



Campus holiday celebration slated for Dec. 16

President David and Nancy Fuller would like to invite faculty and staff to the annual campus holiday social Dec. 16, 2-4 p.m. The event is in the Conference Center.

Minot State's Hometown Heroes honor 45 students in four high schools

The first two days of December were busy ones for future Minot State University students in Garrison, Max, Stanley and Minot—as the Hometown Heroes endeavor offers scholarships and awards to high school seniors in each town.

On Dec. 1, Minot State University President David Fuller, along with other MSU representatives, visited Garrison for a tour of the high school and a meeting with civic leaders, including Dick Messerly, president of the Garrison Chamber of Commerce. Kevin Harmon, MSU dean of admissions, gave awards to seven students who have qualified for new scholarship programs.

As a part of Minot State's quest to support Vision 2013 and become one of the premiere public, regional universities in the "great" Great Plains, the university is introducing a bold and encompassing scholarship campaign to attract proven students who are engaged leaders of their communities. The MSU Development Foundation's "Distinctive and Engaged Scholars" program and "Service for the Common Good" awards recognize exemplary student performance in the classroom and in the community.

Ryan Essler, Brooke Haugen, Samantha Lind, Christina Meyers, Samantha Seidler, Stephanie Stumvoll and Eric Wilcox, all high school seniors at Garrison, fit into the



President David Fuller and MSU admissions counselor Wade Regier with Distinctive and Engaged Scholar Winners from Garrison High School (from left to right: Regier, Ryan Essler, Samantha Lind, Eric Wilcox, Stephanie Stumvoll, Samantha Seidler, Brooke Haugen, President Fuller. Not pictured is Christina Meyers.)

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PIO update

A new academic and recruiting initiative is providing notable early results. Hometown Heroes is setting the tone in the local area to attract top-notch students to Minot State University.

On Monday (Dec. 1), President David Fuller, Vice Presidents Gary Rabe and Marv Semrau, Dean of Admissions Kevin Harmon, Director of Marketing Teresa Loftesnes, Admissions Counselor Wade Regier and I visited Garrison and Max High Schools.

We were able to reach out to school officials, community leaders and, most importantly, the juniors and seniors who make up future classes at MSU.

The cream of the crop, when it comes to future North Dakota leaders, is in our own backyard. Students like Max High School seniors Connor Slattery and Mariah Balaban. Before the student-led tour, they passed out their own creations—a color, tri-fold pamphlet introducing Max Public School and a newsletter, done by the students for the region, titled MBD News.

Congratulations to these students and the many others in our area that excel.

— Mark Lyman, director
of public information

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parameters of this new scholarship program. They received scholarship awards between \$500 and \$3,500, contingent upon their admission to Minot State.

Laurie Gienger, a Garrison hometown hero and Minot State freshman majoring in art, also spoke with the juniors and senior as part of the day's events.

In the afternoon, Minot State personnel toured Max High School, guided by Superintendent Jim Blomberg and students Connor Slattery and Mariah Balaban. Three seniors at Max, Kayla Anderson, Jackie Kohler and Ashley Fedorenko, received their Distinctive and Engaged Scholars Award earlier this year.



President David Fuller with Distinctive and Engaged Scholar winners from Max High School (from left to right: President Fuller, Jackie Kohler, Ashley Fedorenko and Kayla Anderson.)

Also on Dec. 1, Minot State University invited seniors from Bishop Ryan High School to tour the campus, enjoy lunch and receive recognition for their efforts. Matt Charley, Mikayla Koble, Alex Bahl, Rachel Brown, Amanda Klein, Amanda Crockett, Katrina Niess, Amanda Paulson and Seth Zander received the Distinctive and Engaged Scholar Award, ranging from \$500 to \$3,500, contingent upon their admission to MSU. As well, 16 other seniors, Samantha Leintz, Randy Volk, Nathan Amick, Samantha Magnuson, Bethany Jundt, Ben Kramer, Cory Garber, Ashley Wittmayer, Rachael Ritzke, Carly Seibold, Stephanie Lynch, Breyette Schall, Shelby Schollmeyer, Nathan Kroger, NaTeal Bosch and Michael Gregory earned the Service for Common Good Award, for between \$500 and \$1,500.

Chase Lee, a Bishop Ryan graduate and Minot State senior majoring in history education, spoke to and accompanied the Bishop Ryan high school students during their time on campus.

Dec. 2 was a time for Stanley native and MSU Head Football Coach Paul Rudolph to return home. Coach Rudolph visited with juniors and seniors in Stanley and presented Jori Fladeland, Kaloni Erickson and Megan Hollekim with awards between \$500 and \$3,500 for being Distinctive and Engaged Scholars.

Coach Rudolph also gave awards between \$500 and \$1,500 to Anna Lahtinen, Will Feldman, Kyli Locken, Caleb Uran,

Zachary Jarmin, Lee Holland and Randal Reese for their Service to Common Good. The 10 honored students at Stanley High School are all seniors.

Service and civic engagement of MSU social work students highlighted today

Today, Minot State University students of the Social Work Communities and Organizations (SWK 427) and Social Welfare Policy I (SWK 340) classes will share their service and civic engagement projects at a presentation and poster session. The session will take place in the Westlie Room, third floor of the Student Center, from 3 to 6 p.m. The campus and community are invited to attend.

"Throughout this semester, social work students have participated in service projects and worked on developing policy proposals for positive change in the Minot community," said Ruth Kihm, assistant professor of social work. "They have been directly involved in making positive social change through their civic engagement, service, education and awareness projects."

Their final class presentations this afternoon will be an opportunity for the MSU campus and community to learn more about these activities and how community involvement has contributed to the educational and leadership development of future Minot State social work graduates.

"My community organization project with the Minot Commission on Aging Meals on Wheels Program has taught me that one person can make a difference in the community," said Jodi Wright, an MSU senior. "I chose to work with Meals on Wheels because I believe in empowering the elderly to live as independently as possible while in their homes. I am working with area businesses to raise money for new meal warmers, which keep the meals hot longer, and new biodegradable food trays, which will protect our environment. In the process, I have learned how to network with other agencies and advocate for the elderly."

Those students, listed by hometown and topic, giving individual presentations are:

- Kyleigh Pfau, Upham, "Hats and Gloves for CLC."
- Julie Remillard, Mohall, "CancerCare Cottage."
- Krista Sheridan, Minot Air Force Base, "Trinity Hospital Labor and Delivery Unit Renovation."
- Tifanie Reineke, Minot, "Guiding a Journal Resource Guide."
- Wright, Minot, "'Hot' Meals on Wheels."
- Lacey Strand, Minot, "A Christmas Program."
- Heather Lembke, Minot, "Comfort Care Program."
- Maggie Aalund, Bottineau, "Fun Day at the Dome."
- Jenny Striha, Balfour, "White Elephant Auction in Butte, N.D."

Students, listed by hometown and topic, collaborating on group projects are:

- Wright, Brian Osvoid, Minot, Remillard and Jennifer Hackmann, Burlington, “MSU Parking Dilemma.”
- Kristi Schafer, Minot, Gabrielle Smith, Minot, Jennifer Reichenberger, Minot, and Renelou Gonzalez, Minot Air Force Base, “Child Care on Campus.”
- Dana Saari, Minot, Leacey Brown, Minot, and Aalund, “Guidance for Pharmaceutical Waste.”
- Billie Kastrow, Minot, Candyce Murphy, Dickinson, Jana Sather, Glasgow, Mont., and Lisa Jensen, Minot, “Campus Security Issues.”

For additional information, contact Kihm at 858-3142 or ruth.kihm@minotstatu.edu.

Minot State Honors Program students present research findings Thursday

On Thursday (Dec. 4), Minot State University students enrolled in the Honors Program will give their senior presentations from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Honors Center, Model Hall Room 208. As part of the presentations, the students will give their findings. Then, at the end of the semester, the students will submit a major paper that highlights their research.

These honor students have spent the semester conducting independent research on an area of particular personal interest, with advisement from Lynne Rumney, the honors director at Minot State, and a faculty member in the relevant field. Those students, listed by major, hometown and topic, giving individual presentations are:

- Erin Bosh, psychology, Minot, “An examination of disaster response efforts and how improvements in communication and civilian empowerment can aid communities.”
- Jennifer Castro, broadcasting, Great Falls, Mont., “A study of the reality TV phenomenon, how it has developed over time, and why it is so popular with audiences.”
- Vanessa Anderson, German and sociology, Jamestown, “A look at the Green Youth Party in Germany and how it has inspired a survey of political involvement among students at MSU and a new campus student organization called SEED.”
- Ashley Liebel, music education, Watford City, “Suggested approaches to accommodating students with disabilities in the music education classroom.”
- Misty Nehring, Spanish, Williston, “An analysis of two key characters (Snape and Dumbledore) in the Harry Potter series of children’s books.”

For more information on the presentations, contact Rumney at 858-3574 or lynne.rumney@minotstateu.edu.

‘Meet the Beavers’ at the mall Dec. 6

Minot State University athletic fans will again be able to “Meet the Beavers” at Dakota Square Mall on Dec. 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., near Carmike Theatre. As a Saturday event, it provides a great opportunity for MSU to feature its student athletes and athletic programs.

The Minot community will be able to meet student athletes from these programs: football, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, volleyball, men’s cross country, women’s cross country, men’s track and field, women’s track and field, men’s golf, women’s golf, baseball, softball, and the MSU Cheer and Dance Teams.

“The university is excited about bringing the student athletes to the mall,” said Teresa Loftesnes, director of marketing. “Meet the Beavers’ allows the community to visit one on one with the student athletes about their collegiate experiences, both as a student and an athlete. We have several students that have impressive stories to tell.”

Featured events and activities include watching the “still,” live mannequins, getting autographs and playing games with MSU players, winning prizes, watching an MSU football highlight video, trying out the track and field games like Wii Fit and registering to win Minot State gear.

For more information, contact Loftesnes at 858-3062 or teresa.loftesnes@minotstateu.edu. Also, view the Minot State athletic teams at www.msubeavers.com.

Heritage Singers, Voices of Note, MSU Concert Choir and others unite Sunday for ‘Messiah’

The Heritage Singers men’s chorus, the Voices of Note women’s chorus, area high school students and MSU Concert Choir will combine to present Handel’s “Messiah” on Sunday (Dec. 7) at 4 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. They will be directed by Ken Bowles, professor of music. Admission is by free-will offering and proceeds of the event are directed to the Dr. Joseph Hegstad Scholarship Fund.

Campus Players present ‘A Christmas Carol’ Dec. 11-14

The MSU Campus Players production of Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol,” adapted by Kevin Neuharth, associate professor of communication arts, and directed by student Chris Stroschein, will run Dec. 11-13, at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 14 at 2 p.m., in Aleshire Theater.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students, children and senior citizens. MSU IDs will not be accepted for admission, as this production is a fundraiser for Campus Players. Reservations can be made by calling 858-3172.

Davidson shares highlights from African trip

Conrad Davidson, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of communication arts, will discuss "Producing Radio Drama in Sudan Radio Service" on Dec. 11 in the Multicultural Center, 12:30-1:30 p.m. On Dec. 18 at 7 p.m., he will present "Musa and Taban: Acting it Out for Sudan Radio Service," at the next Northwest Art Center lecture in Aleshire Theater.

His talks detail his experiences in Kenya last July, where he worked with Sudan Radio Services as a consultant on script writing, radio acting and dialogue. Sudan Radio Services provides news and information on current events, civic education, health, agriculture and animal husbandry, business and economic issues. For two weeks, Davidson provided training for approximately 30 people, a mix of SRS full-time personnel and freelancers, to improve the quality of their radio drama productions.

A question-and-answer period and refreshments will follow the NAC lecture. Admission is free and open to the public for both events.

Minot State named a Champions of Character institution

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics named Minot State University, through its athletic department, a "Champions of Character Institution" for the 2007-08 academic year. This is the seventh consecutive year Minot State has been recognized as a Champions of Character Institution.

Introduced in 2000 by the NAIA, the nationally recognized Champions of Character program seeks to create environments in which student athletes, youth, parents, coaches, officials and spectators are committed and understand the true spirit of competition through the five character values of respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership and sportsmanship.

"We're excited, once again, to be chosen as a Champions of Character Institution," said Rick Hedberg, MSU athletic director. "This is an annual goal of our department, and I really need to commend our coaches and student athletes on their commitment to this program."

During the past year, MSU student athletes participated in such projects as an elementary school reading program, character development presentations in local schools, a food drive for a local food pantry, a giving-tree Christmas project through the Minot Domestic Violence Crisis Center, involvement and support of the North Dakota Special Olympics and fundraising for breast cancer awareness through the Coaches vs. Cancer program.

"Our involvement on campus and in the community is important for our department," said Hedberg. "The community supports us a great deal, and we want to be able to give something back."

Faculty and staff achievement awards nominations are due Jan. 26

Nominations for Minot State University Board of Regents faculty and staff achievement awards are due in the Office of the President by Jan. 26. There are separate forms, criteria and selection committees for each award. In brief:

- Faculty: nominations may be made by anyone knowledgeable about the achievement and contributions of the faculty member. Self-nominations are allowed. Self-nominations must include an endorsement by a faculty member or supervisor. Nominations must be specific for the area of teaching, scholarship or service and must include a one-page supporting narrative.
- Staff: nominations may be made by anyone knowledgeable about the staff member. A description of the personal characteristics and accomplishments of the nominee must be provided.

Details that are more specific are contained on the nomination forms. The forms may be found on the MSU Web site under the faculty and staff section.

The awards will be presented at the MSU Employee Appreciation Banquet, March 5.

Norwegian and American professors conduct focus group research with persons with disabilities

For the past two years, Brent Askvig, executive director of the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities on Minot State University's campus, has travelled to Norway each fall to collaborate with Jan Meyer, a professor at Harstad University College in Harstad, Norway. This fall, Meyer joined MSU as a visiting professor to continue their cooperation on focus group research with persons with disabilities. In addition to learning a lot from each other, Askvig and Meyer plan to publish a scholarly paper comparing the life experiences of individuals with disabilities in Norway and North Dakota.

Before meeting Askvig, Meyer had already worked with a focus group of individuals with intellectual disabilities. He interviewed a group of seven, who currently live within their communities in their own apartments. The group consisted of four men and three women between the ages of 20 and 55. Some of them have lived in state institutions, while others have not. He conducted four meetings with them to learn about their feelings, their work, their daily activities and what help they receive or need.

Askvig wants to replicate Meyer's research in the U.S. to compare the differences between the countries. He plans to interview a focus group of five to 10 people to find out what their lives are really like within their communities.



Brent Askvig and Jan Meyer at the AUCD conference.

“This is good. We can have comparative work,” said Meyer. “I hope for cooperation, like student and faculty exchanges, between our two institutions.”

Meyer and Askvig just returned from the 2008 Association of University Centers on Disability Annual Meeting and Conference in Washington, D.C., where they presented “Norwegian and Midwestern U.S. Citizens’ Perspectives on Institutional and Community Living.” The AUCD is a network of interdisciplinary centers advancing policy and practice for and with individuals with developmental and other disabilities, their families and communities.

The Scandinavian countries were among the first to promote community integration, inclusion and community services for persons with disabilities. Every public building and medium of public transportation are handicapped-accessible, which is mandated by law. Most of the old buildings and houses are also accessible. The NDCPD personnel at NDCPD learned much from Meyer and found differences in attitudes. The Norwegians want healthcare provided by the public (government) not private sector. Generally, Americans are anxious about paying higher taxes and pay private entities to cover healthcare costs.

A leader in the Norwegian movement for deinstitutionalization to community-based services for persons with disabilities during the 1990s, Meyer said his country’s goal is successful integration and inclusion for individuals with disabilities. The Norwegian Social Welfare System is an organized set of supports for all Norwegian citizens, regardless of disability or even the severity of a disability. All supports are coordinated through local townships, the lowest level of government. Thus, the people who live in the community support all others who live in the community. These supports are provided free by the government, but Norwegian citizens are heavily taxed to finance this support.

Approximately 20,000 people lived at the North Dakota Developmental Center at Grafton over its first 100 years. There are still about 121 inhabitants there today.

Meyer has visited the United States several times and actually completed a sabbatical at the University of Minnesota in 2000, where he studied the Minnesota deinstitutionalization process. In October 2005, NDCPD hosted him for the first

time. Meyer was the first president of Harstad College. Now back in the classroom, he spends much of his time preparing students to work as direct support personnel for individuals with disabilities who live in the community.

Social educators, who are the direct support staff who work with individuals with disabilities in the community, possess backgrounds in special education, social work and nursing. Consequently, they have skills in case management and service coordination, health, wellness and medications, and instructional practice.

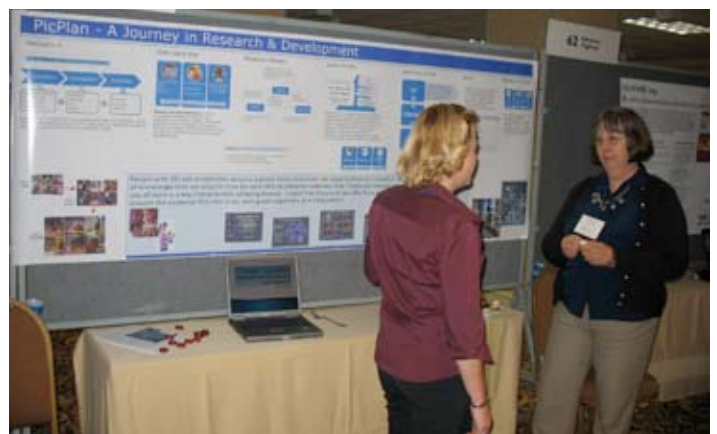
“They should choose what they are motivated to study, not just which profession they can make the most money from,” Meyer said, when asked what advice he would have for students. “Young people have a great future in North Dakota, if the new oil revenue is used wisely.”

NDCPD presents at national AUCD conference

From Nov. 8-12, several faculty and staff from the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities at Minot State University participated in the 2008 Association of University Centers on Disability Annual Meeting and Conference in Washington, D.C. AUCD is a national network of interdisciplinary centers advancing policy and practice through research, education and services for and with individuals with developmental and other disabilities, their families and communities.

Mary Mercer, community training core coordinator, chaired the 2008 AUCD Training Symposium, “Widening and Strengthening Pathways through Universal Design.” The keynote speaker was Valerie Fletcher, executive director for the Institute for Human Centered Design, Boston. This institute is committed to advancing the role of design in expanding opportunity and enhancing experience for people of all ages and abilities; its work balances expertise in legally required accessibility with promotion of best practices in human-centered or universal design.

Participants heard a panel of experts on Smart Home technology, Web accessibility for people with cognitive



Cathy Haarstad (right) talks with a conference participant.

disabilities, and other technology applications for persons with cognitive disabilities. Kari Arrayan, project director for NDCPD's Disability Health Project, served as one of the symposium's discussion group leaders on universal design in health promotion and disease prevention.



Linda Madsen at the AUCD conference.

NDCPD personnel also presented five posters during the 2008 AUCD Poster Session, "Paving the Way." The presenters and their topics were:

- Brent Askvig, executive director of NDCPD, and Jan Meyer, associate professor at Harstad University College in Harstad, Norway, "Norwegian and Midwestern U.S. Citizens' Perspectives on Institutional and Community Living."
- Linda Madsen, research associate, "Reactions of Adults with Disabilities to Nintendo® Wii™ Gaming System."
- Cathy Haarstad, "PicPlan—A Journey in Research and Design."
- Haarstad, Dawn Olson, consumer liaison, Shannon Simonson, Consumer Advisory Council chair, and Cynthia Salazar, dissemination coordinator, "PhotoVoice—Using Photos in Research to Communicate and Influence Constituents and Policymakers."
- Arrayan, Askvig, Kyle Kraft, project assistant for the Real Choice Systems Change Grant—Rebalancing Initiative, "North Dakota Health Project."

For more information on the training symposium, visit http://www.aucd.org/template/news.cfm?news_id=2853&cid=17.

State education leaders attend MHEC summit; Goetz named MHEC chair

Education, government and business leaders from 12 Midwestern states discussed improving college access and completion at a summit hosted by the Midwestern Higher Education Compact in Minneapolis Nov. 17–19.

MHEC commissioners representing North Dakota at the meetings were Bruce Christianson; James Davis, president of Turtle Mountain Community College; Sen. Tim Flakoll; Sen. Tom Seymour; Bill Goetz, chancellor of the North Dakota University System; and Rep. Dennis E. Johnson. Other North Dakota education leaders who attended were Rep. Ken Svedjan, chair of the Interim Higher Education Committee; Rep. Nancy Johnson; Rep. Kim Koppelman; Brandi Pelham, media and legislative relations policy advisor for the Office of the Governor; Larry Skogen, president of Bismarck State College; Steve Shirley, president of Valley City State University; Michel Hillman, NDUS vice chancellor for academic and student affairs; and Marsha Krosteng, NDUS vice chancellor for strategic planning.

The summit was part of "Making Opportunity Affordable," a multi-year initiative of the Lumina Foundation for Education. The initiative focuses on the role of states in expanding postsecondary opportunities and on education as the key to remaining competitive in a global information and knowledge-based economy.

Following the two-day summit, MHEC commissioners and guests gathered for the MHEC annual meeting. Currently, NDUS Chancellor Bill Goetz, the vice chair, now begins serving a one-year term as chair of the commission.

Founded in 1991, MHEC includes 12 states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. MHEC sponsors a variety of programs to reduce costs, increase student access and conduct policy research and analysis. The compact is statutorily created and governed by a board of five commissioners from each member state. Commissioners include legislators, governor's representatives and higher education leaders.

— NDUS news release

Announcements

General Education Ad Hoc Committee seeks campus input Thursday

On Thursday (Dec. 4), the General Education Ad Hoc Committee has scheduled two discussion sessions at 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the Library Media Center

It is important that the committee get your participation! This is a faculty-wide discussion and not everyone is getting their voices heard. Remember that this discussion is leading to the formulation of outcomes that depict what we, as faculty and staff, believe are important attributes when our students finish their General Education requirements and graduate from MSU. Discussion points are:

- What we think are important characteristics for our students to exhibit upon the completion of both General Education and their majors.

- The next themes from the Bok book handed out at the beginning of the semester—citizenship, diversity and preparation for the global society. If you did not get the book or did not have time to read it ... please come to one of the sessions anyway! You undoubtedly can make an important contribution to these themes regardless.
- Any other topic that you think is worthwhile.

If you cannot make either of these sessions, feel free to contact Andrea Donovan, GEAH chair, or any other member of the General Education Ad Hoc Committee with comments. Any questions can be directed to Donovan at andrea.donovan@minotstateu.edu or 858-3819.

— *Andrea Donovan, General Education Ad Hoc Committee chair*

Faiths Explored series continues Thursday

The Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Multicultural Center hosts the popular Faiths Explored series in the Multicultural Center on Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The remaining session is Pastor Marion Miller, speaking about the Seventh-Day Adventist Church on Thursday (Dec. 4).

The Faiths Explored series is open for students, faculty, staff and members of the community to participate. Ask questions and learn about others' faiths. For questions, please contact Campus Pastor Tim Eighmy at 839-3949 or e-mail at campusministry@srt.com.

— *Pastor Tim Eighmy, Lutheran Campus Ministry*

Renaissance Feast slated for Dec. 4-6

Eric Furuseth, Pamela Hopkins, Cheryl Nilsen, Margi Coxwell, Andrea Donovan, David Bradley and Bethany Andreasen invite all Minot State University faculty, staff and students to join them for the Minot Chamber Chorale's annual Renaissance Feast. Enjoy an evening of celebration, music, food and frivolity with the lords and ladies of the Chorale, the maids and pages, the Western Plains Children's Choir, the jesters and the instrumentalists. The Chorale has been opening the Christmas season in Minot for more than 35 years, and its members would be happy to host you for this trip back in time.

There are performances on Dec. 4, 5 and 6 at the Holiday Inn Coliseum. The social begins at 6 p.m, followed by the dinner and entertainment at 7 p.m. Adult meals are \$32 for non-members and \$27 for members: the choices are prime rib or chicken cordon bleu. A child's portion of chicken strips is available for \$17. Reservations are required; contact JoAnn Samuelson at 838-8709 or 839-4622. For more information, contact Bethany Andreasen at 858-3243.

— *Bethany Andreasen, associate professor of history*

MSU English Club holds holiday high tea Saturday

The Minot State University English Club will host a holiday high tea on Saturday (Dec. 6). The tea is from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Carnegie Center (105 2nd Ave. SE). Light hors d'oeuvres will be served with a selection of hot teas and hot apple cider. Art of area artists and MSU students will be on display and available for purchase. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door. To purchase tickets, please contact Margaret Sherve, at 858-4266, or contact a member of the English Club at MSU_English_Club@hotmail.com.

— *Margaret Sherve, assistant professor of English*

Staff Senate sponsors holiday decorating contest

Minot State University students, faculty and staff are invited to join in celebrating the holiday season by participating in the Staff Senate Holiday Decorating Contest. Individual offices and/or departments are encouraged to participate. Judging will take place on Dec. 12 between 9 and 10:30 a.m.

The winner will be announced by the end of Dec. 12, and the traveling trophy will be awarded. To be a part of the fun, please e-mail the Staff Senate Holiday Contest Committee at staffsenate@minotstateu.edu by 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 10.

— *Staff Senate Holiday Decorating Contest Committee*

SSWO thanks campus

The Student Social Workers Organization at Minot State University would like to thank all individuals who supported "Freezin' for a Reason." The Minot Area Homeless Coalition and area food pantries soup kitchens received over \$800 and over a ton (literally) of food. It was a great success, and we are grateful to the community for their generosity.

— *MSU students Jennifer Reichenberger, Kristi Schafer and Bailey Walters*

Emergency response guidelines finalized

The Emergency Operations Plan Committee has finalized documents related to guidelines that are beneficial for all on campus to become familiar with and understand. The information is located at the Plant Services/Safety and Security page of the Minot State University Web site, http://www.minotstateu.edu/plant/security_000.shtml, and does include a way that you can easily print off a PDF document of the condensed guidelines. Quick-reference guides, which can be placed near a telephone or on a desk, will be disbursed across campus. We would invite all to read the new documents on the Web site and familiarize themselves with the guidelines included. For questions, contact Mark Lyman at 858-3298 or mark.lyman@minotstateu.edu.

— *Emergency Operations Plan Committee*

Funding still available for diversity projects

Matching funds for the 2008-09 academic year are available from the University Diversity Committee to all campus entities (students, faculty and staff). Projects are being sought that address the mission of the University Diversity Committee, which is “To advance the vitality of community and culture through recognition, promotion, and celebration of the value of all types of diversity and equal opportunity.”

Proposals may include funds needed for supporting a special project, an event, a professional development activity, etc. Proposal review will be ongoing until the AY 08-09 budget is depleted.

For more information or to receive a Request for Proposal form, contact Lisa Borden-King, at lisa.borden-king@minotstateu.edu or 858-3158.

— *Lisa Borden-King, assistant professor of education*

AUGITE selling three-ring binders

AUGITE, the geology club, has received another supply of three-ring binders. These are recycled binders from a business, and the club is charging \$1 per binder, regardless of size. There are many sizes available, so if you have any particular size requirements, now is the time for best selection. Contact Guy Hanley at 858-3076 or guy.hanley@minotstateu.edu or stop by Cyril Moore Room 129.

— *Guy Hanley, AUGITE faculty advisor*

Housing survey participants wanted

Potential faculty of staff participant: You are invited to participate in a survey conducted by the residence life coordinator at Minot State University. By giving your opinion on the one-page questionnaire at this link, <http://vovici.com/wsb.dll/s/6dabg39772>, you can help determine the future of on-campus housing at Minot State. With the results from this questionnaire, Amber O'Brien, residence life coordinator, and the Office of Student Life and Housing will assess whether or not to implement living and learning communities in some or all of the residence halls on-campus.

If you choose to complete the survey, please know that there are no potential benefits or risks associated with participating in this study. The information you provide is anonymous. Your participation in this survey is voluntary, and you may withdraw at any time from completing the survey by choosing not to submit it on-line.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact O'Brien in the student life and housing office at 858-3584. This survey has been approved by MSU's Institutional Review Board. If you have any questions about your rights as a human research subject, please contact Margi Coxwell, IRB chair, at 858-3125.

— *Amber O'Brien, residence life coordinator*

In the galleries

Dec. 3-Dec. 4—Watercolors by Caroline Doucette, Rugby, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Dec. 3-Dec. 26—“Americas 2000: Before and Beyond,” prints from the MSU permanent collection, Library Gallery.

Dec. 9-31—“Americas 2000: Before and Beyond,” prints from the MSU permanent collection, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Calendar

Dec. 3-Jan. 14, 2009

Dec.

- 3 Social actions and community project student presentations, Westlie Room, 3–6 p.m.
- 3 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater 9 p.m.
- 3 “Creativity in Music” music class presentation, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Honor Program senior presentations, Model Hall 208, noon.
- 4 General Education Ad Hoc Committee Bok Book Talk, Olson Library, 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
- 4 SAC: dance, Grand International, 9:30 p.m.
- 5 Nursing student research presentations, Memorial Hall, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
- 5 MSU Athletic Luncheon, Sevens Restaurant, noon.
- 6 Enrollment Services: Saturday tours, call 858-3350 for an appointment.
- 6 Meet the Beavers, Dakota Square Mall, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
- 6 English Club Holiday High Tea, Carnegie Center, 2–4 p.m.
- 6 Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Dickinson State University, Dome, 4 & 6 p.m.
- 6 Men's Club Hockey vs. MSU-Bottineau, All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 “Messiah” Concert, performed by Heritage Singers, Voices of Note, MSU Concert Choir and local high school students, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.
- 8 Graduate School: last day for thesis defense for fall graduates.
- 8 Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Brandon University, Dome, 6 & 8 p.m.
- 8 MSU Band, Concert Choir and Women's Chorus Concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Men's Club Hockey at MSU-Bottineau.
- 9 Minot Symphony Orchestra High School Soloist Competition, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
- 9-31 NAC exhibit: “Americas 2000: Before and Beyond,” prints from the MSU permanent collection, Hartnett Hall Gallery.
- 10 Enrollment Services: parent forum.

- 10 Senior recital by Kristin Boeshans, theater, Aleshire Theater, 3 p.m.
- 10 SAC: game night, Beaver Dam, 7–9 p.m.
- 11 “Producing Radio Drama in Sudan Radio Service, Multicultural Center, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- 11-14 Theatre: Campus Players annual Christmas production, Aleshire Theater, Thursday-Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m.
- 12 CONNECT: orientation and registration by invitation, call 858-3350, Nelson Hall, 8 a.m.
- 12 MSU Athletic Luncheon, Sevens Restaurant, noon.
- 12 Women’s Basketball vs. Montana State University-Northern, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 13 Women’s and Men’s Basketball vs. Rocky Mountain College, Dome, 6 & 8 p.m.
- 13 Men’s Club Hockey vs. South East Prairie Thunder, All Seasons Arena, 8:30 p.m.
- 14 Men’s Club Hockey vs. South East Prairie Thunder, All Seasons Arena, noon.
- 14 Brass Band of Minot, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.
- 15 Admission to teacher education seminar, Main 214, 3 p.m.
- 15 Graduate School: last day for fall graduates to submit five copies of thesis to the Graduate School Office.
- 15-19 Finals exams for full 16-week courses.
- 16 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 16 President’s campus holiday celebration for faculty and staff, Conference Center, 2–4 p.m.
- 17 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
- 17-18 Finals exams for second 8-week courses.
- 18 NAC lecture: “Musa & Taban: Acting it Out for Sudan Radio Service,” by Conrad Davidson, dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 18 Men’s Club Hockey vs. Portage College Voyageurs, All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Men’s Basketball vs. Montana Tech., Dome, 7 p.m.
- 19-20 Women’s Basketball at Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 20 Lorie Line Concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 28-30 Men’s Basketball at Wesmen Classis, University of Winnipeg.
- 30 Women’s Basketball at St. Cloud State University.
- Jan.**
- 1 New Year’s Day holiday, university closed.
- 2 Men’s Basketball at U. of North Dakota (exhibition).
- 5 Women’s Basketball vs. Briercrest College, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 5-Feb. 11 NAC exhibit: “Best of Show,” paintings by Janet Gorzengno, Hattiesburg, Miss., Library Gallery.
- 9 CONNECT: orientation and registration by invitation, call 858-3350, Nelson Hall, 8 a.m.
- 9 Athletic Luncheon, Sevens Restaurant, noon.
- 9 Alumni and Beaver Booster Appreciation Night, Dome, 5 p.m.
- 9 Women’s and Men’s Basketball vs. South Dakota Mines, Dome, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Financial Aid information session, Conference Center, 10 a.m.
- 10 Women’s and Men’s Basketball vs. Black Hills State U., Dome, 4 and 6 p.m.
- 10 Men’s Club Hockey vs. North Dakota State U., All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Men’s Club Hockey vs. North Dakota State U., All Seasons Arena, 2 p.m.
- 12 Spring Convocation, Conference Center, 8 a.m.
- 12 Classes begin after 4 p.m.
- 13 16-week classes begin.
- 13 Curriculum Committee, Jones Room, 12:30 p.m.
- 14 NAC reception for Janet Gorzengno, Best of Show exhibit, Hartnett Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.

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