New staff for 2009-2010

Minot State University would like to welcome two new employees, Angela Hagen and Heather Martin, and introduce them to the campus. Hagen, an alumna, is an early interventionist with the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities’ Minot Infant Development program. She received her bachelor’s degree in child development from North Dakota State University and her master’s degree in special education (early childhood) from MSU. Previously, she was a program coordinator for Minot’s Pathfinder Parent Center. She loves to read, cook, travel and spend time with her puppy.

Martin joins the Office of Career Services as an advising coordinator. She earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration and master’s degree in educational leadership from the University of North Dakota. Martin and her husband, Matthew, have two children, Connor and Callie. The family enjoys camping and traveling.

Minot State University announces new additions to athletic staff

The Minot State University Department of Athletics has added two new staff members. Melanie DeBoer is the assistant athletic director for compliance and student life and senior woman administrator. This is a required position for the institution with the move to National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II. DeBoer served as the director of athletic recruiting at Upper Iowa University, Fayette, before coming to Minot State.

“We are pleased to have Melanie leading our NCAA compliance plan. This is a critical area for us as we move forward in the NCAA Division II membership process,” Athletic Director Rick Hedberg said. “Melanie will also work very closely with our student athlete advisory committee and our CHAMP/Life skills program. These two programs are very important for the development of our student athletes, and Melanie will do a nice job for us.”

DeBoer received a bachelor’s degree from Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa, with a double major in psychology and sport management with coaching endorsement. She is a native of Brandon, Wis.

Mike Linnell is the new sports information director. He is taking over for Sheila Green Gerding, women’s basketball coach, who served as part-time sports information director for 15 years. For the past five years, Linnell was the sports editor at the Minot Daily News. He was also a co-host of the KMOT-Press Pass, a weekly sports-talk television segment.
“We are happy to have someone with Mike’s background leading our sports information department. Mike is a great writer, and he has been around college athletics for several years,” Hedberg said. “Sports information is an area in which we have great potential to expand, and I know Mike will serve us well.”

Linnell is a graduate of the University of North Dakota, where he received a bachelor’s degree in communication with an emphasis in print journalism and photography. He is a native of Sunburst, Mont.

MSU welcomes students back

Welcome Week at Minot State University officially kicked off Tuesday (Jan. 12) and runs through Friday (Jan. 15). During the week, free food is available for students in the Beaver Dam, starting at 11 a.m.

“Welcome Week is a great opportunity for students to come back, meet new people and get involved on campus,” said Kevin Mehrer, Student Government Association director of publicity. “We offer a lot of things this week.”

Wednesday (Jan. 13) activities include karaoke in the Beaver Dam at 11 a.m. In the evening, game night, involving Wii and board games, starts at 7 p.m. The movie “Couple’s Retreat” follows in Aleshire Theater at 9 p.m.

Thursday (Jan. 14), Alex Barcomb will provide live music in the Beaver Dam, noon. Then, at 5:30 p.m., the MSU Lady Beavers take on the Dickinson Bluehawks in the Dome. The men play at 7:30. It is a “Red Out,” so the audience should wear red to cheer them on. Students can also enjoy free subs and smoothies during the game and register for prize drawings. After the games, hypnotist Jim Wand is performing in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 10 p.m.

Friday (Jan. 15) brings free nachos in the Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.

“Keep a look out for fliers, posters and e-mails for the latest events that will be offered throughout the semester,” said Ann Rivera, student activities coordinator. “Also, if you are on Facebook, become a friend of SAC, Red Alert and Minot State University to stay informed about what’s happening at MSU.”

For more information on Welcome Week, contact Rivera at ann.rivera@minotstateu.edu or 858-3987.

Community unites to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day

To commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan. 18), a community event will feature a volunteer fair in Old Main’s McFarland Gallery, 6 p.m. A celebration of life, with music, dancers, monologue and Minot’s response to Martin Luther King Jr. Day, will follow in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.

Sponsors include Minot State University, YWCA, Minot Air Force Base, Minot Public Schools, the Minot Air Force Base Gospel Choir, Minot Air Force Base Public Affairs, MSU’s Multicultural Center and the Retired Seniors and Volunteers Program.

For additional information, contact Deb Kunkel, YWCA executive director, at 838-1812.

NCDPD receives Think College grant

Minot State University’s North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities recently received a $15,000 grant from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities to fund the North Dakota Think College Initiative. The Institute for Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, will serve as a model, and its personnel will provide technical support.

“We are very excited to collaborate with the Institute for Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts, as well as key stakeholders throughout the state,” said Brent Askvig, executive director of NDCPD and the principal investigator of the project. “We have an opportunity to develop a strategic plan for making post-secondary education a reality for North Dakota students with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.”

NDCPD, in conjunction with several partner agencies, will implement the North Dakota Think College Initiative to increase knowledge of exemplary post-secondary models, host a North Dakota Think College Institute and Next Steps Summit and guide the development of a state strategic plan. Stakeholders will form a steering committee and assemble several workgroups around key issues. Workgroup members will actively participate in identifying barriers, mapping resources and exploring funding options and strategies for making post-secondary education a reality for North Dakota students with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

Personnel from this Think College Consortium will serve as plenary session speakers at the Think College Institute and will provide for technical assistance in all phases of implementation of project activities. Upon conclusion of this project, a North Dakota Think College strategic plan is slated for development and dissemination to guide future efforts.

For additional information about the North Dakota Think College Initiative, contact Askvig at 858-3052 or brent.askvig@minotstateu.edu or Mary Mercer, project director, at 858-3260 or mary.mercer@minotstateu.edu.

MPD captain examines computer crime

Captain Bill Brown of the Minot Police Department will discuss “Computer Crime” in his Jan. 20 Northwest Art Center lecture. This free public lecture begins at 7 p.m. in Aleshire Theater. An informal reception will follow the program.

Brown’s presentation will provide an overview of computer crime, explaining common scams such as phishing, Nigerian

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and lottery scams and other types of illegal activity including pornography, cyber stalking, hacking, harassment and identity theft. He will discuss the challenges faced by law enforcement in fighting computer crime and will suggest ways computer users can safeguard their data.

A New York native, Brown moved to North Dakota while stationed as a law enforcement specialist at Minot Air Force Base. He continued his law enforcement career with the Minot Police Department, working in every division within the police department including patrol, investigations and administration. In addition to his current duties as the commander of administration, Captain Brown is an instructor for the North Dakota Law Enforcement Training Academy and the Minot State University Department of Criminal Justice.

Minot State student turns entrepreneur

Minot State University senior Tonya Stuart has an eye for design and a nose for business, and she should. Stuart, the Art Club president, is a graphic design major with minors in business administration and marketing. In a marriage of design and business, Stuart has paired these two loves into a unique business venture as part of her senior thesis.

Stuart makes handmade silk-screened wedding invitations and thank you cards. To sell them, the Humboldt, Saskatchewan native partnered with Eclectique in Minot.

“I like weddings, and I wanted to put a different spin on the overused, mass-produced invitations that you currently see,” Stuart said. “People would also be able to make them themselves; they could have a hand in it and make it more personal.”

The theme behind this project is to give couples a more personalized product that is like them. While the product line is currently small, after she finishes her schooling, Stuart envisions opening a studio in town with two partners. Together they want to offer wedding planning, printmaking, photography and decorating services.

“I would like to let kids come in and print their own birthday cards and graduation invitations,” said Stuart, the artist entrepreneur whose personal touch could inspire the next generation as well as a unique business.

MSU blood drive scheduled

The Minot State University Ambassadors and Student Government Association will host an MSU blood drive Jan. 25-26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The blood drive will be held in the Conference Center of the Student Center.

Students, faculty and staff, stop by the blood drive. It is a fun and convenient way to donate blood, get your blood pressure, temperature, pulse, hematocrit and cholesterol checked and save someone’s life, all in less than an hour.

To make an appointment to donate at the MSU blood drive, contact Ann Rivera, student activities coordinator, at 858-3987 or e-mail ann.rivera@minotstateu.edu.

MSO performs family concert Jan. 30

For the Minot Symphony Orchestra’s family concert Jan. 30, the “Sorcerer’s Apprentice” by Paul Dukas starts the evening off with a feeling of magic and excitement at 7:30 p.m. The audience moves on to hear the wild and fantastic work by Modest Mussorgsky, “Night on a Bald Mountain.” Through his colorful music, composer Maurice Ravel artfully tells the stories of Mother Goose. To end with a bang, Pyotr Tchaikovsky’s famous “Overture 1812” will ring through Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

Maestro Dennis Simons, professor of music, is the orchestra’s conductor.

Minot State University students, faculty and staff are admitted free with a current ID. Additional tickets for adults are $20 per concert or $65 for a season ticket. The price for senior citizens is $15 single, $50 season; students 12-18, $10 single, $30 season; children, $5 single, $15 season. The remainder of “Myths and Legends” includes the Spring Concert, March 6; and Pops Concert, Apr. 24.

Landmark ‘Messiah’ performance raises funds for MSU music scholarships

On Jan. 5, Donald Andrews, treasurer of the Heritage Singers men’s chorus, and Karen Brunner Wright, president of the Voices of Note women’s chorus, presented David Fuller, president of Minot State University, with a $5,796 check. The check, which is from the proceeds of a landmark “Messiah” concert, will go to the Joseph Hegstad Music Scholarship and the John Strohm Music Scholarship at MSU.

“Afetr decades of university and community cooperation, the tradition continues to grow,” said Ken Bowles, chair of the MSU Division of Music and professor of music.

This year’s concert commemorated the 100th anniversary of Minot’s first performance of George Frideric Handel’s “Messiah” and the 250th anniversary of the Handel’s death. Bowles conducted the choir of 270 local and area singers and a combined MSU and community orchestra. Initially, concert organizers had hoped to enlist at least 250 singers.
This joint venture also celebrated the legacies of John Strohm and Joseph Hegstad, professors 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. Hegstad was the founding director of the Heritage Singers and Voices of Note.

For additional information, contact Mark Schnabel, development officer, at 858-4243 or mark.schnabel@minotstateu.edu.

Left to right: Ken Bowles, MSU Division of Music chair, and Donald Andrews, Heritage Singers treasurer, look on as Karen Brunner Wright, Voices of Note president, presents a $5,796 check to MSU President David Fuller.

Wellness works
Making New Year’s resolutions successful

With the new year upon us, there is a countless amount of people all over the country who have started making health and fitness resolutions for the year 2010. Then, as fast as they started, we hear about all of those resolutions coming to a halt. But, they do not have to end! New Year’s resolutions can be successful.

Here are some tips to help make those resolutions as successful as possible.

• Be realistic. Health and fitness goals are a continuous work in progress. By attempting to do too much too soon, we set ourselves up for failure. The idea is to start slow and add steps along the way.

• Set specific and short-term goals that will help to build confidence. Determine where you want to go and set up a roadmap that has built-in attainable destinations on that journey.

• Make time for your resolution. It is important to schedule your health and fitness time just as you would a business meeting or any other activity in your day. We make time for things that are important to us.

• Change needs to be for you. Do not decide to start a resolution for someone other than yourself. Any goals that you set should come from a desire that you want to attain for you, not someone else.

• Do not beat yourself up. Anticipate roadblocks and have plans for situations that you cannot avoid. Obsessing over bumps in the road will not help you achieve your goal. Feeling good about each step makes it easier to stick to the goals you have set for yourself.

• Stick to it and keep trying. It takes time for an effective health and fitness program to be achieved. If you start on a journey and fall off track, do not panic. There is no reason that you cannot make a “New Year’s Resolution” any time of year.

It is always a good idea to meet with your health-care professional before starting any kind of a health and fitness lifestyle change.

A lot of people start out their New Year’s resolutions with good intentions, but they fail to get through the first few weeks. However, with a well thought out plan, a good attitude and a good support group, a lasting lifestyle change is possible.

For questions, contact Paul Brekke, director of the MSU Fitness Center, at 858-3495 or paul.brekke@minotstateu.edu.

Advancement and marketing win the Staff Senate Holiday Decorating Contest again

On Dec. 22, the judges of the Staff Senate Holiday Decorating Contest named advancement and marketing as the competition’s winner. They also won last year. Other entries were enrollment services, Information Technology Central and plant services.

Dakota College at Bottineau receives continued accreditation

On Dec. 16, the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association officially continued the accreditation of Dakota College at Bottineau through 2019-2020 — the maximum duration for which post-secondary institutions can receive continued accreditation.
The HLC is an organization that reviews and accredits colleges and universities in the north central region of the United States. It evaluates the formal educational activities of the institution, as well as its governance structures, financial stability, effectiveness and relationships with internal and external audiences. Accreditation by the commission provides certification that DCB provides educational quality. The process also provides opportunities for self-improvement. Continued accreditation demonstrates to the public that the college has met HLC’s clearly stated requirements and criteria.

DCB began preparing for the review three and one-half years ago. Before the campus visit by a team of four consultant-evaluators in April of 2009, the college wrote an exhaustive self-study. The self-study is an introspective look at the strengths, challenges and future direction of the institution. It provided the consultant-evaluators a benchmark from which to base their critical observations. All campus departments, along with students, staff, faculty and community, were part of both the creation of the self-study and the face-to-face visitation.

— DCB news release

ND CAN hosts “College Within Your Reach” conference

“College Within Your Reach,” a conference focused on increasing college access, is Feb 9-10 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck.

The conference is sponsored by the North Dakota College Access Network, which encourages students to set and achieve higher education goals. ND CAN is committed to helping low income and under-represented students enroll and succeed in college. To increase college access opportunities for students of disadvantaged backgrounds, ND CAN develops partnerships with state, private and tribal colleges, local businesses and student support programs.

“The information available at this conference can help bridge the gap between having the desire to attend college and finding the resources and opportunity to make it possible,” said Bill Goetz, chancellor of the North Dakota University System.

Students, parents, teachers and counselors are encouraged to attend. Conference session topics will include: applying for federal Pell Grants and examining changes in the 2010-11 Free Application for Federal Student Aid form, discussing best practices in college retention and college success, exploring leadership opportunities through programs such as North Dakota Youth Forward and the North Dakota Indian Youth Leadership Academy, advancing American Indian education support in North Dakota and providing rehabilitation services for college students who have disabilities.

Keynote speaker Liz Murray will share her inspirational life story. The child of two drug-addicted parents and homeless at age 15, Murray earned a full scholarship to Harvard University. The Emmy nominated Lifetime Television movie “Homeless to Harvard” featured her journey. She will speak Feb. 9 in the Grand Pacific Ballroom at 7:30 p.m.

A college access fair for the public will also run throughout the conference. The event is funded through the North Dakota College Access Challenge Grant provided by the U.S. Department of Education and administered by NDUS.

This conference is free and open to the public. Online registration is required. To register, go to www.bismarckstate.edu/ceti/ndcan.

— NDUS news release

Faculty, staff and student notes

Recently, Dakota College at Bottineau promoted Russ Gagnon, Minot programs director, to the rank of professor of business.

Faculty and staff

acknowledgements from the Dec. 16 University Cabinet meeting

Members of the University Cabinet are asked to let the Minot State University community know about the students, faculty and staff in their areas who perform extraordinary work and who make a significant contribution or accomplish an achievement.

• Lindsey VanThuyne, Graduate School and Research and Sponsored Programs, for her outstanding work on the Graduate School online application and the My Main Street VIP page.

• Sarah Walker, College of Business graduate programs, for her assistance in the My Main street VIP page development.

• Susan Podrygula, Gordon B. Olson Library, Alan Kihm, biology, Rita Curl-Langager, psychology, Keith Witwer, business administration, and Tawnya Bernsdorf, advancement, for their work as an ad hoc Faculty Senate committee working on the Academic Hall of Fame.

• Robin Wagner, LaDonna Malachowski, Laurel Hyatt and Lori Braasch, Business Office, for preparing a departmental training manual and presenting two training sessions covering travel reimbursement.

• Heather Golly, human performance, for her extensive work in identifying equipment, offices and other items in the Swain Hall renovation.

• Sue Lommen, plant services, for her professionalism in handling the many parking issues.

• Cari Olson and Rod Hair, academic and institutional projects, for their work in preparing for the State Board of Higher Education strategic planning process.

• Linda Benson, public information, Jennifer Sick, registrar, and Merri Jo Connole, financial aid, for their work in publishing the scholarship list.
• Laurie Geller and the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science in their efforts to meet with industry leaders to better improve and support our students.
• Roger Kluck and all plant services personnel for keeping the campus clean and safe this winter.

Announcements

Deadline for Staff Senate Scholarship applications is Thursday

The criteria and application forms for MSU Staff Senate Scholarships are available at www.minotstateu.edu/stfsenat/endowment.shtml.

The endowment fund’s purpose is to assist staff or their dependents in their educational pursuits at Minot State University. The deadline to submit applications to Merri Jo Conole in the Office of Financial Aid is Thursday (Jan. 14).

— MSU Staff Senate Scholarship Committee

Plant services hosting open forum on campus parking

The Office of Plant Services will host an open forum Feb 9 in the Conference Center (Student Center, third floor), 8-10 a.m. The forum’s purpose is to gather input from students, faculty and staff regarding parking on campus and to discuss parking matters with the campus.

For questions, contact 858-3210 or sherri.giessinger@minotstateu.edu.

— Sherri Giessinger, administrative assistant for the director of facilities

Engagement Fair begins Diversity Week

The Diversity Week Engagement Fair is scheduled for Feb. 8 in the Conference Center (Student Center, third floor), 10 a.m.—3 p.m. In the spirit of Vision 2013, we are promoting learning through varied experiences and the relevance of engagement of Minot State University students, faculty and staff in our larger community.

This event is designed to begin a dialogue between members of the community and MSU about how we can best work together for our mutual benefit. Tables are available for both MSU departments and for area organizations and businesses to provide program information and to promote ideas about sharing our time, talent and energy.

Your input is needed on how your discipline or department might appropriately fit with a community experience or match with a community need. Are there classes being taught in your discipline that could benefit with a hands-on learning experience? Are there specific community organizations or businesses that your department or division currently partner with for student engagement or faculty research? Help us to identify both who (community partner businesses and agencies) and what (types of activities we could creatively make happen that enhance our teaching and research). We invite the participation of both those organizations that MSU currently partners with as well as those who might be new partners; your assistance in identifying them would be very helpful.

MSU’s Diversity Week, “Strength through Diversity: Community and Place,” is Feb. 8-12. Diversity Week will involve a range of presentations, film screenings, lectures and interactive programs that will attempt to broaden understanding and openness to the community and world around us.

Please contact ruth.kihm@minotstateu.edu or lisa.borden-king@minotstateu.edu for a registration form for participation in the Engagement Fair or any other comments or questions on Diversity Week activities.

— Ruth Kihm, assistant professor of social work, and Lisa Borden-King, associate professor of education

Vehicle mileage information update

According to OMB Fiscal and Administrative Policy 511—Use of Personal Vehicles, the in-state reimbursement rate for use of personal vehicle is 50¢ per mile for personal convenience and/or if a motor pool vehicle is not available. This policy is effective as of Jan. 1.

For questions, contact 858-4153 or barb.johnson@minotstateu.edu.

— Barb Johnson, administrative assistant for the vice president for administration and finance

Work-order procedure changes

The Office of Plant Services has made changes to the work-order process. Effective Jan. 4, plant services will need work orders to be submitted through a written work order for every request except an emergency work order. The required forms are at www.minotstateu.edu/plant/work_orders.shtml.

For normal maintenance and repairs, these forms require the signature of the requester and chair or dean. For all out-of-department moves and all construction projects, the vice president of your department needs to authorize the action. Requests for construction projects shall also include fund/department numbers to charge materials and contract labor.

The forms are then forwarded to the Office of Plant Services for Roger Kluck, director of facilities, to review and approve. Please allow enough time for the work order to make it to our office before you would like the work done. The forms must also be completed whenever tables or set ups for campus events are needed. Please allow at least a week of advance notice for set up or moves.

The Notification of Change in Inventory form is also updated. The department chair or department head’s signature for any inventory change is needed. If it is transferred to another department, a receiving signature is needed.

For any questions, please call 858-3210.

— Roger Kluck, director of facilities
NSSE and FSSE research briefs available

Results from the 2009 administration of the National Survey of Student Engagement and Faculty Survey of Student Engagement are in and available through the Office of Academic and Institutional Projects. To access the AIP research briefs for the NSSE and FSSE, go to www.minotstateu.edu/instplan/aip_briefs.shtml.

For questions, contact 858-3323 or cari.olson@minotstateu.edu.

— Cari Olson, academic and institutional projects coordinator

H1N1 vaccine available

The Student Health Center has received another shipment of H1N1 flu vaccine. This vaccine is available to all Minot State University students, faculty and staff at no charge. No appointment is necessary. For questions, call 858-3371.

— Caren Barnett, director of the Student Health Center

College for Kids proposals wanted

It is that time of year again — time to start planning our 2010 College for Kids camps! As a faculty or staff member, you may submit camp proposals for this rewarding program. It is a chance to earn money while giving back to the kids of our community. This year, we want to offer camps to all age groups; ages 6 to 18. I encourage everyone to be creative and think of an exciting and interesting camp to offer!

To become involved in another great summer of youth education, please submit a proposal form for each camp by Feb. 4. I look forward to working with you on this program! If you have any questions, contact 858-3989 or amy.woodbeck@minotstateu.edu.

— Amy Woodbeck, professional development and community education coordinator

In the galleries


The public reception for “Americas 2010 Paperworks,” and Best of Show, “Americas 2009 Paperworks” is Jan. 19, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m.

Calendar

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Jan.


Welcome Week: karaoke, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.

Welcome Week: game night, Beaver Dam, 7 p.m.

Student music recital by David Holler and Caitlin Benson, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.

SAC: movie “Couples Retreat,” Aleshire Theater, 9 p.m.

Last day to add first 8-week class.

Welcome Week: live music, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.

Institutional Review Board, Memorial Hall 236, 1:30 p.m.

Faculty Senate executive board, Souris Room, 3:30 p.m.

Women’s and Men’s Basketball vs. Dickinson State University, “Red Out Night,” Dome, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Welcome Week: hypnotist, Nelson Hall, free and open to the public, 10 p.m.

Fall 2010 student teaching applications due to Field Placement Office.

Welcome Week: live music, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.

Minot Community Band, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Men’s Club Hockey at Oklahoma City, Okla.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, university closed.

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration: “I Was There,” Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.

Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.


University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.

NAC lecture: “Computer Crime,” presented by Captain Bill Brown, Minot Police Department, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.

Mandatory orientation for student teaching fall 2010, Main 218, 12:30–1:30 p.m.

Last day to add 16-week class.

Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.

Graduate School: spring and summer semester graduation application due to advisor.

Family Day.

Beaver Booster luncheon, Sevens Restaurant, noon.

First-year experience faculty introduction, Westlie Room, 2–4 p.m.

Alumni and Beaver Booster Appreciation Night, Dome, 5 p.m.

Women’s and Men’s Basketball vs. South Dakota Mines, Dome, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Men’s Club Hockey vs. Adrian College, All Seasons Arena, 7:30 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.