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I am delighted to see an issue of *Connections* dedicated to showcasing research occurring at Minot State University. One of the features of an education at MSU that we are most proud of is that students have the opportunity to engage in research, often of national or international significance, while working directly with MSU faculty. The involvement of students in research at universities is not a novel concept. It most often can be found at large research universities. In these traditional settings, however, the only students who have access to research opportunities are upper-level graduate students in master’s or doctoral programs.

At MSU, we are very proud to provide research experiences to our undergraduate students. In fact, providing this opportunity to students is a centerpiece of our mission. Strategy Two of Vision 2013 states that MSU will “foster engaged learning and place for the benefit of students.” And that we have “expectations for exceptionally high quality teaching and engaged learning.” We value the linkage of theory with practice, of reinforcing learning by doing. Critical thinking, problem solving, analytical scientific reasoning, quantitative and qualitative judgments, written and oral communication are all aspects of the research enterprise and are skills that are ultimately enhanced when students conduct research with faculty. These experiences will build life skills that students can draw from regardless of what career path they choose or opportunities or challenges they will face in life.

In the following pages, you will learn about cutting-edge gene-based leukemia research conducted at MSU. This research is directed by Dr. Heidi Super, a faculty member in our Department of Biology. Other faculty and student research are highlighted in this issue of *Connections* including research on Naxi religious manuscripts conducted during a recent trip to China by Dr. Robert Kibler, a professor of English at MSU. This research has international significance and demonstrates how students are applying knowledge that will ultimately help preserve a culture thousands of miles from Minot. The work of MSU’s Center for the Applied Study of Cognition and Learning Sciences (CASCLS) will blend top-notch research on brain cognition and function with classroom teaching and instruction. Our other Centers of Excellence, the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, the Rural Crime and Justice Center and the Prairie Community Development Center often rely on students assisting faculty in research that benefits special populations and communities in need.

Space does not permit us to showcase all the quality research projects conducted by students and faculty at MSU. There are many projects that have been instrumental in providing students with an aspect of education at MSU that is second to none. We are very proud of our faculty and students, and we hope you will help spread the word about the quality education at MSU.

— GARY RABE
Vice President for Academic Affairs



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Dr. Heidi Super assists student Aileen Aldrich in gene-based leukemia research. *(Photo by Stephen Geffre.)*

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MSU research team confronts the puzzle of leukemia

Several Minot State students are making names for themselves in the field of cancer research. Aileen Aldrich, Alysa Anderson and Jeremy Horrell are trying to decipher the mysteries of infant and childhood leukemia.

Aldrich placed second in the poster competition at the American Association for Cancer Research's (AACR) annual meeting in San Diego in April. Forty undergraduates entered posters in the event.

"It was very unexpected," the biology major said. "My judge was really critical."

The presentation featured research on leukemia that she, Anderson and Horrell have been doing under the direction of MSU biology professor Heidi Super.

In their research, the students have studied the meloid-lymphoid leukemia (MLL) gene on chromosome 11. Leukemia is often associated with chromosomal translocation. In these translocations, chromosomes break in two spots, change places and fuse again in the wrong spots.

The breaks occur in a breakpoint cluster region of the MLL gene. They suspect that proteins are the cause of the abnormal transfer. They hope to identify the proteins and better understand their role in the process.

The research is funded by a grant from the North Dakota Idea Networks for Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) from the National Center for Research Resources of the National Institutes of Health.

Aldrich, a Minot native, traveled to the conference via an AACR Thomas J. Bardos Science Education Award. Given to college juniors and seniors, the award tries to direct science majors into cancer research by funding travel to two consecutive AACR annual meetings.

Aldrich attended North Dakota State University for a semester but felt lost in the crowd. She transferred to MSU and blossomed through close association with faculty researchers.

After she graduates next year, Aldrich plans to attend medical school to become a pediatrician.

Velva native Anderson enrolled at the University of North Dakota for a year before switching to Minot State. MSU's smaller size has enabled her to gain hands-on research experience under biology professors Super, Chris Beachy and Chris Keller.

"It's second to none," she said of the science education at Minot State.

'The best part of my job is the mentoring aspect, being able to work with students both in and out of the classroom.'

Anderson graduated from Minot State in May. She hopes to attend medical school and specialize in anesthesiology.

Horrell, a native of Trinidad and Tobago, joined the leukemia project after transferring from the University of Delaware.

"I really enjoy being at Minot State," he said. "They really care about your education. I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Students are not the only beneficiaries of undergraduate research; faculty members enjoy the interactions as well.

"The best part of my job is the mentoring aspect, being able to work with students both in and out of the classroom," said Super, who began teaching at MSU in 1999.

Super either picks promising students from her biology classes, or students approach her for research experience.

"It's a positive experience for everybody," she said.

Researchers study ancient Chinese manuscripts

MSU English Professor Robert Kibler went to China primarily to research religious manuscripts of the Naxi tribe in southwestern China.

Kibler and students Nathan Zochert and Charles Warren left the eight other members of the Minot State tour group in Shanghai and traveled to Yunnan Province on the Chinese-Tibetan border. Their destination was the city of Lijiang in the foothills of the Himalayas.

Kibler became interested in the Naxi (pronounced “Nashi”) while writing a doctoral dissertation on American poet Ezra Pound. In creating the Imagist movement, Pound borrowed techniques from Chinese and Japanese poetry, which stresses clarity, precision and economy. The poet is best known for his encyclopedic epic poem “The Cantos.”

Throughout his lifetime, Pound searched for an earthly paradise that he could describe in words. He rejected Venice (in Europe), Ecbatana (in the Middle East) and Wagadu (in Africa), but he finally discovered the Naxi through the work of Joseph Rock and Peter Goullart.

Rock was an Austrian botanist who lived among the Naxi from 1922 to 1949. His articles in National Geographic introduced the Naxi to the wider world. These articles are said to have inspired James Hilton’s novel “Lost Horizon,” which features a Himalayan utopia called Shangri-La.

Goullart, a Russian doctor who lived in Lijiang, wrote “Forgotten Kingdom,” the definitive book on the life and beliefs of the Naxi people.

These resources provided Pound with the inspiration he needed to complete his masterpiece.

“Pound incorporated Naxi elements into the end of his ‘Cantos,’” Kibler said. “Lijiang’s natural location, the role of women in tribal culture and the Naxi’s sacred rites fit Pound’s sense of an earthly paradise.”

Throughout their history, the Naxi were a matriarchal culture. Women worked the fields and shops, while men gardened, played music and cared for children. Women controlled the family economy, and inheritance passed to the youngest daughter rather than the eldest son.

Professor returns to China

MSU English professor Robert Kibler returned to China this spring after an absence of almost 20 years.

Kibler first visited China in 1989, immediately after the Tiananmin Square incident, when the Communist Chinese government brutally suppressed a student uprising. Marshall law was in effect as he began teaching literature at Beijing University.

The professor noted dramatic changes when he returned in May.

“Chinese students can go places now, fall in love, be musicians,” he said. “When I was there, you couldn’t even leave your county. You waited 15 years to get an apartment.

Your work-unit leader determined who you married, when you married and whether or not you could have a baby.”

Although still nominally Communist, China has achieved spectacular economic prosperity. Its once-beleaguered people now enjoy a wider range of options.

“A more dynamic, energized and ambitious culture I have never seen,” Kibler said. “For the first time, the Chinese grow up having the opportunity for an education, class mobility, prosperity.”

Kibler revisited China on an International Study and Travel Abroad tour sponsored by MSU’s Horizons Unlimited. He and Gary Ross of the College of Business accompanied nine students and community members on the trip. SIAS International University, Minot State’s sister school in Zhengzhou, Henan Province, hosted the American travelers.

Kibler was impressed with the confidence and drive of the students at SIAS International. He felt they epitomized what many see as the ascendancy of the East and the decline of the West.

“We don’t have nearly the energy and drive that I witnessed in China, and that is a little worrisome,” he said.



In 1723, the dominant Han Chinese invaded the region and imposed a patriarchal model on the tribe. Naxi women resisted the occupation in a unique way. They escaped the community with their lovers, ate and drank sumptuously, made love and then committed suicide by hanging or drowning themselves, overdosing on opium, or jumping off a cliff on nearby Jade Dragon Snow Mountain.

Led by Naxi guides, the Minot State scholars ascended on horseback to the 10,000-foot level of the mountain. They photographed locations where many suicides took place.

“Sometimes six, eight, 10 couples would commit suicide at the same time,” Kibler explained. “For centuries, the Naxi in Lijiang became known as a suicide culture.”

After the suicides, the tribe’s shamans, called dongbas, performed religious rites to restore spiritual balance to the community. They recorded these ceremonies in a curious pictographic language. Of the 3,000 manuscripts created, 800 were translated into Chinese before the last of the shamans died.

The MSU research team studied three pictographic manuscripts that Pound was known to have seen. Dr. He Hong of the Dongba Research Institute assisted them.

Dr. Aurore Liao of Yunnan University, Dr. Charles McKenna of Whitman College and Cheng-Ying Guo, an MSU graduate student, will also help Kibler with the project.

“Nathan and Charles photographed these manuscripts; then they catalogued them,” Kibler said. “This research with primary materials will prove essential to the success of the overall project. The ability to perform such detailed tasks will also help them in their own professions.”

The MSU students contributed insights into the Naxi culture as they poured over the manuscripts. Kibler said these observations will be included in the book he is writing on the Pound-Naxi connection.



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“Nathan noticed that the pictograph for humankind is a male, for example. That’s a great observation, and He Hong agreed,” Kibler said.

This suggests that the manuscripts arose after the imposition of Han rule, the professor noted.

“Pound was using the same model as the dongbas — establish the structure, depart from the structure, depart from the departure from the structure,” Kibler said. “So even in this way, Naxi culture offered a fit to Pound’s esthetic vision.”

In his book, the Minot State professor plans to translate the pictographic manuscripts into English and include the shaman’s explanations of them.

“I’ll be the first person to show how the pictographs functioned to communicate,” he said.

Kibler hopes to share with a wider audience the stories locked in the ancient script, the value of Naxi culture to Pound and the tragic impact of mainstream Chinese culture on the Naxi tribe.

Pound found his earthly paradise in the Lijiang valley and celebrated it in his epic poem, but Kibler wants to remind people that there’s more to the story.

“I hope we will not forget the actual Naxi people whose world is woven into his poetry and what happened to them,” he said.

Research indicates novice teachers lack professional support

First-year teachers are often left to fend for themselves with little support, according to a recent study by an MSU professor.

Becki Anhorn, a 15-year veteran in the Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance, studied six elementary education graduates during their first year of teaching. The results were unsettling.

Two of the six quit their jobs after the first year, citing a lack of administrative feedback and support. One of the two later took a job in a different school district.

“No one was giving them feedback or supporting them when they came to them with a problem or an idea,” Anhorn said.

The professor’s finding matches the national trend in the profession. Thirty percent of new teachers quit in the first three years and 50 percent in the first five years. The profession has earned the dubious distinction of “eating its young,” she said.

The six teachers in Anhorn’s qualitative study ranged in age from 23 to 40. Two were special education instructors. Five were female. As part of the study, they completed questionnaires and participated in focus-group sessions in Minot.

“They talked from the second they got out of their cars until they left,” Anhorn said. “They wanted to know what other people were doing who had the same issues. Some were crying. That’s just not right that they should feel that badly.”

While most experienced indifference, some even encountered hostility. When one teacher went to her principal about a discipline problem, the administrator told her to resolve it on her own.

“She stopped going to the principal,” Anhorn said.

Hazing even reared its ugly head, often over petty violations of entrenched school rules.

“One participant had a teacher come into her classroom and yell at her in front of her students. You don’t do that to a first-year teacher,” Anhorn said.

The MSU professor said teacher education majors are heavily supervised at MSU and are frustrated when that support disappears in the field.

New teachers need mentors who can observe their teaching and offer feedback. Mentors might include other teachers, retired teachers or MSU faculty, Anhorn said.

“New teachers need someone to talk to about teaching,” she said.

New teachers also need real-world experiences with parents, counselors and administrators before they enter the field.

Anhorn will next study novice teachers at the secondary level. She believes they might receive more support because of built-in departmental structures in middle and high schools.



Center brings brain research into classroom

A new MSU center of excellence plans to make the discoveries of mind/brain science available to area educators.

The Center for the Applied Study of Cognition and Learning Sciences (CASCLS) has two primary goals. The center will work with educators to translate mind/brain research into P-18 classroom practice as well as dispel popular myths about learning.

Deb Jensen, chair of MSU's Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance, directs CASCLS (pronounced "Castles"). She studied for a year in the Mind, Brain and Education Program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Jensen said that mind/brain research has traditionally been done in clinical settings. Now, cognitive scientists are joining educators in applying research findings to real-world classrooms.

Cognitive science is a multidisciplinary field, comprising neuroscience, cognitive psychology and developmental science. Through CASCLS, area teachers will not only learn new theories and skills but also provide their own insights.

"They observe children every day, and they have a wealth of knowledge of how children learn," Jensen said.

During the 20th century, schools used a factory model to reach the majority of students, but in the process they often failed to meet the needs of unique students, Jensen said.

But then researchers, such as Howard Gardner at Harvard, discovered that students learn in a variety of ways. His theory of multiple intelligences offered educators an alternative to the traditional approach.

"Teachers are looking for things that are applicable within a complex classroom, where they have 20 or 30 students," Jensen said. "Teachers and faculty need to individualize instruction because people are different. They have different strengths, interests and dreams to realize."

To initiate CASCLS, a multidisciplinary group of 18 MSU faculty members attended Harvard conferences in Boston and San Francisco in 2006-07.

CASCLS sponsored a myth-busting seminar last fall for a hundred educators from across the Upper Midwest. Topics included gender differences, laterality (how the brain uses both hemispheres) and plasticity (how the brain changes).

This June, CASCLS sponsored a second seminar, addressing whether the brain grows neurons during learning, whether exercise makes a person smarter and what synaptic pruning means for middle-school students.

"Teachers are embracing this; there is a lot of excitement out there," Jensen said of the sessions.

Cognitive science reveals that students develop socially, emotionally, physically and cognitively while in school. As a consequence, teachers have to expand their outlook.

"The whole learner is what the teacher is concerned about because that's who they have in their classrooms," Jensen said. "They don't just have the brain; they have the whole person."

MSU's Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance is incorporating principles of cognitive science into its curriculum and assessment procedures. Faculty members are also doing more applied classroom research, based on what neuroscientists are learning about the brain.

Jensen earned a degree in music education at Minot State. After working as a music educator, the Glenburn native served in teacher professional development as director of the Minot Area Teacher Center and in professional development and teacher education accreditation as assistant director of the N.D. Education Standards and Practices Board.

"I've seen education from every possible angle," she said. "What fascinates me is the study of learning."

Research suggests dads have role to play with deaf children

Fathers can play a positive role in raising children with hearing loss, a recent case study has shown. Holly Pedersen, an MSU special education instructor, is investigating this long-neglected topic.

Pedersen was a service provider for the state School for the Deaf for nine years, specializing in parent-infant services. For three years, she worked with Cory and Kara MacIver and their daughter Kaylyn, who is hard of hearing and visually impaired. She noticed that everyone in the process had a well-defined role, except the father.

“He felt like the fifth wheel,” Pedersen said. “He didn’t know what his place was.”

As Pedersen observed Cory MacIver interact with his daughter, she noted that his parenting style was different. While his wife was calming and soothing, he tended to excite and stimulate his daughter. This approach helps to promote a child’s independence, she said.

Research shows that kids who have positive relationships with their fathers tend to have higher achievement, stronger motivation, greater cognitive competence and better social skills, Pedersen said.

And when fathers view their children with disabilities positively, they encourage their wives in their child-care activities, she added.

“There is something special about dads,” she said. “They have something to offer that is complementary to what moms do. But we don’t know enough about that yet.”

Pedersen decided to share her findings within her profession. She and Cory MacIver did a poster presentation titled “What’s So Special about Dads?” at the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) national conference in New Orleans in February.

“We had lots of positive feedback,” she said.

Leading scholars, practitioners and parents of children with special needs attended the annual meeting. One respected authority on early intervention was impressed with the work of the Minot researchers.

“She said, ‘These people from North Dakota are onto something. We don’t know enough about this topic. We don’t think about dads enough,’” Pedersen said. “It’s reinforcing to go to a national conference and have people prominent in the field



think that our ideas are just as good as theirs.”

At a plenary session attended by 900 people, one parent saluted the

Minot pair and stressed that fathers should be more involved in their children’s therapy.

The next step for the Minot researchers is to begin developing focus groups to gather more information from fathers of children with hearing loss.

“We need to get dads together and talk about their concerns and their needs in early intervention,” she said.

Pedersen and Cory MacIver hope to do a full-scale presentation at next year’s EHDI conference.

Pedersen earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Minot State. She has taught part and full time at MSU for 10 years.

MSU Development Foundation inducts donors into Old Main Society

The Minot State University Development Foundation inducted a group of twenty individuals, couples, businesses and organizations into the Old Main Society and Legacy Society during ceremonies May 22 at Minot State University.

Membership in the Old Main Society, established in 1993, is based on cumulative contributions to the university. Minimum membership level is \$15,000 with recognition also given to donors when they exceed higher levels of giving.

Eighteen members were newly inducted into the Old Main Society, along with nine members being recognized for achieving a higher level of giving.

The members achieving a higher level of giving and the year of their original induction include Doris Slaaten, Benefactor level,

1993; J.H. (Jack) Hoeven, Cornerstone level, 2000; Anderson, Wade & Whitty, Builder level, 1993; First International Bank and Trust, Builder level, 2000; The Tom and Frances Leach Foundation, Builder level, 2000; Maynard H. Sandberg, Builder level, 2000; Agnes Shurr, Builder level, 1993; and SRT Communications, Builder level, 2004.

Two new members inducted at the Cornerstone level are Ardyth Kenner and the Kenneth and Frances Huso Estate.

New members inducted into the Old Main Society include William E. Christianson, David E. DeMers, Blaine and Kathy DesLauriers, Janis Ann Dislevy, Don Bessette Motors, Grace

Fisher, David and Nancy Fuller, David and Dolly Gowan, Glendon Kriese, Medical Arts Educational and Scientific Charitable Foundation, Minot Symphony Orchestra, Thomas J. Myhra, Paul Ness, Robert and Ilze Sando, Signal Realtors and John and Jodi Stewart.

The names of the Old Main Society members are inscribed on the scroll of honor displayed on the first floor of the Administration building on campus.

The Legacy Society, established in 1996, recognizes those who have made a planned gift to the MSU Development Foundation to benefit the university. Membership is open to anyone making a deferred or planned gift including bequests, charitable gift annuities and life insurance. A minimum contribution of \$5,000 is required. The two new members of the Legacy Society are Videll Nordmark and Marv and Barb Semrau.



For more information, please contact the office of university advancement at 1-800-777-0750 extension 4483.

ATHLETICS

Minot State University is hosting an all track & field/cross country reunion to honor longtime MSU Coach Wiley Wilson. It will be held in conjunction with Homecoming 2008 which is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 26 and Saturday, Sept. 27. We are very excited to get Coach Wilson and all of those individuals and teams back on campus. Their success is a very big part of MSU's athletic traditions. The reunion schedule for homecoming will be:

Friday, Sept. 26, 2008

- 12 p.m. Beaver Booster Luncheon
- 2 p.m. Campus Tour
- 6:30 p.m. Reunion Social at the Holiday Inn

Saturday, Sept 27, 2008

- 10:30 a.m. Homecoming Parade
(We want the former athletes to ride in the parade)
- 11:30 a.m. Pre-Game Tailgating—east end of MSU Dome
- 1:30 p.m. Homecoming football game
- 2:30 p.m. Introduction of all reunion participants at halftime
- 6 p.m. Hall of Fame Banquet Social at the Holiday Inn
- 7 p.m. Hall of Fame Banquet at the Holiday Inn

If you would like any information on the track & field/cross country reunion, please contact the athletic office at 701-858-3041 or check out the website at www.msubeavers.com.

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



The Beaver Booster Club enthusiastically assists the Minot State University Athletics 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 Athletics Department.

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

MSU Hall of Fame announces 2008 inductees

The Minot State University Athletic Department will be inducting the 2008 class into the MSU Athletic Hall of Fame. This year's field includes the following individuals: Dick Belisle, baseball and basketball ('62-65); Ron Just, football, track and field, and basketball ('69-73); Tiffany Hegel, women's basketball ('94-98); and Dr. Steven Lipp, wrestling ('88-90). Also inducted will be the 1966 wrestling team that includes the following individuals listed with their hometown: Marv Aardahl, Devils Lake; Albee Allstadt, Valley Stream, N.Y.; Roger Behm, Minot; Gordon Erickson, Harvey; Roy Foster, Olathe, Colo.; Roy King, Springfield, Ill.; Leo Kinsella, Berthold; Carmen Lore, Nutley, N.J.; Bill McCollum, Valley Stream, N.Y.; Larry McDaniel, Tioga; Ray Miller, Park Forest, Ill.; Joe Muraco, Carnegie, Pa.; Tom Ness, Des Lacs.; Dwight Ormiston, West Fargo.; James Rizzolo, Thoms River, N.J.; Dave Sattler, Rugby; Mike Schaff, Mandan; Charles Schwan, Valley Stream, N.Y.; Kenneth Scheet, Rugby; Dan Splichal, Minot; Terry Stadick, Minot; Steve Taggart, Wadena, Minn.; Bob Trobaugh, Galveston, Ind.; Lou Trombetta, Minot; and Tim Walsh, Minot. The head coach of the 1966 team was Hank Hettwer.

These inductees will be officially inducted into the Minot State University Athletic Hall of Fame at halftime of the MSU football game on Sept. 27 versus Valley City State University. The annual MSU Athletic Hall of Fame social and banquet will take place at the Holiday Inn at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively.

GET YOUR RED OUT ON AUGUST 28



The MSU Beavers will host the Beavers from Bemidji State for a Thursday night season opener. It's the first night game for the Beavers at Herb Parker Stadium in over 10 years and it promises to be a great day for MSU. Everyone is encouraged to WEAR RED and cheer on the Beavers from MSU! Tailgating gets underway at 4:30 p.m. in the east Dome parking lot with free food, inflatable games, a mechanical bull, face painting and more! You can register to win a recliner and outdoor grill courtesy of I. Keatings of Minot. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Parker Stadium. Wear RED and support MSU on Aug. 28!



Join us in St. Paul, Minn., on Saturday, Sept. 6 when the MSU football team takes on Concordia-St. Paul. Game kick-off – 1 p.m. @ Griffin Stadium; Pre-game MSU Alumni Social – 10:30 a.m. @ O’Gara’s Grill and Bar. For more information check out: www.minotstateu.edu/alumni/events.shtml.

Beaver football and men’s golf squads look to defend DAC titles

The Beaver football team is anxious to get back to work after a successful 2007 season under first year coach and DAC Coach of the Year Paul Rudolph ('88). The Beavers finished 6-4 overall but had a 6-1 conference record to earn a share of the Dakota Athletic crown. The team returns a great deal of experience on both sides of the ball including DAC Co-MVP running back Nick Banks (Sr., San Diego, Calif.). Also returning is starting quarterback Jon Meier (Jr., Regent). The defense has some areas to fill in the secondary but should be a solid unit overall. The Beavers open the season with a Thursday night game on Aug. 28 vs. Bemidji State University with kickoff at 7 p.m.

The men’s golf team looks to defend its DAC title with a strong set of returners led by DAC MVP Jordan Kelly (Jr. Minot).

The women’s team will be anchored by DAC MVP Whitney Stanley (Jr. Sherwood). The teams will host a tournament at Souris Valley Golf Course and the Minot Country Club on Sept. 21 & 22. The golf teams will once again be directed by 2007 DAC Coach of the Year Dwight “Chipper” Farrell ('70).

The MSU volleyball and cross country teams also gear up in mid-August. The Lady Beaver volleyball squad has a good mix of returning letterwinners and new transfers that look to improve on their 5th place DAC finish. Coach Johnna Lewis ('03) will enter her second year directing the MSU Volleyball program.

The MSU cross country teams will be lead by Coach Stu Melby, entering his fourth season for the Beavers. The teams will host a home meet at Souris Valley Golf Course on Oct. 17.

ALUMNI HAPPENINGS

Third annual friend-raising summer golf tour ...



Velva – June 4, 2008



Bottineau – July 8, 2008



Rugby – June 19, 2008



Beulah – July 10, 2008



Stanley – June 25, 2008



Washburn – July 15, 2008

MSU Luau Party at the North Dakota State Fair



HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY

Oldest grad recalls her days on campus

Alyce (Jensen) Gotham is likely Minot State's oldest living graduate.

Gotham, who turned 98 in March, graduated from Minot State Teachers College with 29 other students in 1931.

"I imagine I am," she said of her seniority. "It makes me feel good. I'm still here."

Gotham also claims another distinction. She earned the school's first business education degree, but not without a protracted struggle.

College officials wanted her to teach English, but she despised English. She lobbied, instead, to teach business. Administrators finally relented, and she graduated with a new degree. Bernard Busse, later to become a Minot State legend, graduated with the second business education degree two months later.

Gotham still bristles at one experience she had at Minot State. A hard-hearted professor gave her a poor grade when course materials she ordered never arrived.

"He gave me a D, when I was a straight-A student," she said. "I cried over it; it just broke my heart. A D stands on my record to this day."

Gotham was quite active at Minot State. She was president of Phi Theta, an organization which provided ushers and ticket takers for events in the college auditorium.

She was also a member of the Beaver yearbook staff, League of Women Voters and College Commercial Club. She also played basketball for Beta Theta sorority.

"I was real tall and had long arms and legs," she explained.

Gotham was born in Jessup, Iowa, and came to the Minot area when she was 4. While attending a country school, she settled on her life's work.



"I could read before I ever got to school," she said. "I helped the first- and second-graders all the time. I was so thrilled about that; I wanted to be a teacher."

Wally Gotham taught and coached, sold fertilizer, farmed and raised dairy cattle. Alyce Gotham said her teaching and household duties kept her out of the dairy barn.

Gotham earned the school's first business education degree, but not without a protracted struggle. College officials wanted her to teach English, but she despised English. She lobbied, instead, to teach business. Administrators finally relented, and she graduated with a new degree.

"I never milked a stitch. Not once," she said.

Wally Gotham died in 2004.

Alyce Gotham taught for 24 years in Chetek, before retiring in 1972. Although her eyesight is poor, she recognizes her former students by their voices.

"They say, 'You remember me?' I say, 'You sat in the third row in the third seat.'"

Alyce Gotham is

not as mobile as she once was, but she takes pride in her lucid mind. She is the institutional memory of Chetek.

After graduation from college, Gotham taught at Norwich, Ray and Fort Totten. She married Wally Gotham in 1936. The couple moved to Chetek, Wis., to take over the family farm. The couple had two sons. Robert worked for IBM, while Jerry taught and coached.

"They don't recall it, but I do," she said. "They're a lot younger than I am. I'm bragging, but that's the way it is."

ALUMNI FEATURES

Jill Fuller

A former MSU student and faculty member has become a national spokesperson in the nursing profession.

Jill Fuller ('79), is advocating Transforming Care at the Bedside, which is designed to improve patient care in medical-surgical units.

When studies indicated that most patient deaths occurred in those units, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement joined forces to improve the quality of care while increasing staff morale.

The groups are showcasing 10 American hospitals that are making significant improvement in this area. One of them is Prairie Lakes Healthcare System of Watertown, S.D., where Fuller is chief nursing officer.

Fuller has been instrumental in making dramatic improvements at the 70-bed facility. When she arrived in 2000, nurse turnover in the medical-surgical unit was 65 percent.

"Nurses were leaving because they didn't like the work environment," Fuller said. "We had leadership issues."

Recruiting replacements was difficult, and student nurses didn't want to do clinicals there.

"I wasn't sure how to even address it. I had never been a medical-surgical nurse," the Minot native said.

Fuller applied for and received a Johnson Foundation executive nurse fellowship. She used the training and accompanying grant to improve nurse retention and patient care.

"We worked our problems through and got turnover down to less than 10 percent," she said.

HealthLeaders Magazine featured Fuller as a difference-maker in health care in its December 2007 issue.

"We're changing what's been perceived as the most dysfunctional patient-care area of the nation's hospitals," she said.

While at Minot State, Fuller served on the Student Nurses Association's national board of directors. She also helped create a campus chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, an honor society in nursing.

"It was a great education," she said of her years at MSU. "It was personalized, with smaller classes, good clinical experiences, good faculty. I was well prepared for graduate school."

Fuller put in two teaching stints at MSU and also worked at Trinity Health and St. Joseph's Hospital in Minot. When the latter was sold and converted to a for-profit facility, she served as the newly named Unimed Medical Center's chief operating officer for nine years.

Fuller and her husband Doug have two teen-age boys. She returns to the Magic City regularly to visit her 91-year-old mother and two sisters.



Travis Hanson

One Minot State graduate feels he has the perfect job.

Travis Hanson, a 2004 graduate in broadcasting, works for the NFL Network in Los Angeles.

"I'm working in sports, which is what I always wanted to do," Hanson said. "I'm able to watch and talk about football all day.



And I'm living in a place where I can go surfing in the morning and go for a hike in the afternoon."

Hanson works on the network's news desk, monitoring the league's 32 teams for breaking news,

player interviews and mini-camp footage. He then pitches story ideas to producers of the network's signature show "NFL Total Access."

Rich Eisen hosts the prime-time cable program. Analysts include former NFL players Deion Sanders, Marshall Faulk, Terrell Davis and Rod Woodson.

Hanson was a Dallas Cowboy fan while growing up in Casper, Wyo. The colorful Sanders was an All-Pro cornerback with America's Team.

"I sit and watch games with a guy who was my favorite player as a child; it's pretty cool," he said.

After graduating from MSU, Hanson worked as a public relations intern with the Minnesota Vikings. In that role, he fed team information to NFL Network. The network liked his work so much that it hired him in the fall of 2005.

"I was ready for the lifestyle of the West Coast," said Hanson, who lives in Santa Monica.

At Minot State, Hanson was a four-time All American in track, three as a triple jumper and one as a member of a medley relay team. He also served as president of the Student Association for a year.

Hanson feels MSU's smaller size prepared him for his media career.

"It gave me the confidence to be competitive at the top level," he said. "I don't think I would have been able to get the opportunities to do the things I did at a larger school."

Hanson's colleagues at the network are graduates of larger schools like USC, UCLA, Syracuse and Boston College.

He defends his Minot State pedigree with pride.

"I catch a lot of guff for it," he said.

CLASS NOTES

'50s.....

Orlin Backes '58, Minot, received the North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations' Walt Odegaard Leadership Award during the annual Nonprofit Leadership Conference in June in Bismarck. NDANO is North Dakota's nonprofit advocacy leader working to strengthen the nonprofit sector through leadership, volunteerism and philanthropy. Backes has chaired or co-chaired a number of capital campaigns in the Minot community and has served on the boards of several nonprofit organizations in the state.

'60s.....

Kathy McCann '60, Grand Forks, received the North Central Conference Honor Award at the league's celebration event in Sioux Falls, S.D., in June. She served as an assistant athletic director for the University of North Dakota for nearly 17 years before retiring in 2003. She is among seven individuals who received the award, the highest honor in the conference and is given in appreciation of their efforts to heighten the integrity of the North Central Conference. The award is selected by institutional representatives.

Janice Heinz '65, Rolette, retired in May after 30 years of teaching, a majority of them at the Rolette elementary school.

David Anderson '67, Bismarck, is employed with outside sales for Pinnacle Publishing of Bemidji, Minn., since December 2007.

Larry Gerjets '67, Minot, retired from H&R Block and his wife, **Cheryl '67**, retired from teaching at Minot Public Schools. They have moved into their motor home and spent a year traveling the Southwestern United States before returning to Minot.

Lee Myxter '67, Fargo, retired in 2005 after teaching 38 years at Fargo South High School.



Isla May Seward was born Jan. 4, 2008, in Crawfordsville, Ind., to Jason and Maria (Badertscher)

Seward. Maria is a daughter of the late Lee Badertscher who taught in the MSU School of Business from 1970-1986. Isla's grandmother is **Diana Thomson '71**, who lives in Findlay, Ohio.



Jim C. Johnsen '68, retired after a 38-year career in teaching. Johnsen majored in American history and minored in political science

while attending MSU. He then earned an M.A. in political science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He taught one year at a high school in Florida and then began a community college run that began at N.D. State School of Science in Wahpeton from 1970-76, continued at Oklahoma City Community College from 1976-2001, and ended at the North Centers in the Fresno, Calif., area from 2001-08. Professor Johnsen is married to Laurie Swete Johnsen of Monteca, Calif., and they have one son, Tyler. Johnsen also has a daughter by a previous marriage to **LaVonne Holman '68**, of Minot.

'70s.....

Bob Thvedt '70, Darien, Ga., is an instructor at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Brunswick, Ga. In the '70s, he was a teacher in Fortuna and Crosby, N.D. He joined the U.S. Customs Service at Portal in 1977 and became part of the Department of Homeland Security after 9/11.

Rocky Cofer '71, Hazen, has re-entered the education field after retiring in 2005 after 34 years of teaching. He was chosen as the new principal at Dickinson's Trinity High School and began his new position in July.

Jim Blomberg '72, Garrison, has come out of retirement to assume the duties of superintendent of the Max Public District. He retired from Minot Public Schools in 2006 after 18 years in the system. His wife Connie recently retired from teaching middle school English and social studies.

Jim Lokken '72, Williston, was named as the police chief for the City of Williston. After obtaining his criminal justice degree, Lokken started in law enforcement with the police department in Crosby. He then went to work for the Divide County Sheriff's department before moving to Williston in 1975. He and his wife Peggy have a son, Les, a trooper with the N.D. Highway Patrol.

Rosanne Olson '72, Seattle, Wash., is the author of a just-released book titled "This Is Who I Am: Our Beauty in All Shapes and Sizes," and appeared on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" in April. The book contains portraits of women of various ages

from all over the country, of all shapes and sizes, ethnicities and life experiences, who were willing to expose their naked physical forms in the book. The goal of the book is to promote compassion for oneself and for others. Olson also has a master's degree in journalism from the University of Oregon and teaches workshops on creativity, lighting and portraiture.

Connie Mindt '73, Beulah, retired after teaching 33 years in the Beulah School District. She has taught first grade, special education and the last four years Title I reading at the elementary school.

Keith Bjornson '74, Minot, accepted a new principal position with the Bismarck Public



Schools and began his new position in July. He has been employed with the Minot Public Schools since 1978 as a teacher from 1978-1998 and as the principal at Central

Campus East from 1999-2008. His wife Judy has worked at the MSU library for the past 28 years.

Norlynn (Berridge) Johnson '74, Chambersburg, Pa., retired from the U.S. Army in January. She was the information assurance manager for Letter Kenny Army Depot.

David Stevens '74, Napa Valley, Calif., has been acknowledged as one of the Napa Valley's most highly respected wine professionals. Stevens moved to California in the '70s and began his wine career by tending bar at one of the Napa Valley's most celebrated restaurants, Tra Vigne. He has studied at Napa Valley College, The Sterling School for Service and Hospitality, and has spent years continuing to perfect his palate with independent studies while preparing for the advanced test for the Court of Master Sommeliers. In 2005, he was among the first three people to receive the Certified Wine Professional credential from the Rudd Center for Wine at the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone. He is now owner of a unique wine shop that specializes in local wines. He has also been featured in numerous wine and food publications.

Dave Stuart '74, Beulah, retired from teaching at the Beulah School District. He began at the high school in 1979 as the math teacher and throughout his tenure has taught every single one of the mathematics courses at the high school. He was also a wrestling and football coach.

Jean Hardy '76, Beach, retired in May from the Beach School district after 32 years of teaching, all in the Beach district. She taught 12 years as a speech pathologist and also spent time as a second-grade teacher.

Kim Murphy '77, Laguna Beach, Calif., was named as the chief of the Seattle bureau of the Los Angeles Times in June. Murphy covered the Northwest for the Times from Seattle for six years in the 1990s before her move to the foreign staff in Moscow. She has been at the Times since 1983 when she joined as a general assignment writer for the Orange County edition. In addition to Seattle, Moscow and London, she has also reported for the paper from Cairo. She and her husband, Ilya, have two children.

Jan Ost Dahl '78, Dickinson, was recognized for her service to education by the North Dakota Council of Exceptional Children and was named Teacher of the Year during the state convention. She provides special services to students at Dickinson High School.

James Sweizer '78, Charles Town, W.Va., the vice president of military programs at American Public University System (APUS), was recently elected president-elect of the Council of Colleges and Military Educators at their annual symposium in San Francisco. As vice president of military programs, Sweizer oversees all military outreach activities and serves as the main liaison between the university and Department of Defense agencies. He served in the U.S. Air Force for over 33 years as an active duty member and civil servant before joining APUS.

Mike Linster '79, Fargo, achieved certified financial planner status in May of 2007 and has been a financial adviser with Ameriprise Financial since 2000.

'80s.....

Crystal Chalmers '80, Chico, Calif., is an audiologist and owner of North State Audio-logical Services in Chico. She recently received her doctorate from Central Michigan University. She was also recognized by Audiology Group as one of only 250 audiology-certified hearing care practices in the United States.

Nancy Murphy '80, Minot, retired after nearly 32 years of service as a police officer in Minot. She will be working part time on a project with the Rural Crime and Justice Center at Minot State University.

Sylvia Timboe '80, Minot, was named a May recipient of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Eagle Award. She is employed at The Wellington Assisted Living facility in Minot.

Pam (Parizek) Tweten '81, Minot, was recently awarded Coach of the Year by fellow gymnastic coaches. She is the director of Gymagic Gymnastics and a paraprofessional at Central Campus. She continues to judge USA gymnastics across the state. Her husband Dave is a self-employed finish carpenter.

Heather Johnson-Kjos '83, Fargo, is controller for the National Hospitality Services in Fargo. She has more than 25 years of accounting experience.

Marjorie (Tabor) Butler '84, University Park, Fla., received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 1990 from Indiana University and is currently a public guardian for Manatee/DeSoto County in Florida.

Kevin Burckhard '86, Minot, is the managing director of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network and recently completed a training program focused on the needs of families with dependents with special needs at the firm's home office in Milwaukee.

Mark Narum '86, Stanley, was elected as the bishop for the Western North Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at their convention in June. Narum is a 1999 graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary. Prior to entering the seminary, he was news director with KXMC-TV in Minot. He is currently serving as pastor of the Prairie Lutheran Parish, serving a four-point parish of Bethlehem Lutheran Church at Ross, Faith Lutheran Church at Palermo, Knife River Lutheran Church at rural Stanley, and American Lutheran Church in Stanley. He and his wife Jan have three sons. He will be installed as the new bishop in August and assume his duties Sept. 1.

Ralph Towery '87, Minot, is the store director of Minot MarketPlace Food and Drug. He was named the Food Marketing Institute's 2008 Store Director of the Year at their convention in Las Vegas in May.

Willie Soderholm '88, Minot, has been hired as the executive director for the Community Action Partnership-Minot Region. He and his wife Lora have lived and worked in the Minot community for more than 15 years.

'90s.....

Karen Fjeld '90, Twin Falls, Idaho, was chosen the classified employee of the year for Robert Stuart Junior High School in 2008. She was also named the classified employee of the month for the Twin Falls School District in April. Fjeld is the computer lab coordinator and ISAT proctor at RSJH.



Rhonda Grindy '88, Minot, received \$25,000 from the Milken Family Foundation at the 2008 Milken Family Foundation National Education Conference in Los Angeles in March. Grindy was among 75 outstanding educators from across the nation who were presented with the award. She is a teacher at Jim Hill Middle School.

Sheila Walcoff '90, Rockville, Md., has been named as a partner in the McDermott Will & Emery Health Law Department and Life Sciences Government Strategies group. Walcoff, who will be based in the firm's Washington, D.C., office, served as counselor to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service (HHS), associate commissioner for External Affairs at the FDA and, after leaving the administration in July 2007, was the senior health policy adviser for Fred Thompson's 2008 presidential campaign.

Sharleen Stigen, Fairfield, retired after 31 years of teaching. She was received the Presidential Award of Excellence in Mathematics and Science teaching last year.

Deborah (Mork) Liserio '91, Coon Rapids, Minn., graduated in May from the University of Minnesota with a master of education in Human Resource Development and a certificate in adult education.

Cord Scott '91, Oak Park, Ill., recently became ABD toward his doctorate with his dissertation proposal accepted at Loyola University. He has also had three items published this year, including four entries for the Encyclopedia of the Jazz Age; a chapter for an upcoming book titled "Captain America: Truth, Justice and American Ideals: Critical Analyses" and a chapter for "Chicago Sports Reader: 100 years of Sports in the Windy City." He has two daughters.

Theresa (Vinton) Steffy '92, Rapid City, S.D., has been teaching K-3 music at Douglas Schools at Ellsworth AFB in Box Elder, S.D.,

for the last 15 years. She married Robert Steffy in 2004, and their son was born in September 2007.

Kristel Ficek '93, Minot, was named one of the June recipients of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Eagle Award. The program is sponsored by the chamber to recognize workers in Minot who exhibit superior customer service.

Kandice (Bice) Ray '93, Ramstein, Germany, is working for the U.S. Army at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center as a community health nurse and a certified sexual assault nurse examiner.

Jennifer Michalenko '95, Bismarck, was honored by the North Dakota String Teachers Association. She received the group's Teacher of the Year Award during the All-State Music Festival held in Bismarck in March. She has been at Jamestown Public School for 13 years. She teaches orchestra to students in grades five through 12, directs the middle-school choir, teaches high-school music theory, gives private lessons and has started an electric orchestra in the high school. She is also a member of the Bismarck-Mandan Symphony Orchestra and the Jamestown College String Ensemble and is the principal string bass for the Minot Symphony Orchestra.

Anita Mitzel '95, Minot, was recently promoted to assistant controller for Integrity Mutual Funds, Inc.

Mitch Nelson '96, Grand Forks, has been promoted to senior credit underwriter at Alerus Financial in Grand Forks. He has 12 years of experience in the financial industry and previously worked as a loan officer, before joining Alerus in 2002.

Forrest Hatchard '97, Minot, has been promoted to assistant vice president at Gate City Bank. He is a personal loan officer. He

was also named a May recipient of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Eagle Award.

Robin Wark '97, Sooke, British Columbia, is employed by Peritologic Software Company in Victoria, B.C. He is married and has two daughters.

Lori Dustan-Lafond '98, Winnipeg, Manitoba, is a teacher of the deaf and the English support person at the Manitoba School for the Deaf.

Dean Winczewski '99, Dickinson, has accepted a position to be the head coach for the Minot High School boys' basketball team. He has been a coach at Dickinson for eight seasons.

'00s.....

Heather (Hohbein) Heine '01, Mandan, has been promoted to internal auditor by Starion Financial. She performs internal reviews of the bank's operations, so they meet the company's policies and procedures. She and her husband Paul have three children.

Bridget (Selzler) Meranda '01, Harvey, is employed as a social worker for the Wells County Social Services.

Mikael Nesham '01, Fargo, has joined Rejuv Skin and Laser Clinic in Fargo as an aesthetic care specialist. She is also a graduate of The Salon Professional Academy in Fargo.

Jason Stadel '02, Fort Stewart, Ga., is the Public Affairs NCO with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 3rd Infantry Division. He was recently deployed to Iraq. His main duty is military reporter, writing for his unit's weekly newspaper. He met his wife at Fort Bliss, Texas, and they had a baby boy last September.

Michael P. Anderson '04, Minot, is employed as a site coordinator for the Community Learning Center before and after

school program at Lincoln Elementary School. He and his wife Lindsey have two children, Kade and Blake.

Timothy Deater '04, Ramstein, Germany, is now board certified in healthcare administration through the American Academy of Medical Administrators. He and his wife Tanna recently had their first child, Samantha.

Charity Fix, Mandan, has been promoted to compliance auditor by Starion Financial, where she will oversee the bank's regulatory compliance program, conducting compliance audits and evaluating bank policies and compliance procedures. She is a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors. She and her husband Russell have two children.

Nicole Moline '04, Minot, is employed by Capital Financial Services and was promoted to supervisor for new business processing.

Chad Thuner '04, Minot, has been promoted to supervisor of advertising/communications with the public at Capital Financial Services.

Stephanie Wolfe '04, Grand Forks, has been hired by the Energy & Environmental Research Center as a research specialist. She works with the Plains CO2 Reduction Partnership in project plan development, project financial management and project activity coordination. She has also served as a project management specialist at EERC.

Kelli Kinchelov '05, Montclair, N.J., completed his second off-Broadway play "The Sanctuary" at the American Theatre of Actors earlier this year.

Scott DeLorme '06, Minot, has been hired as the head tennis coach in both the boys' and girls' programs at Minot High School. He teaches business education at Jim Hill Middle School.

Jake Solper '06, Minot, has been hired as the boys' swimming and diving coach at Minot High School. He is also a physical education teacher at Washington Elementary School. He will also serve as an assistant on the girls' swim team under Dan Hinton.

Darlene Ruud '08, Garrison, is a new pre-school teacher for the Garrison School District beginning in August.

Trent Sherven '08, Minot, will be the 7-12 grade math instructor at Max Public School beginning in August.

Attended.....

Capt. Stewart Stenberg, Dickinson, was named North Dakota American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.



Michelle (Vetter) Bertsch '90, Fargo, was chosen as one of the 99 educators to receive the annual Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching for 2007. The award is the nation's highest honor for professionals in these two fields and annually identifies highly qualified mathematics and science teachers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. territories and the U.S. Department of Defense schools. Bertsch was recognized at an award's ceremony in Washington, D.C. Bertsch, a mathematics teacher at Fargo North High School, has been teaching for 15 years. She has worked in the Fargo School District for 11 years as a math and physical education teacher and serves as adviser to the school's student council. Michelle wrote grant applications for an interactive whiteboard and PRS system and creates innovative lesson plans that she shares with fellow teachers. She handles on-call technology support for teachers on the electronic grade book and attendance system. Bertsch won the Fargo North High School Teacher of the Year Award in 2001 and was nominated for the YWCA Woman of the Year in 2003. She and her husband Todd and family live in Fargo.

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IN MEMORIAM

It is with honor we dedicate this section to recognize alumni and friends who have passed away from mid-February to July, 2008, or as submitted.

'20s.....

'27 Larson (Peterson), Edna M.; Bottineau.

'30s.....

'35 Scott (Baldner), Catherine "Kay" R.; Dickinson.
'36 Tvedt (Jevne), Esther; Bottineau.
'37 Soloman (Gottbreht), A. Mildred; Coeur D'Alene, Idaho.
'38 Harner (Bjerkness), Ruby; Tioga.
'38 Jorgenson (Roalkvam), Alma A.; Kenmare and Minot.
'39 Gryde, Olga; Minot.
'39 Reese (Peterson), Bernice I.; Fergus Falls, Minn..

'40s.....

'40 Crippen, Robert G.; Fargo.
'41 Baker (James), Dora K.
'41 Molgard (Evenrud), Agnes; Harvey.
'42 Larson, Harold; Rugby.
'42 Long (Covell), Genevieve M.; Minot
'43 Busch, Henry M.; Ames, Iowa.
'44 Kennedy-Lab, Olivia; Palm Desert, Calif.
'48 Domer, DeWayne; Minot. He was also a professor of business at MSU for 29 years.
'49 Casey (Lefebvre), Kathleen; Roseville, Minn.
'49 Peterson (Lundgren), Gladys M.; Santa Maria, Calif.

'50s.....

'50 Bakken, Robert A.; Moorhead, Minn.
'51 Doman (Kromrey), Mona C.; Minot and Kramer.
'53 Grubb (Jorgenson), Joanne; Powers Lake.
'54 Schott (Anderson), Leah J.; Mandan.
'55 Espeseth, Vernon Knute; Eugene, Ore.
'56 Mikel, Walter C.; Los Angeles, Calif.
'58 Betz, Russell C.; Sun City West, Ariz.
'58 Grenz, Clinton E.; Bismarck.
'59 Larson, Larry L.; Madras, Ore.

'60s.....

'62 Gilles, John Gordon; Minot.
'63/'69 Okland (Clifton), Ethel M.; Minot.

'64 Ehart, Jarvis L.; Granville.
'64 Jesson (Hove), Sandra D.; Kalispell, Mont.
'64 Vander Mei, Gerrit G.; Portland, Ore.
'64 Wittmayer (Hauge), Joanne; Parshall.
'65 Olson (Larson), Marilynn J.; Mesa, Ariz.

'70s.....

'71 Golik, Matthew A., Jr.; Wolf Point, Mont.
'71 Mikkelson (Bonebrake), Nancy S.; Fargo.
'72 Larson, James D.; Minot.
'73 Herzig (Anderson), Alphild E.; Burlington.
'74 Wagner (Veiman), Lorna B.; Belle Plains, Minn.
'77 Liddell, Edward; Daytona Beach, Fla.
'77 Lukens, Walter K.; Pleasanton, Calif.
'77/'80 Wisthoff (Jorgenson), Ronda J.; Powers Lake.

'80s.....

'83 Keller, Patrick John; Minot.
'84 Myers (Ehr), Willa J.; Sheridan, Wyo.
'89 Huizenga (Bachmeier), Thelma M.; Minot.

'90s.....

'92 Tarter (Schmidt), Donna M.; Minot.
'95 Hartze (Skabo), Paula; Devils Lake.

'00s.....

'07 Strehlow, Benjamin "Ben" C.; Bismarck.
'08 Thom, Kevin A.; Minot & Glenburn.

Attended.....

Backlund, Dayton H.; Minot.
Bakken, Lilly M.; Minot.
Barner, John E. "Jack"; Richville, Minn.
Bartch, Wallace G.; Grand Forks.
Boe, Clarence M "Dutch"; Chinook, Mont
Booth (Richards), Elaine G.; Rugby.
Bostow, Lawrence "Larry"; Grand Junciton, Colo.
Braaflat (Patten), Doris V.; Plaza.
Charles, John G.; Minot.
Coughlin, Mert W.; Kenmare.
Cummins, John T.; Grand Forks.
Davis (Winter), Dorothy; Rolette.
Deedes, George P.; Summerville, S.C.
Deschamp (Lamoureux), Irene Y.; Minot.
Easton (Johnson), Evelyn; Mitchell, S.D.
Erickson (Sainsbury), Nita Rae; Jamestown.
Evenrud, Martin; Minot.

Geyer, Diane J.; Minot.
Halstengard (Vobbrecht), Donna Jean; Glendale, Ariz.
Helvik (Schock), Violet M.; Sheridan, Wyo.
Herbel, Donald; Bismarck.
Herland (Wolla), Myrtle Evelyn; Salem, Ore.
Johnston, Lloyd; Langdon.
Koon (Ferguson), D. Elaine; Butte, Mont.
Krueger, Waldo; Minot & Sawyer.
Larson, Richard "Dick" Sr.; Minot.
Listoe (Nehring), Fern; Tacoma, Wash.
Lozensky, Stanley; Dickinson.
Marshall (Puffer), Gerry; Dallas, Ore.
May, Lawrence "Larry" E.; Minot.
Miller (Heitzmann), Shirley J.; Streeter.
Moen (Resler), Edna E.; Bremerton, Wash.
Murrey, Sister Michaela; Eau Claire, Wis.
Olson (Peterson), Edith "Edie" D.; Mesa, Ariz.
Olthoff, Donald L.; Bismarck.
Petrick, Terry; Makoti.
Schafer, Diane; Chalmette, La.
Schiffman (Ackerson), Edna E.; Mohal.
Schram (Stearns), Ethel A.; Minot.
Stillwell, Beatrice C.; Fargo.
Strom (Carlson), Ethel M.; Chester, Mont.
Van Camp, Sylvia Rae; Minot.
Voss (Sampson), Thelma Constance "Connie"; Bartlesville, Okla.
Walker, Judge J. Kimball; Bishop, Calif.
Walsh, Charlotte; Fort Collins, Colo.
Ward, Thomas J.; Plano, Texas.
Welsh, Donald J.; Minot.
Whillock (Washburn), Marlys A.; Kenmare.
Zink (Jaeger), Bonita; Carrington.

Friends.....

Kerian, Jon; Minot.
Pitts, Lois; Minot.

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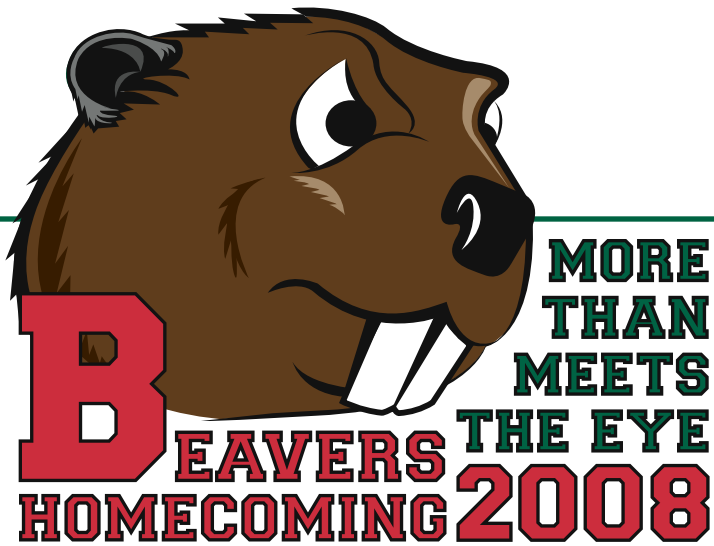
Hallingstad, Carol; Minot. She was employed with Network Services as their first secretary until 2003.
Sellin, Tillie L.; Mohall. She was employed as a baker for food services for 10 years, retiring in 1974.

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6 p.m. — Golden Awards, MSU Conference Center

Friday, Sept. 26

8 a.m. – 12 p.m. — Board of Regents Meeting

12 p.m. — Beaver Booster Luncheon

6:30 p.m. — Track & Field/Cross Country Reunion Social, Holiday Inn

7 p.m. — MSU Alumni Reunion, Holiday Inn

*Honoring the 40th Anniversary of the Rosebowl Marching Band

Saturday, Sept. 27

10:30 a.m. — Homecoming Parade

Beaver Tailgating, east of MSU Dome, following the parade

1:30 p.m. — MSU Football vs. Valley City State University

6 p.m. — Hall of Fame Banquet Social, Holiday Inn

7 p.m. — Hall of Fame Banquet, Holiday Inn

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