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A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

Joining the Northern Sun

Minot State University President David Fuller got the phone call he and the rest of the university have been waiting for.

Officials from the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference informed Fuller Jan. 20 of the conference's intent to expand from 14 schools to 16 institutions and that Minot State would be one of those two expansion schools. University of Sioux Falls (S.D.) joins Minot State as an expansion team. The vote was not unanimous but met the required 10 schools minimum for expansion.

"We are very pleased with the news and the vote of support we received from the Northern Sun Conference,"

Fuller said. "The NSIC is a premier Division II conference, and our membership adds one more achievement to show that Minot State University is realizing our Vision 2013 goal to become one of the premier regional universities in the 'great' Great Plains."

Minot State is currently in Year 2 Candidacy for admission into NCAA Division II and expects to move into Year 3 in July. The Beaver men's and women's teams will begin play in the NSIC in the fall of 2012.

"We are extremely excited about the news and very appreciative of the support that was shown from the Northern Sun presidents and athletic directors," said MSU Athletic Director Rick Hedberg. "The NSIC is one of the premier NCAA DII conferences in the nation, and this is a big day for our university. This will be one of those dates on the timeline of MSU athletics that will be noted for many years to come. This is something the entire community and campus can celebrate. It wasn't just our athletic department they looked at but our entire campus and community."

NSIC Board of Directors President and Winona State University President Judith Ramaley commented on the vote.

"The NSIC is pleased to welcome these two institutions into our league. We feel both of these programs are a good fit with strong academic traditions," Ramaley said.

The Northern Sun sponsors 17 sports at the NCAA Division II level with teams located in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

"I am excited to add both schools to the NSIC. The balance both schools show between academics and athletics fits the basic foundation of our conference," NSIC Commissioner Butch Raymond said.

For the 2011-12 athletic calendar, MSU will compete as an independent.



Jan. 26, 2011

PIO update

An opportunity of this size and nature doesn't come along too often. I'm speaking of the chance to meet an individual who truly lived an important part of our nation's history.

Her name is Carlotta Walls LaNier. She was the youngest member of the "Little Rock Nine" — the famous group that chose to become the first black students to integrate into the American education system.

Fifty-three years later, LaNier has written a book on the subject, titled "A Mighty Long Way: The Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School." She will share her thoughts and feelings during a public presentation Tuesday (Feb. 1), at Aleshire Theater, 7-9 p.m.

Please mark your calendars for this once-in-a-lifetime event to hear about how the future of education in America changed on Sept. 25, 1957.

I hope to see you there!

— *Mark Lyman, director
of public information*

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To celebrate the NSIC announcement, MSU invites the community for cake at approximately 7:15 p.m. on the third floor of the Dome between the men's and women's basketball games.

Youngest 'Little Rock Nine' member to speak

The Minot State University Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning and Diversity Committee invite the campus and the public to an evening of education and awareness as presented by Congressional Gold Medal recipient Carlotta Walls LaNier. This unique event, which is free and open to the public, is Tuesday (Feb. 1) in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m.



In 1957, at age 14, LaNier was the youngest "Little Rock Nine" member to integrate Little Rock Central High School, Ark. This act of courage and defiance became the catalyst for change within the American education system. Inspired by Rosa Parks, a civil rights activist, and possessing the desire to get the best education available, LaNier enrolled in the prestigious academic institution.

"Ms. Walls LaNier is an inspiring individual who presents a powerful message of persistence, hope and the value of education," said Beth Odahlen, director of the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning. "We are extremely excited to welcome her to our campus and provide the MSU and Minot communities with this engaging opportunity."

Anger and violent behavior threatened the Nine's safety and motivated President Dwight D. Eisenhower to dispatch the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division to protect their constitutional rights. LaNier graduated in 1960 and was the first African-American female to graduate from Central High School. She went on to graduate from Colorado State College, now the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley.

LaNier serves as president of the Little Rock Nine Foundation, a scholarship organization dedicated to ensuring equal access to education. President Bill Clinton awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian award, to The Little Rock Nine in 1999.

Already a sought-after lecturer, LaNier is on a promotional tour of her first book, "A Mighty Long Way: My Journey to Justice of Little Rock Central High School." This gripping memoir offers an inside look at the most famous school integration in American history, and the courage and faith required for the Nine to survive it all. Members of the public may request a free copy of the book by contacting 858-4040, while supplies last.

For questions, about LaNier's visit, contact Odahlen at 858-4040 or beth.odahlen@minotstateu.edu.



New staff aboard

Minot State University would like to welcome three new employees, Jancy Brisson, Holly Major and Lynn Redden, and introduce them to the campus.



Brisson, an alumna, is the TRiO-Student Support Services advising coordinator. Before joining MSU, she was an admissions counselor at Dakota College at Bottineau. She holds a master's degree in counseling from North Dakota State University and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from MSU. She and her husband, Marc, enjoy downhill skiing and other outdoor activities.



Major, another alumna and the TRiO-SSS program director, previously was the family support specialist for Minot's Pathfinder Parent Center. She earned her master's degree in administration from Central Michigan University and a bachelor's degree in business administration and marketing from Minot State. Ron, her husband, is a machinist; the couple has four children, twins Matthew and Megan, Katie and Brayden.



Redden, TRiO-SSS administrative assistant, was an admission advisor at San Joaquin Valley College, Bakersfield, Calif., before moving to Minot with her husband in July. She received an associate's degree in hotel office management and sales and marketing from Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, Calif. Her son, Dylan, attends Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.

Recycling at MSU hits high in 2010

Minot State University released its recycling report and it shows students, faculty and staff have participated actively.



Paper, newspaper, aluminum, plastic, magazines, cardboard and even fluorescent bulbs were recycled on the MSU campus.

Department of Facilities Management employees made the effort possible by picking up all the recyclables from around campus. MSU picked up approximately 39,299 pounds of recyclable items in 2010. All of the recyclables were taken to the Minot Vocational Workshop Recycling Center, located in southeast Minot.

In 2009, MSU added special green recycling bins, along with blue paper recycling bins, to eliminate waste and introduce recycling on campus. MSU and the Sustainability Committee have worked for several years now with special events, such as Earth Day, to bring awareness on recycling and on how it affects the environment.

Paul Lepp, the committee chair, related that the committee wants to help people get in the habit of recycling and not just during recycling events and Earth Day.

“Minot State University’s Sustainability Committee works to raise public awareness and help Minot State University and the Minot community learn ways they can employ more environmentally sound practices,” said Linda Olson, MSU Sustainability Committee member.

In October 2010, MSU received the Greener North Dakota Award from the North Dakota Solid Waste and Recycling Association. Along with the recycling, President David Fuller brought geothermal energy to MSU, with the first phase still in process.

Recently, the MSU Sustainability Committee has focused on expanding the campus recycling initiatives, planning Earth Day activities and completing the Greenhouse Gas report and the Climate Action Plan to meet the goals of the President’s Climate Commitment.



For more information on how to begin recycling and the MSU Sustainability Committee, check out www.minotstateu.edu/sustain/.

BRHS junior is soloist at MSO family concert

The Minot Symphony Orchestra’s “Family Concert: A Rich Full Day” is slated for Saturday evening (Jan. 29). Malori Mattson, the winner of the annual High School Concerto Competition, will be the soloist for the “Violin Concerto No. 5 in A Major.” Mattson is a junior at Minot’s Bishop Ryan High School.



Maestro Dennis Simons, professor of music, conducts the 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 “Spring Concert: A Night to Remember/An Affair to Remember,” March 5 and “Pops Concert: The Long Way Home,” April 16.

‘Every BODY is beautiful’ eating-disorder awareness month slated for Minot community

Minot State University student and eating-disorder survivor, Sara King, will host the “Every BODY is Beautiful” Eating-Disorder Awareness campaign throughout February. This month is designated to bring public attention and awareness

to the critical need to battle eating disorders in Minot and the United States.

“I am so thankful to recover from a disease that affects millions of people each year. It is my dream to share my story of recovery with the community to increase awareness of eating disorders. People need to know that they are not alone; there is help available,” King said. “I don’t want anyone to wait until it is too late.”

The public, unless designated otherwise, is invited to attend the following free events:

- “Love your Body Day” — Feb. 14 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at Minot High School Magic City Campus in the commons area. This event is for Magic City students only.
- Film screening of “Battling Eating Disorders” — Feb. 15 at 1 p.m. in the Beaver Dam (Student Center, second floor).
- Healthy Spirit, Mind and Body Night — Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Multicultural Center (Student Center, first floor). This event is hosted by Lutheran Campus Ministries.
- Zumba Fitness Night — Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. in the Conference Center (Student Center, third floor).
- “It’s Time to Talk about It” by speaker Troy Roness — Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Beaver Dam. Roness is a National Eating Disorder Association male advocate and speaker.
- “Every BODY is Beautiful” Fashion Show — Feb. 26 at 1 p.m. in the Dakota Square Mall JCPenny Court.
- “Love your Genes” — Throughout the month of February, people are encouraged to donate their jeans that do not fit, give up their obsession with size and accept their genes! Jeans will be donated to Minot’s Domestic Violence Crisis Center. Drop boxes are placed in the YMCA, Unique Boutique at Dakota Square Mall, Caribbean Color (Minot and Devils Lake locations), Minot High Schools, Student Health and Development Center (located in the lower level of Lura Manor), MSU residence halls and the Student Government Association office. Caribbean Color or Unique Boutique will give a free tan per pair of donated jeans (up to five free tans).

Following treatment, King grasped recovery, her strong faith and ultimately her life. The goal of this campaign is to use her past experiences to motivate and support others who are dealing with similar struggles. This campaign will promote eating-disorder awareness and encourage others to seek help or help friends or loved ones who may suffer from an eating disorder.

For more information on these events, contact King at 833-8232 or sara.king@my.minotstateu.edu.

CETL sponsoring Engagement Fair

The Minot State University annual Engagement Fair, sponsored by the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning, will be Wednesday (Feb. 2) on the first floor of Old Main from noon to 1:30 p.m. The fair will include poster presentations from Minot Community Partners, including RSVP+, Girl

Scouts of America, the Homeless Coalition and Souris Valley United Way.

MSU faculty who received CETL mini-grants will also present on engagement projects and programs. In Old Main 104, presentations on engaged teaching and learning in the classroom and community will include:

- Paul Lepp — “The Use of Case Studies in Science Education,” noon-12:20 p.m.
- Warren Gamas and Dan Ringrose — “Talking at the same time: student writing and reception of iPads in the FYE,” 12:25-12:45 p.m.
- Deanna Klein — “Integrating Social Space and Technology into the Classroom,” 12:50-1:10 p.m.

This fair will demonstrate how MSU students, faculty and staff can get involved in campus and community engagement. Food will be available for purchase from a variety of student organizations.

For more information, contact Lisa Borden-King, associate professor of education and CETL associate director of engagement, at lisa.borden-king@minotstateu.edu or 858-4037.

‘Dakota Air: The Radio Show’ coming to MSU

“Dakota Air: The Radio Show,” the monthly radio program by Fargo production company Prairie Airwaves, will perform to a live audience Feb. 5 at Minot State University’s Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 7 p.m. The show will be recorded for broadcast later in the month on the statewide Prairie Public Broadcasting radio network.

Local performers will join the Dakota Air cast to deliver a unique variety show that will highlight the talent and history of Minot and its surrounding area. The performers will include Celtic band GreenMan; Gentle Winds Orchestra, featuring vocalist Terri Aldrich; and Dakota Music Hall of Fame’s J-M-B Band.

“We’ve got a magical show scheduled for the Magic City and our local talent and community partners are phenomenal,” said Merrill Piepkorn, the show’s executive director. “We look forward to celebrating the Minot area during the live show and showcasing it later to the entire state via the radio broadcasts,”

“Dakota Air: The Radio Show” utilizes an old-fashioned radio-variety format featuring host and executive producer Piepkorn and The Radio Stars, a band introduced to the nation during the performance of Garrison Keillor’s “A Prairie Home Companion” in Bismarck in 2009. It also features original comedy by professional acting company The Dakota Airheads under the creative direction of humorist and writer Steve Stark.

A portion of ticket sales will benefit the Minot Public School Foundation. Another portion will also benefit the Minot Area Council of the Arts and the MSU Division of Music. Tickets, which are \$16 general admission, are available at MACA

(852-2787 or info@minotarts.org); the Division of Music (858-3185); and any Gate City Bank in Minot.

“Minot Public School Foundation is pleased to be partnering with Minot Area Council of the Arts and Minot State University as Dakota Air brings music, culture and entertainment to the stage of Ann Nicole Nelson Hall,” said Lowell Latimer, MPSF executive director.

For more show and ticket information, contact MACA at 852-2787. In addition to Prairie Public’s radio broadcasts, playback of the shows is available worldwide on demand at www.DakotaAirTheRadioShow.com.

Chamber of Commerce sponsors legislative forums

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee continues to host Saturday Legislative Forums. Each session runs from 9 to 11 a.m. in Minot Auditorium Room 201.

The forums give those attending a chance to meet with Minot legislators and ask questions. The format includes a moderator who asks questions submitted in writing by the audience. The remaining schedule is Saturday (Jan. 29), Feb. 5, 12, 19, March 12, 26 and April 9.

Wellness works

‘Go Red For Women’

“Go Red For Women” celebrates the energy, passion and power women have to band together to wipe out heart disease and stroke. Celebrate National Wear Red Day on Feb. 4!

Heart disease remains the top killer of women, taking the life of one in three women each year. Heart disease claims the lives of over 433,000 American women annually

The American Heart Association’s Go Red For Women® works every day to fund research and fight this killer so that more women can be saved. But they need help. Please celebrate National Wear Red Day® Feb. 4 to raise awareness about heart disease among women and the funds to ensure the research that could save a woman’s life does not have to be denied.

The American Heart Association uses all revenues from local and national Go Red For Women activities, like National Wear Red Day, to support awareness, research, education and community programs to benefit women. These funds help women by offering educational programs, advancing women’s understanding about their risk for heart disease and providing tools and motivation to help women reduce their risk to protect their health.

It is the American Heart Association’s mission and belief that together everyone can make a difference. This Feb. 4 join their mission, raise funds and rally support to fight this silent killer.



Everyone can make it their mission to fight heart disease among women:

- Wear red on Feb. 4.
- Help raise funds through donations and fundraisers for lifesaving educational programs and the development of new treatments to fight heart disease.
- Share information with the women about heart disease and how to fight back.
- Love hearts by being physically active, eating a heart-healthy diet and becoming educated about heart disease and its risk factors.

To support this mission, Caren Barnett, Student Health Center director, has the goal to raise \$500 for the American Heart Association. She created a fundraising page, www.goredforwomen.org/wearredday/donate/individualsgroupdonationform.html?kwoAdvocateId=3U22RM7.



For questions, contact Barnett at 858-3371 or caren.barnett@minotstateu.edu.

Announcements

MSU Men's Club Hockey hosting Craft and Create Day

Minot State University Men's Club Hockey is sponsoring a Craft and Create Day Saturday (Jan. 29) from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Conference Center (Student Center, third floor). The cost is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For information, contact 858-3993 or lisa.eriksmoen@minotstateu.edu.

— *Lisa Eriksmoen, director of student life and MSU Men's Club Hockey advisor*

Distinguished Lifetime Educator Award nominations due Tuesday

Nominations for the Minot State University Distinguished Lifetime Educator Award must be received by Cheryl Nilsen, Faculty Senate president, no later than Tuesday (Feb. 1). The nominator is to submit a letter of nomination and three accompanying letters of support. All nominations are presented to Faculty Senate for consideration. Formal recognition of any selected nominations will occur at the April 7 Employee Appreciation Banquet.

Awarding of the Distinguished Lifetime Educator Award is based on the following criteria:

- The nominee must have made significant contributions to Minot State University during employment at MSU.
- The nominee must have been retired from Minot State University for a minimum of five years. The MSU Faculty Senate may waive this requirement at its discretion.
- The nominee must exhibit evidence of outstanding contributions and ongoing commitment to MSU post-employment.

If you know of a deserving retired MSU faculty member, please consider submitting a nomination. For questions, contact 858-3106 or cheryl.nilsen@minotstateu.edu.

— *Cheryl Nilsen, Faculty Senate president*

Work study students must have processed FAFSA by March 15

If Minot State University departments have work study students who wish to be considered for summer and fall work study, please remind your student workers of the following: To be considered for summer and/or fall work study, students must have a processed 2011-2012 Free Application for Federal Student Aid on file with the Office of Financial Aid by March 15. In order to meet this deadline, students should have their FAFSA filed online no later than March 1.

Everyone's help is appreciated in visiting with your student workers and reminding them of this upcoming deadline. For questions, contact 858-4152 or merrijo.connole@minotstateu.edu.

— *Merri Jo Connole, financial aid counselor*

MSU and Apple partner again in e-waste recycling effort

Minot State University Information Technology Central has teamed with Apple computer again this year to dispose of e-waste in an environmentally responsible manner. ITC will serve as the central-receiving point for unusable electronic equipment, otherwise known as "e-waste," until July 31. E-waste includes computers and components, fax and copy machines, televisions, videocassette recorders and projectors.

Campus departments are responsible for completing inventory transfer forms, as required by campus policy. ITC will then inventory the equipment and load it on pallets. Facilities management will shrink wrap the pallets and store them for loading until Apple's truck arrives on Aug. 6.

This is an opportunity to be eco-friendly while cleaning house and disposing of scrap items at no cost to Minot State. Further resources available at www.minotstateu.edu/sustain/.

— *MSU Sustainability Committee*

In the galleries

Jan. 26-Feb. 6 — Best of Show Americas 2010: Paperworks, "Transitions," by Art Werger, Athens, Ohio, Library Gallery.

Jan. 26-Feb. 18 — "Americas 2011: Paperworks," juror Victoria Goro-Rapoport, Kearney, Neb., Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Calendar

Jan. 26-Feb. 12, 2011

Jan.

- 26 Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Jamestown College, Dome, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
- 26 NSIC celebration, Dome, 7:15 p.m.
- 26 Wrestling at University of Regina, Saskatchewan.
- 27 MSU Life: SGA Awareness Day, Beaver Dam, noon.
- 28 Beaver athletic luncheon, Sevens Restaurant, noon.
- 28-29 N.D. Class A and B Dance and Drill Competition, Dome.
- 29 Minot Symphony Orchestra Concert Lecture, Nelson Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- 29 Minot Symphony Orchestra, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Indoor Track and Field at Concordia College Cobber Duals, Moorhead, Minn.
- 30 Faculty music recital by Erik Anderson, cellist, and Dianna Anderson, pianist, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
- 30 Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Valley City State University, Dome, 4 and 6 p.m.
- 30-31 Indoor Track and Field at Northern State University, Aberdeen, S.D.
- 31 MSU Life: Minute to Win It, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.

Feb.

- 1 N.D. American Council on Education Women in Higher Education Network spring meeting, 4 p.m.
- 1 Guest Speaker: Carlotta LaNier, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 1 MSU Life: comedian Mike Winfield, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.
- 1 Men's Club Hockey at Dakota College at Bottineau.
- 2 CETL Engagement Fair, Old Main 104, noon-1:30 p.m.
- 2 MSU Life: guest speaker Mark Elliot, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.
- 3 Wrestling at Jamestown College.
- 3 MSU Life: Black and White Dance, All Seasons Arena, 10 p.m.

- 4 MSU Life: live music, Beaver Dam, noon.
- 4 Women's and Men's Basketball at Mayville State University.
- 5 Wrestling at North Country Open, St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn.
- 5 Women's and Men's Basketball at Dakota State University, Madison, S.D.
- 5 "Dakota Air: The Radio Show," a live radio show that celebrates North Dakota, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
- 8 Résumé clinic for students, Conference Center, 12:30 p.m.
- 8 Wrestling vs. Minnesota State University-Moorhead, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 8 International Film Series, "Welcome," Aleshire Theater, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 MSU Life: Poets Dynamic Duo, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.
- 9 Spiritual Wellness Series, Souris Room, 12:15 p.m.
- 9 Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Dickinson State University, Dome, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
- 9 NAC lecture: MSU English Department visiting writers, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 10 Darwin Day: guest speaker Neil Shubin, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 11 Magic City Jazz Festival, Nelson Hall.
- 11 Darwin Day: guest artist Tom Fleming, Aleshire Theater, 9 a.m.
- 11 Darwin Day: live music and art, Beaver Dam, 10 a.m.
- 11 Darwin Day: guest speaker Neil Shubin, Aleshire Theater, 10:30 a.m.
- 11 Magic City Jazz Festival Concert, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
- 11 Darwin Day: art exhibit and reception, 62 Doors Gallery and Studio, 7 p.m.
- 12 Women's Basketball vs. Dakota Wesleyan University, Dome, 4 p.m.
- 12 Men's Club Hockey vs. University of Minnesota-Crookston, All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- 12 Wrestling at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.
- 13 Women's Basketball vs. Trinity Bible College, Dome, 6 p.m.
- 14 Women's Basketball vs. Trinity Bible College, Dome, 5:30 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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