New staff for 2008-09

Minot State University would like to welcome three new employees and introduce them to the campus. They are Karen Humphreys, who is the administrative coordinator for the IDeA Network Biomedical Research Excellence program in the Department of Biology; Erica Sundahl, who is a transcript specialist; and Connie Teets, who is an administrative assistant. Sundahl and Teets work in the Office of the Registrar.

Sept. 11 remembrance event set for Thursday at Minot State University

To honor those who perished or lost loved ones in the events of Sept. 11, 2001, a brief ceremony will be held Thursday morning (Sept. 11) on Minot State University’s campus. The ceremony will take place at 8:46 a.m. at the twin trees directly south of Memorial Hall.

A plaque at the trees, placed there by Catholic, Lutheran and United Campus Ministries on the first anniversary of the tragedy in 2002, honors the victims with the following message:

“In memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. We go forward with hope and peace.”

“The campus ministries donated the trees to remind people that we can remember this tragedy with the hope that we can make a better and more peaceful future through understanding and respecting one another,” said Tim Eighmy, pastor for Lutheran Campus Ministries.

8:46 a.m. is the time when the first plane crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. Historical information on the events of Sept. 11 will be distributed at the gathering. Two selected poems will be read and a prayer offered in memory of the tragic loss of life.

“For those unable to attend the event, we ask that you pause for a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. to reflect on world harmony and the events of that day in 2001,” said Dick Jenkins, Ed.D., vice president for student affairs.

For additional information, contact the Office of Student Affairs at 858-3489.

September 10, 2008

PIO update

One of the biggest concerns I have is being personally prepared, and in turn preparing all students, faculty and staff, in case of an emergency.

“We’re a community that simply cannot say, “Oh, that couldn’t happen to us. Fires, chemical spills, blizzards, hail storms, tornados — those are all things that happen to other towns.” If you’ve lived here for longer than a few months, you know that things do happen.

One of the best ways to allow myself, and those organizing and implementing Minot State University’s Emergency Operations Plan, to best serve you is by signing up for NotiFind.

Hopefully, my mere mention of the word “NotiFind” doesn’t cause confusion. By now, all faculty and staff have been made aware of the requirement to sign up for this emergency notification system that is being used statewide on NDUS campuses.

If you haven’t done so already, please take the time to find the e-mail sent on Tuesday, September 09, 2008 and input/verify your emergency contact information. This is the easiest way to provide the highest level of safety and awareness when emergencies arise.

Thank you.

— Mark Lyman, director of public information

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Minot State University promoting itself and university life at MHS Magic City Campus

David Fuller, MSU president, Mark Vollmer, MCC principal, and MSU and MCC personnel were joined by the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at MSU’s outreach office at MHS’s Magic City Campus on Sept. 4. On Jan. 23, Minot State University opened an outreach office at Minot High School’s Magic City Campus as a pilot project to help high school students learn more about university life and to showcase MSU’s many exciting offerings.

For fall semester, the MSU office will be open on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Enrollment services staff will operate the office, and each week a theme will be publicized. In the future, enrollment services hopes to expand this idea to other high schools.

For additional information, contact Rebecca Porter, recruitment coordinator, at 858-4348 or rebecca.porter@minotstateu.edu.

MSU alumna to discuss book about women and body image Thursday evening

Rosanne Olson, the author and photographer of “This Is Who I Am: Our Beauty in all Shapes and Sizes” and Minot State University alumna, will present the stories women have to tell from her book on Thursday (Sept. 11) at 7:30 p.m., Aleshire Theater.

The event will be a discussion of women, body image and compassion as seen through the stories and images of 54 women, ages 19-95, photographed in intimate studio portraits. The photos are accompanied by their very personal essays of youth, aging, sexual abuse, anorexia, Alzheimer’s disease, obesity, pregnancy and more.

“I was trying to show a new way of looking at each other, to find that everybody suffers, everybody has something beautiful in them,” said Olson, a 1972 graduate of Minot State.

Her book came out in April, and she has spoken at bookstores and universities and numerous conferences to promote her book.

“Rosanne Olson’s “This Is Who I Am: Our Beauty in all Shapes and Sizes’ communicates a desirable message of acceptance and compassion for all bodies, and that the most important aspect of your body is its health, rather than its shape,” said Linda Olson, chair of the humanities division at MSU. “The reading is surely a ‘don’t miss’ opportunity. The book is a great gift in both its beauty and its message.”

Rosanne Olson is an award-winning photographer with a master’s degree in journalism from the University of Oregon. She is a native of Minot, who currently lives in Seattle with her husband. More information about her book can be found at www.bodyimagebook.com.

Western Plains Opera presents ‘Die Fledermaus’ at MSU

“Die Fledermaus”, a comic operetta by Waltz King Johann Strauss, will come to the Western Plains Opera stage Sept. 12, 13 and 14 at Ann Nicole Nelson Hall on the campus of Minot State University.

“Die Fledermaus,” which when translated means “The Bat,” is among the most frequently performed works in the opera repertoire, loved for its sparkling humor and energetic pace.

“It’s a superbly entertaining show, offering a lively mix of characters and overflowing with infectious melodies,” said General Director Kenneth Bowles, who also conducts the orchestra and 23-member chorus.

Set amid a Viennese ball, the story centers around a score-settling joke in which Dr. Falke attempts to get even with his friend, Baron von Eisenstein, for abandoning him one night in a bat costume. Various characters assume outlandish personalities, drawing the Baron into committing an infidelity with a woman who turns out to be his wife.

Musical highlights include the “Watch Duet,” the “Laughing Song,” and the “Drinking Song,” a boisterous chorus praising love and champagne.

“Every song is either a waltz or a polka,” Bowles adds.

The stage director for this performance, Gerald Dolter, is a past baritone lead with WPO. Dolter is the director of Texas Tech University Music Theatre in Lubbock, Texas. He’ll direct a cast of professionals and local favorites including Sam Savage,
Minot Infant Development Program: 30 years of service to children and families

June 2008 marked 30 years of service for the Minot Infant Development Program. To commemorate this milestone, the MIDP would like to invite children and families who have participated in the program throughout the years to join them on Sept. 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Riverside for a 30th Anniversary Celebration.

“It will be so interesting to reconnect with families we have served in the past and see what the children that we served as infants are doing now,” said Kathy Lee, director of MIDP. “We have a fun evening planned and hope that many families will be able to attend.”

MIDP is funded by the North Dakota Department of Human Services to support activities which identify infants (birth-3 years) who are developmentally delayed, high risk, or at risk. The program is housed at the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities on Minot State University’s campus. MIDP staff members assist parents and caregivers in identifying natural learning opportunities that occur throughout their child’s daily routines and guide parents in using these opportunities to enhance their child’s development. In addition, MIDP personnel help parents in finding supports available through local, state and national programs to help with needs related to their child’s developmental issues.

In connection with the anniversary celebration, MIDP will host a variety of carnival games and activities for the children and is looking for any community members wishing to volunteer their time to help man booths. There will be free refreshments. For more information or to volunteer, contact Lee at 858-3054 or 1-800-233-1737 or e-mail kathy.lee@minotstateu.edu.

NDCPD Gutter Brawl slated for Sept. 20

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities at Minot State University will hold The NDCPD Gutter Brawl 2008 at North Hill Bowl on Sept. 20 from 2 to 5 p.m. Registration begins at 1 p.m.

As in past years, the event’s purpose is twofold. First, NDCPD will increase community awareness related to disability issues within our community. Participants at this year’s event will have the opportunity to see and experience disability simulations while bowling. Second, NDCPD will raise funds to support programming “to provide leadership and innovation that advances the state-of-the-art and empower people with disabilities to challenge expectations, achieve personal goals and be included in all aspects of community life,” as outlined by NDCPD’s mission statement.

Two options are available for participating in this event.

• Bowl with us—Come alone or bring a team. Teams consist of four players. Each team has the option to bid for local personalities as well as members of the North Hill Bowl “wall of fame.”
• Donations are greatly appreciated in the form of door prizes and/or silent auction items.

NDCPD appreciates community support of this annual event and invites everyone to participate. If there are questions about this event, please contact Janet Green, project director for the Transition Partnership Project VI and project coordinator for the NDCPD Job Corps Disability Resource Center, at 858-4473 or janet.green@minotstateu.edu.

Homecoming 2008: ‘Beavers ... More Than Meets the Eye!’

Homecoming at Minot State University this year centers on the theme “Beavers … More Than Meets the Eye!” Homecoming week officially kicks off Sept. 22 and runs through Sept. 27. Sept. 22 features voting for Homecoming King and Queen in the Quad from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Caricatures by artist Adam Pate, food and music will also be provided in the Quad, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. At 7 p.m., Dale Brown, an MSU alumnus and a former Louisiana State University men’s basketball coach who led the
Tigers to Final Four appearances in 1981 and 1986, will speak in the Dome. A bonfire in the Dome’s north parking lot will follow Brown’s speech at approximately 8:15 p.m. The day will end with the movie “Transformers” being shown in the Beaver Dam at 9:30 p.m.

The Homecoming fun continues on Sept. 23 with caricatures by Pate, food for students and music in the Quad, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Coronation with comedian emcee Michael Palascak will be held in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7 p.m. The Homecoming Dance at the Grand International with live music by band Well Hungarians will follow ceremonies, 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m.

Sept. 24 brings music by InPulse, an acapella group, and food in the Quad, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Beginning at 7 p.m., Music Mayhem, a game show, will be played in the Beaver Dam.

A Porta Party Photo Booth and food starts Sept. 25’s activities for students at 10:30 a.m. in the Quad. In the evening, the MSU Alumni Association’s Golden Awards banquet will be held in the MSU Conference Center, 5:30 p.m. For students, an ’80s dance will be held at the North Dakota State Fair Center at 10 p.m.

The Sept. 26 events include Ari Herstand, an acoustic musician, and food in the Quad, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. An MSU Homecoming Alumni, Track and Field and Cross Country and Rose Parade Band Reunion will convene at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Riverside. Derek Hughes, a magician, will perform in the Beaver Dam at 8 p.m.

Homecoming reaches its apex Sept. 27 with the “Beaver Parade,” starting at 10:30 a.m. A community tailgate party in the east lot of the Dome will follow. The Beavers face off against Valley City State University at Herb Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m. During halftime, the homecoming royalty and Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees will be introduced. The game will be broadcast on KMOT on Saturday and the parade on Sunday.

All food is available to students while supplies last. Most activities are free with MSU student and staff identification. Guests may be charged a nominal fee. Individual events sponsored by organizations other than the Student Government Association may have separate charges. In case of inclement weather, any activities scheduled in the Quad will be moved to the Beaver Dam. This year’s Homecoming chairs are seniors Ali Monley, Minot, and Melissa Hoots, Minot.

For more information on Homecoming activities, contact the Alumni Office at 858-3234, or the Athletic Department at 858-3041 or www.minotstateu.edu/homecoming.

Four go golden Sept. 25

Four Minot State University alumni have been selected to receive the MSU Alumni Association’s 2008 Golden Award.

Those who will be honored include Jill Fuller, Ph.D., chief nursing officer at Prairie Lakes Healthcare System in Watertown, S.D.; Charles Repnow, owner of Strand Studio in Rugby; Jan Repnow, MSU business education instructor; and Gary Stenehjem, retired Minot music teacher.

The Golden Award is the highest award bestowed by the Alumni Association, and it was first presented in 1967. The selections are based on outstanding service to the university or Alumni Association and distinguished leadership in the recipient’s career or community.

The Golden Award banquet will be held Sept. 25, in the MSU Conference Center, 6 p.m. Tickets are $15 and may be obtained at the Alumni Office or by calling 858-3234. Reservations are requested by Sept. 15.

Rose Parade memories remain strong for Minot State alumni 40 years later

On New Year’s Day in 1969, the Minot State College (now Minot State University) Marching Band marched in The Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif. This 40th Anniversary will be commemorated Sept. 26 in conjunction with the MSU Homecoming Alumni Reunion at the Holiday Inn Riverside, 7 p.m.

“Already, 45 former MSU band members from as far away as Alaska, New Hampshire, South Carolina and California have registered to attend,” said Joe Alme, a member of the Rose Parade band and MSU music faculty. “A souvenir book with pictures and stories about all of the former band members will be available at the reunion.”

Alumni band members will also participate in the Homecoming parade and game on Sept. 27, starting at 10:30 a.m. Richard Hahn and Wayne Schempp, who were the drum majors in the 1969 parade, will be the grand marshals for MSU’s 2008 Homecoming parade.

The Rose Parade band members undertook creative fundraising methods to finance the trip to California. Funds were raised by compiling and selling a cookbook, donating blood, assessing members a portion of the trip’s cost, seeking individual monetary contributions from outside entities and other special projects. This was on top of the many hours of practice required for participating in such an engagement, plus the demands of college work.

In addition to participating in The Tournament of Roses Parade, this notable band performed a halftime show at a Winnipeg Blue Bombers football game in September 1968 and at the opening session of the North Dakota Education Association state convention in Grand Forks in October 1968. A further recognition of the band’s reputation came when North Dakota Gov. William Guy named the MSC Marching Band the Official Governor’s Band for 1969.

There will be a $5 charge for those attending the Friday night alumni reunion. Door prizes will be given out; hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. For more information, call the Alumni Office at 858-3234.
Anderson starts Brown Bag Book Talks for 2008-09

Erik Anderson, assistant professor of music, will discuss the book “This is Your Brain on Music: The Science of a Human Obsession” by Daniel J. Levitin, Sept. 18.

You need not read the featured book ahead of time and are encouraged to bring a sack lunch. 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.

Senator still honored years later at Minot State University

Quentin N. Burdick, a former North Dakota senator, is still being remembered at the Gordon B. Olson Library on the campus of Minot State University 16 years after his death. Pieces from Burdick’s Minot office are on display in the library and provide a unique study area on the third floor for MSU students.

In 1993, the display was placed at I Keating, Inc. and moved to MSU in 2001, under the direction of H. Erik Shaar, Minot State University president at that time. I Keating purchased the memorabilia from the federal government and also received items directly from the Burdick family.

“We wanted to preserve the impact that Quentin N. Burdick had on our region and Minot State University,” said Chuck Kramer, president of I Keating and a Minot State alumnus. “MSU was a great place to house the replication.”

Chuck Kramer’s father, Daryl Kramer, worked with Burdick as a state legislator for many years.

While at Minot State, the room was locked for four years. It was then decided the room needed to go back to the students as a study area. Some pieces were put away in safe keeping, while the desk and other artifacts are still intact today.

“It was decided by MSU that the room needed to go back to the students as a study room,” said Susan Podrygula, collection development librarian. “Students really appreciate the area and it is widely used by them.”

Burdick, a democrat, represented North Dakota in the United States Senate for 32 years. He died from heart failure in September 1992 at the age of 84. He acquired a reputation for a bold pursuit of federal funds for his home state. For example, he secured funding for the Burdick Job Corps in Minot.

NDCPD awards 2008 Access Scholarships

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities at Minot State University has awarded 2008 Access Scholarships to two MSU students. Each student will receive $200 towards their education during the 2008-2009 academic year.

In February 2003, NDCPD established the Access Scholarship to help MSU students with significant disabilities finance their college experience. Often, existing grants, loans and scholarships have many conditions attached to them that limit their usefulness for people who have significant disabilities. The first Access Scholarships were awarded in 2005.

“As Access Scholars pursue their education, they touch the lives of their peers, colleagues and professors,” said Bryce Fifield, Ph.D., executive director of NDCPD, when the scholarship was created. “In addition to expanding their own horizons, they bring disability issues into the mainstream of campus life and make discussions about quality of life and independence relevant for all college students.”

The scholarship endowment is managed by the MSU Development Foundation; the NDCPD Consumer Advisory Council Scholarship Committee screens applications and awards the interest of the endowment as scholarships. Scholarship awards are generally made in June or July for use in the upcoming school year. Application packets are available from NDCPD. Alternate formats of the scholarship application materials are available upon request or by going to http://165.234.216.166/disinfo/forms/access_scholarship_app.pdf.

For more information on the NDCPD Access Scholarship, contact Susie Mack, NDCPD office manager, at 1-800-233-1737 or 701-858-3009 or visit NDCPD’s Web site at www.ndcpd.org/disinfo/access.shtml.

Seymour selected

Tom Seymour, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Business Information Technology, has been chosen to chair the North Central Association Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Team to visit Baker University in Overland Park, Kan. on Sept. 28-29. This is a focused-visit request to review online degrees and their online assessment program. Seymour will chair the team interviewing e-Campus personnel that will include tech support
staff, helpdesk personnel, online faculty, instructional designers and library staff that deal with e-learning students. Also, the team will interview students who are taking or have completed online courses/programs. Many other online documents will be reviewed. These online programs are the fastest growing segment of higher education and are offered 24/7 to meet the needs of most university learners.

Faculty, staff and student notes

Deanna Klein, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Business Information Technology, and Gary Ross, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Business Administration, will be delivering a presentation Sept. 25-28 at the international conference of the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education in Barcelona, Spain. IACBE is the organization that accredits MSU’s business programs. They will be sharing their experiences with the Intercultural Cohort, the cohort of the College of Business’ Master of Science in management program that included students from China. The title of their presentation is “Creating an Intercultural Program with Limited Resources and Minimal Curricular Modifications.”

Six MSU faculty and staff members attended a National Council of University Research Administrators workshop in Madison, Wis. titled “Fundamentals of Sponsored Project Administration,” Sept. 2-5. Those in attendance included Linda Cressap, Ph.D., dean of the Graduate School and Research and Sponsored Programs; Brent Askvig, Ph.D., executive director of the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities; Susie Mack, NDCPD office manager; Marcia Johnson, NDCPD finance manager; Laurel Hyatt, grants and accounting analyst; and Rod Hair, executive director of the Rural Crime and Justice Center. The workshop provided a broad overview of the various aspects involved in sponsored projects administration including preparation and review of proposals, negotiation and acceptance of awards, financial and administrative management, closeout and audit as well as the relevant compliance issues.

Announcements

MSU dual credit students visit campus tomorrow

On Thursday (Sept. 11), from 1 to 3 p.m., approximately 60 dual credit high school students and instructors will be visiting campus. After a brief program in the Aleshire Theater, the group will obtain their student and faculty ID cards and end with a campus tour. For additional information call 858-3822. — Kristen Warmoth, dean for the Center for Extended Learning

Enrollment services launches Hometown Heroes recruiting initiative

The Minot State University Office of Enrollment Services will be introducing the “Hometown Heroes” recruiting initiative for the upcoming school year. The premise of the program will be to place highly recognizable faculty, staff, students, and alumni in their hometown schools and cafes to promote how Minot State University changed their lives! The MSU Hometown Hero(es) will meet with prospective students and parents and, in most cases, be accompanied by a member of the MSU Office of Enrollment Services. For this year, enrollment services staff will target communities where MSU is the closest four-year public university to that North Dakota, Montana, Saskatchewan, or Manitoba community (yes, Bismarck is in play). If you have an interest in returning to your hometown to promote MSU, we would like to hear from you and we may be able to make it happen. If your hometown does not fall into our “targeted” area and you are interested, we are interested! To learn more, volunteer, or suggest an alumni or a student who would exemplify the MSU spirit and tradition, contact Kevin Harmon, dean of admissions, at 858-3140, 1-800-777-0750 or kevin.harmon@minotstateu.edu.

— Kevin Harmon, dean of admissions

Mid-Dakota Chapter of Red Cross holding call center training sessions

For the past two years, the Mid-Dakota Chapter of the American Red Cross has asked Minot State University students to come in and become trained on call center operations. Red Cross Call Centers handle disasters nationwide and link people to services that help them in time of crisis. It is very rewarding and exciting work, and hurricane season is upon us.

If MSU students, faculty and staff want to just show up on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., they can be quickly trained in call center operations and put right to work for a couple of hours. Training sessions will be held every Wednesday through the hurricane season. Alan McGeough, Mid-Dakota Chapter chief executive officer, along with Robert Kibler, Mid-Dakota Chapter chair and associate professor of English at MSU, will also teach quick orientation classes just for MSU students, faculty or staff at a prearranged time. In either case, if an individual goes to the Red Cross, takes Alan’s quick call center orientation, and works for a couple of hours, just let Alan or the shift manager know that you came from the university and saw this notice (students, faculty, staff), and they will give you a $5 coupon towards pizza. The Red Cross also feeds its volunteers well while they work.

For more information, please contact Alan McGeough at almceough@minotredcross.org or 852-2828 or Robert Kibler at robert.kibler@minotstateu.edu or 858-3876.

— Robert Kibler, associate professor of English
International and Canadian student employment

A reminder that Canadian and international students hired to work on campus may not start working until the Office of Human Resources has received proof that the student has applied for a Social Security number. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of International Programs at 858-3978.

CEL to hold open forums Sept. 16

The Center for Extended Learning is holding open forums on Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Missouri Room of the Student Center. These forums will be a fun, interactive way to learn about CEL and our role in promoting the university mission and Vision 2013. Come prepared with your questions and enter our drawing for door prizes. Light refreshments will be served. For additional information, call 858-3822.

— Kris Warmoth, dean for the Center for Extended Learning

CAS sponsors Teacher Talks during fall semester

College of Arts and Sciences will host several Teacher Talks this fall semester. At each event, several Minot State University faculty will share assignments and activities they’ve used in class. Faculty and staff from across campus are invited to attend, and those who are interested in sharing assignments and class activities should contact Dean Conrad Davidson at 858-3159. The following dates and times have been scheduled, with more to come if interest continues:

• Sept. 29—Patti Kurtz, Audra Myerchin and Linda Olson, Hartnett Hall 330W, 3 p.m.
• Oct. 2—Laurie Geller, Robert Kibler and Cheryl Nielsen, Hartnett Hall 327W, 12:45 p.m.
• Oct. 27—Erik Anderson and Harold Nelson, Hartnett Hall 312E, 3 p.m.

— Conrad Davidson, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Featured Faith Series resumes

The Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Multicultural Center will again be hosting our popular Featured Faith Series on Thursdays beginning Sept. 18 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. We are currently looking for people of different faiths to share and answer questions about their beliefs. If you know someone who could speak for us, please contact Campus Pastor Tim Eighmy at 839-3949 or e-mail at campusministry@srt.com.

TheFeatured Faith Series is open for students, faculty, staff and members of the community to participate. This is for educational purposes and not for proselytizing.

— Pastor Tim Eighmy, Lutheran Campus Ministry

Library reviewing Reference Collection

To the faculty, staff, and students: We have been weeding our Reference Collection over here at the Gordon B. Olson Library and have found a fair amount of material that we believe the collection no longer needs. We would like you to come take a look at these items. If you’d like to take an item home with you, you are welcome to do so (see directions below). If you’d like us to keep an item, we want you to tell us this (we’ll have forms for you to fill out where you can list why you’d like us to keep the item). We have scheduled the week of Sept. 15-19 for you to come over and take a look at these weeded materials. They will be located on the lower level of the library in the Media Center, on shelves just inside the door, on your right and left (on the south wall).

If you’d like to take a book home with you, please fill out the form that will be located near the shelves with your contact information and the name of the book. Due to the way the books are processed, we’ll need a little time to remove it from our catalog. We’ll let you know just as soon as we can that you can come and pick up your book. Hope to see you there.

— Patty Hunt, reference and instruction librarian

General Education Ad Hoc Committee book talk slated for Sept. 25

The first General Education Ad Hoc Committee book talk about Bok’s “Our Underachieving Colleges” is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 25 at the lower level of the library. Books are going to be distributed this week or the beginning of next week. If you asked for a book and don’t get it next week, please contact Andrea Donovan. Further, if you did not sign up for a book but are interested in getting one, also please contact Andrea Donovan. We will focus on chapters one, two, and three for this discussion. However, any questions/comments are welcome regarding the LEAP pamphlet or the mini-sessions that followed Convocation.

A more complete schedule will be distributed at this first session and via campus-wide e-mail. I’m sure that the discussion will be thoughtful and insightful ... so please attend.

Further comments and questions can be directed to the General Education Ad Hoc Committee Web page, to anyone on the committee, or to the committee chair, Andrea Donovan, at (andrea.donovan@minotstateu.edu).

— Andrea Donovan, assistant professor of humanities

NDUS Arts and Humanities Summit scheduled for Oct. 9-10

Employees of the North Dakota University System: The students and faculty of the North Dakota University System meet every two years to celebrate the arts and humanities and to share their works with the public. This time the NDUS Arts and Humanities Summit meets at Bismarck State College on Oct. 9-10.
For two days, there are 40 events with speakers, artists, musicians, philosophers, historians, humanists and experts. Those will be on the BSC campus.

On Oct. 9, the famous writer Sherman Alexie will give an address at the grand Belle Mehus Auditorium in downtown Bismarck. On Oct. 10, acts from several campuses will perform a seamless Collage Concert, also at the Belle.

You are cordially invited! The public is welcome to all these free events, too. (Registrants of the NDUS can sign up for free lunches.) Read the details and register at http://www.bismarckstate.edu/summit/.

To see what we are studying today, albeit a small snapshot, is impressive. Even if you can’t attend the summit, take a look at the amazing and many talents of the people in our university system on that Web site.

For additional information, contact (701)224-5521 or lynn.severson@bsc.nodak.edu.

— Lynn Severson, associate professor of English at BSC and member of the NDUS Arts and Humanities Summit Committee

Landscaping improvements underway

We are beginning construction on landscaping improvements on the east side of the Student Center and the Administration Building. The work will include multiple tiers of greens and reds outlining the letters MSU and also red flowers to brighten up this area of public access to our campus. Upon completion of the Student Center and Administration projects, the crews will be doing landscaping improvements on the east side of the library. Renderings of these projects can be seen at my office. If you should have any questions, please feel free to call 858-3210.

— Roger Kluck, P.E., director of facilities

Student e-mail changes

As of Aug. 1, Minot State University students have new e-mail addresses. Their new address is firstname.lastname@my.minotstateu.edu. All official communications from MSU will be sent to these new accounts. You may want to encourage your students to include an “e-mail change notice” at the bottom of all their e-mail correspondence. Students can still access their existing MSU Web mail until Sept. 30. If you have questions or concerns, contact the MSU help desk at 858-4444 or helpdesk@minotstateu.edu.

— Cathy Horvath, director of IT Central

The non-routine/major requests form available online

For all non-routine work requests, a non-routine/major request form is available on the Minot State University Web site under plant services. All non-routine work requests should be addressed to Roger Kluck, P.E., director of facilities. To locate the form, go to the links for Faculty and Staff>Plant Services>Maintenance, Repairs, and Improvements. Then, click on Non-Routine/Major Request Form to get http://www.minotstateu.edu/plant/pdf/nonroutine_major_maint_req.pdf. For additional information, contact 858-3210 or tammy.pons@minotstateu.edu.

— Tammy Pons, administrative assistant to the director of facilities

Tobacco cessation help available

Tackling Tobacco Together is for individuals who have quit using tobacco, are thinking about quitting, want to support someone who is quitting, or have questions about quitting. Individual and group discussions are available Thursday evenings from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Minot’s First District Health Unit, Door B. For more information, call 852-1376.

— Caren Barnett, director of the Student Health Center

In the galleries

Sept. 10-12 — “100% Ground Chuck” by Bill Harbot, Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery.

Calendar


Sept.
10 Financial aid disbursement, Business Office, 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
10 NDCPD Seminar: Aging and People with Development Disabilities, Conference Center, 9 a.m.
10 NDCPD Seminar: Quality Enhancement: Creating Services that Make a Difference, Conference Center, 1:15 p.m.
10 Campus Crusade for Christ hot dog eating contest, Quad, 6 p.m.
11 September 11 remembrance ceremony, twin trees south of Memorial Hall, 8:46 a.m.
11 Tuition and fees for Fall 2008 are due.
11 Dual credit student visit, Aleshire Theater, 1 p.m.
11 “Portraits of Compassion: The Stories We Have to Tell” readings from the book “This Is Who I Am: Our Beauty in All Shapes and Sizes,” by Rosanne Olson, MSU alumna, Aleshire Theater, 7:30 p.m.
12 Student speech and hearing screening, Memorial Hall 138, 9 a.m.—noon.
12 Admission to teacher education seminar, Main 106, 3 p.m.
12-13  Volleyball at Morningside College Tournament, Sioux City, Iowa.
12-14  Western Plains Opera, Nelson Hall, Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 3 p.m.
14-15  Golf at Jamestown College.
15  Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
16  Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
18  Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
19  Fall semester graduation application due to Registrar’s Office.
19  Volleyball vs. South Dakota Mines, Dome, 7 p.m.
19-20  Theater: 24-hour play festival, Aleshire Theater, performance Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
20  NDCPD Gutter Brawl bowling fundraiser, North Hill Bowl, 1 p.m.
20  Football at Dickinson State University.
20  Volleyball vs. Black Hills State University, Dome, 3 p.m.
21  Golf home meet at Souris Valley Golf Course, 1 p.m.
22  International Artist Series: Festival of Four, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
22  Homecoming: food and music, Quad, 11 a.m.
22  Homecoming: king and queen voting, Quad, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
22  Homecoming: Adam Pate, caricature artist, Quad, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
22  Homecoming: Dale Brown, guest speaker, Dome, 7 p.m.
22  Homecoming: bonfire, Dome parking lot, 8 p.m.
22  Homecoming: movie, Beaver Dam, 9:30 p.m.
23  Last day to drop a first 8-week course via CampusConnection.
23  Homecoming: food and music, Quad, 11 a.m.
23  Homecoming: Adam Pate, caricature artist, Quad, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
23  Homecoming: coronation, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
23  Homecoming: dance, Grand International, 9:30 p.m.
24  Homecoming: food and music, Quad, 11 a.m.
24  Homecoming: Music Mayhem game show, Beaver Dam, 7 p.m.
25  Homecoming: food and music, Quad, 11 a.m.
25  Alumni Association Golden Awards, Conference Center, 6 p.m.
25  Concert: Chuck Suchy and Peter Ostroushko, Aleshire Theater, 7:30 p.m.
25  Homecoming: 1980s dance, N.D. State Fair Grounds, 10 p.m.
26  Board of Regents, Conference Center, 8 a.m.–1 p.m.
26  Homecoming: food and music, Quad, 11 a.m.
26  MSU Athletic Luncheon, Grand International Inn, noon.
26  Homecoming: Tournament of Roses reunion, McFarland Lobby, Old Main, 2 p.m.
26  Homecoming: Track & Field/Cross Country reunion, Holiday Inn, 6:30 p.m.
26  Homecoming: alumni reunion, Holiday Inn, 7 p.m.
26  Volleyball vs. Mayville State University, Dome, 7 p.m.
27  Homecoming: tagging, east parking lot of Dome, 11 a.m.
27  Homecoming: football vs. Valley City State U., introduction of Homecoming royalty and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees at halftime, Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
27  Homecoming: Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, Holiday Inn, social 6 p.m., banquet 7 p.m.
27  Volleyball vs. Dakota State University, Dome, 7 p.m.
27  Minot Symphony Orchestra, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
27  Brass Band of Minot, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.
27  Golf at Meadowbrook Golf Course, Rapid City, S.D.
27  Homecoming: parade, route from Jim Hill Middle School, east on 11th Avenue, north on Broadway, east on Burdick Expressway, north on Main Street, west on Central Avenue, north on Broadway over the viaduct to Fourth Avenue, then west to Sixth Street, and north to the MSU Library, 10:30 a.m.
28  Homecoming: bonfire, Dome parking lot, 8 p.m.
28  Alumni Association Golden Awards, Conference Center, 6 p.m.
28  Homecoming: 1980s dance, N.D. State Fair Grounds, 10 p.m.
29  NAC exhibit: “New Work” by Elizabeth Austin, Hanover, N.H., Hartnett Hall Gallery.
29-Oct. 30  Seminar to student teach spring 2009, Conference Center, 8 a.m.
29-Oct. 30  Theatre: “The Pillowman,” Black Box, 7:30 p.m.
3  Seminar to student teach spring 2009, Conference Center, 8 a.m.
3  Golf at Lakeview Golf Course, Mitchell, S.D.
3  Volleyball at Jamestown College.
4  Football at Jamestown College.
4  Golf at Wild Oak Golf Course, Mitchell, S.D.
4  Volleyball at Valley City State University.
6  Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
6-31  NAC exhibit: “New Work” by Elizabeth Austin, Hanover, N.H., Hartnett Hall Gallery.
7  Incomplete grades of “I” from spring and summer roll to “F.”
7  Curriculum Committee, 12:30 p.m.
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