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Enrollment numbers show increase

Cassandra Neuharth Comm 281

As the semester is in full swing, more of a student population is visible at Minot State University. The numbers released show a 6.3 percent increase on campus. This rounds off to an increase of 217 students, the largest singleyear increase since the year 2001. MSU currently boasts a total of 3,649 students.

"This is good news, encouraging news, and we are attracting notice," David Fuller, MSU president, said. "The instructors and staff members at MSU have done a wonderful job of providing for students on campus."

The new flat rate policy allowing every student to pay in-state tuition opened up MSU to a wider range of recruitment opportunities. The recruitment and marketing efforts have drawn students from states around the region like Minnesota, South Dakota and Wyoming, with additional students from Washington, Florida and Texas.

Minot State attracted nearly 328 transfer students to the campus, a 22 percent increase over those enrolled in the fall of 2008. In addition to the increase within the states, there was an increase in international students, including a new high of 293 from Canada.

According to a North Dakota University System press release, enrollment has reached a record high at all 11 North Dakota University System colleges and universities.

University System officials attribute these gains to a number of factors.

"We're seeing an increased emphasis on expanding access to higher education – at both the undergraduate and graduate levels - and on retaining students once they begin college," said Bill Goetz, chancellor of the North Dakota University System. "The campuses are doing an excellent job of meeting the needs of students, whether that's in the traditional classroom setting or by reaching out through online education. Plus, we know that during economic downturns, people look to higher education to improve their job skills or to get a fresh start in a new career," he said.

Homecoming Court 2009



Photo by Jesse Kelly

Members of the 2009 Homecoming Court pose for a photo after the coronation ceremony Sept. 22. Members of the court are (front row, from the left) Jill Cenaiko, Paige Morningstar, King Chase Lee, Queen Whitney Loftesnes, Lulu Gonzalez, Kristi Schafer, Julia Williams; (middle row, from the left) Mike O'Dwyer, Chris Barney, Dan Humphreys, Randi Dockter, Kayla Cote, Ashley Brossart; (back row, from the left) Derek Van Dyke, Sarah Perry, Jennifer Thorgramson, and Jesse Ahmann. Not pictured: Kelly Brown and David Stiel.

More photos of Homecoming activities on pages 6, 7 and 12

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MSU now social networks

he tries to keep the page

engaging and fresh with new

posts the fans can use to get

involved on campus. He keeps

it fresh by not overloading it

activities," he said, "taking

either photos or video and get-

ting those on the page." The

photos and videos allow the

"We try to cover the student

with too much information.

Eric Manlove Comm 281

With so many on the campus owning a Facebook account, Minot State University is jumping on the bandwagon. MSU's marketing department, through the efforts of social networking specialist Rick Heit, recently started a Minot State University fan page.

"Our goal is to show that Minot State is a place where students want to come," Heit said.

The networking expert said

niversity fan page.students to see themselves at"Our goal is to show thatevents while promoting MSU.inot State is a place whereHeit updates the page about

twice a day with upcoming campus events for students to get involved in, as well as to inform the community about what Minot State is doing.

Facebook has given the MSU page a five-star rating for "most engaging posts," meaning posts that are insightful and understandable.

Heit hopes to get all of the approximately 3,400 enrolled students to be fans of the Facebook page. With all those students plus community members and alumni, he sees only growth in the future of the MSU fan page.



A screenshot of MSU's Facebook page, which is kept up to date with university events and promotions.





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R&G Opinion

This column is written weekly by one of the Red & Green staff members and may not necessarily reflect the views of the Red & Green or Minot State University.

Some of you may or may not know that the sixth president of Minot State University, Gordon B. Olson passed away this past summer. After being in the office for 25 years from 1967 to 1992, he left his mark for all to see in the changes he made during those years, for the benefit of our current students and faculty.

Some of those changes include:

• A student enrollment growth of more than 70 percent

• The addition of nursing, social work, and criminal justice programs

• The construction of the Dome, Hartnett Hall, the Amphitheatre, and the Gordon B. Olson Library

• Olson led the effort to gain approval for university status

• He gained approval for the Minot State University name in 1987

Even if you did not know him personally, Olson paved a road for all of us as current students and faculty. He dedicated 25 years of his life, and became the longest-serving president at MSU. I think that through the educational programs and community involvement that MSU has to offer, we will continue to make the name proud that Olson helped us gain.

Letters

The H1N1 (swine) flu continues to spread, and it is especially important for college students to take basic steps to help prevent the spread of this virus.

People 24 years of age and younger are particularly susceptible to this virus. USA Today reports that nearly three-quarters of America's colleges and universities have already identified cases of influenza-like illnesses this fall.

From football teams to special pandemic committees, students are arming themselves with information about what they can do to protect themselves.

The American Red Cross suggests these simple actions:

Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughs or sneezes. Alcohol-based (60%) hand sanitizers are also effective when soap and water aren't available.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread that way.

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the trash after use.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

If you are feeling sick, stay home.

Get a seasonal flu vaccination now and the H1N1 flu vaccination when it becomes available (probably in October).

Remember, you are your best protection against flu viruses. That includes staying informed as the flu season progresses. Both the Red Cross Web site, http://www.redcross.org/pand emicflu, and Center for Disease Control and Prevention Web site, http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/, contain important information to keep you up-to-date on the H1N1 situation and what you should, or shouldn't do during this unusual flu season.

Susan Ewert Coordintaor of Emergency/ Volunteer Services, Mid-Dakota Chapter of the American Red Cross.



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News

Williamson fills ministry void

Anthony Anderson Staff Writer Kari Williamson

recently became the new pastor for Campus Ministries on Minot State University. Based out of Augustana Lutheran Church, across University Avenue from the **Williamson**

university,

Lutheran Campus Ministries strives to help students fill their spiritual and social needs during their college years.

Williamson grew up in St. Paul, Minn. After earning degrees in second grade education and history, she attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul. She first became interested in campus ministry while serving as an intern pastor at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and gained experience while serving as a youth director in Red Wing, Minn. After serving congregations in Cannon Falls, Minn. and Phoenix, Ariz., she accepted the position as Campus Ministries pastor in Minot.

Lutheran Campus Ministries is a nationwide organization affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. It maintains a presence on every public campus in the United States. It offers students opportunities for service, worship, fellowship and Bible study.

"But most of all (it is) an accepting community, open to all, as we search for answers to the questions of life and faith," Williamson said. "As the



tions, ideas, scripture, worship ... a listening ear will be offered and you will know that your struggles will be prayed for and listened to."

Campus Ministries is open to anyone interested. Upcoming activities on the agenda include bowling nights, pizza parties and student retreats. A meeting schedule is not in place yet, but meetings will take place at either Minot State or Augustana Lutheran Church.

For information, contact Williamson at 701.833.2221 or campusministry@srt.com.

A day for plays

Cassandra Neuharth Comm 281

Students from Minot State University and area high schools will gather at 8:30 p.m. in Aleshire Theater Friday, Oct. 2, for the start of the annual 24hour Play Festival. The 26 theater enthusiasts will have in hand one prop and one costume piece to begin the full-day event.

The 24-hour festival can be described as a "crash course in theater" in which students break into four different groups - actors, tech, writers and directors - to produce six, 10-minute plays during the late hours of the night.

Actors and the directors will roll out of bed in the early morning to spend the day in various classrooms

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throughout Hartnett Hall. They will rehearse until the curtain goes up at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3, in Aleshire Theater. This all revolves around a 24-hour time period.

"(This) reminds us of why we do theater and the passion involved in doing theater," Peg Morris, producer of the 24hour Play Festival, said. Morris will run errands for the writers in the wee hours of the morning, lend extra input and make sure that everything runs smoothly. This will be her second year to produce the festival. She said even though this event may be stressful and scary, it is really a great time and a great way to meet people.

Morris said positions are still available. Anyone is eligible to join; a theater major is not a requirement. The sign-up time ends the day of the festival.

The event is a fundraiser for Campus Players, so there is a \$3 admission charge. For questions about the 24-hour Play Festival, contact Morris at peggie.morris@my.minotstateu.edu.





Homecoming 2009





Photo by Sydney Ruest Local band Merick performs in the quad on Tuesday. Nice weather allowed for free food to be served outside.



Photo by Jesse Kelly Chase Lee and Whitney Loftesnes, this year's king and queen, were crowned Sept. 22 in Nelson Hall.



Photo by Sydney Ruest MSU biology instructor Chris Beachy waits to hit the water as a student takes aim at a target attached to PRSSA's dunking booth at the block party. Derek Hackett watches from the back. The block party was held on Wednesday on the lawn in front Old Main.



MSU student Melissa Elker performs a song as part of karaoke in the Beaver Dam on Monday night



Photo by Jesse Kelly

The MSU Cheer Team and Buckshot get the crowd excited at the bonfire. Originally, the bonfire was scheduled for Monday night in a spot north of the Dome but was rescheduled for Wednesday due to the weather.

Beavers give a dam



Photo by Sydney Ruest Sixteen students volunteer to be hypnotized by Frederick Winters on Friday night. The event took place in Aleshire Theater.



Flag carriers (from the left) Tena Lindstrom, Karn Lamon, Taija Hahka and Terri Rubbert join the MSU Marching Band in Saturday's tailgating festivities.



MSU spanish instructor Kemerly Moorhouse rides a bike while waving the Peruvian flag during Saturday's parade.

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Sports



Submitted photo

MSU students (from the left) Cody Wakeford, Aaron Fetz and Erik Kendrick are involved in the upcoming boxing/MMA event in different ways. Fetz is competing in the event while Wakeford and Kendrick are the organizers.

MSU students involved in professional fight

Bryce Berginski Editor

Saturday, Oct. 3, will bring a night of firsts, both for Minot and for a promotional company started by two Minot State Students.

The event will be a professional boxing and mixed martial arts (MMA) tournament similar to the Ultimate Fighter Championships, or UFC. It will take place that night at 7:30 p.m. at the Minot Auditorium.

The event is being put on by Vindictive, Inc., a promotional

State students Cody Wakeford and Erik Kendrick. Both boxers, they started their organization out of Alberta. They felt that there was a market for professional boxing/MMA events in smaller communities such as Minot.

Many participants are Golden Glove champions from various parts of the Dakotas and Minnesota. Five of them are current and former Air Force members. MSU student Aaron Fetz is also one of the tickets for the event on site. A fighters on the card.

Fetz will fight Jason company started by Minot Fuentes, a local fighter, who is

making his professional debut, in three five-minute rounds. Fetz hopes to get a win on his record in front of his friends and fellow students.

Vindictive, Inc. has scheduled more events for next year. They will put on a similar event in February in Furney, British Columbia. The organizers will bring the event back to Minot in either March or April.

Those interested can buy ringside seat costs \$3; a balcony seat costs \$25, with \$5 off with a college I.D.

Keller to present book on education

Christopher Keller will disthe book, "Real cuss Education: Four Simple Truths for Bringing America's Schools Back to Reality," by Charles Murray, at the next Brown Bag Book talk Wednesday, Oct. 7. Keller is an associate professor of biology and chairperson of the

MSU Department of Biology. You need not read the book ahead of time and are encouraged to bring a sack lunch.

The book talk, sponsored by the Gordon B. Olson Library, begins at noon in the lower level of the library in Study Room 2.



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MSU linebacker Martel Pope intercepts a pass on the Jamestown 4 yard line and dives in for a touchdown during Saturday's Homecoming game at Herb Paker Stadium.

MSU victorious

Beavers defeat the Jamestown Jimmies 33-7

Eric Manlove Comm 281

The Minot State Beavers ran over the Jamestown Jimmies 33-7 Saturday, to avenge last year's loss and provide a big finish to Homecoming Week.

The Beaver offense seemed to be off to a sluggish start against the Jimmies. That proved to be all right, thanks to great defensive and special teams play by MSU as they went on to win their second DAC contest.

This was a completely different story from a year ago when the Jimmies beat the Beavers in overtime.

"It feels great," freshman linebacker Brian Sorensen said. "Considering last year we let up over 40 and we were 0 and 3 the past couple years to these guys until today." swarming Beaver attack as he led the team in tackles with five, including half a sack, a recovered fumble, and an interception. Those takeaways by Sorensen were just part of a day when the defense recovered three fumbles and intercepted two Mike Beehler passes, including one by senior linebacker Martel Pope for a touchdown that put the game away for the Beavers, giving them a 20 to 7 lead.

"We came out with a lot more intensity than last week against Valley City," Sorensen said.

The offense did come to life in the second quarter with 21 seconds left when quarterback Jon Meier connected with Zach Rudolph on a 12-yard touchdown pass, the first of two on

Sorensen helped lead that the day for Rudolph. That gave the Beavers a 13 to 7 halftime lead that they would not relinre, including half a sack, a quish.

> The Jimmies were able to shut down the Dakota Athletic Conference's leading receiver, Johnny Lester, to just one catch for 12 yards, but they couldn't shut down the running combination of sophomore Tyson Schatz and freshman Nico Youngren as they combined for 228 yards and two touchdowns.

> The Beavers will again be in action this Saturday against Dakota State with a 1:30 p.m. kickoff at Herb Parker Stadium. The Trojans come in with an 0-3 record and 0-2 in conference play. The Beavers won last year's matchup in Madison 28 to 17.



Photo by Jesse Kelly

Gino Maxi (No. 93) tackles a Jimmie player while Jeremy Kessler (No. 22) and Martel Pope (No. 46) watch in Saturday's game at Herb Parker Stadium.



Zach Rudolph lunges for one of his two touchdowns during Saturday's game.

News

College of Business adds unique major

Kevin Mehrer Comm 281

The Minot State University department has Business added a new major to its The courses. Energy Economics and Finance major combines courses from geology, economics and finance. Classes started this fall.

"No other colleges in the area have a program like this," College of Business Dean JoAnn Linrud said. "This is a program you might see in a large university in Texas, or Oklahoma, where they have had energy in their backyard for years."

Linrud is excited for this new program, and feels we are very privileged to have this at MSU. She said students are getting a great, hands-on learning experience at MSU with instructors who have first-hand experience in the energy industry. She noted one example, Frank Mosley, energy economics instructor, who has seven years' of mineral economics industry experience.

"Rigorous," is Linrud's description of the courses in this major. Students have a typical work load. They must pass their general education classes. They also must complete the business core which includes accounting, marketing, management and economics classes. Students must apply for admission to the Energy Economics and

Finance program.

"40 percent of the people in executive positions at energy companies will be retiring in the near future," Linrud said.

The dean said the future for students and this industry looks bright in North Dakota and in the nation. The new major program looks to expand in the future. It is already drawing national and international attention.

Evolution speaker in NAC lecture series

(MSU Northwest Art Center) — P.Z. Myers, associate professor of biology at the University of Minnesota, will "Evolutionary present Denialism," Monday, Oct. 5, 2009, at 7 p.m. in Aleshire Minot Theater, State University. The program is one of a continuing series of free public lectures sponsored by the Northwest Art Center.

Myers is an evolutionary and developmental biologist and best known as the author of the popular science blog, "Pharyngula."

Myers is a vocal atheist who, in his blog and in numerous speaking engagements, points out the dangers of religious fundamentalism to personal liberty and warns tion. against the increasing influence of religion in politics. In his talk, Myers will discuss various aspects of the denial of evolution by fundamentalist religion and enter into dialogue with the audience.

Myers argues that religious beliefs should be open to criticism like any other belief and not be afforded special protection. He calls for a secular view of life based on science and reason. A question and answer period and an informal reception will follow his presenta-

The Northwest Art Center Lecture Series is funded in part by a grant from the North Dakota Council on the Arts, which receives funding from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information about Northwest Art Center activities, call 701-858-3264, or visit the Web site: www.minotstateu.edu/nac<ht tp://www.minotstateu.edu/n ac>.

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Chris Keller,

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discussing the book

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Homecoming 2009





Photo by Jesse Kelly ABOVE: The Marching Band takes to the field before Saturday's football game at Herb Parker Stadium. It was the first time the band played on the field in 25 years.

Photo by Susan Ewert LEFT: Free food is served at the MSU Community Block Party Sept. 24. Students, faculty and the Minot community were invited to attend. The evening included games, music, prizes, tours and car show.



Photo by Jesse Kelly

ABOVE: MSU students Brandon Smith, Grey Wallstrum and Matthew Zappone show their spirit at the Homecoming game Saturday.



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