MSU spring enrollment holds even in 2009

Minot State University realized increases in key enrollment categories, as the spring 2009 enrollment came in even, compared to the same time last year. Spring 2009 enrollment is set at 3,322, a zero percent change from enrollment in spring 2008.

“Our commitment to Minot State’s strategic enrollment priorities remains strong,” said MSU President David Fuller. “We saw healthy increases in the number of Ward County students, international and Canadian students, as well as an increase in those taking classes either at Minot Air Force Base or in Bismarck.”

The population of Ward County students has seen steady increases over the past two years. With almost 1,800 students from the immediate region surrounding the Magic City, that marks a 12 percent increase from spring 2007.

The total number of international (non-Canadian) students jumped almost 80 percent from spring 2008. Minot State currently enrolls 61 international students compared to 34 last year.

The number of Canadian students also increased to 272, up 15 percent.

Diversity on the Minot State campus continues to grow, as 132 Native American students are attending spring 2009 classes, a five percent increase.

Minot State teaches a variety of courses away from our main campus, in traditional classrooms, and has seen a steady increase in these numbers as well. At the Minot Air
Force Base, 248 students take one or more of their courses and 102 enroll in one or more courses in Bismarck.

The total number of graduate students enrolled at Minot State University increased 2 percent, compared to the same time last year, and now sits at 300, in 10 available graduate programs.

Due to workforce needs and a desire by some students to start jobs before graduating, a recent enrollment trend at Minot State has shown fewer individuals interested in being full-time students, but increases, as much as 15 percent, in students taking classes part time.

Bailey presents Bukowski’s poetry at Thursday’s Brown Bag Book Talk

On Thursday (Feb. 12), Jim Bailey, instructor of art, will discuss Charles Bukowski’s poetry as the next Brown Bag Book Talk. 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.

‘Winter Week 2009:
Stop It’s Beaver Time’

In an effort to increase student activities and student life on campus, the Student Government Association continues the tradition of a winter carnival at Minot State University. This year’s event has the theme “Winter Week 2009: Stop It’s Beaver Time” and runs Feb. 21-27. SGA will be selling Winter Week T-shirts throughout the noon hour all week in the SGA hallway.

The week begins Feb. 21 with a ski trip to the Bottineau Winter Park. The trip is $25 for students, and the bus will leave at 7 a.m. from in front of the Student Center.

On Feb. 23, there will be music, with pizza and root beer floats for the students, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., in the SGA hallway. Intramural bowling will take place at North Hill Bowl at 9:30 p.m.

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On Feb. 25, hot chocolate and cookies will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the SGA hallway. At 3 and 9 p.m., the movie Twilight will play in the Beaver Dam.

Sloppy Joes and chips will be available with music on Feb. 26, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Comedian Michelle Buteau will start at 8 p.m. in the Beaver Dam.

Winter Week concludes on Feb. 27 with music by Ernie Halter at noon. Appetizers will also be provided from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the SGA hallway.

All food is free for students and is available while supplies last.

Minot State University helps with North Dakota College Goal Sunday

On Feb. 22, Minot State University staff will participate in the second annual North Dakota College Goal Sunday. They will be available to help college-bound students and their families complete and submit college financial aid applications online in Main 314 and 316, 1–3 p.m.

This is a free event for students interested in furthering their education after high school. Many students and their families are unfamiliar with the financial aid application process. College Goal Sunday’s objective is to get students on the right track toward applying for aid to pay for college.

Most colleges, universities and vocational and technical schools in the nation require students seeking federal financial aid, including grants and loans, to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Because many types of aid are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis, this form should be completed as soon as possible after Jan. 1. March 15 is the priority deadline in North Dakota. While forms may still be submitted after this date, students may miss aid opportunities.

“At College Goal Sunday, we help students complete the FAFSA properly and before important deadlines,” said Merri Jo Connole, financial aid counselor.

As an added bonus for participants, all students who complete a FAFSA at North Dakota College Goal Sunday will receive a flash drive. Each potential student also has a chance to win a $500 scholarship, a laptop or other prizes. Prizes have been sponsored by the Bank of North Dakota, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bremer Bank of Grand Forks, Education Assistance Corporation, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Education Department and Student Loans of North Dakota.

Participants should bring the following documentation to College Goal Sunday:

- Social Security Number (student’s and parents’)
- Alien registration card (if not U.S. citizen)
- 2008 Federal Tax Return and W2 (student’s and parents’)
- 2008 untaxed income records (veteran non-education benefits, child support, worker’s compensation)
- Driver’s license (if any)

The Indiana Student Financial Aid Association, with funding from Lilly Endowment Inc. and supplemental support from Lumina Foundation, created College Goal Sunday for Education. The North Dakota Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators received a grant from Lumina Foundation to implement a program in North Dakota. More than 125 local
volunteers will be assisting students throughout the state on Feb. 22.

Other cities taking part in North Dakota College Goal Sunday are Belcourt, Bismarck, Dickinson, Fargo, Fort Totten, Fort Yates, Grafton, Grand Forks, New Town and Williston. For specific time and site information, visit www.collegegoalnd.org, call (866)454-3308 or e-mail collegegoal@nd.gov. For specific questions for the Minot site, contact the MSU Office of Financial Aid at 858-3375.

The Foreign Film Festival 2009 continues with ‘Xiu, Xiu’

The foreign language department invites everyone to the Foreign Film Festival 2009. The next film, “Xiu Xiu” or “The Sent Down Girl,” will be shown Feb. 24 in Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m. Discussion will follow the screening.

Maila Zitelli, associate professor of foreign language, is the host for the film’s screening. For questions, contact her at 858-3093 or maila.zitelli@minotstateu.edu.

The remaining scheduled films, and the hosting faculty member, are:

• March 24—“L’avocat de la Terreur (Terror’s Advocate),” France, 2007; Amina Escalera, French.
• March 26—“Aaltra,” Belgium film; Amina Escalera, French.
• April 9—“Au dela de la Haine (Beyond Hatred),” France; Amina Escalera, French.
• April 27—“Two days in Paris,” a French-American comedy; Amina Escalera, French.
• April 28—“Persepolia,” France, 2007; Amina Escalera, French.

Victim Assistance Academy looking for training participants

Individuals who routinely work with crime victims have a unique opportunity to participate in a weeklong academy this summer at Minot State University, June 7-12. The deadline to sign-up for this first-time program is March 2.

A U.S. Department of Justice grant, given to MSU’s Rural Crime and Justice Center, funds the Victim Assistance Academy for North Dakota. This year, a large portion of the academy’s costs is supported by the grant. The total cost for 40 hours of skills-based training, tuition, meals, lodging and materials is $70 per student.

The program will benefit law enforcement officers, social workers, prosecutors, advocates or any professional who works with crime victims.

“What we plan to do with this program is enhance the knowledge and skills of those professionals who spend their time, day in and day out, with crime victims in North Dakota,” said Nancy Murphy, Victim Assistance Academy coordinator. “The Rural Crime and Justice Center is all about conducting research, evaluation and training through the use of state-of-the-art technology and a well-educated, experienced staff.”

For more information, or to request an application, contact Murphy at 1-800-777-0750 ext. 3447 or nancy.murphy@minotstateu.edu. Educational credit for the academy is available, pending approval.

Linares inducted into his alma mater’s Hall of Fame

Thomas Linares, chair of Minot State University’s Department of Communication Disorders and an associate professor of communication disorders, has devoted his career to bettering the lives of others, both locally and internationally. For this reason, Linares was inducted into the Western Oklahoma State College Alumni Association Hall of Fame on Feb 6. WOSC, a community college in Altus, Okla., used to be known as Altus Junior College when Linares attended there from 1968-70.

“It is truly an honor for us to have the opportunity to bring friends and alumni of the college together to help us pay tribute to a very outstanding recipient, Dr. Thomas Linares. He has truly demonstrated his commitment and dedication to Western, as he has carried his pride for this institution into his other education endeavors, career and personal life,” said Larry Duffy, vice president of development and alumni relations at Western Oklahoma State College. “We are excited to have this opportunity to bring one of our own ‘home’ to thank, recognize and honor as the 2009 Inductee into the WOSC Alumni Association Hall of Fame.”

“While attending Altus Junior College, I quickly learned the meaning of ‘faculty mentorship.’ Each of my instructors took the time to meet with me, counsel me, motivate me and challenge me to go as far as I could in life,” Linares said. “To this date, I recall each of their names and faces. This tells me that my instructors had an impact on my life, which I would like to share with my students.”

Linares continued his education by earning his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in communication disorders from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla., and his doctorate from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. During the summers of 1995 and 1996, Linares organized two trips to Central America, where he, along with doctors, nurses and students, brought medical supplies and provided medical services to over 1,000 people.

Minot State’s communication disorders program is rated one of the best and recognized nationally for the highly qualified students enrolled. Linares has worked with the North Dakota
Department of Public Instruction to solicit full-ride scholarships and arranged graduate-paid externships.

Linares and his wife, Jackie, have three children, Gordon, Justine and Garrett.

The WOSC Alumni Association Hall of Fame began in 1996. Linares is the 15th inductee to receive this prestigious honor.

**Campus safety emphasized in next Life Skill workshop**

Faculty and staff are encouraged to recommend the Life Skill workshops sponsored by the Office of Career Services to all Minot State University students. While the workshops are a product of the MSU Mentor Program, all students are welcome to attend. The fall schedule is as follows:

- **Thursday (Feb. 12)**—“Shots Fired” (student version), Conference Center, 1 p.m.
- **Feb. 17**—“Help! There’s No Time to Study!” (time management), Main 106, 1 p.m.
- **Feb. 18**—“Resume Magic,” Main 102, 3 p.m.
- **Feb. 25**—“Stop the Insanity ... How to Manage Your Stress,” Main 106, 1 p.m.
- **Feb. 26**—“Job or No Job,” Main 102, 10 a.m.
- **March 10**—“Healthy Snacks,” Main 104, 2 p.m.
- **March 11**—“Self Defense,” Conference Center, 4-7 p.m.

Questions may be directed to career services at 858-3360.

**Chamber of Commerce sponsors legislative forums**

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee continues hosting Saturday Legislative Forums. The forums give those attending a chance to meet with Minot legislators and ask questions. The format includes a moderator who asks questions submitted in writing by the audience. Each session runs from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Minot Auditorium.

- **Saturday (Feb. 14)**, Room 201
- **March 7**, Room 201
- **March 21**, Room 201
- **April 4**, Room 201

**Spanish Club celebrates Carnival Day Feb. 26**

On Feb. 26, Minot State University’s Spanish Club will celebrate Latin America’s Carnival Day in the Multicultural Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Kemerly Moorhouse, Spanish instructor, will play her guitar. Beginning at 12:30 p.m., Johnny Coomansingh, assistant professor of geography, will reprise his presentation “Trinidad Carnival: A Big Bacchanel.”

For additional information, contact Liana Henderson, Spanish Club advisor and Spanish instructor, at 858-4265 or liana.henderson@minotstateu.edu.

**‘One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest’ set for Feb. 26-March 1**

Minot State University’s Theatre Department will present “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” in the Aleshire Theater Feb. 26-28 at 7:30 p.m. and on March 1 at 2 p.m. In this play, a brash rebel rallies mental-institution patients together to take on the oppressive Nurse Ratched, a woman more a dictator than a nurse.

Admission is free to MSU students, faculty and staff with ID. Tickets are $6 for adults, and $5 for seniors and other non-MSU individuals.

**Nadolny named president of Williston State College**

The North Dakota State Board of Higher Education named Raymond Nadolny, president of Williston State College on Feb. 8 in Williston.

“Members of the State Board of Higher Education were very impressed by Dr. Nadolny’s passion for and commitment to Williston State College,” said Richie Smith, SBHE president. “He will be a strong and able leader for Williston State College and a tremendous asset to the community, the region and the state of North Dakota.”

“Dr. Nadolny clearly is committed to student success and understands the unique challenges and opportunities of Williston State College,” said Bill Goetz, chancellor of the North Dakota University System. “I am very impressed by the vision and leadership style he will bring to Williston State. WSC is vitally important to western North Dakota, and it’s an integral part of our statewide system of higher education.”

Currently, Nadolny is the vice president for extended learning at Lake Washington Technical College in Kirkland, Wash. He holds a doctorate in education from Oregon State University, Corvallis, Ore.; a master’s degree in theology from Mount Angel Seminary in St. Benedict, Ore.; and a bachelor’s degree in philosophy/history from Benedictine University, Lisle, Ill.

Nadolny will become president of WSC about April 15, and he will have a three-year contract. He will succeed Joseph McCann, who announced his upcoming resignation in June 2008. Nadolny will receive an annual salary of $150,000.

—— NDUS news release
Faculty, staff and student notes

Sue Lommen, administrative assistant in plant services, recently received recognition for her long-time service to The Boy Scouts of America, by earning the Silver Beaver Award. Established in 1931, the Silver Beaver Award denotes an individual’s distinguished service to young people within a BSA local council.

Announcements

Campus Ministry helps with New Orleans’ continued cleanup

During spring break (March 14-22), Campus Ministry will help with the continued cleanup in New Orleans, La. If you want to be part of the rebuilding effort, contact 839-3949 or campusministry@srt.com.

— Tim Eighmy, Campus Ministry pastor

‘I’ rolls to ‘F’ on Feb. 25

On Feb 25, incomplete grades of “I” from fall semester roll to “F.” For questions, contact 858-3152 or melissa.cantone@minotstateu.edu.

— Melissa Cantone, records specialist

Data Request Forms required

As of January 2009, Minot State University requires the submission of a Data Request Form for all data requests; a dean, chair or supervisor signature is also required. The printable request is available at http://www.minotstateu.edu/instplan/pdf/datarequestform_000.pdf.

Please complete and return the form by intercampus mail to the Office of Academic and Institutional Projects (Administration Building, second floor). Responses will be sent via e-mail within 3-5 business days, unless otherwise requested.

The data requested may already be available on the AIP Web site http://www.minotstateu.edu/instplan/index.shtml (enrollment data, common data set, Factbook), please verify before submitting.

Direct any questions to Cari Olson, academic and institutional projects coordinator, at 858-3323 or Jennifer Sick, registrar, at 858-3216.

— Cari Olson, academic and institutional projects coordinator

New open-swim times in pool

There will be open-swim time in the pool on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m. For questions, contact 858-3485 or paul.brekke@minotstateu.edu.

— Paul Brekke, fitness center coordinator

Flu shots available

Flu season is upon us—it’s not too late to get your flu vaccine! Call the Student Health Center at 858-3371 for more information.

— Caren Barnett, director of the Student Health Center

In the galleries


March 3-24—“Women’s Work” by regional women artists, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

The public reception for “Americas 2009: Paperworks” and Janet Gorzegno exhibits is Friday (Feb. 13), 6:30-8 p.m.

Additionally, the public reception for “On the Surface: Facades of Reality” and “Women’s Work” exhibits is March 6, Hartnett Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.

Calendar

Feb. 11-March 25, 2009

Feb.

11 Women’s and Men’s Basketball at Jamestown College.

11 SAC: Christopher Carter, mentalist, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.

12 Campus open forum, Conference Center, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

12 Brown Bag Book Talk: Jim Bailey, art, will discuss poetry by Charles Bukowski, Olson Library, noon.

12 Workshop: “Shots Fired” (student version), Conference Center, 1 p.m.

12 Faculty Senate, Old Main 308, 3–4 p.m.

13 Admission to teacher education seminar, Main 106, 3–4 p.m.

13 MSU Faster, Higher, Stronger Clinic, Dome, noon.

13 Magic City Jazz Festival Concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.

14 Women’s and Men’s Basketball vs. Valley City State U., Dome, 4 and 6 p.m.

14 MSU Faster, Higher, Stronger Clinic, Dome, noon.

15 Men’s Club Hockey vs. St. Cloud State U., All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.

15 MSU Faster, Higher, Stronger Clinic, Dome, noon.

15 Men’s Club Hockey vs. St. Cloud State U., All Seasons Arena, 2 p.m.
15 Brass Band of Minot, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.
16 Presidents Day, university closed.
17 Ward County Spelling Bee, Conference Center, 9 a.m.
17 Men’s Club Hockey at MSU-Bottineau.
17 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
17 Workshop: “Help! There’s No Time to Study!” (time management), Main 106, 1 p.m.
17 International Artist Series: Claremont Trio, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
18 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
18 Ward County Math Counts, Conference Center, 9 a.m.
18 Workshop: “Resume Magic,” Main 102, 3 p.m.
18 Women’s and Men’s Basketball at Dakota State U.
19 Women’s and Men’s Basketball at Mayville State U.
19 SAC: Mohammed Bilal, diversity speaker, Beaver Dam, 7 p.m.
20 Men’s Club Hockey vs. Selkirk Rivermen, All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
20-21 Indoor Track & Field at DAC Championships, Spearfish, S.D.
21 Craft and Create Day, sponsored by Club Hockey, Dome, 9 a.m.–8 p.m.
21 Men’s Club Hockey vs. Selkirk Rivermen, All Seasons Arena, 2 p.m.
21-22 Women’s Club Hockey at Brandon, Manitoba.
22 College Goal Sunday, FAFSA online help, McFarland Lobby, Old Main, 1–3 p.m.
23 SAC: Winter Week 2009, lunch, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
23 Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
24 SAC: Winter Week 2009, lunch, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
24 Foreign Film Festival: “Xiu Xiu,” Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
24 Small Ensembles concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
24 SAC: Winter Week 2009, Mardi Gras dance, Grand International Inn, 10 p.m.
25 Incomplete grades of “I” from fall roll to “F.”
25 SAC: Winter Week 2009, lunch, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
25 SAC: Winter Week 2009, music by Jaryd Lane, Beaver Dam, noon.
25 Workshop: “Stop the Insanity … How to Manage Your Stress,” Main 106, 1 p.m.
25 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater 9 p.m.
26 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater 9 p.m.
26 Workshop: “Job or No Job,” Main 102, 10 a.m.
26 Latin American Carnival Day, sponsored by Spanish Club, Multicultural Center, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
26 SAC: Winter Week 2009, lunch, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
26 Seminar for student teaching Fall 2009, Conference Center, 12:30–1:30 p.m.
26 Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
26 SAC: Winter Week 2009, Michelle Buteau, comedian, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.
26-March 1 Theatre: “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest,” Aleshire Theater, Thursday–Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m.
27 SAC: Winter Week 2009, lunch, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
27 SAC: Winter Week 2009, music by Ernie Halter, Beaver Dam, noon.
27 Job search seminar for elementary education student teachers, Conference Center, 1–4 p.m.
28 Women’s Club Hockey vs. Brandon, Manitoba, MAYSA, 7:30 p.m.

March

1 Women’s Club Hockey vs. Brandon, Manitoba, MAYSA, 10 a.m.
1 Minot Chamber Chorale and Minot High Symphonic Choir, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.
2 Dakota Book Discussions, Main Street Books, 7 p.m.
3 SAC: Michelle Garb, comedian and recovered anorexic, Beaver Dam, 7 p.m.
3-24 NAC exhibit: “Women’s Work” by regional women artists, Hartnett Hall Gallery.
4 NDUS Legislative Showcase, Capitol Building, Bismarck, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
4 MSU Job Fair, Conference Center, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
4 SAC: lecture: “A Woman Can’t Do That!: Gender Revolution and Contraband in the in the Late 18th Century” by Ernst Pijning, history, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
5 Final exams for first 8-week classes.
5 General Education Ad Hoc Committee Bok Book Talk, Olson Library, 8 a.m.
5 Employee Appreciation Banquet, Dome, noon.
6 NAC gallery reception for “On the Surface: Facades of Reality” and “Women’s Work,” Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m.
6 Softball at Hastings, Neb.
7 Minot Symphony Orchestra, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
7 Junior music recital by Megan Sattler and Jennifer Brenna, Nelson Hall, 2 p.m.
8 Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
8 “Pride of MSU” winter concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
8 Blood pressure screening, Student Center, second floor, 9–10 a.m.
9 Workshop: “Healthy Snacks,” Main 104, 2 p.m.
9 MSU Choirs concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
9 SAC: music by Tim Mahoney, Beaver Dam, noon.
9 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater 9 p.m.
10 Workshop: “Self Defense,” Conference Center, 4–7 p.m.
Minot State University Mission

Minot State University is first and foremost dedicated to the success of all students: their growth and development as educated citizens, their confidence, and their life-long devotion to the common good and the welfare of others.