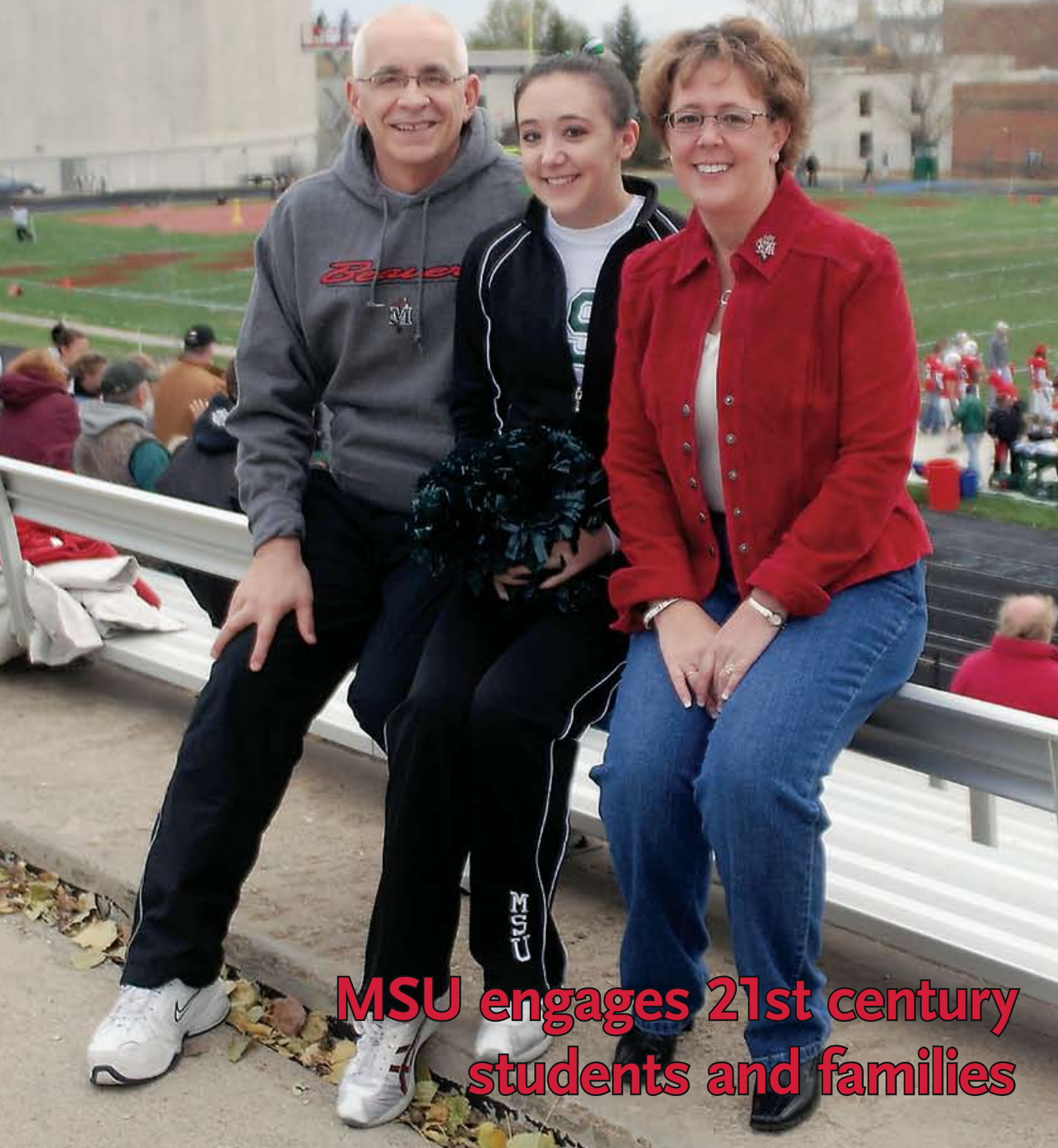


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**MSU engages 21st century
students and families**

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



“... our university’s
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in high-quality learning”

Just a few days before I wrote this, I hosted and facilitated two open forums with faculty and staff during the morning of Nov. 1. I listened carefully to many good comments and suggestions about the renovation of Swain Hall. The conversation, questions, and suggestions were lively, expressed sincere concern, and demonstrated without a doubt that our faculty and staff are engaged in the life and future of our campus.

Following the forums, I walked downstairs to our new Multicultural Center to a standing-room-only celebration of “Dia de Los Muertos” or “Day of the Dead,” a global Hispanic event to honor and remember their dead and celebrate life. Along with visiting with those attending, I sampled delicious authentic food, enjoyed cultural displays, and listened to a wonderful guitarist playing lively Hispanic music.

I left the center and went upstairs to a crowded Beaver Dam, with students, faculty, and staff at every table listening to the music of the MSU Jazz Ensemble. Each musical selection was greeted with applause and cheers from the full house. When the ensemble played its last piece, I left the Beaver Dam and walked into the crowded hallway of the Student Center. Colorful signs and tables with brochures filled the area, where faculty members from each of our programs were talking to students about majors and potential careers.

As I left, it struck me how loud and active the Student Center was and in how many different ways people throughout the building had been engaged.

We hear a lot about the lack of engagement in higher education these days, and we sometimes hear how little there is to do on college and university campuses any more. But this little glimpse of a small segment of my life on that particular Thursday surely shows that there is a lot going on at Minot State University. Granted, each day is not as full as what was just described. But the weeks are becoming increasingly full of things to do, ranging from class activities to presentations, theatre performances, music recitals, and a host of athletic events to name just a few.

Our vision for Minot State University is to become a university of engagement, and our Vision 2013 goal is to become one of the premier, public universities in the “great” Great Plains. We’ll realize that vision and reach that goal because, as our first strategy in Vision 2013 makes clear, our institutional character and reputation will be “based on curricula and services known for high quality, engagement, relationship to place, and the integration of knowledge, theory, and practice.”

In my view, our university’s primary responsibility is to meaningfully engage students in high-quality learning. But our distinctiveness will come from not only advancing knowledge, but engaging and motivating others purposefully in the best we know for the betterment of others, both locally and globally. Along with making sure students achieve success in their future careers or endeavors, it is critical that we continue to build a campus culture that fosters active involvement, supports civic engagement, and strengthens commitment to serving the common good.

— DAVID FULLER,
President



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Minot State engages students and their families



Sarah Magnuson cheering at the 2007 homecoming game.

MSU offers an increasing array of programs to engage students and their families. The Magnuson family of Minot typifies this paradigm shift.

Meet the Magnusons

Marlys Magnuson graduated from Minot State in 1988 with a degree in accounting. She recently became CFO at an auto dealership in Minot after a 20-year career with an accounting firm.

Todd Magnuson graduated in 1992 with a math education degree. He has taught and coached at the middle- and high-school levels for 16 years. He currently teaches at Jim Hill Middle School in the Magic City.

The couple married early, so both held full-time jobs while attending college. He worked at a tire company and a body shop, while she worked at the local country club. Their schedules were understandably hectic.

“I’d start classes at 8 a.m., get done as early as possible and then go to work,” Marlys Magnuson said.

Todd Magnuson worked early mornings, attended classes, worked afternoons, and spent “long nights doing homework.”

While Todd Magnuson received help from an academic adviser, Marlys Magnuson did not. Neither participated in campus activities due to their heavy workloads.

When together on campus, they had lunch in the Student Union cafeteria, which offered functionality but not much atmosphere.

“The Student Union was more like the high school cafeteria rather than a leisurely hangout,” Marlys Magnuson said.

The Magnusons appreciate the educations they received at Minot State, but they share the sense that something was missing. Both want a better experience for their daughter.

The next generation

Sarah Magnuson is a first-year student at MSU who plans to major in math education like her father.

To jump start her career, the family attended a two-day orientation session called CONNECT. They learned about financial aid, housing, international programs, mentoring and advising.

“The international program caught my eye,” Sarah Magnuson said. “We went to Australia this summer, and I’m planning on going back to study.”

Jim Hill Middle School hosted 38 Australian students and three teachers two years ago. The Magnusons boarded two of the students. This summer, 28 Minoters spent nearly three weeks Down Under.

At orientation, Sarah Magnuson also learned about MSU’s mentoring program. New students are paired with faculty, staff, administrators and peers, so they always have a friend on campus.

Students who meet with their mentors three times, attend two life-skills workshops and visit with their academic advisers once earn priority registration for the following semester. Life-skill workshops include information on managing time, stress and money.



“I believe the mentoring program is a wonderful program! ... (My mentor) has become a friend of mine because we can talk about how the day went, and how classes are going ... I still remember my first week of my first semester. I had so many questions because of being in a new place, and she was willing to answer all of them!”
— First-year student

Beaver Dam becomes hub of student activity

Minot State students don't spend all of their time in classrooms and labs. They also like to meet people and have fun.

That's where Ann Rivera, MSU's student activities coordinator, comes in.

Rivera works with the Student Government Association to offer events that students will enjoy.

The new Beaver Dam has become the focal point for movies, dances, entertainment, and special events. In keeping with state policy, all activities are alcohol-free.

"That's a good way to keep a lot of students on campus," Rivera said.

On Fridays, the Beaver Dam becomes a coffee house with an open mic. Students are encouraged to sing, play music, read poetry and display artwork.

"There are so many talented students who don't get a chance to show off their work. This will help with that," Rivera said.

Homecoming activities packed the Beaver Dam this fall. They included casino night, karaoke, a hypnotist and an illusionist. More than 450 students attended a coronation dance.

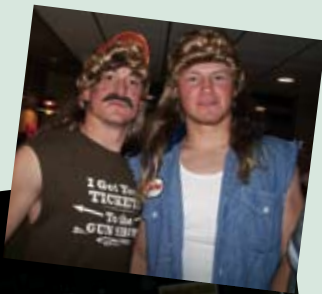
With unseasonably warm weather, student attendance at tailgating activities and the football games were outstanding.

"This year was one of the best Homecomings in a long time," the director said. "Everything was very well-attended."

Last summer, MSU held mandatory orientation sessions dubbed CONNECT. Student Ambassadors helped first-year students and transfer students become familiar with the university. This fall, a RECONNECT program renewed the relationship during move-in weekend.

"That gave new students a chance to plug into the campus right away. Now, they're feeling like this is their place," Rivera said.

The university plans to offer special programs and prizes at basketball games this winter to encourage more students to attend, she said.



"The Student Affairs staff saw that there were a lot of things we did for students academically but not for non-academic issues that affect them during the first year of college," said Debra Chandler, MSU student services adviser.

The mentoring program is quickly gaining traction on campus. In 2006, 147 students signed up to work with 42 mentors. This fall, 192 students signed up to work with 84 mentors, including 11 peers.

"It was nice to meet with my mentor and know someone I can talk to," Sarah Magnuson said.

"Part of what we're paying for with tuition is campus life — the fun and the activities."

The Minot native immediately involved herself in campus activities. A cheerleader since the eighth grade, she joined 14 other women, including several friends from Minot High, on the cheer team for football. She also cheers for the MSU basketball team.

"I'm really a shy person, but when I'm cheering I'm a different person. It's like I'm in a costume," she said.

The first-year student also joined the Honors Program, which offers smaller classes, one-on-one interaction with top professors and contact with students from across disciplines.

Like many college students today, Sarah Magnuson leads an extremely busy life. In addition to taking classes at MSU, she coaches cheerleaders at Minot High and works part time at a local department store.

Her parents have encouraged her to reduce her workload in order to explore the universe of possibility available on campus.

"Part of what we're paying for with tuition is campus life — the fun and the activities," Marlys Magnuson said. "We don't want her

to have the kind of campus life that Todd and I had, which was limited because we worked full time.”

MSU instituted mandatory on-campus residence for first-year students this year. Sarah Magnuson is exempt from the requirement, however, since she lives at home with her parents. But she is considering moving on campus in the future.

“It would be fun because then I’d get to know more of what’s going on; I’d be more in the loop,” she said.

Sarah Magnuson was attracted to MSU because of the high quality of the math education program. After she earns her teaching degree, she plans to teach in Minot so she can remain close to family and friends.

“I really like the size of Minot,” she said.

Solid Choice

The Magnuson family shares a refreshing symmetry of opinion as their daughter embarks on her four-year journey of discovery.

“We’re glad she’s here,” Marlys Magnuson said. “The transition has been very easy from high school to college for us.”

“I’d like to be going to school now,” Todd Magnuson said.

“I really like my classes; all my teachers are nice. It’s going good,” Sarah Magnuson said.

For young people, a university is a nexus between the security of home and the painful uncertainties of real life. When that link is supportive, students thrive and go on to become productive citizens.

With that in mind, Minot State University is providing a growing list of resources to engage 21st-century students and their families.

New students welcomed into MSU family

MSU has instituted a mandatory orientation program for new students called CONNECT. The program offers two-day orientation sessions for first-year students and one-day sessions for transfer students. Orientation takes place during the summer months. Both students and parents attend the events. An online orientation session is offered for distance students.

Students must attend CONNECT events before they can register for classes. This fall, more than 99 percent of 774 new students participated in the orientation sessions.

Orientation includes a campus tour and informational sessions on financial aid, health and counseling, and tutoring. Students also obtain parking passes and student ID cards. They meet with academic advisers and complete their registration. The event ends with dinner and entertainment.

Canadian and international students must attend a separate orientation event. Topics include immigration regulations, employment issues, American classroom culture and an introduction to life in the United States.

Parents of new MSU students like the orientation program, as the following comments indicate.

“Our daughter is a transfer student from the University of Regina, and after our two-day visit to Minot State we have no hesitations in our choice for this academic year. We are extremely impressed with the programs, services, staff and facilities at Minot State. We were treated very warmly and feel that we are leaving our daughter in the best hands!”

“My son has had a big grin on his face since arriving back from the CONNECT (event) last week. As a parent, especially a single parent, I can only hope that my beliefs, my encouragement and my love would help steer him towards a path of positive and successful life decisions. (He) feels that Minot State is where he is meant to be, and I felt that CONNECT totally affirmed that for me. The positive atmosphere and eagerness to help from everyone involved left us both feeling excited for his future and, as a parent, ready and proud to let him go.”

“As a parent sending her first child to college and not knowing what to expect, this program alleviates a lot of the pressure and worry a parent like me has.”

“This campus is a gem on the prairie. It is beautiful. I am proud to say my son is attending this university.”

“If your staff takes care of the students like they took care of the parents, I believe my daughter made a GREAT choice for higher education. Your staff has been very helpful and professional.”

“I have two other kids attending other schools. Minot State University is BY FAR the most personable and helpful. Great job.”



Project to boost student success in first year

MSU is participating in a project called Foundations of Excellence in the First College Year over the next academic year.



Thirteen four-year and 13 two-year schools in the country were selected to take part in the prestigious program, which is sponsored by the Policy Center on the First Year of College.

Minot State will complete a self-study of its effectiveness in recruiting, admitting, orienting, supporting, advising and teaching new students. The Policy Center will review that analysis and provide its own feedback. The university will then make programmatic changes.

“Our reason for participating is to improve everything we can to make students successful here,” said Richard Jenkins, MSU’s vice president for student affairs.

Research has long indicated that students who are integrated into college are much more likely to succeed. Attention to entry-year issues benefits students by helping them meet their educational goals. It benefits universities by helping them retain students through graduation.

Since 2003, 300 colleges and universities have worked on a common set of standards for first-year success. John Gardner, executive director of the Policy Center in Brevard, N.C. has explained the program’s rationale.

“While much is known about how a campus can improve new student learning and retention, this information has never been translated into aspirational standards that are reflective of best practice,” he has written. “This project brings together researchers, reformers and practitioners who are creating the blueprint that for too long has been missing.”



First-year residency requirement takes effect

MSU is requiring its first-year students to live on campus this year.

Undergraduates who have earned fewer than 24 credits and are under 20 years of age must live in residence halls and purchase meal plans.

University officials cited strong evidence to support the change.

“National research indicates that students who live on campus are more likely to get involved with activities and have better grades,” said Richard Jenkins, MSU’s vice president for student affairs.

Exemptions to the requirement are given to married students, single parents, military personnel, students with disabilities, and students who live with parents or relatives within a 25-mile radius of campus.

Half the institutions in the North Dakota University System require first-year students to live on campus.

With the policy change, occupancy rates are up slightly for first-year students.

The university is upgrading its residence halls to make them more appealing to 21st-century students.

MSU spent \$4.4 million to modernize Crane Hall last year. Two-room suites with shared bathrooms replaced old-fashioned dorm rooms. An electronic security system was added, along with a built-in classroom.

The university also spent \$650,000 to improve Dakota Hall last year, upgrading restrooms, showers and laundry facilities on the south end.

This summer, the school spent \$150,000 to enhance McCulloch Hall, a first-year residence hall. Cook Hall, another first-year residence hall, is next in line for renovation, according to university officials.

Minot State University is seeking comments from the public about the institution for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. Minot State University will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit March 31-April 2, 2008, by a team representing The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA). Minot State University has been accredited by HLC since 1917. The HLC team will review the institution’s ongoing ability to meet the five HLC criteria for accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding Minot State University:

*Public Comment on Minot State University
The Higher Learning Commission
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602*

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and signed; comments cannot be treated as confidential. **All comments must be received by Feb. 29, 2008.**

Educator follows varied interests in retirement

For only the second time since he was a first-grader, Gary Leslie wasn't involved in education this fall.

The first break in his career occurred after his sophomore year at Minot State. When a concussion ended his football career, he quit school to work construction. But he changed his mind and returned to school the following quarter.



Leslie retired from the College of Education and Health Sciences after 36 years. "Quite frankly, I had a tough time retiring," he said. "It was not a fun time; I loved to teach."

Characteristically, Leslie has kept himself busy. He does carpentry work, coaches and lobbies for girls' fastpitch softball at the high school level and hunts deer with his son in the Badlands.

Leslie also stays in contact with his alma mater.

"I played on the first baseball team in 1957 for Dr. (Ted) Keck," he said. "We got together for a 50th reunion this year. That was neat."

The former gymnastics, tennis, women's track and football coach also follows the accomplishments of his former athletes and their children.

"It's fun to have these people call you up and let you know what's going on in their lives," he said.

Leslie's wife Sherry recently joined him in retirement after a career as a hospice supervisor at Trinity Health. She's an avid bridge player and birdwatcher.

"I'm an SOB — spouse of a birder," Leslie said. "We team up. I have good eyes and poor hearing, and she has great hearing, and her eyes aren't as good as mine."

Birdwatching is the hobby of 47.8 million Americans. News of rare sightings circles the globe via the Internet. Participants travel widely to glimpse unusual species, Leslie said.

The Leslies' have two children. Their son Marc is an executive chef at Jamestown College. Their daughter Jenifer teaches science at Starkweather.

Administrator expanded special education offerings

John Kincheloe left graduate programs and Memorial Hall as his legacy when he retired from MSU in 1996 after a 24-year career. The Kansas native oversaw a speech and hearing clinic for 17 years before Minot State President Gordon Olson tapped him to be chair of the Division of Special Education in 1972.

The new chair hoped to start a master's program in learning disabilities, but he faced two obstacles. Minot State had neither the authority to offer graduate degrees nor the funds to hire additional faculty.

But Olson and Kincheloe teamed up to make it happen. Olson won permission from the State Board of Higher Education to offer graduate degrees in special education, while Kincheloe obtained funding with a federal grant.

"It opened the door for the expansion of graduate programs," Kincheloe recalled.

Minot State soon needed more space to house its expanding programs, but federal funds for academic buildings had evaporated.

But Sen. Quentin Burdick (D-N.D.), a senior member of Congress, informed Kincheloe that federal funds were still available for agriculture-related projects.

The administrator wrote a grant proposing that Memorial Library be converted to the Institute for Agricultural and Rural Human Resource Development. Federal dollars soon flowed into the project.

Ironically, Kincheloe never enjoyed the fruits of his labor.

"I designed my office and picked out the furniture," he said. "I retired before I ever got to move in."

Kincheloe and his wife Phyllis recently moved to the vicinity of Green Bay, Wis., to be near their physician son Mike.

The couple have three other children. Michelle, an MSU graduate, lives in Minot. Mark lives in Snowmass, Colo., and Anne lives in Juneau, Alaska.



ATHLETICS

MSU football team wins conference

The MSU Beaver Football team ended their season with a share of the Dakota Athletic Conference title. The conference title is the programs first since 2002. Minot State shares the title with Jamestown College and Black Hills State University. After dropping their first three games, the Beavers put together a string of six wins in a row before falling 14-19 to Jamestown College in the last week of the season, thus ending any playoff hopes.

The Beavers had an outstanding season as a team with several players contributing solid individual efforts. Junior running back Nick Banks led the DAC in rushing with 1269 total rushing yards, and average of 140 yards per game. He joined an elite group of runners in Minot State history to amass 1000 yards in a season. Defensively, senior Nick Marshall led the conference with 9 interceptions in ten games. He also led the Beavers in tackles with 67. Jon Meier finished second in the conference



throwing for 195.1 yards per game with a 53% completion rate. Johnny Lester was the leading punt returner in the DAC averaging 26.7 yards per return.

Minot State will lose some valuable seniors but will be returning a solid nucleus for the 2008 campaign. The Beavers will only be losing two starters on offense and four starters on their defensive unit. Congratulations to the Beavers and the coaches on a great season!

Baseball reunion celebrates 50 years

Minot State University celebrated the 50th anniversary of Beaver baseball during Homecoming 2007. More than 75 former players and coaches attended the three-day reunion.

Reunion activities included a Beaver Booster luncheon, campus tour and reunion social on Friday. On Saturday, players rode in the Homecoming parade, participated in halftime activities at the football game and attended the Athletics Hall of Fame banquet.

Before the baseball intrasquad scrimmage on Sunday, a number of the reunion participants showed off their skills at Corbett Field.

“The “All Baseball” reunion was a tremendous success, and we look forward

to future athletic reunions. We would like to say thank you to all the reunion participants for coming back and sharing Homecoming 2007 with us,” said Chad McNally, Beaver Booster executive director.

Please visit our Web site at www.msubeavers.com to view more photos of the reunion.



Women will return veteran team

The 2007-08 Lady Beavers return seven players off last year's 21-9 team and have a host of newcomers, including six transfers and two first-year players.

The Lady Beavers have high expectations for returning starters and team captains, Kendra Meyer and Brittini Walker.

Meyer, a 5-7 guard, averaged 16 points, two rebounds and three assists per game last year as a junior. She was a first team All-DAC player as well as an Honorable Mention All-American. Walker, a 6-0 junior forward, averaged 11 points and six rebounds per game last year. She shoots the ball with great accuracy, hitting 50 percent from the field last year.

Rounding out the returners are 5-6 point guard Sam Medcalf, 5-7 guard Kayla Rettig, 5-9 guard Whitney Loftnes, 5-11 forward MacKenzie Mack and 5-9 forward Heather Lizotte.

Junior college transfers include 6-1 center Lashay Bagsby, 5-4 point guard Danielle Levasseur, 5-9 guard Ashley King, 5-10 forward Ashleigh Osbourne, 5-6 guard Roshon Nordlund and 5-7 guard Halee Rasmussen.

Two true freshman join this year's roster. They are 6-0 center Caroline Folven and 5-8 guard Chelsea Portra.

The Beavers' success will hinge on how quickly the new players blend with the old. The Beavers should have good balance on the offensive end and will work to become a very stingy team on the defensive end.



Returners to lead men's team

With several returning players and a couple of key transfers, the MSU men's basketball program looks to get back to the top of the Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC) in 2007-08.

The Beavers lose All-Conference performer Jordan Cooper (Westhope) and shooting specialist Drew Hysjulien (Grand Forks), but they replace them with transfers C.J. DeWitty (Temple CC) and Aaron Patterson (Cabrillo CC). While Coach Mike Hultz is excited about his new transfers, he feels returners are the key to the team.

Leading the way at the point guard spot will be Ricky Martinez (Miracosta CC). Martinez had nearly a two-to-one assist ratio last year and is a solid shooter and defender. While DeWitty will share some of the point guard duties, Joe Gathings (Harper JC) can also contribute at the position. Gathings was the Beavers' leading scorer with 12.2 points per game. Redshirt freshman Braden Bosch (Minot Ryan) will also be in the mix.

While Hultz expects DeWitty, Gathings and Patterson to do the lion's share of work at the wings, returners Stan Schauer (Fessenden) and redshirt freshman Bojan Janjic (Minot Ryan) will also vie for minutes.

The forward position will be anchored by Matt Witwer (Minot) and Andy Leraas (Hillsboro). The Beavers return Milan Cvetkovic (Serbia) and Jessie Ford (Independence CC) to play inside. Freshman redshirt Mitch Mayer (Minot Ryan) will also look to get into the fray.



Become a member of the BEAVER BOOSTER CLUB and support our athletes!

The Beaver Booster Club enthusiastically assists the Minot State University Athletic Department in promoting and maintaining the highest level of excellence. The club provides funds to support athletic scholarships for students who have distinguished themselves in competition and in the classroom. It also provides funds for special needs of the Athletic Department.

Contact Chad McNally at 701-858-4451, 1-800-777-0750 or chad.mcnelly@minotstateu.edu to become a member today!

THE STORY OF THE RED & GREEN SCHOOL COLORS

Huldah Lucile Winsted

Minot State owes much to Huldah Lucile Winsted and her varied interests.

Winsted, a member of the Minot Normal School's original faculty in 1913, taught geography and served as dean of women for many years. Credited with being the school's first librarian, she donated many personal volumes to the fledgling facility.

Legend has it that she looked out the window of Old Main one day and saw red geraniums blooming en masse amid green leaves. She chose the plant's vivid hues as the school's signature colors. The school's student newspaper even became *The Red and Green*.

Winsted was a prolific poet and had many of her works published. She wrote "Birth of the Wild Rose" in 1927.

When God made North Dakota's land,
And saw its hills and prairies bare,
He smiles, and lo! So fresh and fair,
The wild rose blossomed everywhere.

Its petals made He from the beams
That tint that morn and evening sky;
And from the centre — from on high
He caught some sun beams passing by.

The pioneer educator was a founding member of the Federated Women's Club in Minot. The club was active in community projects in its early years. A line from one of Winsted's poems became the club's motto — "Be a candle in the window if you cannot be a star in the sky." The group later evolved into the Minot Art Club.



HULDAH L. WINSTED
M. A.
*Geography and Dean of
Women*

Minot State University will be ready!



MARV SEMRAU
Vice President for
Advancement

When young people like Lydia Repnow, who is shown in this photograph walking toward Old Main, taken by her father Chuck Repnow '83, are ready to attend Minot State University, the university will be ready to continue to serve students.

Vision 2013 and the action steps are in place to provide the opportunity for outstanding education for

the university's second hundred years.

Alumni and supporters of the university are taking advantage of several ways to make gifts that create opportunities again and again for MSU students.

Direct giving—many are choosing to make direct gifts to support an existing scholarship or to create a named scholarship. In addition, many are supporting a preferred campus program or college.

IRA rollovers—these are simple, easy gifts for those who are over the age of 70 ½. These tax free rollovers can be from \$1,000 to \$100,000 per year. Most IRA retirement plans have increased in value, and this program is a convenient way to make a small gift or a large gift and enjoy possible tax benefits.

Charitable Remainder Trust—this is an extraordinary gift plan. Assets in this type of trust are transferred to the university in return for income for a period of years to the donor or the donor's family. At the termination of the trust, the remaining value is passed to the university. This plan allows donors to reduce potential estate costs and taxes, provide for the donor's family and ultimately benefit Minot State.

Charitable Gift Annuity—provides for an immediate tax deduction that maintains or increases your income with a fixed income for life. You can choose the assets, such as cash or stocks, to fund the annuity.

Year-end giving—this is the time of year to make tax saving decisions. There are many easy opportunities available to support Minot State University and provide possible tax deductions.

Online giving—a great time-saving approach is to make your investment in the university online at www.minotstateu.edu/alumni.html and click donate online.

Thank you for ensuring that the university will be ready when young people like Lydia Repnow are ready to begin this exciting time in their lives.

If you would like more information, please contact the Advancement Office at 858-4483, 1-800-777-0750, ext. 4483 or marv.semrau@minotstateu.edu.

ALUMNI HAPPENINGS

Idaho

Bismarck



Kayla Bodvig '06 and Calli Heidbreder '06 at the Bismarck event that was hosted by Tom and Lisa Feldner in August.



Mike Ahmann '75 and Board of Regents President Don Hummel '75.



David '50 and Myrna Blackstead.

Scott '85 and Karen '90 Fjeld, Rick Hedberg '89 and CEO of Skyview High School in Nampa, Idaho, Kim Bekkedahl.



Dr. David Fuller and Boise, Idaho, hosts Lynn '78 and Claudia Borud.



Community Visits



In October, MSU toured the schools of Velva, Harvey and Drake. Shown here are Marv Semrau, Teresa Loftesnes '07, Harvey High School Principal Shane Sagert, Dr. David Fuller, and Brad Sandy '80.



B. Edgar Johnson, Tawnya Bernsdorf '04, NNU President Richard Hagood, Marv Semrau, Dr. David Fuller, Lynn Borud '78. This photo was taken after touring Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.



*Alumni/Beaver Booster
Appreciation Night
January 11, 2008,
at the basketball games.*

Homecoming '07



Tailgating has become an event that shouldn't be missed with food, games, music and FUN!



Arnola Levenson '68 and Holly Eidsness '76 at the Greek and Alumni Reunion.



Deb Schultz '73/'89 and Diana Read '72 at the Greek and Alumni Reunion.

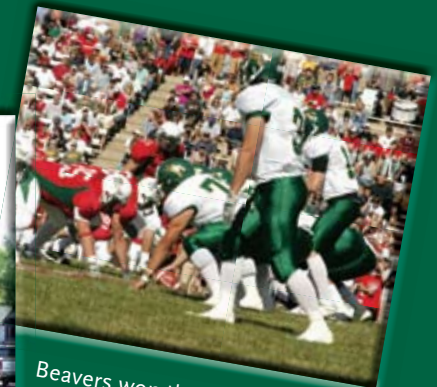


The theme of the Alumni Association's Homecoming parade float was "Swat the Yellow Jackets."

Front Row: Tawnya Bernsdorf, Jess Kelly, Buckshot, Ken Story, Ashley Bernsdorf, Lucas Havig.

Second Row: Darwin Langseth, Chris Olson, Cole Zimmerman, Christine Wolla.

Back Row: Jason Olson, Lisa Olson, Amy Simmons.



Beavers won the game 33-14.



Students show their school spirit during the game.

Join us next year at the Holiday Inn for the MSU Alumni Reunion on Sept. 26 with Homecoming Activities Sept. 21-27.

CLASS NOTES

50s.....

Myrna (Miller) Messer '54, Derry, Kan., is a published author. Her historical memoir "Remembering...A Town that Was" pays tribute to her hometown Foxholm, which has all but faded away. Filled with history (including the infamous days of early Minot), and humorous anecdotes about friends and neighbors, the book recalls memories that have been buried under dust.

Tom Myhra '57, Fridley, Minn., has been elected to the Fridley Hall of Fame. Tom is retired after 28 years as a teacher and administrator in the Fridley Public School System.

60s.....

Sara (Hoffman) Aeikens '61, Albert Lea, Minn., is employed at Owatonna Healthy Seniors Program as service coordinator. She enjoys traveling, photography and writing her free lance column "Creative Connections" for the Albert Lea Tribune. Sara also started a food co-op in Albert Lea, which is the oldest store in town. She has one son, David (39).

Lowell Hickman '62, Bozeman, Mont., was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding service to music education in Montana.

Michael Lalum (attended '62-67), Orange, Calif., recently won the USA Track and Field Award numbering 6,300 (placing first, second, third). He has been inducted into 23 athletic Halls of Fame and has run over 70,000 miles.

Barbara (Street) Marquart '63, Meridian, Idaho, retired as office manager at Dermatology Medical Clinic in Boise, Idaho. She has two children and two grandchildren.

David M. Marquart '65, Meridian, Idaho, retired from 40 years teaching service with the Boise School District. He was also a national finalist in the Teacher In Space Program with NASA.

Gail (Christianson) Lindquist '66, Idaho Falls, Idaho, retired after 38 years of teaching.

Paul F. Werner '66, Boise, Idaho, retired from Boise Public Schools in 2003.

David L. Anderson '67, Bismarck, is currently service center manager for Cladding Technology Inc., a division of Babcock Power Services. He and his wife, Susan, have two sons, Aaron and Jay.

Susan (Balerud) Davison '68, Mukilteo, Wash., is currently teaching kindergarten through sixth grade PE.

Arnola (Lohse) Leverson '68, Minot, is a private piano instructor and a part-time piano instructor at MSU. She and her husband,

Dave '69, have three children and six grandchildren.

Sharon (Ervin) Johnson '69, Bismarck, retired from Bismarck State College as an administrator.

Linda (Rodacker) Keup '69, Mohall, was promoted to associate professor at Concordia College

70s.....

Bill Koering (attended '70-73) was inducted into the Minot State Athletic Hall of Fame.

Steve Blikre '71, Minot, a financial representative from Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, recently achieved membership in the Million Dollar Roundtable. This is Blikre's 15th time achieving membership to the Million Dollar Roundtable.

Sheryl Solberg '73, Valley City, has been included as one of 11 individuals selected to receive the National Federation of State High School Associations Citation. The NFHS is one of the most highly regarded achievements in high school activities

Colette (Artz) Cotton '74, Cummings, was elected Teacher of the Year. Colette began her first two years of teaching in Australia. She then spent two years in Hillsboro teaching before deciding to be a stay-at-home mom until her youngest child began kindergarten. Her path then brought her to Climax-Shelly until 1998, and after that the elementary grades at Norman County West, where she is currently teaching.

Cindy (Carlson) Haberstroh '74, Lisbon, and her husband, Marlin, sold their Sunrise Spraying Service business and are moving to Wisconsin.

Susan Jelleberg Johnson (attended '76-77) had her second education book published in August. The Best of Individual

counseling is a collaborate effort of nine counselors from around the country. Jelleberg Johnson has seven original activities featured in the book. Susan has a master's degree in counseling and lives in Bismarck. She has three children.

Dakota Draper '79, Fargo, has been named NDEA President. Currently Draper serves the FEA as representative to the FPS Health Insurance Committee and is on the support team for negotiations.

Pat Murphy '79, Williston, was elected chairman of the Automobile Dealers Association of North Dakota. Murphy is currently president of Murphy Motors Inc and Murphy Motors Next to New in Minot.

80s.....

Susan (Mehlhoff) Morken '80, Fargo, was named West Fargo's Teacher of the Year in March. She is a sixth-grade music and choir teacher at Cheney Middle School. She is married to Mike Morken.

Richard Simpson '82, Princeton, Minn., is currently working as a regional representative for Student Paths corporation in Roseville, Minn. While attending Homecoming this year, he and his wife Peggy celebrated their second-year anniversary. Having not been on the campus for 15 years, Richard states, "I was excited to see all the growth and changes to the campus. The game was great with the Beavers beating a very good team from Black Hills State." Richard and Peggy have five children.

Jan (Thompson) Repnow '84, Rugby, is now a business professor at Minot State University.

Brenda (Johnson) Tzipori '85, Ventura, Calif., has recently published a book entitled "Old Walls Do Tell Tales—The Pioneer Stories of Buckstop Junction." The book contains the historical background of each of the 1870s–1930s buildings that are now located at Buckstop Junction in Bismarck. Brenda photographed the buildings herself while on a visit to N.D. last fall.

Leland Opp '87, Hazen, is employed with the Hazen Public School System as their sixth-grade social studies and spelling/keyboarding teacher.

Kathy (Saylor) McIntyre '88, Commerce City, Colo., is the editor of Gateway News.

Metta (Hansen) Pfliger '88, Hazen, has been hired as seventh-through-twelfth-grade math teacher at Halliday Public School. Metta is married to Duane and has two children, Gabriel and Cecelia.

Please let us hear from you with news of your career updates, marriage, family, address change, etc. While you're at it, include a photograph if you have one.

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Mark Wax '88, Bismarck, has been employed with USDA for 16 years and is currently the

Housing Program Director. He also attended UND and graduated in 1990 with a master's degree in business administration. His wife **Jocelyn (Pulver) Wax** is a '92 Minot State graduate with a B.S. degree in elementary education and special education. She received a master's degree in special education with an emphasis in learning disabilities in 1993. She has been teaching for 15 years and is currently at Wachter Middle School in Bismarck as a seventh-grade language arts teacher. They have two children, Mikaila, 12, and Derek, 8.

Curtis Marschner '89, Twin Falls, Idaho, has lived in Idaho for 10 years. He is currently living in Twin Falls, teaching high school math. Curtis loves outdoor kayaking, tennis and all other outdoor activities.

90s.....

Lana (Jones) Nogosek '90, Burlington, along with her husband received the 2006 Top Gun designation from Glass Doctors during the company's 2007 annual conference in Atlanta. Lana and her husband own Glass Doctors.

Deb (Wilhelm) Ness '91, Bismarck, has retired as Bismarck police chief.

Jim Ruiz '91, Middletown, Pa., was recently granted promotion to associate professor and awarded tenure at Penn State in Harrisburg. Jim also has an edited book out titled, "The Handbook of Police Administration."

Debra (Woodyard) Bates '92, Tupelo, Miss., is employed as the Director of Social Work for North Mississippi State Hospital in Tupelo. She is a licensed clinical mental health therapist. Debra serves on the board for the Mississippi Chapter of NASW and also serves as chair on the Continuing Education Committee that evaluates all applications for SWUs in the state before granting approval. In 2006, Debra was named social worker of the year by the Mississippi Society of Social Work Leadership in Health Care.

Brenda (Juergens) Foster '92, Minot, was elected to the board of directors for the Independent Community Banks of North Dakota during the group's 40th annual convention. Foster, vice president of First

Western Bank & Trust, Minot, will serve a two-year term as the Northwest Director.

Nancy (Walker) Gordon '92, Grafton, is the Title 1 teacher for kindergarten, first and second grade at Century Elementary.

Boyd Westman '92, Valley City, is employed with Litchville-Marion school, teaching U.S. and world history, geography, physical education and driver education.

David Neshem '93, Rochester, Minn., is employed as a commercial loan officer at Home Federal Savings Bank. He has three children, Andrew, Aaron, and Aidan.

Stephanie (Earhart) Heimstra '94, Roanoke, Va., is a third-year business teacher



at Roanoke Country Public School. Her husband, Don, is retired from the Army and is an assistant manager at the Hilltop Restaurant.

Stephanie and Don are proud to announce the birth of their second son, Nathan Levi, born on March 14, 2007, at 4:59 p.m. Daniel, their oldest son, is 2 years old.

Diane Kirk '94, Sawyer, has been hired at Max school as special education teacher.

Dawn (Jacobson) Berg '95, Benedict, has been named Coal Country Community Health Center new CEO.

Stephanie (Schepp) Neshem '95, Rochester, Minn., is employed as an MRI technologist at Mayo Clinic. She has three children, Andrew, Aaron and Aidan.

Kristi (Coca) Schultz '97, West Fargo, is employed at West Fargo Aurora Elementary.

Lena (Brodén) Bohm '99, Mohall, is the new district conservationist for Towner County.

Stephen Geffre '99, Minneapolis, Minn., had a solo photography show at Augsburg College in Minneapolis from July to September.

Rhonda (Kuntz) Hanson '99, Berthold, has been hired as Lewis & Clark-North Shore High School-Makoti's new media specialist.

Sarah (Herslip) Novlesky '99, Minot, has been hired as Velva's new EMH teacher.

Doug '99 and **Kristi '94 Patterson** moved to Sauk Rapids, Minn., in May. Doug is the co-offensive coordinator at St. Cloud State University, and Kristi is a rehab prospective payment specialist at CentraCare Hospital in St. Cloud.

Michelle Shaffner '99, Minneapolis, Minn., graduated from Hamline University in St. Paul in May with her master of arts in education. She recently finished her eighth year of teaching middle school language arts in Apple Valley, Minn.

00s.....

Holly (Hager) Kersten '00, Max, has been hired as Title I counselor for Max school.

Lisa (Baumgartner) Pepper '00, Boise,



Idaho, recently finished her master's in literacy from Boise State University. She is married to Bryan, who is employed at Micron Technology.

Monte Yellowbird '02, Minot, exhibited his artwork at the Taube Museum of Art. His work is a reflection of pride for the First Nation People and a respect for life.

Lisa D. Knauer '03, Boulder, Colo., was hired as records specialist at the University of Colorado foundation in Boulder.

Michael A. Rose '04, Chicago, Ill., recently completed his MFA in playwriting at Southern Illinois University with a thesis titled "Copernicus Rising." He will be relocating to Chicago to become assistant house manager at the Noble Fool Theatre in St. Charles, Ill.

Christopher L. Vigness '04, Towner, has been assigned to the Minot highway patrol district and will be stationed at Towner.

Kelly Baker '06, Minot, was recently promoted to financial service officer at Town and Country Credit Union, where he has been employed for two years.

Jamie (Slaubaugh) Eraas '06, Tioga, has been hired as Tioga city auditor. Her husband, **Ryan '06**, is also employed in Tioga as an English teacher.

Tyler Knutson '06, Devils Lake, was hired as Central Middle School's new social studies teacher.

Les L. Lokken '06, Williston, is the new North Dakota highway patrol trooper in Crosby.

Jeff Oberholtzer '06, Mohall, was recently elected to a three-year term on the National Sunflower Association Board of Directors.

Melanie Schuh '06, Burlington, is employed at Lewis & Clark-Ryder Elementary School as their new first- and second-grade teacher.

ALUMNI FEATURE

Eye doctor returns to Magic City

Home cooking proved to be irresistible to one Minot eye doctor.

Westhope native Cameron Deschamp graduated from MSU in 1996 with a degree in biology. He earned an optometry degree from Pacific University in Portland, Ore., and moved on to Florida, Louisiana, Texas and Ohio.

“I was set on not coming back,” he said, referring to his home state.

But Deschamp did temporary work at a Belcourt health



center and Minot Air Force Base, and he was hooked again.

“I decided I had to move back to North Dakota,” he said.

While at Minot State, Deschamp played free safety on the football team for three years. He roomed

with fellow student-athletes Jock Stevick and Josh Duhamel. Today, Stevick is a Minot dentist, and Duhamel is a star of the NBC series “Las Vegas.”

“Jock, Josh and I lived together for three years while we were at Minot State,” Deschamp said. “We were all biology and chemistry majors.”

Deschamp is married to Ashlee Duhamel. She moved back to Minot from California several years ago. She sells pharmaceuticals for Eli Lilly.

Deschamp studied under professors Robert Crackel, Dennis Disrud, Om Madhok and Rand Rodewald in MSU’s Science Division.

“Science was always my field. Minot State did a great job preparing me for optometry,” he said.

Many of Deschamp’s college friends remained in the Magic City. Others are gradually drifting back. Many share Deschamp’s dislike for the big-city lifestyle, especially its crippling traffic jams.

“There are a lot of people moving back to Minot,” he said. “The quality of life here is second to none.”

Photographer is often of two minds

Stephen Geffre, a 1999 graduate of Minot State, admits to having a split personality.

Geffre works as both a fine arts and commercial photographer in Minneapolis. He has held well-received art shows at Minot State and Augsburg College, and he manages his own photography business.

“The fine art is how I lose money, and the commercial stuff is how I make money,” he explained.

Geffre began as a speech pathology major at MSU but later switched to art. He studied photography under Professor Linda Olson and quickly learned to shun convention.

“The photography classes taught me how to explore different angles,” he said. “I’m not afraid to lie down on the ground or climb up in a tree to create a different angle.”

Geffre worked as a photographer for the MSU student newspaper and later for the Minot Daily News. Photojournalism proved to be an excellent training ground.

“I learned how to deal with any situation, using the stuff around me to create photographs,” he said.

The Mayville native likes to point out that he runs his own business, while art graduates from other universities are selling things for a living.

“Minot State prepared me unbelievably well,” he said. “Walt (Piehl), Bill (Harbort) and Linda (Olson) demanded a lot out of you. That got you ready for what’s going to happen out here.”

Geffre is married to Michelle Shaffner, also an MSU graduate. She teaches middle school English in Minneapolis.

Geffre hopes to earn an MFA in photography and teach at a small college. His father, another Minot State alumnus, is chair of the education department at Mayville State University.

“It’s something I’ve always wanted to do,” Geffre said of college teaching.



Graduate leads research in 'exergaming'

An MSU alumna is bridging the gap between the fitness and video game industries.



Lyndsi Johnson graduated in 2004 with a double major of business management and corporate fitness. She started on the women's basketball team for three years, leading it to the national tournament her senior year.

Johnson moved on to Arizona State University, where she earned a master's degree in exercise and wellness.

Her research interest was alternative modes of physical activity.

Johnson and an associate decided to fuse physical fitness to video gaming.

"Instead of always blaming technology for inactivity, why can't we create a technology that helps induce activity," the Minot native said.

For their master's thesis, the pair measured the energy expended playing the video games Dance Dance Revolution and EyeToy: Kinetic. Their "exergaming" research demonstrated the potential for hybrid fitness programs.

Using seed money from Arizona State, the partners created FITTmaxx, a company that offers fitness workouts in downloadable formats for media players, cell phones, PDAs and personal computers.

Digital workout programs won't replace fitness professionals, she stressed. The programs target consumers who don't go to gyms or work with personal trainers. They feature cardiovascular workouts for people who exercise at home.

While her partner runs the business, Johnson concentrates on fitness education. She teaches part time at Mesa Community College and at Arizona State, where she instructs corporate fitness majors.

"My focus has been on helping professionals grow for this industry," she said.

Johnson eventually hopes to earn a doctorate and teach full time at the university level. The Gilbert, Ariz., resident said Gary Leslie and Terry Eckmann inspired her while at Minot State. "I consider her my closest mentor," she said. "Terry has a lot to do with the things I'm doing now. We still keep in contact."

Business was his true calling

A 1962 graduate of Minot State went north of the border to pursue his dream.

Garrison native Leonard Traub majored in business education, but he questioned whether he should pursue a career in education while student teaching.

At about the same time, a fraternity brother negotiated a starting salary of \$6,500 with an oil company, while Traub contemplated a first-year teaching position for \$2,000 less.

While he admired Minot State faculty members Bernard



Busse and Doris Slaaten, Traub decided to forgo education for business.

Traub worked for a local oil company for a year and then for Monarch Concrete for five years.

On a trip to the West Coast, Traub traveled through Alberta and fell in love

with the province's beauty.

"I ended up in Edmonton, been here for 40 years," he said.

In 1967, Traub founded Alberta Wilbert Sales, a branch of a Chicago-based cooperative that made burial vaults. Sales the first year were a dismal \$35,000.

"I thought, 'This is going nowhere.' I decided I needed new products," he said.

Traub was familiar with tanks from his days at Monarch, so he began manufacturing septic tanks, holding tanks and water cisterns.

Today, tanks make up 85 percent of his sales, while burial vaults make up the remaining 15 percent. The firm's annual sales are \$18 million.

His Edmonton manufacturing plant, located on 12 1/2 acres, employs 85 workers. The company also has a branch in Winnipeg and facilities in Calgary and Red Deer.

"I moved up here with \$10,000. It turned out well. I'm happy with our success," he said.

Traub and his wife Janet have five children and nine grandchildren. He tries to get back to North Dakota on a regular basis.

"I've never missed a class reunion in Garrison," he said. "A lot of people there are dear to me."

Golden Award winners 2007

The Minot State University Golden Award is presented by the Alumni Association. It is the most prestigious award given and is based on service to MSU, distinguished service or leadership in the individual's occupation and/or local, state, national or international recognition in the individual's occupation.



RANDY BURCKHARD graduated from Bishop Ryan High School in 1970 and earned his bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Minot State in 1974. While attending MSU, he was a member of the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity. He worked at Northern States Power from 1974 until 1991 as an accountant and financial/rate analyst, spending six of those years in Minneapolis at NSP's headquarters. He was employed by Rochester Telephone as the finance manager from 1991-94. Since 1994, he has been employed as the community relations manager at SRT Communications. Randy has been involved with MSU since 1995. He has served on the Alumni Board since 1995. In this time, he has helped the GALA raise over \$656,000, serving as co-chair for three years. He served as president of the association from 1999-2002, has chaired the MSU Greek Reunion 2004-07 held in conjunction with Homecoming festivities and continues to serve on the board. He also served as the corporate co-chair for the McFarland Campaign, a project that raised \$3.1 million for the renovation of Minot's only major performing arts facility. He also served on the committee that organized the inauguration of President David Fuller in 2005 and has served on the Board of Regents since 2002. Randy has also been involved in the community as chairman of the Minot Area Development Corporation; alderman on the Minot City Council; member and past chairman of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce; member and past chairman of the Military Affairs Committee; member and past chair of the Government Affairs Committee; member of the executive committee of Task-Force 21 (MAFB retention committee); member, past president and past campaign chairman for the Souris Valley United Way; member and past president of the Minot Exchange Club; member of the chamber's honorary commander's program; member of Air Force Space Command; and past board member of the N.D. Junior Miss scholarship program. He and his wife Pat have three grown children, all of whom attended MSU, and three grandchildren.



RICH CAMPBELL is a 1972 graduate of Minot State University with a degree in business administration. He is employed at First Western Bank and Trust, where he holds the position of executive vice president. He currently serves as president of the MSU Development Foundation and is a member of the MSU Board of Regents and Beaver Boosters. He is past president of the MSU Alumni Association and past co-chair of the GALA Auction. Rich's community activities include being past president of the Independent Community Banks of N.D., past president of the Minot Area Development Corporation and past chairman of the Vincent United Methodist Church council. He currently serves on the board of the Minot Vocational Adjustment Workshop. Rich and his wife Vicky have two grown children, Kyle of Duluth, Minn., and Nicole Grubb of Minot.



EARL W. JOHNSON is a 1949 graduate of Minot State University with degrees in social science and physical education. He was also a member of the Mu Sigma Tau fraternity. After moving to Albuquerque, N.M., in 1966, he taught and worked on a master's degree in special education. He also taught perceptual motor learning to handicapped students at the University of New Mexico. He retired from teaching in 1980. He continues to keep busy after retirement by assisting in the restoring of CCC sites, competing in Senior Olympics and promoting participation in the Senior Olympics. He has received gold medals in the national Senior Olympics in Orlando, Fla., Pittsburgh, Pa., and Louisville, Ky. As a 50th wedding anniversary gift, his children commissioned his biography, and the finished book was presented to him on his 81st birthday. His story includes fragmented tales about his experiences as a firefighter with the CCC, service with the 501st Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army, three purple hearts, search for his birth mother, as well as memories of living at Kenmare, N.D. Earl and his wife Lorraine have three children. Lori is a teacher in special education. Gary has his own construction company and served two terms as governor of New Mexico. Scott is a cardiothoracic surgeon at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with honor that we dedicate this section to recognize alumni and friends who have passed away from approximately July 1 to October 15, 2007, or as submitted.

'30s.....

- '31 Spooner (McDonell), Mabel M.; Glenwood, Minn., September 2007
'32 Carlson (Schroeder), Ella M.; Bloomington, Minn., March 2007
'33 Hammer (Tweten), K.Alice; Minot, July 2007
'33 Saugstad, Ruth F.; Modesto, Calif., July 2007
'37 Ziegler (Price), Ethel C.; Garrison, July 2007
'38 Erickson, Una; Snohomish, Wash., July 2007
'39 Bloom (Price), Alice; Garrison, July 2007

'40s.....

- '40/63 Dreyer (Mobbs), Beatrice L.; Minot, October 2007
'44 Senger (Lacher), Regarda; Lakota, July 2007
'47 Backman, Ila; Roseburg, Ore., May 2007
'47 Ertesvaag, Rolf; Bismarck, July 2007
'49 Jones, Lyle E.; Billings, Mont., October 2007

'50s.....

- '50/58 Brooks, Duane W.; Spokane, Wash., August 2007
'55 Burghardi (Price), G. Jeanne; Hermiston, Ore., July 2007
'56 Iljana, William K.; Carmichael, Calif., August 2007
'56 Thomas (Rosencrans), Carol I.; Mandan, July 2007
'57 Miller (Lovdahl), Janice; Minot, September 2007

'60s.....

- '61 Parsley, Merle D.; Boise, Idaho, September 2007
'62 Malling, Robert; Bismarck, June 2007
'68 Patterson (Sullivan) Fern L.; Carpio, September 2007

'70s.....

- '70 Keller, Al; Maple Grove, Minn., September 2007
'71 Engelhard, Donald; Oxford, Ohio, August 2007
'71 Piggott, Bryan N.; Gambrills, Md., July 2007

'80s.....

- '81 Young, Danny M.; Grand Forks, September 2007
'81 Brown (Anderson), Bonnie; Minot, July 2007
'82 Dahl, Gary "Dusty"; Arizona, August 2007

- '88/90 Montgomery, Jerry L.; Greenboro, N.C., October 2007

'90s.....

- '90 Tanberg (Raulston), Mary Ann; Jamestown, July 2007

Attended.....

- Anderson (Oder), Vina B.; Bismarck, May 2007
Asmundson (Stockdill), Elsie; Minot, May 2007
Berg (Rud), Mary T.; Fargo, July 2007
Bristol (McCarthy), Alice; Westhope, July 2007
Busek (Laskowski), Barbara "Barb" J.; Minot, October 2007
Dahl, Gary; Arizona, August 2007
Demaree (Payne), Robin Dee; Minot, May 2007
Ell (Ruby), Irene D.; Belle Plaine, Minn., June 2007
Eltz (Olson), Vivian J.; Sherwood, September 2007
Erban, Helen; Mohall, May 2007
Ferch (Holm), Alma E.; Bismarck, August 2007
Fjellstad (Winden), Edith M.; Williston, August 2007
Forsman, Paul; Minot, July 2007
Fuller (Nehring), Lavern M.; Sherwood, June 2007
Halaas, Jeanette; Pelican Rapids, Minn., May 2007
Halliday, David J.; Brookings, S.D., July 2007
Hanson (Farstad), Eleanor A.; Minot, August 2007
Heinle (Hagen), Doris J.; Bismarck, May 2007
Herring, Brenda; Bismarck, May 2007
Hill (Shaw), Frances V.; Minot, September 2007
Hoff, Sandy K.; Linton, August 2007
Hohmann, Kenneth "Ken" R.; Grand Forks, October 2007
Johnson (Halaas), Jeanette A.; Pelican Rapids, Minn., May 2007
Kontos, Aelrid "Al" S.; Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, May 2007
Larson (Wastwet), Marion L.; Voltaire, May 2007
Lee, Wayne N.; Rochester, N.H., September 2007
Lee, Wendy; Minot, October 2007
Marjorie, Munson D.; Gas City, Ind., September 2007
McIvor (Cox), Ardelle; Williston, June 2007
McLean (Magnuson), Dora E.; Fargo, June 2007
Meyer (Jenson), Mary L.; Stanley, August 2007
Montgomery, Jerry L.; Greensboro, N.C., October 2007
Murry, Riley E.; Valley City, July 2007

- Murtaugh (Hornung), Kristina R.; Minneapolis, Minn., May 2007
Parsley, Merle D.; Boise, Idaho, September 2007
Paulson (Thompson), Dolores J.; Bismarck, May 2007
Points (Sines), Inez G.; Crosby, May 2007
Pollestad (Medrud), Betty L.; Killdeer, May 2007
Reslock (Waldorf), Arlene O.; Devils Lake, August 2007
Sande, Arthur M.; Minot, July 2007
Schmaltz, Gerald, Brooklyn Park, Minn.; August 2007
Siverson (Gronfur), Alida, Williston, May 2007
Svihovec, Duane "Tubby" R.; Hettinger, May 2007
Velasquez, Joshua; Pittsburg, Calif.; July 2007
Walton, Ray; Bismarck, September 2007
Weeks, Lyle "Bill" C.; Minot, August 2007
Wilkinson, Ralph; Pierre, S.D., July 2007
Wolter (Maristuen), Gladys; Williston, July 2007
Ziegler, Dan D.; Renton, Wash., September 2007

Friends.....

- Allen, Richard; Minot, October 2007
Holum, Gary A.; Minot, September 2007

Former Faculty/Staff.....

- Parker, Herbert M.; Minot, October 2007; Coach football, basketball and track and was athletic director from 1947-1959 and from 1974-1976. Became dean of men, a position he held for 24 years and also taught physical education classes.
Headrick (Haakenstad), Kathy "Kate" A.; Minot, September 2007; was employed at Center for Extended Learning
Mosser, Mike J.; Minot, October 2007; served for more than 20 years in Plant Services

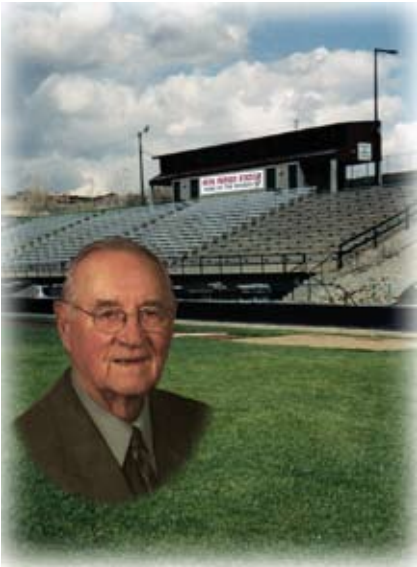
In the last issue of the *Connections*, Margaret Wood Brooks '81/'92, Minot, was listed in the alumni section, but it was inadvertently missed to include her as a former faculty member. Margaret was a biology instructor from 1992 to 1997. Her husband, Fred, was a professor in the Education/Psychology Department. A scholarship in her honor has been established.

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Herb Parker 1921–2007



Herb Parker wore many hats during his 37-year career at Minot State—coach, athletic director and dean of men. But his colleagues don't recount victories or defeats when they remember Parker. Instead, they recall a compassionate man with an engaging sense of humor.

Parker, who died in October at the age of 86, came to Minot State in 1947. He taught physical education and coached football, basketball and track during his long career.

The Jamestown native also served as athletic director for 15 years. He became dean of men in 1960 and served in that capacity until he retired in 1983.

As dean of women, Garnet Cox worked closely with Parker for 20 years. She said he wrote the book on how to treat people.

"It didn't matter who they were, where they came from, whether they were students, faculty, parents, or athletes, he was always warm and caring," she said.

Parker also had a scrupulous sense of fairness. When he discovered that Cox earned a lower salary than he did for the same job, he asked MSU President Gordon Olson to equalize the rates. Olson promptly complied.

"He did not have an ego that needed stroking," Cox said of her former colleague. "I had 20 years of working with a fantastic individual."

Parker also served as secretary-treasurer for the MSU Beaver Booster Club for 20 years. He brought to the job an attention to detail and a playful sense of humor.

"Some of the reports he gave had everybody rolling in the aisles," said Gary Leslie, a long-time coach and administrator at Minot State.

Leslie recalls that Parker was also a gifted singer and musician, playing the ukulele, banjo and guitar.

As dean of men, Parker monitored the eligibility of MSU athletes. Leslie recalls losing a top tennis player because Parker noted a minute discrepancy on his transcript.

"He was genuinely interested in students, not only athletes, but students in general," Leslie said.

Former MSU coach and athletic director Vence Elgie worked with Parker for 33 years.

"Herb was a great person and a true friend," he said. "He was always there when I needed him. He loved life, people and sports, and he will be greatly missed."

Parker was a member of the MSU Athletics Hall of Fame, N.D. Officials Hall of Fame and NAIA Hall of Fame.

He served on the MSU Board of Regents and was the recipient of the Alumni Association's Golden Award.

For his life-long contributions, MSU named its football stadium in his honor in 1983. Parker is buried in the First Lutheran Church cemetery adjacent to the Minot State campus. He is survived by Marjorie, his wife of 65 years, one son, two daughters, their spouses, nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

The Parker Men Athletic Scholarship has been established at MSU. The name for the scholarship was chosen by Coach Parker because that is how the media referred to his teams. The criteria for the scholarship have been determined by Wes Luther, Dale Brown and Henry Milkey at the request of Coach Parker. If you would like to help continue Coach Parker's legacy at MSU by contributing to this scholarship, you can give online at www.minotstateu.edu/alumni.html and click donate online or you can send your contribution to MSU Advancement, 500 University Avenue, Minot, ND 58707.

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