



MSU looks at ‘Growing with Energy: Economic and Infrastructure Impacts’ in energy impact symposia series

Minot State University will host “Growing with Energy: Economic and Infrastructure Impacts,” the third in a four-part series, Sunday through Tuesday (March 13-15). MSU and Dickinson State University are sponsoring the Western North Dakota Energy Impact Symposia in cooperation with the Great Plains Energy Corridor. A U.S. Department of Energy grant funds these symposia.

Sunday evening (March 13) at 7 p.m., in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, David Fuller, president of Minot State University, will introduce the first keynote speaker, James T. Brown, president and chief operating officer of Whiting Petroleum Corporation. Both Brown’s presentation and a reception to follow are free and open to the public.

Monday morning (March 14), MSU President Fuller will give opening remarks. Topics covered will include “Social and Economic Impacts of Energy Development: Lessons Learned from Across North America,” “Transportation Issues in Energy Country” and “Energy Development’s Impact on Water Resources.” U.S. Senate Kent Conrad will deliver a keynote address.

As the luncheon keynote speaker, Bob Percopo, executive vice president of investments for Chartis Insurance, will highlight “Incentives for Developing Energy Resources.” Percopo possesses 35 years of experience in infrastructure, energy and power project finance and structured finance in North America, Europe, Middle East, Asia and Latin America.

Monday afternoon, Cory Fong, N.D. tax commissioner, and Brian Kalk, N.D. public service commissioner, will outline “Regulatory Issues and Incentives.” Other topics will be “An Economic Developers’ Roundtable” and “Landowners’ Issues.”

On Tuesday (March 15), “Educational Challenges,” “Entrepreneurship: Obstacles and Rewards,” “Update on Housing Issues” and “Lessons Learned by Mayors” will be presented.

Between sessions, Thomas Hoffman, Carbon Communications Consulting president, will facilitate discussions. At the end of each day of the symposium, he will wrap up the topics covered. Hoffman retired as CONSOL Energy Inc.’s senior vice president for external affairs in 2009.



March 10, 2011

PIO update

With spring in the air and daylight increasing, Minot State University projects and programs are progressing quickly.

The Wellness Center construction project is already underway, and contractors will begin demolition of Herb Parker Stadium on Monday (March 14). The Wellness Center construction project will be hardhat only; all MSU population and alumni must be escorted on the construction site for safety reasons and per contractor request. Information Technology Central set up the cameras again so the public can monitor the project’s progress at www.minotstateu.edu/pio/cam.shtml.

On Sunday (March 13), “Growing with Energy: Economic and Infrastructure Impacts,” the third symposium in a four-part series with Dickinson State University, will begin at MSU. This symposium will look at the immediate infrastructure needs of our area — roads and transportation, housing, manpower — with experts at the core of the issues. It will advance the discussion and inform anyone who wishes to learn about the significant impact energy development is having on our state.

It is an exciting time to be at Minot State and in northwestern North Dakota!

— Linda Benson,
public information specialist

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Additional information for “Growing with Energy: Economic and Infrastructure Impacts” are at www.minotstateu.edu/energy.

For questions about “Growing with Energy: Economic and Infrastructure Impacts,” contact Amy Woodbeck, MSU professional and community education coordinator, at 858-3989, 1-800-777-0750, extension 3989 or amy.woodbeck@minotstateu.edu.

NSSLHA sponsoring 18th annual spring conference

Minot State University’s chapter of the National Students Speech Language Hearing Association is holding its 2011 spring conference March 25 in the Conference Center (Student Center, third floor), from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The keynote speaker is Li-Rong Lilly Cheng, who will present “A Quest for Cultural Competence.”

“All speech-language-hearing professionals work in a culturally diverse environment. Some work in bilingual settings and others work with individuals with diverse linguistic and cultural background. There is an increasing need for us to gain cultural competence,” Cheng said. “The purpose of my presentation is to provide the necessary steps to acquire cultural competence and the strategies to conduct culturally appropriate assessment and intervention.”

Cheng is a professor in the School of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences and the director of Chinese Studies Institute at San Diego State University. She is the chair of Education Committee for the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics and the past chair of the Multicultural Issues Board for the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association. Cheng is also a fellow of ASHA and the recipient of the 1997 ASHA Award for Special Contributions to Multicultural Affairs. She also received the 2002 Diversity Award from the California Speech and Hearing Association. On the editorial board of several major professional journals, Cheng has numerous professional publications and has lectured all over the world.



Cheng

This conference is intended for speech-language pathologists, educators, university faculty and students and others interested in cultural competence. For \$50 early bird registration, it must be received by Tuesday (March 15).

On-site registration is \$75. All communication disorders majors and graduate students must attend conference with pre-approval from all professors. The conference is free to all MSU faculty and students.

Any individuals wishing to attend must e-mail deanna.mosher@my.minotstateu.edu for further details.

New staff aboard



Rust

Minot State University would like to welcome one new employee, Christina Rust, and introduce her to the campus.

Rust, a 2010 MSU graduate, joins the Great Plains Community Research and Service Center as its administrative assistant. She completed a bachelor’s degree in business management. She and Tyler, her husband, live in Minot.

Kymm Quill to direct ‘The Vagina Monologues’

A female cast will perform “The Vagina Monologues,” the award-winning play by Eve Ensler, Thursday through Saturday (March 10-12). All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. in Aleshire Theater. Kymm Quill, an alumna, is directing the play. Aili Smith, an alumna and assistant professor of communication arts, is the coordinator.



This project is in conjunction with the International V-Day celebration, and 90 percent of the proceeds will be given to the Minot Domestic Violence Crisis Center and women and girls of conflict zones (the Congo). In the seven years that MSU has participated in the V-Day campaign, more than \$10,000 has been raised for the DVCC.

Admission is \$10. Since this is a fundraiser for DVCC and the V-Day campaign, MSU IDs will not be accepted.

Minot State University hosting Science Olympiad

The Division of Science is hosting a regional Science Olympiad Tuesday (March 15) on the Minot State University campus from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Participating students are middle school and junior high students and senior high students.

For question contact Bob Crackel, associate professor of chemistry, at 858-3852 or robert.crackel@minotstateu.edu.

MSU students on ‘Who’s Who’ List

“Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges” selected 18 juniors and seniors from Minot State University for inclusion in the 2011 edition. A campus nomination committee and editors of the annual directory chose the students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Listed alphabetically by last name, they are: **Anthony Anderson**, finance, Minot; **Brittany Armstrong**, marketing and theatre arts, Minot; **Mary Christian**, broadcasting (public

relations), Minot Air Force Base; **Shari Dueck**, communication disorders, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan; **Kelsey Eaton**, addiction studies, Minot; **Melissa Elker**, psychology, Bismarck; **Ethan Fritel**, energy economics and finance, Hazen; **Gary Heitkamp**, chemistry and biology, Minot; **Annamaria Holt**, special education and elementary education, Andover, Minn.; **Sara King**, broadcasting (public relations), Minot; **Britney Kruk**, communication disorders, Brandon, Manitoba; **Tara Kuntz**, elementary education, Rugby; **Tara Love**, special education and elementary education, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba; **Halee Namanny**, chemistry and corporate fitness, Price, Utah; **Jacey Peterson**, business education, Berthold; **Tyson Snelling**, international business, management and marketing, Brandon, Manitoba; **Danielle Wangler**, special education and elementary education, Rugby; and **Nathan Zochert**, English, Minot.

Minot State will honor these “Who’s Who” recipients at a luncheon April 6 at noon in the MSU Conference Center, third floor of the Student Center. To make a reservation, contact the Office of Student Affairs at 858-3299 or 1-800-777-0750, ext. 3299.

SSC and TRiO-SSS plan events for students

Please encourage your students to attend the following Student Success Center and TRiO Student Success Services events:

- Food For Thought workshop — March 21 from 1-1:50 p.m. in Old Main 104. Caren Barnett, Student Health Center director, will discuss eating healthy as a college student.
- Self-defense workshop — April 11 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Swain Hall pedagogy lab. Dan and Tina Merck from ATA Martial Arts will teach participants a few simple principles and moves to handle themselves in moments of panic and stress. Knowing self-defense can be a key survival skill in an emergency situation. Athletic or tennis shoes are required.
- Think Smarter not Harder workshop — April 20 from 2 to 2:50 p.m. in Old Main 104. Evelyn Klimpel, coordinator of disability services, knows that studying for a test begins on the first day of class. The purpose of this workshop is to assist students in being active learners by using practical daily study skill techniques. As a result, participants will learn several ways to get the most out of their study time.

For questions, contact Renee Olson, SSC administrative secretary, at 858-3362 or renee.olson@minotstateu.edu or Lynn Redden, TRiO-SSS program assistant, at 858-4047 or lynn.redden@minotstateu.edu.

MSU Student Veterans of America sponsor ‘WARTORN’

Minot State University Student Veterans of America will present “WARTORN,” the HBO documentary by Executive Producer James Gandolfini, March 22 in the Gordon B. Olson Library Media Center, 7 p.m. This film brings awareness to the invisible wounds of war.

Students, faculty and staff are invited to the screening to learn about the effects of combat-related post-traumatic stress on military men and women and their families.

Vicki Michels, associate professor of addiction studies, will help answer questions following the presentation.

Some people may find the imagery disturbing. This film is not recommended for children.

Neuharth talks about ‘A Different Direction’

Kevin Neuharth, associate professor of communication arts and director of theatre, will discuss “A Different Direction: 7 Possibilities for Saving the (Barely) Living Theatre,” by John Ahart during a Brown Bag Book Talk March 23.

People need not read the featured book ahead of time. The book talks, sponsored by the Gordon B. Olson Library, begin at noon and conclude in time for 1 p.m. classes. All Brown Bag Book Talks are in the lower level of the library in Group Study Room 2.

Carrera and the MSU community gave items for needy children in Bangladesh

Bonnie Carrera, TLC-Minot director, traveled to Bangladesh to visit a children’s home and help with children’s activities at a conference in February. Before her departure, she placed donation boxes around the Minot State University campus to collect items the children needed like pens, notebooks, construction paper, colored pencils and crayons.

“We were blessed to be able to give the children some of our time and a few treats and know they were blessed too as they cried when it was time for us to leave,” Carrera said. “Thank you for your donations and all your support!”

During Carrera’s visit to the children’s home, the children had a wonderful time jumping rope, coloring in their coloring books and opening gifts from America.

Wellness works

Keeping positive attitudes

According to “Positive Attitude-Keeping a Positive Attitude,” an article by Hope Wilbanks, if individuals are working on changing their negative thoughts into positive ones, they have probably met some resistance. They should acknowledge the progress that they have made and then keep working on creating positive attitudes. In the meantime, here are a few tips on keeping a positive attitude.

Keeping positive attitudes depends on individuals’ daily, consistent practices. They are not allowed days off. No matter if they are having bad days or someone said something that made them mad, they must remain consistent in displaying a positive attitude.

Everyone has heard the old saying “Birds of a feather flock together.” Everyone may have also noticed that this is true. If individuals find themselves in a crowd of negative people, they should walk away. A negative attitude is catchy, and that’s a bug everyone should try to get rid of!

If people find it challenging to encourage and motivate themselves to stay positive, they should keep a few self-improvement books on hand. These are great for quick pick-me-ups, especially when someone does not have another person to help encourage them. If individuals travel a lot, they should purchase self-improvement books on CD so they can listen as they travel.

A simple smile can speak volumes more than any conversation. Everyone should be conscious of their facial expression when greeting or talking to others. Individuals should remind themselves to smile often. A smile not only makes everyone feel more confident about themselves, it can also set others at ease. So, go ahead everyone — Smile!

For questions, contact Nancy Mickelson, Minot State University campus counselor, at 858-3371 or nancy.mickelson@minotstateu.edu.

Announcements

CETL minigrants available

The Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning announces to all faculty and staff the opportunity for a CETL minigrant. These minigrants 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 minigrant by April 1. Those receiving minigrants will be notified no later than April 15. CETL minigrant information can be found on the CETL website at www.minotstateu.edu/cetl/Minigrantinstructions.shtml.

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

—*Beth Odahlen, CETL director*

Deadline nears for FY12 faculty small research grant proposals

Faculty members are reminded that the deadline for the FY12 faculty small research grant proposals is March 21. The RFP is located on the small research grants link on the research and sponsored programs website, www.minotstateu.edu/rsp/small_r_grants.shtml.

For questions regarding proposal preparation, contact 858-3316 or linda.cresap@minotstateu.edu.

—*Linda Cresap, dean of the Graduate School and Research and Sponsored Programs*

FYE award nominations now accepted

The Minot State University First-Year Experience program is looking for nominations for two new awards: Outstanding First-Year Student Advocate award and Peer Mentor of the Year award. These awards can be completed online at www.minotstateu.edu/cetl/nomination_form_1.shtml (advocate award) and www.minotstateu.edu/cetl/nomination_form_2.shtml (peer mentor award). The deadline to submit nominations is April 1 at 4:30 p.m. No late submissions will be accepted. Recipients will be recognized at the FYE Dessert Reception in late April.

The Outstanding First-Year Student Advocate award recognizes faculty, staff or administrators who have gone above and beyond to ensure student success for undergraduate first-year students. The university community is invited to nominate someone who serves as an activist and/or supporter for first-year students. The nominee should be someone who is passionate about new students’ acclimation and overall success. Anyone affiliated with the university may nominate someone for an Outstanding First-Year Student Advocate award.

The purpose of the Peer Mentor of the Year award is to recognize and encourage outstanding achievement by peer mentors working with FYE learning community students. This award provides an opportunity for faculty, staff and students to express appreciation for mentors who set positive examples for students and support the mission and vision of Minot State. Only those who have instructed or participated in a FYE learning community may nominate a peer mentor for the Peer Mentor of the Year award.

For questions, please contact jessica.smestad@minotstateu.edu or 858-4039.

—*Jessica Smestad, Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning tutoring and mentoring coordinator*

Minot State plans road race

The Minot State University track and field and cross country teams are planning the Beavers 5k Romp Road Race on March 26.

The road race, which is open to all age divisions, will begin at 10 A.M. with both the starting line and the finish set for the Dome. The race will loop around the MSU campus.

Registration for the event begins at 8:30 a.m., or contestants can register by mailing registration forms to the university.

There is a \$15 entry fee, which includes a shoe bag/pack, refreshments and awards. Children under 12 years of age are entered for free. Trophies will be awarded to male and female overall champions and first and second place finishers in each of the seven age divisions.

For more information, contact Stu Melby, MSU track and field/cross country head coach, at 858-3268 or stu.melby@minotstateu.edu. Registration forms can be picked up at Coach Melby's office or by logging on to www.msubeavers.com/roadrace.

—*Michael Linnell, sports information director*

Weber presents 'Understanding the Needs of Veteran Students and the GI Bill'

The Student Success Center is sponsoring an advisor workshop, "Understanding the Needs of Veteran Students and the GI Bill," April 7 in the Westlie Room (Student Center, third floor), 10-11 A.M. Laurie Weber, financial aid assistant director and Veteran's Administration certifying official, is the presenter.

The number of veteran students at Minot State University is growing, and it is anticipated that this population will continue to increase. With the university's changing student body, it is important for advisors to understand the needs of all students and determine how best to serve the population of veteran students. This workshop will allow advisors to learn about VA education benefits such as the GI Bill.

For questions, contact 858-3362 or heather.martin@minotstateu.edu.

—*Heather Martin, SSC advising coordinator*

In the galleries

March 10-17 — "Peace Caravan: Journey Along the Silk Road," works by Marla Mossman, New York, N.Y., Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery.

March 10-April 6 — Women's Invitational Exhibit "Through the Looking Glass," works by regional women artists, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

March 23-April 26 — Works by Annette Marchand, Moorhead, Minn., Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery.

The public reception for the Women's Invitational Exhibit "Through the Looking Glass" is Thursday (March 10) in the Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.

Calendar

March 10-31, 2011

- 9 MSU Life: Safe Spring Break tips, Beaver Dam, noon.
- 10 Spiritual Wellness Series, Souris Room, 12:15 p.m.
- 10 NAC gallery reception for the Women's Invitational Exhibit "Through the Looking Glass," by regional women artists, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.
- 10-12 Theatre: "Vagina Monologues," Aleshire Theater, 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Energy Impact Symposium, Nelson Hall, 5 p.m.
- 14-15 Energy Impact Symposium.
- 14-18 Spring Break.
- 21 Second 8-week classes begin.
- 21 Food for Thought workshop, Old Main 104, 1-1:50 p.m.
- 22 Summer and fall registration begins for currently enrolled students.
- 22 Faculty music recital by Adam Estes, clarinetist and saxophonist, with Erik Anderson, cellist, Cherie Collins, oboist, Dianna Anderson, pianist, and DeVera Bowles, vocalist, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Brown Bag Book Talk: Kevin Neuharth, communication arts, on "A Different Direction: 7 Possibilities for Saving the (Barely) Living Theatre," by John Ahart, Olson Library, noon.
- 23 NAC lecture: Sex Offender Task Force, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 23-April 26 NAC exhibit: works by Annette Marchand, Moorhead, Minn., Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery.
- 24 Last day to add second 8-week class.
- 24 President's campus open forum, Conference Center, 8 and 10 a.m.
- 25 Fall and summer semester undergrad graduation applications due to Registrar's Office.
- 25 National Student Speech Language Hearing Association conference, Conference Center, 8 a.m.
- 28 International Artist Series, 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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