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A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

Afternoon classes canceled Friday

Vice President for Academic Affairs Gary Ross has canceled Friday afternoon classes beginning at 1 p.m. and afterward. The action was requested by the Student Association to support participation in Homecoming and Family Weekend activities. Rabe said that initially he was opposed to the idea because faculty members have already made plans for the day. He also recalled that in previous years, classes were cancelled in support of Homecoming and some students left campus and did not return to participate in sponsored activities. In making his decision, Rabe consulted with President David Fuller, the college deans, members of the Academic Affairs Council, the Faculty Senate president, Faculty Senate, and faculty members from across campus. There emerged a broad consensus that while all did not want a repeat of previous years, most saw the value of providing time for students to engage in educational and social activities outside the classroom. Rabe said he also reflected on whether the action would aid the campus in working toward the Vision 2013 Strategic Plan by engaging students and providing opportunities for their social and intellectual growth. The vice president said that this action should not be interpreted as an indication that the practice will continue in the future; a future decision will be based on what is reported by faculty, staff and students about the success of the planned activities and the degree to which students embraced the opportunity.

Homecoming 2006: 'Get Your Beav' On'

Homecoming at Minot State University this year centers on the theme "Get Your Beav' On." Homecoming week officially kicked off Sunday, but there are still many upcoming activities.

Today brings casino games and free nachos for students in the Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Beginning at 9 p.m., comedian Lee Camp entertains in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

A billiard tournament starts Thursday's activities. This tournament will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., followed by the "Battle of the Sexes" game show at 7:30 p.m. Both events will be in the Beaver Dam.

This is the first year that the university's Family Weekend coincides with Homecoming. Friday events include a Beaver Golf Scramble, sponsored by Delta Epsilon Chi, at 1:30 p.m. at the Souris Valley Golf Course. All are invited to attend the MSU volleyball game against Valley City State University at 7 p.m. in the MSU Dome. For alumni of Greek organizations, a reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn-Riverside, 7 p.m.

Homecoming culminates Saturday with the "Beaver Parade," starting at 10:30 a.m. Beginning at the Civic Auditorium, the parade route runs through downtown on Main Street and north to the Dome on Broadway. A tailgate party in the east lot of the Dome will follow. The Beavers face off against South Dakota School of Mines and Technology,

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Homecoming court selected

Minot State University students selected the members of the 2006 Homecoming court.

Queen candidates are Katie Aide, communication disorders; Anna Alex, communication disorders; Genevieve Binsfeld, criminal justice; Cassie Dahl, business education; and Nikki Lindgren, physical education and corporate fitness.

King candidates are Jordan Cooper, history education; Matthew Geinert, history education; Blaine King, corporate fitness; Malenius "Mel" Klimpel, broadcasting; and Kal Triplett, physical education and corporate fitness.

Coronation of the king and queen, with music provided by Nick Motil, was last night in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. Look for results in your campus e-mail today and a photo in the next *Inside*.

Congratulations to all members of the court!

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Herb Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m. During half-time, the homecoming royalty and Hall of Fame inductees will be introduced.

Most activities are free with MSU student and staff identification. Guests may be charged a nominal fee. Individual events sponsored by organizations other than the Student Association may have separate charges. This year's Homecoming chairs are seniors Ali Guitian, Minot, and Nikki Lindgren, Malta, Mont.

For more information on Homecoming activities call Student Activities at 858-3987, the Alumni Office at 858-3234, or the Athletic Department at 858-3041.

MSU enrollment marks slight decrease

Minot State University's enrollment marked a slight decrease, according to President David Fuller. After the third week of classes, MSU is counting 3,712 students compared to 3,798 last year.

"While we never like to experience a decrease, we have been anticipating a slight decline," said Fuller. "The figures bear out our prediction of about a 2 percent decrease in enrollment."

Minot State University saw its greatest decreases in correspondence and in face-to-face off campus classes, including Minot Air Force Base. Those two components decreased by 94 students.

Other areas that marked a decline in numbers include students from Ward County and transfer students.

"We are studying carefully the demographic changes and the positive trends in new students," said Fuller. "Our continued focus will be on serving our community and region, improving our student services on campus to enhance our support and retention of students, and looking at other potential markets."

Other highlights of MSU fall 2006 enrollment include:

- The number of Canadian students grew from 234 last year to 253 this year, an increase of 7.5 percent. It is the fourth year in a row that this population has seen an increase since a decline that started in 1994.
- The number of Native American students grew from 122 to 142 this year.
- International students have increased by 4, from 25 to 29 students.
- The new freshman student population increased about 2.5 percent.
- The number of new graduate students increased about 14 percent.

- The enrollments in online and interactive video network (IVN) courses saw an increase of more than 14 percent. Online enrollment continues to constitute a large percentage of the university's total enrollment.

"We work very hard on all components of our enrollment," said the president. "Unfortunately the areas where we're seeing increases are not enough to offset bigger losses in other places." Enrollment figures became official after Sept. 19 when they were reported to the North Dakota University System office.

Four go golden Sept. 28

One Minot State University faculty member, one retired faculty member and two alumni have been selected to receive the MSU Alumni Association's 2006 Golden Award. The Golden Award banquet will be held Sept. 28, 6 p.m. in the MSU Conference Center.

Those who will be honored include Brent Askvig, associate director of the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, John Kincheloe, retired dean of the MSU College of Education and Health Sciences, alumnus Thomas Myhra, a retired educator, and alumnus Curtis Zimbleman, mayor of Minot and vice president of operations for First Western Bank. The Golden Award is the highest award bestowed by the Alumni Association, and it was first presented in 1967.

Tickets are \$15 and may be obtained at the Alumni Office or by calling 858-3234. Reservations are requested as soon as possible.

Alumni Association's premier Gala event is Oct. 6

It's the Alumni Association's perennial favorite...the 24th annual Gala Dinner and Auction on Oct. 6 at Minot's Holiday Inn. The social and auction preview begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

Successful bidders may gain the use of a condominium in Las Vegas in March, a Pepsi machine and supply of Pepsi products, two semesters of MSU tuition, and an original painting by Floyd Fairweather. Other handcrafts include decorative painted eggs and a beaver carved from wood. Among other sports memorabilia are baseballs individually autographed by Derek Jeter, Jason Bartlett, Torii Hunter and North Dakota native Travis Hafner. Special to the Gala and attracting high interest for a number of years, are items incorporating salvaged fabric from McFarland Auditorium. Alumni Chuck and Jan Repnow of Rugby are contributing 18 creations to this year's auction.

The \$50 tickets include a gourmet dinner and, new this year, dancing to the Joe Alme band after the live auction.

Net proceeds help fund scholarships and programs sponsored by the Alumni Association. Reservations by Sept. 29 are strongly suggested as this event has sold out in the past. Tickets may be obtained by calling 858-3234.

Curriculum Committee meetings slated for 2006-2007

The Curriculum Committee will be meeting on the following days during the 2006-2007 academic year: Oct. 17, Nov. 22, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 20 and April 17.

Meetings will be in the Westlie Room, 12:30-2:00 p.m. Every effort will be made to keep meetings to only one hour; however, with potential workload, meetings may be longer or over the allotted time. A December meeting has not been scheduled, but one may be necessary if the November meeting has a full schedule.

To ensure a quorum, members should send a proxy if they will be absent. Please contact Kristi Berg at 858-4337 or kristi.berg@minotstateu.edu with the name of the proxy one day before the meeting.

Division and department representatives must attend the Curriculum Committee meetings to present their curricula and submit the proper paperwork for advancement to Faculty Senate. Division and department representatives must attend the Faculty Senate meetings to support their curricula and answer any possible questions. The Curriculum Committee chair will ensure the proper forms are signed by the Faculty Senate secretary and forwarded to the vice president for academic affairs.

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A detailed schedule that outlines the dates when curricula must be submitted and the timing between Curriculum Committee and Faculty Senate meetings has been distributed via campus e-mail. Please contact Berg if you have any questions.

Next NAC lecture highlights international travel

Tomorrow evening Robert Kibler, associate professor of English, and some of his students will talk on "Horizons Unlimited: Experience and Learning across Borders and Cultures," and Michelle Sauer, associate professor of English, will speak about her international trip.

Additional slated lectures include the Sept. 28 lecture featuring John Girard, associate professor of business administration, pondering "If Knowledge is Power ... Why Am I Always in the Dark?" On Oct. 5, Jamieson Ridenhour, assistant professor of English at the University of Mary, will present "The Thirsty Dead: Vampires in Popular Culture from Byron to Buffy." He will explore the various incarnations of the vampire in literature and elsewhere, while offering an explanation of what it is about them that keeps people enthralled.

SBHE names Hart interim CTEC director and NDSCS interim president

The State Board of Higher Education announced Sept. 13 the reassignment of Sharon Hart, president of North Dakota State College of Science, to interim executive director of the College Technical Education Council. The board also named John Richman, NDSCS vice president for academic and student affairs, as interim president of the community college in Wahpeton.

During board discussions, SBHE President John Q. Paulsen acknowledged Hart's accomplishments since becoming president of NDSCS in 2000. "Dr. Hart has been required to make some difficult decisions for the benefit of NDSCS," Paulsen said. "Her performance evaluations have been excellent, and her reassignment to the CTEC position will allow the University System to continue to benefit from her knowledge and expertise."

Hart resigned her position as NDSCS president Sept. 15 and began her CTEC duties Sept. 16. The CTEC position became vacant when Eddie Dunn, former CTEC executive director and vice chancellor for strategic planning, became chancellor of the North Dakota University System Aug. 4.

Hart will continue as interim executive director of CTEC until June 30, 2007, unless she resigns from the position at an earlier date. She will continue to be compensated according to the terms of her presidential contract, including an annual salary of \$123,736, an annual \$11,000 vehicle allowance and an annual \$20,000 housing allowance, which now will include provision for a home office.

Richman became interim president of NDSCS Sept. 16. He will continue his responsibilities as vice president for academic and student affairs. Richman served as interim vice president of instruction at NDSCS for one year before being named to his current position in May 2003.

“Dr. Richman’s relationship with NDSCS began as a student there more than 30 years ago,” Paulsen said. “He understands the college’s rich past and has the vision and experience needed to guide NDSCS during this time of transition. The State Board of Higher Education looks forward to his leadership of this great institution.”

Richman received a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree from what is now Minnesota State University-Moorhead and a doctorate in kinesiology from the University of Minnesota in 1991. Richman returned to NDSCS in 1986 as the head football coach and as an instructor in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department.

Richman will receive an annual salary of \$123,736, an annual \$11,000 vehicle allowance and an annual \$10,000 housing/hosting allowance. He will not become a candidate for the permanent position unless requested to do so by a search committee or the SBHE.

New faces

The following individuals are new to MSU:

- Tracie Thompson—administrative assistant, vice president of advancement.
- Travis Grant—athletic facilities worker, plant services.
- Debra Bingeman—service coordinator, NDCPD.
- Jennifer Feller—student account and receivables clerk, business office.
- Deana Rennick—lecturer, English.
- Mandy Schelling—assistant coach, athletics.

Announcements

Deadline for graduation application nears

Fall applications for graduation are due in the Registrar’s Office by Friday (Sept. 22).

—*Tania Balas, registrar*

More directories are coming

More campus directories are being printed. Orders for extras will be filled after all the departments have received their directories. Please call 6-3010 to be put on the list to receive extras.

—*Helen Otto, Post Office*

Directory correction

Please note that Tawnya Berndorf’s first name is misspelled in the directory (incorrectly spelled Tawyna). The incorrect spelling is also reflected in her e-mail address.

—*Kim Thompson, director of public information*

Campus Quality Survey deadline extended

The deadline for the Campus Quality Survey has been extended until Friday (Sept. 22). The return rate currently stands at about 27 percent. Please complete both columns of the survey and note that the North Dakota University System included several additional questions, which can be found on the back of the letter co-signed by Drs. Fuller and Potts.

—*Patricia Hubel, academic projects and research coordinator*

University requests proposals from vendors for bookstore

Minot State University’s auxiliary services (the bookstore, residence halls, apartment buildings, Student Union and food service) are an integral part of its operations. Historically the bookstore has been the largest and most consistent contributor of excess revenues to help pay the university’s bond costs and fund other auxiliary services needs.

In exploring options to generate additional sales and to provide the bookstore staff with the necessary tools to improve customer service, support on line operations, and remain responsive to the direction being taken in the campus strategic plan, the university is drafting a request for proposal to be submitted to outside vendors. This opens the possibility of contracting with an outside vendor to manage MSU’s bookstore operations.

The bookstore staff is aware of this process and looks forward to this opportunity.

—*Ron Dorn, vice president for administration and finance*

TIAA-CREF presentations scheduled

TIAA-CREF recently added 13 new investment options for participants in the retirement and supplemental retirement plans. Brochures describing these options should be coming to you in campus mail soon. To help introduce these options a representative from TIAA-CREF, Linda Robinson, will make two presentations Oct. 4, at 10 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. in the Missouri Room.

Following that, on Oct. 10, Oct. 11, and Oct. 12, two financial counselors from TIAA-CREF will be on campus for one-on-one counseling. A flyer with more details and the electronic link to schedule an appointment for financial counseling has been distributed via campus e-mail.

To give you a sense of the new investment options, I'd like to share a summary. The new options include a new concept called LifeCycle Funds. If you're looking for ease of planning and management of your retirement funds, these funds just might be the solution. Using conventional retirement planning strategies these funds are adjusted as you approach retirement. The further away from retirement you are, the more aggressive the investment portfolio. As retirement gets closer, the investment portfolio becomes more conservative. TIAA-CREF believes this approach may be a very welcomed approach by many participants.

Other new options include additional funds for a more narrowed focus within the equity investing category for those who want a more "hands-on" approach.

These are important options to understand whether you are or are not a hands-on investor, so please plan to attend one of the Oct. 4 presentations and schedule an appointment for one-on-one counseling if you need to.

—Wes Matthews, director of human resources

'Freedom from Tobacco' classes to begin Oct. 12

A new series of cessation classes has been postponed until Oct. 12. The eight sessions will be held from noon to 1:15 p.m. in the Jones Room, Student Union. By teaming up with the First District Health Unit, the class is free and NDPERS will pay up to \$500 of physician and medication costs. There are no up-front costs for participants because FDHU provides patches and gum and bills PERS. 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 FDHU at 852-5043.

—MSU Wellness Team

'Inside' correction

The correct rank for music faculty member Grant Linsell is instructor. He was incorrectly identified as an assistant professor in the Sept. 13 issue.

—Kim Thompson, director of public information

In the galleries

Aug. 28-Sept. 27—Erin Harmon: Best of Show exhibit, Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery.

Aug. 28-Sept. 27—Americas 2000: All Media, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Oct. 3-27—Monte Yellow Bird exhibit, Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery.

Oct. 3-27—Roseanne Olson exhibit, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

A lecture and public reception for the Olson exhibit is Oct. 9, Harnett Hall Gallery, 7:30 p.m.

Calendar

Sept. 20- Oct. 31, 2006

September

- 20 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
- 20 Homecoming: casino games and free nachos, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 20 Homecoming: comedian Lee Camp, Nelson Hall, 9 p.m.
- 21 Homecoming: billiards tournament, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 21 NAC lecture: Robert Kibler, English, and MSU students, "Horizons Unlimited: Experience and Learning across Borders and Cultures," and by Michelle Sauer, English, on her international travel, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 21 Homecoming: "Battle of the Sexes" game show, Beaver Dam, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Fall semester applications for graduation due in Registrar's Office.
- 22 Beaver Boosters luncheon, Grand International Inn, noon.
- 22 Homecoming: Beaver Golf Scramble sponsored by Delta Epsilon Chi, Souris Valley Golf Course, 1:30 p.m.
- 22 Volleyball vs. Valley City State U., Dome, 7 p.m.
- 22 Greek reunion, Holiday Inn, 7 p.m.
- 22 Concert: MSU Concert Band and alumni, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 22-23 Homecoming: Family Weekend.
- 23 Homecoming: parade, route from Minot Civic Auditorium through downtown and north on Broadway to Dome, 10:30 a.m.
- 23 Homecoming: tailgating, east parking lot of Dome, 11:30 a.m.
- 23 Homecoming: football vs. South Dakota Tech, introduction of Homecoming royalty and Athletics Hall of Fame inductees at halftime, Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
- 23 Volleyball vs. Mayville State U., Dome, 7 p.m.
- 23 Cross Country at Roy Griak Invite, Minneapolis.
- 24 Faculty recital: Dianna Anderson, piano, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
- 24-25 Golf home, Sunday Souris Valley Golf Course, 1 p.m., and Monday Minot Country Club, 9 a.m.
- 25 Nursing Student Association, Memorial Hall 304, 12:15 p.m.
- 25 Student Association, Westlie Room, 6 p.m.
- 26 International Artists Series: "Bay Street Brassworks," Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 SAC: movie, Aleshire Theater, 9 p.m.
- 27-30 Theatre: "The Drawer Boy," Black Box Theater, 7:30 p.m.

- 28 Seminar for student teaching spring 2007, Westlie Room, 8 a.m.–noon.
- 28 MSU Alumni Association Golden Awards, Conference Center, 6 p.m.
- 28 NAC lecture: “If Knowledge is Power...Why Am I Always in the Dark?” by John Girard, business, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 29 Deadline to submit proposals to the Intellectual Climate Committee.
- 29 Board of Regents, Conference Center.
- 29 Seminar for student teaching spring 2007, Westlie Room, 8 a.m.-noon.
- 29 Volleyball at Black Hills State U.
- 29 Guest alumni recital: Barry Wenger, organ, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Men’s Club Hockey vs. Colorado State College, MAYSA arena, 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Football at Dickinson State U.
- 30 Volleyball at South Dakota Tech.
- 30 Men’s Club Hockey vs. Bemidji State U., MAYSA arena, 7:30 p.m.

October

- 1 Men’s Club Hockey vs. St. Cloud State U., MAYSA arena, 10 a.m.
- 1 Concert: Percussion Ensemble, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 2 Campus Preview Day for high school counselors, Conference Center.
- 2 Guest pianists: Statewide Cultural Diversity Program, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 3 SAC: free chips and salsa, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 3 Online Studies Committee, Jones Room, 1 p.m.
- 3 WebCT training: advanced skills, Main 314, 5 p.m.
- 3-27 NAC exhibit: Roseanne Olson, Hartnett Hall Gallery.
- 3-27 Monte Yellow Bird exhibit, Olson Library Gallery.
- 4 Volleyball vs. Dickinson State U., Dome, 7 p.m.
- 5 Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
- 5 NAC lecture: “The Thirsty Dead: Vampires in Popular Cultures from Byron to Buffy,” by Jamieson Ridenhour, English, U. of Mary, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 6 Beaver Boosters luncheon, Grand International Inn, noon.
- 6 Cross Country at Jamestown Invite.
- 6 Golf at Bismarck.
- 6 MSU Alumni Association Gala dinner and auction, Holiday Inn, social 5:30 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m.
- 6 Theatre: No Shame Theatre, Black Box, submissions at 8:15 p.m., performance at 9 p.m.
- 7 Football vs. Mayville State U., Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
- 7 Minot Symphony Orchestra, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 8-9 Choral Clinic: MSU and Heritage Singers, Nelson Hall, all day.
- 9 NAC: lecture and public reception for Roseanne Olson exhibit, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Assessment Day, classes prior to 3 p.m. are cancelled.
- 11-12 Final exams in first 8-week classes.
- 11-12 Theatre: Ibsen performances by Jeanne Boe, Black Box Theater, Wednesday 6 p.m., Thursday 2 & 6 p.m.
- 13 Peace Garden Conference.
- 14 Football at Valley City State U.
- 15 Junior student recital: Olga Dvornikova, violin, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
- 16 Student Association, Westlie Room, 6 p.m.
- 17 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 17 Mentor meeting, Missouri Room, noon.
- 18 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
- 19 Last day to drop a 16-week class.
- 19 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.
- 19-22 Theatre: “Tom Jones,” Aleshire Theater, Thursday-Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m.
- 20 Campus Preview Day for senior high school students, Conference Center.
- 20 Cross Country hosts DAC Championships, Souris Valley Golf Course, 10:30 a.m.
- 20 Beaver Boosters luncheon, Grand International Inn, noon.
- 20 Volleyball vs. Dakota State U., Dome, 7 p.m.
- 21 MSU Alumni Association gathering in Golden, Colo.
- 21 Football vs. Dakota State U., Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
- 21 Volleyball vs. Jamestown College, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 22 International Artists Series: pianist Eric Himy, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
- 22 Concert: Brass Band of Minot, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Second 8-week classes begin.
- 23 Nursing Student Association, Memorial Hall 304, 12:15 p.m.
- 23 Student Association, Westlie Room, 6 p.m.
- 24 Concert: MSU Concert Band, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Brown Bag Book Talk: Kathy Hintz, education, on “Should We Burn Babar?: Essays on Children’s Literature and the Power of Stories,” Olson Library lower level, noon.
- 26 Last day to add a second 8-week class.
- 26 NAC lecture: “Universal Sex Differences in Behavior,” by Lee Ellis, sociology, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 27 Volleyball at Mayville State U.
- 27-29 Women’s Basketball at Regina Tourney.
- 27-29 Women’s Club Hockey at Rainy River Community College Tourney.
- 28 Senior student recital: Ben Huseby, trombone, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
- 28 Concert: Chuchumbe Band, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Football at Jamestown College.
- 28 Volleyball at Valley City State U.
- 28 Men’s Basketball exhibition game at U. of North Dakota.
- 28 Faculty recital: Erik Anderson, cello, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
- 29 Concert: MSU Choirs, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 30 SAC: music and free candy, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 31 SAC: Halloween dance, Beaver Dam, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
- 31