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A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

MSU Fall Kick-off

MSU Fall Kick-off, the updated version of "MSU at the Zoo," is Aug. 19 (the evening before convocation). Join your MSU counterparts from 5 to 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 to 7:30 p.m., music by Rick Watson and friends, and drawings for door prizes. Drawings for door prizes will be done every half hour, starting at 6 p.m. Train rides will be available at a reduced rate of 50¢ off the regular rate. A scavenger hunt for an "M," "S," "U" and a "Beaver" will also be conducted with prizes awarded at the registration table.

MSU faculty and staff and their immediate families will be admitted free by presenting an MSU ID 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 Nathan Anderson, Staff Senate president, at nathan.anderson@minotstateu.edu or 858-3082.



President's Convocation starts off new year

The Aug. 20 President's Convocation kicks off a new academic year and will be held in the MSU Conference Center, Student Center. If student assistance is not available for coverage during the general session, employees are asked to close their office and attend. Breakfast items will be served beginning at 8 a.m.

At 8:30, Gary Rabe, vice president for academic affairs, will provide welcoming comments. Additional remarks will be provided by the three other vice presidents. At 9:15, Rabe will give an academic briefing, followed by the introduction of new faculty. Roger Kluck and Leon Perzinski will discuss the Emergency Operating Plan, and Linda Olson will talk about Recycling 101. After comments from the presidents of Faculty and Staff senates and Student Government Association, President David Fuller will address the campus.

Meetings of the three colleges will follow in the afternoon, starting at 1 p.m. Arts and sciences will meet in Aleshire Theater; business will meet in Main 308; education and health sciences will meet in Memorial 131. An ice cream social, hosted by the Office of the President, will be held in the quad at 3 p.m.

Informative mini-sessions scheduled Aug. 21

Convocation activities continue Aug. 21, with a morning of informative mini-sessions. The presentations are being held in Main 106 and the Conference Center; coffee and

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PIO update

Welcome back to those who have been off-campus or otherwise busy this summer!

With new leadership at the helm of the Office of Public Information, Mark Lyman and his staff will be reviewing procedures and getting input from students, faculty, and staff as to what works best. PIO hopes to meet with many of you in smaller, feedback-friendly environments over the next couple of weeks to accomplish this goal.

Just a reminder about campus announcements, anything short of an emergency needs to be sent to Linda Benson, Mark Lyman or the public information e-mail account, publicinformation@minotstateu.edu, by 11 a.m. the day of, or even the day before you want the information out. It is not standard to issue separate campus-wide announcements in the afternoon that should be part of the midday Campus Announcements e-mail. When in doubt, get the information to us early, and we'll include it in Campus Announcements when it is appropriate! Thanks for your efforts in making this process a smooth one.

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breakfast snacks will be served in the hallway outside of the sessions, 8-8:30 a.m.

The presentations are “Campus Connection Upgrade,” by Registrar Jennifer Sick, and “Rethinking What It Means to Be a Beaver: Opening the Dam for the 21st Century Learner,” by faculty members Eric Anderson, Kristi Berg, Conrad Davidson, Andrea Donovan, Jane la Plante, Cheryl Nilsen and Deb Olson. The concurrent sessions are at 8:30-9:50 a.m. and 10-11:30 a.m.

Due to recent upgrades and significant changes to PeopleSoft, all faculty are required to attend either the 8:30 or 10 a.m. session of “Campus Connection Upgrade.”

The “Rethinking What It Means to Be a Beaver: Opening the Dam for the 21st Century Learner” presentation is a compilation of information gathered at the Association of American Colleges and Universities 2008 Institute on General Education, which was held May 30 to June 4. This annual institute is an opportunity for campus teams to work together with consultants on reforming their general education programs.

A complete schedule grid has been provided to all employees via campus mail. Employees are encouraged to attend as many sessions as possible.

Put a little muscle behind placing ‘students first’

Aug. 21 is Residence Hall Move-In Day. Accompanied by a picnic, the event is sponsored by the Office of the President to welcome students and help them move into the residence halls. The majority of students arrive between noon and 4 p.m. and volunteers are needed during these hours. Tasks include helping students move into the halls, serving lunch, and working the information tables.

Volunteers are asked to wear a red MSU T-shirt or polo shirt. The MSU Bookstore has red polo shirts available for purchase.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the campus community to come together and show that we do put students first. Further information will be distributed to volunteers prior to Aug. 21.

MSU launched the AskMSU van campaign

Minot State University is all wrapped up in their new AskMSU van. The white van has been decaled with the university’s logo and images of MSU students, Old Main, the Beaver Dam and the Class of 2013. The AskMSU van campaign was officially launched on July 29.

In the morning on July 29-31, Jason Trainer, student recruiter, gave out clues and hints on WGO 102.9 and The Zoo 94.9 radio stations so listeners could try to locate the van. From noon until 1 p.m., each of the three days, prizes such as lunches, oil changes, season MSU athletic passes, or free zoo passes were given out. Buckshot, the Beaver mascot, also made appearances at all three locations.

“We thought it would be a great way to promote MSU and bring additional exposure to the university. In the coming months, the AskMSU van will be busy traveling throughout the state and Canada,” said Teresa Loftesnes, director of marketing. “With the ultimate purpose of promoting MSU, it is envisioned that the van will be utilized every day of the year for such activities as recruiting, athletic events and Canadian travel.”

For this campaign, MSU partnered with Ryan Chevrolet, Roosevelt Park Zoo and Scheels. For more information or questions about the campaign, contact Loftesnes at 858-3062 or teresa.loftesnes@minotstateu.edu.



Welcome Week 2008: ‘It’s a Red-Out at MSU’

Welcome Week at Minot State University, which officially kicks off on Aug. 26 and runs through Sept. 5, is a two-week event centered on the theme “It’s a Red-Out at MSU.” The week’s intent is to connect students and increase student activities and student life on campus.

Tacos-in-a-bag and music start Tuesday’s activities at 11 a.m. in the quad. In the evening, Grocery Bingo begins at 7 p.m. in the Beaver Dam.

On Aug. 27, the club fair will take place in the quad with a barbecue. Music will be provided by KMSU, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Grant Edmonds will perform a comedy variety show at 8 p.m. in the Beaver Dam.

Subway food will be provided by Student Government Association on Aug. 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the quad. Music will also be part of the fun. That evening, the MSU football team plays Bemidji State at 7 p.m. Tailgating starts at 4:30 p.m., and the Student Activities Committee will have a mechanical bull and large trikes to ride. There will be a dance that follows the game in the plaza between the Dome and Harnett Hall, 10 p.m.–1 a.m.

On Aug. 29, pizza will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., along with music in the quad.

Corn dogs and fries will be available Sept. 2 in the quad, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Music will be played as well. Casino Night starts in the Beaver Dam at 7 p.m.

Sept. 3 activities include pita pit wraps and music in the quad, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. The movie, “You Don’t Mess With the Zohan,” will be shown in the Beaver Dam at 3 p.m. with a night show at 9 p.m. in Aleshire Theater.

On Sept. 4, sloppy joes and chips will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., along with music in the quad. In the evening, Sex Signals, a dating and sexual assault lecture program, will start at 7 p.m. in the Conference Center, Student Center, third floor.

Welcome Week concludes on Sept. 5 with a barbeque and music, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., in the quad. All food is free to students while supplies last.

MSU Football Beaver Bash slated for Aug. 28

The Minot State University football team will hold its first night game in over a decade on Aug. 28. The MSU Beavers play the Bemidji State Beavers at 7 p.m. MSU athletics is encouraging all fans to wear red on the night of the game. Tailgating will start prior to the game at 4:30 p.m.

Minot State dean gives time to radio service in Africa

The chance to share years of experience and learn a lot for himself knows no bounds for one Minot State University dean.

Conrad Davidson, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, is back in America after spending time in southern Africa helping a Minot State alumnus with a radio program designed to benefit the country of Sudan.

“I’ve been used to the Minot lifestyle for over twenty years. The past two weeks I spent in Nairobi, Kenya, exposed me to many differences: traffic, food, living conditions, the list could go on,” said Davidson. “Many of our problems here pale in comparison.”

Davidson spent more than two weeks consulting on issues of script writing, radio acting and dialogue to the employees at the Sudan Radio Services based out of Kenya.

The trip for Davidson came after Jeremy Groce, a 1994 MSU graduate with a major in English, invited the dean to improve the quality of SRS’s radio dramas and the abilities of the actors in those broadcasts.



According to their Web site, www.sudanradio.org, the SRS is an independent media dedicated to peace and development in the country. They do this by providing hours of news and informational programming six days a week in 10 languages.

In addition to working closely with the SRS radio drama scriptwriter, Davidson led a two-day acting workshop for groups of radio drama actors.

MSU celebration honored graduates of InC and JCEMP

On July 25, a unique graduation celebration in Minot State University’s Ann Nicole Nelson Hall gave 35 students from across the country and the world a chance to smile for the camera! MSU honored graduates in two programs—nine students from the Job Corps Executive Management Program and 26 from the Intercultural Cohort.



The JCEMP is the only program of its kind in the country. The ’08 graduating class was the eighth time students from across the nation have gathered at MSU. The fellows were junior to mid-level managers from Job Corps who aspire to be center directors. Two of those involved in the graduation celebration were Troy Potter and Don Hamm, both currently at the Minot Quentin Burdick Job Corps. The JCEMP is funded by a U.S. Department of Labor earmark sponsored by North Dakota Senator Byron Dorgan. Minot State is very proud of our connection to the Job Corps Centers.

In its first year, Minot State’s on-campus version of the Master of Science in management program had both foreign and domestic graduates. The Intercultural Cohort Program combined 15 Chinese students, as outlined in MSU’s partnership with SIAS International University, with 11 domestic students. Students completed a 12-month program of study, taking two eight-week courses at a time. The 26 students were required to complete applied research projects in intercultural teams. This gave them an opportunity to learn more about each other’s culture and business practices.

Graduates (and their Job Corp Centers) of the Job Corps Executive Management Program were Jacob Benes, Anaconda Job Corps Center, Mont.; Scott Bivins, Muhlenberg Career Development Center, Ky.; Don Bonjour, Excelsior Springs Job Corps Center, Mo.; Onesia Cleveland, Ouachita Civilian Conservation Center, Ark.; Donald Hamm, Burdick Job Corps Center, Minot; Brian Johnson, Boxelder Job Corps Center, S.D.; Troy Potter, Burdick Job Corps Center, Minot; Leanne Reed-Spivey, Northwest Desi, Wash.; and Ellen Truiett, Harpers Ferry Civilian Conservation Center, Va.

Graduates of the Intercultural Cohort Program/Master of Science in management were Tawnya Bernsdorf, Minot; Martin Dahl, Grand Forks; Anne Marie Devore, Minot; Jonathan Dias, India; Rudha Dias, India; Kristin Erickson, Minot; Yunzhen Fan, China; Yu Feng, China; Ming Geng, China; Yinping Ji, China; Meng Meng, China; Yanan Niu, China; Lisa Plotnikoff, Canada; Rebecca Porter, Minot, Kathryn Sconyers, Granville; Yadi Si, China; Luke Steen, Minot; Jason Trainer, Minot; Qian Wang, China; Zhipeng Wang, China; Jinnan Wu, China; Ziyang Xiong, China; Bo Xu, China; Wang Zhang, China; Hao Zhang, China; and Lin Zhu, China.

Minot State graduate returns to lead admissions department

On July 17, Gary Rabe, vice president for academic affairs, announced that Kevin Harmon would assume the position of dean of admissions on August 11.



Harmon, a Minot State University graduate, did not have to move his office far to assume his new job for Minot State University.

“I am pleased to bring in someone who is no stranger to MSU. During his campus interview, Kevin presented ideas for recruiting and retaining students that align very well with the direction MSU is taking in these

areas,” said Rabe.

Harmon has spent the past five years working for MSU’s neighbor, Minot Catholic Schools, as their superintendent. His career in education started right out of college, after earning a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education and a minor in physical education from MSU in 1989. To further his education, Harmon earned his Masters of Education in educational leadership from the University of North Dakota in 1999.

“I’m really excited to have the opportunity to work at MSU. Over the past few years I’ve observed President Fuller’s clear leadership in making Vision 2013 a cornerstone for the university and community,” said Harmon. “I feel my personal views are very much aligned with this vision for the future of Minot State University.”

Harmon brought with him a dedication to the community and a strong desire to serve. He is a current member with the Minot State University Dean of Business Advisory Council, the Student Business Organization Advisory Council and Beaver Boosters. Harmon belongs to the Minot Noon Rotary Club and is active on various committees within the Souris Valley United Way. He presently serves as the president of the North Dakota State Association of Non-Public Schools and said his years of educational training, starting as a teacher at a private elementary school in small-town Minnesota, all the way to superintendent of Minot Catholic Schools, have prepared him to serve MSU’s needs in admissions.

“This is a challenging time for all universities in North Dakota. The task of attracting the best and brightest to our beautiful campus is not overwhelming, but if we want different results to accomplish our goals, then we have to put a different system in place. That’s what I’m excited about,” said Harmon.

Harmon’s main job responsibilities include overseeing student recruitment and admission functions at the university. In addition, Harmon, as the new dean of admissions, will be responsible for the representation of all Minot State University educational opportunities to potential students. The role of a dean of admissions within these challenging times is a crucial one for institutions of higher learning across the country.

“It’s no secret that across our region we are facing declining numbers in our youth demographic. That reality forces us to think in new and proactive ways about recruiting students,” said Rabe. “Kevin brings experience and the qualities of proven leadership that are essential in our successful response to this challenge.”

The Minot State University community is proud to welcome Harmon to the campus. We’re eager to implement new ideas and push forward with strategies aimed at fulfilling Vision 2013, MSU’s strategic plan, where the university’s goal is to achieve national distinction as one of the premier public, regional universities in the “great” Great Plains.

Indonesian journalists met with Minot media

The Minot Area Council for International Visitors hosted three Indonesian journalists in Minot, and they visited Minot State University on July 28. The journalists were Nenden Novianti Fathiastuti, a reporter for the official Web site of the President of the Republic of Indonesia, Nurul Hidayati, executive editor for Detik.com, and Agustinus Wisnubrata, head of the multimedia desk for the Kompas Cyber Media.

They met with a panel of area news people 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 on the panel were Tom Ross, KMOT; Shaun Sipma, KXMC; Marvin Baker, Minot Daily News; and Dave Lehner, Clear Channel Radio.

The Indonesians also visited news agencies in Orlando, Fla., and Indianapolis, Ind. and will be heading next to Washington, D.C. The three said they chose to come to Minot because they wanted to see how the Internet is used by news agencies in rural communities.

Wisnubrata said he has found that it is difficult for older reporters in his country to adapt to their changing occupation. Often, two reporters end up covering a story because one reporter does not know how to upload a story to the Internet or take audio or video clips at the scene. Hidayati said her Web site hires younger journalists fresh out of college who are more likely to be familiar with the new technologies. Fathiasuti said she was surprised by the number of North Dakota farmers who make use of the Internet to help them run their farms. Indonesian farmers are less likely to do this, she said. Only about 20 percent of Indonesians have Internet access, and they are mainly individuals living in large cities, getting Internet access at work or in cyber cafes.

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

Educators attended PIEIRS Summer Institute at MSU

Fifteen educators were on Minot State University's campus in late July for Preparing Interdisciplinary Early Interventionists for Rural States project's Summer Institute. Prompted by a significant need in Montana and North Dakota for trained personnel to work with infants, toddlers and young children with low-incidence disabilities and their families, the PIEIRS project was established in 2004.

"The Summer Institute brings together students from the two states, allowing them to learn from networking with each other, working together on projects and participating in guest lectures," said Alan Ekblad, associate professor of special education and director of the institute. "Overall, it provides a sense of connectedness and common purpose for all students working in a variety of rural settings."

The theme of the 2008 Annual PIEIRS Summer Institute was "Developmentally Appropriate Practices to Promote Strong Social and Emotional Development in Young Children with Disabilities."

The University of Montana and the Rural Institute on the UM campus, Missoula, and Minot State University and the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities on the MSU campus partnered to secure a five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs to create the PIEIRS project. The grant funds are used to:

- revise, implement, expand and evaluate curricula and provide six pre-service interdisciplinary early intervention courses and an intensive end-of-course practicum.
- provide scholarships and support for 60 students.
- provide training both in on-campus classes and through distance education courses.
- develop the strategies necessary to provide the training courses through distance education methods at two universities.

Students targeted for enrollment in the program, known as trainees, are upper-level undergraduate students, non-degree students and graduate students from health, education and human services disciplines. Students who complete the series of courses and practicum will be qualified to meet Montana's and North Dakota's Part C requirements for certification of professionals providing early intervention services. Graduates of the program will be qualified in Montana and North Dakota to be employed by Part C service provider agencies, as well as other health, education and human service agencies/programs that serve Part C children and families.

Trainees typically take one or two courses per semester and are required to attend two Summer Institutes, which are held at MSU or UM. In most cases, it takes three years for a trainee to complete the cycle of courses. Courses to secure a master's degree are offered online.

Students who receive scholarships from PIEIRS grant funds are obligated upon graduation to either work in a job that serves infants, toddlers, children or youth with disabilities for a specific period of time or to repay the federal government.

Originally envisioned to fill a need in Montana and North Dakota, PIEIRS has had a greater impact. There is a national need for trained early intervention personnel, and this project has developed a rural distance in-service training model that can be replicated in other states. Trainees are primarily from Montana and North Dakota, but one currently lives in Arizona, and another is in Colorado.

Initially slated as a five-year grant, PIEIRS has received a one-year extension. For further information, contact Ekblad at 858-3045 or alan.ekblad@minotstateu.edu.

MSU addiction studies professors receive \$189,000 grant

Shirley Cole-Harding, Ph.D., and Vicki Michels, Ph.D., who are addiction studies professors at Minot State University, have been awarded a two-year \$189,000 grant from the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. The grant's purpose is to train undergraduate students in alcohol research through an experiment designed to assess particular factors that affect alcohol absorption.

"This type of project will show the students how research can be creative and fun, plus it is a great learning experience for them," said Cole-Harding.

Social drinkers normally control their alcohol intake and try to keep their level of alcohol intoxication at a safe level. Nevertheless, they are involved in a significant number of accidents, traumatic injuries, unsafe sexual activities and deaths due to alcohol intoxication. Some of these problems may be caused by the individuals becoming more intoxicated than they expected to be. How much people drink and how fast the alcohol gets to their brains is paramount to how intoxicated they feel. The speed at which the brain is affected is influenced by when the social drinkers last ate and what type of alcohol they drank (beer, wine or hard liquor), among other factors.

The research project is designed to better understand less-studied factors that may affect alcohol absorption and alcohol intoxication in social drinkers. Several undergraduate students are involved in working with the professors to learn research methods, to gain a better understanding about alcohol absorption and alcohol effects, and to prepare for graduate work in science.

“In this day and age, it is very important for addiction studies and psychology students who want to go to graduate school to have experience in research,” said Michels.

Anyone, 21 to 35 years old, who is a beer drinker and interested in being a paid research subject, is invited to leave a message for Cole-Harding or Michels at 858-4287.

INBRE research at MSU highlighted in North Dakota Medicine magazine

The IDeA Network Biomedical Research Excellence researchers at Minot State University are featured in the Summer 2008 issue of North Dakota Medicine. The North Dakota Medicine magazine is published five times a year by the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Grand Forks. The article, written by Patrick Miller, public information professional for the N.D. INBRE at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, appears below:

Partners in Time: INBRE Expands Horizons for Undergraduates Statewide

Seven years ago when science faculty members at Minot State University were asked what it would take to get their students more involved in research, the answer was: less time in the classroom and more time in the lab.

Since then, two grants to the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences from the National Institutes of Health have enabled faculty at North Dakota's four baccalaureate institutions and five tribal colleges to spend more time getting undergraduates involved in research.

“The money has meant that I can spend a lot more time on my research, and student involvement has more than doubled,” said Chris Keller, Ph.D., associate professor and MSU biology chair.

In 2001, the medical school, in partnership with North Dakota State University, received a three-year, \$6-million grant from the NIH National Center for Research Resources to establish the North Dakota Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network. The program was renewed in 2004 with a five-year, \$16.3-million Institutional Development Award for the North Dakota IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence.

“One of the major goals of the INBRE program is to create a pipeline of undergraduate students from the state's primary undergraduate colleges who would go into biomedical research, behavioral research and the health sciences, such as medical, dental school and pharmacy,” said Donald Sens, Ph.D., professor in UND's department of pathology and INBRE principal investigator. “As soon as we placed INBRE funding at Minot State, they expanded their faculty to take advantage of the opportunity,” he notes.

After six years, the results are paying off. Perhaps it's most evident at MSU where research has expanded from four to seven INBRE-funded projects, a molecular biology lab has been added, up to 75 students have received research experience and more of the university's graduates are pursuing careers in science and healthcare professions.

In addition, researchers at MSU are collaborating with Sens and scientists at NDSU to study heavy metals in the environment.

“We have some good environmentally based programs at Minot State that interface well with our laboratory expertise, which is the effect of heavy metals on human health,” Sens said. “We look at heavy metals and how they impact on the development and progression of bladder cancer, prostate cancer, breast cancer and kidney disease.”

Today, thanks to the BRIN and INBRE grants, researchers at MSU and other institutions across North Dakota not only have more time to conduct research, but also better equipment.



Student Aileen Aldrich monitors an experiment involving human leukemia cells while Professor Heidi Super assists.

"I've done things at Minot State that I never dreamed I would be able to do," said Heidi Super, Ph.D., associate professor of biology. "I have the equipment that pretty much any lab in the United States or internationally would have to do DNA expression analysis. It's been a wonderful thing."

INBRE funding enables Super, who specializes in leukemia research, to take students to the annual American Association for Cancer Research meeting. Last April in San Diego, one of her students — Aileen Aldrich, a junior chemistry major from Minot — finished second in the association's undergraduate poster competition.

"When you go to this meeting, you see how much each person doing their own research contributes to moving cancer research forward," said Aldrich, who plans to apply to medical school at UND. "It was definitely a good experience to be immersed in so much knowledge."

With INBRE funding, MSU also developed outreach programs for American Indian students at Fort Berthold Community College and Turtle Mountain Community College that enable them to participate in research projects, both in the lab and in the field on the reservations.

"It's been a really good, growing collaboration," said Chris Beachy, Ph.D., professor of biology at MSU. "It's been productive and we're thankful for it. It's been great for the students. They love it. They want to keep coming back."

Involvement in INBRE research gives MSU students such as Steven Lewis, a chemistry major from Burlington, a new perspective on the future.

"When I came to college, it was with the idea of becoming a pharmacist," said Lewis. "Now that I've done research, I see that there are a lot of exciting possibilities. It definitely opens your eyes to the different horizons in the chemistry field."

— *Patrick Miller*

Office relocations noted

Please note that several offices have relocated to the Dome because of the renovation of Swain Hall. Here are the changes in a brief format:

Paul Brekke, Room 301, 858-3485.

Jeff Engel, Room 231C, 858-3682.

Joe Ford, Room 231D, 858-3833.

Andy Heitkamp, Room 231A, 858-3583.

Jeff Miller, Room 231E, 858-3366.

Paul Rudolph, Room 231B, 858-4450.

— *Mark Lyman, director of public information*

Faculty, staff and student notes

Three North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities staff members, Tom Alexander, Amy Armstrong, and Lisa Johnson, have been elected to positions in the Association for Persons in Supported Employment. The three colleagues work on the N.D. Medicaid Infrastructure Grant funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Alexander has been elected as the Region V delegate to the APSE Chapter Delegate Council. This 11-person council provides member support and advice to the central APSE office. He represents the states of Minnesota, Montana, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota and is the primary liaison between state members and the national office. His appointment runs through 2011. Armstrong is the current year president of the N.D. Chapter of APSE, and Johnson was elected as state treasurer.

APSE provides advocacy and education to customers of supported employment, including service providers, employers, and persons with disabilities. Its goal is to assure that all persons, regardless of disability or condition, receive community employment. The N.D. APSE chapter has about 25 members, and the national APSE organization has about 3,500 members.

On July 8-11, Armstrong attended the 19th annual National APSE-The Network of Employment Conference in Louisville, Ky. This conference's theme was "The Winner's Circle: Everybody Works, Everybody Wins." A total of five N.D. APSE chapter members attended the conference. In addition to attending the conference, Armstrong was able to network in preconference meetings with other state chapter presidents and regional APSE delegates.

Announcements

Deadline for submitting information for MSU directory ends Friday

The Office of Publications and Design Services is compiling information for the official campus directory. In order to be included, information must be received in our office no later than Friday (Aug. 15). Please make your changes in red pen by doing the following:

- copy each section of your current directory pages.
- cross out any deletions in each section of the current directory.
- make changes next to the current entry in each section.
- include new entries on an additional sheet of paper.

We prefer not to receive this information by telephone or e-mail.

— *Sandy Nordstrom, director of publications and design services*

Student e-mail changes

As of Aug. 1, Minot State University students have new e-mail addresses. Their new address is `firstname.lastname@my.minotstateu.edu`. All official communications from MSU will be sent to these new accounts. You may want to encourage your students to include an "e-mail change notice" at the bottom of all their e-mail correspondence. Students can still access their existing MSU Web mail until Sept. 30. If you have questions or concerns, contact the MSU help desk at 858-4444 or `helpdesk@minotstateu.edu`.

— *Cathy Horvath, director of IT Central*

Death of student

Cassi Rensch, a Minot State University student, was killed in an automobile accident July 28. We mourn the loss of Cassi. She was a sophomore majoring in history. Cassi was an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation and had been involved in our Native American Awareness Club.

The granddaughter of Marilyn Hudson, director of the Three Tribes Museum, New Town, Cassi was well on her way to becoming a top-notch public historian. She worked as a ranger at Knife River Indian Villages and participated, through her grandmother, in the MSU Department of History's Lewis and Clark Institute in the summer of 2005. Cassi always had a smile on her face and was an enthusiastic interpreter of Three Tribes history, willing to share her time, talent, and expertise with all.

A memorial service was held Aug. 4 in St. Anthony Catholic Church, New Town. Minot State extends to her family and friends our most sincere condolences.

— *Mark Lyman, director of public information*

Student employment update

The upcoming school year is approaching and already we have had students inquiring about on-campus employment. More and more students are asking if this information is available on the MSU Web site.

In order to give students easy, online access to job openings, the financial aid office has worked with career services to utilize the MSU Job Link. Departments will be able to post their own student-worker openings, both work-study and institutional. Once your position(s) have been filled, you will be able to remove them from Job Link. You may begin posting job openings at any time.

Reminders:

- All new/returning work-study and new institutional student workers must still pick up an employment application form at the financial aid office.
- Returning institutional student workers (and hiring department) need to complete the Institutional Rehire Form.
- New student workers must also complete new hire paperwork with the payroll office (Admin. Bldg., 2nd floor) prior to starting work. They should bring:
- Two forms of identification; one must be a picture ID (driver's license) and
- Social Security card, birth certificate, or birth registration card. A passport may be used in lieu of the two forms of ID. (No photocopies are accepted.)
- Bank account information — direct deposit is mandatory.

All returning student workers (both work-study and institutional) should see the payroll office to make sure their information is current.

Once you have filled the position(s) in your department, remember to remove your job posting from Job Link.

Thank you for your help in employing our students. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at 858-4152 or merrijo.connole@minotstateu.edu.

— *Merri Jo Connole, financial aid counselor*

Third Annual Doug Lockrem Memorial Motorcycle Rally slated for Aug. 23

On Aug. 23, the third annual Doug Lockrem Memorial Motorcycle Rally will be held. Registration is from 10 to 11 a.m. at Pure Honda of Minot.

Doug, a former MSU Beaver Booster president, was a police officer in Minot. He was seen at almost every MSU sporting event, and he really loved being involved in anything related to MSU. Doug passed away over three years ago from cancer. The money raised from the motorcycle rally will go toward the Doug Lockrem Memorial Scholarship to benefit student athletes at Minot State University.

The main ride starts at 11 a.m. at Pure Honda, following registration. The 153-mile rally will include the following cities: Upham, Towner, Velva and then back to Minot. The rally ends in Minot at the Lamplighter Lounge, where lunch will be served. Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch at the Lamplighter for \$3.

Two games will be played throughout the day. The first game is motorcycle poker. Participants will collect playing cards at stops along the route. The person with the best poker hand wins great prizes from Pure Honda and Minot State University. The other game played will be the Beaver Bug Hit. This game will cost \$5 per card. The most bugs on the target mounted on your motorcycle wins more great prizes.

The cost is \$20. This gets you on the ride, a T-shirt, lunch, two tickets to an MSU football game, a \$5 gift certificate from Pure Honda and more!

For further information on this event feel free to contact Chad McNally or the Minot State Athletic Department at 858-3041.

— *Chad McNally, director of Beaver Boosters*

MSU luau party at NDSF was a great success

Thank you to everyone who attended the MSU Luau Party at the North Dakota State Fair. It was great to see all of the support for Minot State University with the wonderful turnout!

We had about 250 people attend, and we are looking into making it a yearly thing!! If you have any thoughts or comments from the night, please feel free to share them with me at 858-3373 or e-mail me at tawnya.bernsdorf@minotstateu.edu. Thanks again!!

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

'Inside' correction

The correct title for Amber O'Brien is residence life coordinator. She was incorrectly identified as director of student housing in the July 18 issue.

In the galleries

Aug. 12-Sept. 12—"100% Ground Chuck" by Bill Harbot, Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery.

Aug. 25-Sept. 26—"Americas 2000: All Media," Hartnett Hall Gallery.

The public reception for both exhibits is Sept. 3, 6:30-8 p.m.

Calendar

Aug. 13-Sept. 24, 2008

Aug.

- 13-Sept. 12 NAC exhibit: "100% Ground Chuck" by Bill Harbot, Olson Library Gallery.
- 18-19 New faculty orientation, 8 a.m.
- 19 MSU Fall Kickoff, Roosevelt Park Zoo, 5 p.m.
- 19 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 20 President's Convocation, Conference Center, 8 a.m.
- 21 Convocation mini sessions, 8 a.m.-noon.
- 21 Freshmen move-in day, noon-5 p.m.
- 22-23 Volleyball at Dickinson State University.
- 22-23 CONNECT: orientation and registration by invitation, call 858-3350, Nelson Hall.
- 23 Doug Lockrem Memorial Motorcycle Rally, Pure Honda of Minot, 11 a.m.
- 25 Collegiate Learning Assessment, 9-11 a.m.
- 25 Meetings with new freshmen, 1-4 p.m.
- 25 Classes begin after 4 p.m.
- 25 First 8-week classes begin.
- 25-Sept. 26 NAC exhibit: "Americas 2008: All Media," Hartnett Hall Gallery.
- 26 Full 16-week classes begin.
- 26 Development Foundation meeting, Westlie Room, 7:30 a.m.
- 28 Last day to add a first 8-week course.
- 28 Last day to drop a first 8-week course without a grade of "W."
- 28 Golf at Prairie West Golf Course, Mandan.
- 28 Football vs. Bemidji State University, Parker Stadium, 7 p.m.
- 29 Spring 2009 student teaching applications due to Field Placement Office.

Sept.

- 1 Labor Day, university closed.
- 2 Graduate School: last day for fall graduates to file thesis proposal in Graduate School Office.
- 3 Golf at Jamestown College.
- 3 Last day to drop a full 16-week course without a grade of "W."
- 3 NAC: public reception for "Americas 2008: All Media," Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.
- 3 NAC: public reception for "100% Ground Chuck" by Bill Harbot, Olson Library Gallery, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 4 Last day to add a full 16-week course.
- 4 Mandatory orientation for student teaching spring 2009, Main 106, 12:30 p.m.
- 5 Fall semester graduation applications due to advisor.
- 5-6 Volleyball at Carroll College Tournament.
- 6 Football at Concordia University-St. Paul, Minn., 1 p.m.
- 7-8 Golf at Heart River Golf Course, Dickinson.
- 8 Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
- 10 Excess financial aid disbursement, Business Office, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 10 NDCPD Seminar: Aging and People with Development Disabilities, Conference Center, 9 a.m.
- 10 NDCPD Seminar: Quality Enhancement: Creating Services that Make a Difference, Conference Center, 1:15 p.m.
- 11 Tuition and fees for Fall 2008 are due.
- 12 Admission to teacher education seminar, Main 106, 3 p.m.
- 12-13 Volleyball at Morningside College Tournament, Sioux City, Iowa.
- 12-14 Western Plains Opera, Nelson Hall, Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 3 p.m.
- 14-15 Golf at Jamestown College.
- 15 Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
- 16 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 17 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
- 19 Fall semester graduation applications due to Registrar's Office.
- 19 Volleyball vs. South Dakota Mines, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 20 Fall Open House sponsored by Enrollment Services.
- 20 Football at Dickinson State University.
- 20 Volleyball vs. Black Hills State University, Dome, 3 p.m.
- 21 Golf home meet at Souris Valley Golf Course, 1 p.m.
- 22 International Artist Series: Festival of Four, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Last day to drop a first 8-week course via CampusConnection.

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