



NDCPD bids farewell to Fifield and promotes Askvig to executive director

Brent Askvig, Ph.D., was appointed to replace Bryce Fifield, Ph.D., as executive director of the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities on Minot State University's campus, according to Gary Rabe, vice president for academic affairs, effective July 1.

"Askvig clearly knows the field and has a vision for how NDCPD can grow and accomplish new and exciting initiatives," said Rabe. "He is a respected member of the MSU community, and I look forward to working with him as a member of my academic affairs team."

Before his current position, Askvig was the associate director of NDCPD and a professor of special education. While continuing as a special education faculty member, he served as assistant dean in the Graduate School. Askvig has been involved in numerous local, state and national activities in the disability community.

Askvig earned his bachelor's degree in elementary education and mental retardation and master's degree in special education from Minot State University. He completed his doctoral degree with specializations in special education and educational research from the University of Idaho, Moscow.

"I am excited about my new role in NDCPD and the people in the center. Dr. Fifield has done a tremendous job over the past 11 years and has established a solid foundation for NDCPD's future growth," said Askvig. "I am also excited about NDCPD's role in supporting persons with disabilities throughout the state, and in working with MSU on its Vision 2013."

In July, Fifield became the executive director of the Center for Persons with Disabilities at Utah State University, Logan. By assuming this new position, he had the opportunity to return to the university and center where he began his career in the disability field. Under Fifield's leadership, NDCPD experienced dynamic growth. Specifically, he provided expertise in reaching rural communities through distance technology and services.



Askvig



Fifield

July 16, 2008

'Kiss Me Kate' closes Summer Theatre

"Kiss Me Kate," which wraps up the Summer Theatre season, will be staged July 19-20 and 22-26. This musical, with music and lyrics by Cole Porter, is structured as a play within a play, where the interior play is a musical version of "The Taming of the Shrew."

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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Area educators attend Northern Plains Writing Project Institutes

In its fifth year of existence, 22 North Dakota educators are on Minot State University's campus for its annual Northern Plains Writing Project Summer Institute and Advanced Summer Institute. Each year, NPWP's outreach grows, and the number of teachers served increases.

"The Northern Plains Writing Project gathers teachers from across the state. Together, we engage in dialogue concerning what we do in the classroom, about our educational philosophies, and about the challenges we face as professionals in an ever-changing profession," said Robert Kibler, associate professor of English and director of NPWP. "We engage in cutting-edge research so that we can improve upon what we already do well in the classroom, and so that we can better share what we do well with others. Those who go through the institutes are definitely charged up for the next phase of their careers--regardless of where they are in their careers--and one of the project's goals is to help teachers become effective leaders in the educational community. In a profession defined by change, we work cooperatively to become the makers of change, rather than the passive recipients of it, as it should be."

NPWP, which is one of two National Writing Projects sites in North Dakota, is housed at MSU and funded by the university, the state and the federal government. Its purpose is to help strengthen what K-12 teachers do in our state classrooms. There are over 200 NWP sites across the nation, and all sites function according to the model of "teachers teaching teachers."

The Summer Institute runs through July 28, and the Advanced Summer Institute is until July 18 (and online through July 28). For further information, contact Kibler at 858-3876 or robert.kibler@minotstateu.edu.

Indonesian journalists meet with Minot media

The Minot Area Council for International Visitors is hosting three Indonesian journalists in Minot, and they will visit the MSU campus on July 28. They are meeting with an informal panel of area information professionals to discuss how the Internet is used in media markets of this size and also, what challenges and strengths the media is faced with. Individuals scheduled for the panel will include: Tom Ross, KMOT; Jim Olson, KXMC; Marvin Baker, Minot Daily News; and Mark Lyman, Minot State University.

The visitors are invited to the United States under the auspices of the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. Their program is arranged by World Learning Visitor Exchange Program (formerly Delphi International).

MSU Unity in Our Community campaign launched

The Minot State Unity in Our Community campaign officially launched at the Young Professionals meeting on July 8. The purpose for this campaign is to bring the Minot business community to the Minot State University campus and allow students, faculty and staff to know businesses support the university.

The campaign wants participating Minot businesses to display a designed frame that includes the campaign logo and three caveats. The three caveats are: the participating business supports MSU, it provides hiring opportunities to MSU students and/or graduates, and the business speaks highly of MSU.

The campaign participation fee will be \$100 annually per business. The fees will be directed toward one yearly event, open to the Minot community, to be held on the MSU campus. The first event will be during Homecoming Week, Sept. 21-28.

Young Professionals in Minot is made up of individuals between the ages of 21 and 39 and has grown to over 165 members in less than a year. The group's mission statement is "to create social and business networking opportunities and community enhancement projects for young professionals in the Minot area." Any business interested in participating or getting further details can contact the YP network through their Web site, www.ypminot.com or Scott Louser at louser@minot.com.

Lyman appointed MSU director of public information

Mark Lyman, of Minot, has been named director of public information at Minot State University, according to President



David Fuller. Most recently, he has been the anchor and producer for KMOT-TV's evening and night reports for three years. Lyman began at MSU on July 7.

"Mr. Lyman brings with him an impressive background in journalism and broadcasting, community service, and a genuine commitment to the people in our community," said MSU President David Fuller.

"Mark works so well with people. He will be able to bring those abilities to our university to publicize what Minot State offers and its potential for great growth in the future."

Fuller said he is confident of Lyman's ability to serve as the senior leader for the public information office and that he was impressed by the new director's understanding of the critical role the university plays in Minot and in the region.

"Making the jump to MSU is something I have wanted for years," said Lyman. "The chance now to communicate in a fast-

paced environment, work closely with President Fuller, students, faculty and staff to reach out to a growing community excites me.”

Currently, Lyman is president for the Community Relations Council at Burdick Job Corp, and he has served as an emcee for various community events. Other community involvement includes being a troop committee chairman for Boy Scouts and various leadership positions within his church.

Prior to being promoted to an anchor and producer position at KMOT in 2005, Lyman worked as a general assignments reporter. He earned a bachelor’s degree in broadcast journalism from Brigham Young University in 2002.

Marv Semrau, vice president for advancement, chaired the search. He was assisted by an advisory committee comprised of members of the College of Business, the Office of Publications and Design, human resources and the marketing department.

MSU promotes Lichtenberger as associate registrar

Kelly Lichtenberger has been named as the associate registrar in Minot State University’s Office of the Registrar.



Lichtenberger is replacing Jennifer Sick, who was promoted to registrar, and both promotions become effective Aug. 1.

Lichtenberger began working for MSU in February 2007 as the transcript records specialist. In July 2007, she was moved up to the records specialist position. As the associate registrar, Lichtenberger will be responsible for maintaining all curriculum records, assembling the master catalog, preparing term and class schedules, organizing the campus room schedules and activities calendar, processing graduation check outs, managing work study students, and assisting other registrar’s office specialists. She will also have the general responsibility to serve as a campus trainer and subject-matter expert for PeopleSoft.

“I am happy that Kelly Lichtenberger has accepted the position of associate registrar,” said Tania Balas, registrar. “She brings a wealth of experience with her working in the field of higher education, and she is an asset to the office and the campus.”

Lichtenberger earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in humanities from the University of Maryland University College, which is headquartered in Adelphi, Md. She worked for the University of Maryland in Spangdahlem, Germany, for three years as a field representative and in Lakenheath, England for four years as a field and senior field representative. In these positions, Lichtenberger was responsible for managing office staff, term scheduling, and room scheduling. She also trained office staff, registered students, sold textbooks, and communicated with the Heidelberg, Germany main campus.

Lichtenberger and her husband Russ, who is retired from the U.S. Air Force, have two children.

MSU offers sympathy to Loy family

Minot State University has been greatly saddened by the death of H. Michael Loy, a visiting professor of communication arts this past academic year, of natural causes on July 5. We extend our condolences to his family, colleagues and friends.



“We are grateful for the capabilities that Michael Loy brought to our campus, since he stepped in as a visiting professor of communication arts this past fall. He touched many people’s lives through his involvement in campus productions and the Mouse River Players,” said Linda Olson, chair of the Division of Humanities. “Michael was unassuming and gentle. We will miss him.”

While at MSU, Loy taught speech and theatre courses. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Concordia College in Moorhead, and his Master of Fine Arts from Trinity University in Dallas, Texas. He also did post-graduate work at North Dakota State University.

The memorial service will be Saturday (July 19) at 2 p.m. in the Bottolfson Chapel, Eventide Lutheran Home (1400 7th St. S.) in Moorhead, Minn. Cards may be sent in care of Jon Loy, 2257 Nobles St., Apt. 306, Worthington, Minn., 56187. An online guest book is at www.korsmofuneralservice.com.

Mark your calendars

These important events are slated for fall semester:
Aug. 19—MSU Fall Kickoff (MSU at the Zoo IV)
Aug. 20—President’s Convocation
Aug. 21—Move-In Day
Sept. 22-27—Homecoming Week
Oct. 14—Fall Assessment Day

Additional details will be forthcoming.

Buettner-Schmidt named a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Fellow

Recently, Kelly Buettner-Schmidt, chair of the Department of Nursing, was awarded a three-year Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Doctoral in Nursing Research Fellowship beginning in 2008-09. Fellowship recipients, like Buettner-Schmidt, will receive funding for tuition, along with resources for computers, textbooks and travel.

“I am excited to be the recipient of this fellowship; health policies can impact people’s health in their daily lives, as well as when seeking health care services,” said Buettner-Schmidt. “As a former public health nurse, my hope is to improve the health of all people through policy development, implementation and evaluation.”

Buettner-Schmidt began doctoral studies at the University of New Mexico in August 2007 as a part-time student. She was encouraged by UNM faculty to apply for this fellowship because of her extensive work and research in policy related to tobacco prevention and cessation.

In December 2007, UNM received a five-year, \$4.8 million grant from RWJF to increase the quantity and diversity of nurses with knowledge of health policy. The grant was utilized by the UNM to establish a health policy concentration in the nursing doctoral program.

For 35 years RWJF has focused on the crucial health care issues facing the U.S. As the nation's largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to improving the health and health care of all Americans, the foundation works with a diverse group of organizations and individuals to identify solutions and achieve comprehensive, meaningful and timely change.

Dr. Joseph Hegstad Scholarship Fund established



Warren Martin, far left, Heritage Singers, presents the contribution to Gary Rabe, MSU vice president for academic affairs. Also pictured, from left, are: Karen Brunner Wright, Voices of Note, Sandra Starr, chairwoman of the Division on Music, and Marv Semrau, vice president for advancement.

The Heritage Singers and the Voices of Note have established a new endowed scholarship at Minot State University honoring professor emeritus of music Joseph Hegstad.

Hegstad, now of Scottsdale, Ariz., was a member of the music faculty from 1970 to 1995 and served as division chairman. While at MSU, he was choral director for the Concert Choir, Vagabond Male Chorus and the Jazz Madrigal Singers. Hegstad had previously performed as a baritone soloist with the United States Air Force Band "Singing Sergeants."

Hegstad is a founding member and former director of the Heritage Singers and is credited for continuing the traditional December performance of "Messiah." In 1992 the initiating performers of the work, the Minot Symphony Orchestra and MSU Concert Choir, chose not to continue with the piece.

Hegstad combined the Heritage Singers and Voices of Note to carry on the perennial favorite.

The Heritage Singers and Voices of Note presented a concert on Mother's Day, May 11, to honor Hegstad and his wife, Jackie. Hegstad directed several numbers and was featured as a soloist. A free-will offering was accepted at the concert to help establish the scholarship.

WSC President McCann announces resignation

On June 18, Joseph McCann, president of Williston State College, announced his resignation effective April 15, 2009. McCann has been president of WSC since July 2000.

"My time as president of Williston State College has been personally and professionally rewarding," McCann said. "My wife Nila and I have developed lasting relationships with this college and community, but it is time to seek new professional challenges. Williston State has made significant accomplishments in the past several years, and I believe this is the appropriate time to begin the transition to a new president."

Plans for a WSC presidential search will be announced at a later date.

— excerpted from NDUS press release

New faces

Welcome to the following individuals, who are new to Minot State University:

- Ben Bruton—librarian, Gordon B. Olson Library
- Melissa Hatlestad—accounts payable coordinator, Business Office
- Nicole Flink—administrative assistant, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities
- Jana Kremer—secretary, NDCPD
- Brigitte Mikula—assistant coordinator, Minot Air Force Base Center for Extended Learning
- Amber O'Brien—director, student housing
- Wade Regier—student recruiter, Office of Enrollment Services
- Ron Rogelstad—custodian, library
- Neil Scharpe—research assistant, NDCPD

Announcements

One stop remains in the 'Summer Friend-Raising Golf Tour'

There is one stop left in the third annual "Minot State University Summer Friend-Raising Golf Tour," sponsored by MSU and Dacotah Bank. The golf tour's finale will be played Aug. 7 in Kenmare. 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. An 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 the event. Call the Office of Advancement at 858-3890 a minimum of one week prior to the 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*

‘Nashville North,’ works by Watson and Ali to be performed July 21

Melissa “Nashville” Ali, Minot State alumna, and Rick Watson, humanities faculty member, will provide a relaxed evening and tribute to Americana and Country Music--the ongoing love affair between North Dakota and the South Land of the heart. There will be something old and lovely, some things new and true, with a bit of Watson’s own country blues added. The event is free and fit for all ages and will be July 21 in the Aleshire Theatre, 7:30 p.m. For further information, contact Rick Watson at 858-3014 or rick.watson@minotstateu.edu.

— *Rick Watson, Division of Humanities*

MSU hosting luau party at NDSF

Minot State University is hosting a luau party in conjunction with the Kahuna Beach Party and Classic Car Show on July 23 at the North Dakota State Fair! The event will take place in the outdoor area of the Flickertail Gardens from 5-8 p.m. with entertainment, prizes and drink specials! This event is to give MSU alumni and friends in the Minot area another opportunity to get together! If you have any questions regarding the event, please feel free to give me a call at 858-3373 or e-mail me at tawnya.bernsdorf@minotstateu.edu. Hope to see you there!

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

Transcript policy changes

Faculty and staff: Starting July 1, the Minot State registrar’s office will no longer run unofficial transcripts. All transcripts will be official and will be run on red security paper. Each official transcript will be \$5. Students also have the option of requesting same-day transcripts for a \$10 surcharge.

Students can access their unofficial transcripts through CampusConnection and can run unofficial copies free of charge on their own at their convenience. If the students are not in the CampusConnection system and request transcripts, official copies will be run for them at a charge of \$5 per copy.

The registrar’s office will continue to run unofficial transcripts that cannot be accessed through CampusConnection for advisors that request them to assist in advising students. Please note that the request must come from the advisor not the student.

If a student requests a transcript to be faxed, we will fax the transcript to the requested location and mail an official transcript on red paper for the cost of \$5 per copy with a same-day \$10 surcharge fee.

Please destroy any old transcript request forms you may have in your office. The new transcript request form can be found online at the following address: <http://www.minotstateu.edu/records/transcripts.shtml>. Please make copies of the new form for your students.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Registrar at 858-3345. Thanks.

— *Tania Balas, registrar*

The MSU Golf Club looking for members

If you are interested in participating in golfing during the work week, for fun and exercise, you are invited to join the MSU Golf Club. Members are not required to golf with other members of the group and can participate on their own time, during the work week for up to three hours a week. We may arrange group tee times if we have interest in doing so. This is not a competitive group, and we are looking for beginner to experienced golfers. Records will be kept of dates of play, number of holes played and scores if you wish to record them.

If you are interested in joining the Golf Club, please contact me at ronnie.walker@minotstateu.edu. I will send you a liability waiver form (required of all club participants). I will add your name to the roster, and you can contact me with information for our records. We will try to have organized meetings on occasion and hope you will be able to attend when we do.

— *Ronnie Walker, international student coordinator*

State fair parade information

Summer is flying by, and it is already time for the North Dakota State Fair! Minot State University will be participating in the parade on Saturday (July 19). The theme for the parade this year is, “Just Having Fun.” The MSU float will be advertising the dates for Homecoming 2008. We are float number 164, and our line-up time is at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome to walk with us! If you are planning to join us, please wear Minot State University clothing or something red. The pick-up area after the parade is in the east parking lot of the fairgrounds, and we will also drive back to where we started if you should happen to have a car there. If you are interested in joining us just let me know by sending an e-mail or giving me a call, or else just show up at 9 a.m. on Saturday (July 19). Let’s show the community some Red & Green school spirit!

If you have any questions, contact me at 858-3373 or tawnya.bernsdorf@minotstateu.edu. If you have any questions the morning of the parade, please call me at 701-240-3789. Thanks!

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



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In the galleries

July 16-Aug. 5—"Brand New Day" by MSU art education student Linde Gail Thompson, Library Gallery.

July 16-18—"Light and Life," senior show by Ashley Wells and Maureen Williams, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

July 23-Aug. 15—"In Response to Personal Style by students , Christopher Brown, Courtney Cook, Katie Kalmbach, Jesse Kelly, Antonette Lebeau and Isaac Rogelstad, Hartnett Hall Gallery. The public reception for "In Response to Personal Style..." student show is July 23, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.

Calendar

July

- 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 "Nashville North," music performance by Ali and Watson, Aleshire Theater, 7:30 p.m.
- 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 Quarterback, running back and wide receiver football camp, Herb Parker Stadium.
- 23 NAC public reception for "In Response to Personal Style..." student show, Hartnett Gallery, 4-5 p.m.
- 23 MSU Luau Party at the North Dakota State Fair, outdoor area of the Flickertail Gardens, 5-8 p.m.
- 23-24 Final exams.
- 23-Aug. 15 NAC exhibit: "In Response to Personal Style..." by students, Hartnett Gallery.
- 28 Panel with Indonesian Journalists, Jones Room, 1:15 p.m.

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.