Swain Hall ribbon cutting to show Minot State’s continued commitment to education

The campus and the public are invited to a ribbon-cutting ceremony that will mark the reopening of Swain Hall, a key education building on Minot State University’s campus. The ribbon cutting is Tuesday (Aug. 17) at 11 a.m., in front of the south entrance to Swain Hall. That evening, a Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event will be held in Swain Hall from 5 p.m. till 7.

“Swain Hall 2010: Strengthening our Commitment to Education” will feature tours of the completely renovated building, a look back at Swain Hall through the years and hors d’oeuvres. Invited dignitaries who plan to attend include Governor John Hoeven, Congressman Earl Pomeroy, North Dakota University System Chancellor Bill Goetz, State Board of Higher Education President Jon Backes, State Senator Karen Krebsbach, State Representative Matt Klein and others.

Swain Hall underwent a complete overhaul in the past two years. The new Swain Hall now houses the Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance. By taking advantage of previously unusable space, a third floor was created in the area that used to be the gym bleachers, and four new classrooms were added to the building. The basement, which was opened up, now features high-tech athletic training equipment that students will use as they take health, physical education and recreation classes. The former gymnasium has been converted to a pedagogy lab, and it will be the primary location for physical education classes as well as fitness courses. With three phases of construction, Minot State worked with three separate general contractors, Environmental Plant Services of St. Paul, Minn., Mackley Construction of Minot and Mattson Construction of Minot. The total cost to renovate Swain Hall will come in just under $13 million.

A $5 cover charge will apply to those attending the Business After Hours event. Unrestricted parking, west of the Gordon B. Olson Library and in the Old Main loop off of University Avenue, is available for both the ribbon cutting and the Business After Hours events.

For questions, contact Mark Lyman, director of public information, at 858-3065 or mark.lyman@minotstateu.edu.

August 11, 2010
PIO update

Years of hard work and progress in renovating Swain Hall are very near an end. Thanks to state funds and federal stimulus dollars, a completely renovated building will open Tuesday (Aug. 17).

The new facility will house the Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance offices. As well, numerous classrooms are spread throughout the three floors of Swain to accommodate the need on campus.

Exciting new space has opened up for a top-notch 21st century sports medicine training facility. The Center for the Applied Study of Cognition and Learning Sciences will find its home on the second floor of Swain Hall, along with technology-rich learning labs.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday (Aug. 17), as the campus will open up the doors of Swain Hall for a Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event from 5 till 7. An official ribbon cutting will take place at 11 that morning, as we strengthen our commitment to education at Minot State.

The reopening of Swain Hall comes at a perfect time, as students return to campus the following week.

— Mark Lyman, director of public information

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President’s Convocation starts new academic year

The Aug. 18 President’s Convocation kicks off a new academic year and will be held in the Minot State University Conference Center, Student Center. If student assistance is not available for coverage during the general session, employees are asked to close their office and attend. Breakfast items will be served beginning at 8 a.m.

At 8:30, Selmer Moen, interim vice president for academic affairs, will provide welcoming comments. After comments from the presidents of Faculty and Staff Senates and Student Government Association, Human Resource Director Wes Matthews will introduce new staff members, and Moen will introduce new faculty members. At 9:15, President David Fuller will then update the campus.

Meetings of the three colleges will follow in the afternoon, starting at 1 p.m. Arts and sciences will meet in Aleshire Theater; business will meet in Main 308; education and health sciences will meet in Memorial 131.

MSU Fall Kick-off

MSU Fall Kick-off is Aug. 18. Join your Minot State University counterparts from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Roosevelt Park Zoo for food, fun and prizes.

The event includes admission to the zoo, a free dinner served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., music by MSU’s Jazmine Wolff and drawings for door prizes. A scavenger hunt for three sets of “M,” “S,” “U” or “Buckshot on an M” will also be conducted (for ages 10 and younger) with prizes awarded at a table near the Educational Building.

Presentation of an MSU ID or the MSU at the Zoo invitation distributed through mail will admit MSU faculty, staff and student workers and their immediate families free to the MSU Fall Kick-off. Please use the main zoo entrance to access the event. Additional parking is available at Corbett Field. Direct questions about the MSU Fall Kick-off to Linda Benson, Staff Senate president, at linda.benson@minotstateu.edu or 858-3199.

Informative mini-sessions scheduled Aug. 19

Convocation activities continue Aug. 19, with a morning of informative mini-sessions. The presentations are in Aleshire Theater; coffee and breakfast rolls will be served in the lobby outside the theater, 8-8:15 a.m.

The presentations are “Working Together to Keep the STUDENT in Student Athlete” by Rick Hedberg and Melanie DeBoer-Brendson from the Department of Athletics, “Ensuring Student Success” by Lynda Bertsch and Heather Martin from the Student Success Center and Jennifer Sick and Kelly Lichtenberger from the Office of the Registrar and “50 Ways to Leave Your Lectures” by MSU faculty members Cheryl Nilsen and Lisa Borden-King. The consecutive sessions are scheduled to run through 11 a.m.

Hedberg and DeBoer-Brendson will provide critical information for individuals involved in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II process. Bertsch, Martin, Sick and Lichtenberger will discuss academic advising and degree audit.

A complete schedule was sent to all employees via campus mail. Employees are encouraged to attend as many sessions as possible.

Put a little muscle behind placing ‘students first’

Aug. 19 is Residence Hall Move-in Day. Accompanied by a picnic, the event is sponsored by the Office of the President to welcome students and their families to campus and help move the students’ belongings into their rooms.

As the majority of students arrive between noon and 4 p.m., volunteers are needed during these hours particularly. Tasks include helping students move into the halls, serving lunch and working the information tables.

Student athletes will be available for a time that afternoon, but a strong showing of faculty and staff to help move students to their rooms would be impressive and appreciated. Individuals with physical limitations may still be able to help carry lighter items such as pillows.

Volunteers are asked to wear a red MSU T-shirt or polo shirt and report to either Cook or McCulloch Hall any time between noon and 4 p.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the campus community to come together and show that Minot State University does put students first.

Passport Program opens doors for area students this fall

A new collaborative program between Minot State University and Dakota College at Bottineau will help students succeed in earning a four-year degree. Starting this fall, freshmen who do not qualify for admission to Minot State can enroll in the Passport Program to take classes on MSU’s campus through DCB.

“As part of our desire to best provide opportunities for students to succeed, we are excited to offer a unique partnership with Dakota College at Bottineau,” said Kevin Harmon, MSU dean of admissions.
With the Passport Program, students will take 24 credits of classes from both DCB and MSU, while staying in the Magic City, and then in their second year, they can transition seamlessly into Minot State as full-time students.”

This innovative program provides a way for students, who are less academically prepared for the rigors of a four-year university, to thrive by providing quality, general education courses through Dakota College and Minot State. After mastering the transition process from high school to higher education, freshmen will be better prepared to succeed in earning a four-year degree that best fits their skills and desire.

“What this truly comes down to is best serving the public in northwest North Dakota and throughout the state and region,” said Ken Grosz, dean of Dakota College at Bottineau. “Too often students jump in head first into the unfamiliar waters of higher education, have bad experiences and drop out because of frustration and poor grades. The Passport Program will give this group just the right mix of general education courses, student life experiences by living in the Minot area and support services available through Minot State and Dakota College.”

This year’s Passport Program is a pilot year for up to 25 students. The program will expand to serve more students beginning in fall 2011. Students interested in speaking with a counselor about enrolling in the Passport Program can contact the MSU’s Office of Enrollment Services at 701-858-3350.

Transformation of Herb Parker Stadium field celebrated Friday

A ribbon-cutting event will commemorate the improvements to the Herb Parker Stadium field on Friday (Aug. 13) at 11:30 a.m. The campus and public are welcome to attend. The public should access the field from the north, and parking is available in the north Dome parking lot. For additional information, contact 858-3041.

Welcome Week 2010 to facilitate student engagement

Welcome Week at Minot State University, which is centered on the theme “Welcome Back,” officially kicks off on Aug. 24 and runs through Aug. 27. The events, which are sponsored by Student Government Association, have the intent to allow students to connect and increase student activities and student life on campus.

Free food and music start Aug. 24’s activities at 11 a.m. in the Quad. In the evening, Show-off Show begins at 8 p.m. in the Beaver Dam.

On Aug. 25, the MSU Club fair, musician Jason Lavassure and a barbecue are in the Quad, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. A movie screening will show at 3 and 9 p.m. in the Beaver Dam.

On Aug. 26, the Red Alert Wing-eating Contest begins at noon in the Quad. Comedian Pete Lee will perform in the Beaver Dam, following the football game.

On Aug. 27, food will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., along with music in the Quad.

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

New staff aboard

Minot State University would like to welcome two new employees, Stephen Banister and Lori Kalash, and introduce them to the campus.

Banister is the director of the Gordon B. Olson Library. Previously, he was employed at Mc Kundree University, Lebanon, Ill. He received his bachelor’s degree from Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, La., and his master’s degree from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. Currently, he is working towards a doctorate from Capella University, Minneapolis. Banister and his wife Joan have been married for 17 years. They have two sons, Nathan and Connor, who are ages nine and seven.

Kalash is the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities’ associate director of community service. Before moving to Minot, she worked at Sweetwater Elementary School in Devils Lake. She completed her bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate degrees at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. In 2006, Walmart named Kalash Teacher of the Year for North Dakota. Her husband, D. Joseph Kalash, is an instructor at Minot’s Burdick Job Corps Center. They have two children, Isabella and J.J.

MSU offers new option under master’s degree in special education

Beginning this fall, the Minot State University Department of Special Education and the Graduate School are offering a developmental disabilities/autism-spectrum disorders emphasis under the Master of Science degree in special education. Designed in an online format, the special education department tailored this DD/ASD master’s degree emphasis for teachers, human resource professionals, allied health professionals and parents.

“MSU’s new developmental disabilities/autism-spectrum disorders online option will help overcome the training limitations for professionals who live in rural areas and want to advance their scholarly understanding of DD/ASD,” said Jennifer Heffter, instructor of special education. “The program also meets the needs of parents of children with developmental disabilities and autism-spectrum disorders.”

The DD/ASD emphasis includes coursework in assessment, behavior management, program development and implementation, provisions of physical care and sensory issues, rehabilitative techniques, assistive technology, collaborative
techniques, social training and use of various team-planning models. After demonstrating mastery of core competencies, students will participate in public schools or community-based agencies to fulfill a practicum component.

In addition to the online format, students have the opportunity to participate in two on-campus summer residencies. These two-day summer residencies will focus on assistive technology and assessment.

Program participants can complete the program in two years, depending on their individual program of study. The coursework complies with standards from the Council of Exceptional Children and incorporates evidence-based practices derived from the National Standards Report.

For questions, contact Hefter at 858-4248 or jennifer.hefter@minotstateu.edu.

MSU and Apple successfully recycle e-waste

An Apple truck arrived Aug. 10 on Minot State University’s campus and hauled off more than 15 pallets of e-waste. The e-waste consisted of campus computers and electronic equipment deemed scrap and beyond repair. Last year, 29 pallets, or roughly 25,000 pounds, of unusable, university-owned electronic and computer equipment were loaded on an Apple truck and recycled properly. This year, the campus again utilized this opportunity to be eco-friendly while disposing of scrap items at no cost to Minot State.

Barney wins two awards at PBL national competition

The Minot State University Phi Beta Lambda club sent three students, Chris Barney, James Knudsen and Derek Ostdahl, to the national PBL business competition in Nashville, Tenn., July 9-13. All are from Minot. Barney took seventh place in Justice Administration and 10th place in Sports Management and Marketing.

“The three represented Minot State University well. It is quite an accomplishment to even get to nationals, but to place in the top ten is really an achievement that is only accomplished through hard work and commitment,” said Dean Frantsvog, associate professor of accounting and PBL advisor. “The remarkable job these students did at the national competition is just another example of how Minot State University is producing top-notch students, who are excelling against the best students in the country.”

To go to the PBL national competition, students must compete on the state level and finish in first or second place at the state competition. 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. Sharon Reynolds, assistant professor of business information technology, also advises PBL.

Division of Music granted full accreditation from NASM

On July 7, the MSU Division of Music received full accreditation in good standing with the National Association of Schools of Music. The NASM serves as the principal accrediting agency for most university music programs across the United States.

In 10-year cycles, NASM conducts an extensive review of programs and curriculum. This accreditation process began in 2008 and concluded this summer with special commendations for community partnerships and curricular revisions. MSU has sustained its NASM membership status since 1972. The next scheduled accreditation visit is 2018-2019.

Wellness Works

Tobacco is the leading cause of preventable death. Approximately 800 North Dakotans die prematurely each year from smoking; another 110 die each year from exposure to secondhand smoke. Tobacco also creates a huge financial burden on the state. Annual health care costs in North Dakota directly caused by smoking amount to $247 million — $47 million of that is what is covered by state Medicaid programs. The estimated resident’s state and federal tax burden from smoking-caused government expenditures is $567 per household.

To reduce tobacco use and the toll tobacco takes on the state’s health and economy significantly, the Center of Tobacco Prevention and Control Policy has created a statewide plan.
The plan, “Saving Lives—Saving Money: North Dakota’s Comprehensive State Plan to Prevent and Reduce Tobacco Use 2009-2014,” uses Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s best practices guidelines. Effective ways proven to reduce the toll of tobacco include:

- Unit-price increases of tobacco products.
- Smoking bans.
- Health care provider reminder systems with education.
- Quitlines.
- Mass media campaigns.

More and more cities and states are implementing smoke-free public places to improve the health of the community. Fargo, West Fargo, Grand Forks and Napoleon have all passed 100 percent smoke-free workplace laws. STAMP, Minot’s tobacco prevention coalition, is working on this issue in Minot. In a recent survey, 72 percent of Minot residents favored a law that would prohibit smoking in all indoor public places and workplaces. Other survey results are:

- 93 percent of Minot residents feel that secondhand smoke is a health hazard.
- 77 percent of Minot residents think it is important for the customers and employees to breathe clean air in indoor workplaces, public buildings, truck stops, restaurants and bars.
- 67 percent of Minot residents agree that protecting people’s right to breathe clean air will not hurt businesses.

For more information on smoke-free workplaces, visit: www.tobaccofreeMinot.com.

North Dakota University System joins LEAP General Education Initiative

BISMARCK – The North Dakota University System recently joined the Liberal Education and America’s Promise initiative created to align college general education requirements with the needs of today’s global economy.

LEAP, a model advanced by the Association of American Colleges and Universities, emphasizes the importance of making these foundational higher education courses more relevant to current workplace expectations. NDUS is the sixth state higher education system to become part of LEAP. Private and tribal colleges in North Dakota also are partners in this initiative.

“In 2009, NDUS faculty members began looking at ways to better align general education requirements with the skills and abilities now required for career and personal success,” said NDUS Chancellor Bill Goetz. “This grassroots effort positioned the university system for acceptance into LEAP, and participation in this ‘best practice’ initiative will help students be better prepared for the workforce.”

“Through LEAP, the university system will have access to some of the leading national experts and research on general education,” said Mike Hillman, NDUS vice chancellor for academic and student affairs. “We will reap tremendous benefits from this new relationship with the Association of American Colleges and Universities.”

Three statewide general education summits have been held since the spring of 2009. NDUS and tribal college faculty members involved in the events are committed to the development of standardized, statewide general education requirements among the institutions, even though they have varying academic missions.

The fourth general education summit will be hosted by Bismarck State College on Sept. 17. The LEAP model, which focuses on essential learning outcomes, will be a focus of the event.

— NDUS news release

Faculty, staff and student achievements

Tyler Braaflat and Christine Nelson, Minot State University alumni, were among five University of North Dakota nurse anesthesia students who had their case studies published in the summer 2010 issue of The International Student Journal of Nurse Anesthesia. This journal accepts article submissions that are primarily in the form of Case Studies from nurse anesthesia students across the U.S. and publishes selected articles in the journal three times a year. The online publication is available at www.aana.com/studentjournal.aspx.

Becky Brodell, assistant professor of nursing, presented a poster on her research topics of caring and technology at the Summer Institute on Evidence-Based Practice in San Antonio, Texas, July 8-10. The conference is designed for health care providers and educators in a direct response to the national call for health care providers to bridge research and quality care by preparing our workforce to redesign health systems that are safe and effective.

The North Dakota Board of Nursing appointed Teresa Seright, assistant professor of nursing, to its Nursing Practice Committee for 2010-12. The Nursing Practice Committee provides guidance and direction to the board on rule revision and nursing practice-related issues.

Announcements

Deadline for submitting information for MSU directory ends Aug. 20

The Office of Publications and Design Services is compiling information for the official campus directory. In order to be included, information must be received in our office no later than Aug. 20. Please make your changes in red pen by doing the following:

- copy each section of your current directory pages.
- cross out any deletions in each section of the current directory.
• make changes next to the current entry in each section.
• include new entries on an additional sheet of paper.

We prefer not to receive this information by telephone or e-mail.

— Sandy Nordstrom, director of publications and design services

Receive Inside electronically

The Office of Public Information sends the Inside newsletter to Minot State University and Dakota College at Bottineau faculty and staff and media outlets electronically. If individuals or entities that receive hard copies of Inside would like to receive it electronically, send the e-mail address to which the publication should be delivered to linda.benson@minotstateu.edu.

For questions, contact 858-3199 or linda.benson@minotstateu.edu.

— Mark Lyman, director of public information

Fifth annual Doug Lockrem Memorial Motorcycle Rally slated for Aug. 21

On Aug. 21, the fifth annual Doug Lockrem Memorial Motorcycle Rally will be held. Registration is from 10 to 11 a.m. at Pure Honda of Minot.

Lockrem, a Minot State University alumnus and past MSU Beaver Booster president, was a police officer in Minot. He attended almost every MSU sporting event, and he really loved being involved in anything related to MSU. Lockrem passed away more than five years ago from cancer. The money raised from the motorcycle rally will go toward the Doug Lockrem Memorial Scholarship to benefit student athletes at Minot State University.

The main ride starts at 11 a.m. at Pure Honda, following registration. The rally ends at the Lamplighter Lounge, where lunch will be served. Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch at the Lamplighter for $3.

The cost is $20, which funds the ride, a T-shirt, lunch, two tickets to an MSU football game, a $5 gift certificate from Pure Honda and more.

For further information on this event, feel free to contact Chad McNally at 858-4451 or chad.mcnelly@minotstateu.edu or the Minot State Athletic Department at 858-3041.

— Chad McNally, director of the Beaver Boosters

New campus phone system installation continues

Information Technology Central is in the process of switching in the new phone system. Note that you will no longer have to dial 6 for on-campus calls on the ShoreTel phones. Manuals and other documentation can be found at www.minotstateu.edu/itcentral/ under the “Voice & Phone” link.

For questions, contact helpdesk@minotstateu.edu or call 858-4444 to put in a work order.

— Darren Olson, information technology security officer and systems administrator

MSU artwork information

As the Swain Hall renovation nears completion, many faculty and staff may “redecorate” as they move to new offices. If you are changing offices and moving works of art in the process, please check to see if the artwork belongs to MSU. The Northwest Art Center maintains a database of all art owned by the university. If a work is moved to a new location, please contact Avis Veikley, 858-3264, so the new location may be noted in the database. If a piece of art belongs to MSU, and it is not moving with you, it should be returned to the Northwest Art Center.

MSU artwork may have a red and silver MSU inventory number, a handwritten number on the back (probably beginning with “PC”) or a printed tag that says “Property of MSU Permanent Collection.” Some art that the university owns is not labeled; if you know the origin of the piece, and it should be in the MSU art database, please inform the Northwest Art Center.

— Avis Veikley, director of the Northwest Art Center

TLC-Minot needs host families

TLC-Minot, an intensive English language program for international students, is looking for families for our Homestay Program. TLC-Minot provides $600 compensation every four weeks in exchange for a private room, transportation in the morning to MSU and in the afternoon to home and food for meals. Food does not have to be prepared for each meal, as long as there is food available for the student to prepare.

The students enjoy getting to know American families and their culture as they acquire English skills. The program is also a great way to learn about another culture as the students share with you and your family.

We need homestays for males immediately. If anyone is interested or has questions, contact 858-4561 or bonnie.carrera@minotstateu.edu.

— Bonnie Carrera, TLC-Minot director

In the galleries


The public reception for “Baker’s Dozen” and “Americas 2010: All Media” exhibits is Sept 1 in the Library Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.
Calendar
Aug. 11-Sept. 12, 2010

Aug.
16 New faculty orientation, Westlie Room, 8 a.m.
17 New faculty orientation, Jones Room, 8 a.m.
17 Staff Senate, Multicultural Center, 9 a.m.
17 Swain Hall ribbon-cutting ceremony, 11 a.m.
17 Business After Hours, Swain Hall, 5 p.m.
18 Convocation, Conference Center, 8 a.m.
18 MSU Fall Kick-off, Roosevelt Park Zoo, 5–9 p.m.
19 Convocation mini sessions, Aleshire Theater, 8 a.m.–noon.
19 Freshmen Move-in Day, Cook Hall parking lot, noon–3 p.m.
19-20 CONNECT orientation and registration by invitation, call 858-3350, Nelson Hall.
20 Soccer at Minnesota State University-Mankato.
20-21 Volleyball at University of Great Falls tournament.
21 Doug Lockrem Memorial Motorcycle Rally, Pure Honda of Minot, 10 a.m. registration, 11 a.m. ride.
21-22 Soccer at Winona State University.
23 First 8-week classes begin.
23-25 JCEMP orientation.
23 16-week classes begin.
24 Nursing convocation, Conference Center, 1–3 p.m.
24 SAC: Showoff Show, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.
25 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
25 Club Fair, Quad, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
25 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam, 3 and 9 p.m.
26 Last day to add first 8-week class.
26 Red Alert pre-game event, Quad, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
26 Beaver Booster luncheon, Grand International, noon.
26 Football tailgating, east parking lot of Dome, 5 p.m.
26 Football vs. Bemidji State University, Herb Parker Stadium, 7 p.m.
26 SAC: comedian Pete Lee, Beaver Dam, 10 p.m.

Sept.
1 Last day to add 16-week class.
1 Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
1 SAC: music by HighMay, Beaver Dam, noon.
1 Golf at Jamestown College, Hillcrest Golf Course.
1 NAC public reception for “Americas 2010: All Media,” Susan Haas-Morrissey, juror, Hartnett Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m.
2 Spring 2011 student teaching orientation, Old Main 218, 12:30 p.m.
3 Soccer at Northern State University, Aberdeen, S.D.
4 Football at Concordia University-St. Paul, St. Paul, Minn.
5 Soccer at Minnesota State University-Moorhead.
6 Labor Day, university closed.
7 Financial aid disbursement and fall tuition due.
8 SAC: movie, 3 and 9 p.m. Beaver Dam
9 Golf at Bismarck State College, Hawktree Golf Club.
10 Admission to teacher education seminar, Old Main 106, 3 p.m.
10 Cross Country at Northern State University invitational, Aberdeen, S.D.
10-11 Volleyball at Minnesota State University-Moorhead tournament.
10-12 Western Plains Opera, Nelson Hall, Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday 3 p.m.
11 Soccer vs. Carroll College at Rocky Mountain College, Billings, Mont.
11-12 Golf at Valley City State University, Maple River Golf Course, Mapleton, N.D.
12 Soccer at Rocky Mountain College, Billings, Mont.

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.