



### Public Information Office

A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

## Four at Minot State earn achievement awards

Two faculty members and two staff members received MSU Board of Regents Achievement Awards during Minot State University's Annual Employee Appreciation Banquet on March 5. The awards and their recipients are:

**Service** — Elaine Larson, a Minot State University alumna and a faculty member and the director of advising and field placement within the Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance, has been advising student teachers since 2002. From 1978 to 2002, she taught courses in family and consumer sciences. As the director of advising and field placement, Larson assists 75-100 majors and has been the human interface with hundreds of teachers, supervisors, administrators and students on MSU's behalf. Her work, which has extended across the country and internationally, has helped Minot State maintain a reputation in the educational community for the highest quality new teachers. Through the years, Larson has served MSU and the community in a commendable manner; she has taken an active role in numerous committees and organizations.



Larson

Larson's state and national service has extended into the family-and-consumer-sciences and teacher-education-and-field-placement arenas. She has also shared her professional experience, regularly presenting at local, state and national conferences. She completed a second bachelor's degree and a master's degree from North Dakota State University. In 2006, she completed her doctorate degree from the University of North Dakota. Larson exemplifies MSU's core value of "Students First."

**Service** — Dennis Simons, a faculty member in the Division of Music and joined Minot State in 2002. Simons has a distinguished reputation as a violinist, teacher, conductor, adjudicator and chamber-music specialist. The MSO not only improves the region's quality of life as a cultural entity, it serves as an educational resource for area youth by performing children's concerts. Under Simons' leadership, the MSO concert programming has been formulated to provide exposure to all types of symphony-orchestra music, including music having global diversity. He has actively served on many campus, community and state committees. Possessing a recital diploma from London's renowned Royal Academy of Music, this institution also awarded Simons a fellowship, a



Simons

distinction limited to only 250 living alumni at any one time. He is currently pursuing a research doctoral degree from the University of North Dakota. Prior to his appointment at MSU, Simons has been the leader of the Alberni String Quartet, concertmaster of the British Broadcasting Corporation Philharmonic and London Philharmonic Orchestras, music director of the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra and conductor and artistic director of the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra. As a solo violinist, he has broadcast extensively for the BBC and performed in England, France, Finland, Canada, U.S. and New Zealand. As an adjudicator, Simons has served on many international juries. He has taught in his native Canada at the University of Saskatchewan and in Manchester, England, at the Royal Northern College of Music and Chethams School of Music.

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### PIO update

For many of us, we've grown up with parents who reminded us not to brag or be prideful of our abilities — that our actions will speak louder than our words.

Of course, sometimes that puts the best workers among us in the background when it comes to receiving accolades or awards. As a result, this year's Board of Regents Achievement awards at Minot State University are even that much more important.

In my opinion, the two faculty and two staff members honored this year truly deserve the recognition, not solely for their success and hard work, but also for the way they complete their assignments and positively impact us all.

Linda Benson and Wylie Hammond are truly part of the backbone of the university and provide many long hours outside of the typical 9-to-5 workday.

Without faculty, like Elaine Larson and Dennis Simons, Minot State's education department and music division simply wouldn't be as high quality as they currently stand.

Congratulations to all four award winners and all the rest of the Minot State employees for their service to students and the community!

— Mark Lyman, *director of public information*

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Linda Benson's involvement and contributions to Minot State University span three decades and go back to her days



*Benson*

as a student. Benson received her two bachelor's degrees in 1983 and her master's degree in 2000. Her engagement on campus started as a student, when she was a writer and eventual editor of the Red & Green student newspaper. Her membership in the Beta Theta Sorority also offered many opportunities to be involved in campus activities. Since graduation, her 25 years of service to the university include work in the Student Loan Collection Department, the Business Office and, for the past three years, as the public information specialist in the Office of Public Information. Her daily announcements keep the campus in touch with relevant news. Her news releases keep the community, state and region informed about MSU. Her leadership in tackling larger projects, like Inside, MSU's newsletter, shows her true professionalism and dedication to the mission and goals of Vision 2013. Benson's love for MSU is also shown through her service in the Staff Senate, including three terms as its president, her numerous years of service on the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities Advisory Council and membership on the Women's Heritage Month Committee. She takes her involvement in the community seriously, participating in the Minot Eagle's Auxiliary, Sons of Norway and the Women of the Moose.

Wylie Hammond has served Minot State as the director of multicultural support services and the Native American



*Hammond*

Cultural Center since 1992. His sensitivity and accessibility, along with a tremendous sense of humor, help him relate well with students of all backgrounds. As evidence of his students' trust in him, the Native American Cultural Awareness Club asked Hammond to be their advisor. In working with this club, he has helped to make the MSU Spring Honor Dance and Powwow an annual, two-day event with many educational opportunities for the community. In 1996, he was instrumental in establishing a Native American Cultural Center. In addition to being an advocate for the needs of Native American and students of other cultures, Hammond organizes activities that provide cultural education and promote better understanding of our global society. In 2007, he worked with the family of Nathan Goodiron, an MSU student who died in action in Afghanistan, to create a campus memorial display. Hammond assisted in the establishment of Memorandums of Understanding with Fort Berthold Community College, Turtle Mountain Community College and United Tribes Technical College. He utilizes high ethical and moral principles to deliver services in a personal and professional manner. Hammond received his bachelor's degree from Mankato State University, Mankato, Minn., and his master's degree from the University of Americas-Santa Catrina Martir, Puebla, Mexico.

## Fairweather named Distinguished Lifetime Educator

Floyd Fairweather, professor emeritus of humanities, was named Distinguished Lifetime Educator at the annual Employee Appreciation Banquet. The award is made to a retired faculty member who has exhibited outstanding contributions to the university during their employment and after retirement.

Fairweather retired in May of 1993 from Minot State University after 32 years of dedicated service. Initially, Fairweather came to Minot State University in 1961 to teach English, French and speech at Minot Model. Gradually, he moved over to the Division of Humanities, where he taught English, speech, literature, costuming, art history and humanities. He received his bachelor's degree in art from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn. Fairweather served four years during the Korean War in the U.S. Air Force, chiefly in the St. Louis area and in Tokyo, Japan. He completed his master's degree at the University of Idaho, Moscow.

During his years at Minot State, Fairweather brought art history and the humanities alive for countless students in the courses he taught. He was also a distinguished artist whose talents were in demand for projects as diverse as the opera sets and private-painting commissions. His students looked forward to his lectures, slides and enlightenment on technique, content and what it means to live as an artist, and more importantly, as a human being. He taught with characteristic energy and wit. Fairweather's former students remember the high standards to which he held them and acknowledge that they learned so much, appreciated so much more and learned to love the subject, through the passion of its presentation. He also engaged the regional community through the pursuit of his interests in antiques. Ultimately, he donated many of his antiques to the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa.

After retirement, Fairweather remains engaged in the art community and pursues an interest in the antique-seeking community.

## Service awards presented

Twenty-nine Minot State University employees were saluted for service at the annual recognition event. Employees recognized for five-year increments of service include:

- 40 Years — Harold Nelson, humanities.
- 30 Years — Elaine Larson, teacher education and human performance, Selmer Moen, mathematics and computer science, and Linda Pettersen, nursing.
- 25 Years — Lynda Bertsch, career services, and Thomas Froelich, communication disorders.
- 20 Years — Catherine Horvath, Information Technology Central, and Gordon Olson, mathematics and computer science.
- 15 Years — Rebecca Anhorn, teacher education and human performance, Kenneth Bowles, music, Eric Furuseth, humanities, Mary Mercer, North Dakota

Center for Persons with Disabilities, Gary Rabe, academic affairs, Neil Roberts, humanities, and Richard Watson, humanities.

- 10 Years — Christopher Beachy, biology, Catherine Haarstad, NDCPD, Michael Hultz, athletics, Jane Myers, NDCPD, Orlene Schroeder, communication disorders, and JoLynn Webster, special education.
- 5 Years — Erik Anderson, music, Charlene Bruley, addiction studies, psychology and social work, Debra DeWitz, addiction studies, psychology and social work, Patti Kurtz, humanities, Rita Meyer, nursing, Kimberly Schwimler, Center for Extended Learning, Jennifer Sick, registrar's office, Wendy Thomas, NDCPD, and Johnna Westby, special education.

## NDUS campuses presented a public showcase

Minot State University, along with North Dakota's other 10 public colleges and universities, presented a public showcase in the state Capitol on March 4. Representatives of the North Dakota University System institutions provided displays highlighting the high-quality academic experiences and innovative new ventures taking place on our campuses.



## WHM's 'Women and Entrepreneurialism' continues to celebrate women's work



On March 24 at 12:30 p.m., "Women and Entrepreneurialism" will be held in the library's Media Center.



*Linrud*

JoAnn Linrud, dean of the College of Business, will moderate a panel discussion comprised of women who own area businesses. In this Women's Heritage Month event, they will share stories about the challenges and rewards of opening and operating their own businesses. Women entrepreneurs on the panel will include Betty Fedorchak, owner of Esoterica,

Minot; Pam Hovdestad-Karpenko, owner of Clean Tech, Minot; Jo Khalifa, owner of MoJo Roast, Westhope; and Suong "Sue" Willson, artist, caterer and owner of United Pantry, Minot.

Fedorchak has owned and operated her women's clothing and accessories store since 1994, first as Walter's, and since 2001, in its current location as Esoterica. The store offers updated clothing and accessories for a discerning clientele.

Hovdestad-Karpenko is owner and general manager of Clean Tech, which has provided contract-cleaning services and products since 1992.

Khalifa and her husband, Mohamed, own and operate MoJo Roast, which roasts coffee for wholesale and retail customers. The business, which also includes an on-line store, has been in operation for about two years.

Willson opened United Pantry, a specialty grocery store, to offer the Minot area many foreign-food items not previously available in the region. The store also includes a restaurant and provides a home base for her catering services. Willson is known for her artwork, particularly the painting of ostrich eggs.

Through March 24, there will be an invitational gallery show titled "Women's Work," featuring the work of approximately 30 regional women artists, in Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Throughout the month of March, there will be WHM book displays and a "150 Years of the YWCA" exhibit in the Gordon B. Olson Library. The book displays will be on the library's main floor, and the exhibit will be downstairs in the Media Center.

On April 2, Women's Heritage Month activities will conclude with the Women's Heritage Month student-poster session from noon to 2 p.m. in the Student Center atrium. MSU students are encouraged to submit posters in any discipline that focus on women's heritage. The deadline to register for the session is March 19. The presentation ceremony will be at 1 p.m.; prizes will be awarded for the best poster and for the poster selected as the popular favorite.

Overall, WHM activities have focused on woman-centered experiences and expressions that highlight the vast and important contributions women have provided to our world culture. For additional information on Women's Heritage Month activities, visit the WHM Web page at [www.minotstateu.edu/women/](http://www.minotstateu.edu/women/) or contact Andreea at 858-3243 or [bethany.andreea@minotstateu.edu](mailto:bethany.andreea@minotstateu.edu).

## The Foreign Film Festival 2009 continues with 'El Espinazo del Diablo'

The foreign language department invites everyone to the Foreign Film Festival 2009. The next film, "L'avocat de la Terreur (Terror's Advocate)," will be shown March 24 in Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m. Discussion will follow the screening.

Amina Escalera, French instructor, is the host for the films' screenings. For questions, contact her at 858-4335 or [amina.escalera@minotstateu.edu](mailto:amina.escalera@minotstateu.edu).

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

- March 26 — "Aaltra," Belgium film.
- April 9 — "Au dela de la Haine (Beyond Hatred)," French film.
- April 27 — "Two days in Paris," a French-American comedy.
- April 28 — "Persepolis," French film.

## Assessment Day slated for March 25

For Assessment Day on March 25, the Academic Assessment Committee has teamed up with the Gordon B. Olson Library to sponsor "Faculty-Librarian Collaboration: Tools for Enhancing Student Research Skills," which is a presentation by Susan Barnes Whyte and Jean Caspers. Barnes Whyte and Caspers, who are librarians at Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore., are leaders in academic librarianship. The activities will begin in the Conference Center with coffee and refreshments at 8:30 a.m., followed by the program from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The program will include hands-on activities and group discussion.

Barnes Whyte is the library director at Linfield College. She serves as faculty of the Association of College and Research Libraries Institute for Information Literacy and is a member of the Online Computer Library Center Members Council. Barnes Whyte has a master's degree in librarianship from Emory University, Atlanta. She has published in "Reference Services Review, College & Research Libraries News" and "Reference Librarian." In 2008, she contributed a chapter to the "Information Literacy Instruction Handbook." Barnes Whyte frequently makes presentations and conducts workshops on teaching and information literacy.

Caspers, who is a reference and instruction librarian at Linfield College, has served as chair of the ACRL Instruction Section and as chair of the ACRL Distance Learning Section's

Guidelines Committee. She is a member of the editorial board of the journal "Communications in Information Literacy." Caspers has a master's degree in library science from the University of Arizona, Tucson. She has published in "Reference Librarian," "Serials Librarian," "College & Research Libraries," and the "Journal of Library Administration." In 2006, she contributed a chapter on faculty-librarian collaboration to the "Information Literacy Instruction that Works: A Guide to Teaching by Discipline and Student Population." Caspers is a sought-after presenter on the topics of faculty-librarian collaboration, information literacy and services for the distant student.

From 1 to 2 p.m., Academic Assessment Committee members Cheryl Nilsen and Mary Smith will speak about what they learned at the Collegiate Learning Assessment Academy, which they attended in February. The focus of the academy was on creating assessment instruments and scoring rubrics for critical thinking activities within the discipline and for general use within a university or college, such as in a first-year experience course.

"It is suggested that each department send a representative to the CLA Academy session, which will be held in a portion of the Conference Center," said Nilsen, the chair of the Academic Assessment Committee. "We are excited about both sessions and hope that faculty will attend."

For questions about Assessment Day, contact Nilsen at 858-3106 or [cheryl.nilsen@minotstateu.edu](mailto:cheryl.nilsen@minotstateu.edu) or Jane laPlante, information literacy librarian, at 858-3857 or [jane.laplante@minotstateu.edu](mailto:jane.laplante@minotstateu.edu).

## Ken Story elected North Dakota Student Association President

Ken Story, Minot State University Student Government Association president, was elected president of the North Dakota Student Association on March 7. His term runs from April 2009 to April 2010.



Story

"It's such an honor to be elected to this position by my peers from across the state," Story said. "It's a great way to top off my undergraduate experience."

Story, who is a broadcasting-public relations major from the Minot Air Force Base, plans to graduate from MSU after summer or fall semester. He is currently researching graduate programs.

Eric Manlove, another Minot State broadcasting major, was selected as NDSA's Finance Committee chair. The Fargo native serves as a College of Arts and Sciences senator on SGA and is a sophomore.

The NDSA is a representative body of the student governments within the 11 North Dakota University System institutions. NDSA serves as a voice for over 42,000 students in North Dakota colleges and universities. To learn more about NDSA, visit its Web site at [www.nodaksa.org](http://www.nodaksa.org).

For additional information, contact Story at 858-3091 or [kenneth.story@my.minotstateu.edu](mailto:kenneth.story@my.minotstateu.edu).

## Jastrzembski to participate in Maximilian and Bodner symposium

From April 23 through April 26, “The ‘Further’ Travels of Maximilian and Bodmer,” a symposium exploring the art and language of the American West, will be held at Bismarck’s Radisson Hotel. Joseph Jastrzembski, associate professor of history, will be participating in a panel about language. The symposium’s schedule and online registration are available at [www.fortmandan.com](http://www.fortmandan.com).

## Chamber of Commerce legislative forums continue

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.

The remaining schedule is as follows:

- March 21, Room 201
- April 4, Room 201

## North Dakota Developmental Disabilities Network hosted Health Issues and Disability Summit

The North Dakota Developmental Disabilities Network, a collaboration between the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities on Minot State University’s campus, the North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities and the North Dakota Protection and Advocacy Project, hosted a Health Issues and Disability Summit on March 12.

“The NDDDN is excited to meet with citizens in North Dakota to discuss important issues in the disabilities field. This first meeting covered the most important factors in people’s lives — health and wellness,” said Brent Askvig, executive director of NDCPD. “Finding out what works and what doesn’t work is sure to influence our future endeavors.”

The keynote speaker for the summit was Kari Arrayan, program director of NDCPD’s North Dakota Disability Health Project. Arrayan gave an overview on the N.D. Disability Health Project and spoke specifically on the impact of disabilities in the state, including data on health disparities between people with and without disabilities. Kora Dockter, director of the N.D. Integrated Services Project, and Dawn Olson, NDCPD’s consumer liaison, highlighted the changing roles of individuals, their families and health care providers as



they transition from the pediatric health care system to an adult health care system.

The Health Issues and Disability Summit was the first in a series of monthly, multifaceted summits designed to:

- provide a venue where persons with health issues and disabilities can come together with professionals in the field to discuss specific issues and provide valued input on the challenges surrounding them.
- create a list of actionable tasks to provide direction to future projects for the NDDDN.
- gather insight on how members of NDDDN can feasibly address these issues.

For more information on these summits, contact Chad DeCoteau, summit organizer, at 1-800-233-1737 or 1-701-858-3405 or [chad.decoteau@minotstateu.edu](mailto:chad.decoteau@minotstateu.edu)

## MSU students and alumna honored at Spring Banquet



*Left to right: Heid Schaan, Deutsch and Bellew*

At the Minot Association of Teacher Educators and Minot State University Spring Banquet on March 9, two Minot State University students and an alumna received recognition.

The students received ATE Outstanding Student in Teacher Education awards. The elementary education award went to Brooklyn Heid Schaan of Beulah, and the secondary award went to Robin Deutsch, a business-education major from Watford City.

The local and state yearly award looks for potential as a successful teacher and professional person, interest in teaching as a career, outstanding personal qualities and character, exceptional accomplishments during college training and high academic ranking.

Heid Schaan and Deutsch will be recognized by the North Dakota ATE at the 2009 Institute for Educational Leadership Spring Conference at the University of Mary on April 25, along with all of the other North Dakota university winners.

In addition, the group presented the Linda Feldner Outstanding Cooperating Teacher award to Carol Bellew. Bellew, who is a MSU graduate and former faculty member, now teaches kindergarten at Bel Air Elementary School in Minot.

## AskNDCPD introduced

On March 1, the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities on Minot State University's campus unveiled AskNDCPD. It is a new avenue for requesting information on disability-related issues.



AskNDCPD is an online resource that allows people to submit questions or request information regarding disability issues via an online form. To access AskNDCPD, individuals may visit [www.ndcpd.org](http://www.ndcpd.org), click on AskNDCPD and complete the online form. Clicking on the submit button will process the individual's question via e-mail to Dawn Olson, NDCPD's consumer liaison. She will receive the inquiries and respond in a timely manner.

AskNDCPD is not intended to replace any of the existing information systems in the state. Rather, it is intended to be an additional resource. NDCPD, as part of its mission, has always provided information and referrals on disability issues to North Dakota residents as a University Center of Excellence on Developmental Disabilities. This new online resource will make it easier for people to access NDCPD's expertise in education, research and services, as well as its partnerships with many organizations across the nation and state.

"At the center, we are really excited about AskNDCPD and hope it will be a great asset to the citizens of this state," Olson said.

For more information about AskNDCPD, contact Olson at 1-800-233-1737 or (701)858-4472 or visit [www.ndcpd.org](http://www.ndcpd.org).

## MSU art students and faculty member win awards at AdFed

The Bismarck-Mandan Advertising Federation recognized Minot State University art students at an awards banquet on Feb 26. MSU students took home 11 awards in categories ranging from logo to poster design.

Stacy Jaeger, Bismarck, earned a gold Addy for her "Crush Olive Oil" package design. Jaeger also earned the Judges Choice Award and a \$500 scholarship.

The other award winners are listed alphabetically: Jason Aiumu, Minot, silver Addy for illustration; Eric Benz, Linton, silver Addy for illustration; Ashley Gendron, Delano, Minn., gold Addy for photography; Morgan Fetzer, Max, gold Addy for photography; Kristin Michels, Minot, silver Addy for logo design; Ty Robinson, Great Falls, Mont., two silver Addys and gold Addy for photography; Isaac Rogelstad, Minot, gold Addy

for poster design; and Adam Simonson, Minot, gold Addy for illustration design.

Bill Harbort, associate professor of graphic arts at Minot State, also received a silver Addy in the professional logo category for his "Amphibian Growth Project" logo.

All gold Addy-award winners will move on to the regional competition in mid-March and compete against work by other students from Wisconsin, South Dakota, Minnesota and North Dakota.

## Linares inducted into his alma mater's Hall of Fame

Thomas Linares, chair of the Department of Communication Disorders and an associate professor of communication disorders, 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.



*Left to right: Randy Cumby, president of Western Oklahoma State College, Rana Womack, WOSC Alumni Association board president, Linares, and Gary Kincannon, WOSC Hall of Fame chair.*



*Left to right: Linares and Virginia and Eulalio Linares, his parents*

## Nine students named to the All-North Dakota Academic Team

On March 2, nine North Dakota community-college students were named to the 2009 All-North Dakota Academic Team, which recognizes the academic achievement of community-college students.

Members of the 2009 All-North Dakota Academic Team, the colleges they attend and their hometowns are Chadrick Keller, Bismarck State College, Mandan; Kristine Weippert, BSC, Tappen; Callie Hanson, Lake Region State College, Devils Lake; Sarah Kuntz, LRSC, Devils Lake; Samantha Fenner, Minot State University–Bottineau, Upham; Eric Kester-Mabon, MSU–Bottineau, Bottineau; Kristin Eberhardt, North Dakota State College of Science, Wahpeton; Amy Schlag, NDSCS, Minot; and LaTricia Kelly, Williston State College, Williston.

Nominations are based on outstanding academic performance and service to the college and community. Each member of the North Dakota team will receive a letter of congratulations from Gov. John Hoeven, an award certificate, a medallion and a monetary award. Each team member also is eligible for scholarships from Minot State University, North Dakota State University, the University of Mary and the University of North Dakota.

The 2009 All-North Dakota Academic Team was honored at an awards ceremony March 4 at the Bismarck State College.

— *NDUS news release*

## Announcements

### Host families needed for international students

The Language Company, an internationally recognized company based out of Edmond, Okla., is partnering with Minot State University to establish an English as a Second Language Institute. TLC-Minot is seeking quality American families to house international students. Proper compensation will be provided for room, board and transportation for the students to and from the MSU campus. If interested, please contact 858-4562 or [tlc.minot@minotstateu.edu](mailto:tlc.minot@minotstateu.edu) or [bonnie.carrera@minotstateu.edu](mailto:bonnie.carrera@minotstateu.edu).

— *Bonnie Carrera, director of TLC-Minot*

### North Dakota Class B Boys Basketball Tournament to be held in the Dome

The Minot State University Dome will host the 2009 North Dakota Class B Boys Basketball Tournament March 19-21. Eight high school basketball teams from across the state will compete for the state championship. Consequently, there will be increased traffic around campus and especially around the Dome. Lot L (east of the Dome) will be utilized for parking for the tournament. During the tournament, MSU Lot L permit holders will not be ticketed for parking elsewhere. The loop around Hartnett will also be open to help with traffic flow.

Tournaments such as these bring a number of prospective students to our campus and thousands of fans from across the state. If you see players or fans in need of direction or assistance, please help in any way you can. Thank you for your

cooperation. For questions, call athletics at 858-3041 or plant services at 858-3210.

— *Roger Kluck, director of facilities, and Rick Hedberg, director of athletics*

### MSU goes to the mall

Minot State University at Dakota Square Mall is scheduled for April 4, from noon to 3 p.m. This Saturday event provides a great opportunity for MSU to feature its programs, services, employees and students. Be creative with your activities — make them interactive to draw the public to your booth. Displays, tables and activities will be located throughout the mall. Departments, divisions, student-service areas and student organizations have been invited to participate. Please respond to Teresa Loftesnes, director of marketing, at [teresa.loftesnes@minotstateu.edu](mailto:teresa.loftesnes@minotstateu.edu) by March 20. E-mail group name, a short description of your activity, the number of tables needed and whether or not you need electricity. You don't want to miss this opportunity to have young and old learn more about Minot State University! Thank you in advance for your participation!

— *Teresa Loftesnes, director of marketing, and the marketing committee*

### Adolescents with communication difficulties wanted

I am once again asking for your cooperation in assisting my graduate speech-language students in gaining some real-life experiences in assessing and treating adolescent students with communication difficulties. Adolescent ages include 11 to 23 years of age.

In the spring semester, I teach Communication Disorders 534 (Adolescent Language). The course description for this class is: "Study of the history, nature, evaluation and treatment of language disorders in adolescents. Topics to be covered include but are not limited to: adolescence, linguistic development and usage in adolescence, traumatic brain injury, inter-and intra-personal issues of adolescence, behavioral and emotional disorders/issues of adolescence."

My hope is to teach the students something that will be useful in a real life or an after-school situation. The assignment I am thinking of will include testing an adolescent with identified language issues using three major diagnostic materials and developing a report with appropriate recommendations. They will then have to prepare a written report (7-8 pages), which will be put in the student's school file but will also be handed in for a grade. The portion that is to be given to the instructor will also include a personal reflection on what was learned from the experience.

I anticipate they will require three to four hours with a student. I have 26 in the class and they would be working in pairs. Therefore, I am seeking contact with 13 adolescent students. I am also searching out other resources (Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch). Any assistance you may be able to give me

would be greatly appreciated by the department, my students and me. If you know any adolescents who would benefit from an evaluation at no cost to them, please let me know immediately.

Please contact 858-3092 or [lesley.magnus@minotstateu.edu](mailto:lesley.magnus@minotstateu.edu) if you know someone or have additional questions.

— *Lesley Magnus, associate professor of speech-language pathology*

## Poster session invite

Minot State University faculty: You and your students are invited to share your research and scholarly work at the 2009 Research Poster Session. The deadline for proposals is March 27.

Based on suggestions from community members, this year, we will hold the poster session in conjunction with the annual MSU at the Mall celebration. The poster session will be on April 4, noon until 3 p.m., at Dakota Square Mall.

A \$50 honorarium is available for each poster presentation as a thank you for participation and to assist in covering any supply expenses incurred in preparation for this event. You might consider MSU's Office of Publications and Design Services for your poster creation. They now have a poster printer available for use by faculty and students. Professional-quality posters may be printed at a cost of \$5/foot. Please do not charge your presentation materials to research and sponsored programs.

If you are interested in participating in the 2009 Research Poster Session, please submit the following via e-mail or hard copy:

- Title of your project.
- A one-paragraph description of the research and what you will present.
- Name of researcher(s).
- Name of individual(s) who will be at the session to present the research.
- Requirements for the session other than the backdrop for the poster. (Due to space limitations, tables will only be provided upon request.)

For questions, contact 858-3250 or [linda.cresap@minotstateu.edu](mailto:linda.cresap@minotstateu.edu).

— *Linda Cresap, dean of the Graduate School and research and sponsored programs*

## Fitness Center temporarily closing

The Fitness Center will be closing March 13-23 for the State Class B Boys Basketball Tournament. We will be moving all the equipment back into the Dome on March 23 and will be opening when it is set up and ready to be used again. I am sorry for the inconvenience. For questions, contact 858-3485 or [paul.brekke@minotstateu.edu](mailto:paul.brekke@minotstateu.edu).

— *Paul Brekke, director of the Fitness Center*

## Summer work study

It is time to start thinking about work study for summer and fall terms. To be considered for summer work study, a student must:

- Have a 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid processed by March 15 for the upcoming year.
- Have completed verification (if necessary).
- Have eligibility for work study.
- Be enrolled in at least one credit for summer term.
- Have completed a summer financial aid application (available after April 1 at the financial aid office).
- Be enrolled full time for fall.

If you have work-study students who would like to be considered for employment this summer, please visit with them regarding these criteria.

A Summer Work Study Agreement must be returned by April 9. Due to time constraints in awarding summer financial aid, no requests will be considered after April 9.

Also, please send me the names of any work-study students you will have returning to your department in the fall.

For questions, contact 858-4152 or [merrijo.connole@minotstateu.edu](mailto:merrijo.connole@minotstateu.edu).

— *Merri Jo Connole, financial aid counselor*

## Chartwells survey

Chartwells is conducting an online survey of our foodservice operations here at Minot State University. Please take five minutes out of your day and go to the following link, which will take you directly to take the survey: [http://www.customsurveys.biz/Chartwells/2009/Spring/Minot\\_State\\_University/](http://www.customsurveys.biz/Chartwells/2009/Spring/Minot_State_University/)

For questions, contact 858-4466 or [brad.damm@minotstateu.edu](mailto:brad.damm@minotstateu.edu).

— *Brad Damm, director of Chartwells dining services*

## Extension of last day to drop

This is just a reminder that the last day for a student to drop a course using CampusConnection self-service has been extended to April 9 in order to align with the North Dakota University System calendar.

For questions, contact 858-3345 or [jennifer.sick@minotstateu.edu](mailto:jennifer.sick@minotstateu.edu).

— *Jennifer Sick, registrar*

## Commencement regalia-rental orders due by March 23

Reminder: Faculty and staff commencement regalia-rental orders are due by March 23 to ensure that regalia are here for the 2009 commencement. The bookstore has only had two orders so far.

For additional information, contact the Minot State Bookstore at 858-3391.

— *Sandy Foley, Minot State University Bookstore manager*

## In the galleries

March 13-17 — “On the Surface: Facades of Reality” by Brian Hushagen, Bismarck, Library Gallery.

March 13-24 — “Women’s Work” by regional women artists, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

March 23-April 17 — Paintings by Michelle Lindblom, Bismarck, Library Gallery.

## Calendar

### March 13-April 13, 2009

#### March

- 13-17 Softball at Tucson, Ariz., invitational.
- 13 Summer and fall semester graduation application due to advisor.
- 15-21 Baseball at Mesa, Ariz.
- 16-20 Spring Break.
- 17 Science Olympiad, Nelson Hall and Cyril Moore Science Center, 8 a.m.
- 17 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 18 NDCPD workshop: “Gold Standard Assessments in Autism,” Conference Center, 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m.
- 18 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
- 19-21 N.D. Class B Boys Basketball Tournament, Dome.
- 23 Second 8-week classes begin.
- 23 Alaska School District recruiting visit, Jones Room, 6 p.m.
- 23 Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
- 23 International Artists Series: Side Street Strutters, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 23-April 17 NAC exhibit: paintings by Michelle Lindblom, Bismarck, Library Gallery.
- 24 Sustainability Committee, Crane Hall, 8:30 a.m.
- 24 Women’s Heritage Month: “Women and Entrepreneurialism,” a panel discussion with area women business owners, Olson Library Media Center, 12:30 p.m.
- 24 Futurepalooza, Dome, 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. and 6–9 p.m.
- 24 Baseball at Dickinson State U.
- 24 Foreign Film Festival: “L’avocat de la Terreur (Terror’s Advocate),” Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 24 Music recital by Maggie Byers, Chelsey Huot and Mark Cuneo, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.

- 24 SAC: Dance with Johnny Holm Band, All Seasons Arena, 10 p.m.
- 25 Assessment Day.
- 25 Science Open House, Cyril Moore Science Center, 9 a.m.
- 25 Job search seminar for secondary education student teachers, Westlie Room, 1–4 p.m.
- 25 Softball vs. University of Great Falls, South Hill Complex, 2 and 4 p.m.
- 26 Last day to add second 8-week class.
- 26 Ironweed community film: “Daughters of Wisdom,” Multicultural Center, 2 p.m.
- 26 College of Business APEX guest speaker: “Conversation with Andrew Apter,” Multicultural Center, 5 p.m.
- 26 Foreign Film Festival: “Aaltra,” Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 27 Summer and fall semester graduation application due to Registrar’s Office.
- 27 National Student Speech Language Hearing Association Spring Conference, Conference Center, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
- 27 Graduate School: last day to file permit to take written comprehensive exams.
- 27 NAC gallery reception for the MSU juried student art show and for Michelle Lindblom’s exhibit, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m.
- 27-April 30 NAC exhibit: MSU juried student art show, Michelle Lindblom, Bismarck, juror, Hartnett Hall Gallery.
- 28 National Federation Gold Cup Music Festival, Nelson Hall.
- 28-29 Baseball at Valley City State U.
- 28-29 Softball at Spearfish, S.D.
- 29 Concert by Dianna Anderson, music, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
- 30 NAC lecture: “North Dakota Dinosaurs” by John Hoganson, N.D. state paleontologist, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 31 Curriculum Committee, Jones Room, 12:30 p.m.
- 31 College of Business APEX guest speaker: “Conversation with Clinton Severson,” Multicultural Center, 5 p.m.

#### April

- 1 Baseball at Jamestown College.
- 2 Women’s Heritage Month student poster session, Student Center Atrium, noon–2 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.*

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| 3   | Senior music recital by Becky Kaylor, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.  | 9  | Last day to drop 16-week class.  |
| 4   | MSU at Dakota Square Mall, noon–3 p.m.                        | 9  | Foreign Film Festival: “Au dela du la Haine (Beyond Hatred),” Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m. |
| 4   | Senior music recital by Donna Randash, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m. | 10 | Good Friday holiday, university closed   |
| 4-5 | Beaver Boosters boys basketball tournament, Dome.             | 10 | Softball vs. Jamestown College, South Hill Complex, 1 p.m.                             |
| 4-5 | Softball at Mayville State U.                                 | 10 | Softball vs. Black Hill State U., South Hill Complex, 3 p.m.                           |
| 4-5 | Baseball at Mayville State U.                                 | 10 | Baseball vs. Jamestown College, Corbett Field, 1 and 4 p.m.                            |
| 5   | Brass Band of Minot, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.                      | 10 | Softball vs. Black Hill State U., South Hill Complex, 1 p.m.                           |
| 6   | Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.  | 11 | Softball vs. Jamestown College, South Hill Complex, 3 p.m.                             |
| 6   | Dakota Book Discussions, Main Street Books, 7 p.m.            | 11 | Baseball at Jamestown College.   |
| 7   | Marketplace for Kids, region 2, Dome.                         | 13 | University open, no classes.   |
| 8   | Who’s Who luncheon, Conference Center, noon.                  |    |  |
| 8   | Math track meet, grades 11-12, Dome, noon.                    |    |  |
| 8   | Baseball vs. Dickinson State U., Corbett Field, 2 and 5 p.m.  |    |  |
| 8   | Softball at Jamestown College.                                |    |  |
| 8   | SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater 9 p.m.        |    |  |

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