Campus holiday celebration slated for Dec. 15

President David Fuller and Nancy Fuller would like to invite faculty and staff to the annual campus holiday celebration Dec. 15, 2-4 p.m. The event is in the Conference Center.

Fuller joins new Presidents’ Trust to advance liberal education as source of vitality and economic growth

David Fuller, president of Minot State University, announced Nov. 20 that he has joined a new Presidents’ Trust formed by the Association of American Colleges and Universities.

President Fuller and an esteemed national group of 81 other college and university leaders from around the country are forming this trust to make a strong and collective case for liberal education and its value in today’s world.

The Presidents’ Trust is a leadership group within AAC&U’s national initiative, Liberal Education and America’s Promise: Excellence for Everyone as a Nation Goes To College.

“I am honored and pleased to be asked to serve as a Presidents’ Trust member. The leadership of AAC&U through its LEAP initiative and its ongoing support for the critical role of liberal arts and civic engagement is essential for higher education in the 21st century,” Fuller said. “This vision matches to the tee Minot State University’s mission and vision. I look forward to participating with other members of the trust to advance the cause of liberal education and economic and civic vitality.”

Members of the LEAP Presidents’ Trust are leaders from all sectors of higher education and are committed to advocating for the vision, values and practices that connect liberal education with the individual and societal needs of the 21st century. Through regional and national meetings and their own advocacy efforts, trust members will engage with campus members and those outside of higher education about the core purposes and practices of liberal education. They will also provide leadership for advancing reforms in the practice of liberal education both on campus and with other groups and organizations with which they are affiliated.

“President Fuller is already providing valuable leadership, speaking out and ensuring that Minot State University students are receiving the kind of college education that will best prepare them for success in today’s competitive global economy — an engaged and practical liberal education,” said Carol Geary Schneider, AAC&U president.

See www.aacu.org/leap for the full list of Presidents’ Trust members.

Dec. 2, 2009
PIO update

With hundreds of graduates every year and thousands since Minot State University was founded, it should come as no surprise when we hear stories of great success from our alumni. Yet each one is as compelling as the next.

This week, for example, the university and the community received a special visit from Roger Looyenga, a 1969 alumnus.

Looyenga’s story is one of perseverance and success at the highest level within his chosen career. It is a story we have all heard before, yet motivational and inspirational nonetheless.

These are stories I wish I had heard more often during my time as a student in higher education. I know it would have helped me gain important insights on life and a deeper appreciation for the things that really matter.

I, for one, am grateful for the chance we had to soak in some knowledge and experience through Looyenga’s presentations and presence on campus and in our community.

A big thank you goes out to all those who made his visit to Minot State a reality.

— Mark Lyman, director of public information

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New staff for 2009-2010

Minot State University would like to welcome one new Minot State University employee, Karen Leifson, and introduce her to the campus.

Leifson, an alumna, received a bachelor’s degree in addiction studies from MSU. She completed a master’s degree in health services administration at Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant. Leifson is an administrative assistant for the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities. Previously, she worked for Alamo/National Car Rental in Minot.

She and her husband, Lynn, enjoy camping, fishing and home remodeling.

Kaur concludes Brown Bag Book Talks for fall semester

One Brown Bag Book Talk remains for fall semester. Prit Kaur, assistant professor of criminal justice, will end the semester with “Hindu Social Organization” by P.N. Prabhu on Thursday (Dec. 3).

People need not read the featured book ahead of time. The book talks, sponsored by the Gordon B. Olson Library, begin at noon and conclude in time for 1 p.m. classes. All Brown Bag Book Talks are in the lower level of the library in Group Study Room 2.

Minot State University students to give public history presentations

On Thursday (Dec. 3), Minot State University students in the History 299: Introduction to Public History course will present their local-history research projects in the Westlie Room (Student Center, third floor), 12:30-1:45 p.m. Bethany Andreasen, associate professor of history, teaches this class.

Students have undertaken local history projects on these topics: the old Minot High School building, Roosevelt Park Zoo, two former one-room rural schoolhouses (one near Max and one near Williston), the effects of Title IX on Minot State’s athletic program, the Model School (campus lab school) at Minot State and Minot State fraternities.

The public is welcome to attend the presentations and speak with the students. Refreshments will be served.

For additional information, contact Andreasen at 858-3243 or bethany.andreasen@minotstateu.edu.

‘Make the Call, Win it All!’ with Thursday’s KMSU Auction

The countdown will end Thursday (Dec 3), when Minot State University’s broadcasting program hosts its 11th annual KMSU Auction. The auction starts at 6:30 p.m., airing on Minot’s local access channel, Channel 19, with a preshow starting at 5 p.m.

“We have a strong group to make this year’s auction even more successful than years past,” said Jenn Thorgramson, auction coordinator.

The auction’s theme is “Make the Call, Win it All!” Some big packages include a one-year family membership for the YMCA, a variety of items from Crystal’s Hair Clinique of Minot, sports memorabilia from a variety of teams as well as a car donated by Cartiva of Minot.

New this year, auction representatives will be live in MSU’s Beaver Dam. Community members who do not have Midcontinent can enjoy the KMSU Auction in the Beaver Dam. Free tacos in a bag will be served.

The auction benefits the broadcasting program in funding for Media Ink, conferences, equipment and MSU broadcasting scholarships. In addition, 10 percent of the proceeds will go to Lynne Rumney, Honors Program director, who is undergoing cancer treatment.

Last year, the KMSU Auction raised more than $15,000 with the help of more than 160 businesses. Participating in the auction is a valuable and unique way to market any business. Visit www.kmsuauction.com for more details or to watch the auction live on Channel 19.

For more information on the KMSU Auction, contact Thorgramson at (701)340-5068 or jenniferleann@gmail.com.

Heritage Singers, Voices of Note, MSU Concert Choir and others unite for landmark ‘Messiah’

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Minot’s first performance of “Messiah” and the 250th anniversary of the death of the great composer, George Frideric Handel. To celebrate, the Minot Heritage Singers, Voices of Note and singers from the community will join the Minot State University Concert Choir to present Handel’s “Messiah” Sunday (Dec. 6) at 4 p.m.

Ken Bowles, chair of the Division of Music and professor of music, will conduct a choir of 250 local and area singers and a combined MSU and community orchestra. Admission is by free-will offering, and the event’s proceeds will go to scholarships for Minot State music students.

This joint venture will also celebrate the legacy of John Strohm, professor emeritus. Strohm was instrumental in organizing several community performances of the “Messiah” held at the Minot Municipal Auditorium, the site of this year’s performance.
NDCPD ‘I Can Do It, You Can Do It’ program moves into Phase II

In January 2009, the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities on Minot State University’s campus implemented the “I Can Do It, You Can Do It” program in the Minot community. The program completed Phase I in May 2009 and now is progressing into Phase II. Launched in May 2004 by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Disability, ICDI is a national mentoring program for youth with disabilities to increase physical activity and good nutrition.

“ICDI provides an excellent opportunity for youth with disabilities to increase physical activity and good nutrition for healthy lifestyles,” said Brenda Munson, ICDI project director. “I am excited to bring this program back to the Minot area for Phase II.”

To participate in ICDI, youth with disabilities should be between ages 12–21 and have a doctor’s consent. The program pairs the participating mentee with a trained mentor who will help the child set goals to increase physical activity and good nutrition. All mentors, who may or may not have disabilities, must be 18 years or older and pass a criminal-background check before they will be allowed to meet with a mentee. A mentor will meet with their mentee a minimum of one hour each week, for a total of eight weeks. Mentors are also encouraged to communicate, participate in activities and meet with the child more than once per week to help build the relationship.

The mentee will complete three surveys: one before the program begins, one at the end of the eight-week program and a final survey six months after the program ends. The surveys are written at a fifth/sixth-grade reading and comprehension level. Children may have assistance reading and understanding the survey questions from a parent or guardian or another adult, however, self-response is encouraged.

To become a mentor or mentee, contact Munson at 858-4477 or brenda.munson@minotstateu.edu.

Technology Day showcases area high school students and MSU business teacher-education students

Today (Dec. 2) at Minot State University, area high school students competed during the Department of Business Information Technology’s 12th annual Technology Day.

“Technology Day is an excellent event to showcase area high school students in their business and technology skills,” said Jan Repnow, instructor of business education. “This event also showcases our business teacher-education students as they planned, organized and managed all aspects of this competition in preparation for their upcoming teaching careers.”

The area high schools selected students for competition in accounting, business law, desktop publishing, document production, business principles, spreadsheet applications and Web page design. Every school was eligible to enter one student in each of the seven individual events.

In addition, each school could participate as a group in the presentation-software event. Each team consisted of individual-event participants, and they created a presentation using PowerPoint 07 software for a topic provided at the contest. Each school team showed their presentations to participating students and faculty.

The school with the most points for placements in all competitions received a traveling trophy. Participating high schools included Des Lacs Burlington, Kenmare, Max, Sawyer, Surrey, TGU Granville and Underwood.

BIT faculty members, business teacher-education students and Phi Beta Lambda members supervised the competition. Technology Day concluded with a lunch and awards ceremony.

Nursing invites campus to Scholarship Day

The Minot State University Department of Nursing would like the campus to share their Scholarship Day and open house on Dec. 11. Scholarship Day will host research projects developed by the Theory and Research class at 9:30 a.m., followed by poster and paper presentations and a tour of the new simulation center from 10 a.m. to noon. The event is on third floor of Memorial Hall, and refreshments are provided. For questions, contact Rita Meyer, instructor of nursing, at 858-4305 or rita.meyer@minotstateu.edu.

Advanced Study Grants awarded

The Administrative Council of Minot State University, through the Office of Academic and Institutional Projects, has awarded faculty grants for advanced coursework in the 2009-2010 academic year to Rodney Hair, Rural Crime and Justice Center; Cari Olson, Office of Academic and Institutional Projects; Audra Myerchin, Department of Communication Arts (broadcasting program); Jolina Miller, Center for Extended Learning; Patrick Sheldon, art; John Morrow, Department of Foreign Language; Frank Mosley, College of Business (finance); Orlene Schroeder, Department of Communication Disorders; Mark Timbrook, Office of Instructional Technology; and Janet Green, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities.

The Administrative Council awarded a total of $26,840.00 this year. These awards are available on a competitive basis to all faculty and staff who wish to apply. They are announced in the annual call for proposals in October.

Congratulations to all the recipients! For questions, contact 858-3323 or cari.olson@minotstateu.edu.
SSWO raises awareness of community homelessness and donates food items

During “Freezin’ for a Reason,” the Minot State University Student Social Work Organization collected $1,160 and 1,721 pounds of food for the Minot Area Homeless Coalition and local food pantries.

Bond between Dakota College at Bottineau and Minot State remains strong

To commemorate Dakota College at Bottineau’s name change, a ribbon-cutting event was held Nov. 20 on the Minot State University campus. An open house for the Minot office of Dakota College followed. Gary Rabe, vice president for academic affairs at Minot State University, and Ken Grosz, dean of Dakota College at Bottineau, represented their institutions.

On Aug. 1, Minot State University-Bottineau became Dakota College at Bottineau. This new name gives the institution a unique identity in a way that reflects its location, history, mission and ongoing “Nature, Technology, and Beyond” focus. It does not change the college’s affiliation with Minot State. That affiliation continues to grow stronger.

Faiths Explored series continue in December

The Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Multicultural Center are hosting the popular Faiths Explored series in the Multicultural Center (Student Center, first floor) at 12:30 p.m.:
- Thursday (Dec. 3) — Jim Knudsen, Baha’i faith.
- Dec. 10 — Nathan Anderson, the College of Education and Health Sciences’ accreditation technology coordinator, local author and MSU alumnus, will share the message of his book, “A Good Dose of God: Everyone’s Best Friend.”

The Faiths Explored series, which is for educational purposes, is open for students, faculty, staff and members of the community to participate. For questions, contact Pastor Kari Williamson, Lutheran Campus Ministry, at 839-3949 or campusministry@srt.com.

Students discover ‘We are not alone … who else is out there?’ during Geography Awareness Week

To commemorate Geography Awareness Week, Johnny Coomansingh, assistant professor of geography, wanted his students to gain a broader understanding of the world in which they live. Coomansingh teaches the Principles of Geography (GEOG 110) and World Regional Geography (GEOG 161) classes.

The Principles of Geography (GEOG 110) winners, designated by place standing, hometown and poem topic, were Shenna Seibel, first, Minot, United Republic; Josh Beaudoin, second, Minot, Venezuela; and Kalli Swenson, third, Stanley, Ireland. The World Regional Geography (GEOG 161) winners, designated by place standing, hometown and poem topic, were Rachel Virtue, first, Minot Air Force Base, Socotra; Celeste Cox, second, Williston, Canada; and Joel Rudy, third, Minot, Trinidad. The students will receive prizes.

For the assignment, each student received a “We are not alone” map, which were donated by the North Dakota Geographic Alliance. Students placed these maps in strategic places around the Minot State University campus and community, such as businesses, churches and meeting halls. Then, each student randomly selected a country other than the United States. They wrote a 12-line poem on some aspect of the cultural geography of that country. Cultural geography refers to the morphology of the landscape, the human imprint on the landscape.

Global Sights Photography Competition winning entries listed

In celebration of International Education Week, the winning photographs, along with honorable mentions, were displayed in the Student Center. Winning submissions from students were:
Wellness works

Stress, depression and the holidays: 10 tips for coping

Stress and depression can ruin your holidays and hurt your health. Being realistic, planning ahead and seeking support can help ward off stress and depression.

The holiday season, which begins for most Americans with Thanksgiving and continues through New Year’s Day, often brings unwelcome guests — stress and depression. In an effort to pull off a perfect holiday, you might find yourself facing a dizzying array of demands, parties, shopping, baking, cleaning and entertaining, to name a few. So much for peace and joy, right?

Actually, with some practical tips, you can minimize the stress and depression that often accompany the holidays. You may even end up enjoying the holidays more than you thought you would.

• First place: “Floating Islands in Lake Titicaca,” in Peru, by Kristina Mader, communication disorders.
• Second place: “Coliseum,” in Rome, Italy, by Ashley Krosbakken, radiologic technology.
• Third place: “Mayan Ruins at Nim Li Punit,” in Belize, by Hope Finley, art major.

Winning faculty and staff submissions included:
• First place: “Rooftops,” in Dubrovnik, Croatia, by Kristin Wood, transfer and articulation agreement advisor in the Office of Enrollment Services.
• Second place: “Reflections,” at Alhambra in Granada, Spain, by Andrea Donovan, art and humanities faculty member.
• Third place: “Catania late afternoon neighbors,” in Sicily, Italy, by DeVera Bowles, music faculty member.

SBHE announces NDSU Presidential Search Committee

The State Board of Higher Education named 18 campus, community and state leaders to the North Dakota State University Presidential Search Committee on Nov. 18. Bruce Christianson, a Minot State University alumnus and past SBHE member, is among the search committee members. Christianson is the general manager and chief executive officer of Magic City Financial Group in Minot.

“The names of many highly qualified people were submitted for consideration, which made the selection process very difficult,” said Richie Smith, SBHE president. “I’m confident we are moving forward with a committee that will represent the many constituencies of NDSU very well.”

North Dakota University System Chancellor William Goetz, an ex officio member of the search committee, is also a Minot State alumnus.
you enough to handle everything you need to do. Take a walk at night and stargaze. Listen to soothing music. Find something that reduces stress by clearing your mind, slowing your breathing and restoring inner calm.

- Seek professional help if you need it — Despite your best efforts, you may find yourself feeling persistently sad or anxious, plagued by physical complaints, unable to sleep, irritable and hopeless and unable to face routine chores. If these feelings last for a while, talk to your doctor or a mental health professional.

Take control of the holidays. Don’t let the holidays become something you dread. Instead, take steps to prevent the stress and depression that can descend during the holidays. With a little planning and some positive thinking, you may find that you enjoy the holidays this year more than you thought you could.

A year of fruits and veggies: December

What’s in season now? Eating! It is no wonder that with cold temperatures outside and a short amount of sunlight we look for comfort in friends, family and food. With all the holiday parties and gatherings, you may be finding food at every turn. But if you and your co-workers try, you can make your worksite a healthy oasis, at least on most of the days of the month. We offer these suggestions:

- Bring a colorful vegetable platter to work to celebrate the holidays. Substituting fruits and vegetables for other higher calorie options can help maintain your weight during the holidays.
- Brave the cold weather and get outside. Go for a brisk walk with co-workers during breaks.
- Make physical activity a part of your holiday gatherings; schedule physical activity time into your party time.
- Take a break from the holiday sweets and eat some fresh fruit.
- Consider a festive fruit bowl featuring red and green (Granny Smith) apples in your entry area rather than a candy bowl.

Apples are a holiday tradition, and part of that is due to their peak availability during the early winter months. An apple has five grams of fiber and only 80 calories; studies have shown that eating apples and other fruits and vegetables as part of a healthy diet is linked to heart and lung health and reducing risk of cancer. www.usapple.org/educators/research/index.cfm.


From the common apple to the uncommon root vegetable, parsnips can increase the variety in your meals. Parsnips are a root, like a carrot, and are often paired with carrots in recipes. They are easily added to soups and stews and taste great roasted too. For those up for adventure, orange-glazed parsnips, www.baldwinpublishing.com/article/siteCode/SFBeWell/catgId/129/articleId/60.

Roast a bunch of roots using this tasty recipe with cumin and coriander, www.mayoclinic.com/health/healthy-recipes/NU00337.


For questions, contact Caren Barnett, director of the Student Health Center, at 858-3371 or caren.barnett@minotstateu.edu or Paul Brekke, director of the Fitness Center, at 858-3485 or paul.brekke@minotstateu.edu.

Faculty, staff and student notes

Becky Brodell, instructor of nursing, attended the Odyssey 2009 Conference on Nov. 12-13 in Ontario, Calif. During a “Caring and Connection Through Technology” poster session, she presented a poster titled “Caring and Technology in Nursing.” Several regions of Sigma Theta Tau, the international nursing honor society, sponsored the conference. In addition to teaching, Brodell is pursuing her doctorate degree from the University of North Dakota.

Announcements

Lutheran Campus Ministry sponsors Angel Tree

Again this year, the Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Minot Domestic Violence Crisis Center are helping make this holiday season a little brighter. Through Dec. 10, pick up an angel tag from the tree and purchase that item for a family in need in the Minot community.

For questions, please contact 839-3949 or campusministry@srt.com.

— Pastor Kari Williamson, Lutheran Campus Ministry

New mini-grant competition starts

Each year, faculty from a wide range of disciplines apply for funding through Minot State University’s Small Grants program. The MSU Faculty Development and Research Committee announces that excess funds remain after last spring’s awards. At this time, over $8,000 is available for a new mini-grant competition. The timeline is relatively short — applications are due Dec. 15; awards will be announced no later than Jan. 15, 2010. Guidelines are available at www.minotstateu.edu/rsp/small_r_grants.shtml.

— Mikhail Bobylev, chair of the Faculty Development and Research Committee, and Linda Cresap, dean of the Graduate School and Research and Sponsored Programs
Angel Tree for DVCC displayed at MSU home basketball games

At Minot State University home basketball games on Friday (Dec. 4), Saturday (Dec. 5) and Dec. 12 and 17, an Angel Tree will stand at the end of the Beaver bench. Once again, the MSU Student Athlete Advisory Committee is teaming up with the Domestic Violence Crisis Center to provide gifts for those in need this Christmas.

Paper angel tags, listing the recipient’s age and gender, decorate the tree. Contributors remove one or more tags from the tree, purchase the item requested and return the gift item unwrapped or in a gift bag to the Minot State University Department of Athletics. For additional information, contact the athletic department at 858-3041.

— Johnna Lewis, SAAC advisor and head volleyball coach

State employees can share leave

For all state employees who accrue annual and sick leave, there is a state employee leave-sharing program. The Office of Human Resources maintains a list of state employees in need of leave donations. If an individual is interested in donating leave, they should contact the Office of Human Resources. As the end of the calendar year nears, employees may be in a “use or lose” leave situation, and they may consider leave donation. Please contact 858-3352 or wes.matthews@minotstateu.edu with any questions regarding this program.

— Wes Matthews, director of human resources

Call for 2010-11 small grant proposals

Faculty: Pending funding for the 2010-11 academic year, funds for small grants will be available at the start of the academic year, July 1, 2010. Small grant proposal submissions should be electronic only. Word and PDF files are acceptable, and files may be sent via e-mail attachment to linda.cresap@minotstateu.edu no later than by February 26, 2010.

For questions, contact 858-3066 or mikhail.bobylev@minotstateu.edu.

— Mikhail Bobylev, chair of the Faculty Development and Research Committee and associate professor of chemistry

NOTSTOCK items available

Get a hand-printed art print or skateboard deck made at NOTSTOCK. Prints and skateboard decks are on display in the case outside Student Center Director Leon’s Perzinski’s office (Student Center, second floor). Prints and skateboard decks are available for purchase from Perzinski or from Laurie Geller in Model 110. Prices of prints range from $5 to $20, and skateboard decks are $50.

To view items or if you want prints or skateboard decks shipped, visit the MSU NOTSTOCK Etsy store, www.etsy.com/shop/lgeller13. The Web site shows images and prices of everything that is available.

Funds will be used to support future NOTSTOCK events. For questions, contact 858-3282 or laurie.geller@minotstateu.edu.

— Laurie Geller, MSU NOTSTOCK co-organizer

In the galleries

Dec. 9-29 — Photography by Jesse Kelly, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

The public reception for Kelly’s photography exhibit is Dec. 10, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m.

Calendar


December 2009

2  Small Ensembles concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
2  SAC: movie, Beaver Dam, 9 p.m.
3  Faiths Explored: Jim Knudsen, Baha’i faith, Multicultural Center, 12:30 p.m.
3  Public History student presentations, Westlie Room, 12:30–1:45 p.m.
3  Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
3  KMSU Auction, Channel 19, 5 p.m.
3  KMSU Auction “Party in the Beaver Dam,” Beaver Dam, 5 p.m.
4  Beaver Booster luncheon, Sevens Restaurant, noon.
4  Women’s and Men’s Basketball vs. Valley City State University, Dome, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
5  Women’s and Men’s Basketball vs. Jamestown College, Dome, 4 and 6 p.m.
5  Public reception for senior art exhibit by Stacy Jaeger and Tami Goss, 62 Doors Gallery, Minot, 7–9 p.m.
5  Men’s Club Hockey vs. Dakota College at Bottineau, All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
5-Jan. 9 Senior art exhibit: “Picture Perfect Words” by Stacy Jaeger and Tami Goss, 62 Doors Gallery, Minot.
6  “Messiah” concert, Minot Municipal Auditorium, 4 p.m.
7  Graduate School: last day for thesis/project defense if graduating fall semester.
7  Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
7  Blood pressure and health information, Beaver Dam entrance, 9 a.m.
7  Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 6 p.m.
7  Percussion Ensemble concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
8  MSU Band and Choirs concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
8  Men’s Club Hockey at Dakota College at Bottineau.
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