



### Public Information Office

A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

## Homecoming king and queen named

Ken Story, representing Student Government Association, and Vanessa Anderson, a candidate for Honors Society, were crowned last night as the 2008 Homecoming king and queen. Story is a broadcasting major from Minot Air Force Base. Anderson, a Jamestown native, is majoring in German and sociology.

Other members of the Homecoming court included Ashley Bernsdorf, SGA, elementary education, Minot; Kurt Bowen, Science Club, chemistry, St.

John, Wash.; Amy Buckingham, Residence Hall Association, special education and elementary education, Shellbrook, Saskatchewan; Benjamin Daggett, Art Club, art and graphic design, Glasgow, Mont.; Nate Doornek, Student North Dakota Education Association, elementary education, Glasgow, Mont.; Alexandra Dressler, Campus Crusade for Christ, elementary education and education

of the deaf, Richardton; Andrew Evanoff, Phi Beta Lambda, international business, management and marketing, Minot; Lucas Havig, Delta Epsilon Chi, marketing, Minot; Brooklyn Heid, SNDEA, elementary education, Beulah; James Jackson, RHA, computer science, Lewistown, Mont.; Anthony Jaramillo, Honors Society, criminal justice, Forsyth, Mont.; Amber Jensen, Media Ink, broadcasting, Kenmare; Lee Johnson, Media Ink, broadcasting, Minot; Renee Johnson, Nursing Student Association, nursing, Willow City; Lindsey Lampert, Psychology Club, psychology, Fortuna; Chase Lee, History Club, history education, Minot; Andria Livingston, Black Student Association, broadcasting, Richmond, Calif.; Jesus Ordaz Jr., NSA, nursing, Chico, Calif.; Ryan Riemedio, Minot State Club of Physical Educators, corporate fitness, Seaside, Calif.; Sharlese Robertson, Science Club, chemistry, Delisle, Saskatchewan; Samantha Rogers,



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## PIO update

Ninety-five years ago, this month, Minot Normal School first opened its doors to students. According to historical documents, Miss Harriet Christensen was the first student to formally complete her enrollment, while Leo S. Kigin was the first young man to enroll. The first term enrollment reached 55 students, 17 of those graduated from the elementary course, and before going out to teach, created the Alumni Association of the Minot Normal School.

Minot State University has truly come a long way.

But, as the saying goes, "You can't know where you're going, until you know where you've been."

My suggestion, as we continue to prepare ourselves for the centennial in 2013, is to take a look back and familiarize ourselves with those who have paved the way. It is thanks, in part, to their years of effort that has brought this institution of higher education to its current status as a cornerstone of the city, region, state and beyond.

— Mark Lyman, director  
of public information

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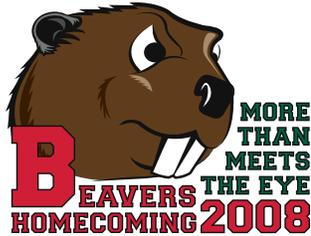
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## Homecoming 2008: 'Beavers ... More Than Meets the Eye!'



Homecoming at Minot State University this year centers on the theme "Beavers ... More Than Meets the Eye!" Homecoming week officially kicked off Monday (Sept. 22) and runs through Saturday (Sept. 27).

Today (Sept. 24) brings music by InPulse, an a cappella group, and food in the Quad, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Beginning at 7 p.m., Music Mayhem, a game show, will be played in the Beaver Dam.

A Porta Party Photo Booth and food starts Thursday's (Sept. 25) activities for students at 10:30 a.m. in the Quad. In the evening, the MSU Alumni Association's Golden Awards banquet will be held in the MSU Conference Center, 5:30 p.m. For students, a 1980s dance will be held at the North Dakota State Fair Center at 10 p.m.

The Friday (Sept. 26) events include Ari Herstand, an acoustic musician, and food in the Quad, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. An MSU Homecoming Alumni, Track and Field and Cross Country and Rose Parade Band Reunion will convene at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Riverside. Derek Hughes, a magician, will perform in the Beaver Dam at 8 p.m.

Homecoming reaches its apex Saturday (Sept. 27) with the "Beaver Parade," starting at 10:30 a.m. Beginning by the Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, the parade route runs north on Main Street, west on Central Avenue, north on Broadway to Fourth Avenue, then west to Sixth Street and north to the MSU Library. A community tailgate party in the east lot of the Dome will follow. The Beavers face off against Valley City State University at Herb Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m. During halftime, the Homecoming royalty and Hall of Fame inductees will be introduced. The game will be broadcast on KMOT on Saturday and the parade on Sunday.

All food is available to students while supplies last. Most activities are free with MSU student and staff identification. Guests may be charged a nominal fee. Individual events sponsored by organizations other than the Student Government Association may have separate charges. In case of inclement weather, any activities scheduled in the Quad will be moved to the Beaver Dam. This year's Homecoming chairs are seniors Ali Monley, Minot, and Melissa Hoots, Minot.

For more information on Homecoming activities, contact student activities at 858-3987, the alumni office at 858-3234, or the athletic department at 858-3041 or [www.minotstateu.edu/homecoming](http://www.minotstateu.edu/homecoming).

## MSU fall enrollment up

Official fall 2008 enrollment numbers show an increase compared to official numbers last year. The official number reported to the North Dakota University System is 3,432, an increase of eight students.

While North Dakota is experiencing a decline in high school graduates by more than 2 percent every year for the past ten years, Minot State new freshman numbers declined only slightly.

However, MSU realized a significant jump in retention rate of freshmen from last year, up seven percent compared to the same time last year. These increases come as a result of a number of activities designed to assist first-year students, such as the Foundations of Excellence initiatives undertaken on campus.

Overall, students from Canada jumped up 15 percent to 280 total, the highest in five years. Enrollments from Manitoba increased by 21 percent, Saskatchewan 8.5 percent, and 29 percent from all other provinces.

The number of international students increased to 57, up 42 percent compared to official numbers from last year. Ward County numbers increased by 162, or almost 9 percent. Other increases were recorded in off-campus sites, such as in Bismarck, where MSU collaborates with Bismarck State College.

Other areas showed increases. Native American students increased by 5 percent. Notable increases were seen in states where MSU has targeted recruiting programs, such as Minnesota, Washington, and California.

"Breaking down our official fall enrollment shows that our recruiting initiatives are realizing real success stories," said David Fuller, Ph.D., president of Minot State University. "Recruiting and retention efforts in Canada, Washington, Minnesota, Ward County and our relationships with international universities and our Native American partners are showing early signs of significant impact."

Anticipating continued declines in enrollments from outlying counties in North Dakota, MSU is taking steps to recruit new students from other areas, as well as retain current students.

"I find these enrollment figures to be encouraging," Fuller remarked. "Many of our initiatives are now resulting in successes in key areas where we have focused our attention."

Two new recruiters will be hired soon, one to work exclusively in Canada and the other to focus on the state of Washington. The number of full-time undergraduate students is up to 2,238.

## Four go golden Thursday evening

Four Minot State University alumni have been selected to receive the MSU Alumni Association's 2008 Golden Award.

Those who will be honored include Jill Fuller, Ph.D., chief nursing officer at Prairie Lakes Healthcare System in Watertown, S.D.; Charles Repnow, owner of Strand Studio in Rugby; Jan Repnow, MSU business education instructor; and Gary Stenehjelm, retired Minot music teacher.

The Golden Award is the highest award bestowed by the Alumni Association, and it was first presented in 1967. The selections are based on outstanding service to the university or Alumni Association and distinguished leadership in the recipient's career or community.

The Golden Award banquet will be held Thursday (Sept. 25), in the MSU Conference Center, 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and may be obtained at the Alumni Office or by calling 858-3234.

## Board of Regents meets Friday

The Minot State University Board of Regents will meet in the Student Center Conference Room on Friday (Sept. 26), 8 a.m.-noon.

The regents will receive reports from the president and the campus representatives for advancement, alumni and students. Regent members will be updated concerning the State Board of Higher Education budget and the upcoming legislative session, as well as have the opportunity to tour the campus. Emeritus awards will also be presented to past regents.

## Four individuals and one athletic team to be inducted on Saturday

Four Minot State University alumni and one athletic team have been selected to be inducted into the Minot State University Athletics Hall of Fame. They will be officially inducted at halftime of the MSU football game on Saturday (Sept. 27) vs. Valley City State University. The annual MSU Athletic Hall of Fame social and banquet will be held in their honor at the Holiday Inn Riverside following the game at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively.

Those who will be honored include Dick Belisle, baseball and basketball ('62-65); Ron Just, football, track and field and basketball ('69-73); Tiffany Hegel, women's basketball ('94-98); and Steven Lipp, wrestling ('88-90). Also inducted will be the 1966 MSU wrestling team.

Tickets are \$14 and may be obtained at the door, in the athletics office, or by calling 858-3041.

## Symphony opens season with Høstfest concert

The Minot Symphony Orchestra will present its first concert of the season Saturday evening (Sept. 27). The "Høstfest Concert" is the beginning of a spectacular musical journey

around the world. Maestro Dennis Simons, professor of music, is the orchestra's conductor; with him, we will travel from Sweden to Vienna via China with Hugo Alven's exciting Festival Overture; Beethoven's own favorite symphony, Symphony No. 7; and for the beautiful and romantic "Butterfly Lover's Concerto," which will feature brilliant violinist Linda Wang.

MSU faculty, staff and students are admitted free with a current ID. Additional tickets for adults are \$15 per concert or \$50 for a season ticket. The price for senior citizens is \$13 single, \$45 season; students 12-18, \$8 single, \$24 season; children, ages under 12, \$4 single, \$12 season. All concerts are held in the Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The remainder of "Music from Around the World" include: "Russian Gold (Fall Concert)," Nov. 15; "Out of This World (Family Concert)," Jan. 31; "American in Paris (Spring Concert)," March 7; "Search for Treasure (Pops Concert)," Apr. 25.

## 2008-09 Student Government Association leads MSU student body



*Front (left to right): Amanda Anderson, Sarah Perry, Amber Jensen, Lisa Brule, Amanda Roise, Anna Holt, Kayla Cote, Stetson Sannes and Tonya Stuart. Middle (left to right): Kala Wangsness, Meg Stade, Danielle Wangler, Ken Story, Max Buchholz, Allayna Kalmik, and Vanessa Anderson. Back (left to right): Jack Fowler, Ashley Bernsdorf, Carter Blend, Trey Welstad, Kevin Leier, Jamie Jackson, Eric Manlove, Reeann Magandy, Whitney Loftesnes and Erik Bertram. Not Pictured: Sarah Rowe-Clutts, Kaila Hilstrom, and Josh Kringen.*

## NAC lecture traces discrepancies in Nordic Cold War

John Pederson, Ph.D., associate professor of humanities and social science at Mayville State University, will open the Northwest Art Center's 2008-09 lecture series on Sept. 29 with "Nordic Military Cooperation in the Early Cold War: A De Facto Nordic Pact?" This presentation will trace the political alignment of the Nordic countries during the Cold War.

"Despite their shared affinity, the Cold War split the Nordic countries," said Pederson. "Norway, Denmark and Iceland were charter members of NATO, while Sweden and Finland were officially neutral."

This lack of consensus was reflected in an unsuccessful attempt by Sweden in the late 1940s to create a neutral defense

alliance with Norway and Denmark. Pederson will also discuss discrepancies between Sweden's official political policy during the Cold War and the actual practice of its military.

Pederson earned his doctorate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where his primary field of study was recent European history. His research has been supported by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Norwegian Information Service, as well as the King Olav V Norwegian American Heritage Fund.

All lectures are held in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m. A question-and-answer period and informal reception will follow the presentation. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments are served afterward.

## Minot State reaches out to students in Washington

An agreement put in place yesterday (Sept. 23) makes it easier for community and technical college students from the state of Washington to transfer to Minot State University to finish their bachelor's degrees.

Philip Parnell, director of articulation and transfer for the North Dakota University System, along with Thomas Eckert, Ed.D., president of Bellingham Technical College, signed the articulation agreement in Bellingham, Wash.

"Studies indicate that between 30,000 and 40,000 students graduate every year from community and technical colleges in Washington, but are unable to get into a four-year university in their own state," said Trisha Nelson, online academic degree advisor at Minot State. "Through this agreement, Minot State is reaching out to them, making it much easier to continue towards a higher degree."

It is the goal of MSU Online to become the educational provider of choice for the community college graduates in Washington state. Through this formal articulation agreement, MSU is proactively providing those students opportunities to consider higher degree programs in the business and information technology areas.

According to Parnell, the NDUS, Minot State University and higher education institutions in Washington have been working since 2005 to find an easy way to help students from two-year colleges better transition to four-year universities to continue their education. The talks started after a Washington agency contacted the NDUS to inform them of the shortage in openings for community college early-childhood-education majors in Washington universities.

Today's agreement signed with Bellingham allows students from BTC with an AAS or AAS-T degree the opportunity to enter one of Minot State's BAS degree programs and earn a minimum cumulative total of 42 semester hours from a four-year institution rather than the customary 60 semester hours required to be earned.

## MSU track and field and cross country teams and coach honored during 2008 Homecoming week

It'll be hard for Wiley Wilson, a 29-year veteran of the Minot State University Athletic Department, to stay out of the spotlight during the 2008 MSU Homecoming.

Wilson, along with all former cross country and track and field student athletes will take center stage throughout Homecoming week. An alumni reunion on Friday (Sept. 26) at the Holiday Inn Riverside will be held from 7 p.m. till midnight. Track and field and cross country student-athletes and their coaches will be honored during the halftime of the Beaver football game on Saturday (Sept. 27). Most of those athletes can point to one man as a big part of their university experience—Wilson.

"You simply can't think about cross country and track and field at Minot State without everybody's first thought being of Wiley Wilson," said Chad McNally, a coordinator for the MSU Homecoming reunion events.

The list of admirers and those whose lives Wilson has impacted is lengthy. Here is what some have said about the coaching legend:

"Most of what I have learned about working hard, being disciplined, performing under pressure, taking responsibility and working as a team, I learned as an athlete under Wiley," said Bill Schalow, an MSU Athletic Hall of Famer and current business manager for Microsoft in Fargo.

"He led with integrity, dedication, and fervor; but most importantly, he had the vision and calm perspective to realize the bigger picture of his job as a coach," said Brenda Mihalicz-Werner, a 1988 graduate of Minot State and a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame. "He was not just preparing us for the next meet; he was preparing us for life."

"Coach Wilson was a great, great role model for me! I attribute 100 percent of the success we have enjoyed to Coach Wilson and the education and experience I received from Minot State University," said Mike Thorson, current head track and field and cross country coach at the University of Mary and part of Minot State's 1977 Track and Field and Cross Country team, which is in the Athletic Hall of Fame.

"To this day, I draw upon the attributes he instilled: preparation, strength, endurance and a positive attitude," commented Laurie Gillis Nolan, a graduate from Minot State in 1985 and also a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Wilson was born in Tennessee in 1931. His father was a railroad man, so they moved to Stanton when Wilson was just a young child. Wilson earned his undergraduate degree at Dickinson State University, an experience broken up by four years of service in the U.S. Air Force. He earned his master's degree in physical education from the University of North Dakota and then began teaching and coaching in smaller towns in the northwest part of the state.

In 1965, Wilson began working at Minot Model High School, and within three years said he “fell into the Minot State job and that was a blessing.” A blessing, not only for Wilson, but for the hundreds of athletes he guided over the next 29 years.

One of the more vivid memories Wilson, a member of the Minot State Athletic Hall of Fame, has of MSU was winning during the 1970s when he said they “had some very good teams” and ended up winning four conference championships during that decade. Over the years, Wilson-led teams earned seventeen NDCAC Conference and District Team Championships, 240 individual conference and District 12 titles. Cross country and track and field teams during this time period featured 10 NAIA All-Americans and sent seven cross country runners to NDCAC and District 12 Championships.

Wilson said the track and field and cross country teams competed in 15 to 18 meets every year. As for the athletes, Wilson said he was “proud of everyone on the team,” and some of the best students and individuals were those who never scored a point in a meet during their entire career. For Wilson, a self-admitted sports addict, having a chance to mold future leaders was more important than winning meets or conference championships.

A humble man, Wilson said he doesn’t think of himself as the cornerstone of the Minot State track and field and cross country teams from 1968-97. Instead, he said he is “honored and appreciates” the attention to his teams and the sport during the 2008 Homecoming. Wilson said, “I’ll be thrilled to see all the old faces again,” and while I “respect and appreciate the honor of being a focus during Homecoming, we don’t want to forget all the coaches that came before and have been here ever since” I was coaching.

Wiley wasn’t alone at Minot State. His wife, Hermelle, also found her place at the university, where she worked in the athletic department with duties that included advising the cheerleaders and teaching drivers education courses to future instructors.

Wilson has two children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He now lives with his wife in Fargo and tries very hard to get back every year to Minot for the Homecoming experience. Wilson sums up his attitude toward being in the spotlight and what he thinks of his time at Minot State best by saying, “If I had to live my life over, I would do it the same way.”

## Life Skills workshops open to all

Faculty and staff are encouraged to recommend the Life Skills workshops sponsored by career services to all Minot State University students. While the workshops are a product of the MSU Mentor Program, all students are welcome to attend. The remainder of the fall schedule is as follows:

- Sept. 25— The Good, The Bad, The Ugly ... Make Good Choices in Today’s Economy, Main 106, 1-1:50 p.m.

- Oct. 1—This Book is Worthless! (study skills), Main 106, 11 a.m.
- Oct. 9—Stop the Insanity ... How to Manage Your Stress, Main 106, 1-1:50 p.m.
- Oct. 22—Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (career exploration), Main 106, 11- 11:50 a.m.
- Oct. 23—Leadership and Involvement at MSU, Main 106, 1-1:50 p.m.

Questions may be directed to Debra Chandler, student services advisor, at 858-3144 or [debra.chandler@minotstateu.edu](mailto:debra.chandler@minotstateu.edu).

## Faculty, staff and student notes

### Caught in the act ... of doing something wonderful!

We’ve all seen someone around campus, young or old, full-time or part-time, first day on the job or heading out the door for the last time—caught in the act of doing something that makes a difference for all of us. DeVera Bowles, Division of



Music, recently found herself interested in sprucing up a particular flower bed close to Old Main; and in the act of planting, she was caught doing something wonderful!

Here are some excerpts, in her own words, about why she (with some help from Ken!) decided to add even more color to our campus grounds:

“... the love for gardening started

about four years ago. This summer, I’ve enjoyed watching my garden change daily, and when a new flower blooms, it’s like the plant is saying ‘thank you for tending me; now let me show you something special.’”

“I love our MSU campus in the summer. So much has been done in the 15 years that Ken and I have been here with building and ground improvements. This summer, I found myself running back and forth to gather materials for opera costumes. When I’d walk by a flower bed, I’d see perennials patiently waiting for someone to clear weeds out of their way. After a good rain, pulling weeds is easier, and creating a stack to toss in the nearest dumpster is satisfying. The next time I’d come by those flowers, it would make me smile to see the perennials enjoying more elbow room.”

“The west music entrance to Old Main has an excellent variety of hostas, lots of contented weeds, but no color. The campus is truly our family’s ‘home away from home,’ as my children have both parents as teachers in the music division. Ken and I talked about it, and we decided that we’d donate red and white geraniums, if any were available when a local greenhouse had a parking-lot sale. I checked with Vice President Ron Dorn, and it just worked out. We put some hostas over on the west entrance because there were a few blank spots, and the price was right.”

“It was relaxing for us to come up in the early evenings to tend. Maybe we can start a garden club with staff and faculty to earmark other areas on campus that have potential.”

“I know there are many whose gardening skills exceed my own. I really think we could have a lot of fun, exercise and beautify our campus ...”

DeVera is just one example of the many who go out of their way to do something not required by job description but done out of a sense of “place” and a desire to make life at Minot State University better for all involved. So the next time you walk near Old Main, don’t forget to glance at the color at your feet and say “Thank you” to DeVera.

If you “catch someone” in the act of doing something wonderful, please let the Office of Public Information be aware of this “going the extra mile” (Beaver Praise), and we’ll share it with campus!

—*Mark Lyman, director of public information*

## Announcements

### CAS sponsors Teacher Talks during fall semester

CAS will host several Teacher Talks this fall semester. At each event, several Minot State University faculty will share assignments and activities they’ve used in class. Faculty and staff from across campus are invited to attend, and those who are interested in sharing assignments and class activities should contact College of Arts and Sciences Dean Conrad Davidson at 858-3159. The following dates and times have been scheduled, with more to come if interest continues:

Sept. 29— Patti Kurtz, Audra Myerchin and Linda Olson, Hartnett Hall 330W, 3 p.m.

Oct. 2— Laurie Geller, Robert Kibler and Cheryl Nielsen, Hartnett Hall 327W, 12:45 p.m.

Oct. 27— Erik Anderson and Harold Nelson, Hartnett Hall 312E, 3 p.m.

— *Conrad Davidson, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences*

### MSU Ambassadors and SGA hold blood drive Sept. 29-30

A Minot State University blood drive, sponsored by the MSU Ambassadors and Student Government Association, will be held in the Student Center Conference Room on Sept. 29-30, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Free T-shirts, blood pressure checks and cholesterol testing available with every donation. To schedule a convenient time to give a blood donation, contact Ann Rivera at 858-3987 or [ann.rivera@minotstateu.edu](mailto:ann.rivera@minotstateu.edu).

— *Ann Rivera, student activities coordinator*

### Faiths Explored series continues

The Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Multicultural Center is hosting our popular Faiths Explored series (formerly the Featured Faith series) on Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

The schedule of speakers is:

Tomorrow (Sept. 25) —Abrar Mohammed, Islam

Oct. 2—No session

Oct. 9— Margi Coxwell, Presbyterian Church

Oct. 16—Prit Paul Kaur, Hinduism

Oct. 23—Deb Jensen, United Church of Christ

The Faiths Explored series is open for students, faculty, staff and members of the community to participate. This is for educational purposes and not for proselytizing. For questions, please contact Campus Pastor Tim Eighmy at 839-3949 or e-mail at [campusministry@srt.com](mailto:campusministry@srt.com).

— *Pastor Tim Eighmy, Lutheran Campus Ministry*

### General Education Ad Hoc Committee book talk slated for Thursday

The first General Education Ad Hoc Committee book talk about Bok’s “Our Underachieving Colleges” is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on Thursday (Sept. 25) at the lower level of the library. If you asked for a book and don’t get it, please contact Andrea Donovan. Further, if you did not sign up for a book but are interested in getting one, also please contact Andrea Donovan. We will focus on chapters one, two and three for this discussion. However, any questions/comments are welcome regarding the LEAP pamphlet or the mini-sessions that followed Convocation.

A more complete schedule will be distributed at this first session and via campus-wide e-mail. Further comments and questions can be directed to the General Education Ad Hoc Committee Web page, to anyone on the committee, or to the committee chair, Andrea Donovan, at ([andrea.donovan@minotstateu.edu](mailto:andrea.donovan@minotstateu.edu)).

— *Andrea Donovan, assistant professor of humanities*

## Spring textbook requests are due Oct. 1

Spring semester is just around the corner—it's that time of year again! Spring textbook requests are due Oct. 1 to the Minot State University Bookstore.

When you submit your book requests to the bookstore on time, you help make sure those titles are on our shelves by the first day of class. Ample time is needed to manage any publisher or shipping delays that may arise. Plus, if we know what textbooks you want to use early on, we'll have time to help you review alternatives if your preferred titles aren't available, or if you'd like to explore other educational tools or options.

We share your goal of getting students prepared for class. Working together, we can make sure not a moment of instructional time is lost.

The earlier you submit your textbook requests, the more time we have to secure used copies of those titles on campus. Used textbooks offer students a lower-priced alternative for their textbooks — typically 25 percent less than a new textbook.

Submitting early textbook requests is so important that we'll take your requests any way you want to deliver them!

Paper — Each term we'll deliver textbook request forms that you can use to submit your information for the coming term. Once complete, send them back by mail, fax or in person to the bookstore—or we can pick them up at your office.

Phone — Call your requests in to the textbook manager at the bookstore.

E-mail — Send your requests to the bookstore using e-mail.

Online — Use our online system to request your textbooks, 24/7/365.

We understand how difficult it's become for students to keep up with rising prices. That's why we do everything we can to bolster our used-book inventory. Used books help students cut their textbook costs by 25 percent. With our Cash for Books program, students who want to sell a textbook that's being reused next term can get 50 percent of the textbook price in cash from our bookstore. With these used textbooks on our shelves, next term's students now have the option of purchasing a used copy and saving 25 percent over the cost of a new textbook.

When you place your textbook requests early we have time to get the word out on campus that we'll buy back copies being reused next term. This increases our used-book supply and helps next term's students save money. Working together, we can help make higher education expenses more affordable for our students! For information, contact 858-3220 or [abbie.baklenko@minotstateu.edu](mailto:abbie.baklenko@minotstateu.edu).

— *Abbie Baklenko, textbook manager and assistant manager*

## Artists to visit MSU

Ned Krouse, a ceramic artist and former Minot State University instructor from Lansing, Mich., will demonstrate Raku firing for ceramics on Oct. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. on the west side of Pioneer Hall. He will also give a slide talk on his work at

10 a.m. in Aleshire Theater on Oct. 8. The public is invited to both presentations.

Sigmund Aarseth, internationally acclaimed Norwegian roseal and landscape painter, will show his work and speak in Aleshire Theater on Oct. 1, 10 a.m. The public is invited.

— *Walter Piehl, professor of art*

## NDUS Arts and Humanities Summit scheduled for Oct. 9-10

The students and faculty of the North Dakota University System meet every two years to celebrate the arts and humanities and to share their works with the public. This time the NDUS Arts and Humanities Summit meets at Bismarck State College on Oct. 9-10.

For two days, there are 40 events with speakers, artists, musicians, philosophers, historians, humanists and experts. Those will be on the BSC campus.

On Oct. 9, the famous writer Sherman Alexie will give an address at the grand Belle Mehus Auditorium in downtown Bismarck. On Oct. 10, acts from several campuses will perform a seamless Collage Concert, also at the Belle.

You are cordially invited! The public is welcome to all these free events, too. (Registrants of the NDUS can sign up for free lunches.) Read the details and register at <http://www.bismarckstate.edu/summit/>.

To see what we are studying today, albeit a small snapshot, is impressive. Even if you can't attend the summit, take a look at the amazing and many talents of the people in our university system on that Web site.

For additional information, contact (701)224-5521 or [lynn.severson@bsc.nodak.edu](mailto:lynn.severson@bsc.nodak.edu).

— *Lynn Severson, associate professor of English at BSC and member of the NDUS Arts and Humanities Summit Committee*

## Geyer says thanks

I would like to express my gratitude to all the MSU staff for all the wonderful things people have done for me during my ongoing battle with breast cancer—the cards, the well wishes, the gifts. I didn't know what a great place I worked at until I was really down, and I needed some support, and there they were. I guess this is what the slogan means: At MSU, be seen, be heard. Thanks to all the people in my office, also for covering for me when I am gone for treatment. I owe you. All this caring means the world to me. Thanks again.

— *Cindy Geyer, Business Office cashier*

## Gauging interest in Weight Watchers-at-work program

Interested in joining a Weight Watchers-at-work program? Weight Watchers is pleased to be able to bring this convenient on-site meeting to Minot State University. These meetings are designed to serve the needs of working men and women. The

at-work program requires a minimum enrollment of 17-20 members and does not have to be just Minot State students, staff and faculty.

If you are interested in joining a Weight Watchers-at-work program, please contact Caren Barnett in Student Health at 858-3371. An information meeting will be scheduled when 20 or more potential members express interest.

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

## Measuring MSU pool use

Minot State is making strides to increase wellness among students, faculty and staff. See the wellness club policy recently adopted: [http://www.minotstateu.edu/hr/manual/3\\_9\\_wellness\\_clubs.pdf](http://www.minotstateu.edu/hr/manual/3_9_wellness_clubs.pdf). Related to increasing opportunities to exercise, I would like to gather information on use of the MSU pool. Currently, use of the pool is supported by student fees, and the pool is open weekdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m., as determined by students.

If you have interest in using the pool, please contact Heidi Super ([heidi.super@minotstateu.edu](mailto:heidi.super@minotstateu.edu)) with the following information:

1. Would you use the pool for exercise if it were open during the day?
2. If so, when would you most likely use the pool? Before noon? Afternoon? List the most likely time if possible.
3. Would you like to see the pool available for lap swimming or more of a class-type of exercise?

— *Heidi Super, associate professor of biology*

## Gala will be in spring 2009

Save the date! The Alumni Association's 26th annual Gala will be May 9 at the Grand International (not this fall).

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

## In the galleries

Sept. 24-Oct. 21— "Arts Dakota," Olson Library Gallery.

Oct. 6-31—"New Work," by Elizabeth Austin, Hanover, N.H., and "Arts Dakota," Hartnett Hall Gallery.

The public reception for both exhibits is Oct. 15, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.

## Calendar

### Sept. 24-Nov. 5, 2008

- 24 Homecoming: Music Mayhem game show, Beaver Dam, 7 p.m.
- 25 Homecoming: food and music, Quad, 11 a.m.
- 25 General Education Ad Hoc Committee book talk, Olson Library, lower level, 12:30 p.m.

- 25 Workshop: "The Good, the Bad, the Ugly ... Make Good Choices in Today's Economy," Main 106, 1 p.m.
- 25 Alumni Association Golden Awards, Conference Center, 6 p.m.
- 25 Concert: Chuck Suchy and Peter Ostroushko, Aleshire Theater, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Homecoming: 1980s dance, N.D. State Fair Grounds, 10 p.m.
- 26 Board of Regents, Conference Center, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 26 Homecoming: food and music, Quad, 11 a.m.
- 26 MSU Athletic Luncheon, Grand International Inn, noon.
- 26 Homecoming: Tournament of Roses reunion, McFarland Lobby, Old Main, 2 p.m.
- 26 Homecoming: Track & Field/Cross Country reunion, Holiday Inn, 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Homecoming: alumni reunion, Holiday Inn, 7 p.m.
- 26 Volleyball vs. Mayville State University, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 26 Homecoming: Derek Hughes, magician/comedian, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.
- 27 Homecoming: parade, route from Thompson Larson Funeral Home, north on Main Street, west on Central Avenue, north on Broadway over the viaduct to Fourth Avenue, then west to Sixth Street, and north to the MSU Library, 10:30 a.m.
- 27 Homecoming: tailgating, free lunch, east parking lot of Dome, 11:30 a.m.
- 27 Homecoming: football vs. Valley City State U., introduction of Homecoming royalty and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees at halftime, Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
- 27 Homecoming: Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, Holiday Inn, social 6 p.m., banquet 7 p.m.
- 27 Volleyball vs. Dakota State University, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 27 Minot Symphony Orchestra, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Brass Band of Minot, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.
- 29 CAS Teacher Talks: Patti Kurtz, Audra Myerchin and Linda Olson, Hartnett Hall 330W, 3 p.m.
- 29 NAC lecture: "Nordic Military Cooperation in the Early Cold War: A De Facto Nordic Pact?" by John Pederson, Mayville, N.D., Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 29-30 Golf at Meadowbrook Golf Course, Rapid City, S.D.
- 30 President Fuller hosts Tora Aasland, Minister of Higher Education, Norway, Fisher Room, Student Center, 8 a.m.

### October 2008

- 1 Guest artist: Sigmund Aarseth, Norwegian rosemary and landscape painter, Aleshire Theater, 10 a.m.
- 1 Workshop: "This Book is Worthless!" (study skills), Main 106, 11 a.m.
- 1 SAC: Karaoke, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
- 1 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater 9 p.m.

2	Seminar to student teach spring 2009, Conference Center, 8 a.m.	17	Volleyball at Black Hills State University, Spearfish, S.D.
2	CAS Teacher Talks: Laurie Geller, Robert Kibler and Cheryl Nilsen, Hartnett Hall 327W, 12:45 p.m.	18	Fall Open House hosted by Enrollment Services.
2-4	Theatre: "The Pillowman," Black Box, 7:30 p.m.	18	Football vs. South Dakota Mines, Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
3	Seminar to student teach spring 2009, Conference Center, 8 a.m.	18	Volleyball at South Dakota Mines, Rapid City, S.D.
3	Golf at Lakeview Golf Course, Mitchell, S.D.	20	Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
3	Volleyball at Jamestown College.	21	Recital: MSU music students, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.
4	Football at Jamestown College.	22	College of Business: Professional Aspirations Seminar, Conference Center.
4	Golf at Wild Oak Golf Course, Mitchell, S.D.	22	Workshop: "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" (career exploration), Main 106, 11 a.m.
4	Volleyball at Valley City State University.	22	SAC: Comedian Richie Holiday, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.
6	Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.	23	Last day to drop a full 16-week course via CampusConnection.
6	North Dakota Reads Downtown, Main Street Books, 7 p.m.	23	Workshop: Student Leadership and Involvement at MSU, Main 106, 1 p.m.
6-31	NAC exhibit: "New Work" by Elizabeth Austin, Hanover, N.H., and "Arts Dakota," Hartnett Hall Gallery.	23	Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
7	Incomplete grades of "I" from spring and summer roll to "F."	23-26	Theatre: "Boy Gets Girls," Aleshire Theater, Thursday-Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m.
7	Curriculum Committee, 12:30 p.m.	24	Spring semester graduation application due to Registrar's Office.
7	Guest artist: Ned Krouse, ceramic demonstration, Pioneer Hall, west side, 6 p.m.	24	Volleyball at Dakota State University, Madison, S.D.
7	Concert: Small Ensembles, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.	25	Football at Black Hills State University, Spearfish, S.D.
7	SAC: Hypnotist Frederick Winters, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.	25	Volleyball at Mayville State University.
8	Guest artist: Ned Krouse, ceramics lecture, Aleshire Theater, 10 a.m.	26	Brass Band of Minot, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.
8	Volleyball at Dickinson State University.	27	Second 8-week classes begin.
8	SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater 9 p.m.	27	CAS Teacher Talks: Erik Anderson and Harold Nelson, Hartnett Hall 312E, 3 p.m.
9	Workshop: "Stop the Insanity ... How to Manage Your Stress," Main 106, 1 p.m.	27	Concert: MSU Band, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
9	Faculty Senate, Model 207, 3:30 p.m.	28	Development Foundation meeting, Westlie Room, 7:30 a.m.
10	Spring semester graduation application due to advisor.	28	Major Fair: explore academic departments, Conference Center, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
11	Football at Dakota State University, Madison, S.D.	28	Concert: MSU Choirs, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
11	Concert: "Surround the State in Song," children's honor choir, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.	28-Nov. 14	NAC exhibit: "The Lives and Culture of the Sami People," photographs by Fred Ivar Utsi Klemetsen, Norway, Olson Library Gallery.
13	Young Men's Choral Concert with Minot Heritage Singers, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.	29	AC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater 9 p.m.
13	Beaver Dam Day hosted by MSU Enrollment Services, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.	29	NAC lecture: "Roamin' in Rome: Brother Eric's Personal Perusal of the Grandeur," by Eric Furuseth, humanities, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
13	NAC lecture: "Horizons Unlimited: Destinations China and the Tibetan Borderlands," Robert Kibler, humanities, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.	30	Last day to add a second 8-week course.
14	Assessment Day.	30	Last day to drop a second 8-week course without a grade of "W."
15	University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.	30	SAC: dance, Grand International, 9:30 p.m.
15	Brown Bag Book Talk: Casey Coleman, psychology, Olson Library, noon.	31	MSU Athletic Luncheon, Grand International Inn, noon.
15	NAC: public reception for "Arts Dakota" and "New Work" exhibits, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.	31	Northwest Music Festival.
15-16	Finals exams for first 8-week courses.	31	Concert: MSU Showcase Concert, Nelson Hall, 3:30 p.m.
16	SAC: Battle of the Bands, Beaver Dam, 7 p.m.	31	Volleyball vs. Valley City State University, Dome, 7 p.m.
17	MSU Athletic Luncheon, Grand International Inn, noon.		

## November 2008

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| 1 | Northwest Music Festival.   | 3 | North Dakota Reads Downtown, Main Street Books, 7 p.m.               |
| 1 | Football vs. Mayville State University, Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m.     | 4 | Curriculum Committee, Fisher Room, 12:30 p.m.                        |
| 1 | Volleyball vs. Jamestown College, Dome, 7 p.m.                        | 5 | SAC: Karaoke, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.                                    |
| 1 | Concert: Northwest Music Festival Honors Concert, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m. | 5 | Student speech and hearing screening, Memorial Hall 138, noon–3 p.m. |
| 3 | Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.          | 5 | SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater 9 p.m.               |
|   |   | 5 | Volleyball vs. Dickinson State University, Dome, 7 p.m.              |

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