



Public Information Office

A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

'Get the Scoop' education fair is Monday

The public is invited to "get the scoop" at a Minot State University education fair and open house July 31, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the atrium between the Student Union and Administration Building. Free ice cream sundaes will be provided, along with the latest instruction on applying or transferring to MSU and news about hot jobs and careers.

Information will be provided for new, transfer, and former students. Minot State University staff from the following offices will be available to answer questions: enrollment services, admissions office, Graduate School, College of Business, financial aid, career services, residence life and the Center for Extended Learning, including Minot Air Force Base, online and correspondence programs.

Visitors will also experience the new, convenient location of enrollment and admission services. The combined services have been relocated just off the atrium in the lower level of the Administration Building, Room 165.

Free parking is available in the Student Union and Administration Building parking lots and door prizes will be given away.

Mentorship program being launched

Minot State University is starting a new student mentoring program, coordinated by career services, which will supplement the role of the academic advisors. Mentors will support first-year freshmen with their transition to Minot State University by promoting on-campus involvement, providing guidance, and fostering personal growth. During the 2006-07 academic year a select group of incoming freshmen will be invited to apply, and faculty and staff are invited to volunteer to serve as mentors.

Debra Chandler has been hired as a student services advisor and the coordinator of the mentor program. She assures those interested that they will have all the information they need to be a successful mentor. You do not need to be an expert in serving students; you just need to be willing to develop a mentoring relationship with new students and help them navigate through their first year at MSU, according to Chandler.

Responsibilities of mentors include: attending a mentor training session Aug. 8, serving as a leader for your group of students at orientation Aug. 18, setting up one-on-one contacts with each of your students three times per semester, getting to know your assigned students' needs and directing them to available services, attending social/campus events with your students as a group once per semester (sporting events, Student Association activities, lecture series, etc.), and assisting students with completing requirements of

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MSU at the Zoo II

It's version two of "MSU at the Zoo," Aug. 17. Join your MSU counterparts from 5-9 p.m. in the Roosevelt Park Zoo for FOOD, FUN, and PRIZES! The event includes admission to the zoo, a free dinner served from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and a drawing for door prizes. MSU faculty and staff and their immediate families will be admitted free by presenting an MSU I.D. or the MSU at the Zoo invitation distributed through campus mail. Please use the main zoo entrance to access the event. Additional parking will be available at Corbett Field. Questions about the event can be directed to Julie Drum, Staff Senate president at julie.drum@minotstateu.edu or 858-3371.

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the mentoring program, and submitting paperwork to the mentor coordinator. Mentors are also asked to meet with the mentor coordinator at least once a semester to express concerns and share successes and occasionally meet with the mentor coordinator and other mentors as a group to provide support and share concerns and successes.

If you are interested in participating in the mentoring program, please complete the mentor volunteer form that was distributed via e-mail and return it through campus mail to Debra Chandler, career services, by Aug. 1. Questions may be directed to Chandler at 858-3279.

Registration days for new students are Aug. 7 and 14.

There are two remaining registration sessions for new freshman and transfer students, Aug. 7 and 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 at rebecca.porter@minotstateu.edu.

Required student orientation is Aug. 18-19

The Aug. 3 registration deadline for new student orientation is approaching soon. Orientation is compulsory for all first-time Minot State University students because it is an important tool to help them be successful in their college experience. After meeting faculty, staff and other students and getting to know our campus and its services, students are better acclimated and more comfortable at MSU.

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. 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. An additional \$5 will be charged after the Aug. 3 deadline. Additional information on new student and parent orientation and the registration form are available on the Web at www.minotstateu.edu/orientation.html. Questions can be directed to Tricia Weiser, student activities coordinator, at 858-3987 or the enrollment services office at 858-3350.

'Seussical' closes Summer Theatre

"Seussical the Musical" wraps up the Summer Theatre season and continues through Saturday (July 29). This full-length musical incorporates 17 of Dr. Seuss' children's books. The Cat in the Hat acts as emcee and Horton the Elephant is a central character. The show, directed by Conrad Davidson, boasts a huge cast of 53 that range in ages from 3 to the mid-50s. The show also has a larger than usual musical accompaniment, a nine-piece group featuring woodwinds, brass, drums and keyboards. All shows are at the MSU Amphitheater, 8:30 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling 858-3228. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults, \$6.50 for students and senior citizens and \$5 for children age 12 and under. MSU faculty and staff and summer students are admitted free with an MSU I.D.

Chancellor Potts accepts severance agreement

North Dakota's State Board of Higher Education approved a buy-out of North Dakota University System Chancellor Robert Potts' contract, which will pay him \$214,750 during the next year to resign and remain available as a consultant.

On July 20, SBHE members authorized the severance agreement, which was negotiated by board member Richie Smith and Pat Seaworth, the system's attorney, after Potts announced last month he intended to leave his position.

Potts is resigning as chancellor because of differences with the SBHE over the scope of his authority as the system's top administrator. During his tenure, he had disputes with Joseph Chapman, the president of the North Dakota State University, and the chancellor felt the board had not taken steps to resolve them.

Potts signed a three-year contract in March 2004, and he began work as chancellor the following July. A former Alabama university administrator, he said he did not regret taking the job. "Even given the differences of opinion we've had, we would do this all over again," Potts said. "This is a great state; it's a great university system. It's going to go forward, I know, in a wonderful way." —*partially excerpted from the Minot Daily News/Associated Press*

Two finalists selected for interim chancellor

On Tuesday a search committee named two finalists, Eddie Dunn and Lee Vickers, to be forwarded to the State Board of Higher Education for consideration for the position of interim chancellor. Dunn is the North Dakota University System's vice chancellor for strategic planning and executive director of the College Technical Education Council. Vickers has been president of Dickinson State University since July 1999.

The interim chancellor will replace Chancellor Robert Potts. Board President John Paulsen said the board will have a special meeting July 28, when they likely will choose the interim chancellor. That timeline agrees with the board's hope to have an interim chancellor in place by Aug. 1, when Potts' resignation becomes effective.

Other candidates for the position included: Charles Cheney, former superintendent of West Fargo public schools; W. Jeremy Davis, dean of University of North Dakota's law school, 1983-2002; Phil Harmeson, senior associate to UND President Charles Kupchella; William Isaacson, consultant and retired chemical engineer at 3M Co. and former SBHE member, 1998-2002; Paul Markel, associate professor of psychology at Minot State University; James Schobel, president of Mayville State University, 1973-1993; Earl Strinden, former executive vice president of UND's alumni association and the UND Foundation and former Grand Forks Republican legislator; and Richard Tschider, former president of St. Alexius Medical Center in Bismarck.

Vickers previously was a member of the search committee and participated in its first meeting July 14, but he resigned after a number of supporters put his name forward for the interim chancellor position. Members of the committee voted to accept Vickers' committee resignation July 17. He was replaced by Ellen Chaffee, president of Valley City State University, later in the day.

Committee members also voted unanimously to extend the likely tenure of the interim chancellor from less than one year to between 18 months and two years. Paulsen said this would keep the next permanent chancellor from starting work during

or shortly before a legislative session. Potts was chancellor for only about two years. Paulsen said knowledge of the university system and the legislature would both be taken into consideration in choosing an interim chancellor. — *partially excerpted from the Grand Forks Herald and Fargo Forum*

Announcements

CEL announces fall events

Fall events include: October – College for Kids during school break; November – Adult Type II diabetes camp; swim talk for parents – education sessions held during Minot Swim Club lessons at MSU pool; Marketplace for Entrepreneurs hosted by CEL; campus visit day for dual-credit students; Saturday tours by enrollment services; Campus Preview Day; and high school counselor workshop day. Kim Goodhart is the new student services coordinator at Bismarck State College. Amy Woodbeck moved from MAFB office to the registration coordinator position in CEL, Jessica McIntyre is the new student services assistant at MAFB. – Teresa Loftesnes, director of continuing education

Look for Core Survey in September

The North Dakota Core Alcohol and Drug Survey will be administered at MSU in addition to the 10 other state public institutions in September. The survey was developed in conjunction with the Core Institute and with feedback from statewide community and campus focus groups facilitated through the North Dakota Higher Education Consortium for Substance Abuse Prevention in spring 2006. – Caren Barnett, director of student health

Faculty/staff acknowledgements from the July 19 University Cabinet meeting include:

Bill Harbort, art, who has his artwork and biography featured in Muscle Car Enthusiast magazine, August 2006 issue. **Margaret Sherve**, English, who researched the context of Lois Philips Hudson's novel "The Bones of Plenty" and made a presentation to a book club in Kenmare. **Neil Roberts**, broadcasting, who received an Eric Severeid Award from the Northwest Broadcast News Association. **Chris Keller**, biology, who delivered a scientific paper at a plant development symposium in Beijing, China in June. **Bryce Fifield**, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, who was elected treasurer for the Association of University Centers on Disabilities. **NDCPD** also was recently awarded a new grant called Senior Medicare Patrol in the amount of \$180,000 per year for up to three years.

In the galleries

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

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

Aug. 1-18—Kelly Kamphuis exhibit, Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery.

Aug. 28-Sept. 27—America's 2000, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Calendar

July 26-Aug. 30, 2006

JULY

- 26 Last day of eight week classes.
- 26-29 Summer Theatre: "Seussical the Musical," Amphitheater, 8:30 p.m.
- 27-28 Final examinations in eight-week classes.
- 31 Grades must be entered by noon.
- 31 "Get the Scoop" education fair and open house, Student Union atrium.

AUGUST

- 1 CLEP testing available, ACT Center.
- 7 New student registration, Conference Center.
- 8 Mentor training session.
- 8 MAFB student open house, MAFB Education Center, 4:30-7 p.m.
- 14 New student registration, Conference Center.
- 14-15 New faculty orientation.
- 16 President's Convocation.
- 17 Residence hall move-in day.
- 17 MSU at the Zoo, Roosevelt Park Zoo, 5-9 p.m.
- 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.
- 23 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9-11 a.m.
- 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 EVENTS:

- Sept. 7-14 University Diversity Week.
- Sept. 18-23 Homecoming.
- Oct. 6 MSU Alumni Association Gala dinner and auction, Holiday Inn, 5:30 p.m.



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