



Minot State mourns the loss of Gordon B. Olson

GORDON B. OLSON, president emeritus, died June 30. He was the longest-serving president of Minot State University, having been in office for 25 years from 1967 to 1992. During his tenure as its sixth president, Olson led the university through a period of significant growth and change.

“In Dr. Olson’s long and successful tenure as our sixth president, Minot State realized a significant enrollment growth of more than 80 percent, the addition of new undergraduate and graduate programs, including nursing, social work and criminal justice, and the construction of the Dome, Hartnett Hall, the Amphitheater and the Gordon B. Olson Library. MSU also saw the advent of the Board of Regents and the MSU Development Foundation,” said David Fuller, president of Minot State University. “He was responsible for leading the effort to gain approval for our university status and our new name, Minot State University, in 1987.”

“Although he is no longer with us, we know that everywhere one goes on our campus — in the buildings and in our curriculum and programs — Gordon Olson’s leadership is apparent. He was a great conversationalist, an excellent educator and an ardent supporter of higher education and Minot State University,” Fuller continued. “Speaking for all of us in the Minot State community, I wish to extend to Carley and Gordon’s family our most sincere condolences and to say that our university will miss Gordon Olson.”

When Olson came to MSU, enrollment stood slightly more than 2,000, but by the 1991-92 academic year, enrollment topped 3,700. He was also the driving force behind the effort to obtain university status, a goal achieved in 1987.

Olson spearheaded efforts to obtain new construction on campus, and during his tenure, the outward appearance of the campus changed dramatically. As well as the Gordon B. Olson Library, which was fittingly named for him, buildings added under his leadership include the Dome, Hartnett Hall and Lura Manor.

President Olson came to then Minot State College from Dickinson State College, where he had served that institution since 1953 — first as chairman, then as dean and finally as vice president.

He earned a bachelor’s degree from Dickinson State College and a master’s and a doctoral degree from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. After completing



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PIO update

The passing of Gordon B. Olson, long-time president of Minot State University, at the end of June has given many of us time to pause and evaluate where we would be without his 25 years of dedicated service.

To start with, we likely wouldn’t be as large a university as we currently are, as enrollment jumped 80 percent during Olson’s time as president.

We likely would not have some of the current buildings we enjoy — like the Library (named in his honor), the Dome, Hartnett Hall or Lura Manor. I can’t imagine Minot State without these wonderful additions to the campus.

As well, it is hard to think of MSU without some of the programs Olson made sure were part of the curriculum, namely nursing, social work and criminal justice. All are arguably three of our stronger programs.

My personal association with Olson was limited, since we met only twice. I was very impressed with the humility of the man and his desire to share information and his firm handshake.

Our condolences go out to Olson’s family and friends. He will be missed, but never forgotten.

— Mark Lyman, director
of public information

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his doctorate, Olson went to Black Hills State College, Spearfish, S.D., for one year before returning home to North Dakota and to Dickinson State.

Olson graduated from Almont High School, Almont, and attended Jamestown College, Jamestown, for one year before enlisting in the U.S. Army during World War II. He served in the Pacific Theater of Operations, including the Luzon Campaign in the Philippines.

He took part in the Army Specialist Training Program, attending the University of Alabama, Manhattan College of New York and Syracuse University, New York. By participating, Olson had completed nearly three years of college work by the time he was discharged in March 1946.

Olson also taught at schools in Almont and Belfield and was the superintendent for three years at Bucyrus.

He received alumni honors from UND and DSU, as well as the MSU Alumni Association Golden Award, the highest honor bestowed by the association. Olson was also a recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from Lions International, the most prestigious award granted by the national organization.

Olson is survived by his wife, Carley, and two of their three children.

A memorial service was held July 6.

New staff for 2008-2009

Minot State University would like to welcome one new employee, Lindsey Van Thuyne, and introduce her to the campus. Van Thuyne, who is an administrative assistant for the Graduate School and research and sponsored programs, was previously employed at Valley City State University. She possesses a bachelor's degree in public administration from the University of North Dakota. Van Thuyne and her husband, Matt, live in Burlington.



Minot State begins membership process into NCAA Division II

On July 10, Minot State University began the three-year process of becoming a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The NCAA Membership Committee informed MSU that it would be entering year-one candidacy for NCAA Division II for the 2009-2010 season.



"We're very pleased that the NCAA has chosen Minot State as a university that it would like to have as part of Division II. The change for athletics, the university and the community is an important one and fits best for the present and future of Minot State," said Rick Hedberg, athletic director. "Minot State University's Vision 2013 calls for the university to become one of the premier public, regional universities in the Great Plains.

It is our belief that a transition to NCAA Division II is one large step toward realizing that goal."

"Minot State University is interested in becoming a strong and viable member of NCAA Division II," MSU President David Fuller said. "The Division II mission of integrating intercollegiate athletics into higher education for the benefit of students and student-athletes is consistent with the mission and goals of our institution and athletic department."

After applying at the end of May, Minot State was one of more than a dozen colleges and universities attempting the jump to NCAA Division II. The decision to apply for Division II membership comes at the end of nearly four years of research by committees from Minot State, the athletics department, administrators, the community and Beaver Booster Club members.

Applying for membership in NCAA Division II did not guarantee Minot State would be accepted. The competitive process to review applications started after June 1 and culminated in the middle of July. The past four years of work preceding an application for membership is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to becoming an NCAA Division II athletic program.

"There is a candidacy period. We have two years with our current association, the NAIA. Certain benchmarks need to be reached during the process," Hedberg said. "The third year you're considered 'provisional status,' and you are with your new affiliation, in this case NCAA Division II. In the fourth year, you can become a full-fledged member."

Two stops remain in 'Summer Friend-Raising Golf Tour'

There are still stops left on the fourth annual "Summer Friend-Raising Golf Tour," which is sponsored by Minot State University and Dacotah Bank. Golf will be played in Washburn on July 21, and Kenmare follows on Aug. 6.

Registration will begin at 4:30 p.m., with a shotgun start at 5 p.m. The format for each tour stop will be a four-person, 9-hole scramble. A social will immediately follow completion of golf at about 7 p.m. Anyone, golfer or non-golfer, is welcome to attend.

Prizes, including a \$500 scholarship from the MSU Alumni Association, will be awarded at each event.

Optional meals and refreshments will be provided by the course. Golfers are also responsible for their own green fees and cart rentals. Transportation from Minot State University to each course will be available at no charge. Reservations for transportation and meals are requested one week before the date of each outing. It is recommended that golfers interested in carts make reservations as soon as possible because the number of carts available is limited.

Call the MSU Office of Advancement with questions or to register at 858-3890 or 701-800-777-0750, ext. 3890, or visit the Web site, www.minotstateu.edu/alumni.

Educators to attend PIEIRS Summer Institute at MSU

Educators from a variety of disciplines serving children with disabilities will be on Minot State University's campus from July 20 to 22 for the Preparing Interdisciplinary Early Interventionists for Rural States Summer Institute. Prompted by a significant need in Montana and North Dakota for trained personnel to work with infants, toddlers and young children with low-incidence disabilities and their families, the PIEIRS project was established in 2004.

This year, the Summer Institute is a collaborative effort between the PIEIRS project, the MSU Education of the Deaf program and the North Dakota School for the Deaf Outreach Department; it is co-directed by Holly Pederson, assistant professor of special education, and Alan Ekblad, associate professor of special education.

"As a result of this collaboration, students and professionals from North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana will learn from networking with each other and from participating in group projects and discussions," Ekblad said. "Overall, it provides a sense of connectedness and common purpose for all participants working in a variety of rural settings."

The theme of the 2009 annual PIEIRS Summer Institute is "Auditory Learning the K.I.D.S. Way."

The University of Montana and the Rural Institute on the UM campus, Missoula, and Minot State University and the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities on the MSU campus partnered to secure a five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs to create the PIEIRS project. PIEIRS has received a one-year extension and will be completed in December of 2009.

Students enrolled in the program, known as trainees, are graduate students from health, education and human services disciplines. Graduates of the program will be qualified in Montana and North Dakota to be employed by Part C service provider agencies, as well as other health, education and human service agencies/programs that serve young children with disabilities and their families.

Trainees typically take one or two courses per semester and are required to attend two Summer Institutes. All courses to secure a master's degree are offered online. In most cases, it takes three years for a trainee to complete the cycle of courses and complete the Master of Science in special education, concentration in early childhood special education.

Students who receive scholarships from PIEIRS grant funds are obligated upon graduation to either work in a job that serves infants, toddlers, children or youth with disabilities for a specific period or to repay the federal government.

Originally envisioned to fill a need in Montana and North Dakota, PIEIRS has had a greater impact. There is a national need for trained early intervention personnel, and this project has developed a rural distance-training model that can be replicated in other states.

For further information, contact Ekblad, at 858-3045 or alan.ekblad@minotstateu.edu, or Pedersen, at 858-3846 or holly.pedersen@minotstateu.edu.

'Sweet Charity' closes Summer Theatre

"Sweet Charity," which wraps up the Summer Theatre season, will be staged July 21-26. This musical has music by Cy Coleman, lyrics by Dorothy Fields and story by Neil Simon.

All shows are in the MSU Amphitheater at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and children over 12, \$5 for children 12 and under, and \$3 for MSU personnel and summer students with current MSU ID. Reservations may be made by calling the Summer Theatre box office at 858-3228.

MSU to host InC and JCEMP graduation celebration

In a unique graduation celebration, Minot State University will honor 23 graduates in two programs in Anne Nicole Nelson Hall on July 22, 2-4 p.m. Ten students are from the Intercultural Cohort Program and 13 students are from the Job Corps Executive Management Program. A reception will immediately follow the event.

The JCEMP is the only program of its kind in the country. The '09 graduating class is the eighth time students from across the country have gathered at MSU. The fellows are junior to mid-level managers from Job Corps who aspire to be center directors. The JCEMP is funded by a U.S. Department of Labor earmark sponsored by North Dakota Senator Byron Dorgan. Minot State is very proud of our connection to the Job Corps Centers.

"This has been an excellent summer. The fellows have formed a bond that will follow them their entire careers in Job Corps and throughout their lives," said Lorraine Willoughby, director of JCEMP and professor of business information technology. "I have also enjoyed learning more about Job Corps from each one of the fellows. It is a pleasure to have worked with each fellow and I will be proud to call each of them a friend."

In its second year, Minot State's on-campus version of the Master of Science in management degree program has both foreign and domestic graduates. The Intercultural Cohort Program combines six Chinese students, as outlined in MSU's partnership with SIAS International University, with four domestic students. Students completed a 12-month program of study, taking two eight-week courses at a time. The 10 students were required to complete applied research projects in intercultural teams. This gave them an opportunity to learn more about each other's culture and business practices.

"The Intercultural Cohort Program has been a wonderful opportunity for the American students, especially those from North Dakota, to interact with the Chinese students. Both groups have grown from the experience and learned about

each other's culture." said Gary Ross, chair of the Department of Business Administration, director of the InC Program and professor of management.

2009 JCEMP fellows in the Master of Science in management include:

- Dawn Anderson, from McKinney, Texas, at the North Texas Job Corps Center.
- Keri Brown, from Vergennes, Vt., at the Northlands Job Corps Center.
- Laura Foust, from Spokane, Wash., at the Dynamic Educational Systems, Inc.
- Richard Harriford, from Paducah, Ky., at the Golconda Civilian Conservation Center.
- Noree Hart, from St. Augustine, Fla., at the Jacksonville Job Corps Center.
- Eric Jones, Miami Gardens, Fla., at the Miami Job Corps Center.
- Melanie Radford, from Phoenix, Ariz., at the Phoenix Job Corps Center.
- Cherese Reynolds Ferguson, from Louisville, Ky., at the Whitney M. Young Job Corps Center.
- Sally Rieger, from Tucson, Ariz., at the Fred Acosta Job Corps Center.

2009 JCEMP fellows in the Master of Science in information systems are:

- Robert Barth; from Poplar Bluff, Mo., at the Mingo Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center.
- Kurt Blanock; from Pittsburgh, Pa., at the Pittsburgh Job Corps Center.
- Bryan H. King; from McKinney, Texas, at the North Texas Job Corps Center.
- Ranada Reid; from Detroit, Mich., at the Odle Management Group Michigan.

Graduates of the Intercultural Cohort Program in the Master of Science in management include:

- Dongsheng Chen, Fuzhou, Fujian Province, China.
- Bingjie Cui, Kaifeng, Henan Province, China.
- Susan Greenheck, Minot.
- Jia Xiaoxiao, Zhengzhou City, Henan Province, China.
- Yi Li, Zhengzhou City, Henan Province, China.
- Ricky Martinez, Carlsbad, Calif.
- Amber O'Brien, Charleston, S.C.
- Jerusha Olthoff, Minot.
- Yinhe Zhang, Guilin City Guangxi Province, China.
- Zheng Xu, Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province, China.

For additional information about the programs, contact Ross, at 858-858-3291 or gary.ross@minotstateu.edu, or Willoughby, at 858-3314 or lori.willoughby@minotstateu.edu.

MSU alumni gathering in Bismarck

The Minot State University Alumni Association will host a casual gathering at the home of Byron ('86) and Chris Blowers ('73), both MSU alumni, this July 23, 5:30-8 p.m. The Blowers' home is located at 9360 Darin Drive in Bismarck. To see a map, go to www.minotstateu.edu/alumni and click on the events tab.

"MSU has approximately 2,000 graduates in the Bismarck area," said Tawnya Bernsdorf, director of alumni relations and annual giving. "Hosting an event in Bismarck gives alumni an opportunity to gather and catch up on recent happenings at Minot State University."

At this gathering, MSU alumni can meet with MSU faculty, staff, volunteers and supporters. In addition, they can win some great prizes and enjoy a relaxed evening.

Transportation to and from the event is available. For questions about the event, contact Bernsdorf at 858-3234 or tawnya.bernsdorf@minotstateu.edu.

Minot State hosting luau at the North Dakota State Fair

Alumni and friends are invited to the Minot State University luau party at the North Dakota State Fair on July 29, 5-8 p.m. The event will be held in the outdoor area of the Flickertail Gardens in conjunction with the Devonshires, genre music ranging from the years of 1964 to 1974, and the Classic Car Show.



The event will get MSU out into the community and provide a fun atmosphere for alumni and friends in the area. During the event, there will be free entertainment with drink specials and other prizes. Get ready for some fun in the sun!

"We want to create more events for MSU alumni and friends in the Minot area to gather, network and socialize. The North Dakota State Fair is a perfect venue to do that," said Tawnya Bernsdorf, director of alumni relations and annual giving for Minot State University. "Last year about 300 people attended the event."

The Devonshires and the Classic Car Show will start immediately following the luau at 8 p.m. Tickets will be available for purchase at the luau party or included on the weekly show pass.

For more information or questions on the event, call Bernsdorf at 858-3234 or tawnya.bernsdorf@minotstateu.edu.

Visit MSU at the North Dakota State Fair

Representatives from Minot State University will be visiting with fairgoers at the North Dakota State Fair. MSU's booth will be in the Commercial Building II from July 24 through

Aug. 1. This public outreach activity allows friends, alumni and prospective students to visit with Minot State personnel to learn about admissions, academic programs, alumni programs and current events. The booth will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Area educators attend Northern Plains Writing Project Institutes

Twenty North Dakota educators are on Minot State University's campus for its annual Northern Plains Writing Project Summer Institute and Advanced Summer Institute.

"Each year, teachers from across the state come together for an intense month to discuss what they do as educators in the classroom, experience the joy of writing and share educational theories and practices that build and improve our learning communities," said Ron Fischer, associate professor of English and director of NPWP. "The Writing Project is a life-changing experience for many teachers. The institutes provide them a chance to talk to each other about what they teach and why they are teachers. The daylong activities really build a shared sense of community among them."

"What surprisingly happens at the institutes is that they reconnect to those early desires and concerns that moved them to become teachers," Fischer continued. "I can't say when it happens, but after teachers go back to their schools, a change begins. They start to teach differently and interact with their students differently. As a result, the students end up benefiting the most - becoming better writers, better communicators, better learners."

NPWP, which is one of two National Writing Projects sites in North Dakota, is funded by the university, the state and the federal government. This year, stipends pay for all of the teachers' tuition, credits, books and housing. All 200 Writing Project sites across the nation bring about real educational reform by following the model of "teachers teaching teachers."

The Summer Institute runs through July 31, and the Advanced Summer Institute is through Friday (July 17). NPWP is in its sixth year of existence.

For further information, contact Fischer at 858-3174 or ron.fischer@minotstateu.edu.

Jensen directs CASCLS

Deb Jensen, associate professor of education, has received reassignment from her duties as chair of the Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance for the coming year to serve as the full-time director of the Center for the Applied Study of Cognition and Learning Sciences. Warren Gamas, associate professor of education, will serve as interim chair of TEHP.



During the renovation of Swain Hall, Jensen's office will be located in Memorial 210B, which is in

the special education office suite. Her telephone extension will remain the same, 858-3043, and she can receive faxes through the special education department office at 858-3021. Assistant Professor of Education Lisa Borden-King, who is serving as CASCLS field director, will still be in her TEHP office with partial reassignment time to CASCLS.

"It was exciting to be able to follow up on international research developments supporting the CASCLS more applied work — in areas such as Dr. Borden-King's dyslexia research," Jensen said about attending the International Mind, Brain and Education Society's conference in May.

Membership of the CASCLS project development team currently includes MSU faculty members Jensen, Borden-King, Shirley Cole-Harding, Laurie Geller, Johnna Westby and Holly Pedersen. Faculty who have been active in the broader CASCLS community advisory group are encouraged to stay in touch over the summer and watch for meeting announcements in the fall.

The CASCLS would also like to remind MSU faculty from across campus that they may apply to the CASCLS project development team for reassignment time of up to three semester hours of their regular load in a given semester. Reassignment may include collaboration on grant proposals, project/event development or a specific CASCLS project or line of research. CASCLS funds will pay adjunct costs on the MSU part-time scale to cover the coursework release. The application should be submitted at least six weeks in advance of the semester in which reassignment would take place, to allow chairpersons time to secure adjuncts or adjust schedules. The application may be downloaded from the MSU Web site: www.minotstateu.edu/cascls/faculty_partners.shtml.

Bowles judged internationally acclaimed musicians

Ken Bowles, chair of Minot State University's Division of Music, and DeVera Bowles, coordinator of vocal studies,



accepted an invitation to serve as judges for the international IBLA competition. From July 5 to 12, the Bowles heard performers from around the world as they assembled in Ragusa, Sicily, to compete for the coveted IBLA Grand Prize award.

"This invitation presented an excellent opportunity to bring an international awareness to the Division of Music," Ken Bowles said. "Perhaps more importantly, an on-going relationship with IBLA gives our students a window to the world that is rarely found in a small university and one that we plan to nurture."

The selected winners will travel to the United States to perform at a gala concert in New York City's Carnegie Hall and follow the debut with concerts across the country.

This past April, Minot State hosted the 2008 Grand Prize winners of the IBLA competition in a three-day residence dubbed, "The World Comes to Minot." The nine performers traveled directly from New York to Minot, where they performed for area schoolchildren, a community reception and MSU music students. The artists, who performed on a variety of instruments, represented countries from across the globe, as well as a wide variety of ages, with the youngest performer only 12 years old. They ended their stay with a public concert.

IBLA Foundation President Salvatore Moltisanti voiced his delight with the quality of the MSU faculty, the university facilities and Minot's musical community. The success of "The World Comes to Minot" led to the Bowles' invitation and the IBLA Foundation's desire for a continued professional relationship.

For additional information, contact Ken Bowles, at 858-3190 or kenneth.bowles@minotstateu.edu, or DeVera Bowles, at 858-3137 or devera.bowles@minotstateu.edu.

MSU student continues history department's research into downtown Minot's past

Downtown Minot's past intrigues Amy Lisner, a New Jersey native now living on the Minot Air Force Base and attending Minot State University.

Consequently, the senior history major enjoyed utilizing historical photographs and interviewing local residents about Minot's rich history. In conjunction with the Ward County



This photo of the Leland Parker, set in 1903, is courtesy of Lucille Parker.

Historical Society, Lisner gave a public presentation of her Downtown Minot project on July 10 in the North Dakota State Fairground's Pioneer Village.

"Working with Minot locals has been an honor and a



The Strand Theater in 1937. Photo courtesy of Ida Peterson.

pleasure. I have been fortunate enough to meet local merchants, businesspersons and residents who were thrilled to invest their time and information on this project.

I look forward to sharing the information I have gathered with the public," Lisner said. "There are quite a few empty lots in downtown Minot where hotels and businesses once stood, and with the aid of Minot's local resources such as the Soo Line Depot and Minot City



This is a photo of the McCannel Building. It is courtesy of Minot City Tax Assessor's Office and Cleo Nicolaisen and Donna Bye.

Assessor's Office, a rich history has been unearthed."

Topics covered in Lisner's presentation included locations where historic buildings, like the Empire Theater, Flatiron Building and Leland Parker Hotel, once stood but are now parking lots. She recounted the stories of old businesses and residents, such as the Orpheum Theater and the history of the Parker family.

The bulk of the research dealt with Minot city directories, which for the years since 1923, contain street directories in which both businesses and residences are organized according to street address. Other sources included Minot State Teachers College yearbooks, the Minot Daily News, insurance maps and county atlases. Lisner contacted current and former business owners, or their relatives, and accumulated photographs and newspaper materials related to previous businesses.

Lisner's work is the latest project on downtown Minot's history by MSU history students. This collaboration between the Minot Downtown Business and Professional Association and MSU initially began when DBPA requested that the Department of History conduct research on downtown buildings. The DBPA wanted to place historical plaques at significant buildings and locations and to develop a historical walking tour. Over the past several years, many students researched particular properties as volunteers or as part of class assignments.

Lisner hopes to uncover the history of other buildings, properties and people that made Minot what it is today. She is asking anyone with old photographs, newspaper clippings, records or stories to contact her at awlisner@gmail.com or the Minot State University Department of History at 858-3243.

MSU public health nursing students present at 2009 ACHNE Summer Institute

Minot State University nursing graduates Joy Corey and Holly Armitage represented the public health nursing (Nursing 456) course at the 2009 Association of Community Health

Nurse Educators Summer Institute in Chicago, June 11-13. This ACHNE conference provides a network for the exchange of ideas regarding community and public health nursing education, research and practice. Approximately 200 faculty attended.

Corey, of Kenmare, and Armitage, from Killdeer, participated in the poster presentation session, where they highlighted the fall 2008 semester class project of developing and opening a student and faculty-managed Adult Health Maintenance Clinic. Their poster emphasized each section of the project including such things as development of the evidence base, the project's connection to Vision 2013, MSU's strategic plan, and an evaluation of the clinic's success. Public health nursing faculty from all over the U.S. were able to ask questions regarding the project and provided feedback to the students. Corey and Armitage were the only undergraduate student presenters at the conference.

"I am very proud of the project and the students involved with it," said Nikki Medalen, MSU public health nursing instructor, who attended the conference with the students. "Joy and Holly did an excellent job representing Minot State and stimulated a lot of conversation at the conference regarding the high level of critical thinking, expertise, commitment and confidence that students would need to possess to complete a project like this."

The Adult Health Maintenance clinic operates monthly during the summer months and bimonthly during the school year at Henry Towers, a local high-rise apartment building. It provides clinical space for students to work with geriatric and vulnerable populations. Foot care, blood pressure checks, medication review and referral services include some of the services available. The clinic is maintained throughout the Christmas holiday and summer breaks through the generosity of nursing students who volunteer their time.

For questions, contact Medalen at (701)537-3486 or nikki.medalen@minotstateu.edu.



Left to right: Holly Armitage and Joy Corey.

MSU took awards at PBL National Leadership Conference

Four Minot State University students finished in the top 10 in four competitive events at the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, Calif., June 20-23. One student, Megan Perdue, became a national champion.

"By seeing our students succeed in a competition like this, it really shows that Minot State University is competitive on a national level. We are proud of these students," said Dean Frantsvog, assistant professor of accounting, who accompanied the students at the conference. "It is great to see all of their dedication and hard work pay off."

The place winners included Perdue, Ray, first place for computer applications; Robin Deutsch, Watford City, second place for future business teacher and sixth place for database design and applications; and Mallory Westby, Sheyenne, ninth place, financial analysis and decision making. Other MSU students participating were Chris Barney, Minot; James Knudson, Minot; Derek Ostdahl, Minot; Lexi Swallers, Granville; and Rifkatou "Leafy" Tchignaha, Ngaoundere, Cameroon.

PBL's National Awards Program recognizes and rewards excellence in a broad range of business and career-related areas. Through state-based competition at the spring State Leadership Conferences, students compete in events testing their business knowledge and skills. Top state winners then are eligible to compete for honors at the National Leadership Conference each summer.

The advisors for PBL at Minot State are Frantsvog and Sharon Reynolds, assistant professor of business information technology. For additional information, contact Frantsvog at 858-3324 or dean.frantsvog@minotstateu.edu.



Back row, left to right: James Knudson, Chris Barney, Derek Ostdahl, Dean Frantsvog (advisor). Front row, left to right: Lexi Swallers, Robin Deutsch, Mallory Westby, Megan Perdue, Rifkatou Tchignaha.

Northwest Art Center receives arts grant

In support of their efforts to provide regional arts programming, Art Friends of the Northwest Art Center applied for and received a \$7,353 Institutional Support grant by the North Dakota Council on the Arts.

Art Friends, the advisory and support organization of the Northwest Art Center, was among 57 recipients of Institutional Support funding. The Institutional Support program is designed to benefit artists, arts organizations and the public. The program provides general support for qualifying arts and cultural organizations that have proven they have strong management and leadership, quality artistic programming and services, and are an important part of the arts infrastructure in their communities. The North Dakota Council on the Arts awarded a total of \$420,948.

The grant will help to provide funds for the Northwest Art Center's two galleries, the Hartnett Hall Gallery and Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery, as well as programming for the Northwest Art Center lecture series.

"The Northwest Art Center is a valuable educational and cultural resource for northwest North Dakota," said Avis Veikley, director of the Northwest Art Center. "School groups from throughout the area take field trips to our galleries, and our lecture series is well supported by the community."

The center's galleries focus on exhibitions by contemporary artists. About 20 exhibits are presented each year, featuring a cross section of local, regional and national talent. Lecture series speakers include MSU faculty, regional lecturers and visiting scholars. All exhibitions and lectures are free and open to the public.

The North Dakota Council on the Arts, which is the state agency responsible for the support and development of the arts throughout North Dakota, is funded by the State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information on this and other grant programs, visit the North Dakota Council on the Arts Web site at www.nd.gov/arts or contact NDCA directly at jwebb@nd.gov or 701-328-7590. For questions about Northwest Art Center activities, contact 858-3264 or visit the center's Web site at www.minotstateu.edu/nac.

Seymour re-elected to SRT board

Tom Seymour, chair of the Department of Business Information Technology and professor of business information technology, was re-elected for his fourth term on the SRT Communications, Inc. board of directors at their annual meeting June 18. He won by a 585-414 vote.

Faculty, staff and student notes

Thomas Linares, chair of the Department of Communication Disorders and associate professor of communication disorders, attended the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Leadership Academy in St. Louis, June 28-July 3. He also gave a presentation, "Strategies to address Personnel Shortages in Communication Disorders," to the Nebraska Speech-Language-Hearing Association on July 11 in Lincoln.

Announcements

MSU and Apple cooperate to recycle unusable university-owned electronic and computer equipment

Minot State University's Office of Plant Services and Information Technology Central and Apple, Inc. are collaborating on the recycling of unusable university-owned electronic and computer equipment. Apple, Inc. is an American multinational corporation that designs and manufactures consumer electronics and software products. Apple will be picking up all campus computers and electronic equipment deemed scrap and beyond repair by IT Central.

Cathy Horvath, director of information technology, has received approval from the Office of Management and Budget for MSU to participate in this one-time recycling event. IT Central will serve as the central receiving point for unusable electronic equipment, otherwise known as "e-waste," until July 31. E-waste includes computers and components, fax and copy machines, televisions, videocassette recorders and projectors.

Campus departments are responsible for completing inventory transfer forms, as required by campus policy. IT Central will then inventory the equipment and load it on pallets. Plant services will shrink wrap the pallets and store them for loading until Apple's truck arrives on Aug. 6. For the campus, this is an opportunity to be eco-friendly while cleaning house and disposing of scrap items at no cost to Minot State.

Any questions may be addressed to Horvath, at 858-4445 or cathy.horvath@minotstateu.edu, or Roger Kluck, at 858-3210 or roger.kluck@minotstateu.edu.

— Roger Kluck, *director of facilities*

North Dakota State Fair Parade information

Summer is flying by, and it is almost time for the North Dakota State Fair! Minot State University will be participating in the parade on July 25. The theme for this year's parade is "Rockin' the Bakken." The MSU float will be advertising the dates for Homecoming 2009.

Everyone is welcome to walk with us! If you are planning to join us, please wear Minot State University clothing or

something red. Our float number is 96, and our line-up time is 9:45 a.m. Please be on time if you are planning to walk with us.

The pick-up area after the parade is in the east parking lot of the fairgrounds. We will also drive back to where we started, if you have a car there.

If you are interested in joining us, just let me know by calling 858-3373 or sending an e-mail to tawnya.bernsdorf@minotstateu.edu. Let's show the community some Red and Green school spirit!

— *Tawnya Bernsdorf, director of alumni relations and annual giving*

Research participants needed

We are looking for research subjects. Anyone who is at least 21 years old (staff, faculty, students or people outside the university) may participate. Anyone interested in the alcohol study, call 858-4287 and leave a message.

If you have any questions about the study, please contact Shirley Cole-Harding, professor of psychology, at 858-3044 or Vicki Michels, associate professor of addiction studies, at 858-3594.

— *Shirley Cole-Harding and Vicki Michels, addiction studies, psychology and social work department*

Bulletin from Olson funeral added to Special Collections

The bulletin from Dr. Gordon B. Olson's funeral has been cataloged and added to Special Collections in the library.

— *David Iversen, cataloging and government documents librarian*

MSU license plates available online

MSU license plates can now be ordered online through the North Dakota Department of Transportation. The link to the site is secure.apps.state.nd.us/dot/mv/mvrenewal/plate.htm. For questions, contact 858-3373 or tawnya.bernsdorf@minotstateu.edu.

— *Tawnya Bernsdorf, director of alumni and annual giving*

Reward offered for information about Amphitheater vandalism

During the 4th of July weekend, Minot State University experienced acts of vandalism on and around the Amphitheater, on the north side of campus. It would seem that late night fireworks caused damage to the set of the "Odd Couple" play as well as left burn marks on the stage and broke some of the stage lights.

Minot State University is offering a \$250 reward for credible information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for these acts of vandalism. Any information concerning these acts of vandalism will be treated in the strictest

of confidence and can be directed to Roger Kluck, director of facilities, at 858-3210.

Moreover, if you witness any suspicious behavior on campus, please call plant services or 911. Thank you for your help.

— *Roger Kluck, director of facilities*

State motor pool policy changes

The state motor pool has changed how the parking office dispatches cars. This month, the state motor pool implemented a new computer system that does not allow state cars to be pre-dispatched. Cars can be reserved as it has always done, but the person requesting a car must come into the parking office and show their driver's license, and then, the needed paperwork can be processed. These new procedures will cause delays in getting a car. If someone does not have their driver's license or if a supervisor has a staff member pick up the car, the parking office will need the driver's license faxed to them before the car is released. The person picking up the car will also need to show their license.

Because of this change, the parking office is asking individuals to come in for car dispatches from 8 to 9:30 a.m. to help office work flow more efficiently. If other times are needed to pick up a car, this needs to be coordinated with me in advance.

I apologize for this inconvenience, but the state motor pool mandated these changes. Thank you for your patience. If there are questions, please call 858-3210.

— *Roger Kluck, director of facilities*

In the galleries

July 16-21 — "Prairie," photographs by Linda Olson, Library Gallery.

July 16-Aug. 7 — Photographs by senior Jesse Kelly, Hartnett Gallery.

July 27-Aug. 27 — "Mathematics Ecstasy," mixed media by Jari Chevalier, Library Gallery.

Aug. 18-Sept. 24 — "Americas 2009: All Media," Hartnett Gallery.

Calendar

July 16-July 29, 2009

July

16-17 Northern Plains Writing Project advanced summer institute.

16-31 Northern Plains Writing Project summer institute.

16-Aug. 7 NAC exhibit: Photographs by senior Jesse Kelly, Hartnett Gallery.

16-Aug. 7 NAC exhibit: art by seniors Morgan Fetzer, Brittany Brandt and Tonya Stuart, 62 Doors Gallery.

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| 16 | College for Kids: "Salamanders, Frogs, and their Homes." | 22 | Graduation ceremony for the Intercultural Cohort Program and Job Corps Executive Management Program, Nelson Hall, 2 p.m. |
| 16 | College for Kids: "Sign Language for Kids." | 23-24 | CONNECT: orientation and registration by invitation, call 858-3350, Nelson Hall. |
| 16-17 | College for Kids: "Spanish for Children: Yo Hablo Espanol." | 24-25 | Girls basketball team camp, Dome. |
| 20 | Last day of summer courses. | 24-Aug. 1 | MSU booth at the North Dakota State Fair, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. |
| 20-22 | PIEIRS Summer Institute. | 25-26 | Boys basketball team camp, Dome. |
| 20-23 | Boys and girls basketball mini camps, Dome. | 27 | Linebacker and defensive back football camp, Herb Parker Stadium. |
| 20-23 | College for Kids: "Salamanders, Frogs, and their Homes." | 27-Aug. 27 | NAC exhibit: "Mathematics Ecstasy," mixed media by Jari Chevalier, Library Gallery. |
| 20-23 | College for Kids: "Sun, Wind, Storms & Drought." | 28 | Offensive and defensive line football camp, Herb Parker Stadium. |
| 21 | Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m. | 28-30 | College for Kids: "Business of Babysitting." |
| 21 | Graduate School: last day to submit five copies of thesis/project if graduating summer semester. | 29 | MSU Luau Party, Flickertail Gardens, North Dakota State Fair, 5-8 p.m. |
| 21 | Friend-Raising Golf Tour, Washburn, N.D., 4:30 p.m. | | |
| 21-22 | Final exams. | | |
| 21-26 | Summer Theatre: "Sweet Charity," Amphitheater, 8:30 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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