



### Public Information Office

A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

## Milestone donation to MSU College of Business will start entrepreneurship academy

The Minot State University College of Business announced a milestone gift Feb. 9. The gift from an alumnus whose decision to give back to the university and region will help Minot State produce stronger entrepreneurs.

The \$1 million donation comes from Clint Severson and Conni Ahart. Severson is chairman of the board, chief executive officer and president of Abaxis, a medical devices company based in northern California. He is the 2007 Forbes Entrepreneur of the Year and a 1973 alumnus of then Minot State College.

“When I look at all the many possible organizations that I would consider worthwhile investments, Minot State University rises to the top,” Severson said. “What will come of this investment in the university is a new academy aimed at promoting entrepreneurship and building better business leaders for the present and future needs of Minot and the surrounding region.”

“The Severson Entrepreneurship Academy will involve several components that enhance entrepreneurship learning for our students and provide tools for our community to use,” MSU President David Fuller said. “Words cannot express how grateful we are to Clint and Conni for their generous donation to Minot State and the College of Business.”

The new Severson Entrepreneurship Academy will provide unique opportunities for both students and the community. The program will use existing College of Business courses to teach multi-disciplinary classes related to the creative process of building a business. Within the structure of a new club, students will help write, analyze and evaluate business plans, both those from students and, eventually, from community members. This new entrepreneurship club will also give seed money to those student business plans that are exceptional. This will provide young entrepreneurs with an authentic experience to begin their own business ventures. In addition, a resource center related to the needs of entrepreneurs and a speaker series will be part of the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy.

The Severson donation is the largest such gift to the College of Business and includes funds to hire a faculty member to manage the academy. This individual will be a champion for the academy, with knowledge and experience in entrepreneurship and strong capability to instruct, lead and guide students, as well as to interact with the business community.

The announcement of the \$1 million donation included a luncheon for Minot-area leaders to learn more about the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy and a College of Business celebration for students and faculty to show their appreciation to Severson and Ahart.



Feb. 10, 2010

### PIO update

It is not every day that a “milestone” event occurs. For Minot State University, Tuesday, Feb. 9, was one of those days.

With the announcement of a \$1 million donation from Clint Severson and Conni Ahart, Minot State students and the community will soon be enjoying the benefits of the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy. The academy will become a way to educate students, assist the community and further the push for innovative entrepreneurs in our region and state.

With their donation, a landmark has been reached. One that will likely lead to other donors seeing Minot State in the same way as Clint and Conni do, as a worthwhile investment.

Moreover, MSU is not just a worthwhile university to support, but one that is essential. MSU is vital if we hope to solve the problems of tomorrow, if we hope to keep the businesses open to provide jobs for employees, if we truly hope to make a difference in our community.

Thank you, from all us at Minot State, to Clint and Conni for their donation to Minot State’s College of Business. You will be remembered for years to come, as part of a milestone event at MSU.

— Mark Lyman, director  
of public information

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## Minot State spring enrollment numbers up

Official spring 2010 enrollment numbers at Minot State University show a 4.7 percent increase compared to official numbers last year. The number reported to the North Dakota University System is 3,477 students, an increase of 155. This marks Minot State's largest spring enrollment since 2006.

"We're very pleased with the sustained growth we have seen over the past couple of years. Our efforts in strategic enrollment management are paying off in attracting more students to Minot State," said David Fuller, president of Minot State University. "We're very happy to be able to recruit quality students interested in a Minot State degree from across Ward County, the region and the world."

Spring 2010 enrollment numbers show gains in a variety of categories. This includes 32 more graduate students, for a total of 332. The number of new transfer students is up almost 20 percent from the same time last year, as the university added 137 new transfers.

Almost 80 percent of all spring 2010 students attending Minot State come from North Dakota, at 2,713. Enrollment numbers show a 6.3 percent increase in individuals from Ward County. At 1,896 students, Minot State's home county accounts for more than half of our spring enrollment.

As well, Minot State continues to remain an attractive university for Canadian and other international students, with numbers showing a growth of five percent in these two key strategic categories.

MSU continues to realize increases in distance and non-traditional education. More than 1,400 students are taking at least one course online or through interactive-video networking. This is an 8.4 percent increase from the same time last year and an increase from the fall 2009 semester.

Enrollment at the Minot Air Force Base is up 5.8 percent from the same time last year.

Minot State has experienced growth in students from larger counties across the state as well as those from counties in northwestern North Dakota. The counties of Bottineau, Burke, Cass, Divide, Grand Forks, McLean, Mercer, Renville, Wells and Williams all saw more students interested in earning their degrees from MSU.

Enrollment numbers at Minot State become official after the fourth full week of classes, when they are reported to the NDUS.

## Diversity Week highlights 'Strength through Diversity: Community and Place'

Minot State University's Diversity Week, "Strength through Diversity: Community and Place," runs through Friday (Feb. 12). Diversity Week involves a presentations, film screenings,

lectures and interactive programs that attempt to broaden understanding and openness to the community and world around us.

Remaining Diversity Week activities include:

- Wednesday (Feb. 10) — Chinese culture presentation, Schun Yee "Florence" Flesche and her daughter, Main 211, 3-3:50 p.m.
- Thursday (Feb. 11) — "I'm Not Broken: Don't Fix Me!" panel presentation, JoLynn Webster, Lynne Rumney, Paula Burckhard, Dawn Olson and Kally-Anna Paradis, Main 106, 9-9:50 a.m.
- Thursday (Feb. 11) — Food fair, everyone is invited — free food, Multicultural Center, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Thursday (Feb. 11) — Music provided by Erik Anderson and Johnny Coomansingh, Multicultural Center, noon-12:30 p.m.
- Thursday (Feb. 11) — Peru study-tour presentation, Kemerly Moorhouse, Main 106, 1-2 p.m.
- Friday (Feb. 12) — Darwin Day, Beaver Dam.

Please contact Lisa Borden-King, associate professor of education, at [lisa.borden-king@minotstateu.edu](mailto:lisa.borden-king@minotstateu.edu) or Ruth Kihm, assistant professor of social work, at [ruth.kihm@minotstateu.edu](mailto:ruth.kihm@minotstateu.edu) or for additional information.

## Minot State event to focus on Darwin's impact on humanities, science and art

DarwinDay2010 will be held at Minot State University Thursday and Friday (Feb. 11-12). This signature event for the university will celebrate Charles Darwin's life through a confluence of humanities, science and art.

"While celebrating what Charles Darwin means to science isn't an unusual occurrence around the time of his birthday, how we are doing it, is truly unique," said Chris Beachy, professor of biology and Darwin Day 2010 organizer. "We hope to make this a humanities event for the general public. We're celebrating Darwin's role as it pertains to his influence in many facets of life, everything from art to science. Darwin emphasized the impact of diversity, and so are we with DarwinDay2010."

Thursday (Feb. 11), Richard Milner, internationally known science historian, singer and Darwin actor, will perform a one-man musical "Charles Darwin: Live & in Concert" at Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 7 p.m. Jon Goode, a Grammy-nominated slam poet, will also perform in Nelson Hall that evening, 8:30 p.m..

Friday (Feb. 12), a series of speakers will touch on subjects ranging from history, vegetables and sex, and printmaking in the Beaver Dam, starting at 9 a.m. These guest speakers include Milner, Erick Greene, a faculty member at the University of



Montana, Missoula, and Kent Kapplinger, faculty at North Dakota State University and regional printmaker. The presentations will be augmented by live local music throughout the day and opportunities for students and the public to learn more about silk screening and printmaking.

For more information on the schedule of events for DarwinDay2010, please visit [www.minotstateu.edu/biology](http://www.minotstateu.edu/biology).

## New staff aboard for 2009-2010

Minot State University would like to welcome three new employees, LaTosha Pinckney, Tyler Schmaltz and Danielle Schoeler, and introduce them to the campus.

Pinckney is the tutor/mentor coordinator for the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning. She was previously employed at the University of Great Falls, Mont. Pinckney received her bachelor's degree in psychology and master's degree in student personnel services from the University of South Carolina, Columbia. She and her husband, Keon, have three children, Micah, Kayla and Kian. She enjoys writing, reading and spending time with her family.

Schmaltz, an alumnus, is an information systems technician in Information Technology Central. Prior to joining MSU, he worked at The Computer Store in Minot. He completed a bachelor's degree in management information systems from MSU.

Schoeler is a drug and alcohol abuse prevention coordinator for the Rural Crime and Justice Center. She possesses a bachelor's degree in health education, child development and family services from North Dakota State University.



*Pinckney*



*Schmaltz*



*Schoeler*

## Life Skill workshops start for spring semester

Faculty and staff are encouraged to recommend the Life Skill workshops sponsored by the Office of Career Services to all Minot State University students. While the workshops are a product of the MSU Mentor Program, all students are welcome to attend. The fall schedule is as follows:

- Thursday (Feb. 11) — “Speed Majoring,” Conference Center, 1 p.m.
- Thursday (Feb. 11) — Jon Goode, a slam poet, (Student Activities Committee event), Nelson Hall, 8 p.m.
- Feb. 17 — “Guess What ... I’m Engaged!” Main 106, 1 p.m.
- Feb. 18 — “Help! There’s No Time to Study!” (time management), Main 102, noon.

- Feb. 24 — “Stop the Insanity ... How to Manage Your Stress,” Memorial 110, 2 p.m.
- March 2 — “What?!? I Cheated?” (how not to plagiarize), Main 106, 1 p.m.
- March 3 — “Healthy Snacks,” Lura Manor, lower level, 1 p.m.

For additional information, contact Debra Chandler, student services advisor, at 858-3144 or [debra.chandler@minotstateu.edu](mailto:debra.chandler@minotstateu.edu).

## Student activities liven up the campus

In an effort to increase student activities and student life on Minot State University’s campus, the Student Government Association builds on the tradition of a winter carnival.

“Instead of getting students out for just one week, activities are planned during the whole month of February,” said Kevin Mehrer, the SGA director of public relations.

Today (Feb. 10), ice skating at the MAYSA Arena is free with student ID. Free food will be provided at the arena starting at 8:30 p.m.

Thursday (Feb. 11), slam poet Jon Goode is in Nelson Hall at 8 p.m. Goode’s poetry was featured on stations like CNN and BET.

Friday (Feb. 12) is dedicated as Darwin Day. Local bands will play throughout the day in the Beaver Dam. Starting at 9 a.m., Richard Milner will speak on “Darwin’s Top 10 Choices.” At 11 a.m., Erick Greene will speak about “Vegetables and Sex.” Darwin Day ends with Milner’s special session for high school science teachers on “Techniques for Teaching Evolution.” Printmaker and silkscreen artist Kent Kapplinger is also in the Beaver Dam all day.

On Feb. 23, Far Beyond Frail, a musical group, will perform at noon in the Beaver Dam.

On Feb. 24, musician Javier will perform in the Beaver Dam, noon.

On Feb. 25, C.L. Lindsay will talk about the popular social network, Facebook, in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 8 p.m.

All food is free for students and is available while supplies last.

For more information on student activities, contact Ann Rivera, student activities coordinator, at [ann.rivera@minotstateu.edu](mailto:ann.rivera@minotstateu.edu) or 858-3987.

## Brown bag event showcases IVN uses: Beyond the traditional IVN classroom

The North Dakota Interactive Video Network is offering a showcase of innovative uses of videoconferencing Friday (Feb. 12) via IVN in Administration 152, 11:55 a.m.-12:50 p.m.

When IVN began 20 years ago, it was a rather rigid technology used primarily for classes and meetings for the 11 North Dakota University System campuses. Today, videoconference technology is much more flexible and pervasive across the country and around the world. As a result, some within NDUS have found unique ways to use the technology to their advantage.

This showcase presentation will highlight those uses:

- How an NDSU student group shared knowledge of a new service by connecting with a student group in Wisconsin.
- How North Dakota Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators uses IVN to provide college-financial-aid information for parents and prospective students to local K-12 schools.
- How the University of North Dakota goes international with class connections.
- How the North Dakota State University Extension Service reaches the rural family with a farm-management course known as Annie's Project.

Faculty, staff, student group leaders and department heads are encouraged to attend. Bring your lunch and gain new insights on using this technology. Learn how university departments can use the technology to better serve Minot State and cut travel costs.

IVN is part of the Advanced Learning Technologies of NDUS. For questions, contact Cheryl Thompson, instructional specialist, at (701)231-7876 or [cheryl.thompson@ndus.edu](mailto:cheryl.thompson@ndus.edu).

## Calypso comes to Aleshire Theater

Johnny Coomansingh, assistant professor of geography, and J. Erik Anderson, assistant professor music, bring "Calypso, Picong and Bacchanal!" to the Northwest Art Center lecture series Feb.16, in a musically spiced presentation that coincides with the annual pre-Lenten Carnival in Trinidad and Tobago.

The 7 p.m. program will include calypso songs performed by Coomansingh to the accompaniment of the cuatro, a small four-string guitar-like instrument, and the cello, played by Anderson. Coomansingh will also explain the history and function of calypso in Trinidad culture.

"Calypso developed from a combination of musical genres and languages from several countries," Coomansingh said.

One important function of calypso is political satire and social commentary.

"Calypsonians are concerned primarily with what the political directorate is doing to them, for them, about them and against them," Coomansingh said.

Calypso also plays an important role in the annual pre-Lenten carnival in Trinidad and Tobago. According to Coomansingh, new calypsos are coined and performed every year for the celebration.

"Calypso is the engine that propels the carnival," Coomansingh said.

Coomansingh was born and raised in Sangre Grande, Trinidad. Anderson is principal cellist in the Minot Symphony

Orchestra and artistic director of Dakota Chamber Music, a nationally recognized summer institute for strings and piano.

An informal reception will follow the program.

## Canadians battle others during 2010 Minot State Bonspiel

On Feb. 20, the Office of International Programs and the Office of Enrollment Services are sponsoring the 2010 Minot State University Bonspiel. This curling tournament will take place at the Minot Curling Club across from the North Dakota State Fair Grandstand.

Lessons are available at 11 a.m., and tournament play begins at noon.



Sixteen teams will battle between two divisions; then, a champion will emerge through the first-ever MSU Shoot-Off. Six teams consist of MSU faculty and staff. Students, mostly Canadians, comprise the ten other teams. The public is welcome to watch the action.

For questions, contact Tyson Snelling, Canadian student assistant, at 858-3978 or [international@minotstateu.edu](mailto:international@minotstateu.edu).

## Minot State University helps with North Dakota College Goal Sunday

On Feb. 21, Minot State University staff will participate in the third annual North Dakota College Goal Sunday. They will be available to help college-bound students and their families complete and submit college financial aid applications online in Main 314 and 316, 1-3 p.m.



This is a free event for students interested in furthering their education after high school. Many students and their families are unfamiliar with the financial aid application process. College Goal Sunday's objective is to get students on the right track toward applying for aid to pay for college.

Most colleges, universities, and vocational and technical schools in the nation require students seeking federal financial aid, including grants and loans, to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Because many types of aid are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis, this form should be completed as soon as possible after Jan. 1. March 15 is the priority deadline in North Dakota. While forms may still be submitted after this date, students may miss aid opportunities.

"At College Goal Sunday, we help students complete the FAFSA properly and before important deadlines," said Merri Jo Connoles, financial aid counselor.

As an added bonus for participants, all students who complete a FAFSA at North Dakota College Goal Sunday will receive a flash drive. Their names are also included in a drawing to win a \$500 scholarship, a laptop or other prizes. The generous contributors, which donated the scholarships and

prizes, are Alerus Financial of Grand Forks, Bank of North Dakota, Basin Electric Power Corporation, Bremer Bank of Grand Forks, North Dakota College Access Challenge Grant and Student Loans of North Dakota.

Participants should bring the following documentation to College Goal Sunday:

- Social Security Number (students' and parents').
- Alien registration card (if not U.S. citizen).
- 2009 Federal Tax Return and W2 (students' and parents').
- 2009 untaxed income records (veteran non-education benefits, child support, worker's compensation).
- Driver's license (if any).
- Information on savings, investments, business assets and farm assets (if applicable).

The Indiana Student Financial Aid Association, with funding from Lilly Endowment Inc. and supplemental support from Lumina Foundation, created College Goal Sunday for Education. The North Dakota Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators received a grant from Lumina Foundation to implement a program in North Dakota. More than 125 local volunteers will be assisting students throughout the state on Sunday (Feb. 21).

Other cities taking part in North Dakota College Goal Sunday are Belcourt, Bismarck, Dickinson, Fargo, Fort Totten, Fort Yates, Grafton, Grand Forks, New Town and Williston. For specific time and site information, visit [www.collegegoalnd.org](http://www.collegegoalnd.org), call (866)454-3308 or e-mail [collegegoal@nd.gov](mailto:collegegoal@nd.gov). For specific questions for the Minot site, contact the MSU Office of Financial Aid at 858-3375.

## Hoffart discusses 'Dance of the Spirit'

Marita Hoffart, professor of nursing, will speak about Maria Harris' "Dance of the Spirit: The Seven Steps of Women's Spirituality" during a Brown Bag Book Talk Feb. 23.

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.

## 'Hay Fever' set for Feb. 25-28

Minot State University's Theatre Department will present "Hay Fever" in the Aleshire Theater Feb. 25-27 at 7:30 p.m. and on Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. This cross between high farce and a comedy play is set in an English country house in the 1920's, and deals with the four eccentric members of the Bliss family and their outlandish behavior when they invite a guest to spend the weekend.

Admission is free to MSU students, faculty and staff with ID. Tickets are \$6 for adults, and \$5 for seniors and other non-MSU individuals.

## MSU becomes involved in Haiti earthquake relief

Minot State University presented more than \$3,600 to the Mid-Dakota Chapter of the American Red Cross Feb. 8 for Haiti Earthquake Relief. MSU gathered the money through a number of activities, including a direct appeal from President David Fuller to students, faculty and staff; the purchase of Red Cross squares at Chartwells and Barnes & Noble locations on campus; and a donation drive by the Student Athlete Advisory Committee at home basketball games.



*Left to right, Ernst Pijning, Faculty Senate president, and Matthew Schaeffer, Staff Senate president, presented checks and cash donations to Allan McGeough, executive director of the Mid-Dakota Chapter of the American Red Cross.*

## MSU students and faculty participated at theater festival

Twenty-one Minot State University students and two faculty members, Aili Smith and Paula Lindekugel-Willis, attended the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Region V Festival in Overland Park, Kan., Jan. 16-22. During that time, the students and faculty attended several workshops and theatre productions presented by colleagues from other institutions.

First, 10 students were directly involved in the Irene Ryan Audition as nominees and partners. The five nominees were Peg Morris, Garrison; Jazmine Wolff, Burlington; Jhondarr Lopez, Minot; Brett Olson, Maxbass; and Brittany Armstrong, Minot. Meanwhile, the five partners included Katie Langemo, Minot; Jen Bloomberg, Minot; Alex Cresap, Minot; Angela Hernandez, Minot; and Heather Schneibel, Glenburn. Although none went on past the preliminary round, all received helpful feedback from the respondents.

Second, the students and faculty participated in workshops ranging from technical theater workshops to acting workshops to directing workshops. Technical theater workshops were "Yes, You Really Can Make a Living in Props," "What Disney Imagineering Can Teach us about Design," "On Painted Skin" and "Armor Design: A Design Intensive."

Acting workshops included “But I’m A Singer,” “Musical Theatre Dance Styles,” “Imaginary Body,” “The Motivated Gesture,” “Dancing Shakespeare,” along with various stage-combat workshops as well as character-development and discovery workshops.

The directing workshops included several on dramaturgy, stage management and rehearsal-schedule planning. Morris entered in the stage management exposition, and Noah Files, Burlington, entered in the design exposition.

In addition to the workshops, the students attended several theatrical performances. These performances ranged from “invited scenes” to one-act staged readings, to fully realized productions from universities in Missouri, Minnesota and Kansas.

Smith presented a workshop on script analysis.

Minot State received several commendations at the festival for work completed from January to December 2009. MSU received commendations in ensemble acting for two productions, “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” and “Execution of Justice.” Chris Stroschein, an alumnus from Mandan, received acknowledgement for lighting design, and Files was recognized for sound design for “Almost, Maine.” Garret Common, Minot, was commended for sound and projection design and execution for “Execution of Justice.” Morris worked with props design for “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest.”

## Wellness works

### The HPV causes cervical cancer

The Human Papillomavirus causes 99.7 percent of all cervical cancer. There are more than 100 types of HPV. Some types affect the genital area including the cervix. Most people who are infected do not know they have the virus. Individuals can reduce their risk of HPV exposure or cervical cancer by following these recommendations:

- HPV types affecting the cervix are categorized into either high-risk or low-risk types:
- High-risk HPV types that persist may cause changes in the cervical cells that can develop into cancer if not treated.
- Low-risk HPV types can cause genital warts.
- At least 50 to 70 percent of sexually active men and women will be infected with HPV at some point in their lives.
- HPV can be passed from one person to another during sex.
- In most cases, the body fights off HPV naturally and the infected cells then go back to normal.
- If the immune system does not clear a high-risk HPV infection, the infection can linger for many years and turn abnormal cells into cancer.

Individuals can reduce their risk of HPV exposure or cervical cancer by following these recommendations:

- Males and females ages 9 through 26 should get the HPV vaccine.
- Limit the number of sexual partners.

- Use condoms during sex.
- See your health-care provider regularly for a Pap test.
- Follow up with a health-care provider if Pap test results are not normal.
- Do not smoke.

Health insurance plans may cover a portion of the vaccine cost. The Vaccine for Children program can cover the cost for the vaccine for certain children ages 9 through 18. Contact a health-care provider or local public health office for more information

For questions, contact Caren Barnett, director of the Student Health Center, at 858-3371 or [caren.barnett@minotstateu.edu](mailto:caren.barnett@minotstateu.edu).

## Announcements

### Submission deadline for special monthly edition of Inside is today

In an effort to highlight and recognize the many accomplishments and achievements of Minot State University students, faculty and staff, the Office of Public Information is establishing a special monthly edition of Inside devoted to these achievements. For the first edition, the submission deadline is today (Feb. 10) at 4:30 p.m.

This special monthly edition will include professional or civic achievements or successes accomplished in recent months. Submissions from students, faculty and staff should be a brief paragraph explaining the accomplishment. Send the submissions to [publicinformation@minotstateu.edu](mailto:publicinformation@minotstateu.edu) or to the Office of Public Information. The special edition, as other editions of Inside, is released electronically to the campus.

For questions, contact 858-3199 or [linda.benson@minotstateu.edu](mailto:linda.benson@minotstateu.edu).

— *Mark Lyman, director of public information*

### MSU Black Student Association celebrates soul food Tuesday

The MSU Black Student Association invites the Minot State community to the Soul Food Celebration Tuesday (Feb. 16) at the Minot Municipal Auditorium. The social hour begins at 6 p.m., and dinner follows at 7.

The social hour will include music, poetry and games for all ages. Food will include hot, homemade chicken, cornbread, collard greens, macaroni and cheese, Jamaican food and desserts.

Tickets, available from MSU Black Student Association members and at the Minot Municipal Auditorium, are \$10 for an adult or \$8 for children or with an MSU ID. One hefty, scrumptious plate per ticket, while tickets last; 150 seats are available.

For more information, contact [joseph.davis@my.minotstateu.edu](mailto:joseph.davis@my.minotstateu.edu) or 721-1935.

— *Joe Davis, MSU Black Student Association president*

## Craft and Create Day slated for Feb. 20

The MSU Men's Club Hockey will sponsor a Craft and Create Day Feb.20 in the Conference Center (Student Center, third floor), 9 a.m.–8 p.m. Bring your friends and your craft projects and spend the day together. Scrapbookers, card makers, quilters and anyone with other portable craft projects are welcome.

Cost \$15 per person for table space. Three for the price of two, if you are new participants in the event. Vendors will be available as well – Stampin up, Creative memories and Pampered Chef.

To register, contact 858-3993 or [lisa.eriksmoen@minotstateu.edu](mailto:lisa.eriksmoen@minotstateu.edu).

— *Lisa Eriksmoen, director of student life and advisor to MSU Men's Club Hockey*

## Nominations for BOR faculty and staff achievement awards due March 1

Nominations for Minot State University Board of Regents faculty and staff achievement awards are due in the Office of the President by March 1. There are separate forms, criteria and selection committees for each award. In brief:

- Faculty: Nominations may be made by anyone knowledgeable about the achievement and contributions of the faculty member. Self-nominations are allowed. Self-nominations must include an endorsement by a faculty member or supervisor. Nominations must be specific for the area of teaching, scholarship or service and must include a one-page supporting narrative.
- Staff: Nominations may be made by anyone knowledgeable about the staff member. A description of the personal characteristics and accomplishments of the nominee must be provided.

Details that are more specific are contained on the nomination forms. The forms are on the MSU Web site, [www.minotstateu.edu](http://www.minotstateu.edu).

The awards will be presented at the MSU Employee Appreciation Banquet, April 15.

— *MSU Employee Appreciation Banquet Committee*

## In the galleries

Feb 10-12 — Photographs by Best of Show, "Americas 2009 Paperworks," Andrea Land, Springfield, Mo., Library Gallery.

Feb. 10-Feb. 24 — "Americas 2010 Paperworks," juror Heidi Goldberg, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Feb. 19-March 15 — "Prairie Pastels," by Cris Fulton, Bowman, N.D., Library Gallery.

## Calendar

Feb. 10-Feb. 25, 2010

### Feb.

- 10 Ward County Spelling Bee, Conference Center, 9 a.m.
- 10 Diversity Week: "Connecting Non-local Students to the History and Culture of North Dakota" presentation by Lori Willoughby and Gary Ross, Main 109, 10 a.m.
- 10 NACAC Indian taco sale, Old Main, 11 a.m.
- 10 Diversity Week: Chinese culture presentation by Schun Yee Flesche, Main 211, 3 p.m.
- 10 SAC: ice skating, MAYSA Arena, 8:30 p.m.
- 10 Women's and Men's Basketball at Dickinson State University.
- 11 Diversity Week: "I'm Not Broken: Don't Fix Me!" panel presentation, JoLynn Webster, Main 106, 9 a.m.
- 11 Diversity Week: food fair, Multicultural Center, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
- 11 Diversity Week: music by Erik Anderson and Johnny Coomansingh, Multicultural Center, noon–12:13 p.m.
- 11 Diversity Week: Peru Study Tour presentation by Kemerly Moorhouse, Main 106, 1 p.m.
- 11 Speed Majoring, Conference Center, 1–2 p.m.
- 11 Institutional Review Board, Memorial Hall 236, 1:30 p.m.
- 11 NAC lecture: "Darwin Live in Concert," presented by Richard Milner, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
- 11 SAC: Jon Goode, slam poet, Nelson Hall, 8:30 p.m.
- 12 Darwin Day, Beaver Dam, all day.
- 12 Magic City Jazz Festival, Nelson Hall.
- 12 IVN videoconferencing showcase, Admin. 152, 11:55 a.m.–12:50 p.m.
- 12 Admission to teacher education seminar, Main 106, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
- 12 Magic City Jazz Festival concert, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
- 12-13 Men's Club Hockey at Iowa State University.
- 13 Domestic Violence Crisis Center Walkathon, Dome, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
- 13 Indoor Track and Field at NDSU Bison Open, Fargo.
- 14 MSU Faster, Higher, Stronger Track and Field Clinic, Dome, 10:30 a.m.
- 14 Brass Band of Minot, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
- 15 Presidents Day, university closed.
- 15 Women's Basketball vs. Brandon University, Dome, 6 p.m.
- 16 Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
- 16 Blood pressure and health information, Student Center Atrium, 9 a.m.
- 16 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 16 Black Student Association soul food celebration, Minot Municipal Auditorium, 6 p.m.
- 16 NAC lecture: "Calypso, Picong and Bacchanal!" presented by Johnny Coomansingh, MSU geography,

	and Erik Anderson, MSU music, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.	20	Women's and Men's Basketball at South Dakota Mines, Rapid City, S.D.
17	University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.	21	College Goal Sunday, FAFSA information session, Old Main, third floor, 1-3 p.m.
17	Workshop: "Guess What ... I'm Engaged!" Main 106, 1 p.m.	21	String Ensemble concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
17	Walking Club heart walk, Dome, 3 p.m.	22	Wellness Committee, Jones Room, 11 a.m.
18	Workshop: "Help! There's No Time to Study!" Main 102, noon.	22	Student Government Association, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
18	Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.	22	Small Ensembles concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
19-March 15	NAC exhibit: "Prairie Pastels," by Cris Fulton, Bowman, N.D., Library Gallery.	23	Future Palooza, Dome, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.
19	Women's and Men's Basketball at Black Hills State University, Spearfish, S.D.	23	Brown Bag Book Talk: Marita Hoffart, nursing, on "Dance of the Spirit: The Seven Steps of Women's Spirituality," by Maria Harris, Olson Library, noon.
19-20	Indoor Track and Field DAC Championships, Spearfish, S.D.	24	Math Counts competition, Conference Center, 9 a.m.
20	Craft and Create Day, sponsored by Men's Club Hockey, Conference Center, 9 a.m.	24	Workshop: "Stop the Insanity ... How to Manage Your Stress," Memorial 110, 2 p.m.
20	Bonspiel curling tournament, Minot Curling Club, N.D. State Fairgrounds, noon.	25	Finger printing and license seminar to student teach fall 2010, Conference Center, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
		25	Faculty Senate executive board, Souris Room, 3:30 p.m.

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