Homecoming 2009: ‘Beavers Give A Dam, Go Green!’

Homecoming at Minot State University this year centers on the theme “Beavers Give A Dam, Go Green!” Homecoming Week officially kicks off Sept. 20 and runs through Sept. 26.

“Each year Homecoming gets bigger and better, and this year is no exception,” said Homecoming Co-director Melissa Hoots, a senior graphic design major from Minot. “We have coordinated some great entertainment for the week, and I am excited to see it all come together!”

Homecoming starts Sept. 20 with a pool tournament at noon in the Beaver Dam. At 1:30 p.m., the Golf Scramble, sponsored by Delta Epsilon Chi, begins at the Apple Grove Golf Course.

Sept. 21 features voting for Homecoming King and Queen in the Quad with InPulse, an a cappella group, performing and food provided, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., Bill Rancic, the first winner in Donald Trump’s “Apprentice” television show, will speak in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. A bonfire in the Dome’s north parking lot will follow Rancic’s speech at approximately 8 p.m. The Rancic presentation and the bonfire are open for all in the community to attend. The day will end with a karaoke contest for students in the Beaver Dam at 9:30 p.m.

The Homecoming fun continues on Sept. 22 with voting for Homecoming King and Queen in the Quad, with Merick, a local band, playing and food served, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Coronation with comedian emcee Jason Levasseur will be held in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7 p.m. Students from more than 25 student organizations will vie for the king and queen crowns. The Homecoming Dance at the North Dakota State Fair Center’s Theater Room with music by band 24Seven will follow the coronation ceremony, 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m.

For MSU students, Sept. 23 brings caricatures by Great Big Faces, a performance by local musicians Diabolic Octopus and food in the Quad, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Beginning at 8 p.m., illusionist Pete Boie will perform in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

On Sept. 23, the Minot State University Development Foundation will host a President’s Club luncheon, where special contributors will be recognized for their gifts to the university. For the community, Minot State will host a community block party, which is free and open to the public, on the lawn in front of Old Main, 5-8 p.m. The Minot State Community Block Party will include campus tours, autographs from MSU Beaver student athletes, carnival games with prizes, inflated slides, obstacle courses, a Dakota Cruisers classic car display and music by local bands. Free food will be available while it lasts. Registration for the Beaver Fun Run/Walk is at 5 p.m. or by calling Stu Melby, head cross country/track and field coach, in advance. The race, which is a fundraiser for the athletic teams, begins at 6 p.m.

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PIO update

Students, faculty, staff and the general public have a chance to properly welcome new friends to Minot State on Sept. 16.

Everyone is invited to an open house for the English as a Second Language center, housed in the recently renovated first floor of Dakota Hall.

After a busy summer of work by a hard-working team from the Office of Plant Services, the classroom and office space for The Language Company-Minot looks wonderful!

Come join us between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the Sept. 16 for a light lunch, a chance to meet students and employees and an opportunity to show your support for a new avenue for learning at Minot State.

The program hopes to attract dozens of students from all over the world and in turn encourage them to continue their studies as undergraduates at MSU.

We’re excited about the new program of study and look forward to years of community support and student success. Hope to see you at the open house!

— Mark Lyman, director of public information

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Caricatures by Great Big Faces start Sept. 24’s activities in the Quad at 11 a.m. The caricatures, music by Jazmine Wolff, an MSU senior, and food continue in the Quad, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. At 4 p.m., a pingpong tournament starts in the Dome. In the evening, the MSU Alumni Association’s Golden Awards banquet will be held in the MSU Conference Center, 6 p.m. The Golden Awards banquet is a night of tribute to the university’s most honored alumni and friends. For students, Project “GREEN” Runway, which is a dance, will be held at the North Dakota State Fair Center’s Theater Room at 10 p.m. Participants are invited to go green with their fashion by adding recycling to their style.

The Sept. 25 events include Sean McConnell, musician, and food in the Quad, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Hypnotist Frederick Winters will perform in Aleshire Theater at 8 p.m. A Homecoming Alumni Reunion, to which all MSU alumni are invited, will convene at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Riverside. This year, special reunion groups include the Mu Sigma Tau Fraternity, the Student Government Association, formerly known as Student Association, and Wes Luther’s athletic teams. The Student Government Association will be celebrating 70 years as an organization.

Homecoming reaches its apex Sept. 26 with the Homecoming Parade starting at 10:30 a.m. Beginning by the Thompson-Larson Funeral Home in downtown Minot, the parade route runs north on Main Street, west on Central Avenue, north on Broadway to 11th Avenue, then west to the Dome parking lot. A tailgate party, with free food for everyone, will follow in the east lot of the Dome. The Beavers face off against Jamestown College at Herb Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m. During halftime, the homecoming royalty, Hall of Fame inductees and Wes Luther and his athletic teams will be introduced. A post-game alumni gathering will convene at the Barley Pop at 4:30 p.m. KMOT will broadcast the game live on Sept. 26 and air a tape of the parade on Sept. 27.

“Homecoming Week will be a great opportunity for students, alumni and the community to have lots of fun and at the same time show their support for Minot State,” said Homecoming Co-director Annamaria Holt, a sophomore from Andover, Minn. Holt is majoring in the special education and elementary education.

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

For more information on Homecoming activities, visit the Homecoming Week Web site, www.minotstateu.edu/homecoming, or call the Office of Student Activities at 858-3987, the Office of Advancement at 858-3234 or the Department of Athletics at 858-3041.

New coaches secured at Minot State for soccer and wrestling

In line with Minot State University’s pursuit to join the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II, two new coaches are onboard to lead new teams, wrestling and women’s soccer.

MSU Athletics Director Rick Hedberg hired Robin Ersland, from the University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, to re-establish the wrestling program and Jason Spain, from Yuba College, Calif., to begin the new women’s soccer program.

Ersland has been the head wrestling coach and strength coordinator for the UCM Mules for the past 15 years. While there, he was responsible for all aspects of the Division II program including initiating a wrestling hall of fame, leading 10 teams to top-20 national team finishes and coaching 30 All-Americans, including one individual national champion. During his almost 30 years of coaching, Ersland has participated at the NCAA Division I, II and III levels. Ersland also served as a coach on various national and international teams. Hedberg said the Minot State Athletics Department is fortunate to receive a coach of this caliber to reinstitute wrestling.

“Robin will do a great job of building our wrestling program,” Hedberg said. “He has more than 15 years of NCAA Division II head coaching experience, and he’s been successful at the DII level. Robin is well connected in the wrestling community, and I look forward to working with him.”

Spain, current head coach for Feather River College, Quincy, Calif., spent the past 12 seasons as the head coach for a neighboring California college, Yuba College, before taking over at Feather River this year. At Yuba, Spain started the women’s program and brought it up to the No. 1 ranked junior college in America in 2006. More than 100 student athletes under Spain’s tutelage moved on to earn athletic scholarships playing at the NAIA, NCAA I or II levels. Along with being the head coach for the Yuba College women’s and men’s teams, Spain also spent 12 years as the head girl’s soccer coach for a California high school team and 10 years serving as the director of the Azzurri Soccer Club. In Spain’s 10 years managing the Azzurri Soccer Club, the program grew from four to 25 teams.

Hedberg feels Spain’s experience starting soccer programs at all levels of competition will be a perfect fit for Minot State and the region.

“We’re very excited to have Jason coming on board to lead our women’s soccer program,” Hedberg said. “Jason has been successful with every program he has directed at the high school and college level. He is well connected within the soccer community, and he will be a nice addition to our staff.”

Both Ersland and Spain have experience as instructors within their respective university and college. In the upcoming months, both coaches will start to recruit student athletes and begin to set a schedule for play to begin in both programs starting fall of 2010.
Western Plains Opera presents
‘The Bartered Bride’ this weekend

Western Plains Opera presents “The Bartered Bride” on Friday to Sunday (Sept. 11-13) in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. “The Bartered Bride” is a hilarious romantic comedy with wonderful music. In addition, brilliant, professional guest performers head a large cast with full orchestral accompaniment. Friday (Sept. 11) and Saturday (Sept. 12) performances begin at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday (Sept. 13), a special matinee performance begins at 3 p.m.

Ticket information is available at 858-3185.

NCIV president to visit Minot

Sherry Mueller, president of the National Council for International Visitors, will give a public presentation about “Working World: International Education, Exchange and Development” on Tuesday (Sept. 15) in Minot State University’s Conference Center (Student Center, third floor), 9:30-11 a.m. She is visiting Minot from Sept. 13 to 15 to promote the work of the NCIV and the Minot Area Council for International Visitors.

The NCIV, which is based in Washington, D.C., is a non-partisan, nonprofit organization established in 1961 to promote excellence in citizen diplomacy.

After her presentation at MSU, Mueller will speak to the Minot Kiwanis Club. She will also meet with members of MACIV, while she is in Minot.

On Monday (Sept. 14), Mueller will discuss “Preparing for Careers in International Education, Exchange, and Development” at Minot High School’s Magic City Campus. Later that day, Prairie Public Radio’s “Hear It Now” program will interview her.

Mueller has provided leadership for the NCIV since 1996, first as executive director and then as president. She has given lectures, written articles and conducted workshops on leadership development for nonprofit organizations. Mueller earned her master’s and doctoral degrees from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, the oldest school in the United States dedicated solely to graduate studies in international relations.

NDDDN to host Housing and Disability Summit

The North Dakota Developmental Disabilities Network is hosting a Housing and Disability Summit on Tuesday (Sept. 15). The summit will be held in the Etude Room of Fargo’s Ramada Plaza Suites. Registration for the summit begins at 8:30 a.m.

The keynote speaker for the summit will be Amy Schauer-Nelson from Fair Housing of the Dakotas. Schauer-Nelson will discuss fair housing laws and how they protect people with disabilities, state legislation, current issues and challenges.

The afternoon session will include a panel discussion on the issues of housing and disability from the agencies in attendance. The panel members scheduled to take part are Mark Bourdon, Freedom Center for Independent Living; Lisa McEvers, North Dakota Department of Labor; Neil Sharpe, Neighborhood Development Association; and Deanna Bakken, NDCPD’s Consumer Advisory Council.

The Housing and Disability Summit is the sixth in a series of monthly, multifaceted summits designed to:

- provide a venue where persons with housing and disability issues can come together to discuss those 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.

The Housing and Disability Summit will conclude at approximately 3 p.m. The public is welcome to attend, and there is no fee.

For more information, contact Chad DeCoteau, summit organizer, at 1-800-233-1737 or 1-701-858-3405 or by e-mail chad.decoteau@minotstateu.edu.

Open house to showcase new ESL Center at Minot State

The public is invited to attend an open house on Sept. 16 to visit with employees and students at the recently established English as a Second Language center at Minot State University.

Established a few months ago on Minot State’s campus, the ESL center is run by The Language Company. It gives an opportunity for students from across the world to study English in North Dakota.
“The Language Company has found a great community in Minot and MSU. Our staff and students have been warmly welcomed everywhere we go, from the campus bookstore to the local bank,” said Bonnie Carrera, director of TLC-Minot. “People are so caring and interested in both learning about TLC-Minot and our students and sharing about Minot and the American culture.”

Housed on the newly renovated first floor of Dakota Hall, the ESL center has classroom space available for up to 50 students, who attend 50-minute to 90-minute classes, Monday through Friday. TLC-Minot provides high-quality language programs and cultural experiences for persons who wish to learn English as a second language for academic, professional or personal purposes.

Once they’ve completed level nine in the program, students in the ESL program at Minot State can enroll directly into Minot State as undergraduates. As of now, the bulk of the students learning English at the new center come from China, Saudi Arabia and South Korea.

The students appreciate the chance to learn more than just English in what they consider to be a safe, friendly community.

“If you ask me what I learn in a language school, it is to not fear talking to others, even when I don’t understand,” said Xiuling (Ling) Chen, a student at the ESL center from Xiamen, China. “I believe TLC-Minot is a good environment to study. The teachers are very patient. The community is very friendly. So, I don’t care if I speak the wrong word; the important thing in speaking English is to open your mouth.”

The ESL open house will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include hors d’oeuvres, a chance to meet students and the four local employees at the center, as well as a ribbon cutting by the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors.

**Furuseth starts Brown Bag Book Talks for 2009-10**

Eric Furuseth, associate professor of English and humanities, will discuss “Great Plains,” by Ian Frazier, Sept. 16.

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.

**MSU Spanish study tour opens Northwest Art Center lecture series**

Andrea Donovan, assistant professor of art history and humanities, will open the Northwest Art Center’s 2009-10 lecture series on Sept. 16 with a recap of an MSU study tour she led to Spain and Morocco this past summer.

Donovan and MSU students Kayla Cote, Kyra Hansen, Derek Diede and Alyssa Harasym will share experiences and photos from the trip in a presentation at 7 p.m. in Aleshire Theater. Their talk, “Spanish Fiesta,” will focus on the art and culture of the two countries. A question-and-answer period and informal reception will follow. The program is free and open to the public.

“Minot State has an active program of summer study tours for students. It’s a great way for students to have their first travel-abroad experience, and they always bring back lots of fun pictures and stories,” said Northwest Art Center Director Avis Veikley.

“We feature one or two study trips on our lecture series each year. I think travel is one of the best learning experiences you can have,” Veikley said. “When the students who traveled talk about what a great time they had, it encourages their friends to think, ‘maybe I could do that too.’”

The Northwest Art Center lecture series is funded in part by a grant from the North Dakota Council on the Arts, which receives funding from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information about Northwest Art Center activities, call 858-3264 or visit its Web site, www.minotstateu.edu/nac.

**Minot State University attains military friendly school status**

As of mid-July, G.I. Jobs magazine named Minot State University as a Military Friendly School for the year 2010. After years of compiling research, survey results and other data, the magazine determined MSU is ranked in the top 15 percent of all colleges, trade schools and universities across the nation.

Upon notification of this award, MSU received a plaque to commemorate this great honor. As a Military Friendly School, MSU is listed in the magazine’s September 2009 Guide to Military Friendly Schools. By improving efforts, policies and results, MSU will continue to recruit and retain military and veteran students.

“We believe in educating our airman. MSU and the United State Air Force are a team at Minot Air Force Base. The airmen are here defending us, and MSU is here to help them with a smooth transition into earning their education. MSU recognizes the military student as not being your typical campus student, therefore, the university goes out of its way to meet their military needs,” said Sue Krebsbach, MSU program coordinator at the MAFB. “We receive many comments about how everyone from Minot State is so helpful and how the instructors seem to care about their students, which makes MSU deserving of this award.”

The plaque hangs on the second level of the Education Center on the Minot Air Force Base, where Minot State offices have been located since 1960.

For more information on this award, contact Mark Lyman, director of public information, at 858-3065 or mark.lyman@minotstateu.edu.
Concert planned to honor Gary Stenehjem

Gary Stenehjem, a Minot State University alumnus and a Williston native who died May 2, left a legacy of music excellence on Minot and the surrounding region. To honor Stenehjem, three of his former students, along with the Brass Band of Minot, will perform the Brass and Organ Høstfest Festival Concert on Sept. 28 in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.

The three students, Joan Haaland Paddock, Nathan Wilson and Andy Cresap, who have established themselves as music professionals, are all living testaments of Stenehjem's teaching prowess. Paddock, who previously served as an MSU faculty member, is currently a professor of music at Linnfield University in McMinnville, Ore. Wilson will graduate in May 2010 in high brass performance from the University of Oregon, Eugene, with plans to continue his master's and doctoral work in high brass performance. Cresap will also graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in trumpet performance from Bemidji State University; he plans to pursue a master's degree in trumpet performance.

The concert will also feature several organ compositions, including three that will have the organ performing with the Brass Band of Minot in brass and organ extravaganzas. Wilson and MSU faculty members Kari Files and Selmer Moen are slated to perform as organists.

From his renowned organ skills, to his brass performance and to his conducting skills, Stenehjem touched many lives in his 44 years as a music performer and teacher. Of those lives, thousands were music students. He taught in Ryder, Westhope and Minot. Of his students, several have continued their pursuit of a career in music teaching or performance because of Stenehjem's instruction and encouragement.

A $10 admission will be charged with the concert's proceeds being donated to the Gary Stenehjem Organ Scholarship Fund at Minot State University. It will provide scholarships for MSU organ students.

Wellness works

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. According the North Dakota Cancer Coalition, approximately 500 North Dakota men will be diagnosed, and 100 men will die from this disease this year. Prostate cancer is the number one cancer of men and the second leading cause of cancer deaths.

According to the health survey that Minot State students, faculty and staff completed last spring, 55 of the 267 respondents were men. Six of 11 from the ages 41-49 and 11 of 19 from the ages 50–64 reported having completed a prostate screening.

Regular screening can help identify cancer early on, when treatment if most effective. The North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System Blue Cross Blue Shield benefit plan includes prostate cancer screening for 75 percent of the allowed plan, and the deductible amount is waived. These benefits are available for an annual digital rectal examination and an annual prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test for an asymptomatic male 50 and older, a black male age 40 and older and a man age 40 and older with a family history of prostate cancer.

Individuals can help avoid prostate cancer by eating a healthy diet, getting exercise and maintaining a healthy weight. To learn more about prevention, go to this Mayo Clinic link, www.mayoclinic.com/health/prostate-cancer-prevention/MC00027.

Announcements

IRB notice

The Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects (the MSU IRB) reminds faculty to contact the IRB office if student research projects are conducted as part of class assignments. Faculty should submit a Multiple Projects Exempt Status form (see www.minotstateu.edu/IRB/pdf/multiple_project_exempt_status.pdf) prior to the conduct of course-based student research. If you have any questions, please contact Brent Askvig, MSU’s IRB chair, at 858-3052 or brent.askvig@minotstateu.edu.

— Brent Askvig, IRB chair and executive director of the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities

International student employment on campus

Now that the fall semester has begun, please remember that starting Aug. 23, international and Canadian students may not work more than 20-hours per week. A reminder on federal employment regulations for international students:

• Canadian and international students may only work up to 20-hours each week while classes are in session.
• The 20-hour limit is not an average but a strict limit: students may not work 15 hours one week and then 25 hours the following week.
• Any week when classes are in session is considered part of the regular academic year, and the 20-hour per week limit applies.
• The 20-hour per week limit on employment applies to all types of on-campus employment, combined. For example, if a student works 15 hours a week as a resident assistant, that student can only work an additional five hours during that week at another on-campus job.
• A workweek is defined as Sunday through Saturday.
• Canadian and international students are not eligible for MSU “work-study” positions only institutional “hard-cash” positions.
For questions regarding Canadian or international student employment, contact Virginie Vournas, international student coordinator, at 858-3348 or virginie.vournas@minotstateu.edu.
— Libby Claerbout, director of international programs

MSU Writing Center opens Monday

The MSU Writing Center will open Monday (Sept. 14) at 9:30 a.m. The center offers face-to-face and e-mail tutoring for all Minot State University students, regardless of major or class year. Our trained tutors can help with papers in all subject areas, at all stages of the writing process, from draft to finished paper. Please remember, we are not an editing service; our goal is to help students become better writers, not just “fix” their mistakes. Students need to be present for a face-to-face session. Our fall 2009 schedule will be available soon on the Internet. Go to www.minotstateu.edu/writingcenter/ and click on “about us” then follow the links to WC Online. To make an appointment, students must create an account in WC Online, but it is casual to use.

The center’s tutors are also available for short (5-10 minute) presentations about the writing center in your classes. Please contact Patti Kurtz, director of the MSU Writing Center, at 858-3073 or patti.kurtz@minotstateu.edu to schedule an appointment. The MSU Writing Center is located on the lower level of Gordon Olson Library, across from the computer lab. The center’s telephone number is 858-3060, and its e-mail is writing@minotstateu.edu.
— Patti Kurtz, director of the MSU Writing Center and associate professor of English

Reassignment time available for faculty to pursue mind/brain research

As schedules are planned for spring 2010, the Center for the Applied Study of Cognition and Learning Sciences reminds 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 the reassignment would take place to allow chairpersons time to secure adjuncts or adjust schedules. For additional information, contact deb.jensen@minotstateu.edu. The application may be downloaded from the MSU CASCLS Web site, www.minotstateu.edu/cascls/faculty_partners.shtml.
— Deb Jensen, CASCLS director and associate professor of education

PIO has The Noteables tickets

The United States Air Force Heartland of America Band, The Noteables, will be performing at Ann Nicole Nelson Hall on Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Minot State University and the Minot Daily News, which are proud sponsors of this event, have tickets to give away. All the tickets to the event are free, but MSU only has a limited supply to give out. If you are interested in attending this event, you are welcome to stop by the Office of Public Information to pick up tickets. We would ask that faculty and staff limit themselves to a maximum of two free tickets per person.

If you are looking for additional tickets, please contact the Minot Daily News. For questions, call 858-3298.
— Mark Lyman, director of public information

MSU Men’s Club Hockey compiles cookbook

The MSU Men’s Club Hockey team is selling the first edition of “MSU Beaver Hockey Cookbook.” It includes 245 of the favorite family recipes of the players, their parents, grandparents and the “Hockey Moms.”

Cookbooks may be purchased in the Office of Student Life for $10 each. Please contact 858-3993 or lisa.eriksmoen@minotstateu.edu. They can also be purchased through the team’s Web site at www.minotstateu.edu/hockey.

Thank you for your support at the start of this new and exciting season. We hope to see everyone at the MAYSA Arena for our first game on Sunday (Sept. 13) at 8 p.m. vs. the Weyburn Red Wings. Come out and see the new team. This season will be your last chance to see our 10 seniors play and the first with a large group of new and exciting recruits.

Tickets are free for students with MSU ID, $6 for adults, $5 for senior citizens and military personnel and $3 for children ages six to 12. Children ages five and under are free.
— Lisa Eriksmoen, MSU Men’s Club Hockey advisor and director of student life

Retirement open house in honor of Gerard Oie Sept. 30

Please join the Office of Plant Services on Sept. 30 for a retirement open house to show appreciation to Gerard Oie, athletic facilities worker, for 17 years of service to Minot State. The open house is in the Christianson Room (Dome, second floor), 10 a.m.-noon. For questions, contact 858-3210.
— Roger Kluck, director of facilities

In the galleries

Faculty, staff and student notes

Jennifer Reichenberger, a senior social work major from Minot, has been selected as one of 120 young leaders nationwide to attend the Young Advocate Leadership Training program in Clinton, Tenn., in October. Sponsored by the Children’s Defense Fund, YALT is a three-day, intensive organizing training that connects local communities with the fund’s legislative campaigns and priorities, specifically around education reform and health coverage for all children and pregnant women. Participants will be taught new tactics and strategies that can be implemented in their communities and on their college campuses.

Terry Eckmann, associate professor of physical education, was a guest fitness instructor at Sunset Jamaica Grande Resort, Ocho Rios, in June. In August, she gave presentations “The Journey to Personal Training Older Adults,” “50+ Ways to Market Your Program to Older Adults” and “Dance for Diversity” at the IDEA WORLD International Convention in Anaheim, Calif. In August, Eckmann also presented “Movement that Matters” and “Dancing Through the Decades” at the Canadian Fitness Professional International Convention in Toronto.

Calendar
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Sept.
10  Dual credit student visit, Moore 16, 1–3 p.m.
10  Golf at Hawktree Golf Club, Bismarck, N.D.
11  Graduate School: fall semester graduation application due to the Graduate School.
11  Dual credit student visit, Main 106, 1–3 p.m.
11-12 Western Plains Opera, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
12  Cross Country at South Dakota Mines Invitational, Rapid City, S.D.
12  Men’s Club Hockey at Estevan, Saskatchewan.
13  Western Plains Opera, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
13  Men’s Club Hockey vs. Weyburn Red Wings, MAYSA Arena, 8 p.m.
13-14 Golf at Maple River Golf Course, Mapleton, N.D.
14  Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
14  Blood pressure and health information, Beaver Dam entrance, 9 a.m.
14  Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
15  Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
15  International Programs lecture: “Working World: Careers in International Education, Exchange and Development,” by Dr. Sherry Mueller, Conference Center, 9:30 a.m.
16  University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
16  English as a Second Language open house, Dakota Hall, first floor, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
16  NAC lecture: “Horizons Unlimited: Spanish Fiesta,” by Andrea Donovan, humanities, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
17  Faculty Senate executive board, Souris Room, 3:30 p.m.
17  United States Air Force Heartland of America Jazz Band, “The Noteables,” Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
18  State-wide general education meeting, Conference Center.
18  Admission to teacher education seminar, Main 106, 3 p.m.
18  Volleyball at South Dakota Mines, Rapid City, S.D.
19  Football at Valley City State University.
19  Volleyball at Black Hills State University, Spearfish, S.D.
20  Homecoming: pool tournament, Beaver Dam, noon.
20  Homecoming: golf scramble, Apple Grove Golf Course, 1:30 p.m.
20-21 Golf at Jamestown Country Club, Jamestown, N.D.
21  Homecoming: voting for king and queen with music by InPulse, Quad, 11 a.m.
21  MSU’s Business Bash, Conference Center, 1 p.m.
21  Homecoming: speaker Bill Rancic, Nelson Hall, 6:30 p.m.
21  Homecoming: bonfire, Dome parking lot, 8 p.m.
21  Homecoming: karaoke contest, Beaver Dam, 9:30 p.m.
22  Homecoming: voting for king and queen with music by Merick, Quad, 11 a.m.
22  Homecoming: coronation, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
22  Homecoming: coronation dance with music by 24Seven, North Dakota State Fair Center, 9:30 p.m.
23  Last day to drop a first 8-week class.
23  Homecoming: caricature artist Great Big Faces and music by Diabolic Octopus, Quad, 11 a.m.
23  Homecoming: President’s Club luncheon, Conference Center, noon.
23  Homecoming: community block party and 5K run/walk, Old Main lawn, 5–8 p.m.
23  Homecoming: illusionist Pete Boie, Nelson Hall, 8 p.m.
24  Homecoming: caricature artist Great Big Faces and music by Jazmine Wolff, Quad, 11 a.m.
24  Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
24  Homecoming: pingpong tournament, Dome, 4 p.m.
24  Homecoming: Alumni Association Golden Awards Banquet, Conference Center, 6 p.m.
24  Homecoming: theme dance, Project “Green” Runway, North Dakota State Fair Center, 10 p.m.
25  Board of Regents, Conference Center, 7:30 a.m.
25  Volleyball at Mayville State University.
25  Homecoming: music by Sean McConnell, Quad, 11 a.m.
25  Beaver Booster luncheon, Sevens Restaurant, noon.
25  Homecoming: alumni reunion, Holiday Inn, 7 p.m.
25  Homecoming: hypnotist Fredrick Winters, Aleshire Theater, 8 p.m.
26  Homecoming: parade, 10:30 a.m.
26  Homecoming: tailgating, east parking lot of Dome, 11 a.m.
26  Homecoming: football vs. Jamestown College, introduction of Homecoming royalty, Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and Wes Luther reunion participants at halftime, Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
26  Homecoming: post-game alumni get-together, Barley Pop, Minot, 5 p.m.
26  Homecoming: Athletic Hall of Fame banquet, Holiday Inn Riverside, 7 p.m.
26  Cross Country at Griak Invitational, Minneapolis, Minn.
26  Volleyball at Dakota State University, Madison, S.D.
27  Golf, home, Souris Valley Golf Course, noon.
27  music recital, Dianna and Erik Anderson, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
28  Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
28  Blood pressure and health information, Beaver Dam entrance, 9 a.m.

28  Golf, home, Minot Country Club, 9 a.m.
28  Brass and Organ Høstfest Festival Concert, Gary Stenjhem memorial concert, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
28  NAC lecture: Høstfest guest speaker Trygvi Thorlief Larum, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
30  Retirement open house for Gerard Oie, Christianson Room, Dome, 10 a.m.–noon.

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1  Finger printing and license seminar to student teach spring 2010, Conference Center, 12:30 p.m.
2  Job search for elementary educators seminar to student teach spring 2010, Conference Center, 1 p.m.
2  Volleyball vs. Jamestown College, Dome, 7 p.m.
2  Cross Country at Jimmie Invitational, Jamestown, N.D.
2  Golf at Lakeview Golf Course, Mitchell, S.D.

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