



Three candidates interviewing for MSU director of facilities

Three candidates from Minot will be interviewing for the position of director of facilities at Minot State University. The pool includes Roger Kluck, Jeff Meyer and Dennis Voeller. The campus is invited to attend open forums for and presentations by each of the candidates on the topic "Explain how in your position as facilities director at Minot State University you would integrate any or all of the seven strategies listed in Vision 2013, the university's strategic planning document, into physical plant daily operations and planning processes." Kluck's presentation is today at 1 p.m., Meyer will present Friday at 9 a.m., and Voeller's presentation is Dec. 5 at 1:30 p.m. All open forums and presentations will be held in the Missouri Room, located in the MSU Conference Center.

Kluck is the Ward County highway engineer and county park supervisor, a position he has held since 2002. Prior to that, he was the owner/manager of the Wold Engineering Office in Minot for 12 years. Kluck earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from North Dakota State University. He is currently a registered professional engineer in North Dakota and Minnesota. He is a past board member of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce, has been a member of the chamber's Infrastructure Committee since 1990, and is a member of the Steering Committee for the Ward County Emergency Resource Council.

For 15 years, Meyer has worked for plant services at MSU in the carpenter shop, and he is currently the main carpenter. He has 25 years of cabinetry, construction and architectural experience. In addition, he has operated his private business, JM Construction, for the past 15 years. Meyer earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from MSU and holds a N.D. State Contractor's License.

Voeller has been the operations director for the North Dakota State Fair since 1985. He is also a member of the Ward County Emergency Resource Council Committee and the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Infrastructure and Governmental Affairs committees. Voeller has attended numerous seminars offered by the International Association of Fairs and Expositions and earned certificates related to physical plant operations, facility management, and purchasing and procurement from a variety of entities including the N.D. Office of Management and Budget.

The search profile for the director of facilities identifies the following qualifications: a results-orientated, engaged leader, an individual who collaborates effectively with students, faculty, staff and the community, a person who focuses on excellence and growth, and a strategic thinker and planner.

The chair of the search process is Dick Jenkins, vice president for student affairs. Other members include Paul Rudolph, head football coach, Chad Carr, president of the Staff Senate, faculty members John Webster and Bill Harbort, plant services personnel Dale Kephart and Tammy Pons, and student Chase Lee.

Nov. 28, 2007

Campus holiday celebration slated for Dec. 11

President David and Nancy Fuller would like to invite faculty and staff to the annual campus holiday social Dec. 11, 2-4 p.m. The event will be held in the Conference Center.

Heritage Singers, Voices of Note, MSU Concert Choir and others unite for 'Messiah'

The Heritage Singers men's chorus, the Voices of Note women's chorus, area high school students and MSU Concert Choir will combine to present Handel's "Messiah" Sunday (Dec. 2) at 4 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. They will be directed by Mark Schnabel. Admission is by free-will offering and proceeds of the event are directed to the John Strohm Music Scholarship Fund.

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Tonight's mentor workshop helps relieve stress

"Stress Relief" is the last mentor workshop for fall semester. It will be held this evening (Nov. 28) in Cook Hall, 6-8 p.m.

The mentor workshops, with some of the same topics and some new topics, will be offered next semester also. Faculty and staff are encouraged to recommend the 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.

A description of this last workshop is 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.

Campus Players present 'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever'

The MSU Campus Players production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" will run Dec. 6-8 at 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 9 at 2 p.m., in Aleshire Theater.

Campus Players is also sponsoring a food drive for Community Action Opportunities. Individuals attending this play, if they wish, can donate nonperishable canned goods.

Tickets are \$6. Reservations are strongly recommended and can be made by calling 858-3172.

Foundation opens graduate scholarship competition

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is now accepting nominations for its Graduate Scholarship Program, one of the largest and most competitive scholarship programs in the country. College seniors at more than 2,000 accredited institutions in America, including Minot State University, and alumni who have graduated from those institutions since May 2003, may compete for the scholarships. The foundation will award the graduate scholarships in early summer 2008 for use during the 2008-2009 academic year and will renew each award in subsequent years based on performance. Last year, the foundation awarded 34 scholarships. The campus deadline for applying is Feb. 1. Application materials are available on the foundation's Web site at (www.jackkentcookefoundation.org). Information may be obtained from Linda Cresap, dean of the Graduate School and Research and Sponsored Programs, who is the foundation faculty representative at MSU. Cresap can be reached at 858-3316 or (linda.cresap@minotstateu.edu).

Alumni Association's 25th annual Gala was a success

The 25th annual Gala Dinner and Auction raised over \$36,000 to help fund scholarships and programs sponsored by the Alumni Association. The Oct. 5 event, which was held in the Minot State University Dome, began with a social, an auction preview and a silent auction. A gourmet dinner and a live auction followed.

MSU named a Champions of Character institution

The Athletic Department was notified Nov. 15 that it has been named a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Champions of Character institution. The mission of the program is to create an environment in which every NAIA student athlete, coach, official and spectator is committed to the true spirit of competition through five tenets: respect, integrity, responsibility, student leadership and sportsmanship.

One Brown Bag Book Talk remains

One Brown Bag Book Talk remains for fall semester. On Dec. 6, Bill Harbort, art, will talk about "Weirdo Deluxe: The Wild World of Pop Surrealism" by Matt Duke Jordan.

You need not read the featured book ahead of time and are encouraged to bring a sack lunch; dessert will be provided. 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.

Tweton talks about N.D. political fences

The last fall presentation in the Northwest Art Center lecture series will be "North Dakota's Political Fences: Issues That Divided Us" by D. Jerome Tweton, North Dakota Humanities Council speaker, Dec. 11. The fence has been a political symbol for a long time. This program discusses fences in North Dakota politics, emphasizing those eras when the fences were highest—the Nonpartisan League years before World War I and the William Langer years during the Great Depression of the 1930s.

The lecture is at 7 p.m. in Aleshire Theater. Admission is free and open to the public and refreshments are served afterward.

Learn about studying abroad

The Office of International Programs continues to hold informational sessions about studying abroad. These meetings will be held in the space in front of the OIP as follows:

- Today, 2-3 p.m.
- Dec. 6, 6-7 p.m.
- Jan. 9, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Announcements

Bookstore undergoes remodeling

Barnes & Noble began remodeling work in the bookstore yesterday. The remodeling should take approximately two weeks to complete. During the remodeling project the contractors will be utilizing approximately four parking spaces in the unreserved lot to the east of the Student Center. We look forward to the new look in the bookstore and apologize for any inconvenience caused by the remodeling. Thank you for your consideration.

—Ron Dorn, vice president for administration and finance

Honor students host appreciation luncheon today

The Minot State Honors Society would like to show our appreciation to faculty and staff by holding a free luncheon. The luncheon will be today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the MSU Honors Center (Model Hall 208). We will be providing tacos-in-a-bag and baked goods from the Honors students. Come join us for a free meal and chance to meet your Honors students!

—MSU Honors students

Seasonal quilts to be displayed in library

For the first time, Gordon B. Olson Library is cooperating with the Minot Prairie Quilters Guild in presenting a display of seasonal quilts. The display of quilts with a winter or holiday theme will remain until Dec. 8.

The display begins in the library atrium, with quilts hung from the second level railing. Quilts are also hung in the media center, periodicals, computer lab and instruction room.

—Mary Williams, serials librarian

Staff Senate sponsors holiday decorating contest

Minot State University staff is invited to join in celebrating the holiday season by participating in the Staff Senate Holiday Decorating Contest. Judging will take place on Dec. 7 between 10 a.m. and noon.

Staff Senate will again sponsor the competition with awards to be given in two areas: best staff office door decoration and best staff office decoration. A certificate will be awarded to the

best staff office door decoration and a plaque will be given to the best staff office decoration.

If you would like to be a part of the fun, please sign up by e-mailing your office's name and campus address to (staffsenate@minotstateu.edu) by 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 4.

—Staff Senate Holiday Decorating Contest Committee

Angel tree set up to help MDVCC

Merry Christmas! You have the opportunity to help give a Merry Christmas to families who have been displaced by domestic violence. Many leave with only the clothes on their backs. We have set up the angel tree in the atrium outside of the Minot State University Bookstore. Just pick an angel, fill the request and return the wrapped package with the angel attached to the bookstore by Dec. 12. United Campus Ministries and Lutheran Campus Ministries will see that all gifts are delivered to the Minot Domestic Violence Crisis Center. We will be adding angels to the tree almost daily. The folks at MSU are the primary source of Christmas gifts for these people, so please enjoy the giving for that is the Spirit of the Season. God Bless You and Your Family with a Joyous Holiday.

—Kathy Hammond, United Campus Ministries, and Tim Eighmy, Lutheran Campus Ministries

Spring Convocation slated Jan. 7

Faculty and staff members: Please note on your calendars the President's Convocation in the Conference Center, Jan. 7, 8 a.m. George Kuh, Director of the Center for Postsecondary Research, will describe the Documenting Effective Educational Practice (DEEP) project and explain the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).

—Rita M. Curl-Langager, professor of psychology

Flu shots still available

This is a reminder to schedule an appointment with the Student Health Center to get your flu shot. The cost is \$25 for current faculty and staff and \$15 for current students.

Call 858-3371 to schedule your appointment – we look forward to seeing you.

—Caren Barnett, director of the Student Health Center

Want notice of campus closure due to a blizzard sent directly to you?

By signing up for MSU's Emergency Operations Notification System (EONS), you'll get direct notice of

- Campus closure due to weather
- Campus evacuation
- Power outage
- Fire.

Messages will be sent directly to MSU students and personnel in the forms of e-mail, voice mail, and text messages.

Sign up for EONS today at <http://www.minotstateu.edu/alert>. Signing up is straightforward and takes only a few minutes.

Any information you provide with this system is considered confidential and will not be shared.

—*Kim Thompson, director of public information,*
and *Cathy Horvath, director of Information Technology Central*

In the galleries

Nov. 28-Dec. 3—“Pow-Wow Portraits,” Linda Whitney, Olson Library Gallery.

Nov. 28-Dec. 7—“Southern Narrative,” Marilyn Lee, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Dec. 12-31—“Visions of Blackness,” Breon Waters II, Library Gallery.

The public reception for the Breon Waters II exhibit is Dec. 12, Library Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.

Calendar

Nov. 28-Jan. 9, 2008

November

- 28 Study abroad information session, second floor Student Center, 2-3 p.m.
- 28 Workshop: “Stress Relief,” Cook Hall, 6-8 p.m.
- 28 Faculty recital: Mark Boren, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
- 30 Senior student recital: Lucas Brown, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Women’s & Men’s Basketball at Montana Tech.
- 30 Men’s Club Hockey at Montana State University.

December

- 1 Prospective student tours, call for appointment, 858-3350.
- 1 English Club’s annual Holiday Tea, Carnegie Center, 1-4 p.m.
- 1 Women’s & Men’s Basketball at U. of Montana-Western.
- 1 Men’s Club Hockey at Montana State University.
- 1 Women’s Club Hockey vs. Bemidji State U., MAYSA, 7:30 p.m.
- 2 Women’s Club Hockey vs. Bemidji State U., All Seasons Arena, noon.
- 2 “Messiah” performed by Heritage Singers, Voices of Note and MSU Concert Choir, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.
- 2 Men’s Club Hockey at Montana State University.
- 3 Graduate School: last day for thesis defense if graduating fall semester.

- 3 Student Government Association, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
- 4 Wellness hour and blood pressure clinic, second floor Student Center, 2-3 p.m.
- 4 Concert: MSU Band and Choirs, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Brown Bag Book Talk: Bill Harbort, art, on “Weirdo Deluxe: The Wild World of Pop Surrealism & Lowbrow Art” by Matt Duke Jordan, Olson Library lower level, noon.
- 6 Study abroad information session, second floor Student Center, 6 p.m.
- 6 Women’s & Men’s Basketball at Dickinson State U.
- 6-9 Theatre: Campus Players Christmas production, “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,” Aleshire Theater, Thursday-Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m.
- 7 CONNECT: new student orientation and registration, call 858-3350 for information.
- 8 Concert: Luminus, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Men’s Basketball at U. of North Dakota.
- 9 Concert: Brass Band of Minot, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.
- 10 Graduate School: last day to submit five copies of thesis to Graduate School Office if graduating fall semester.
- 10 Admission to teacher education seminar, Main 214, 3 p.m.
- 10-13 Final exams in 16-week classes.
- 11 Wellness hour and blood pressure clinic, second floor Student Center, 2-3 p.m.
- 11 President’s campus holiday celebration for faculty and staff, Conference Center, 2-4 p.m.
- 11 NAC lecture: “North Dakota’s Political Fences: Issues that Divided Us,” by D. Jerome Tweton, N.D. Humanities Council, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 12-13 Final exams in second eight-week classes.
- 12-31 NAC exhibit: “Visions of Blackness,” Breon Waters II, Olson Library Gallery.
- 12-Jan. 4 NAC exhibit: works from the MSU permanent collection, Hartnett Hall Gallery.
- 12 NAC: public reception for Breon Waters II exhibit, Library Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.
- 14 Beaver Boosters luncheon, Vegas Motel and Sevens Restaurant, noon.
- 14 Men’s Club Hockey vs. MSU-Bottineau, All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Men’s Club Hockey at MSU-Bottineau.
- 14-Jan. 4 Winter recess from classes.
- 15 Men’s Basketball vs. Rocky Mountain College, Dome, 5 p.m.
- 15 Women’s Basketball at Rocky Mountain College.
- 17 Grades must be entered by noon.
- 17 Board of Regents holiday social, Beaver Dam, Student Center, 5 p.m.
- 18 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 19 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.

- 25 Holiday, Christmas, university closed.
- 28-29 Women's Basketball vs. U. of Lethbridge, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 28-30 Men's Basketball at U. of Winnipeg tournament.

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- 4 CONNECT: new student orientation and registration, call 858-3350 for information.
- 4-5 Men's Club Hockey at U. of Oklahoma.
- 5 Financial Aid information session, Conference Center.
- 5 Men's Basketball vs. Presentation College, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 6 Men's Club Hockey at U. of Central Oklahoma.
- 7 President's Convocation, Conference Center, 8 a.m.
- 7 Classes begin after 4 p.m.
- 7-Feb. 19 NAC exhibit: "Formed Paper Sculptures" by James W. Coates Jr., Americas 2000: Paper Works, Best of Show, Library Gallery.
- 8 First full day of classes.
- 9 Study abroad information session, second floor Student Center, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



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Minot State University seeks public comment

Minot State University will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit between March 31 and April 2, 2008, by a team representing The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA). Minot State University has been accredited by NCA since 1917. Its most recent HLC accreditation period began in 1997. Its present HLC accreditation is at the Education Specialist's degree level and also includes degree sites at various other locations within North Dakota.

The Higher Learning Commission is one of six accrediting agencies in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis. It is formally recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. While other agencies provide accreditation for specific university programs, HLC accreditation evaluates the entire institution and accredits it as a whole. Accreditation is voluntary. HLC accredits approximately 1,100 institutions of higher education in a 19-state region.

For the past two years, Minot State University has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing HLC requirements and criteria for accreditation. The evaluation team will visit the institution between March 31 and April 2, 2008, to gather evidence that the self-study has been thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Higher Learning Commission

a continuing status for the university; following a review process, HLC itself will take the final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding Minot State University:

Public Comment on Minot State University
The Higher Learning Commission
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Written, signed comments must be received by Feb. 29, 2008. The Higher Learning Commission cannot guarantee that comments received after the due date will be considered. Comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the comments. Comments will not be treated as confidential.

It should be noted that individuals with a specific dispute or grievance should request the separate "Policy on Complaints" document from the above HLC office. The Higher Learning Commission cannot settle disputes between institutions and individuals. Complaints will not be considered as third-party comment.