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A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

New staff aboard

Minot State University would like to welcome five new employees, Catherine Anderson, Tonya Critz, Kim Ressler, Peter Stewart and Derek Van Dyke, and introduce them to the campus.

Anderson, an alumna, is the administrative secretary for the Student Health and Development Centers. While completing her bachelor's degree in recreation, she was a student worker in the Gordon B. Olson Library, and she worked there from 1987 to 1991. Most recently, she was employed by Little Flower Parish. Anderson and her husband Robert have five children. Two of them, Anthony and Emily, will attend Minot State in the fall.

Critz, the administrative assistant to the College of Business dean, previously worked for Minot's Trinity Evangelical Free Church. She completed her accounting degree at North Dakota State University. Critz and Timothy, her husband, have three children, Amber, Nicole and Wesley.

Ressler, the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities' curriculum writer, holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Mary and a master's degree from the University of Phoenix. Ressler and her husband Kevin have two grown children, Ryan and Lindsey. She enjoys reading, cooking, working out at the YMCA and volunteering. Currently she volunteers at the Ruth Meier's Hospitality House as its board president.

Stewart, the head men's basketball coach, was previously employed with Peninsula College, Port Angeles, Wash. The Parshall native received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Dakota. He and his wife Julie have three children and two Labrador retrievers. Stewart enjoys the outdoors and cooking.

Van Dyke, a spring 2010 graduate, is an admission counselor in the Office of Enrollment Services. He received his Bachelor of Arts with a major in broadcasting from Minot State. While a student, Van Dyke was a residence hall director and resident assistant and the weatherman for MSU Inside/Out. He also participated in Student Government Association.



Anderson



Critz



Ressler



Stewart



Van Dyke

Foisy hired as VPAF

Brian Foisy, 37, of West Jordan, Utah, will start on July 1 as Minot State University's new vice president for administration and finance, according to President David Fuller.

"Brian brings with him a strong background in finance and administration within higher education and a great deal of vision," Fuller said. "He'll be a good match for the

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PIO update

Rain, rain, go away! Do not ever come back! That's what many in the region are probably thinking after the deluge last week that made everybody's life wetter and, most likely, more difficult.

I know my family is anxious to have more than five minutes to play outside. It would be nice to play on the green grass instead of constantly mowing it between rainstorms.

But, life moves on whether or not the weather is cooperating, and this includes construction at Minot State.

With Swain Hall on the last leg of a complete overhaul, the work is indoor and not influenced by the rain.

The push continues on changes to the Herb Parker Stadium field, and now interested people do not have to come to campus and peek through a chain-link fence to watch the progress. Thanks to two recently installed Web cameras, individuals can view the change at www.minotstateu.edu.

Just click on the construction picture on MSU's Web site and witness the transformation of Minot State into a Division II school. Stay tuned as the artificial turf is just around the corner!

— Mark Lyman, director
of public information

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city of Minot and our surrounding community, as well as a capable leader within Minot State.”

Foisy has held management positions within three higher education entities over his 13-year career. He began in 1997 with Southern Utah University, Cedar City, where he worked his way up to budget director in charge of developing annual operating budgets, completing state reports, performing financial projections and other administrative duties. From July 2004 to February 2008, Foisy was an assistant commissioner for financial services at the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education in Salt Lake City. Most recently, he was the vice president for finance and administrative services for the Utah College of Applied Technology, Salt Lake City, where he managed the finances for a system of eight technical schools located throughout the state of Utah.

“I am honored to have been selected to serve the students, faculty and staff at Minot State. The shared vision, commitment to student success, and enthusiasm and sincerity of the campus community make Minot State one of the finest in the nation,” Foisy said. “I am humbled by the opportunity to join an extraordinary family of scholars, teachers, mentors and humanitarians.”

Foisy earned his bachelor’s degree in accounting from SUU in August 1997, graduating summa cum laude and as class valedictorian. He stayed at Southern Utah for his master’s degree in accountancy, also graduating summa cum laude in December 2000.

Foisy said his wife and four children are excited about the opportunity to live in a vibrant and fun-filled community and look forward to becoming a part of the Minot experience.

“With such a great record on education, the environment, public safety and health care, this will truly be a great place to raise our children,” Foisy said.

Foisy replaces Ron Dorn, who is retiring this summer after five years as the vice president for administration and finance.

‘Summer Friend-Raising Golf Tour’ continues

There are still stops left on the fifth annual “Summer Friend-Raising Golf Tour,” which is sponsored by Minot State University and Dacotah Bank. This evening (June 23), the summer tour stops in Stanley; Bottineau follows on July 6, Washburn on July 13, Garrison on July 20 and Kenmare on Aug. 5. These dates are subject to change.

Registration begins at 4:30 p.m., with a shotgun start at 5. The format for each tour stop is a four-person, nine-hole scramble. A social will immediately follow completion of golf, estimated at about 7 p.m. Anyone, golfer or non-golfer, is welcome to attend.

Prizes, including scholarships, will be awarded at each event.

Optional meals and refreshments will be provided by the course. Golfers are also responsible for their own green fees and cart rentals. Transportation from Minot State University to

each course will be available at no charge. Reservations for transportation and meals are requested one week before the date of each outing. It is recommended that golfers interested in carts make reservations as soon as possible because the number of carts available is limited.

Transportation from MSU to each course will be available at no charge. Reservations for transportation and meals are requested one week before the date of each outing. It is recommended that golfers interested in carts make reservations as soon as possible because the number of carts available is limited.

Call the MSU Office of Advancement with questions or to register at 858-3890 or 1-800-777-0750, ext. 3890, or visit the Web site www.minotstateu.edu/alumni.



‘Unnecessary Farce’ is second Summer Theatre production

Summer Theatre will perform “Unnecessary Farce” Saturday through Wednesday (June 26-30). “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels” follows July 7-11. A musical, “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers,” will close the season by running July 19 through 24.



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 are made by calling the Summer Theatre box office at 858-3228.

Area educators to attend NPWP institutes

More than 30 North Dakota educators will soon be on both Minot State University’s campus and in Bismarck for MSU’s annual Northern Plains Writing Project Summer Institute and Advanced Summer Institute.

The Summer Institute runs from July 7 to July 31, and the Advanced Summer Institute is from July 7 to July 23. NPWP is in its seventh year of existence.

“The Writing Project is an intense, life-changing experience for many teachers. Each year, teachers from across the state come together to discuss what they do as educators in the classroom, experience the joy of writing and share educational theories and practices that build and improve our learning communities,” said Ron Fischer, associate professor of English and NPWP co-director. “The institutes provide them a chance to talk to each other about what they teach and why they are teachers. The daylong activities really build a shared sense of community among them.”

“What surprisingly happens at the institutes is that they reconnect to those early desires and concerns that moved them to become teachers,” Fischer continued. “I can’t say when it happens, but after teachers go back to their schools, a change begins. They start to teach differently and interact with their students differently. As a result, the students end up benefiting the most — becoming better writers, better communicators, better learners.”

One of two National Writing Projects sites in North Dakota, NPWP, receives funding from the university, the state and the federal government. This year, stipends pay for nearly all of the teachers’ tuition, credits and housing. All 200 Writing Project sites across the nation bring about real educational reform by following the model of “teachers teaching teachers.”

MSU President David Fuller will host a social and luncheon on July 8 in the Conference Center, noon-1 p.m. The current NPWP participants, community leaders and MSU administrators, faculty and staff will attend the social and luncheon.

In June, NPWP in conjunction with MSU’s College for Kids offered student writing classes. This year’s offerings included Poetry on the Move and Seuss-a-like Writing.

For further information about NPWP, contact Chad Gifford, co-director, at chad.gifford@minot.k12.nd.us.

Ekblad appointed chair of special education

Alan Ekblad, associate professor of special education, was recently named chair of Minot State University’s Department of Special Education, according to Neil Nordquist, dean of the College of Education and Health Sciences. Lori Garnes, associate professor of special education, has decided to step down as department chair and focus on teaching and research.

“We wish Lori the best and truly express our gratitude for the way she has guided the department during these first years of being a department again,” Nordquist said. “Much has been accomplished during Lori’s tenure as chair, and she has given much of herself to the task of rebuilding the department.”

Ekblad became a faculty member in 1994. He possesses a doctoral degree from the University of North Dakota and master’s and bachelor’s degrees from Minot State.

Ekblad began his new appointment June 1.

Mark your calendars

Aug. 17 — Swain Hall ribbon-cutting ceremony and Business After Hours event.

Aug. 18 — President’s Convocation.

Aug. 18 — MSU Fall Kickoff.

Aug. 19 — Move-In Day.

Sept. 19-25 — Homecoming Week.

Additional details will be forthcoming.

MSU announces 2010 Hall of Fame inductees

The Minot State University Department of Athletics announces the 2010 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees class. It includes two individuals and one team. The Hall of Fame Committee voted in Kayla (Blom) Dascher, Larry Muratore and the 1987 Women’s Track and Field Team.



The 2010 Hall of Fame class will be officially inducted during halftime of the Beavers football game against Valley City State University on Sept. 25 at Herb Parker Stadium. Later, a banquet will be held in the honor of the 2010 inductees at the Grand International. A social will begin at 6 p.m. with the banquet at 7 p.m.

Dascher played women’s basketball for the Beavers from 1998 to 2002, finishing as the Beavers all-time leading scorer with 1,620 points. She scored a school record of 599 points during her senior season in 2001-2002. She was a second team All-American and the DAC-10 Most Valuable Senior in 2001-2002 and was twice an Academic All-American (2000-2001 and 2001-2002).

Muratore played baseball for MSU from 1965 to 1969; batting .304 with 10 home runs and 71 runs batted in with the Beavers. Minot State was 90-24 while Muratore played, including 23-2 in 1967. He started at shortstop for four years and won four conference championships. He signed a professional contract with the Minnesota Twins in 1969 and played one season in the Twins’ minor league system with the Gulf Coast League Twins.

The 1987 Women’s Track and Field team won nine of the 11 meets it entered in 1987, winning the WACND championship indoor track and field meet with 204 points, the WACND outdoor meet with a conference record of 223 points and the District 12 meet with 148 points. During the indoor and outdoor seasons, the team set 13 school records and three conference records.

Faculty, staff and student achievements

Brent Askvig, executive director of the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, recently gave a presentation on the North Dakota Disability Health Project and Diabetes

and Limb Loss Initiative at the 2010 Disability and Health Partners meeting in Atlanta, Ga.

Andy Bertsch, associate professor of management, participated in commencement exercises at Henley Management College in Henley-on-Thames, England on May 15. Bertsch received his doctorate in business administration. Henley is a top-20 business school and is one of only a few business schools to hold triple accreditation, including the coveted AACSB and EQUIS accreditation.

The College of Business held a Student Presentation Competition spring semester 2010. All three College of Business departments, accounting and finance, business administration and business information technology, participated; students competed for prizes donated by Minot businesses. **Bertsch**, **Kristi Berg**, assistant professor of business information technology, and **Frank Moseley**, associate professor of finance, organized this event.

Amber Jensen, Region II substance abuse prevention coordinator, received the Bully Staff Award at the Roughrider Health Promotion Conference in Jamestown. The Bully Award is given to a Roughrider Conference staff member whose dedication and healthy lifestyle has exemplified the conference's mission and spirit. The conference promotes healthy lifestyle concepts to North Dakota students, school personnel and community members. Jensen works for the Rural Crime and Justice Center.

NDCPD's North Dakota Senior Medicare Patrol project recently hosted "Get the Scoop," where **Linda Madsen**, project director, gave a presentation on Medicare and health care scams.

On June 12, the Dakota State Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles installed **Melanie Moore**, testing coordinator and administrative assistant for the Student Development Center, and **Bev Alex**, administrative assistant for the Department of Athletics, as officers for North and South Dakota. Moore became president, and Alex is the treasurer. Moore selected **Linda Benson**, public information specialist, as Dakota State Auxiliary mother. Moore's colors are red and green, and her president's project is the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund.

On June 8, **Richard Seklecki**, associate professor of criminal justice, was elected the mayor of Max. He won against the incumbent through a write-in campaign.

Announcements

MSU mourns Ruth Hoffman

Minot State University was saddened by the death of Ruth Hoffman, 96, on June 6 at Medicalodge in Dewey, Okla. She was the wife of Charles Hoffman, professor emeritus. She had resided in neighboring Bartlesville, Okla., the last 16 years after moving from Minot to be near her daughter Amelia Nash.

The Hoffmans lived in Minot for more than 57 years while they raised their three daughters, and Charles taught science

at Minot State University until his retirement in 1975. Charles died June 4, 1994.

Ruth received an honorary Bachelor of Arts in botany from Minot State University. This was the first honorary degree ever awarded by the university. The award of an honorary degree to Ruth Hoffman was the combined effort of humanities and biology faculty members to acknowledge her photography and plant knowledge. She was recognized for her study of habitats at the sand hills near Denbigh, the glacial fens near Karlsruhe and in the Turtle Mountains and the Badlands.

A memorial service celebrating Hoffman's life was held June 10 in Oklahoma.

On Friday (June 25), Sara Aeikens is honoring her parents with a memorial reception at the Grand International's Minot Room, 2-4 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Ruth and Charles Hoffman Botanical Scholarship, Minot State University, 500 University Avenue West, Minot, N.D., 58707.

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— *Mark Lyman, director of public information*

MSU and Apple cooperate to recycle unusable university-owned electronic equipment

All departments will again have the opportunity to recycle "unusable" electronic equipment. The Apple Free Recycling for Education Program is a secure and environmentally responsible way to recycle. The tentative pickup week will be Aug. 9. So do not delay.

The Office of Plant Services and Information Technology Central staff will work together to pick up and begin palletizing equipment. Each department is responsible for completing an inventory form for each item(s) designated for "transfer to trash." All brands of the following equipment are accepted: computers, monitors, laptops, printers, fax machines, scanners, CD and hard drives, televisions, VCRs, projectors, overhead projectors, networking equipment, cables, keyboards and mice.

For questions, contact 858-4445 or cathy.horvath@minotstateu.edu.

— *Cathy Horvath, director of information technology*

New food vendor has arrived

If you have any catering needs or have booked upcoming events, please e-mail steve.johnson@sodexo.com so we can go over your event. Sodexo Campus Services and I look forward to serving you.

— *Steve Johnson, area general manager for Sodexo Campus Services*

Former faculty member and coach dies

Larry Treider, professor emeritus, died May 23, from leukemia, in a Grand Junction, Colo., hospital. He was 74 years old.

During his tenure at Minot State, Treider coached and taught within the Department of Physical Education. He also served as director of intramurals for several years.

A memorial service was held May 27 in Grand Junction. Memorials may be sent to a charity of individual choice.

Minot State sends condolences to his family and friends

— *Mark Lyman, director of public information*

In the galleries

June 23-25 — “Fantasy and Myth,” watercolors, drawings and prints by Jescia Hoffman, Bismarck, Library Gallery.

June 23-28 — “Cone 10 in 2010: 2370 degrees” by MSU ceramic students, Hartnett Gallery.

July 2-Aug. 5 — Pastel paintings by Sheila Rieman, Sentinel Butte, Hartnett Gallery.

Calendar

June 23-July 31, 2010

June

- 23 Summer Golf Tour, Stanley, 4:30 p.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.
- 25 Charles and Ruth Hoffman memorial reception, Grand International Inn., Minot Room, 2-4 p.m.
- 26-30 Summer Theatre: “Unnecessary Farce,” Amphitheatre, 8:30 p.m.
- 28-July 1 College for Kids: Spanish for Children.
- 29-July 2 College for Kids: Salamanders, Frogs and their Homes.

July

- 2-Aug. 5 NAC exhibit: pastels by Sheila Rieman, Sentinel Butte, N.D., Hartnett Gallery.
- 5 4th of July holiday, university closed.

- 6 Summer Golf Tour, Bottineau, 4:30 p.m.
- 6-8 ISRC Summer Institute, Conference Center, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
- 6-9 College for Kids: Salamanders, Frogs and their Homes.
- 6-9 College for Kids: Spanish for Children.
- 7 Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
- 7-23 Northern Plains Writing Project Advanced Summer Institute.
- 7-31 Northern Plains Writing Project Summer Institute.
- 9 Last day to drop an 8-week summer class.
- 7-11 Summer Theatre: “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels,” Amphitheatre, 8:30 p.m.
- 10 Graduate School: written comprehensive exams.
- 12 Speech and Hearing Screening, Memorial Hall 100, 10 a.m.–noon.
- 12 Mellem Golf Scramble, Minot Country Club, 11:30 a.m. registration, 1 p.m. start.
- 12-15 College for Kids: Spanish for Children.
- 13 Summer Golf Tour, Washburn, 4:30 p.m.
- 13-15 College for Kids: Sign Language for Kids.
- 13-16 College for Kids: Salamanders, Frogs and their Homes.
- 19 Graduate School: last day for thesis/project defense if graduating summer semester.
- 19-23 College for Kids: Inner Kids ... Inner Peace.
- 19 – 24 Summer Theatre: “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers,” Amphitheatre, 8:30 p.m.
- 20 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 20 Summer Golf Tour, Garrison, 4:30 p.m.
- 20-22 College for Kids: Sign Language for Kids.
- 20-23 College for Kids: Salamanders, Frogs and their Homes.
- 21 Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
- 21 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
- 22-23 CONNECT orientation and registration by invitation, call 858-3350, Nelson Hall.
- 23-31 MSU at the North Dakota State Fair, Commercial Building 2.
- 27-30 College for Kids: Salamanders, Frogs and their Homes.
- 28 Graduation celebration for Intercultural Cohort program and Job Corp Executive Management Program, Aleshire Theater, 2-4 p.m.
- 28-29 Final exams for 8-week summer classes.
- 29 Graduate School: last day to submit five copies of thesis/project if graduating summer semester.

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.

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