



### Public Information Office

A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

## Minot State University to confer degrees Friday

President David Fuller will congratulate more than 650 undergraduate and graduate students, as they cross the stage during Minot State University's commencement exercises on Friday (May 14), in the MSU Dome beginning at 10 a.m. Commencement speakers will address Vision 2013, Strategy 4: Building a Diverse and Multicultural University Climate.

Faculty members should arrive at the south end of the second floor of the Dome dressed in academic regalia by 9 a.m.

All staff members are strongly encouraged to attend the commencement. If student assistance is not available during the two-hour block from 10 a.m.-noon, offices may close to allow staff members to attend this important event.

President Fuller invites all members of the MSU community to celebrate our student's achievements and the completion of their academic programs.

## Graduate and USAF colonel to speak at commencement

In looking ahead to Minot State University's centennial in 2013, this year's commencement will highlight a key goal within the institution's strategic plan, "Vision 2013." On Friday (May 14), graduate students will participate in a hooding ceremony at 8 a.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. The commencement ceremony for graduate and undergraduate students will begin at 10 a.m. in the Dome.

Minot State alumni Tom and Gloria (Urness) Myhra will be special guests at commencement. The relationship between Gloria, an Alkabo native, and Tom, a Crosby native, blossomed while they were college students, and they married in August 1955. In June 1957, they were the first married students to receive their degrees at the same Minot State commencement ceremony. The Myhras had very successful teaching careers. Now retired, they live in Fridley, Minn.

The 2010 commencement speakers, senior Jillian Cenaiko and Colonel Robert M. Walker, the 91st Operations Group commander at Minot Air Force Base, will address Vision 2013's fourth strategy, "Building a Diverse and Multicultural University Climate."

"Commencement marks one of the biggest transitions in our lives. While some of us are pursuing further education, others are beginning careers," Cenaiko said. "Nonetheless, Minot State University has prepared us all to be competent, ethical and successful professionals."

Cenaiko, a native of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, has completed a Bachelor of Science degree in communication disorders within



Colonel Walker



Cenaiko

## May 12, 2010 PIO update

While the temperature in early May is anyone's guess, one thing you do not have to worry about is the graduation ceremonies at Minot State University.

This Friday (the 14th) will remain an important one for the 650 or so graduates of Minot State. A Graduate School hooding ceremony is set for 8 a.m. at Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, and the undergraduates and graduates will receive recognition in the Dome at 10 a.m.

The best part about graduation events is watching the soon-to-be alumni huddle with family and friends as they celebrate a milestone moment. For many of these students, getting through the years of classes, homework and other difficulties related to life would not have happened without immense support. Seeing these support groups come together in a show of love, celebration and appreciation is truly the cherry on top of what is a wonderful event — graduation at Minot State University.

Hope to see you there.

— Mark Lyman, director  
of public information

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three years, while earning summa cum laude distinction. As part of the communication disorders program, she received clinical experience in pediatrics. She exemplifies student engagement with her involvement at the university and within the community.

Cenaiko participated in the National Students Speech Language Hearing Association, the MSU Dance Team, the MSU Cheer Team and Red Alert, a new student group established to ignite school spirit and rekindle tradition on the Minot State University campus. In the community, she worked as cheer coach for Surrey High School and the Minot High School junior varsity team. During last year's flooding, she also assisted in the sandbagging effort.

In fall 2010, Cenaiko will begin working toward a master's degree in speech-language pathology at State University of New York at Geneseo.

At Minot Air Force Base, Walker is responsible for the safe, effective operation and maintenance of 15 Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles from 15 remote missile alert facilities and seven UH-1N aircraft used in support of missile-field activities dispersed over 8,500 square miles.

Walker entered the United States Air Force in August 1981, and he has served in a number of operations and staff positions to include test and evaluation, officer assignments and joint operations. His test and evaluation experience includes assignment to Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., in Strategic Air Command's Top Hand program. As chief of the Space and Missile Officer Assignment Team at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, Walker led the space and missile career field during the most dramatic period in career field history.

Walker's operational experience includes missile combat crew duty at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.; a tour of duty in the National Military Command Center, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., in space operations, nuclear command and control, contingency operations and as Single Integrated Operational Plan advisor to the deputy director for operations, NMCC. He commanded the First Aces, 10th Missile Squadron, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., and served as deputy commander, 460th Operations Group, Buckley Air Force Base, Colo. Walker is a fully qualified joint specialty officer. Prior to assuming his current position, Walker was the chief of the Operationally Responsive Space Division, Directorate of Requirements, and Headquarters Air Force Space Command.

For additional information about the commencement ceremony, contact the Office of the Registrar at 858-3345.

## **Moen appointed interim academic vice president**

Selmer Moen, professor of mathematics and computer science, will serve as interim vice president for academic affairs at Minot State University, according to President David Fuller.



Moen, a longtime faculty member at Minot State, started his career at Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio, and Friends' University, Wichita, Kan., before joining Minot State as an assistant professor in 1978. He was promoted to full professor in 1996 and was the chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science from 1998 to 2004 and Faculty Senate president from 1986-87. His level of administrative experience, deep understanding of Minot State University, his attention and his care to academic issues and student needs will serve him well as interim vice president.

Moen will begin his new position on Aug. 1, while working on the transition with Gary Rabe, current vice president for academic affairs, before that time. A national search for a vice president for academic affairs will begin this fall, with an expected start date of July 1, 2011.

## **Vision 2013 Merit Award recipients named**

Minot State University announced Vision 2013 Merit Award recipients. Faculty and staff eligible to receive a Vision 2013 Merit Award demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing the university toward its Vision 2013 goals and specific objectives.

These individuals earned this year's Vision 2013 Merit Awards: Erik Anderson, music; Johnny Coomansingh, social science; Deb DeWitz, social work; Laurie Geller, mathematics and computer science; Shan Haarsager, College of Arts and Sciences; Paul Lepp, biology; Gary Ross, College of Business, Terry Wald, plant services; Joe Alme, music; Merri Jo Connole, financial aid; Bob Feller, Information Technology Central; Sheila Gerding, athletics; Rick Hedberg, athletics; Teresa Loftesnes, marketing; Cheryl Nilsen, mathematics and computer science; Eileen Solberg, College of Business, Doug Pfliger, humanities; Mark Timbrook, Center for Extended Learning; Laurie Weber, financial aid; and Kevin Neuharth, humanities.

The selection committee, made up of four vice presidents and the Faculty Senate and Staff Senate presidents, reviewed more than 50 nominees. The basis for the award came from criteria sent out to supervisors, directly related to Minot State University's Vision 2013.

## **New staff aboard**

Minot State University would like to welcome one new employee, Nicole LaVallie, and introduce her to the campus. LaVallie is an administrative secretary for the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities. Before joining MSU, she worked in vocational rehabilitation at the North Central Human Service Center.

## Registrar Jennifer Sick resigns



Minot State Registrar Jennifer Sick will resign effective this August to accept a position with Minot Public Schools. Sick started with Minot State as a student in 2003 and became registrar in August 2008.

“While it will be tough to replace Jennifer, we are glad to see her pursue her desire to be involved with special education,”

said Gary Rabe, vice president for academic affairs. “Jennifer earned her master’s degree in special education, and we wish her the best as she applies her knowledge from that field into the classroom. Jennifer was a key leader in many new initiatives at MSU. She has been a progressive and respected leader on campus.”

The registrar is responsible for the oversight and management of registration and student records.

Sick began her employment at Minot State University as a part-time scheduling coordinator in the student records office. At the time, she was a full-time student finishing her bachelor’s degree in elementary education and special education; she graduated in December 2005. In February 2006, Sick received promotion to associate registrar. She earned a Master of Science degree in special education from MSU in 2009 and was a 2008 recipient of an MSU Board of Regents Staff Achievement Award.

“I’ll miss a lot of the individuals that I’ve worked with over the years, yet, I am very grateful for the responsibilities I’ve been given and the chance to grow and learn,” Sick said.

As registrar, Sick oversaw a team whose tasks included maintaining the undergraduate catalog, scheduling courses and classroom space, maintaining records, advising students, assigning advisers, evaluating transfer credit, providing official and unofficial transcripts and training users of the PeopleSoft student database.

Rabe said discussions are underway concerning strategies to find her replacement.

## Staff Senate holds election

This year, Staff Senate elections are being conducted electronically. This year, members of the constituencies listed below are eligible to cast a ballot. (All members-at-large seats are currently occupied. As a result, members of constituencies not listed below are not eligible to vote during this election.)

- Plant services-athletic facilities/maintenance need to elect two senators.
- The College of Arts and Sciences needs to elect one senator.
- The College of Business/library need to elect two senators.
- Plant services-custodians need to elect two senators.
- NDCPD needs to elect three senators.
- The president’s office/VPA/athletics/public information/graduate school need to elect one senator.
- RCJC needs to elect one senator.

- VPAA needs to elect two senators.
- VPAF needs to elect three senators.
- VPSA needs to elect two senators.

Individuals employed within a constituency that has one or more Staff Senate vacancies will cast a vote on their respective ballot.

To vote, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/staffsenate2010>. The link is also posted on the Staff Senate Web page, [www.minotstateu.edu/stfsenat/](http://www.minotstateu.edu/stfsenat/).

Direct election-related questions or comments to MSU Staff Senate Election Committee members Nathan Anderson at [nathan.anderson@minotstateu.edu](mailto:nathan.anderson@minotstateu.edu) or 858-3082 or Linda Benson at [linda.benson@minotstateu.edu](mailto:linda.benson@minotstateu.edu) or 858-3199. Voting closes on May 13 at 11:59 p.m.

## Minot State awards full scholarships to 17 incoming freshmen

A record number of 17 incoming freshmen will earn the Great Plains Scholarship to attend Minot State University. The Great Plains Scholarship, which is a full-tuition scholarship for four years, is given to those students who earned a 3.65 grade point average or higher and at least a composite score of 30 on their ACT.

“I am pleased with the quality of students in the 2010 incoming class. This student group as a whole possesses tremendous scholarly potential, and we are excited they will be a part of our university community,” Kevin Harmon, dean of admissions said. “These students represent the best of the best in our region and beyond.”

For the fall 2010, the Great Plains Scholarship recipients are Jessica Belgarde, Minot; Jordan Brown, Lansford; Samuel Buchholz, Minot; Laura Cornelisse, Corvallis, Mont.; Paula Fossen, Minot; Alexandra Fowler, Minot; Brianna Johnson, Burlington; Courtney Johnson, Minot; Rachael Kelly, Renton, Wash.; Ruth Kroeker, Minot; Ward Lamon, Minot; Nicole Love, Minot; Johannah Miller, Mandan; Taryn Schaff-Jarzab, Saskatoon, Sask.; Alex Shelvin, Garrison; Tessa Wagner, Plentywood, Mont.; and Thomas Williams, Pennant, Sask.

For more information on scholarships available through Minot State University, contact Harmon at 858-3140 or [kevin.harmon@minotstateu.edu](mailto:kevin.harmon@minotstateu.edu).

## Brown assists graduate students with scholarship opportunity



A financial assist from well-known alumnus, Minot native and longtime basketball coach Dale Brown will go to provide a local student with a scholarship for graduate school at Minot State University. In a classic pay-it-forward response, Brown has provided a graduate school scholarship in memory of James Norton, the Minot businessman who personally financed Brown’s master’s degree.

“What Jim Norton did for Dale Brown five decades ago is truly remarkable,” said Marv Semrau, vice president for advancement. “At a time when Brown was unable to find a bank willing to loan him the money to attend graduate school, Norton went out of his way to approach Brown with a personal loan to take care of classes for Brown.”

Now, Brown is giving back in the form of a full-tuition scholarship to help a Minot State graduate student achieve their educational goals.

Brown said without Norton’s financial gift, he does not think he would have earned the college education he was looking for, and in turn, he may not have ended up as successful in his career endeavors. Well known for the 25 years he spent as the head basketball coach of the Louisiana State University Tigers, Brown became the second “winningest” coach in Southeastern Conference history.

Norton was born and raised in Minot and enlisted in the U.S. Army after graduating from Minot High School in 1947. After earning his bachelor’s degree in business administration, he worked in Fergus Falls, Minn., Fargo and Williston before returning to Minot in 1955. As a businessman, Norton organized the opening of the First Western State Bank in Minot and later purchased Minot Restaurant Supply before retiring in 1992. He was a strong supporter of Minot athletic events and was active in civic affairs and multiple community organizations. Norton died May 4, 2002.

The Minot State University Graduate School offers advanced degrees in subjects such as education, math, science, music, criminal justice, information systems and management. To be eligible for this scholarship a student needs to apply before the June 1 deadline, be currently or previously from Minot and planning to attend classes on campus as a full or part-time student.

For more information on this scholarship and others available to graduate students, contact Linda Cresap, dean of the Graduate School, at 858-3316 or linda.cresap@minotstateu.edu.

## Summer Theatre celebrates 45 years

“All Shock Up,” a play based on Elvis Presley, is the first of four plays Minot State University Summer Theatre will perform. It will run from June 15 to 20. The other scheduled productions include “Unnecessary Farce,” June 26-30; “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels,” July 7-11; and rounding off the season with the musical “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers,” July 19-24.



Kevin Neuharth directs this year’s Summer Theatre.

“I’m looking forward to a great season. This is the first time none of the shows have been done previously at Summer Theatre,” Neuharth said. “We love it when shows are requested by the members of our audience, and the audience wanted ‘Seven Brides for Seven Brothers’ and ‘Unnecessary Farce’ this season.”

Summer Theatre is celebrating 45 years in the Minot community. The company comprises a variety of people including community members, MSU students, faculty and staff. Approximately 10,000 theatergoers attend the productions every summer.

All shows are in the MSU Amphitheater at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and children over 12, \$5 for children 12 and under, and \$3 for MSU personnel and summer students with current MSU ID. Reservations may be made by calling the Summer Theatre box office at 858-3228, starting June 1.

## MSU honored retirees

On April 27, Minot State University honored individuals who are retiring. Those retiring this year include Brenda Albers, plant services; Roger Burchill, plant services; Ron Dorn, Business Office; Wylie Hammond, multicultural support services; Marita Hoffart, nursing; Gerard Oie, plant services; Ron Rogelstad, plant services; Audrey Sidener, teacher education and human performance; Bob Sundberg, teacher education and human performance; Larry Vannett, plant services; and Jonathan Wagner, history.



*Brenda Albers, Roger Kluck*



*Wylie Hammond, Dick Jenkins*



*David Fuller, Ron Dorn*



*Marita Hoffart, Kelly Buettner-Schmidt*



*Warren Gamas, Bob Sundberg*

## Red & Green journalists earn Communicator Awards

Student journalists from Minot State University took home awards recently from the 2010 North Dakota Professional

Communicators College Communications Contest. NDPC gave 50 awards to students in 34 different categories. Six MSU students nabbed awards.

- Anthony Anderson, Minot, won awards for first place in special articles, second place in news reporting and honorable mention in personality profile.
- Bryce Berginski, Rugby, earned an honorable mention award in news reporting.
- Jesse Kelly, Minot, received first place in single sports photos, second place in single-feature photo and second place in the photo-essay category.
- Eric Manlove, Fargo, took first in sports writing.
- Kevin Mehrer, Minot, earned third place in news reporting, third place in personality profile and second place in news releases.
- Cassandra Neuharth, Minot, received an honorable mention award in news reporting.

Communications professionals for each of the categories judged the students' work. NDPC is devoted to the advancement of professional and student communicators through workshops, contests, mentoring and continuing education opportunities.

More than 60 college students and teams from six different North Dakota and Minnesota universities participated in this annual contest.

For more information, visit the NDPC Web site at [www.aboutndpc.org](http://www.aboutndpc.org).

## Minot State names Peter Stewart as men's basketball coach

Minot State University has named Peter Stewart as its 14th head men's basketball coach, Athletic Director Rick Hedberg announced April 26 at a press conference.

"Peter has a variety of experiences, from playing at the NCAA Division II level at UND to the playing and coaching at a professional level overseas, to the last seven years at Peninsula College," Hedberg said. "He has a great outgoing personality that connects well with student-athletes and community members and that's real important as we move forward to NCAA Division II."

Stewart has been the head coach at Peninsula College in Port Angeles, Wash., for the past seven seasons. He led his team to the North Division Conference Championship three times, the most recent in 2007-08. Stewart was named the conference coach of the year twice, first in 2003-04 and the latest in 2007-08. His Peninsula College team has played in the postseason six of the past seven seasons and has placed in the postseason four of the past five years.



Stewart has coached at all levels of basketball, including stints at MSU-Bottineau (now Dakota College at Bottineau, 1987-88), Adams State (1992-93), Minot State (1993-94), the Malaysian Professional Basketball league (1995) and the Australian Professional Basketball League (1989-1996 as a player and coach). He coached his team to the 1995 Malaysian Basketball League Championship.

A 1989 graduate of the University of North Dakota, Stewart played four seasons for the Sioux, being named team captain and selected as the North Central Conference Academic Player of the Year. He is pursuing a master's degree in exercise physiology, sport and leisure science through Adams State College, Alamosa, Colo.

Hedberg believes Stewart will be an important part of the Beavers move to the NCAA.

"We have some challenges ahead of us with our move to DII, but I am confident that Peter will be able to meet those challenges," he said. "We are excited about the future of our men's basketball program and excited about our department. We have a good group of coaches in place."

Stewart, a native of Parshall, is married to Julie Ann Stewart, and they have three children.

Stewart was named as the head coach after a national search began in March.

## NDATE names Elaine Larson 2010 Distinguished Educator

Elaine Larson, associate professor of education and director of teacher advisement and field placement at Minot State



University, received the North Dakota Association of Teacher Educators Distinguished Educator Award at the 2010 Institute for Educational Leadership Conference on April 16. The distinguished educator award recognizes demonstrated leadership skills as an officer or committee chair in the local organization, active

participation in the local organization, demonstrated leadership skills as an officer or committee chair in NDATE and proven experience of having supervised student teachers or practicum teachers for a minimum of three years.

As the teacher advisement and field placement director, Larson has served as the human interface with hundreds of teachers, supervisors, administrators and students on Minot State's behalf. Her work, which has extended across the country and internationally, has helped North Dakota maintain a reputation in the educational community for the highest quality new teachers. She has been active in the local, state and national ATE, holding many offices and serving on many committees.

Larson believes learning is a life-long process. After graduating from Makoti High School, she received a bachelor's degree from Minot State. Larson went on to complete a second

bachelor's degree and a master's degree at North Dakota State University, Fargo. In 2006, she acquired her doctorate degree from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

## MSU took awards at PBL Leadership Conference

Twenty Minot State students attended the State Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference in Grand Forks on April 8-10. They participated in competitive events ranging from presentations, category events and interviews. Those winning state PBL awards were:

- Business Presentation — Matt Grubbs, Minot; Bobby Johnston, Minot Air Force Base; and Monica McLeod, Minot, first place.
- Web site Development — Obed Rodriguez, Minot; and Chris Kvamme, Minot, first place.
- Account Analysis and Decision Making — Alyssa Neubauer, Minot, third place.
- Account Professional — Neubauer, third place.
- Business Communication — Megan Perdue, Ray, third place.
- Computer Concepts — Seth Larson, Ryder, first place; and James Knudsen, Minot, second place.
- Database Design and Applications — Knudsen, first place.
- International Business — Bethany Stai, Minot, first place.
- Job Interview — Whitney Loftesnes, Norwich, second place.
- Justice Administration — Chris Barney, Minot, second place.
- Management Concepts — Johnston, first place; and Dereck Ostdahl, Minot, second place.
- Project Management — Ostdahl, third place.
- Sports Marketing and Management — Barney, first place; and Loftesnes, third place.
- Statistical Analysis — Rifkatou Tchignaha, Ngaoundere, Cameroon, first place.

In addition, Robert Kraft was chosen as the State PBL Businessperson. Kraft, a dispatcher for Concrete Mobile, is a great supporter of PBL and MSU.



PBL is the premier student business organization for colleges and universities in bringing business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. The reward for winning at state allows these students to represent Minot State University at the National Convention in Nashville, Tenn., in July. The advisors for PBL are Dean Frantsvog, assistant professor of accounting, and Sharon Reynolds, assistant professor of business information technology.

## NDGA members chosen for National Teacher Leadership Academy

The National Geographic Society recently selected Julia Koble, David Norton, Nolan Spooner and Joe Super to attend their National Teacher Leadership Academy. The team of four are North Dakota Geographic Alliance members and Minot High School Central Campus biology teachers. Koble, Norton and Spooner are also Minot State University alumni. The four MHS teachers will be part of a 60-teacher consortium selected from across the nation that will study ways to use research-based pedagogical techniques and will receive materials to implement ocean sciences in their classrooms the next school year.

“Ocean education on the plains may seem far-fetched. This workshop will help broaden our sensitivity and knowledge of ocean science,” Super said. “National Geographic is one of the most respected sources of researched-based education. This leadership institute will provide our department with instructional material to bring our students and community a global view of our unique position here in North Dakota and how we are connected to the ocean.”

The “2010 Summer Geography Institute: Ocean” is the first phase of the program. It is a weeklong residential Institute in La Jolla, Calif., on the Scripps Institution of Oceanography campus from July 10 to 17. Teachers will learn to integrate “Ocean” content into their high school biology courses.



Left to right, Julia Koble, Nolan Spooner, David Norton and Joe Super

Teachers who fulfill their commitment in year one will be invited to return to National Geographic Society

headquarters in Washington, D.C., to attend the Teacher Leadership Academy in July 2011. The 2011 workshop will focus on training the teachers to become ambassadors for the ocean within the community. The workshop participants will learn to train fellow teachers, to present at conferences and to participate in other outreach activities.

## State Board of Higher Education elects 2010-11 officers

BISMARCK – Jon Backes, current vice president of the State Board of Higher Education, was elected 2010-11 SBHE president Tuesday (May 11) during the board's annual retreat in Bismarck. SBHE member Grant Shaft was elected vice president. Backes and Shaft will serve as board officers from July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011.

“Jon Backes and Grant Shaft will provide visionary leadership for the North Dakota University System,” said Richie Smith, outgoing SBHE president. “The university system is a complex and dynamic organization that is vitally important to the future of our state, and both Jon and Grant are deeply committed to its success.”

Smith served two terms as board president, from July 2008 through June 2010.

Backes, a Minot State University alumnus, is an attorney in the Minot law firm of McGee, Hankla, Backes and Dobrovolny, P.C., where his practice focuses on assisting clients with business, real estate and commercial law needs. He served as 2008-09 and 2009-10 SBHE vice president. Backes was appointed to the board in 2007; his term will run through June 30, 2011.

Shaft is a partner in the Grand Forks law firm of Shaft, Reis and Shaft, Ltd. He was a member of the House of Representatives from 1986 to 1990. Shaft also was appointed to the SBHE in 2007 and will serve through June 30, 2011.

— *NDUS news release*

## Wellness works

### Skin cancer is preventable

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. The two most common types of skin cancer, basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas, are highly curable.

Skin cancer begins in cells. When the orderly process goes wrong, cells develop when the skin does not need them, thus, forming a mass of tissue or tumor.

Melanoma, the third most common skin cancer, is more dangerous, especially among young people. It is much less common than other skin cancers, but it is far more serious.

Signs and symptoms to watch for include:

- Skin — any change in the skin especially in the size or color of a mole.
- Appearance — scaliness, oozing or change in the appearance of a bump or nodule.

- Color — spread of pigmentation such as past the edge of a mole or mark.
- Change in sensation, itchiness, tenderness or pain.

People with certain risk factors are more likely to develop skin cancer. Risk factors vary for different types of skin cancer, but some general risk factors include lighter natural skin color, a family/personal history of skin cancer, excessive sun exposure (ultraviolet rays) through work and play, a history of sunburns early in life and multiple or atypical moles.

Skin cancer is preventable. The best way to lower skin cancer risk is to “choose your cover” by seeking shade from UV rays (especially during the midday), covering up to protect exposed skin, wearing a hat with a wide brim, grabbing shades that block both UVA and UVB rays and rubbing on sunscreen, of at least SPF 15 or higher and possessing both UVA and UVB protection. For the best protection, individual should reapply sunscreen every two hours.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Cancer Society and the North Dakota Cancer Coalition provided this 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

### Library director candidate open forum set

The campus and the public are invited to meet Stephen Banister, candidate for the library director position, during an open forum on Thursday (May 13) from 1 to 1:45 p.m. The open forum will be held in the media center in the library.

The open forum presentation will cover “Aligning the Gordon B. Olson Library and MSU’s Vision 2013.” A time for questions will follow the presentation.

Linda Cresap, dean of the Graduate School and Research and Sponsored Programs, chairs the search committee.

For questions, contact 858-3250 or [lindsey.vanthyune@minotstateu.edu](mailto:lindsey.vanthyune@minotstateu.edu).

— *Lindsey VanThuyne, administrative assistant for the Graduate School and Research and Sponsored Programs*

### Grades due Monday

Faculty: Grades must be entered in CampusConnection by noon on Monday (May 17). Instructions for entering grades are available at [www.minotstateu.edu/cc/pdf/ccv9\\_faculty\\_grade\\_reporting.pdf](http://www.minotstateu.edu/cc/pdf/ccv9_faculty_grade_reporting.pdf).

Also, remember that the option to enter an “I” or “X” will no longer be available (except for 589 or 599 courses). A Course Completion Agreement must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar no later than noon on Monday (May 17), but it can be submitted as soon as it is completed. Upon receipt, the Office of the Registrar will post the “I” to the grade roster. Faculty who wish to submit grades prior to submitting the

Course Completion Agreement will enter all but the “I” grade and change the approval status to Ready for Review. If grades or Course Completion Agreements are not submitted by the time grades are posted, all students not graded will be assigned an “F.” As a reminder, A-F/SU grades cannot be changed to an “I” once posted. Please contact Melissa at 858-3152 for questions on the Course Completion Agreement.

— *Jennifer Sick, registrar*

## CETL has travel grants available

The Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning announces the availability of Faculty and Staff CETL Travel Grants. The purpose of the CETL Faculty and Staff Travel Grant is to provide funding for faculty and staff to attend conferences that will assist in increasing engagement opportunities for MSU students, both inside and outside of the classroom. During the first round of awards, all grant applications are due May 30, with travel occurring no later than September 30. CETL Travel Grant information, instructions and all associated forms are on the CETL Web site at [www.minotstateu.edu/cetl/CETLtravelgrant.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/cetl/CETLtravelgrant.shtml).

Please contact 858-3177 or [beth.odahlen@minotstateu.edu](mailto:beth.odahlen@minotstateu.edu) with any questions.

— *Beth Odahlen, CETL director*

## Athletic camps build skills

Children’s summer athletic camps are scheduled at Minot State University. Children of MSU employees receive a \$10 discount for each camp except football, individual instruction and Mini-Camp K-2. Visit [www.msubeavers.com](http://www.msubeavers.com) to sign up.

— *Twila Gantzer, administrative assistant,  
Department of Athletics*

## College for Kids coming soon

College for Kids is right around the corner. Go to [www.minotstateu.edu/cel/CollegeforKidsSummer2010.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/cel/CollegeforKidsSummer2010.shtml) for more information about our camps. For more information contact 858-3989 or [amy.woodbeck@minotstateu.edu](mailto:amy.woodbeck@minotstateu.edu).

— *Amy Woodbeck, professional  
and community education coordinator*

## Participation in CEO Gold Standard survey requested

Minot State University employees and students are invited to participate in a survey that addresses measurement standards for CEO Cancer Gold Standard organizations. The CEO Cancer Gold Standard is a series of cancer-related recommendations, developed by the CEO Roundtable on Cancer, to fight cancer by meeting three goals. These goals are risk reduction through lifestyle change, early detection and quality care. This survey will address these goals through questions concerning tobacco

use, diet and nutrition, physical activity and prevention and screening behaviors.

To complete the survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CWHXSZ9>. Please respond by Thursday (May 13).

The benefit of gathering this information will assist MSU to develop, implement and offer programs that will encourage a healthy lifestyle for employees and students of the campus. Participants may benefit by knowing that they assisted in providing accurate information regarding health behaviors on their campus. There are no perceivable risks for participation in this study.

Participation is voluntary and confidential. Participants’ names or e-mail addresses will never be associated with their responses. Individuals may answer only some questions or may choose not to participate in the survey at all.

Confidentiality and anonymity is maintained through configuration of the link sent by SurveyMonkey to not save the e-mail addresses in the analyze section. Therefore, any response that comes back associated with this link will be anonymous.

This survey will ask questions regarding health behaviors specifically related to the CEO Cancer Gold Standard. This survey will take approximately five minutes to complete. The data from this yearly survey will be used for data comparison from a prior survey to maintain accreditation with the CEO Cancer Gold Standard.

— *Minot State University Wellness Committee  
and CEO Cancer Gold Standard Task Force*

## In the galleries

May 12-14 — Photography by MSU senior Donna Franklin, Library Gallery.

May 12-28 — “Abstraction/Interaction” by MSU senior Carissa Schriock, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

May 20-June 25 — “Fantasy and Myth,” watercolors, drawings and prints by Jescia Hoffman, Bismarck, Library Gallery.

## Calendar

### May 12-June 30, 2010

#### May

- 10-13 Final exams for 16-week classes.
- 12-13 Final exams for second 8-week classes.
- 13 Institutional Review Board, Memorial Hall 236, 1:30 p.m.
- 14 Graduate School: last day to submit five copies of thesis/project if graduating spring semester.
- 14 Graduate School hooding ceremony, Nelson Hall, 8 a.m.
- 14 Commencement, Dome, 10 a.m.
- 17 Grades must be entered by noon.
- 18 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.

- 18-21 NAIA Men's National Golf Tournament, Silvis, Ill.
- 20-27 NAIA Softball National Championships, Decatur, Ala.
- 20-June 25 NAC exhibit: "Fantasy and Myth," watercolors, drawings and prints by Jescia Hoffman, Bismarck, Library Gallery.
- 25-28 NAIA Women's National Golf Tournament, Rapid City, S.D.
- 26 Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
- 26 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
- 27-29 Outdoor Track and Field at NAIA National Championships, Marion, Ind.
- 31 Memorial Day, university closed.

## June

- 1 Summer classes begin.
- 3-4 CONNECT orientation and registration by invitation, call 858-3350, Nelson Hall.
- 5 Last day to add 8-week class.
- 6-11 Victim Assistance Academy for North Dakota.
- 9 Financial aid disbursement and summer tuition due.
- 9 Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
- 15 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 15-20 Summer Theatre: "All Shook Up," Amphitheatre, 8:30 p.m.
- 16 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
- 23 Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
- 24-25 CONNECT orientation and registration by invitation, call 858-3350, Nelson Hall.
- 25 Graduate School: last day to file permit to take written comprehensive exams.
- 26-30 Summer Theatre: "Unnecessary Farce," Amphitheatre, 8:30 p.m.

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