



Binsfeld becomes National Champion, Garcia is All-American



Genevieve Binsfeld, Minot State University senior, captured first place Nov. 18 at the NAIA National Cross Country Championships in Louisville, Ky. Also, placing in the top 30, to earn her first All-American honor, was freshman Phoebe Garcia. On the men's side, seniors George Anderson and Zach Burdick ran strong finishing 64th and 94th respectively.

Binsfeld finished in 17:38, nine seconds better than the runner-up Grace Jepngetich of Vanguard University (Calif.) at 17:47. Garcia hammered toward the finish with three competitors going by her until the last 150

meters when she caught one of them again to break the tape in 27th place and 18:38.

A Watson, Saskatchewan, native, Binsfeld earned her fourth hill-n-dale All-American honor to equal Beaver alumnus Brad Tighe's four honors. Tighe's best finish at nationals was second in 2000 which Binsfeld equaled last year as a junior. Binsfeld also took seventh in 2004 and in 2003 as a freshman she finished 11th.

"Genevieve and Phoebe ran great today," Stu Melby, head coach, said. "Genny has worked so hard these past four years and especially this season that she really deserves this. What better way to end your collegiate career than being number one. And Phoebe starting her collegiate career as an All American bodes well for the future of our program. They both competed very hard under tough conditions. The weather was ideal, but the course was very muddy from rain earlier in the week which left standing water in several areas even in front of the finish line."

For the fourth year in a row, Simon Fraser University (British Columbia) won the team title with 73 points. Rounding out the top five teams were Cedarville University (Ohio) with 92 points in second, Concordia University (Calif.) third and 143 points, Black Hills State University (S.D.) fourth and 187 points, and Malone College (Ohio) fifth and 191 points.

The MSU Beavers also had two members who achieved All-American Scholar-Athletes honors: Anderson for the men and Laurelle Irvine for the women. Each achieved this honor the second year in a row. Anderson has a 3.94 grade point average in finance while Irvine carries a 3.55 in communication disorders.

Binsfeld ends her collegiate cross country career with a record of 3,128 wins and 24 losses in 28 races, Anderson concludes with 3,161 wins and 576 losses in 27 races and Burdick closes with 1,549 wins and 782 losses in 22 races.

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Campus Players modernize 'A Christmas Carol' Dec. 7-10

The MSU Campus Players production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," directed by students Ashley Nilsen, a Riverdale native, and Kymn Quill of Minot, will run Dec. 7-9, at 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 10 at 2 p.m., in Aleshire Theater.

"A Christmas Carol" will be presented in contemporary times with many updates in design and concepts. These include modern costumes, sets and special effects. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students, children and senior citizens. Reservations can be made by calling 858-3172.

Heritage Singers and Voices of Note unite for 'Messiah' Sunday

The Heritage Singers men's chorus and the Voices of Note women's chorus will combine to present Handel's "Messiah" Sunday at 4 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. Admission is by free-will offering and proceeds of the event are directed to the John Strohm Music Scholarship Fund.

Campus holiday celebration slated for Dec. 12

President David and Nancy Fuller would like to invite faculty and staff to the annual campus holiday celebration Dec. 12, 2-4 p.m. The event will be held in the Student Union Conference Center.

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MSU offers condolences to Goodiron family

Nathan Goodiron, a Minot State University student, was killed in action Nov. 23 in Afghanistan. MSU President David Fuller joins the campus in extending sincere condolences to his family and friends. Fuller said Minot State University mourns the loss of Goodiron and honors him for his service to our country and for his ultimate sacrifice. Nathan was a junior majoring in finance. He was from Mandaree and an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation and had been involved in the Native American Club. A memorial service was held today at the Four Bears Casino Events Center. The council of the Three Affiliated Tribes also proclaimed Friday, Dec. 1, in memory and honor of Goodiron.

Library director candidate visits MSU today

Ron Wirtz of Waco, Texas, the remaining candidate for director of library services at Minot State University, is visiting the community and campus today. The first two candidates to interview were Susan Grigg, Fairbanks, Alaska, and Sheila Collins, Archbold, Ohio.

Wirtz's interview will follow the same format as the previous two, including a presentation on "The Roles of Tradition and Innovation in Academic Library Services," followed by questions. This presentation and open forum will be from 2-3 p.m. in the Media Center, located in the lower level of the Gordon B. Olson Library.

Wirtz, director of library services at McLennan Community College, possesses more than 15 years of experience as an academic library administrator or department head. Fluent in French, he has extensive knowledge in strategic planning and technology. He is also active in public relations and professional staff development. Wirtz received a Bachelor of Arts degree in French and a doctorate in education from Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan., a Master of Arts degree in French from Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo., and a Master of Library Science from Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan.

The interview materials of all three candidates are available though electronic reserves in the library. The search committee is chaired by Joseph Jastrzembki, associate professor of history.

Serving our students better

The world we live in is changing quickly and so must higher education and Minot State University.

New markets created by distance education and other innovative adaptations such as Interactive Television have helped to provide quality educational experiences to broader audiences.

Coupled with these changing delivery methods have been other cultural changes that drive campus decisions.

Students today are typically coming from smaller families with higher expectations for privacy. New technologies and other material items compete for students' attention. At the same time a desire to have it all often means working long hours to pay for it. Add to this rising tuition costs along with general inflation and you begin to see the squeeze many students feel today.

As a result of these trends MSU has carefully considered how to get the most value out of the time and money invested in a university degree. Under the direction of President David Fuller, new ideas are being studied to make educational delivery as cost effective and meaningful as possible. To this point, one aspect of university life that a growing number of students do not take full advantage of is the education that one can get outside the classroom.

MSU has a variety of learning environments and experiences that can contribute to this well-rounded, high-value education. To make these opportunities fully available to students, MSU is implementing a new freshmen housing policy that will require students to live on campus. Common at many colleges and universities, housing policies are in place to ensure a well-rounded high value educational experience. To promote student success, MSU will require undergraduate students who have earned fewer than 24 semester hours and are under 20 years of age prior to the first day of their first semester, to live on campus and select from a variety of meal plans. Experience shows that students who live on campus are more likely to complete their degrees, are more involved with university activities, and graduate at higher rates than students living off campus.

Much has been done in recent years to enhance the quality of campus life at MSU, including the remodeling of two residence halls and dining spaces. Students now have a variety of living environments and dining options from which to select. Many of the social interactions that take place in these settings provide the basis for lifetime friendships.

There a variety of extenuating circumstances to warrant reasonable exemptions from the policy. These may include students who are:

- married.
- commuting from the permanent home of one's parents or legal guardian within a 25 mile radius of MSU.
- requiring a living arrangement with a family member other than parents, within a 25 mile radius of MSU.
- a veteran of military service or active duty personnel.
- a single parent registered for only distance education courses.
- disabled requiring specialized care or equipment.
- experiencing circumstances that may require special consideration.

University housing can provide both educational and social opportunities important to the success of students. MSU's residence hall programs will help students meet other students,

grow as a person, enjoy residential life, and have the experience of a lifetime on campus. If you have any questions about this new policy, please call the Student Life Office at 6-3363 or log on to www.minotstateu.edu/life/.

— *Richard Jenkins, vice president for student affairs; column appeared in Nov. 24 Minot Daily News*

MSU football coach Sivertson resigns

Mike Sivertson, head football coach of the Minot State University Beavers, resigned Nov. 17. Sivertson, who has been at the Beavers helm for seven seasons, finishes with a 39-32 record.

“I am very appreciative of the contributions Coach Sivertson has made to Minot State University athletics,” said Athletic Director Rick Hedberg. “Mike’s dedication and commitment to the football program have been outstanding.”

Although the current MSU season ended at 4-3 in the DAC and 4-6 overall, the Beavers won a DAC co-championship in 2002, qualifying for national playoff. They fell in the first round to the University of Mary, 18-21. MSU had defeated Mary during the regular season, 35-21.

In accepting Sivertson’s resignation, Hedberg noted many accomplishments. “Coach Sivertson has established a fine level of student-athletes in the football program. He has set high standards and clear expectations both in academics and in character for the players,” said Hedberg. “I know that the players respect him and wish him the best, as do I.”

Hedberg also thanked Sivertson for the work he did with the task force that studied whether or not MSU should pursue NCAA Division II. “Mike’s experience in starting an inaugural NAIA football program provided a very helpful perspective.”

Sivertson came to MSU in 2000 from Saint Mary College in Leavenworth, Kan., where he was head coach for one year before leading its new NAIA program the second year and garnering a 3-3 record. Other coaching stops included being assistant (linebacker) coach at North Dakota State University in 1998, defensive coordinator beginning 1991 at Minot Ryan High School until taking on head coach responsibilities from 1996 to 1998, and assistant coach at Minot State, 1989 to 1991. Sivertson is a 1989 graduate of MSU.

“It’s always difficult to say goodbye to one of our own alumni. I join Rick in thanking Coach Sivertson for all he has contributed to Minot State University,” said President David Fuller.

Hedberg said a search for a new head football coach will begin immediately, with the hope of the position being filled in early January in order to be effective in recruiting.

One Brown Bag Book Talk remains

One Brown Bag Book Talk remains for fall semester. John Girard, business, speaks Tuesday on “The World is Flat: a Brief History of the Twenty-first Century.” This best-selling book by

Thomas L. Friedman analyzes the progress of globalization with an emphasis on the early 21st century.

You need not read the featured book ahead of time and are encouraged to bring a sack lunch; dessert will be provided. The book talks, sponsored by the Gordon B. Olson Library, begin at noon and conclude in time for 1 p.m. classes. All are held in the lower level of the library in Group Study Room 2.

Announcements

Buy MSU stuff at Dakota Square

The university’s retail merchandising unit (RMU) at the Dakota Square Mall opened on Nov. 20 and will run through Dec. 27. Clothing is available in infant, toddler, youth and adult sizes. The RMU is located north of the clock court and is open during regular mall hours. Encourage people to buy red and green MSU apparel for holiday gift giving!

— *Marketing Committee*

Faculty must complete FERPA training

Faculty should log in to their PeopleSoft accounts and verify that they have access to their faculty roles. If they have not completed the FERPA training, they will not have access to enter grades at the end of the semester.

If a faculty member does not have access to their PeopleSoft account, they must contact Lisa Haman, Computer Center, at 858-3018, and she will send the link for the FERPA training.

— *Tania Balas, registrar*

2007 spring class schedule is available in additional locations

The 2007 spring schedule of classes is available in two new locations besides CampusConnection. A non-printable PDF of the schedule can be found on Minot State’s home page and by selecting “What’s Happening” and “2007 Spring Term Schedule” or by inserting the address http://www.minotstateu.edu/records/term_schedule_spring.shtml. A printed copy is also available for purchase in the bookstore. Schedule changes will be uploaded to the Web every two weeks. Keep in mind that the most accurate schedule information is located in CampusConnection. The students will still need to log in to CampusConnection to register for classes.

— *Jennifer Sick, associate registrar*

Drawing for AUGITE raffle is Friday

AUGITE, the geology club, is having their annual raffle and the prizes this year are:

- A Remington 870 express 12-gauge shotgun—provided by DHD sports, Minot
- Eight Magnum Guide goose decoys
- A clay trap thrower with a box of clays

Only 500 tickets will be sold and the price is \$5 each. The drawing will be held Friday (Dec. 1). For tickets, e-mail or call Guy Hanley at 858-3076.

Flu shots are currently available

The Student Health Center still has flu vaccine available for faculty, staff and students with a current ID. We are open from 8 a.m.–noon and 1–4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can stop by the Student Health Center in the lower level of Lura Manor during these hours and receive your flu shot. The administration fee is \$15 for students and \$25 for faculty and staff. We look forward to seeing you.

— *Caren Barnett, director of the Student Health Center*

Auditions for ‘The Vagina Monologues’ to be conducted

Auditions for the fourth annual “Vagina Monologues” will be held Jan. 6-7, 2007 in the Aleshire Theater. All MSU students, faculty and staff may audition. Men are welcome to be supporting crew.

This project is in conjunction with the International V-Day celebration with 90 percent of raised funds given to local women’s organizations. Further information can be obtained by calling Paula Lindekugal-Willis, associate professor of communication arts, at 858-3178.

MSU Bookstore’s holiday open house is tomorrow

The MSU Bookstore holiday open house will be tomorrow (Nov. 30) from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. On clothing, giftware and supplies, a 25 percent discount will be available (some exceptions may apply). Free gift boxes will be available with purchase. Drawings will be held and refreshments will be served starting at 2 p.m.

— *Sandy Foley, MSU Bookstore manager*

In the galleries

Dec. 5-20—“Moving Color and Light Drawings” by Adam Konczewski, MSU art student, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Dec. 5-Jan. 3— Sarah Dyer senior exhibit, Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery.

The public reception for the Konczewski and Dyer exhibits will be Tuesday (Dec. 5), 6:30-8 p.m.

Calendar

Nov. 29, 2006-Jan. 15, 2007

November

29 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam, 9 p.m.

December

- 1 Theatre: No Shame Theatre, Black Box, submissions at 8:15 p.m., performance at 9 p.m.
- 1 Men’s Basketball at U. of Montana-Western.
- 2 Women’s Basketball at Rocky Mountain College.
- 2 Men’s Basketball at Montana Tech.
- 2 Recital: MSU piano students holiday and other music, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
- 2 Men’s Club Hockey vs. St. Cloud State U., All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- 3 Men’s Club Hockey vs. St. Cloud State U., All Seasons Arena, 2 p.m.
- 3 Concert: “Messiah” performed by Heritage Singers and Voices of Note, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.
- 4 Last day for thesis defense for graduate students who are graduating fall semester.
- 4 Alumni Board, Westlie Room, 4 p.m.
- 4 Student Association, Westlie Rom, 6 p.m.
- 4 Women’s Basketball vs. Brandon U., Dome, 6:30 p.m.
- 4 Concert: Western Plains Children’s Choir, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 5 Brown Bag Book Talk: John Girard, business, on “The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century,” Olson Library lower level, noon.
- 5 Online Studies Committee, Jones Room, 1 p.m.
- 5 WebCT training: ending a semester, beginning the next, Main 314, 5 p.m.
- 5 NAC: public reception for Sarah Dyer and Adam Konczewski exhibits, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.
- 5 Concert: MSU Choirs, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 5 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam, 9 p.m.
- 5-20 NAC exhibit: “Moving Color and Light Drawings,” Adam Konczewski, Hartnett Hall Gallery.
- 5-Jan. 3 NAC senior exhibit: Sarah Dyer, Olson Library Gallery.
- 6 SAC: free cookies and hot chocolate, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 6 SAC: Holiday dance, Grand International Inn, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
- 7 Lyrical Lunch: MSU Women’s Choir, holiday tunes, Olson Library, 12:15 p.m.
- 7 Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
- 7 Women’s & Men’s Basketball vs. Dickinson State U., Dome, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
- 7-10 Theatre: “A Christmas Carol,” Aleshire Theater, Thursday-Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m.

- 8 Registration for spring semester 2007 for new students, Conference Center.
- 8 Beaver Boosters luncheon, Grand International Inn, noon.
- 8 Concert: MSU Concert Band, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 8-9 Men's Club Hockey vs. North Dakota State U., All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Super Saturday open house for high school students, Conference Center.
- 9 Concert: Percussion Ensemble holiday music, Dakota Square, 2 & 3:30 p.m.
- 9 Senior student recital: Alan Clark, violin, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
- 9 Men's Basketball vs. Brandon U., Dome, 7 p.m.
- 10 Concert: Brass Band of Minot, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.
- 10 Women's Basketball at Presentation College.
- 11 Noon deadline for graduate students who are graduating fall semester to submit five copies of thesis to Graduate School Office.
- 11 Admission to teacher education seminar, Old Main 214, 3-4 p.m.
- 11-14 Final exams in 16-week classes.
- 12 Women's Basketball vs. Rocky Mountain College, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 13-14 Final exams in second 8-week classes.
- 15-17 "A Christmas Carol" performed by Rinat Studio of Ballet, Nelson Hall.
- 15-Jan. 5 Winter recess from classes.
- 18 Grades must be entered by noon.
- 18 Men's Basketball at U. of North Dakota
- 19 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 20 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
- 25 Holiday, Christmas, university closed.
- 28 Women's Basketball at Hope International College, Fullerton, Calif.
- 28-30 Men's Basketball at Winnipeg Christmas Tourney.
- 29 Women's Basketball at Westmont College, Santa Barbara, Calif.

January

- 5 Women's & Men's Basketball at Black Hills State U.
- 5-8 Men's Club Hockey at Desert Hockey Classic, Scottsdale, Ariz.
- 6 Financial Aid information session, Conference Center, 10 a.m.-noon.
- 6 Women's & Men's Basketball at South Dakota Tech.
- 6-7 Women's Club Hockey at Rainy River Community College.
- 8 President's Convocation, Conference Center, 8:30 a.m.
- 8 New student orientation.
- 8 Classes start at 4 p.m.
- 9 First full day of classes.
- 11 Last day to add a first eight-week class.
- 11 Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
- 12 Beaver Boosters luncheon, Grand International Inn, noon.
- 12 Fall 2007 student teaching applications due to Field Placement Office by 4 p.m.
- 12 Women's & Men's Basketball vs. Jamestown College, Dome, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
- 12-13 Men's Club Hockey at North Dakota State U.
- 13 Women's & Men's Basketball vs. Valley City State U., Dome, 4 & 6 p.m.
- 13-14 Women's Club Hockey at North Dakota State U.
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, university closed.