Minot State honors Slaaten

Minot State University honored Doris Slaaten, professor emeritus and alumna, for a lifetime of support to the university. Through the years, Slaaten has given generously to the university, although her impact certainly goes far beyond dollars and cents. Slaaten’s most recent financial donation will update the Slaaten Learning Center in Old Main. The enhancements include a boardroom with video conferencing equipment and a new laboratory for the College of Business.

Doris Slaaten and Gov. John Hoeven enjoy a moment during a ceremony honoring Slaaten for her donations to Minot State University.

Minot State implements new admission standards and programs to help more students succeed

Minot State University announced new admission standards for new freshmen entering the fall of 2011. The new standards, along with recent support programs designed to increase attention to first-year students, will enable Minot State University to help more students reach their educational goals.

“Minot State University is empowered with the mission, first and foremost, of being dedicated to the success of all students,” said David Fuller, president of Minot State University. “As a university, we need to better assist these students in the difficult transition from high school courses to life as a student of higher education. Our new admission standards will allow us to fulfill our mission as we endeavor to bring in...
students who are better prepared to succeed and then assist those who are less prepared with the Passport Program.”

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Previously, MSU admitted any student who had at least an ACT score of 17. Students will now need to attain at least an 18 on the ACT along with the appropriate high school grade point average. To receive the needed support to help them succeed, admitted students with ACT scores between 18 and 21 will receive special guidance as to courses and total enrollments. Students with a 22 ACT or higher and those who earned a 3.25 GPA or higher will be admitted to MSU without any provisions.

Students are encouraged to apply even if their scores do not fall within the standards of the admission chart. These applications may be reviewed by a committee that will assess additional criteria.

The new admission standards will not impact students who are transferring to Minot State University.

The Passport Program, a unique collaboration between Minot State and Dakota College at Bottineau, ensures those students who want a four-year degree from MSU but do not yet have the test or grade point necessary can still receive the appropriate courses and educational opportunities. With the Passport Program, a student will take 24 credits of classes from both DCB and MSU on the Minot State University campus. In their second year, they can transition seamlessly into Minot State as a full-time student.

“Our new admission standards are about much more than simply raising some of the standards for admitting new students; it’s about providing the right opportunities for students in northwest North Dakota and throughout the state to succeed,” said Kevin Harmon, dean of admissions.

New programs are already in place at Minot State to assist students in reaching their educational goals.

A key program is the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning, CETL focuses on the needs of freshmen by providing first-year experiences that center on the student being part of a learning community. Currently, approximately 155 students in 10 groups are participating. Each group attends the same three courses, which are centered on a theme or idea, for an entire semester. These courses fulfill general education requirements for the freshmen and give them a core group of similar students with whom to study and rely upon.

Minot State faculty members and CETL staff will lead the first-year experience courses. They will assist in the students’ transition to Minot State and university life.

The Office of Career Services has now been renamed the Student Success Center and refocused to include additional advising and tutoring services for students.

New faculty and staff aboard

Minot State University would like to welcome two new employees, Cheryl Merck and Julie Wetzel, and introduce them to the campus.

Merck, an alumna, is a project coordinator with the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities. She was previously employed at Minot’s Walmart in its accounting department. She completed a bachelor’s degree in marketing and management from Minot State.

She and her husband, Jeff, have two sons, Jacob and Justin.

Wetzel is an Early Hearing Detection and Intervention project follow-up coordinator with NDCPD. She comes to MSU after working for Minot Public Schools. She holds a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Valley City State University. Kelly, her husband, works at SRT. They have two boys, Taylor and Jayden; the family loves sports, camping and vacations.

MSU Sustainability Committee receives Greener N.D. Award

The Minot State University Sustainability Committee received the Greener North Dakota Award for its commitment to prioritizing waste reduction, recycling and promoting sustainability across campus. David Fuller, Minot State University president, received the Greener North Dakota Award on Oct. 14. The announcement of this award came at the South Dakota/North Dakota Solid Waste and Recycling Symposium in September.

By facilitating the ability of students, faculty and staff to reduce the campus’ ecological footprint, the committee continually strives to provide community leadership in sustainability issues and to educate both the campus and community about sustainability issues. Taking the step to recycle consumer products such as office paper, magazines, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, newspaper and corrugated cardboard is something any campus or individual can do; but at Minot State University, the Sustainability Committee has gone further.

On its website, www.minotstateu.edu/sustain/, the committee has tips for their recycling procedures, steps to take for recycling printer and copier cartridges and suggestions how to reduce junk mail.

In 2008, the MSU Sustainability Committee received a $20,000 environmental grant from Xcel Energy’s Foundation to start a campus recycling project.
“By developing an on-campus recycling program, Minot State University is demonstrating its environmental leadership,” Kathy Aas, from Xcel Energy, said.

With the grant, the university addressed its campus’ need for an effective recycling program to reduce waste, provide undergraduate research and internship opportunities for students and educate students, faculty and staff about the environmental and cost savings benefits of recycling and conservation.

In recent years, the MSU Sustainability Committee sponsored Earth Day events on campus. These included contests for posters, projects or product presentations geared towards Earth Day, sustainability awareness, a campus-wide cleanup and programs for battery recycling and plastic bottle cap recycling.

The Greener North Dakota Award, presented by the North Dakota Solid Waste and Recycling Association, acknowledges businesses, organizations, communities and individuals in recognition of their positive environmental efforts through solid waste management, renewable energy or pollution reduction. These entities are also recognized for making an impact on North Dakota’s environmental waste reduction goal of 40 percent, using recyclable products for manufacturing end use, job creation and keeping recyclable materials out of North Dakota’s landfills, waterways and airways.

At the conclusion of Hispanic Heritage Month, adult and youth performers from the Mexico Lindo dance group will perform a distinct style of folk dancing representing some select regions of Mexico. Photography is welcome. To learn more about the folk dancing group Mexico Lindo, visit www.grupofolkloricomexicolindo.com/.

For additional information, contact Kemerly Moorhouse, education abroad coordinator, Spanish instructor and Spanish club advisor, at 858-3245 or kemerly.moorhouse@minotstateu.edu, or Scott Sigel, Spanish professor and Foreign Languages Program coordinator, at 858-4265 or scott.sigel@minotstateu.edu, or Sara Gietzen, Spanish Club president, at 240-0236 or sara.gietzen@minotstateu.edu.

‘Wonder of the World’ opens main stage season Thursday

The Minot State University Program of Theatre Arts is opening its main stage season with “Wonder of the World,” by David Lindsay-Abaire, Thursday through Sunday (Oct. 21-24) in Aleshire Theater. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday through Saturday (Oct. 21 to 23) and at 2 p.m. on Sunday (Oct. 24). Paula Lindekugel, associate professor of communication arts, will direct this production.

“Wonder of the World,” an unconventional comedy, begins with the character Cass leaving her husband Kip. She discovered a bizarre secret that Kip has been keeping from her. Cass boards a bus to Niagara Falls and ends up having crazy adventures along the way.

Brittany Knickerbocker, Minot, plays Cass, and Brett Olson, Maxbass, plays Kip. Other cast members include Jillian Bechtold, West Fargo; Jake Flaten, Velva; Ashley Nilsen, Riverdale; Justin Pierce, Gwinner; Terri Rubbert, Upham; Grey Wallstrum, Kenmare; and Chelsea Wynegar, Minot.

All MSU faculty, staff and current students get in free with an MSU ID. Tickets at the door are $6 for adults and $5 for senior citizens and children. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 858-3172.

Piehl to discuss ‘Painting Below Zero’

Walter Piehl Jr., professor of art, will present “Painting Below Zero: Notes on a Life in Art,” by James Rosenquist, Oct. 27. Rosenquist, an artist, was born in Grand Forks. His parents, amateur pilots, moved from town to town to look for work, finally settling in Minneapolis. His mother, who was also a painter, encouraged her son to have an artistic interest.

People need not read the featured book ahead of time and are encouraged to bring a sack lunch. The book talks, sponsored by the Gordon B. Olson Library, begin at noon and conclude in time for 1 p.m. classes. All are held in the lower level of the library in Group Study Room 2.
Starr lectures on ‘Our Lady of the Documents: Meanings and questions behind Latina depictions of the Virgin Mary’

Chelsea Starr, assistant professor of social sciences, will present “Our Lady of the Documents: Meanings and questions behind Latina depictions of the Virgin Mary” Oct. 27 as part of the Northwest Art Center lecture series.

Starr joined Minot State in August 2009. Previously, she taught at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington. She completed a bachelor’s degree in anthropology at the University of California, Los Angeles, and a master’s degree in comparative culture and a doctorate degree in social science from the University of California, Irvine.

• Nov. 8 — Dan Ringrose, professor of history, discusses “French Vision of Overseas Power: Private Enterprise, Technology and Ports in Japan, Argentina and Africa 1880-1939.”
• Nov. 17 — Kemerley Moorhouse, instructor of Spanish, presents “Spanish Teachers Training Program in Peru.”
• Nov. 29 — Robert Kibler, professor of English, highlights “Ancient Pictographs, Shamans and Ghosts: Close Encounters with the Naxi Tribe on the Sino-Tibetan Borderland.”

All lectures are held in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m. They are free and open to the public, and refreshments are served afterward.

Canadian violinist to perform with Minot Symphony Orchestra

The Minot Symphony Orchestra will present its “Autumn Concert: An Old World Romance” Nov. 13. Canadian violinist Catherin Manoukian will take center stage to perform Tchaikovsky’s “Violin Concerto.” Maestro Dennis Simons, professor of music, conducts the orchestra.

Manoukian’s professional career started when she won grand prize at the Canadian Music Competition at the age of 12. The same year, she made her orchestral debut with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra playing Paganini’s “Violin Concerto No. 1.” Since then, she has played with many major North American and international orchestras, like the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, the Boston Pops Orchestra, the Tokyo Philharmonic Orchestra and the American Philharmonic Orchestra.

Minot State University students, faculty and students are admitted free with a current ID. Additional tickets for adults are $20 per concert or $65 for a season ticket. The price for senior citizens is $15 single, $50 season; students 12-18, $10 single, $30 season; children, ages under 12, $5 single, $15 season. All concerts are held in the Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The remainder of “Old World, New World” includes “Family Concert: A Rich Full Day,” Jan. 29; “Spring Concert: A Night to Remember/An Affair to Remember,” March 5; “Pops Concert: The Long Way Home, April 16.”

Wellness works

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast cancer is a concern because a woman has a one-in-eight lifetime chance of developing breast cancer, it is the second leading cause of cancer death and when breast cancer is found and treated early the survival rate is 98 percent.

Risk factors may increase a woman’s chances of developing breast cancer. However, just because someone has a risk factor does not mean that that person will get breast cancer. In addition, women without any risk factors other than being a woman and getting older can develop breast cancer. Risk factors include being a woman, being over the age of 50, possessing a family and/or personal history of breast cancer, experiencing changes in the breast cancer-related genes, having chest radiation before the age of 30 and taking menopausal hormone therapy for more than five years.

Signs and symptoms include change in skin color and texture such as redness, rash or orange peel appearance; changes in size or shape of breast including swelling, dimpling or puckering; change in the appearance of nipple including a nipple that is turning inward that normally has pointed outward or is scaly or cracked; experiencing spontaneous nipple discharge; and discovering a lump or thickening in or near breast or in the underarm area.

Screening, such as breast self-exam, clinical breast exam and mammogram, is key!

A breast self-exam is when a woman examines her breasts for any changes. To find out more about how to perform a breast self-exam, ask your health-care provider. This option is recommended for women, starting at age 20, to do monthly.

A clinical breast exam is when a health-care provider looks for and feels for any changes in a woman’s breasts. For women ages 20-39, a clinical breast exam is advised every three years. For women ages 40 and older, a clinical breast exam is recommended once a year.

A mammogram is an x-ray of the breast. It can detect breast cancer two to three years before a lump can be felt. For women ages 40 and older, an annual mammogram is recommended. Women at high risk should talk to their health-care provider about when to begin having mammograms.

Our North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System benefit covers:
• 100 percent of the allowed charge and deductible amount is waived.
• One mammogram is allowed for members between the ages of 35 and 40.
• One mammogram per year is allowed for members age 40 and older.
Additional benefits will be available for mammography services when medically appropriate and necessary and ordered by a professional health-care provider.

If a woman is 40 or older and has not had a mammogram, she should call the Breast Imaging Center at Trinity Medical Arts at 857-5532 and schedule one today. It could save a life!

Announcements

Teacher-education poster presentations requested

The Effective Systems and Practices in Teacher Education poster session is Nov. 7. This coincides with the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education accreditation survey. The deadline to submit a short summary of a poster session to Lori Garnes, associate professor of special education, is Friday (Oct. 22).

Posters from students, faculty and community partners are welcome. Anyone involved in preparing teachers at Minot State University can participate.

Contact 858-3139 or lori.garnes@minotstateu.edu for additional information.

— Lori Garnes, associate professor of special education

Application deadline for Advanced Student Grant Program is Oct. 29

Minot State University’s support for advanced study is available through the Advanced Study Grant Program. This program provides financial assistance to full-time faculty or full-time staff pursuing coursework for degree programs or in skill areas deemed critical to the university. Funding can assist with book expenses, fees or tuition. Funds are not for conference-related activities. For those attending another North Dakota University System campus, individuals may also qualify for tuition waivers through the state. They should check with the campus office in which they attend.

The deadline for applications is Oct. 29. Applications are reviewed and determined by the President’s Staff. Awards are announced by the end of November. Minot State University’s Advance Study Grant awards are determined through an examination of the nature of the course/degree as it aligns with the institution’s mission. Preference is given to areas that conform to the specific needs and strategic plan of Minot State University.

An official application form can be accessed at www.minotstateu.edu/instrplan/res03.shtml. The application must be completed by the deadline for consideration. Applications may include up to three pages of supporting documentation with the application.

For questions, contact 858-3323 or cari.olson@minotstateu.edu.

— Cari Olson, academic and institutional projects coordinator

MACC 20th annual Showcase of Business slated for Nov. 18

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Showcase of Business Nov. 18 at the North Dakota State Fair Center (2005 Burdick Expressway East), 5-8 p.m.

Chamber businesses display their work, and “Sports Showdown, Showcase your Team Spirit” is the theme of this year’s event. Minot State University will have a booth at this event.

If anyone wants to get involved, contact 858-4159 or marketing.intern@minotstateu.edu in the marketing office.

— Tyler Prellwitz, marketing intern

CETL mini-grants deadline nears

The Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning announces that applications for CETL mini-grants are now available. These mini-grants may be used to enhance student success through engaged teaching and learning and/or enhanced civic or community engagement. CETL encourages any interested faculty or staff to apply for this mini-grant by Oct. 29. Those receiving mini-grants will be notified no later than Nov. 15. Information is on the CETL website, www.minotstateu.edu/cetl.

For questions, contact beth.odahlen@minotstateu.edu or 858-3177.

— Beth Odahlen, CETL director

CETL offering on-campus internships

The Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning offers on-campus internship opportunities for Minot State University undergraduate students. The internship program provides students with an opportunity to learn and work on campus in an area that is directly related to their majors or fields of study. Internship opportunities are available in most areas of study. MSU faculty and students must work together to develop relevant learning opportunities that will directly give students a working experience that will enhance skills that students will utilize in occupations directly related to students’ fields of study.

Candidates must complete an application form and submit it with their cover letter, resume, signed internship agreement form and recommendation form. Some internship positions require additional application items, such as a writing sample. All application items must be submitted as a complete package. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Application deadlines are:

• Fall program — applications must be postmarked July 15.
• Spring program — applications must be postmarked by Nov. 15.
• Summer program — applications must be postmarked by March 15.

For more information, visit the CETL website, www.minotstateu.edu/cetl/internships.shtml.

— Beth Odahlen, CETL director
Casino Night set for Oct. 22

Faculty: Casino Night is an event where future students experience the social aspect of college. High school students attending will RSVP prior to the event, and someone within the Office of Enrollment Services will notify the proper academic departments. Each student will have an opportunity to meet with a faculty member in his or her area of interest. I would ask that you meet in the Beaver Dam on Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m., to meet with interested students. I ask that you be patient with the process as we may have students call in at the last minute. I will try to give you and/or the department as much notice as possible. Below is a full schedule for Casino Night.

7 p.m. — Check-in at the Beaver Dam.
7:15 p.m. — Welcome.
7:30 p.m. — Academic appointment.
8:15 p.m. — Pizza and student success speaker.
9 p.m. — Casino Night.
11 p.m. — Check-out.

For questions, call 858-3351 or e-mail derek.vandyke@minotstateu.edu.

— Derek Van Dyke, admissions counselor

Enjoy the second annual Lutheran Campus Ministry Chili Feed

The Minot State University community is invited to the Lutheran Campus Ministry second annual Chili Feed on Oct. 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Come for a fun evening of chili tasting made by area pastor and congregations. Door prizes will be awarded during the evening, and a special award will be given to the congregation voted by the Minot Fire Department to have the best chili. MSU singers will sing at 6 p.m. Join us for a great evening as we raise support for Lutheran Campus Ministry at Minot State University.

For questions about the evening, contact 839-3949 or kari.williamson@minotstateu.edu.

— Kari Williamson, campus pastor

International Education Week slated for Nov. 15-19

International Education Week, a nationwide effort to prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States, is Nov. 15-19. Each year in celebration of International Education Week, the Office of International Programs plans several activities on campus. This year’s activities are:

• Second annual Global Sights Photography Competition — All students, faculty, staff and retirees are invited to submit their favorite photos taken abroad. The submission deadline is Nov. 8 at 4 p.m. Winning entries will be displayed on campus Nov. 15-19. For more information visit, www.minotstateu.edu/international/photo_contest.shtml.
• Fourth annual Passport Drive — On Nov. 18, in the Multicultural Center, 3-6:30 p.m. With cooperation from the Minot Postal Service, IPO will make it easy to apply for passports on campus, after business hours. For a list of documentation required in order to apply, visit, www.minotstateu.edu/international/event_001.shtml.

— Libby Claerbout, director of international programs

In the galleries


Oct. 20-Nov. 10 — Ceramics exhibit by Loren Johnson, Crosby, Hartnett Hall Gallery.


Calendar
Oct. 20-Nov. 6, 2010

Oct.
19-20 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference visit.
20 Women’s Basketball scrimmages, Dome, 2 p.m.
20 Men’s Basketball scrimmage, Dome, 7 p.m.
21 Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
21 SAC: Battle of the Bands, Beaver Dam, 7 p.m.
21-24 Theatre: “Wonder of the World,” Aleshire Theater, Thursday-Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m.
22 Mexico Lindo Folk Dancers, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
22 Prospective student open house and Casino Night, Beaver Dam, 7 p.m.
22 Beavers After Dark: Casino Night, Beaver Dam, 9 p.m.
22 Soccer at Bemidji State University.
22 Volleyball at South Dakota Mines, Rapid City, S.D.
23 Football at Black Hills State University, Spearfish, S.D.
23 Cross Country at Mount Marty invitational, Yankton, S.D.
23 Volleyball at Black Hills State University, Spearfish, S.D.
23 International Artist Series, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
25 Second 8-week classes begin.
25 Student success workshop: “Notes that Rock!” Old Main 308, 2-2:50 p.m.
25 Student Government Association, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
26 Disability Awareness Month: movie, Memorial 114, 7 p.m.
26 Spring registration for currently enrolled students begins.
26 Development Foundation, Jones Room, 7:30 a.m.
26  SAC: musician Ari Herstand, Beaver Dam, noon.
26  International Film Series, “The Battle of Algiers,”
Aleshire Theater, 7:30 p.m.
27  Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
27  University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
27  Brown Bag Book Talk: Walter Piehl, art, on “Painting
Below Zero: Notes on a Life in Art,” by James
Rosenquist, Olson Library, noon.
27  Fulbright Scholar Talk by Khalifa Al-Badi, Hartnett
Hall 329W, 3 p.m.
27  SAC: movie, Beaver Dam, 3 and 9 p.m.
27  NAC lecture: “Our Lady of the Documents: Meanings
and questions behind Latina depictions of the Virgin
Mary,” presented by Chelsea Starr, sociology, Aleshire
Theater, 7 p.m.
27  Soccer at Jamestown College.
27-28  Customer service training, Conference Center,
9–11 a.m. or 1–3 p.m.
28  Last day to add second 8-week classes.
28  SAC: magician Daniel Martin, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.
29  Spring semester undergrad graduation applications due
to Registrar’s Office.
29  Beaver athletic luncheon, Grand International, noon.
29  Soccer vs. University of Great Falls, Herb Parker
Stadium, 4 p.m.
29  Volleyball at Mayville State University.
29  Women’s Basketball at University of Montana Western,
Dillon, Mont.
29-30  Men’s Basketball at Dakota Wesleyan University
tournament, Mitchell, S.D.
30  Football tailgating, east parking lot of Dome, 11 a.m.
30  Football vs. Dickinson State University, Herb Parker
Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
30  Volleyball at Dakota State University, Madison, S.D.
30  Women’s Basketball at Montana Tech, Butte, Mont.

Nov.
1-Dec. 14  NAC exhibit: “At the Bottom of Everything,” prints
by Eric Johnson, Library Gallery.
2  Volleyball vs. University of Mary, Dome, 7 p.m.
2  Choirs concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
2  International Film Series, “Hatred,” Aleshire Theater,
7:30 p.m.
3  SAC: Karaoke, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.—2 p.m.
3  Fulbright Scholar Talk by Yacin Abdessaied, Hartnett
Hall 329W, 3 p.m.
3  SAC: movie, Beaver Dam, 3 and 9 p.m.
3  Volleyball at Dickinson State University.
Wellness Fair, Student Center Atrium, 9:30 a.m.—
2 p.m.
4  SAC: Fall Dance, Swain Hall, 10 p.m.—1 a.m.
4  Faculty Senate, Model Hall, 3:30 p.m.
5  Graduate School: last day to file permit to take written
comprehensive exams, noon.
5  MSU Showcase Concert, Nelson Hall, 3:30 p.m.
5  Cross Country DAC Championships, Jamestown, N.D.
Men’s Club Hockey vs. Dakota College at Bottineau,
MAYSA, 7:30 p.m.
5  Men’s Basketball at University of Great Falls, Mont.
Football at Dacotah Bowl – DAC Jamboree, Fargo.
Men’s Club Hockey at Dakota College at Bottineau.
Women’s and Men’s Basketball at Montana State
University-Northern, Havre, Mont.
Wrestling at Northwest Wyoming Open, Powell, Wyo.
Northwest International Festival of Music concert,
Nelson Hall, 7 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.