



## Early fall enrollment shows growth at Minot State

Fall 2009 enrollment numbers from the first day of class show positive growth at Minot State University. Unofficial enrollment at the university is up 5.1 percent to 3533, compared to the first day of class in 2008.

“We are very pleased with the positive enrollment growth in many key areas, including Ward County, North Dakota and outside of our state and region,” said David Fuller, president of Minot State University. “This growth is a reflection of our outstanding programs, increased visibility and new recruitment efforts.”

Minot State has experienced an increase in students from larger counties across the state, including 50 percent up in Cass County and 64 percent up in Grand Forks County. As well, the counties of Burleigh, Morton, Pierce, Rolette, Ward and Williams all saw an increase of students. In Ward County alone, almost 100 additional students are attending this year, compared to 2008.

Recruiting and marketing efforts have also netted an increase in students from neighboring states, such as Minnesota, South Dakota and Wyoming. In addition, the number of new students from California, Florida and Washington is on the rise.

Early fall 2009 enrollment numbers show new five-year highs among Native American populations, students from Canada and non-Canadian international students.

“We are happy to see an increase in both students from Ward County as well as from our targeted markets outside of North Dakota,” said Kevin Harmon, dean of admissions at Minot State University. “I am also proud of the overall academic depth of this incoming group.”

Minot State welcomes a large group of new transfer students, as a 25 percent increase is bringing more than 300 additional transfers from other colleges and universities.

Growth in MSU online students also reached a new five-year high, compared to recent first-day enrollments. Along with this growth comes an additional boost from Minot State campuses across the state, at the Minot Air Force Base, in Bismarck, Williston and Fargo. At the MAFB alone, 15 percent more students are now taking university-level courses.

These numbers can fluctuate over the first couple weeks of classes as first-day enrollment numbers are not official. Enrollment figures become official after the fourth full week of classes, when they are reported to the North Dakota University System.

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## PIO update

While this past summer in the Magic City may have seemed colder and darker than most in recent memory, there seems to be a stream of positive news to report out of Minot State.

Along with the news of receiving a Title III grant for the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning, comes the news of continued support for undergraduate research from the National Institutes of Health.

The North Dakota INBRE grant will provide Minot State more than \$3 million over five years. Specifically, this money will go to support salaries for faculty and projects designed to allow one-on-one research with undergraduates.

Five faculty members will split the grant and be able to continue their research, research that allows Minot State and its students to be seen and heard in a unique way.

— Mark Lyman, director  
of public information

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## MSU Fall Kick-off launches new year

On Aug. 18, Minot State University faculty, staff, student workers and their immediate families gathered at Roosevelt Park Zoo for the MSU Fall Kick-off. Melissa Spelchen, criminal justice Bismarck site coordinator, provided music, and 469 people attended the event.



## Boulders installed for Minot State University Broadway monument sign

On Aug. 12, Walter Piehl, professor of art and nationally recognized artist, nervously watched construction crews maneuver huge boulders into place next to the monument sign he designed.



Piehl describes the project, which is scheduled for completion this fall, in the paragraphs below.

My involvement with the new Minot State University Monument Sign

has a curious history and goes back a couple of years. The original proposal for a sign was rather standard and predictable. Nancy Fuller, herself a former art major, thought that President

David Fuller, her husband, might visit with me about a concept that was less traditional and reflected the university's place in our regional landscape.

I responded with a series of very loose concept sketches, incorporating large boulders, earth berms and a façade of Old Main, the Dome and other campus skyline silhouettes. These sketches were converted into very industrial blueprints by Clark Enersen Partners, the campus landscape architects.



My recent involvement with the monument sign and master plan landscaping has been to select and place the boulder components. This work was done with assistance from a large group, including President Fuller, Quality Landscaping's owner and operator Chris Lindbo and Hallie Lock from Gravel Products. Bill Schriock, owner of Gravel Products, agreed to donate the largest of the boulders (glacial erratics as they are specifically typed) to the project. All of the major rock components come from Gravel Products.

In our many trips to and hours in gravel pits, we found an overwhelming abundance of beautiful boulders, more than we possibly could use. The best and biggest of them were moved to the site and lifted into place by Mattson Construction's 80-ton crane.

The installation of the major boulders became a true sculptural project, with all the attendant considerations of placement, design and stability. In one of the placements, the combined weight of the principals exceeds 40 tons. The three major boulder installations are meant to draw attention to the campus first and then the actual Minot State University sign. The whole project is to be a tribute to the university's sense of place in our regional landscape. We have used earth berms, native boulders, fieldstone, bricks and blocks, the time honored building materials of this region. Of course, there will also be sod, shrubs and trees incorporated throughout the whole project.

As a youth, I picked a lot of rock in hay and grain fields. I was fascinated with them and questioned how they got there. I daydreamed about building something with them just as the pioneers did. This project gave me an opportunity to be involved in a sculptural context that celebrates those fieldstones and the historic glaciers that brought them to our region.

I guess, in some small way, it is also my personal tribute and homage to primitive cultures that built and worshipped Stonehenge and other rock-inspired monuments.

## New faculty and staff aboard for 2009-10

**Sarah Aleshire**, a Minot State University alumna, is a full-time



English instructor after serving as an adjunct instructor for two years. She earned a bachelor's degree in English from MSU and a master's degree in English literature from Washington State University, Pullman.

**Kodwo Annan**, an assistant professor in the Department of



Mathematics and Computer Science, taught previously at the University of Vermont, Burlington. He received his bachelor's degree from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana, his Master of Education degree from the University of Bergen, Norway, and his doctoral degree from UVM. Annan, and his wife, Sylvia, have two sons.

**Marc Eidemiller**, a veteran of Desert Storm/Desert Shield, is



a custodian. He relocated from New Mexico to North Dakota in 2003. A journeyman, he attended Sequoia Institute, Fremont, Calif., and he worked at C & C Plumbing of Minot before joining MSU. He enjoys woodworking as a hobby.

**Shun Yee "Florence" Flesche**, an assistant professor in the



Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance, is returning to North Dakota after teaching at Bakersfield City School, Bakersfield, Calif. She completed her bachelor's degree in elementary education at Mayville State University, her master's degree in curriculum and education administration at California State University, Bakersfield, and her doctoral degree at the University of LaVerne, LaVerne, Calif.

**Rick Heit**, an alumnus, joins the Office of Marketing as



an Internet content assistant after working for Results Unlimited. He received his first bachelor's degree in Portuguese from Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, and his second bachelor's degree in broadcasting-public relations and advertising from MSU. He and his wife, Erin, have one daughter, Chelsea, and are expecting another baby in October.

**Kevin Knight** works as an athletic facilities worker in the



Dome. He moved here from Valley City, where he was employed by John Deere Seeding. He and Anna, his wife, have three daughters, Makenna, Madelyn and Molly.

**Jynette Larshus**, an assistant professor of sociology, was last



employed by Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Ga. She holds bachelor's degrees in criminal justice and psychology from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn., and a doctorate degree from the State University of

New York, Albany. She and her family love the outdoors, and they are looking forward to having four true seasons again.

**Thomas List**, an assistant professor of marketing, comes



to Minot State from Saginaw Valley State University, University Center, Mich. He received his Bachelor of Science from Michigan State University, East Lansing, did graduate work at Minnesota State University, Mankato, and completed his master's degree in business administration from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

**Kristina Matthews** is a custodian. Prior to coming to



Minot State, Matthews worked in the Office of Children's Services in Nome, Alaska. She possesses a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Eastern Washington University, Cheney.

**John Morrow**, an associate professor of foreign languages,



teaches Arabic, French and Spanish. Previously, he taught at Eastern New Mexico University, Portales. He completed his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at the University of Toronto, Ontario.

**Daniel Ngugi**, assistant professor of economics, joins the



Department of Social Science after working for the North Dakota Department of Human Services. He possesses a bachelor's degree from the University of Nairobi, Kenya, a master's degree from the University of Malawi, Lilongwe, Malawi, and a doctoral degree from the University of Georgia, Athens.

**Suzanne Shope**, an assistant professor in the Department of



Teacher Education and Human Performance, comes to Minot State after teaching at the University of Montana, Missoula. Shope holds a bachelor's degree in visual art and a doctoral degree in art education from UM and a master's degree in education from Alfred University, N.Y. Angela, her daughter, attends Minot High School Magic City Campus and is looking forward to her advanced placement classes.

**Chelsea Starr**, an associate professor of sociology, previously



taught at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington. She completed a bachelor's degree in anthropology at the University of California, Los Angeles, and a master's degree in comparative culture and a doctorate degree in social science from the University of California, Irvine.

**Daisy Wang**, an assistant professor of business administration,



taught at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, before joining MSU. She received her bachelor's degree in political science from National Cheng-chi University, Taipei, Taiwan, and her master's degree in business

administration from Ohio State University, Columbus. Currently, she is working on her doctoral degree from SIUC.

**Michael Woollard**, an alumnus, joins the Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance as an instructor. Prior to returning to MSU, Woollard worked at the University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George. He completed his Bachelor of Science in Education at MSU, and the defense of his thesis to receive his master's degree is currently pending.



## \$2 million grant to strengthen engaged teaching at Minot State University

A \$2 million Title III grant from the U.S. Department of Education will assist Minot State University, over the next five years, in improving services for students and faculty and aid Minot State in increasing retention and graduation rates.

"As an institute of higher education committed to engaged learning and student success, this grant will give us the boost we need to start some new, exciting initiatives," said Gary Rabe, vice president for academic affairs. "We feel very grateful that the Department of Education has provided almost \$400,000 a year to help us begin our Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning, with a central objective of requiring new levels of engagement for all our students."

CETL will coordinate all the retention and engagement activities for Minot State students and faculty. The new cornerstone project will also enable MSU to expand its existing tutoring program into peer tutoring and mentoring for all students and organize a faculty-development program to enhance the first-year experience of students.

Title III grant money will provide funds to hire a full-time director for CETL, as well as a tutoring/mentoring coordinator and an administrative assistant. The Department of Education funds will allow for two part-time associate directors to be hired from within existing MSU faculty or staff. Aside from jobs created to run CETL, the grant money will also provide students with additional on-campus paid internships and 75 mini-grants to faculty and staff to support new engaged-learning opportunities for students.

"The focus of Minot State's Title III grant is to strengthen our institution by providing the best possible experience for students," Rabe said. "Oftentimes, a first-year student struggles with being away from home or adjusting to the pace of university life. We imagine that with these additional resources a student will have strong, capable, well-trained professionals to turn to with questions or concerns."

The Title III grant provides MSU with the resources necessary to begin engagement projects as part of the university experience. A key goal of the project is providing all students

at least three "engaged experiences." These could include a civic engagement or service project, a service-learning project (tied to a course), relevant employment or a field experience (i.e. internship or student teaching). With this additional weight placed on engagement, Minot State feels it is preparing students to be quality, involved citizens in their community and environment.

As a part of the push to provide additional engagement opportunities, Minot State is implementing a pilot program this fall. This will combine the concepts of a first-year experience, a first-year seminar and learning communities into PLACE, or Purposeful Learning, Achievement and Community Engagement.

The PLACE pilot program will give groups of incoming students three separate classes together, allowing them to form deeper bonds amongst themselves as well as connect course work and experience into one interdisciplinary study. This fall, the program will mix required courses in English, with either history or education and an elective course. The program will be evaluated at the end of the semester and modified to address any challenges.

"This is truly an exciting time for Minot State, as we continue to provide students new educational opportunities and experiences that align with our Vision 2013 strategic plan," Rabe said. "Starting CETL by November and employing cutting-edge approaches to the first-year student will prove immensely beneficial to their growth and ultimately, the region's future."

The hiring process for the CETL director is already underway, and the office space for the center will soon be renovated, with the first floor of Old Main as the location.

## Welcome Week 2009: 'Welcome Back'

Welcome Week at Minot State University, a two-week event centered on the theme "Welcome Back," officially kicked off Tuesday (Aug. 25) and runs through Sept. 4. The event's intent is to allow students to connect and increase student activities and student life on campus.

On Wednesday (Aug. 26), comedian Rob Little will perform at 8 p.m. in the Beaver Dam.

The Student Government Association will provide free food on Thursday (Aug. 27) 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 Bemidji, 7 p.m. The game will be broadcast live on the big screen in the Beaver Dam.

On Friday (Aug. 28), food will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., along with music in the Quad.

On Aug. 31, as part of "Picture It," students can have their picture put on a magazine cover or make their friends think they have been to the beach or some exotic location. The event will be in the Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Free food will be available Sept. 1 in the Quad, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Music will play as well. Starting at 10 p.m., Saving Jane will perform a concert at the All Seasons Arena.

Sept. 2 activities include food and music in the Quad, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. At 7 p.m., in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall will be the comedian Bernie McGrenahan.

On Sept. 3, free food in the Quad will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., along with music. In the evening, there will be a rock band contest beginning at 7 p.m. in the Beaver Dam.

All food is available to students while supplies last.

## New book celebrates Minot State University

“Minot State University,” a new book written by local author Mark Timbrook, boasts more than 200 vintage images that



commemorate Minot State University’s contribution to Minot and the region during its early years. It provides an illustrated overview of life on the early State Normal School at Minot campus and takes the reader through its first days, its transition to the State Teachers College at Minot, World War I, the Great Depression and through the World War II years. The book officially

became available for purchase on Monday (Aug. 24).

“That movement for a state normal school at Minot emerged during a challenging time for the community and the state of North Dakota. Despite economic woes, legislative resistance, regional competition, a tornado striking the construction site, an injunction that ended in the state supreme court and construction delays, the ‘believers’ in a Minot-based institution struggled on and eventually achieved their objective — a normal school on North Hill in Minot,” Timbrook said. “This perseverance against seemingly undefeatable odds speaks volumes of their grit, determination and vision.”

In 1913, the State Normal School at Minot opened its temporary residence at the newly constructed Minot Armory with 11 faculty and 55 students. Site selection, reductions in funding, construction problems, litigation and a tornado had delayed the opening of campus facilities. In 1914, the partially completed campus opened for classes. Hard economic times deferred further construction until 1924, when the normal school received collegiate status and became the State Teacher’s College at Minot.

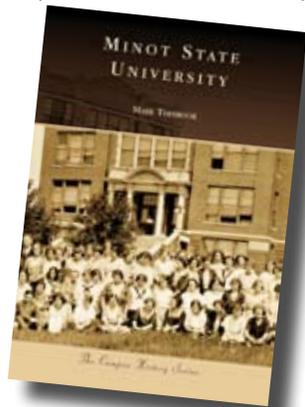
Minot State University, an institution located in the beautiful Mouse River Valley on North Dakota’s drift prairie, is inextricably linked to the landscape, community, region and

state of which it is a part. “Minot State University” honors the institution’s origin and dynamic evolution through World War II and serves as a centennial tribute to faculty, staff, administrators and students who created this premier institution on the northern Great Plains.

The book includes never-before-published photographs depicting behind-the-scene operations of the early campus through the events of World War II. It illustrates examples of classroom activities, theater, annual celebrations, sports, student clubs and dormitory life.

“The story of Minot State University is an integral part of Minot and North Dakota. I hope the book instills institutional and community pride. I hope it brings back good memories and strengthens the bonds between the past and present,” said Timbrook. “Lastly, I hope it creates a sense of wonder. The souls who preceded us have left a unique legacy; one we should be proud of.”

Timbrook, the technology support specialist in Minot State’s Office of Instructional Technology, an adjunct history instructor and a past president of the Ward County Historical Society, is also the author of two other books. The books, “Inculpatory Evidence” and “The Last Hurrah: An Account of the Mouse River Valley, Bone Town, Little Chicago, and the Magic City,” were released within the last year. Retired from the United States Air Force, Timbrook holds a bachelor’s degree in history from Minot State University and a master’s degree in history from Norwich University Vermont College, Northfield. The Dr. N.M. Lillehaugen History Scholarship fund will receive all royalties from the sale of this book. To order a copy, contact Timbrook at 858-3832 or [mark.timbrook@minotstateu.edu](mailto:mark.timbrook@minotstateu.edu) or go to <http://www.minotstateu.edu/news/000245.html>.



## INBRE grant provides \$3 million for undergraduate science research at Minot State

More than \$3 million in biomedical research grant money, over the next 5 years, will allow Minot State University to continue providing science research opportunities for undergraduates.

The recently announced National Institute of Health grant provides almost \$16 million for the North Dakota IDEa Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE). The money will be administered through the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences in collaboration with North Dakota State University. It will then go to major research projects at Minot State University and other state colleges and universities.

“What this gives students and faculty at Minot State is the support needed for salaries and projects that allow one-on-one research with undergraduates,” said Chris Beachy, principal investigator at MSU and professor of biology. “What we’re all focusing on is the role cadmium, a heavy metal, plays in North

Dakota's environment and human health. Cadmium can have many adverse environmental effects, including causing several types of cancer."

Five Minot State University faculty members will split the INBRE grant: Beachy; Mikhail Bobylev, associate professor of chemistry; Christopher Keller, professor of biology and chair of the Department of Biology; Ursula Schittko, assistant professor of biology; and Heidi Super, associate professor of biology.

Along with undergraduate research, the INBRE grant will also make it possible for students to give presentations at national meetings and allow for an increase in collaboration with tribal colleges across the state.

## Wellness Works

The Student Health Center's commitment to the employees of Minot State University is to provide information throughout the year regarding the five pillars of the CEO Cancer Gold Standard™. This information will allow employees to make an informed decision on choosing healthy options that could reduce the risk of cancer and other diseases.

In past years, the prevalence of obesity has increased markedly for both adults and children. The abbreviation BMI stands for body mass index, which is a numerical computation regarding height and weight. Between 1990 and 2006:

- The percentage of North Dakotans considered obese (BMI >30) increased 108 percent (from 12 to 25 percent).
- The percentage of North Dakotans who are overweight (BMI 25.0-29.9) increased 11 percent (from 35 to 39 percent).
- The percentage of North Dakota high school students who were overweight (at or above the 95th percentile for BMI) increased from 7.2 percent in 1999 to 11.2 percent in 2005, [www.ndhealth.gov/HealthReport/Obesity/Bodyweight.pdf](http://www.ndhealth.gov/HealthReport/Obesity/Bodyweight.pdf).

Whether an individual is trying to lose weight or gain weight — the Weight Management Club could be their answer. This MSU Wellness Club meets every other Monday morning (see the MSU Web calendar) for 30 minutes and focuses on long-term success towards a healthy weight.

The goal of the Weight Management Club is to offer strategies for success and group support. A sampling of the topics that we will be discussing this year include balancing calories, portion control, basics of good nutrition and goal setting.

The club's next meeting is Monday (Aug. 31) at 8:30 a.m. in the Jones Room. Bring a friend and support each other towards achieving a healthy weight.

For additional information about the Weight Management Club, contact Caren Barnett, director of the Student Health Center, at 858-3371 or [caren.barnett@minotstateu.edu](mailto:caren.barnett@minotstateu.edu).

Welcome to "A Year of Fruits and Veggies" — Celebrate the seasons!

- Experience fruit and vegetables in new ways.
- Obtain new information about produce.
- Choose and find North Dakota-grown fruits and vegetables.

The goal of "A Year of Fruits and Veggies" is to help people eat more fruits and "veggies." People who eat more generous amounts of fruits and vegetables as part of a healthful diet are likely to have reduced risk of chronic diseases like strokes, diseases of the heart and certain cancers.

A Year of Fruits and Veggies provides information online to adults in worksite settings. The program goal is to help people choose to eat more fruits and vegetables. The program was developed by Healthy North Dakota in response to North Dakota businesses asking for a low-cost, low-time investment, easy-to-administer healthy eating program for their employees. More than three out of four North Dakota adults do not eat the recommended servings of fruits and vegetables to reduce risk of chronic diseases such as heart disease, stroke and some forms of cancer.

Once a month for 12 months, the MSU Wellness Committee will e-mail a Web-page link or document through the Office of Public Information. The link or document will provide information on that month's featured fruit(s) and veggie(s) including how to choose and prepare them, recipes and other health benefits.

Three brief surveys will be included to evaluate participation and changes in fruit and vegetable consumption by participants.

Look for the first installment to begin with the month of September. For questions about the MSU Wellness Committee, contact Paul Brekke, director of the Fitness Center, at 858-3485 or [paul.brekke@minotstateu.edu](mailto:paul.brekke@minotstateu.edu).

## Two N.D. teachers receive national geography award

Phil Murphy and Larry Lasch, two North Dakota educators, are among nine K-12 teachers who the National Council of Geography Educators will honor in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Sept. 23-27.

The K-12 Distinguished Teaching Award recognizes and supports excellence in geography teaching among the nation's elementary, middle and high school teachers. The K-12 Distinguished Teaching Award recipients receive recognition within the geographic education community, a plaque at the national conference, as well as complimentary registration to the National Conference on Geography Education.

NCGE honors teachers who have displayed continued dedication to geographic education. Applications are evaluated for teaching skills, leadership, professional-development

accomplishments, involvement in student activities and development of innovative teaching materials and strategies.

Phil Murphy, a social studies teacher at May-Port CG High School, Mayville, was the recipient of the 2008 Warren Kress Award (North Dakota Outstanding Geography Teacher of the Year). The award is named for Warren Kress, a long-standing geographer within the state.

Larry Lasch teaches social studies at Wahpeton High School. He is the advisor for Close Up and each year orchestrates a trip to Washington, D.C., for the seniors. He prepares students to experience hands-on training in leadership, functions of government and cultural diversity. Lasch works with his school's English department to integrate reading and writing into the social studies and English curriculum. Research themes center around geography and utilize the format and grammatical structure taught within the English department.

The North Dakota Geographic Alliance, which is located on Minot State University's campus, is a member of the National Geographic Education Foundation network of teachers committed to improving geographic education in the United States and North Dakota. Murphy has served as an editor and a writer for the Alliance Magazine, and both Murphy and Lasch have presented at NDGA's Summer Institutes. In early 2009, they testified before the North Dakota State Legislature in a successful effort to establish an enduring endowment for geography education in the state.

To learn more about NDGA, call 1-800-235-1948 or 701-858-3063 or go to [www.ndgeographic.org](http://www.ndgeographic.org).

## Announcements

### International programs staff changes

Virginie Vournas has been hired as the new international student coordinator; she comes to the position with a wealth of knowledge of immigration regulations, cultural adaptation and Minot State University systems. She first came to the United States from France nine years ago as an exchange student to MSU, then she returned to Minot permanently and graduated from MSU last May. Vournas also possesses more than two years of experience working in the Office of International Programs as a student assistant, and we are happy to announce her permanent addition to the office.

Vournas replaces Ronnie Walker, who was employed at MSU for more than 13 years. Walker played an integral role at MSU in supporting international students, ensuring compliance with immigration regulations and in the development of international programs in general. We wish her luck in her new position as the director of multicultural affairs at Dickinson State University.

If you have any questions regarding international or Canadian students, Vournas can be contacted at 858-3348 or [virginie.vournas@minotstateu.edu](mailto:virginie.vournas@minotstateu.edu).

— *Libby Claerbout, director of international programs*

### Reminder of parking-rules enforcement

During the first week of school, parking officials will be issuing warning tickets. Thereafter, they will be issuing tickets in accordance with the parking rules.

Parking on campus is designed to accommodate as many guests as possible, but it only works when individuals with permits park in the appropriate locations. We appreciate everyone's continued diligence and willingness to park where their permit allows them. For questions, contact the parking office at 858-3318.

— *Roger Kluck, director of facilities*

### Guidelines concerning upcoming flu season

The Centers for Disease Control has recently released additional guidelines and helps for institutes of higher education to follow in managing the upcoming flu season. The following link provides students, faculty and staff with important information regarding their health, [www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/institutions/toolkit/actionstepsstudents.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/institutions/toolkit/actionstepsstudents.htm). For questions, call the Student Health Center at 858-3371.

— *Mark Lyman, director of public information*

### State motor pool policy

The state motor pool has changed how the parking office dispatches cars. In July, the state motor pool implemented a new computer system that does not allow state cars to be pre-dispatched. Cars can be reserved as it has always done, but the person requesting a car must come into the parking office and show their driver's license, and then, the needed paperwork can be processed. These new procedures will cause delays in getting a car. If someone does not have their driver's license or if a supervisor has a staff member pick up the car, the parking office will need the driver's license faxed to them before the car is released. The person picking up the car will also need to show their license.

Because of this change, the parking office is asking individuals to come in for car dispatches from 8 to 9:30 a.m. to help office work flow more efficiently. If other times are needed to pick up a car, this needs to be coordinated with me in advance.

I apologize for this inconvenience, but the state motor pool mandated these changes. Thank you for your patience. If there are questions, please call 858-3210

— *Roger Kluck, director of facilities*

### Student employment

The upcoming school year is approaching, so it is again time to start thinking about student-worker positions in your departments.

Openings for both work-study and institutional positions should be posted through the MSU Job Link at [www.minotstateu.edu/careers/](http://www.minotstateu.edu/careers/). Departments may begin

posting positions at any time. In addition, departments should review the MSU Temporary/Part-Time Staff Employment Wage Policy at [www.minotstateu.edu/hr/manual/3\\_8\\_student\\_wages.pdf](http://www.minotstateu.edu/hr/manual/3_8_student_wages.pdf).

Effective July 1, the wage for a general student worker is now \$7.25/hour. Please make sure the correct wage is listed in the job posting. Reminders:

- All new and returning work-study and institutional student workers must still pick up an employment application form at the Office of Financial Aid. (New for this year — the Institutional Rehire Form is no longer used — it has been combined with the regular student-employment application.)
- New student workers must also complete new hire paperwork with the payroll office (Administration Building, second floor) prior to starting work. They should bring:
  1. Two forms of identification; one must be a picture ID (driver's license) and
  2. 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.)
  3. 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 your department's positions are filled, remember to remove your job posting from Job Link.

Thank you for your help in employing our students. If you have any questions, contact 858-4152 or [merrijo.connole@minotstateu.edu](mailto:merrijo.connole@minotstateu.edu).

— *Merri Jo Connole, financial aid counselor*

## 'Hockey Moms' needed

The MSU Men's Club Hockey team needs "Hockey Moms." The Hockey Mom program has been in place for a number of years, and a Hockey Mom sends care packages with her assigned player for out-of-town games. Players fill out forms with their likes and dislike; examples of a care package might include PowerAde or Gatorade, energy bars, sandwiches, fruit, beef jerky, pop or chips. Some Hockey Moms will occasionally send along a magazine or batteries for electronic gadgetry. A Hockey Mom also pays for a Christmas gift for their player.

We encourage the Hockey Moms to attend the home games and participate in two to three potlucks throughout the year, but it is not mandatory. If interested, contact 858-4233 or 240-2579.

— *Melanie Moore, coordinator of the MSU Men's Club Hockey Mom Program*

## Clicker training for the PRS radio frequency clickers scheduled

The Office of Instructional Technology is sponsoring a PRS clicker training Webinar on Thursday (Aug. 27) at 10 a.m. To sign up for the Webinar, contact 858-3832 or [mark.timbrook@minotstateu.edu](mailto:mark.timbrook@minotstateu.edu).

— *Mark Timbrook, technology and design specialist*

## In the galleries

Aug. 27-Sept. 26 — "Americas 2009: All Media," Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Sept. 2-Oct. 8 — "Out of Line," etchings and digital by Victoria Goro-Rapoport, Kearney, Neb., Library Gallery.

The public reception for "Americas 2009: All Media," exhibit is Sept. 2, 6:30-8 p.m.

## Calendar

### Aug. 27-Sept. 30, 2009

#### Aug.

- 27 Last day to add a first 8-week class.
- 27 Welcome Week: music, Quad, 11 a.m.
- 27 Faculty Senate executive board, Souris Room, 3:30 p.m.
- 27 Football at Bemidji State University.
- 27 Welcome Week: Battle of the Beavers football game broadcast, Beaver Dam, 7 p.m.
- 28 Spring 2010 student teaching applications due to Field Placement Office.
- 28 Welcome Week: music, Quad, 11 a.m.
- 28-29 Volleyball at Rocky Mountain College tournament, Billings, Mont.
- 31 Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
- 31 Blood pressure and health information, Beaver Dam entrance, 9 a.m.
- 31 Welcome Week: Picture This, Beaver Dam, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
- 31 Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.

#### September

- 1 Welcome Week: music, Quad, 11 a.m.
- 1 Welcome Week: Saving Jane Concert, All Seasons Arena, 10 p.m.
- 2 Last day to add a 16-week class.
- 2 Welcome Week: music, Quad, 11 a.m.
- 2 Golf at Hillcrest Golf Course, Jamestown, N.D.
- 2 NAC public reception for "Americas 2009: All Media," Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m.
- 2 Welcome Week: Comedy Happy Hour with comedian Bernie McGrenahan, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.

2-Oct. 8	NAC exhibit: "Out of Line," etchings and digital by Victoria Goro-Rapoport, Kearney, Neb., Library Gallery.	18	Admission to teacher education seminar, Main 106, 3 p.m.
3	Welcome Week: music, Quad, 11 a.m.	18	Volleyball at South Dakota Mines, Rapid City, S.D.
3	Mandatory orientation for student teaching spring 2010, Main 218, 12:30 p.m.	19	Football at Valley City State University.
3	Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.	19	Volleyball at Black Hills State University, Spearfish, S.D.
3	Welcome Week: Rock Band Contest, Beaver Dam, 7 p.m.	20	Homecoming: golf scramble, Apple Grove Golf Course, 1:30 p.m.
4	Graduate School: fall semester graduation application due to advisor.	20-21	Golf at Jamestown Country Club, Jamestown, N.D.
4-5	Volleyball at University of Mary tournament, Bismarck, N.D.	21	Homecoming: bonfire, Dome parking lot, 8 p.m.
5	Tailgating, parking lot east of Dome, 10:30 a.m.	22	Homecoming: coronation, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
5	Football vs. Concordia University-St. Paul, Minn., Parker Stadium, 1 p.m.	23	Homecoming: President's Club luncheon, Conference Center, noon.
7	Labor Day, university closed.	23	Last day to drop a first 8-week class.
9	Financial aid disbursement and fall tuition due, Business Office.	23	Homecoming: community block party and 5K run/walk, Old Main lawn, 5-8 p.m.
10	Dual credit student visit, 1-3 p.m.	24	Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
10	Golf at Hawktree Golf Club, Bismarck, N.D.	24	Alumni Association Golden Awards Banquet, Conference Center, 6 p.m.
11	Graduate School: fall semester graduation application due to the Graduate School.	25	Board of Regents, Conference Center, 7:30 a.m.
11-12	Western Plains Opera, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.	25	Volleyball at Mayville State University.
12	Cross Country at South Dakota Mines Invitational, Rapid City, S.D.	25	Homecoming: Athletic luncheon, Grand International, noon.
13	Western Plains Opera, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.	25	Homecoming: alumni reunion, Holiday Inn, 7 p.m.
13-14	Golf at Maple River Golf Course, Mapleton, N.D.	26	Homecoming: parade, 10:30 a.m.
14	Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.	26	Homecoming: tailgating, east parking lot of Dome, 11:30 a.m.
14	Blood pressure and health information, Beaver Dam entrance, 9 a.m.	26	Homecoming: football vs. Jamestown College, introduction of Homecoming royalty, Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and Wes Luther reunion participants at halftime, Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
14	Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.	26	Homecoming: post-game alumni get-together, Barley Pop, Minot, 5 p.m.
15	Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.	26	Homecoming: Athletic Hall of Fame banquet, Holiday Inn Riverside, 7 p.m.
16	University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.	26	Cross Country at Griak Invitational, Minneapolis, Minn.
16	English as a Second Language open house, Dakota Hall, first floor, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.	26	Volleyball at Dakota State University, Madison, S.D.
16	Brown Bag Book Talk: Eric Furuseth, humanities, on "Great Plains," by Ian Frazier, Olson Library, noon.	27	Golf, home, Souris Valley Golf Course, noon.
16	NAC lecture: "Horizons Unlimited: Spanish Fiesta," by Andrea Donovan, humanities, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.	28	Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
17	Faculty Senate executive board, Souris Room, 3:30 p.m.	28	Blood pressure and health information, Beaver Dam entrance, 9 a.m.
17	United States Air Force Heartland of America Jazz Band, "The Notables," Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.	28	Golf, home, Minot Country Club, 9 a.m.
18	State-wide general education meeting, Conference Center.	28	Brass and Organ Høstfest Festival Concert, Gary Stenjhem memorial concert, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
		28	NAC lecture: Høstfest guest speaker, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.

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