



A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

New staff for 2008-09

Minot State University would like to welcome three new employees and introduce them to the campus. They are Gonzalo Colon, who is a building custodian and night float with plant services, Hardik Mody, who is an early interventionist with the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, and Mark Schnabel, who is the major gifts officer in the Office of Advancement.

Mody and Schnabel are both MSU alumni. Mody previously worked at REM N.D., Inc., and Schnabel was employed by Lowes Printing. In addition, Schnabel is director of music for Augustana Lutheran Church and a director of the Heritage Singers.



Colon



Mody



Schnabel

Campus forums scheduled for Nov. 13

President David Fuller will convene two campus forums Nov. 13 at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. in the MSU Conference Center. These forums are interchangeable, and faculty and staff are encouraged to come as their schedules permit. Fuller invites all to attend the meetings and join in the discussion.

MSU President and Vision 2013 featured in American Executive magazine

Minot State University President David Fuller and the university's Vision 2013 are highlighted in the October 2008 issue of American Executive magazine, a publication for business executives.

The article, titled "Agent of Change," helps readers understand the rationale behind Vision 2013 and why Fuller is interested in the potential for this strategic process to invigorate the campus and community.

The three-page article quotes Fuller as saying "If we can engage our students in the beauty and challenges of the Great Plains, they'll understand why we learn and will contribute to others."



Nov. 5, 2008

PIO update

When you're asked to undertake a big project, the task can seem daunting—but as is often the case at Minot State—there are plenty of people willing to help make it a success. This is truly the case with "The Economic Report."

For those who aren't aware, "The Economic Report" is an once-in-a-lifetime chance to put MSU in the regional and national TV spotlight as well as on the Internet, through YouTube and other Web sites.

The video was shot the last Thursday in October and turned out to be a lot of hard work and a lot of fun!

Thanks to all those faculty members who opened up their classrooms for the videographer from Florida—and special thanks to Paul Markel, professor of psychology, and Margi Coxwell, associate professor of education, for understanding that we had to cancel time with their students due to scheduling constraints.

Thanks to all the students and staff who agreed to be "actors" across campus.

Stay tuned as we'll let you know when and where to watch this five-minute story showcasing Minot State.

— Mark Lyman, director of public information

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Amanda Gaines, the author, goes on to explain the importance of focusing on engagement and place—one of the seven key themes of Vision 2013. She also describes how Fuller feels this theme, along with the others, will provide the community with the best results possible when it comes to Minot State University.

“A key component to the success of these strategies ... is the willingness of the faculty, staff, and students to do their part to transform MSU into a place that not only produces university graduates but also agents of change,” writes Gaines.

American Executive, a monthly publication from Red Coat Publishing, Inc., offers inspirational profiles of mid-sized businesses that are doing something right. A framed copy of the article is displayed on the second floor of the Administration Building, across from the Office of the President.

SSWO is ‘Freezin’ for a Reason’

Nov. 12

The Minot State University Student Social Work Organization is sponsoring “Freezin’ for a Reason” at the Town and Country Shopping Center parking lot on Nov. 12 from noon to 9 p.m. “Freezin’ for a Reason” is an annual event to raise awareness of homelessness in the community and gather food items for the Minot Area Homeless Coalition and local food pantries.

“The food pantries and soup kitchens in the Minot area have seen a 25 percent increase in usage,” said Louis “Mac” McLeod, executive director of MAHC. “The economic downturn has affected many who have never had to seek assistance.”

The participants stand in the cold and “freeze” to receive a firsthand experience of what homelessness is like. You can be a part of the effort by dropping off food or monetary contributions at the parking lot or by “freezin’” with the SSWO members. The Minot Area Homeless Coalition and SSWO are holding the event as part of the National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, Nov. 16-22.

If you don’t want to actually participate in the Nov. 12 event, but you want to donate food or money, students will pick up grocery or monetary donations on campus until Nov. 13. For pick-up, e-mail Debra Dewitz, SSWO’s faculty advisor, at debra.dewitz@minotstateu.edu or SSWO members at sswo@minotstateu.edu.

Free self-defense workshop for students, faculty and staff tonight

This evening (Nov. 5), James Massey of Magic City Martial Arts has volunteered to provide self-defense training to interested students, faculty and staff in the Conference Center, 4:30-6 p.m.

The training will include a PowerPoint presentation as well as a demonstration and practice of basic self-defense moves. For students, this self-defense training will qualify as a Life Skill workshop for the mentoring program.

Nilsen asks ‘Should I Stay or Should I Go?’

Two Brown Bag Book Talks remain for fall semester. Cheryl Nilsen, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, will talk about “Should I Stay or Should I Go?” by Debora Dragseth, a book about the out-migration of North Dakota university students, on Nov. 13. Nancy Pearson, instructor of communication arts, will end the semester with “Classroom Instruction That Works: Research-Based Strategies for Increasing Student Achievement” by Robert Marzano, Debra Pickering and Jane Pollock on Dec. 3.

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.

Symphony celebrates ‘Russian Gold’ with fall concert

The Minot Symphony Orchestra will present “Russian Gold (Fall Concert),” Nov. 15. This concert’s curtain riser is music from “The Golden Cockerel” by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, the master of orchestral color. Erik Anderson, assistant professor of music and MSO’s principal cello, is the featured soloist in the hauntingly beautiful cello concerto of Dmitry Shostakovich.

One of the most famous symphonies in the world, “From the New World,” with Antoni Leopold Dvorak’s musical impressions of America, concludes an evening full of energy and emotion. Maestro Dennis Simons, professor of music, is the orchestra’s conductor.

Before the “Russian Gold” concert, a lecture will be held in Main 104 at 6 p.m. Anderson will discuss Shostakovich’s “Cello Concerto No. 1.” Written in 1959, it has become a staple of the modern symphonic repertoire. Tickets for the lecture are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door; hors d’oeuvres will be available.

For the concert, MSU faculty, staff and students are admitted free with a current ID. Additional tickets for adults are \$15 per concert or \$50 for a season ticket. The price for senior citizens is \$13 single, \$45 season; students 12-18, \$8 single, \$24 season; children, ages under 12, \$4 single, \$12 season. All concerts are held in the Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The remainder of “Music from Around the World” include: “Out of This World (Family Concert),” Jan. 31; “American in Paris (Spring Concert),” March 7; “Search for Treasure (Pops Concert),” Apr. 25.

MSU and USPS host 2nd annual MSU passport drive Nov. 18

Minot State University's Office of International Programs and the Minot office of the United States Postal Service are sponsoring a passport drive on Nov. 18 in the Multicultural Center (Student Center, first floor), 2:30-6:30 p.m. This passport drive will make it convenient for American students, faculty, staff and community members to apply for a passport book or the new passport card.

"The goal of the passport drive is twofold: first to make it a quick and simple process for students, faculty, staff and the community, and second, to raise awareness of international travel in general," said Libby Claerbout, director of international programs. "Holding a passport is the first step to embarking upon an international experience."

Last year's passport drive was initiated as a result of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security making it mandatory to show a passport when traveling between the United States and Canada, Mexico and other places in Latin America after Dec. 31, 2008. With the implementation of this requirement being extended to June 1, 2009, OIP and USPS are encouraging individuals to take advantage of this event to apply for a passport or the new passport card.

In response to requests from border communities for a less expensive and more portable alternative to the traditional passport, the Department of State is now issuing a passport card. The new card would be beneficial to anyone who frequently travels across the border, such as truck drivers or farmers. However, it cannot, even in emergency situations, be used for travel by air.

A passport card holds the same validity period of 10 years as the passport book, but it facilitates entry only at U.S. land and sea ports of entry when arriving from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda. Otherwise, it carries the same rights and privileges as the U.S. passport book and is adjudicated to the exact same standards. Although the new passport card does have its advantages, individuals are encouraged to apply for the more traditional passport book because of its greater flexibility.

Passport books cost \$100 for adults and \$85 for minors 16 years and under. Passport cards cost \$45 for adults and \$35 for those 16 years and under. The passport drive will also provide passport photos on location for an extra \$15. To see a complete list of documents required to submit a passport or passport card application, visit the Office of International Programs' Web site at www.minotstateu.edu/international.

The passport drive is one of several activities planned during International Education Week. IEW is a national effort



to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States. This year, IEW will be celebrated from Nov. 17 to 21 with events that increase global awareness among those on the MSU campus and in the Minot area community. Events include an effort to collect study-abroad interest surveys, for which students will be entered into a drawing to win an MSU sweatshirt. The MSU Spanish Club will also offer salsa dance lessons.

Claerbout said that over 30 people applied for their first passport during last year's event, and MSU and the USPS hope to double that number this year. For questions, contact OIP at 858-3978.

Native American Awareness Week set at MSU

Native American Awareness Week will be held Nov 17-22 at Minot State University. All activities, except for the Indian taco sale, arts and crafts display and the presentations by Nelrene Yellowbird, Harry Hoffman and Alyce Spotted Bear, will be held in the MSU Conference Center, located on the third floor of the MSU Student Center.

The activities will begin Nov. 17 at 1 p.m. with the opening ceremony, prayer and Sun Dance songs by the Missouri River drum group.

Events continue Nov. 18 with Phil Baird speaking about "Indian Homelands, Tribal Citizenship and the U.S. Constitution" at 10 a.m. and Kandi Mossett discussing "Campus Climate Challenges: a Native American Perspective" at 1 p.m.

On Nov. 19, an Indian taco sale will be held on the first floor of Old Main from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., where arts and crafts will also be displayed. At 2 p.m. in the Multicultural Center on the first floor of the Student Center, Nelrene Yellowbird, assistant professor of social work, and Harry Hoffman, associate professor of sociology, will present "Cultural Competency and Cultural Trespassing: Finding the Boundary."

Activities on Nov. 20 include Spencer Wilkinson discussing "Indian Gaming," at 10 a.m. At 1 p.m., Dr. Monica Mayer will speak about "The Medicines of Lewis and Clark and the Three Affiliated Tribes." As part of the Northwest Art Center lecture series, Alyce Spotted Bear, an English instructor at Fort Berthold Community College, will present "The Long-term Effects of Government Boarding School Policies on Native Culture" in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m.

On Nov. 21, Vernon Lambert, will discuss "Spirit Lake Tribal Law" at 10 a.m.

The five days of free cultural events and presentations are open to the public and sponsored by the MSU Native American Cultural Awareness Club. The dates and times of events are subject to change.

Seymour and Christmann speak

On Thursday (Nov. 6), North Dakota State Senators Tom Seymour, a Minot Democrat, and Randel Christmann, a Hazen Republican, will present “An Update for your 2009 North Dakota Legislative Session” at the North Dakota Telephone Association meeting. The NDTA meeting is in Minot’s Grand International.

Seymour is a member of SRT Communications’ board of directors. He is also chair of the Department of Business Information Technology and a professor of business information technology at Minot State University. Seymour serves on the following legislative committees: Appropriations, Information Technology, Workforce, Budget Section, Legislative Computer Replacement and Legislative Computer Applications.



Christmann is president of the North Dakota Association of Telecommunications Cooperatives and on the board of directors of West River Telecommunications Cooperative in Hazen. He is on the following legislative committees: Appropriations, Arrangements for Senate Committee Rooms, Rules, Budget and Finance, Budget Section, Information Technology, Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review and Legislative Management.



Faculty, staff and student notes

Tawnya Bernsdorf, director of annual giving and alumni, **Cathy Horvath**, director of information technology, and **George Withus**, desktop and lab coordinator, are participants of the Minot Area of Chamber of Commerce’s 2008 Community Leadership Institute. They will graduate Thursday (Nov. 6) at a luncheon ceremony at the Holiday Inn.

North Dakota State Senator **Tom Seymour**, chair of the Department of Business Information Technology, has been chosen to represent North Dakota at the Midwestern Higher Education Compact’s meeting Nov. 17-18 in Minneapolis. The theme for this year’s summit is “Difficult Dialogues, Rewarding Solutions: The Imperative to Expand Postsecondary Opportunities While Controlling Costs.” MHEC is one of four statutorily-created interstate compacts designed to advance higher education through cooperation and resource sharing. MHEC was established in 1991 and serves Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Mary Mercer, community training core coordinator for the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities’ core grant, was elected chair of the National Community Education Director’s Council. NCEDC is one of five councils within the Association of University Centers on Disability. AUCD is a

national network of interdisciplinary centers advancing policy and practice through research, education and services for and with individuals with developmental and other disabilities, their families and communities. Prior to her nomination, Mercer served as vice chair of NCEDC for three years. As the vice chair, she was a member of the NCEDC Steering Committee and chaired the AUCD Training Symposium Planning Committee in 2008.

Two NDCPD staff members, **Tom Alexander** and **Amy Armstrong**, were elected to positions on the executive board of the North Dakota Disability Advocacy Consortium. The colleagues work on the North Dakota Medicaid Infrastructure Grant funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Alexander was elected treasurer and Armstrong as secretary. NDDAC is a consortium of organizations that work together to advocate and educate to affect positive change for people with disabilities. The NDDAC advocates for public policy to ensure that people with disabilities have the supports and services they need to be productive and independent. Membership is open to all organizations that have advocacy for the rights of people with disabilities as a primary focus of their mission and support the mission and the activities of the NDDAC.

Announcements

Important ‘Response to Armed Assailant’ campus training scheduled

Minot State University continues to conduct training sessions concerning our response to an armed assailant on the campus. The training will include a 20-minute DVD presentation titled “Shots Fired.” This will be followed with an open discussion as we consider our response to this emergency. A representative from the Minot Police Department is expected to join us for these sessions to assist with our discussions.

Each session is intended for a specific group of employees based on office location. All sessions will be held in the Conference Center on the third floor of the Student Center. If you are unable to attend with your specific group, then please attend with another group that fits your schedule. The schedule is provided by date, time and location group:

- Thursday (Nov. 6), 2 p.m., Old Main, third floor.
- Friday (Nov. 7), 9 a.m., Model Hall, Pioneer Hall, and all other locations.
- Friday (Nov. 7), 1 p.m., Memorial Hall, first and fourth floors.

Any questions about the training sessions can be directed to Roger Kluck, director of facilities, at 858-3210; Wes Matthews, director of human resources, at 858-3352; or Leon Perzinski, director of the Student Center, at 858-3364.

— *Emergency Response Committee*

MSU Walking Club walking Thursday

MSU Walking Club will be getting together to walk at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday (Nov. 6) at the Dome. Come and walk with us. We will meet on the third floor by the Fitness Center. Remember to send in those logs for September and October to receive your free radio headset. For questions, contact Karen Pocha-Melby at karen.pochamelby@my.minotstateu.edu.

— *Karen Pocha-Melby, MSU Walking Club coordinator*

MSU is thinking of Neuharth

Kevin Neuharth, associate professor of communication arts, recently underwent open-heart surgery to repair an infected valve. The surgery went well, and he hopes to go home soon. In the meantime, the communication arts faculty would like to make life a little easier for the Neuharth family by purchasing such things as food gift certificates or snow removal services. If anyone would like to drop off a monetary donation and sign a “Thinking of You” card for Kevin, please go to the Division of Humanities office, Hartnett 148. We are hoping to have all donations received by Friday (Nov. 7) at noon.

— *Audra Myerchin, instructor of communication arts*

Faiths Explored series continues

The Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Multicultural Center is hosting our popular Faiths Explored series in the Multicultural Center on Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

The schedule of speakers is:

- Nov. 13—Pastor Marion Miller, Seventh-Day Adventist Church.
- Nov. 20—Prit Paul Kaur, Sikhism.

The Faiths Explored series is open for students, faculty, staff and members of the community to participate. This is for educational purposes and not for proselytizing. For questions, please contact Campus Pastor Tim Eighmy at 839-3949 or e-mail at campusministry@srt.com.

— *Pastor Tim Eighmy, Lutheran Campus Ministry*

NDPERS open enrollment period continues through Friday

The open-enrollment period for North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System benefits is through Friday (Nov. 7). This is the annual opportunity for Minot State University faculty and staff to enroll in benefit plans previously waived. During this time, individuals may increase coverage or enroll in the health, dental, vision or life insurance plans. To learn more about these benefits or to enroll, please visit Korie Huettl in the benefits office during this time. The effective date of the increased coverage or new enrollment will be Jan. 1, 2009.

A summary of benefit information is available at: http://www.minotstateu.edu/hr/pdf/summary%20_of_benefits_2007.pdf.

— *Wes Matthews, director of human resources*

Last day to drop extended to Nov. 14

Please note that the last day to drop a course using CampusConnection has been extended to Nov. 14. This change was made to align with the North Dakota University System common calendar drop date and as a result of system difficulties which delayed student notification of midterm grades. If there are questions, please call the registrar's office at 858-3345.

— *Jennifer Sick, registrar*

CEL Open House slated for Nov. 14

Find out what's going on in the Center for Extended Learning by checking out our Web site at <http://www.minotstateu.edu/cel/>. Also, mark your calendars for CEL's Fall Open House on Nov. 14, 9–11 a.m.

— *Julie Keller, administrative assistant for the Center for Extended Learning*

Request for funds proposals for Diversity Project funds desired

Matching funds for the 2008-09 academic year are available from the University Diversity Committee to all campus entities (students, faculty and staff). Projects are being sought that address the mission of the University Diversity Committee, which is: “To advance the vitality of community and culture through recognition, promotion and celebration of the value of all types of diversity and equal opportunity.”

Requests for Funds Proposals may include funds needed for supporting a special project, an event or a professional development activity. Proposals will continue to be accepted until the budget is depleted. Send proposals to the University Diversity Committee, c/o Lisa Borden-King, Old Main 202J, or e-mail the entire RFP to Lisa.Borden-King@minotstateu.edu. If you have questions, please contact Lisa at 858-3158.

— *Libby Claerbout, director of international programs*

Allowable and unallowable expenditures enumerated

The current Allowable and Unallowable Expenditures policy is provided on the Business Office Web site at http://www.minotstateu.edu/busoffic/fast_pdf/allowable_unallowable_expenditures.pdf. If you have any questions, please direct them to the Business Office at 858-4153.

— *Ron Dorn, vice president for administration and finance*

Baklenko joins MSU Post Office

I am pleased to announce that Abbie Baklenko has begun employment in the Minot State University Post Office. Please join me in welcoming her to this new role on campus.

— *Jonelle Watson, controller*

Student Health Center has flu shots available

Have you had your flu vaccine yet? The Student Health Center is offering the vaccine to faculty and staff for \$25. Please call for an appointment at 858-3371 to get your flu vaccine today. We are located in Lura Manor and are open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 pm.

— *Caren Barnett, director of the Student Health Center*

'Hockey Moms' needed

The MSU Men's Club Hockey is in need of "Hockey Moms." The Hockey Mom program has been in place for a number of years, and a Hockey Mom sends care packages with her assigned player for games played out of town. Players fill out forms with their likes and dislike; examples of a care package might include Powerade or Gatorade, energy bars, sandwiches, fruit, beef jerky, pop or chips. Some Hockey Moms will occasionally send along a magazine or batteries for electronic gadgetry. "Moms" also pay for a Christmas gift for their player.

We encourage the Hockey Moms to attend the home games and participate in two to three potlucks throughout the year, but it's not mandatory. If interested, please phone Melanie Moore at 858-4233 or 240-2579.

— *Melanie Moore, coordinator of the MSU Men's Club Hockey Mom Program*

In the galleries

Nov. 5-14—"The Lives and Culture of the Sami People," photographs by Fred Ivar Utsi Klemetsen, Norway, Library Gallery.

Nov. 5-Dec. 4—Watercolors by Caroline Doucette, Rugby, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Nov. 19-Dec. 26—"Americas 2000: Before and Beyond," prints from the MSU permanent collection, Library Gallery.

The public reception for the Doucette exhibit and "Americas 2000: Before and Beyond" is Nov. 19, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.

Calendar

Nov. 5-Dec. 18, 2008

Nov.

5 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater 9 p.m.

5 Workshop: Self Defense, Conference Center, 4:30 p.m.

5 Volleyball vs. Dickinson State University, Dome, 7 p.m.

5-Dec. 4 NAC exhibit: watercolors by Caroline Doucette, Rugby, N.D., Hartnett Hall Gallery.

6 Walking Club, Dome, 2:30 p.m.

7 MSU Athletic Luncheon, Grand International Inn, noon.

7 Bearded Men Improv comedy act, Aleshire Theater, 7:30 p.m.

7 Women's and Men's Basketball at University of Great Falls.

8 Tailgating, East Dome parking lot, 11 a.m.

8 Football vs. Dickinson State University, Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m.

8 Women's and Men's Basketball at Montana State University-Northern.

8 Bearded Men Improv comedy act, Black Box, 7:30 p.m.

9 Luminus Recital, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.

10 Graduate School: last day to file permit to take written comprehensive exams in Graduate School Office.

11 Veterans Day, university closed.

12 SAC: music, Ross Copperman, Beaver Dam, noon

12 "Freezin' for a Reason," sponsored by MSU Student Social Work Organization, Town & Country parking lot, noon-9 p.m.

12-18 Spring registration for currently enrolled students.

13 Campus Open Forum, Conference Center, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

13 Wellness Fair, Student Center atrium, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

13 Brown Bag Book Talk: Cheryl Nilsen, mathematics, on "Should I Stay or Should I Go," by Debora Dragseth, Olson Library, noon.

13 Admission to teacher education seminar, Main 106, 12:30 p.m.

13 SAC: dance, Grand International Inn, 9:30 p.m.

13-15 Theatre: "Freshmen 10/Alpha Particles," Black Box, 7:30 p.m.

14 Last day to drop a full 16-week course via CampusConnection.

14 Center for Extended Learning open house, Administration 161, 9-11 a.m.

14 MSU Athletic Luncheon, Sevens Restaurant, noon.

14 Men's Basketball vs. University of Great Falls, Dome, 7 p.m.

14-16 Men's Club Hockey in Chicago, Ill.

15 Enrollment Services: Saturday tours, call 858-3350 for an appointment.

15 Minot Symphony Orchestra concert lecture, Main 104, 6 p.m.

15 Minot Symphony Orchestra, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.

16 Men's Basketball vs. Montana State University-Northern, Dome, 7 p.m.

17-21 Native American Awareness Week.

17-21 International Education Week.

17 Native American Awareness Week: opening ceremony, Conference Center, 1 p.m.

17 Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.

17 Women's and Men's Basketball at Brandon University.

18 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.

- 18 Native American Awareness Week: “Indian Homelands, Tribal Citizenship and the U.S. Constitution,” Phil Baird, Conference Center, 10 a.m.
- 18 Native American Awareness Week: “Campus Climate Challenges: a Native American Perspective,” Kandi Mossett, Conference Center, 1 p.m.
- 18 International Education Week: Passport Drive, Multicultural Center, 2:30–6:30 p.m.
- 18 International Artist Series and MACA: The New Christy Minstrels, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 High School Counselor’s Financial Aid Workshop, Conference Center, 8:30 a.m.–noon.
- 19 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
- 19 Native American Awareness Week: Indian taco sale, first floor Old Main, 11 a.m.
- 19 SAC: music, The Fault Line, Beaver Dam, noon.
- 19 Native American Awareness Week: “Cultural Competency and Cultural Trespassing: Finding the Boundary,” Nelrene Yellowbird and Harry Hoffman, Multicultural Center, 2 p.m.
- 19 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater 9 p.m.
- 19 NAC: public reception for Caroline Doucette exhibit and “Americas 2000: Before and Beyond” exhibit, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30 p.m.–8 p.m.
- 19-Dec. 26 NAC exhibit: “Americas 2000: Before and Beyond,” prints from the MSU permanent collection, Olson Library Gallery.
- 20 Native American Awareness Week: “Indian Gaming,” Spencer Wilkinson, Conference Center, 10 a.m. (tentative)
- 20 SAC: music, Ryanhood, Beaver Dam, noon.
- 20 Native American Awareness Week: “The Medicines of Lewis and Clark and the Three Affiliated Tribes,” Dr. Monica Mayer, Conference Center, 1 p.m.
- 20 Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
- 20 Native American Awareness Week and NAC lecture: “Boarding Schools: Long-term Effects on Native Culture and Communities,” by Alice Spotted Bear, Ft. Berthold Community College, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 20-22 N.D. Class A & B Volleyball Tournament, Dome.
- 21 Native American Awareness Week: “Spirit Lake Tribal Law,” Vernon Lambert, Conference Center, 10 a.m.
- 21 Piano students festival recital, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 21-23 Women’s Basketball at Rocky Mountain College.
- 22 Graduate School: written comprehensive exams.
- 24 Percussion Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Last day to drop a second 8-week course via CampusConnection.
- 25 Small Ensembles Concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Men’s Basketball vs. University of Montana-Western, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 27 Thanksgiving Day, university closed.
- 28 Thanksgiving vacation, no classes.
- 29 Men’s Club Hockey vs. Steinbach North Stars, All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Men’s Club Hockey vs. Steinbach North Stars, All Seasons Arena, 2 p.m.
- Dec.**
- 1 SAC: Karaoke, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
- 1 Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
- 1 North Dakota Reads Downtown, Main Street Books, 7 p.m.
- 1 Women’s Basketball vs. Rocky Mountain College, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 1 Men’s Basketball at Rocky Mountain College.
- 1 Western Plains Children’s Choir, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 2 KMSU auction airs live on Channel 19, 6:30 p.m.
- 2 International Artist Series: Pavlo, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 3 Brown Bag Book Talk: Nancy Pearson, communication arts, on “Classroom Instruction That Works: Research-Based Strategies for Increasing Student Achievement,” by Robert Marzano, Olson Library, noon.
- 3 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater 9 p.m.
- 3 “Creativity in Music” music class presentation, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 4 General Education Ad Hoc Committee Bok Book Talk, Olson Library, 12:30 p.m.
- 4 SAC: dance, Grand International, 9:30 p.m.
- 5 Nursing student research day, Memorial Hall, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
- 5 MSU Athletic Luncheon, Sevens Restaurant, noon.
- 6 Enrollment Services: Saturday tours, call 858-3350 for an appointment.
- 6 Women’s and Men’s Basketball vs. Dickinson State University, Dome, 4 & 6 p.m.
- 6 Men’s Club Hockey vs. MSU-Bottineau, All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 “Messiah” Concert, performed by Heritage Singers, Voices of Note, MSU Concert Choir and local high school students, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.
- 8 Graduate School: last day for thesis defense for fall graduates.
- 8 Women’s and Men’s Basketball vs. Brandon University, Dome, 6 & 8 p.m.
- 8 MSU Band, Concert Choir and Women’s Chorus Concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Men’s Club Hockey at MSU-Bottineau.
- 9-31 NAC exhibit: “Americas 2000: Before and Beyond,” prints from the MSU permanent collection, Hartnett Hall Gallery.
- 10 Enrollment Services: parent forum.

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| 11-14 | Theatre: Campus Players annual Christmas production, Aleshire Theater, Thursday-Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m. | 15 | Admission to teacher education seminar, Main 214, 3 p.m. |
| 12 | MSU Athletic Luncheon, Sevens Restaurant, noon. | 15 | Graduate School: last day for fall graduates to submit five copies of thesis to the Graduate School Office. |
| 12 | Women's Basketball vs. Montana State University-Northern, Dome, 7 p.m. | 15-19 | Finals exams for full 16-week courses. |
| 13 | Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Rocky Mountain College, Dome, 6 & 8 p.m. | 16 | Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m. |
| 13 | Men's Club Hockey vs. South East Prairie Thunder, All Seasons Arena, 8:30 p.m. | 17 | University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m. |
| 14 | Men's Club Hockey vs. South East Prairie Thunder, All Seasons Arena, noon. | 17-18 | Finals exams for second 8-week courses. |
| 14 | Brass Band of Minot, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m. | 18 | NAC lecture: "Musa & Taban: Acting it Out for Sudan Radio Service," by Conrad Davidson, dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m. |
| | | 18 | Men's Club Hockey vs. Portage College Voyageurs, All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m. |

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