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A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

Homecoming 2011: 'Red! Rock It!'



Minot State University Homecoming centers on the theme "Red! Rock It!" Homecoming Week officially kicks off Sept. 18 and runs through Sept. 24.

"As Minot State joins forces with our community supporters to 'Red! Rock It!' we hope lots of people will participate in the many events available for our students, alumni and friends," said Tara Kuntz, Minot, Homecoming co-chair.

Homecoming kicks off Sept. 18 with an 11:30 a.m. international dodgeball match. MSU will battle Brandon University at the Peace Gardens. Participating students must sign up by Sept. 14.

Sept. 19 features student voting for Homecoming King and Queen in the Quad with a musical performance from Who I Am, starting at noon. Students from more than 25 student organizations will vie for the king and queen crowns. The Johnny Holm Band will perform in the Quad at 5 p.m. The traditional Homecoming Community Bonfire will be ablaze in the Dome's north parking lot at 8 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.

Homecoming fun continues Sept. 20 with voting for Homecoming King and Queen in the Quad; Cascade Sun will entertain the noontime crowd with music. Coronation with stand-up comedian, actor and musician Jim Tavaré will be in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7 p.m. The Homecoming Coronation Dance at the North Dakota State Fair Center's Theater Room, with music by Frankly Scarlett, will follow the coronation ceremony, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

For MSU students, Sept. 21 brings music and free food in the Quad during lunchtime.

For the entire community, Sept. 21 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 sponsored by the Minot Young Professional Network. 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.

Events for students on Sept. 22 include Atom, the world's fastest painter in the Quad at 11 a.m. Music by Josh Vietti is at noon. 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 Sept. 23 student events include music by Melissa Spelchen and Rick Watson in the Quad at noon.

Sept. 7, 2011

PIO update

The Great Plains Center for Community Research and Service is a good neighbor. The Minot Area Community Foundation announced it has established The Minot Area Recovery Fund-Rebuilding Neighborhoods Program, made possible by a grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation.

Neighborhood programs in cities devastated by natural disasters were considered instrumental in inspiring residents to stay and rebuild their lives in the shattered community once considered home.

MACF has partnered with Minot State University's GPCCRS to design and implement a simple questionnaire for people affected by the flood in Minot and the surrounding area.

MSU students and faculty will use Global Information System technology to map responses and provide the community a better understanding of the needs of the Souris Basin flood victims and provide a visual map of areas most affected.

Surveys were mailed Sept. 1 to residents in flood-impacted areas only. It can also be accessed online at www.minotrecovery.com. Flood victims are asked to submit their survey by Sept. 30.

— Susan Ness, public information director

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The Homecoming Alumni Reunion, open to all MSU alumni and friends of the university, will convene at 7 p.m. at the Grand International Inn. This year, special reunion groups include the Beta Theta Sorority, wrestlers and all music groups.

Homecoming reaches its apex Sept. 24 with the Homecoming Parade starting at 10:30 a.m. The parade route begins by Wells Fargo and runs east on Third Avenue, 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 University of Sioux Falls at Herb Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m. During halftime, the homecoming royalty, Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and wrestlers will be introduced. 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 website, www.minotstateu.edu/homecoming, or call student activities at 858-3987, advancement at 858-3234 or athletics at 858-3041.

9/11 commemorated Friday

On Friday (Sept. 9) at 9:30 a.m. in front of the twin evergreens of Memorial Hall, Minot State University will hold a short program in honor of the 10th anniversary of 9/11 and those who died.



National Day of Service is Friday

The Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning is coordinating The 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance. On Friday (Sept. 9), Minot State University students, faculty and staff will have several opportunities to volunteer in the Minot community. In light of all the flooding, there are many organizations which need help throughout the city.

President David Fuller has granted all faculty and staff, with supervisor approval, work time (time slots vary) to volunteer service. A liability waiver must be submitted to CETL prior to going off campus to volunteer service. Individuals should contact Beth Odahlen, CETL director, at 858-3177 or email beth.odahlen@minotstateu.edu to sign up.

Minot State's Futurepalooza grows

Futurepalooza, an annual signature event, showcases professionals and post-secondary schools highlighting career and educational opportunities for high school students. Minot State University will host Futurepalooza Tuesday (Sept. 13) in the Dome. Exciting presentations and informational booths will be free and open to students, parents and community members from 9 a.m. to noon.

"Futurepalooza could be one of the most important events students attend this year," said Kevin Harmon, MSU dean of admissions. "We have experts from a wide variety of career fields

and every North Dakota higher education institution in the same place, at the same time!"

A round table session is new to this year's agenda.

"We have 46 business professionals from 16 career clusters, who will sit down for three 18-minute sessions with the students," said Derek Van Dyke, admissions counselor and Futurepalooza organizer. "They will talk about their education backgrounds and the steps they took to achieve success in their professions."

Post-secondary schools from across the region will also exhibit at the event. These include 38 colleges, universities, institutes or academies from North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota, Manitoba, Montana, Nebraska and Wyoming.

Organizers expect Futurepalooza to be even bigger than last year, with more than 575 students from 18 area schools planning to attend.

Following Futurepalooza at the Dome, college and university representatives will hold a career fair at Minot High School Magic City Campus from 1 to 3 p.m.

For the timeline of events, visit www.minotstateu.edu/enroll/promo_013.shtml.

For questions, contact Van Dyke at 858-3351 or derek.vandyke@minotstateu.edu.

Mennem is new Native American Center director

Annette Mennem, Minot State University alumna, is the new Native American Center director. She began her duties Aug. 17.

According to Mennem, she is living the dream.

"I am working my dream job. Ten or so years ago, I told Wylie Hammond (retired Native American Center director) 'Someday when you retire, I will sit in your chair,'" Mennem said. "I am here and my goal is to help Native American students reach their goals and be successful with whatever they set out to be."

Mennem grew up on the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation. She received an associate degree from Turtle Mountain Community College and a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in management from MSU. Before returning to MSU, she was the director of administrative support services at the Quentin N. Burdick Job Corp Center, where she acquired eight years of experience working with students from diverse populations.

Mennem wants to represent Native American people and set a good example for younger people.

"I believe in the '90-10 Rule.' I will be with students, assisting, guiding and getting to know them, 90 percent of the time. Then, I will be at my desk 10 percent of the time to provide support where needed," Mennem said.

Mennem's goals for the Native American Center are to enhance what is in place and to nurture students and build



relationships. She wants to uplift students throughout the process.

Mennem will also be an advisor to the Native American Cultural Awareness Club and a member of the MSU Diversity Committee.

To contact Mennem, call 858-3365 or email annette.mennem@minotstateu.edu.

New faculty and staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes Denise MacDonald to the campus.

MacDonald, a nursing instructor, comes to MSU from Minot's REM-ND. She received a nursing diploma from Trinity School of Nursing, a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's degree in nursing education from the University of Mary and a doctorate in nursing education from Capella University. She and her husband David have one daughter and two sons.



MacDonald

MSU International Film Series begins

The 2011-2012 Minot State University International Film Series kicks off with "Waiting for Happiness" Tuesday (Sept. 13) at 7:30 pm in Aleshire Theater, with four films to follow this semester.

"Waiting for Happiness" depicts life in Nouadhibou, a seaside town in Mauritania. A young man, Abdallah, visits the town, where his mother lives, before emigrating. Initially, he feels disconnected from his people because he dresses differently and does not speak the language, but he connects in small ways during his stay.

A foreign language faculty member will introduce each film. All films, which will be followed by a discussion period, are at 7:30 p.m. and free to all. The dates and titles of the films are:

- Tuesday (Sept. 13) — "Waiting for Happiness," Aleshire Theater
- Sept. 27 — "The Marriage of Maria Braun," Aleshire Theater
- Oct. 25 — "Grizzly Man," Memorial 114
- Nov. 8 — "Honey," Aleshire Theater
- Dec. 6 — "The Whalerider," Memorial 114

There will be a door prize drawing for a \$20 dinner gift certificate.

For questions, contact Scott Sigel, assistant Spanish professor and foreign languages coordinator, at 858-4265 or scott.sigel@minotstateu.edu

Stewart Kelly opens Brown Bag Book Talks with 'Summer of '49'

Stewart Kelly, professor of philosophy, will discuss "The Summer of '49" by David Halberstam Sept. 14 in this academic year's first Brown Bag Book Talk.

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.

Rosanne Olson discusses 'The Creative Life'

Rosanne Olson, alumna and Seattle photographer, will present "The Creative Life" Sept. 19 as a Northwest Art Center lecture. The presentation is in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m.

Olson will chronicle her work as a photographer, artist and author. Over the past 25 years, she has collaborated with designers and art directors around the country, photographing for advertising campaigns such as the New York City Ballet, Seattle Opera, Seattle Symphony and Children's Hospital. In 2008, she authored "This is Who I Am," a book of photographs and essays that celebrates women and their stories.

Olson will be honored at the MSU Academic Hall of Fame banquet Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Conference Center. She received a bachelor's degree in medical technology from Minot State in 1972 and a master's degree in journalism from University of Oregon, Eugene, in 1981. She began her photographic career at The Register-Guard in Eugene, then moved to Seattle, where she founded Rosanne Olson Photography.

A question-and-answer period and informal reception will follow. The program is free and open to the public.

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

Theatre programs donate to flood recovery

Minot State University Summer Theatre and Campus Players presented checks Sept. 1 to Western Plains Children's Choir, the Minot Public Schools Foundation and I Helped Rebuild Minot Project. Each group received \$1,400 to support flood relief. The \$4,200 were raised during benefit performances of "Don't Dress for Dinner," which closed out Summer Theatre's 46th season.

"The charitable organizations were selected for a variety of reasons: WPCC because they were not able to do their summer production so they have no income for expenses during this year; the MPS Foundation because of lost books and supplies at the various schools; and I Helped Rebuild Minot Project



Kevin Neuharth, left, presents a check to Candy Macy from the I Helped Rebuild Minot Project.



Neuharth, left, and Chad Gifford, right, present a check to Laura Mihalick, center left, and Lowell Latimer of the Minot Public Schools.



Neuharth, left, and Chad Gifford, right, present a check to Rebecca Petrik, center left, and Maren Livingston of the Western Plains Children's Choir.

because it is a great way to help all of us get back into our houses whenever that may be," said Kevin Neuharth, associate professor of communication arts and director of Summer Theatre.

The Western Plains Children's Choir and Minot Public Schools were impacted by the 2011 Souris River flood. I Helped Rebuild Minot Project's mission is to buy sheetrock for those who need it. As its primary fundraising method, the project is selling I Helped Rebuild Minot "sheetrock shirts" with all proceeds after costs going toward buying sheetrock. To learn more about the project, visit www.ihelpedrebuildminot.com/minotflood/.

For more information, contact Neuharth at 858-3878 or kevin.neuharth@minotstateu.edu.

MSU receives check from BSU during 'Beaver Bash'

Bemidji State University President Richard Hanson presented a check for more than \$1,900 to Minot State University President David Fuller Aug. 25 during the third-quarter break of the "Beaver Bash" football game in Bemidji, Minn.

The funds were collected at the game and earlier that day at BSU's sixth annual Appreciation Day. The event is BSU's way of thanking residents of Bemidji and surrounding communities for their support of the university.

This year, in addition to free food, games, face painting and dozens of information booths, the BSU Foundation solicited donations for the MSU Flood Families Fund.



Joe Czapiewski, director of development for the BSU Foundation, said the university has a strong affinity for MSU and wanted to do "something more" to assist with Minot flood recovery efforts.

In addition to having the same mascot, BSU and MSU share family ties. Rich Jahner, BSU assistant head football coach and defensive coordinator, is a 1988 MSU alumnus, and his son, Trace, is currently a sophomore defensive back for the MSU Beavers.

Wellness works

Stress — What Stress?

Believe it or not, everyone has stress in their lives. The important thing is how they deal with it. Walking is a great reliever of symptoms stress puts on a body and mind.

According to newsletters@about.com, walking gives the walker time to think, as well as time to get away from stressors. For individuals, getting out of a stressful environment, breathing the air and feeling their body move is natural stress-relief. Other ways walking can relieve stress include:

- Many people carry stress by tensing their muscles. By getting into correct walking posture and form, walkers unknot those muscles and put them to work
- Observe the environment; enjoy the trees, flowers, birds, gardens, sky, storefronts
- Individuals can feel their body in motion and reconnect with themselves and wear off stress-eating calories
- Walkers take time to work through problems and contemplate possible solutions as they walk
- Walking partners talk and laugh to relieve stress
- Walkers let off steam and vent with each other
- Walkers see that there is more to life than their problems
- Walkers lower their blood pressure and heart-health risk, which can be increased by stress

For more information, visit walking@about.com.

Announcements

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

—Susan Ness, director of public information

Local television partners help 'Bring Back the Magic'

"Bring Back the Magic," a telethon to help people affected by flooding in Minot and the surrounding area will be held Monday (Sept. 12) from 7 p.m. to midnight at Minot State University's Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. The telethon will air on major television and cable networks and radio outlets in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. To learn more, visit www.valleynewslive.com/story/15332676/bring-back-the-magic.

Flood support group meeting Thursday

A support group to lend assistance to flood victims has been established at Minot State University. Its first meeting is Thursday (Sept. 8) at 12:30 p.m. The group will meet in the lounge area on third floor of Swain Hall. A facilitator will be present to assist the group. This meeting is in lieu of the flood forum for that day.

For questions, contact Rob Anderson, MSU ombudsman, at flood.anderson@minotstateu.edu or 858-3169 or Kari Williamson, campus pastor, at 833-2221 or kari.williamson@minotstateu.edu.

—*Rob Anderson, MSU ombudsman*

MSU Writing Center opens for fall semester

The Minot State University Writing Center opened for tutoring Sept. 6. The fall schedule can be found on the MSU Writing Center webpage under the About Us link. To make an appointment, students need to use the online appointment website, www.rich35.com/minot/.

Tutoring is free for all MSU students. Face-to-face and email tutoring is offered. For email tutoring, students must allow 48-72 hours for a response. For face-to-face tutoring, they should make an appointment to reserve a time slot.

Tutors are also available to make brief presentations to classes to let students know what the MSU Writing Center does and where it is located. Please contact patti.kurtz@minotstateu.edu to arrange a presentation.

The MSU Writing Center is located on the lower level of the Gordon B. Olson Library, across from the computer lab. It is open Monday through Friday.

—*Patti Kurtz, MSU Writing Center director and associate English professor*

Northwest Rural Consortium hosted by GPCCRS at Minot State University

The Great Plains Center for Community Research and Service is hosting a Northwest Rural Consortium Tuesday (Sept. 13) at Minot State University. Community leaders from 14 counties in northwest North Dakota are invited to Minot to hear from experts on a variety of rural topics. The purpose of the all-day event is to explore major concerns facing rural communities and to provide facilitated work sessions leading to strategic priorities.

The consortium offers local communities a chance to identify and prioritize their current challenges. The focus of the day will be on rural success, resources and opportunities. Speakers will provide information on topics such as land-use planning and zoning; tourism and marketing; youth development; community development and beautification projects.

For more information on the Northwest Rural Consortium, contact Christina Rust, GPCCRS administrative assistant, at 858-4215.

—*B. Belinda Strotheide, GPCCRS grant coordinator*

IR has relocated

The Office of Institutional Research has moved to Administration 161. Penny Brandt is now the IR administrative assistant, and her new telephone number is 858-4132. For questions, contact 858-3323 or cari.olson@minotstateu.edu.

—*Cari Olson, director of institutional research*

CETL announces drop-in tutoring schedules

The Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning drop-in tutoring is available for chemistry, accounting, math and Business Administration 226 and the Writing Center. Hours of operation and locations will vary each semester. The current fall 2011 schedules can be viewed online at www.minotstateu.edu/cetl/TutoringSchedules.shtml. If semester-long tutoring assistance is needed, students must visit Old Main 101 to request a weekly assigned tutor.

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

—*Jessica Smestad, CETL tutoring and mentoring coordinator*

ESL educators wanted

The Language Company at Minot State University is seeking ESL instructors. A bachelor's degree with a minimum of three months of ESL or foreign language-classroom teaching experience or a bachelor's degree along with a certificate in teaching ESL or a foreign language is required.

Applicants should forward resumes to bonnie.carrera@minotstateu.edu or call 858-4561.

—*Bonnie Carrera, director of TLC-Minot*

In the galleries

Sept. 7-22 —Mixed media sculpture by Mindy Herrin, Johnson City, Tenn., Best of Show Americas 2010: All Media Competition, Library Gallery.

Sept. 7-29 —Americas 2011: All Media Competition, Douglas Kinsey, juror, Hartnett Gallery.

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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