



### Public Information Office

A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

## New student orientation is Aug. 18-19

All first-time MSU students are required to attend new student orientation Aug. 18-19. Orientation is important because students feel more comfortable attending Minot State University after meeting faculty, staff and other students and getting to know our campus and its services. Helpful MSU personnel are available to guide new students through the start-up process and to make sure they are headed in the right direction.

A sampling of orientation topics includes "Team Building," "Health Center and Counseling Services," "What to Expect of Faculty, Class and Honors Programs," and "Diversity and Safe Zones."

Parent and family orientation is set for Aug. 18, the first day of student orientation. College may be a new experience for a family, and the adults in a student's life play a crucial role in their success. The orientation program for parents is designed to familiarize them with Minot State University and its resources. Parent orientation is not required but highly recommended. Hotel accommodations have been made with the Grand International Inn, located north of the MSU campus.

Students must register for orientation by filling out the orientation form and submitting the fee of \$30. The deadline for registration is Aug. 3 and an additional charge of \$5 will be charged after the deadline. Additional information on new student and parent orientation and the registration form are available on the Web at [www.minotstateu.edu/orientation.html](http://www.minotstateu.edu/orientation.html). Questions can be directed to Tricia (Black) Wieser, student activities coordinator, at 858-3987 or the enrollment services office at 858-3350.

## MSU student crowned Miss N.D. National Teenager

Deann Olschlager, a sophomore majoring in management, will represent North Dakota at the Miss National Teenager Pageant in Nashville, Tenn., July 22-31. She was crowned Miss North Dakota National Teenager in Bismarck in May.

Competition in the Miss National Teenager Pageant includes talent, community involvement and academics. For her talent at the state pageant, Olschlager sang the popular song "You Light Up My Life" by Debby Boone.

Originally from Fessenden, the 18-year-old has volunteered at the community's nursing home. Olschlager played cards with the residents, picked up trash on the grounds and participated in other activities. In Minot she has been getting involved with the Domestic Violence Crisis Center and works part-time at Staples in the copy center.

Minot State University wishes Deann the best of luck!

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## Early registration days for new freshman and transfer students continue

Early registration sessions for new freshman and transfer students will be held July 10, Aug. 7 and Aug. 14. Upon the receipt and review of a student's application materials, they receive a letter indicating if they are eligible to attend registration. Benefits of attending early registration are: meeting their advisor, registering for classes, purchasing a parking permit, receiving additional information on their residence hall room, and receiving the most recent information on financial aid. Minot State registration days are coordinated by appointment only, so it is important that students complete and return the reservation form sent with their admission letter. The enrollment services staff looks forward to helping students start the next step in their academic careers. If assistance is needed completing the application or if there are questions regarding new student registration, please contact Rebecca Porter, registration specialist, by phone at 858-4348 or 1-800-777-0750, ext. 4348 or by e-mail to [rebecca.porter@minotstateu.edu](mailto:rebecca.porter@minotstateu.edu).

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## 'Godspell' is second Summer Theatre production

One of the biggest off-Broadway and Broadway successes of all time, "Godspell" will be performed at MSU Summer Theatre June 27-July 2. The musical, based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew, was conceived and originally directed by John Michael Tebelak with music and new lyrics by Stephen Schwartz. Its musical score boasts a string of recognizable songs, led by the international hit, "Day By Day." It will be directed by Kevin Neuharth, associate professor of communications.

"No Sex Please, We're British," a farce written by Anthony and Alistar Foot, follows July 11-15. Its plot hinges upon a misdelivered parcel of pornographic postcards, which end up in the hands of a staid banker and his frigid wife. Chad Gifford, an MSU alumni, will direct.

The season finale, "Seussical the Musical," will be staged July 22-23 and 25-29. The main concept of Seussical revolves around Dr. Seuss's memorable character Horton the Elephant and the citizens of Whoville. There are, however, throughout the musical, references to and appearances by many of his other beloved characters, including perhaps the most famous, the Cat in the Hat.

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 \$7.50 for adults and \$6.50 for senior citizens and students and \$5 for children 12 and younger.

## Board of Regents meets July 13

The Minot State University Board of Regents will meet in the Student Union Conference Center on July 13, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. This is the first summer session convened by the group for some time and the first time in which they will break out into newly formed committees; the committees include: executive membership, strategic planning, public relations and communications, advancement and promotion, and campus life and development.

During the evening prior to the meeting, regent members are invited to a reception at President David and Nancy Fuller's home. They will also have the opportunity to attend the MSU Summer Theatre performance of "No Sex Please, We're British."

## Former presidents garner honors

Former Minot State University presidents have continued to garner honors. Gordon B. Olson, president from 1967 to 1992, was named a 2005 Alumni Fellow by the Alumni Association of his alma mater, Dickinson State University. The DSU Alumni Fellow program seeks to recognize alumni who have

distinguished themselves in their careers. Named by their respective DSU academic department, the award is the highest honor bestowed upon alumni by the university's various academic departments. Olson graduated from DSU in 1948 and was named a fellow by the Department of Teacher Education. Before coming to Minot State, Olson was department chairman, institutional dean and vice president at DSU. He earned his doctorate from the University of North Dakota. Olson and his wife, Carley, continue to reside in Minot.

President H. Erik Shaar, who served MSU from 1992 to 2004, was granted emeritus status by the State Board of Higher Education at its November meeting. President David Fuller recommended Shaar for presidential emeritus status. Shaar came to MSU from the president's post, 1986-1992, at Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Previously he had served as vice president for academic affairs Shippensburg (Pa.) University since 1975. Shaar completed his doctorate at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., in 1964. Since retiring from MSU, Erik and Jane Shaar have relocated to the East Coast to be nearer to a daughter and extended family.

## CD graduate program re-accredited

The communication disorders graduate program has been re-accredited for the 2006-07 year. Tom Linares, chair of the Department of Communication Disorders and Special Education, was notified May 10 of the action. The Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association has approved the unit's second annual report in speech-language pathology. As part of its review during 2005-06, the CAA determined that the program has demonstrated compliance with the accreditation standards related to student preparation in meeting the ASHA certification standards (effective in 2005 for speech-language pathology and in 2007 for audiology).

## Faculty, staff and student notes

**Paula Stevens**, a senior in nursing, had an article "Are You on the Fence About Becoming a Mentor?" published in "Prairie Rose," Vol. 75, No. 2. The quarterly magazine is the official publication of the North Dakota Nurses Association. The focus of Stevens' article was to encourage experienced nurses to mentor a nursing student or recent graduate. She pointed out the positives of being a mentor, including the opportunity to institute change within the profession and to shape a mind by adding a fresh perspective.

Three MSU employees received honors at the Dakota State Eagles convention in Jamestown, June 7-10. **Linda Benson**, public information office, was presented with the Mrs. Eagle Award. This award recognizes a recipient's accomplishments and service to her local auxiliary, the state auxiliary and her

community. **Melanie Moore**, Student Health and Development Center, was elected Dakota State Inside Guard. **Bev Alex**, athletics, was selected as Dakota State Treasurer. Delegates from Fraternal Order of Eagles Aeries and Auxiliaries in North and South Dakota attended the convention.

The Honors Program congratulates MSU seniors **Darron Fry**, math education, and **Christen Friddle**, theatre arts, who have been chosen to present at the National Collegiate Honors Conference in Philadelphia this November. Fry is one of 21 students selected nationwide to participate in the interdisciplinary research panels; he will present a paper regarding Asperger's Syndrome (a form of autism). Friddle will participate in the "Idea Exchange" portion of the conference, demonstrating the development and success of MSU's "No Shame Theatre." These students will represent Minot State University among an estimated 1,500 conference participants.

**Tom Linares**, chair of communication disorders and special education, has been invited to participate in the fall forum that will be held at the ASHA national office in Rockville, Md., Sept. 28-30. He has been asked to share information on the development of the "North Dakota Plan" which addresses regional personnel shortages in communication disorders and the department's development of an innovative partnership to address this shortage. The invitation is the result of much time and effort being devoted to elevating the communications disorders program to national prominence.

## Faculty/staff acknowledgements from the June 21 University Cabinet meeting include:

**Mike Sivertson**, athletics, for all of his work in engaging student athletes to present Character Counts seminars in Towner and Granville. **Jon Olson**, art, has an exhibit at the Third Street Gallery in Grand Forks through July 7. **Ken Bowles, Richard Viglucci, Erik Anderson** and **DeVera Bowles**, music, for their involvement in the Western Plains Opera production "Phillip Marshall." **Jon Rumney, Erik Anderson** and **Dianna Anderson**, music, for their work in hosting another successful Dakota Chamber Music Institute in June. **Jonelle Watson**, business office, for completing the first session of the Collegiate Management Institute for university business operations and managers. **Conrad Davidson**, humanities, for directing "Urinetown"—the first show of the Summer Theatre season. **Eric Furuseth**, humanities, for his performance in the Western Plains Opera production of "Phillip Marshall" and for his performance in "Urinetown." **Lynne Rumney**, director, for all her work with the Honors Program, which included updating curriculum and engaging students in learning and scholarship. As mentioned before, two honors students were invited to participate in the National Collegiate Honors Conference in November. **Neil Fulton, George Withus** and **Darrin Olson**, Information Technology Central, for

the expertise they provided to the Minot Police Department in investigating a case, which led to the apprehension of a suspected person.

## Announcements

### Student life and housing open house scheduled

The Office of Student Life and Housing has moved to Dakota Hall first floor—south entrance. The space has been newly renovated, and an open house will be held Thursday (June 29), from 2 to 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to stop in and see the new office!

—*Lisa Eriksmoen, director of student life*

### Fee for transcripts in effect July 1

Effective July 1, 2006, Minot State University will be charging a \$5.00 per copy transcript processing fee for all official transcripts. Requests can be paid in check, money order, cash, or credit card. Students can request an official transcript in writing by mail, in person, or by fax. Transcripts can not be released without a written signature. The orders are processed in the order in which they are received, and please allow two business days for processing once the request is received in the Registrar's Office. Transcript request forms can be found at the Registrar's Office or online at [minotstateu.edu](http://minotstateu.edu) under current students—transcript. Current students and students enrolled at MSU since fall 2003 can acquire unofficial transcripts online at NO CHARGE.

—*Tania Balas, registrar*

### MSU-Bottineau provides updates

Steve Sathree is the replacement faculty for the social science position vacated by John Leno's retirement. Thatcher Hall project is about one to two weeks ahead of schedule. Online summer enrollment is highest it has been since beginning online offerings. Four diploma programs were approved at the last higher education board meeting. The MiSU-B centennial celebration runs July 14-16; schedule is posted at [www.misu-b.nodak.edu/centennial.htm](http://www.misu-b.nodak.edu/centennial.htm).

—*Russ Gagnon, MSU-Bottineau Minot campus coordinator*

### There's still golf left

There are still stops left in the Minot State University friend-raising golf tour sponsored by the Alumni Association, Beaver Boosters, Center for Extended Learning, and Enrollment Services. Today, golf will be played in Westhope. Garrison follows on July 12; New Town is July 19; Mohall is July 26; and Kenmare is Aug. 2. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m., with action starting at about 5 p.m. The format will be a four-person, 9-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 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. Thus far, there has been great attendance and enthusiasm at each outing. Hope to see you there!

—*Tawnya Bernsdorf, director of alumni and annual giving*

## In the galleries

July 3-28—Trish Belgarde exhibit, Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery.

July 15-Aug. 25—Impromptu faculty exhibit, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

## Calendar

### June 28-August 30, 2006

#### JUNE

- 28-July 2 Summer Theatre: "Godspell," Amphitheater, 8:30 p.m.
- 29 Open house at Office of Student Life and Housing, Dakota Hall, 2-4 p.m.

#### JULY

- 4 Independence Day holiday, university closed.
- 6 Last day to drop an eight-week class.
- 10 New student registration, Conference Center.
- 10 President's Staff retreat.
- 11 President at joint boards meeting in Bismarck.
- 11-15 Summer Theatre: "No Sex Please, We're British," Amphitheater, 8:30 p.m.
- 13 Board of Regents meeting.
- 14-16 MSU-Bottineau Centennial.
- 18 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 19 University Cabinet, Westlie 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.
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- 16 President's Convocation.
- 17 Residence hall move-in day.
- 17 MSU at the Zoo.
- 18-19 New freshman and 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.
- 25 Spring 2007 student teaching applications due by 4 p.m. to Field Placement Office.
- 30 Last day to add a 16-week class.

## FUTURE EVENT:

Sept. 7-14 University Diversity Week.