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A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

## Piehl receives \$100,000 award

Walter Piehl Jr., Minot State University professor of art, is one of North Dakota's most highly regarded artists. Now he is also one of three recipients of a \$100,000 Enduring Vision Award from the Bush Foundation.

"It's a once in a lifetime dream for an artist," said Piehl.

On June 9 in St. Paul, Minn., the Bush Foundation announced that Piehl, Frank Big Bear, a painter from Minneapolis, and Janet Jacobson, a woodcarver from Harris, Minn., were the first recipients of the award. A first of its kind in the country, the award focuses on boosting the artistic investigations of mature artists.

Piehl, Big Bear and Jacobson each will receive \$100,000 over the next three to five years to encourage their continued influence on present and future generations of artists, audiences and their chosen field of work. The Enduring Vision Award, one of three initiatives of the Bush Artist Program supporting individual artists, is the only award of its size and intent in the country. Up to three awards will be given annually to artists in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota who have at least 25 years of experience as working artists.

The 2008 awards were considered in the visual and media arts categories; 2009 awards will focus on performing and literary arts. These awards significantly expand the Bush Artist Program, which has annually provided 15 artist fellowships since 1976.

The expansion of the Bush Artist Program grew out of an evaluation that found a lack of financial opportunities for artists at the later stages of their careers. While older artists may have found more consistent income at this stage, fewer funding opportunities exist. This situation is compounded by the fact that artists rarely retire.

Using acrylic on canvas or paper, Piehl treats Western Americana themes with modern art influences and interpretation. He combines an expressionistic style with literal and interpretive investigations of many facets of Western American life. His work is often large in scale, in series, abstract, and saturated with color and contrast.

His work has been or is exhibited at many institutions and museums in Minot and other North Dakota communities as well as places including the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame and Museum of the American Cowboy in Colorado, Eiteljorg Museum of American Indian and Western Art in Indianapolis and the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyo.

Piehl has been a Minot State University faculty member since 1970. In addition he is a member of the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame's board of directors.



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## 'Shakespeare in Hollywood' is second Summer Theatre production

MSU Summer Theatre will perform "Shakespeare in Hollywood" June 24-28. "Side by Side by Sondheim" follows July 8-12. The season finale, "Kiss Me Kate," will be staged July 19-20 and 22-26.

All shows are in the MSU Amphitheater at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and children over 12, \$5 for children 12 and under, and \$3 for MSU personnel and summer students with current MSU ID. Reservations may be made by calling the Summer Theatre box office at 858-3228.

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*August 6.)*

## Board of Regents meets June 26

The Minot State University Board of Regents will meet in the Student Center Conference Center on June 26, 7:30 a.m.-noon.

President David Fuller will lead a special focused discussion regarding international programs and opportunities. Additionally, the Board of Regents committees will be presenting action plans or lists of priority initiatives that their committees would like to complete in the coming academic year. Discussions will be held with the general membership to help identify actions each committee may take in order to be successful with their projects.

## Sick to become Minot State registrar

Associate Registrar Jennifer Sick will take over new duties as registrar on Aug. 1. Sick replaces Tania Balas, who became registrar in May 2006. Balas has accepted a teaching position in English at Minot High School, Central Campus.



*Sick*

Sick began her employment at Minot State University in August 2003 as a part-time scheduling coordinator in the records office. At the time, she was a full-time student finishing her bachelor's degree in elementary education and special education; she graduated in December 2005. In February 2006 Sick's full-time position of associate registrar was created. She is pursuing a Master of Science degree in special education and was the recent recipient of an MSU Board of Regents Staff Achievement Award.



*Balas*

The registrar is responsible for the oversight and management of registration and student records.

Responsibilities under Sick's 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 the PeopleSoft student database.

"I have been very appreciative of the work done by Tania and Jennifer as a team during the last two years in re-establishing the Office of the Registrar and am pleased that Jennifer has chosen to accept the registrar position," said Gary Rabe, vice president for academic affairs and supervisor of the office.

"In the past year Jennifer has worked to streamline processes with online forms and has provided CampusConnection online registration and policy training to students, faculty and staff.

She also developed training materials and instructional quick guides to make utilization of CampusConnection easier," Rabe said.

Rabe said that Balas has been a great asset to MSU and that he wanted to acknowledge her initiatives to help the campus better serve students.

"Tania was instrumental in the development and implementation of our enrollment verification system to ensure that the number of students reported to the North Dakota University System office is accurate, and she helped launch the mid-term grading system," said Rabe. "In both cases Minot State University was the first campus in the system to implement these procedures and now many campuses are looking to us as they work to develop similar policies.

Rabe said these efforts were successful largely due to the leadership of Balas.

The associate registrar is also responsible for maintaining the undergraduate catalog and term and room schedules and assisting in providing data to various individuals on campus. Rabe said the position will be filled.

## Amphibian Growth Project awarded \$68,000

On June 3, Minot State University's Amphibian Growth Project received a \$68,000 grant from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to initiate and support amphibian biomonitoring internships during the summer months beginning in June 2008 until June 2010. The AGP is under the direction of Christopher Beachy, associate professor of biology, and is part of the Department of Biology.

With this grant funding, MSU will be collaborating with Fort Berthold Community College, Turtle Mountain Community College and the University of North Dakota to monitor amphibian populations in selected locations across the state of North Dakota. The project will help to foster the relationship between the NDGFD, tribal governments, MSU, UND, FBCC and TMCC. It will also provide opportunities for fulfillment of MSU's memorandums of understanding with FBCC and TMCC.

At FBCC, MSU instructors will work in partnership with Kerry Hartman, science faculty member, and Fred Poitra, director of the Three Affiliated Tribes Fish and Wildlife Division. They will work with Scott Hanson, chair of the Department of Science, at TMCC.

## New parking permits available

New reserved parking permits are required for the 12-month period, June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009 (summer, fall and spring semesters). The permits are available in the parking office, located at plant services. The cost for the permit is \$30 annually. The monies collected are used to maintain and

improve the roadways and parking lots, enforce parking policies and operate the parking office.

Permits are assigned according to the building in which individuals maintain an office or work area and are issued on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each vehicle must display a valid parking permit on the inside rear view mirror. Parking lots will not be oversold.

Please have in your possession at the time of purchase, your vehicle license plate number and your MSU Employee ID number.

Citations are to be paid or appealed within seven calendar days. The appeal form can be found on the MSU home page. After that period, the fines will automatically transfer from the parking system (T2 Flex) to the accounts receivable in the Business Office (PeopleSoft). Payments for outstanding fines are to be paid at the cashier's window at the Business Office. When accounts become past due, individuals will receive written notification 20 days prior the account being released to a collection agency. With our new software systems, there is no distinguishing between students and staff, all are viewed as employees.

To alleviate any future balances to the accounts receivable, follow the instructions on the citation in the event you receive one. This practice will be in the best interest of all those concerned. For further information, visit the parking office link on the MSU home page <http://www.minotstateu.edu/parking/>.

## Mentors and peer mentors wanted

Faculty and staff: The MSU Mentor Program is in need of more mentors for the 2008-09 academic year. If you are interested, please visit [www.minotstateu.edu/mentoring](http://www.minotstateu.edu/mentoring) to find out more about the program. To apply to be a mentor, click on "Be A Mentor" on the Web site and complete the necessary information.

We are also expanding the number of peer mentors in the program for 2008-09 and need your suggestions as to which upperclass MSU students would represent our campus well and help our incoming students make a smooth transition. Peer mentors need to be high-achieving students who are engaged in campus life and have a few hours each week to spend with a new student.

For any questions contact Debra Chandler at 858-3144 or [debra.chandler@minotstateu.edu](mailto:debra.chandler@minotstateu.edu). Thank you for your assistance!

## Nursing honor society presents Orchid Award to Pettersen

On May 1, at its 10th annual spring induction of new members, 14 Minot State University senior nursing students and area nurse leaders joined the Omicron Tau Chapter of The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International. The Orchid Award, which is given to a member who has provided

support to the chapter over time, was presented to charter member Linda Pettersen, assistant professor of nursing at MSU.

In addition, leadership awards for best practices were presented to Amy Roberts, Minot, who is employed by the Trinity Family Birth Center, and Laurie Dimler, Garrison, who is employed by the Garrison Clinic and the University of Mary. Both Roberts and Dimler are alumnae of MSU.

Membership to The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International is by invitation to baccalaureate and graduate nursing students, who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, and to nurse leaders exhibiting exceptional achievements in nursing. The inductees are: Rebecca Ajello, MSU nursing student; Judy Beck, nursing professional employed by Trinity Health; Susann DeForest, nursing professional employed by Trinity Health; Jennifer Eckholt, MSU nursing student; Jared Gietzen, MSU nursing student; Anna Jessen, MSU nursing student; Sarah Jessen, MSU nursing student; Brittany Johnson, MSU nursing student; Stephanie Johnson, MSU nursing student; Jaci Phillips, MSU nursing student; Jacqueline Reep, nursing professional employed by Dakota Nursing Program; David Schaff, MSU nursing student; Tasha Tonnessen, MSU nursing student; and Jade Trottier, MSU nursing student.

## Announcements

### There is still golf left

There are still stops left in the third annual "Minot State University Summer Friend-raising Golf Tour" sponsored by MSU and Dacotah Bank. Tomorrow, golf will be played in Rugby. Stanley follows on June 25; Bottineau is July 8; Beulah is July 10; Washburn is July 15 and Kenmare is Aug. 7. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m., with action starting at about 5. 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 Office of Advancement at 858-3890 a minimum of one week prior to each scramble to reserve a meal and transportation. There will be lots of prizes. 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*

### MSU to be in State Fair Parade

Hello Everyone! I hope you are all having a great summer so far. The North Dakota State Fair is coming up in July, and Minot State University is planning on having a float in the parade on July 19. The theme for the parade this year is "Just Having Fun." Anyone interested in joining us is welcome to walk with us in the parade. If interested, let me know by contacting me at [tawnya.bernsdorf@minotstateu.edu](mailto:tawnya.bernsdorf@minotstateu.edu) or 858-3373

by July 14, and thanks in advance for your help. Let's show the community some Red and Green school spirit!

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

## Mark your calendars for Assessment Day

Assessment Days for 2008-09 are scheduled for Oct. 14 and March 25:

- 8 a.m.-noon—Student Center Conference Room, campus-wide assessment day activities
- 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m.—Department activities
- Classes are cancelled until 3:30 p.m.

More information will be forthcoming, but for immediate questions, contact 858-3585 or [rita.curl-langager@minotstateu.edu](mailto:rita.curl-langager@minotstateu.edu).

— *Rita Curl-Langager, chairperson of the Academic Assessment Committee*

## In the galleries

June 18-July 9—"Visual Solutions" by MSU art students Kayla Cote, Maureen Crawford, Emily Reile and Tonya Stuart, Library Gallery.

June 18-July 18—"Light and Life," senior show by Ashley Wells and Maureen Williams, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

The public reception for "Light and Life," senior show by Wells and Williams is July 18, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.

## Calendar

### June 18-July 31, 2008

#### June

- 18-July 18 NAC exhibit: "Light and Life," senior show by Ashley Wells and Maureen Williams, Hartnett Hall Gallery.
- 18 NAC public reception for "Light and Life," senior show by Ashley Wells and Maureen Williams, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.
- 19 Summer Friend-Raising golf tour, Rugby Golf Course, Rugby, N.D., 4:30 p.m.
- 23-26 Boys and girls individual basketball instruction, Dome.
- 24-28 Summer Theatre: "Shakespeare in Hollywood," Amphitheater, 8:30 p.m.

- 25 Summer Friend-Raising golf tour, Stanley Prairie Rose Golf Course, Stanley, N.D., 4:30 p.m.
- 26 Board of Regents, Conference Center, 7:30 a.m.-noon.
- 26-27 CONNECT: orientation and registration by invitation, call 858-3350, Nelson Hall.
- 28 Graduate School written comps, Old Main 314, 8 a.m.-noon.

#### July 2008

- 2 Last day to drop a summer course.
- 4 Independence Day holiday, university closed.
- 8 Life Line Screening, Conference Center, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 8 Summer Friend-Raising golf tour, Bottineau Country Club, Bottineau, N.D., 4:30 p.m.
- 8 Graduate School Social, Beaver Dam, 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Guest recital: Stephen Crawford, percussion, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 8-12 Summer Theatre: "Side by Side by Sondheim," Amphitheater, 8:30 p.m.
- 10 Summer Friend-Raising golf tour, Beulah Golf Course, Beulah, N.D., 4:30 p.m.
- 14 George Mellum Golf Scramble, Minot Country Club, 1 p.m.
- 15 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 15 Summer Friend-Raising golf tour, Painted Woods Golf Course, Washburn, N.D., 4:30 p.m.
- 17-18 CONNECT: orientation and registration by invitation, call 858-3350, Nelson Hall.
- 18-19 Girls basketball team camp, Dome.
- 19-20 Boys basketball team camp, Dome.
- 19-20, 22-26 Summer Theatre: "Kiss Me Kate," Amphitheater, 8:30 p.m.
- 21 Linebacker and defensive back football camp, Herb Parker Stadium.
- 21-24 Girls and boys basketball mini camp, Dome
- 22 Last day of summer courses.
- 22 Offensive and defensive line football camp, Herb Parker Stadium.
- 23-24 Final exams.
- 23 Quarterback, running back and wide receiver football camp, Herb Parker Stadium.
- 23-Aug. 15 NAC exhibit: Student show: Photography II & III, Library Gallery.

### Minot State University Mission

*Minot State University is first and foremost dedicated to the success of all students: their growth and development as educated citizens, their confidence, and their life-long devotion to the common good and the welfare of others.*



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