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A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

Balas appointed as MSU registrar

Tania Balas of Minot has been named the new registrar in the university's Office of the Registrar.

She will be responsible for the oversight and management of registration and student records. Responsibilities under her supervision will include scheduling of courses and classroom space, records maintenance, student advising and assignment of advisers, evaluation of transfer credit, provision of official and unofficial transcripts, and training for users of PeopleSoft student database.

The registrar position is being re-established. It is the result of reorganization of the records office with the responsibilities being divided between enrollment services, the registrar's office, other administrative offices, and academic units.

Before coming to MSU, Balas served as the center director for operations for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at Minot Air Force Base since 2003. In that position, she was responsible for budgeting, marketing, overseeing graduation, counseling and registering students, hiring faculty, and maintaining student files. In addition, she has been an adjunct instructor in English and speech for MSU and other institutions at MAFB.

Balas, a Granville native, graduated from Moorhead State University in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in English education. She received her master's degree in education from the University of North Dakota in 1999, and she taught high school English for seven years in North Dakota and Minnesota.

She and her husband, Matt, a training and research associate at the MSU Rural Crime and Justice Center, have two children, Mattison and Luke.

Library director search to continue

The committee searching for a new director for the Gordon B. Olson Library has recommended that the search be resumed in the fall. Five finalists interviewed at Minot State in early March through late April. Gary Rabe, vice president for academic affairs, said that spring searches are always more difficult to complete successfully and members of the present search committee have agreed to conduct the fall search.

"The committee conducted one of the most organized and professional searches I have experienced. They deeply researched the candidates, brought forth a slate of strong candidates, and provided recommendations that were well thought out," said Rabe.

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'Urinetown' is Summer Theatre opener

"Urinetown"—yes, that really is the title, opens the season for Minot State University's 41st edition of Summer Theatre, June 13-18. This musical is a clever tale of corrupt big business and good intentions gone awry.

"Godspell" follows June 27-30. "No Sex Please, We're British" will run July 11-15. The season finale, "Seussical," will be staged July 22-23 and 25-29.

All shows are in the MSU Amphitheater at 8:30 p.m. MSU personnel and summer students are admitted free with current MSU I.D. Tickets for others are \$7 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens and children. Reservations may be made by calling the Summer Theatre box office at 858-3228.

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George Clark, who has been serving as interim director will continue in that capacity through August.

Larry Greenwood, the library's director, retired Dec. 31.

Tobacco cessation classes to be offered at MSU

Has MSU's new smoke-free policy got you thinking about quitting smoking (or chew)? Help will be available right here on campus! The First District Health Unit is teaming up with us to hold a tobacco cessation class at MSU. An orientation session will be held June 6, 4-5:30 p.m., in the Jones Room of the Student Union. Future session times and dates will be determined by participants and the facilitator's schedule. NDPERS will pay up to \$500 of your physician and medication costs, and the class is free. A minimum of six participants is needed, and the class size is limited to 20. Besides MSU employees, their spouses and dependents 18 years and older may participate because all are eligible for the NDPERS benefit. A flier with details has been distributed via e-mail, and questions may be directed to Renae Byre at First District Health Unit (rbyre@nd.gov). Sign up today!

Division II Task Force makes recommendation

The Minot State University NCAA Division II Task Force recommended that MSU continue considering a move to NCAA Division II but indicated that now was not the time for the institution to enter into an official exploratory period. The exploratory period is a mandatory one-year intensive study that is required as part of the transition to Division II.

The task force indicated that before making a move it was imperative that the school have a conference to join and have all fiscal planning complete. "The Task Force felt that a move to Division II is probably best for the institution in the long run, but without a conference to join at this point, the timing is not right. It wouldn't be in our best interest to be an independent," said Rick Hedberg, director of athletics and chair of the task force.

A survey conducted by the task force of all booster members indicated that 70 percent favored a move to Division II. Over 90 percent of those surveyed also said that the financial aspects should be worked out prior to a move. Eighty-two percent indicated that MSU should have a conference affiliation prior to a change.

"This study was very positive for us as a department and school. There are so many variables right now within intercollegiate athletics including changes in conferences and affiliations, that we need to be prepared for the future," said Hedberg.

The recommendation has been given to President David Fuller. He has until June 1, the deadline established by the NCAA, to make a final decision.

'Phillip Marshall' slated for June 1 and 3

The stage-worthy modern opera "Phillip Marshall" is being presented by Western Plains Opera June 1 and 3. Curtain time is 8 p.m., in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. This opera will be sung in English.

"Phillip Marshall," by Seymour Barab, is the story of a Confederate soldier, returned home after the traumatic Civil War. He struggles with his own mental health as he attempts to find love and happiness in disrupted Southern society. Barab will be WPO's special guest at the June 3 performance. The two lead roles will be sung by Korliss Uecker, soprano, and Douglas Webster, baritone. Uecker, a Hettinger, ND native, has performed extensively with the Metropolitan Opera. Webster has sung lead parts in operas such as "Don Giovanni" and with the national touring company of "Les Miserables."

Tickets are \$12, \$16, and \$20 and require reservations. They are available at the MSU Division of Music office or by calling 858-3185. Tickets may also be available at the door the day of the performance.

Drum heads Staff Senate

Julie Drum, Student Health and Development Center, is the new Minot State University Staff Senate president. Other new officers are Jolina Miller, Center for Extended Learning, vice president, and Pat Hubel, academic projects and research, secretary/treasurer.

Other members of Staff Senate are: Cassie Artz, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities; Linda Benson, public information; Rich Berg, NDCPD; Tawnya Bernsdorf, advancement; Chad Carr, Rural Crime and Justice Center; Merri Jo Connole, financial aid; Shan Haarsager, College of Arts and Sciences; Laurel Hyatt, business office; Barb Johnson, business office; Donna Just, library; Thomas Lipsey, plant services/custodial; Gordon MacGregor, bookstore; Renee Olson, communication disorders and special education; Scott Peterson, plant services/custodial; Karlee Rauschenberger, NDCPD; Sarah Rogers, enrollment services; Cheryl Rystedt, NDCPD; Toni Schwartz, ND Geographic Alliance and North Dakota University System Online; Jerry Smith, plant services/maintenance; and Lou Whitmer, music. Wes Matthews, human resources, and Kim Thompson, public information, are ex-officio members.

Announcements

Writing Center announces summer hours

The MSU Writing Center will have limited tutoring hours this summer. They are: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Other times are available by appointment. Please contact me if you would like a presentation for your summer class or have students who need times not listed above. Remember, e-mail tutoring is also available for the summer, but please remind students to allow AT LEAST 48 hours turn-around for their papers. Thanks!

—Patti Kurtz, assistant professor of English
and director of the Writing Center

Join the friend-raising golf tour

Minot State University will soon head out for its first stop in the friend-raising golf tour sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association, Beaver Boosters, Center for Extended Learning, and Enrollment Services. The eight communities on the route this year are: June 9—Stanley; June 14—Velva, June 21—Rugby, June 28—Westhope, July 12—Garrison, July 19—New Town, July 26—Mohall, August 2—Kenmare. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m., with action starting at about 5 p.m. The format will be a four-person, nine-hole scramble. A social will follow immediately at about 7 p.m., and non-golfers are welcome to attend. Optional meal and refreshments will be provided by the golf course. You are also responsible for your own green fees and cart rentals. There will be a couple of vans that will be traveling to and from each location. Call the Advancement Office at 858-3890 a minimum of one week prior to each scramble to reserve a meal and transportation. There will be lots of prizes including a \$200 MSU scholarship. Hope to see you there!

—Tawnya Bernsdorf, director of alumni and annual giving

Central stores-office supplies now available from bookstore

Remember that effective May 30, office paper and supplies are to be purchased from the Minot State University Bookstore. Bulk orders can be placed by calling the bookstore at 858-3390. Orders placed before noon will be delivered the same day if possible. At the time of sale, the following information must be provided: the appropriate PeopleSoft fund and department numbers, other pertinent accounting information, and the building and room number to which the items are to be delivered. In lieu of placing orders by telephone, purchase may be made in person. University personnel are encouraged to utilize the bookstore for all office needs as all departments receive a discount. For specialty items, such as toner and printer cartridges, supplies should be obtained from whatever source is being used currently. The bookstore will be sending out a complete list of common items available for purchase.

—Jared Edwards, director of plant services

Calendar

May 31-Aug. 24, 2006

May

31 – Summer eight-week classes begin.

June

- 1 & 3 Western Plains Opera: “Phillip Marshall,” Nelson Hall, 8 p.m.
- 5-29 Senior art exhibits: Brooks Griggs and Neil Wollschlager, Hartnett Hall Gallery.
- 5-29 “Unfinished Business” exhibition by Beth Lee, Library Gallery.
- 6 Last day to add an eight-week class.
- 6 Opening reception for “Unfinished Business,” Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.
- 6-11 Dakota Chamber Music Institute.
- 8 Dakota Chamber Music faculty recital with resident ensemble “Luminus,” Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 12 New student registration, Conference Center.
- 13-18 Summer Theatre: “Urinetown,” Amphitheater, 8:30 p.m.
- 20 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 21 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
- 21-23 Municipal Finance Officers Association Institute, Old Main.
- 27-July 2 Summer Theatre: “Godspell,” Amphitheater, 8:30 p.m.

July

- 4 Independence Day holiday, university closed.
- 6 Last day to drop an eight-week class.
- 10 New student registration, Conference Center.
- 11-15 Summer Theatre: “No Sex Please, We’re British,” Amphitheater, 8:30 p.m.
- 18 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 22-23 & 25-29 Summer Theater: “Seussical,” Amphitheater, 8:30 p.m.
- 26 Last day of eight week classes.
- 27-28 Final examinations in eight-week classes.
- 31 Grades must be entered by noon.

August

- 7 New student registration, Conference Center.
- 14 New student registration, Conference Center.
- 16 President’s Convocation.
- 16 MSU at the Zoo, Roosevelt Park.
- 18-19 New freshman orientation.
- 21 Transfer student orientation.
- 21 16-week classes after 4 p.m. begin.
- 21 First eight-week classes after 4 p.m. begin.
- 22 16-week classes begin.
- 24 Last day to add a first eight-week class.