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A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

Homecoming 2010: 'Paint the Town Red!'

Homecoming at Minot State University this year centers on the theme "Paint the Town Red!" Homecoming Week officially kicks off Sept. 19 and runs through Sept. 25.

"We really hope our community can catch the excitement of Homecoming at Minot State," said Tawnya Bernsdorf, director of alumni relations and annual giving. "This year's festivities promise to be even bigger than last year's celebrations — and last year was huge with plenty of great memories! As Minot State joins forces with our community supporters to 'Paint the Town Red,' we hope lots of people will participate in the many events available for our alumni and friends."

Homecoming starts Sept. 19 with a 12:30 p.m. golf tournament, sponsored by Delta Epsilon Chi, at the Apple Grove Golf Course. To register, go to minotstatedeca.com/.

Sept. 20 features student voting for Homecoming King and Queen in the Quad with a musical performance from Austin Kyle starting at noon. The traditional Homecoming Community Bonfire will be ablaze in the Dome's north parking lot at 8:30 p.m. The campus and community are welcome to support all the student athletes participating in fall sports by cheering on the Beavers and showing school spirit. That day will end with a casino night event for students in the Beaver Dam at 9:30 p.m.

The Homecoming fun continues on Sept. 21 with voting for Homecoming King and Queen in the Quad; Jazmine Wolff will entertain the noontime crowd with music. Coronation with emcee and musician Matt Santry will be in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7 p.m. Students from more than 25 student organizations will vie for the king and queen crowns. The Homecoming Coronation Dance at the North Dakota State Fair Center's Theater Room, with music by band 8th Hour, will follow the coronation ceremony, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

For MSU students, Sept. 22 brings acoustic artist Dennis Florine and free food in the Quad during lunchtime. To honor donors to the university, the Minot State University Development Foundation will host a President's Club Luncheon.

For the entire community, Sept. 22 offers the annual MSU Community Block Party, which is free and open to the public, on the lawn in front of Old Main, 5-8 p.m. This year's block party is co-sponsored by the Minot Young Professional Network and Augustana Lutheran Church. The Minot State Community Block Party will include campus tours, appearances from MSU Beaver student athletes, carnival games with prizes, inflated slides, obstacle courses, a Corvette Club and Dakota Cruisers classic car display, and music by local bands. A free dinner will be available while it lasts. Registration for the Beaver 5K Fun Run/Walk is at 5 p.m., or by calling Stu Melby, head cross country/track and field coach, in advance at 858-3268. The race, which is a fundraiser for athletic teams, begins at 6 p.m.



Sept. 9, 2010

PIO update

Early September on a university campus means a few things. The season starts to change from summer to fall, everyone is becoming accustomed to new faces on campus and schedules are starting to fill up quite a bit.

With this last task hitting many of us hard, I would offer one piece of advice.

Quality over quantity — by that, I mean better meetings, not more meetings. Meetings are great for communicating important information, getting buy-in for a new direction or making critical decisions. They can also be a real time drag if not conducted properly or with a good purpose, causing meeting fatigue or simply a disinterest while attending.

Some simple tips for meeting participants can go a long way to making "meeting crunch" a good experience.

- Plan the agenda and distribute handouts before the meeting.
- Involve each participant during the meeting and create a follow-up plan for action items.
- Publish minutes and hold a brief follow-up to ensure accountability.

Paying attention to these simple tips can make our hectic schedules a little easier during this busy month.

— *Mark Lyman, director of public information*

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Following the free MSU Community Block Party, beginning at 9 p.m., is hypnotist Jim Wand, on stage in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. This event is free and open to students and the public.

Events for students on Sept. 23 include a noontime text scavenger hunt and an '80s-themed dance at the Flickertail Gardens on the NDSF grounds. In the evening, the MSU Alumni Association's Golden Awards banquet will be held in the MSU Conference Center, 6 p.m. The Golden Awards banquet is a night of tribute to the university's most honored alumni and friends. The 2010 banquet will honor recipients Jon Backes, Ted Brinkman and Wes Luther, as well as Scott Louser, who is receiving the Young Alumni Achievement Award.

The Sept. 24 student events include karaoke at 11 a.m. in the Beaver Dam and a Comedy Variety Game Show starting at 8 p.m.

The Homecoming Alumni Reunion, to which all MSU alumni and friends of the university are invited, will convene at 7 p.m. at the Grand International Inn. This year, special reunion groups include the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, the Vagabonds and all women's athletic teams.

Homecoming reaches its apex Sept. 25 with the Homecoming Parade starting at 10:30 a.m. Beginning by the Wells Fargo building in downtown Minot, the parade route runs north on Main Street, west on Central Avenue, north on Broadway to 11th Avenue, then west to the Dome parking lot. A tailgate party, with free lunch for everyone, will follow in the east lot of the Dome. The Beavers face off against Valley City State University at Herb Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m. During halftime, the homecoming royalty, Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and all athletic women's teams will be introduced. A post-game alumni gathering will convene at the Barley Pop at 5 p.m.

Most activities are free with MSU student and staff identification. Guests may be charged a nominal fee.

For more information on Homecoming activities, visit the Homecoming Week Web site, www.minotstateu.edu/homecoming, or call the Office of Student Activities at 858-3987, the Office of Advancement at 858-3234 or the Department of Athletics at 858-3041

Enjoy the 'La Traviata'

Western Plains Opera presents Giuseppe Verdi's "La Traviata" in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall on Friday and Sunday (Sept. 10 and 12). Friday's performance is at 8 p.m., and Sunday's performance is at 3 p.m. Several professional singers are joining the WPO troop for this production. Call 858-3185 for tickets.

NDCPD celebrating 20th anniversary



On Sept. 14 and 15, the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities will host a "20th Anniversary Celebration." Oct. 1, 1990, was a historic day in Minot State University's history. The North Dakota Center on Disabilities began operations that day and evolved into NDCPD.

"The vision of people like Stephen Ragan, David Williams, John Kincheloe, Joe Ferrara and others has hopefully been realized by our work at NDCPD. Their vision of an active, timely and important center of study, training and services for citizens with disabilities is now what we are and how we operate," said Brent Askvig, NDCPD executive director and professor of special education. "I'm thankful on a daily basis for the initial work in establishing our center. We are excited to see the progress of NDCPD over these past 20 years. Growing from a small operation, and most part-time staff, to over 80 staff is amazing."

The two-day celebration will commemorate 20 years of training, research, community service and knowledge dissemination to North Dakota and the nation. NDCPD started with only two full-time employees, Susie Mack and Joe Ferrara. The other eight part-time employees were communication disorders and special education faculty members. NDCPD, which currently has more than 80 employees, has invited national speakers, honored guests, former administrators, current and former staff, current and past Consumer Advisory Council members, student trainees and state and national partners to the anniversary.

Events open to the public include an opening program on Sept. 14 in the MSU Conference Center (Student Center, third floor) from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., followed by NDCPD tours and project displays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. NDCPD is located on second floor of Memorial Hall. The public is welcome to join NDCPD staff as they look back over the past 20 years.

NDCPD, along with the Student Government Association, will sponsor inspirational speaker Chet McDoniel with his presentation, "I'm Not Broken," on Sept. 15 in the Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.-noon. He was born with no arms and shortened legs. He remains positive throughout obstacles and delivers a message of hope, happiness and enjoyment of a full life. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of North Texas, Denton, with a bachelor's degree in radio, television and film production. McDoniel owns his own travel agency, and he and his family live in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. His presentation is free and open to the public.

NDCPD will engage the past and current staff, the MSU campus, the local community and the state. The intent of the 20th Anniversary Celebration is to celebrate the people and the programs that have shaped the landscape of developmental disabilities in North Dakota.

“This 20th anniversary celebration will give us an opportunity to reflect on how much NDCPD has impacted the lives of North Dakotans with disabilities,” Askvig said. “Maybe most importantly, it will give us an excellent chance to look to the future and see what else we need to do.”

For additional information, contact Askvig at 858-3580 or susie.mack@minotstateu.edu.

New faculty and staff aboard

Minot State University would like to welcome six new employees, Keith Kronbach, Charles McConnon, Eugene Paulsen, Diane Pierson, Heather Stroupe-Smith, Robert Titus, and introduce them to the campus.

Kronbach is a custodian with the Office of Facilities Management. He and Geraldine, his wife, have one son, Robert, and three daughters, Kay, Cassandra and April.

McConnon, who moved to Minot from Wisconsin, is a custodian. He enjoys all sports and helping veterans.

Paulsen, an alumnus, is a custodian. He previously worked at Creative Cabinetry of Minot. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from MSU. He and his wife, Nikki, have a daughter, Amanda.

Pierson is an administrative secretary in the Department of Communication Disorders. Before coming to Minot State, she was employed at ING. She and her husband, Les, have three children, Mark, Breanne and Destinie.

Stroupe-Smith, who last worked for the Army Research Institute in Fort Knox, Ky., is the residence life coordinator in the Office of Housing. She completed a bachelor's degree in psychology from Murray State University, Ky., and a master's degree in industrial/organizational psychology from Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green. She and James, her husband, enjoy running and zumba. Within the community, Stroupe-Smith is vice president for the Minot Area Jaycees.

Titus is a custodian. He received an associate degree in criminal justice from the Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. He likes to play guitar, go fishing and spend time with his wife.



Kronbach



McConnon



Paulsen



Pierson



Stroupe-Smith



Titus

MSU faculty members dig up the summer

Margaret Sherve, associate professor of English, and Mark Timbrook, technology support specialist in Minot State University's Office of Instructional Technology, an adjunct faculty and author, will present “MSU Students

Dig into the Past: Cemetery, Archaeology and Service Learning” Sept. 13 in Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.. The presentation is part of the Northwest Art Center lecture series.

Sherve and Timbrook, along with several students, will discuss their archeological digs in South Dakota and at Minot's First Lutheran Church Cemetery. In June, they started in the summer heat with two students in the cemetery located next to the Student Center and Administration building on the MSU campus. This project became a process spread out over four years with this summer being the first year. Sherve and Timbrook hope to have the project completed by 2013, for MSU's centennial celebration.

“We are hoping to get more students involved,” Sherve said. “I would like to continue the project.”

The goal of the cemetery project is to take pictures of each marker located on the property, to put them all online with the person's identity and links to photos of the markers and location of each grave. The group found many markers covered up by grass and dirt; another goal is to restore the cemetery and preserve the vegetation on the land.

Following their cemetery dig, Sherve, Timbrook and four MSU students spent three weeks in July working along with Michael Fosha, a North Dakota state archeologist, preparing for a trip to South Dakota. Near Mitchell, S.D., they dug at a stone fort that was used by the U.S. Army. Student retrieved nails, a stake, glass from bottles of medicinal bitters used by the cavalry soldiers and two pieces of pottery.

For more information about Northwest Art Center activities, call 858-3264 or visit its Web site, www.minotstateu.edu/nac.



Wellness works

Walking Club invites the campus to join them

The MSU Walking Club exists to promote wellness across campus for faculty, staff and students and currently has more than 70 members. Members walk and tally time logs and meet as a group once a month for a walking event. They also gather statistics for our North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System discount.

If an individual is interested in joining the MSU Walking Club, contact Karen Humphreys, Walking Club coordinator, at 858-4490 or karen.humphreys@minotstateu.edu.

Announcements

CETL peer tutors needed

The Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning tutoring program needs peer tutors for this fall semester. Peer tutors are Minot State University students (sophomore+) who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better and have received a grade of B+ or better in the course for which they tutor. Peer tutors work closely with other students to help them achieve positive outcomes in their academic careers and empower them to become independent learners.

Interested students can pick up an application in the CETL Tutoring Center (Main 103) or print one off the Web site, www.minotstateu.edu/cetl/peer_tutoring.shtml. Tutors pay starts at \$8.75 an hour.

Please direct any questions to jessica.smestad@minotstateu.edu or 858-4039.

— *Jessica Smestad, CETL tutoring and mentoring coordinator*

National Day of Service and Remembrance 9/11 observed Saturday

This Saturday marks the ninth anniversary of 9/11. Since April 2009, this day has been designated as the National Day of Service and Remembrance. People across the United States and the world will mark this anniversary by engaging in service or good deeds.

The Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning urges Minot State University staff, faculty and students to contribute to this day by engaging in their community, whether that is by volunteering at a local organization or simply with a good deed done. Please contact 858-3158 or lisa.borden-king@minotstateu.edu for more information on these opportunities.

— *Lisa Borden-King, CETL associate director for engagement and associate*

CETL announces drop-in tutoring schedule

Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning drop-in tutoring is available for select classes during scheduled drop-in hours. No appointment is necessary; it is first-come, first-serve. Drop-

in tutoring sessions are limited to 20 minutes, depending on demand. Hours will vary each semester. The current fall 2010 schedule is online at www.minotstateu.edu/cetl/pdf/Drop-inScheduleFall2010.pdf. We hope to add more subjects soon.

Please direct questions to jessica.smestad@minotstateu.edu or 858-4039.

— *Jessica Smestad, CETL tutoring and mentoring coordinator*

In the galleries

Sept. 9-22 — “Baker’s Dozen,” sculpture by James Parlin, Edinboro, Pa., Best of Show Americas 2009: All Media, Library Gallery.

Sept. 9-Oct. 2 — “Americas 2010: All Media,” Susan Haas-Morrissey, juror, Hartnett Gallery.

Sept. 23-Oct. 25 — “The Unapologetic Landscape,” photographs by Chuck Kimmerle, Grand Forks, N.D., Library Gallery.

Calendar

Sept. 9-Oct. 9, 2010

Sept.

- 9 Golf at Bismarck State College, Hawktree Golf Club.
- 10 Graduate School: fall semester graduation applications due to Graduate School.
- 10 Speech and hearing screening, Memorial Hall 138, 9–11 a.m.
- 10 Admission to teacher education seminar, Old Main 106, 3 p.m.
- 10 Western Plains Opera, Nelson Hall, 8 p.m.
- 10 Cross Country at Northern State University invitational, Aberdeen, S.D.
- 10-11 Volleyball at Minnesota State University-Moorhead tournament.
- 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 Western Plains Opera, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
- 12 Soccer at Rocky Mountain College, Billings, Mont.
- 13 Student Government Association, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
- 13 NAC lecture: “MSU Students Dig into the Past: Cemetery, Archaeology and Service Learning,” presented by Margaret Sherve and Mark Timbrook, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 14 Student success workshop: “Do the ‘Write’ Thing – Strategies for Successful College Writing,” Old Main 316, 10–10:50 a.m.
- 14 NDCPD 20th Anniversary Celebration opening program, Conference Center, 1:30–2:30 p.m.
- 14 NDCPD 20th Anniversary Celebration tours and displays, Memorial Hall, second floor, 3–4:30 p.m.

- 15 Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
- 15 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
- 15 Chancellor's legislative lunch, Conference Center, noon.
- 15 NDCPD 20th Anniversary Celebration inspirational speaker Chet McDoniel, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
- 15 Soccer at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, Minn.
- 15 Theater: "Til Death Do Us Part: Late Nite Catechism 3," sponsored by Little Flower Catholic Church, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Futurepalooza, Dome, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
- 16 Volleyball vs. Briercrest College, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 17 Beaver athletic luncheon, Grand International, noon.
- 17 Theatre: 24-hour play festival, Aleshire Theater, begins Friday, 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Volleyball at Valley City State University.
- 18 Football tailgating, east parking lot of Dome, 11 a.m.
- 18 Football vs. Mayville State University, Herb Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
- 18 Theatre: 24-hour play festival performance, Aleshire Theater, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Volleyball at Jamestown College.
- 19-20 Golf at Jamestown College, Jamestown Country Club.
- 20 Homecoming: music by Austin Kyle, voting and food, Quad/Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
- 20 International Artist Series, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Homecoming: Bonfire, north parking lot of the Dome, 8:30 p.m.
- 20 Homecoming: Casino Night, Beaver Dam, 9:30 p.m.
- 21 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 21 Homecoming: music by Jazmine Wolff, voting and food, Quad/Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
- 21 Homecoming: Coronation, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
- 21 Soccer vs. Jamestown College, Herb Parker Stadium, 7 p.m.
- 21 Homecoming: Coronation Dance, All Seasons Arena, N.D. State Fair Grounds, 10 p.m.
- 22 Homecoming: music by Dennis Florine, food and games, Quad/Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
- 22 Homecoming: President's Club luncheon, Conference Center, noon.
- 22 Homecoming: Community Block Party, Old Main lawn, 5–8 p.m.
- 22 Homecoming: Hypnotist Jim Wand, Nelson Hall, 9 p.m.
- 23 Brown Bag Book Talk: Aili Smith, communication arts, on "The Lucid Body: A Guide for the Physical Actor," by Fay Simpson, Olson Library, noon.
- 23 Homecoming: Texting Scavenger Hunt, food and games, Quad/Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
- 23 Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
- 23 Homecoming: Golden Awards Banquet, Conference Center, 6 p.m.
- 23 Homecoming: '80s Dance, Flickertail Gardens, N.D. State Fair Grounds, 10 p.m.
- 23 NAC public reception for "The Unapologetic Landscape," photographs by Chuck Kimmerle, Grand Forks, N.D., Library Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m.
- 23-Oct. 25 NAC exhibit: "The Unapologetic Landscape," photographs by Chuck Kimmerle, Grand Forks, N.D., Library Gallery.
- 24 Board of Regents, Conference Center, 7:30 a.m.
- 24 Homecoming: Karaoke, food and games, Quad/Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
- 24 Beaver athletic luncheon, Grand International, noon.
- 24 Volleyball vs. Black Hills State University, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 24 Homecoming: Alumni and Friends Reunion, Grand International Inn, 7 p.m.–midnight.
- 24 Homecoming: Comedy Variety Game Show, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.
- 24 Soccer at University of Great Falls.
- 25 Homecoming: parade, 10:30 a.m.
- 25 Homecoming: tailgating, east parking lot of Dome, 11 a.m.
- 25 Homecoming: Football vs. Valley City State University, introduction of Homecoming royalty, Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and Gary Leslie reunion participants at halftime, Herb Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
- 25 Homecoming: Athletic Hall Fame Banquet, Grand International Inn, 6 p.m. social, 7 p.m. banquet.
- 25 Volleyball vs. South Dakota Mines, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 25 Cross Country at Roy Griak invitational, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 26 Golf, home, Souris Valley Golf Course, noon.
- 26 Soccer at Carroll College, Helena, Mont.
- 27 Golf, home, Minot Country Club, 9 a.m.
- 27 Student Government Association, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
- 27 Brass Band of Minot, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Major Fair, Student Center second floor hallway, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
- 28 NAC lecture: "That's Music to My Eyes: The Musical Scores as Art," presented by Avis Veikley, Northwest Art Center director, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 28 Volleyball at University of Mary.
- 28-29 Blood Drive, Conference Center, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- 29 Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
- 29 Soccer at University of Mary.
- 30 Spiritual Wellness Series, housing conference room, Dakota Hall, south entrance, 12:15–1 p.m.
- 30 Finger-printing and license seminar to student teach Spring 2011, Conference Center, 12:30 p.m.
- 30-Oct. 2 Theatre: "Doubt," Black Box Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Oct.

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| 1 | Last day to drop first 8-week classes. | 5 | Faculty and staff social, Conference Center, 2:30–4 p.m. |
| 1 | Job search for elementary educators seminar to student teach Spring 2011, Conference Center, 1–4 p.m. | 5 | Small Ensembles concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m. |
| 1 | Volleyball vs. Dakota State University, Dome, 7 p.m. | 5 | SAC: comedian Amanda Duncan, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m. |
| 1 | Cross Country at Jamestown College invitational. | 6 | Assessment Day. |
| 1-2 | Golf at Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, S.D. | 6 | \$MRTZ: A Financial Experience for high school seniors, Nelson Hall, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. |
| 2 | Football at Jamestown College. | 6 | Job search for secondary educators seminar to student teach Spring 2011, Westlie Room, 1–4 p.m. |
| 2 | Volleyball vs. Mayville State University, Dome, 3 p.m. | 6 | Volleyball vs. Dickinson State University, Dome, 7 p.m. |
| 2 | Soccer vs. Southwest Minnesota State University, Herb Parker Stadium, 7 p.m. | 6 | NOTSTOCK. |
| 4 | NAC lecture: “Tales of a Rocket Scientist,” presented by Jerry Boatz, Air Force Research Laboratory, Edwards Air Force Base, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m. | 6-9 | Football at Dakota State University, Madison, S.D. |
| 5 | Finger printing and license seminar to student teach Spring 2011, Old Main 211, 11:30 a.m. | 9 | Soccer vs. Rocky Mountain College, Herb Parker Stadium, 7 p.m. |
| 5 | Student success workshop: “Top 10 Tips for Terrific Test Taking,” Old Main 106, 1–1:50 p.m. | 9 | Minot Symphony Orchestra, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m. |

Minot State University mission

Minot State University is first and foremost dedicated to the success of all students: their growth and development as educated citizens, their confidence, and their life-long devotion to the common good and the welfare of others.

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