen’s primary responsibility will be ensuring clear and informative communication with supporters of MSU. This includes thanking university donors appropriately and in a timely manner and informing them about the uses of and the impact of their gifts.

“I am excited about the future. Minot State University’s efforts to create and enhance relationships within and outside the university are impressive,” said Neuhalfen. “I am eager to become part of those relationships.”

The Granville native graduated from Minot State University in 2007 with a bachelor’s degree in marketing and management.

Former dean and coach

Herb Parker dies

Herb Parker, retired Minot State University faculty member, administrator, athletic director and coach, died Oct. 7 in Trinity Hospital. He was 86.

Parker came to Minot State in 1947, where he remained until 1983. He taught physical education courses and coached football, basketball and track and field. He was athletic director from 1947 to 1959 and from 1974 to 1976. In 1959 he became dean of men, a position he held until 1983.

Parker was involved in the development of expansion projects at MSU, particularly the addition of the Dome and the upgrading of the track and football field. In addition he served as the faculty representative for the North Dakota Collegiate Athletic Conference and the eligibility chairman for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics District 12.

Herb Parker Stadium at MSU is named for him.

Hersh to speak at fall assessment day

Fall assessment day is Oct. 24. Richard Hersh will present, “Going Naked,” a discussion about improving educational quality, accountability, and assessment. He is the co-director of the Collegiate Learning Assessment Project and former president of William and Hobart Colleges and Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. Hersh co-edited the book “Declining by Degrees.”

Hersh sent five documents that everyone is encouraged to read before the assessment day. They are available on ERES under Rita Curl-Langager, Psy 10-24-2007. The articles and documents include:
• Bean, J. C., Carrithers, D., & Earenfight, T. (n.d.) Transforming WAC (Writing Across the Curriculum) through a discourse-based approach to university outcomes assessment.
• Hersh, R. H. (2005, November). What does college teach? It’s time to put an end to “faith-based” acceptance of higher education’s quality. The Atlantic Monthly.

The Wednesday, Oct. 24, schedule in the Conference Center is as follows:
- Continental Breakfast, 8:30-9 a.m.
- “Going Naked” discussion, 9-10:15 a.m.
- Break, 10:15-10:30 a.m.
- Performance Task, 10:30-11:45 a.m.
Lunch and afternoon activities are the responsibility of the faculty and departments. Late afternoon and evening classes begin at 3 p.m.

Magnus talks about raising children with special needs

Lesley Magnus, communication disorders, will present the next Brown Bag Book Talk Oct. 25. She will discuss “The Elephant in the Playroom,” by Denise Brodey. In this book, parents write intimately and honestly about the joyful highs and disordered lows of raising children with special needs.

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.

Davidson receives DSU honor

Conrad Davidson, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of communications arts at Minot State University, was among 12 alumni named 2007 Alumni Fellows at Dickinson State University, Sept. 27. This distinction is the highest honor bestowed upon alumni by that university’s various academic departments.

The Alumni Fellows Program, in its fifth year, recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers. Fellows return to the university campus as guests and as mentors to current and future DSU alumni.

Davidson received his award for the Department of Language and Literature. He graduated from DSU in 1971 with degrees in theater, speech and English. Continuing his education, Davidson earned a doctorate in English from the University of North Dakota. He has directed more than 40 plays and has published six plays. He received the Creative Artist of the Year and MSU Board of Regents Faculty Achievement Award in Service.

Chaffee to step down as VCSU president at end of year

Ellen Chaffee, the 15-year president of Valley City State University who spent nine of those years also as the leader of Mayville State University, announced Sept. 24 she plans to end her tenure at the close of this school year.

“I’m stepping down,” Chaffee said. “I don’t like the word ‘retire’ and I don’t like ‘resign,’ so I’m looking for a new term. I don’t have employment plans after I leave on June 30. I’m not ruling it out, but I’m not looking for it.”

Chaffee’s departure brings to four the number of North Dakota University System presidents who will leave office this school year. Searches are also underway to replace retiring presidents at the University of North Dakota, Dickinson State University and Lake Region State College.

Anderson to talk about baseball and Brahms at next NAC lecture

Erik Anderson, assistant professor of music, will discuss “The Nine-Inning Symphony: Baseball and Brahms” Oct. 22 during the next Northwest Art Center lecture. Additional fall presentations include:
- Nov. 1—Ursula Schittko, biology, will speak about “Native Plants in Medicine: Small Input — Large Impact.”
- Dec. 11—D. Jerome Tweton, North Dakota Humanities Council speaker, lectures on “North Dakota’s Political Fences: Issues That Divided Us.”

All lectures are held in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m. They are free and open to the public and refreshments are served afterward.

Applications for Advanced Study Grants wanted

Support for advanced study is available through Minot State University’s Advanced Study Grant Program. This program provides financial assistance to full-time faculty or full-time staff pursuing course work for degree programs or in skill areas deemed critical to the university. Funding can assist with book expenses, travel expenses or tuition. Funds are not for conference related activities.

Applications (with five copies and supporting documentation) must be returned to the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs by Oct. 31. Applications will be reviewed by President’s Staff and awards will be announced by...
the end of November. MSU’s Advanced Study Grant awards are determined through an examination of the nature of the course/degree as it aligns with the institution’s mission. Preference will be given to areas which conform to the specific needs and strategic plans of Minot State University.

For additional information on Advanced Study Grants, contact Pat Hubel at 858-3323 or pat.hubel@minotstateu.edu.

Celebrate Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Nov. 1

All Minot State University students, faculty and staff are cordially invited to celebrate Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) in the Multicultural Center on Nov. 1, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Hourly an explanation of this global Hispanic celebration will be presented, associated cultural items displayed, and guitar music played. Various foods will also be available for tasting.

This holiday can best be described as a time when Hispanic families remember their dead and commemorate the continuity of life.

KMOT and MSU athletics holding food drive

The Minot State University Department of Athletics has teamed up with KMOT-TV to assist Minot area food pantries in a time of great need. The athletic department is asking all departments on campus to help with a food drive during the week of Oct. 15-19. Food-drive bags will be placed in several departments on campus for nonperishable items to be donated to the cause. The MSU football team will pick up all food-drive bags on Friday afternoon (Oct. 19) and deliver them to the Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry. If your department has items to donate, and you do not receive a food-drive bag, please contact the athletic department at 858-3041. Thanks for your participation in this event.

Student senators make changes

On Sept. 10, student senators changed the name of Minot State University Student Association to Minot State University Student Government Association by a vote of 23 to 4. They also changed officer position titles from programming director, publicity governor, co-intramural director and executive commissioner to director of entertainment, director of public relations, co-director of intramurals and director of state affairs.

The Student Government Association made the revisions to more adequately describe what the organization and positions do.

Mentor workshops open to all

Faculty and staff are encouraged to recommend the Mentor Workshops sponsored by career services to all Minot State University students. While the workshops are a product of the MSU Mentor Program, all students are welcome to attend. The remainder of the fall schedule is as follows:

- Oct. 18—Money … I’m Lovin’ It, Main 102, 3:30-4:20 p.m.
- Oct. 22—Money … I’m Lovin’ It, Main 106, 3:30-5 p.m.
- Nov. 1—Major Fair, second floor Student Center, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Nov. 28—Stress Relief, Cook Hall, 6-8 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.

Duffy deployment notification

Mike Duffy, professor in the business administration department, has been called up on short notice to active duty in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Retired from the U.S. Air Force, Duffy is the only full-time faculty member at Minot State University who is currently serving in the reserve forces of the United States.

Announcements

Campus United Way campaign underway

This year’s Souris Valley United Way campus campaign has changed from recent years, so please take note of the following items:

- The campaign will run Oct. 15-26.
- All donations/pledges should be sent through inter-campus mail to United Way.
- Watch your e-mails! There will be contests to help raise awareness of some of the United Way agencies and what services they offer. Check out the Minot State University homepage later and try your luck at answering the current question—two winners will be drawn today (Oct. 17) from all correct responses!
- Special drawings will be held on Oct. 19 and Oct. 26. To qualify all you have to do is turn in your donation/pledge before either date!

There are so many ways to give to the United Way! The easiest may be through payroll deduction. By checking that option on your pledge card, the amount you indicate will be deducted from each paycheck unless you specifically note that the amount should be a once per month deduction. You can specify any amount you want—even $1 per paycheck adds up over the course of a year!

You can also make a one time donation—just include your personal check with your pledge card and send through the inter-campus mail to United Way, and you are done for the year.

Make a difference in your community and region—give to the United Way!

— MSU United Way Campaign Committee
Reminder to schedule AFLAC appointment

One-on-one appointments are now being scheduled to visit with the AFLAC representative to set up FlexComp for next year. Please set up an appointment if you wish to learn more about the FlexComp program or AFLAC products, participate in FlexComp for 2008 or set up the purchase of an AFLAC product.

To schedule an appointment please go to (http://www.minotstateu.edu/event_registration/index.php?event=29). Once there, click “Expand” by the date of the appointment and then click “Register” by the time. At the login screen enter the first part of your e-mail address and then the password you use to open your e-mail. At the next screen enter your phone number and click the “Register” button. You should receive an e-mail confirming your appointment within a few minutes.

— Wes Matthews, director of human resources

MSU offers condolences to Davidson family

It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the death of Bram Davidson, the son of Conrad and Karen Davidson. Bram was at home in Reno, Nev., when he suffered a massive heart attack; he was only 33 years old. Bram was an MSU graduate, worked in the MSU Bookstore for a time, and, of course, was very involved in theatre here. Services are Saturday at Bethany Lutheran Church, 11 a.m. Please join me in expressing our sincere sympathy and giving your support to Conrad, Karen and their family at this time.

— Gary Rabe, vice president for academic affairs

Flu shots available to MSU faculty and staff beginning Oct. 22

The Student Health Center will begin giving the flu vaccine to the current faculty and staff starting on Oct. 22. The cost of the vaccine for faculty and staff will be $25. Please call 858-3371 for an appointment.

Diederich says thanks

I would like to express my gratitude for time given to me for work hours, cards, letters and phone calls during my treatment.

— Lilah Diederich, ITC Helpdesk coordinator

McPherson helps Take Back the Night Oct. 22

On Oct. 22, former NFL quarterback Don McPherson will speak at Take Back the Night in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 7 p.m. McPherson is one of the men leading a movement challenging men to take responsibility for inappropriate male behavior.

We encourage attendance—he is a great speaker. A candlelight vigil is also part of this event. The event is being sponsored by the Minot Domestic Violence Crisis Center.

— Lisa Eriksmoen, director of student life

North Dakota DPI demographics to be presented Oct. 23

On Oct. 23 Tom Decker, director of school finance and organization for the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, will be making two presentations on the current and projected demographics of North Dakota. His demographic projections are through 2020 and illustrate some trends we all need to be aware of, such as a projected 30 percent-plus reduction in the number of high school graduates in the state.

Decker will present this data at 8 a.m. and repeat his presentation at 10 a.m. in the Conference Center. All campus personnel are invited.

Optimist Club and SCEC to sponsor community Halloween party

The Optimist Club of Minot and the Minot State University Student Council for Exceptional Children are once again providing the youth in our community a safe Halloween event by sponsoring the 25th annual Community Halloween Party at the MSU Dome on Oct. 31, 5-8 p.m. In the past 2,000 children on average were provided with a safe and enjoyable way of trick or treating, thanks to the booth sponsors.

Businesses, service clubs, civic organizations, MSU student organizations, friends and neighbors are all requested to sponsor a booth which involves decorating the booth and handing out treats on Halloween. Booths can be decorated on Oct. 30 between 7 and 10 p.m. and anytime Oct. 31 before 4 p.m. Booths will be on the third floor. Awards will be given for best decorated booth and best costume. You are encouraged to promote your business or organization as you like. Business mascots are welcome.

If you are unable to sponsor a booth in the traditional sense, but your business or organization would still like to contribute to this community youth event, you may also become a monetary sponsor. Your donation is welcome.

If you would like to sponsor a booth, please contact Karla Lonning at 857-5541, ext. 18 or Carol Gefre at 240-0529 by Oct. 24.

Trick or treat candy needed

Halloween is just around the corner and pretty soon we will have lots of Minot children flooding the Dome to trick or treat at our student's booths. This is such a great community outreach and I'd like to see all of us get involved.

With the decline in enrollment, we are unable to give the clubs and organizations the amount of money that we have in previous years. For each club or organization to hand out candy at their booth, they must spend about $50 to purchase candy plus any decorating items they plan to use. Our students do an outstanding job representing Minot State at this event and it would be sad if a group could not do a booth because they could not afford the candy.
This is where we, as university faculty and staff, can get involved. Would everyone bring a bag of candy (or two or three) to the Office of Career Services where we have a box set up to collect it? It will only cost each of us a couple of dollars and together, we can make a big impact for this event. I know that all of the clubs and organizations would greatly appreciate your contribution.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give Ann Rivera a call at 858-3987 or e-mail at ann.rivera@minotstateu.edu. Thanks so much.

— Ann Rivera, student activities coordinator

In the galleries

Oct. 17-31—“The Upward Spiral,” paintings by Patricia Marquard of Minot, Library Gallery.
Nov. 5-Dec. 3—“Pow-Wow Portraits,” Linda Whitney, Hartnett Hall Gallery.
Nov. 7-Dec. 7—“Southern Narrative,” Marilyn Lee, Olson Library Gallery.
The public reception for the Whitney and Lee exhibits is Nov. 7, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.

Calendar

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October

17 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
17 Earth Science Week event: “Renewable Energy in N.D.: A Major Resource,” presented by Kim Christianson, N.D. Department of Commerce, Division of Services, Cyril Moore Science Center, Room 16, 1 p.m.
18 Last day to drop a 16-week class.
18 Rock poster artist, Jay Ryan, silkscreening, Beaver Dam, all day.
18 Lyrical Lunch: Mike Wilz, library; Kim Beard, music student; and Don Caldwell, Minot, Olson Library, noon.
18 Workshop: “Money … I’m Lovin’ It,” Main 102, 3:30 p.m.
18 Rock poster artist, Jay Ryan, presentation, Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
18-21 Theatre: “The Laramie Project,” Aleshire Theater, Thursday-Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m.
19 Beaver Boosters luncheon, Grand International Inn, noon.
19 SAC: concert featuring Standard Thompson and Crawling Inward, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.
19 Volleyball at Dakota State U.
19 Cross Country DAC Championships, Dickinson.
20 Campus Preview Day for high school students.
20 Football vs. Valley City State U., Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
20 Women’s Basketball alumni game, Dome, 6 p.m.
20 Volleyball at Jamestown College.
22 Second eight-week classes begin.
22 Workshop: “Money … I’m Lovin’ It,” Main 106, 3 p.m.
22 Student Government Association, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
22 Take Back the Night, guest speaker Don McPherson, former NFL quarterback, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
23 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater, 9 p.m.
23 Development Foundation meeting, Westlie Room, 7:30 a.m.
23 Wellness hour and blood pressure clinic, second floor Student Center, 2-3 p.m.
23 Assessment Day.
24 SAC: “Navigating the College Minefield,” by MTV Real World Davis Mallory, Beaver Dam, 7 p.m.
24 Last day to add a second eight-week class.
24 Promoting Wellness and Healthy Lifestyles for Adults with DD, Nelson Room 236, Memorial Hall, 1-4 p.m.
24 Brown Bag Book Talk: Lesley Magnus, communication disorders, on “The Elephant in the Playroom,” by Denise Brodey, Olson Library lower level, noon.
24 Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
25 Student speech and hearing screening for fall semester, Memorial Hall 138, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.
25 Beaver Boosters luncheon, Grand International Inn, noon.
25 LEND Training, IVN Room 207, Memorial Hall, 1-5 p.m.
25 Women’s Basketball vs. U. of Montana-Western, Dome, 4 p.m.
25 Volleyball vs. Mayville State U., Dome, 7 p.m.
25 Volleyball vs. Valley City State U., Dome, 3 p.m.
25 Women’s Basketball vs. Montana Tech, Dome, 6 p.m.
25 Football at Dakota State U.
25 Concert: Heritage Singers and Brass Band of Minot, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.
26 Women’s & Men’s Basketball vs. Brandon U., Dome, 4 & 6 p.m.
26 Study abroad information session, second floor Student Center, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
26 Concert: MSU Band, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
26 Clubs and Student Organizations meeting, Fisher Room, 12:30 p.m.
26 Wellness hour and blood pressure clinic, second floor Student Center, 2-3 p.m.
27 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater, 9 p.m.

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November

1  Career Services: Major Fair, second floor, Student Center, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
1  Multicultural event: “Dia de los Muertos,” Multicultural Center, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
1  NAC lecture: “Native Plants in Medicine: Small Input – Large Impact,” by Ursula Schittko, biology, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
2  Graduate School: noon deadline to file permit to take written comprehensive exams in Graduate School Office.
2  Beaver Boosters luncheon, Grand International Inn, noon.
2  Volleyball at South Dakota Mines.
2  Women’s & Men’s Basketball a U. of Great Falls.
2-3  Northwest Festival of Music.
2  Concert: Northwest Festival of Music showcase concert, Nelson Hall, 3:30 p.m.
3  Prospective student tours, call for appointment, 858-3350.
3  Football vs. Jamestown College, 1:30 p.m.
3  Northwest Festival of Music honors concert, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
3  Cross Country NAIA Region III Championships.
3  Volleyball at Black Hills State U.
3  Women’s & Men’s Basketball at Montana State U.-Northern.
4  Faculty recital: Dennis and Penny Simons, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
5  Faculty recital: Erik and Dianna Anderson, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
5  Student Government Association, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
5-9  Native American Awareness Week.
6  Fall 2008 student teaching applications available in Field Placement Office, Main 202.
6  Wellness hour and blood pressure clinic, second floor Student Center, 2-3 p.m.
7  NAC: public reception for Linda Whitney and Marilyn Lee exhibits, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.
8-10  Theatre: “Alpha Particles” and “Freshmen 10,” Black Box, 7:30 p.m.
9  Beaver Boosters luncheon, Vegas Motel and Sevens Restaurant, noon.
9  LEND Training, IVN Room 207, Memorial Hall, 1-5 p.m.
9  Women’s & Men’s Basketball vs. U. of Great Falls, Dome, 6 & 8 p.m.