



### Public Information Office

A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

## New staff for 2009-2010

Minot State University would like to welcome three new Minot State University employees, Tracey Abbott, Melanie DeBoer and Sherri Giessinger, and introduce them to the campus.

Abbott, who received a bachelor's degree in psychology and criminal justice with a pre-law emphasis from the University of Texas, San Antonio, is a research associate for the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities. In San Antonio, she worked for Harcourt Assessment, Inc. She and her husband, Todd, have a daughter, Melia, and a son, Cayden.

DeBoer is an assistant athletic director for compliance and student life in the Department of Athletics. She completed her bachelor's degree in sports management from Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa. Previously, she was employed by Upper Iowa University, Fayette.

Giessinger, who received her bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of North Dakota, is an administrative assistant for the Office of Plant Services. Initially, she came to MSU as a temporary employee from Kelly Services, Inc. Giessinger enjoys playing the piano, walking her dog, crocheting and doing glass art and needlepoint.



Abbott



DeBoer



Giessinger

## New Native American counselor starts at Minot State

Minot State University graduate and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa member Dennis Parisien is the new Native American counselor at his alma mater. Parisien comes from a varied background, which includes more than seven years of service in the United States Army, four years as an MSU student, five years as an MSU enrollment services representative and nearly three years as a North Dakota Job Service veteran employment representative in Minot. Parisien said his desire to work with students is what brought him back to the university.

"I'm a firm believer in the mission of Minot State," Parisien said. "My experiences at MSU changed my life and that is truly what I think the university can do in the lives of Native Americans from the state and region."



## Nov. 18, 2009

### PIO update

Minot State University has the opportunity, every year and a half to two years, to host the State Board of Higher Education for their regular meeting. This chance presents itself again this week.

Lots of preparation goes in behind the scenes to ensure a smooth process for the meeting, as well as a positive experience for visitors from across the state.

And, while much of their time will be spent in meetings, there will also be time to showcase the MSU campus, highlight key programs and introduce our guests to who we are.

Everyone is invited to attend as much of the Thursday meeting as possible. It starts at 8:30 a.m. and will go into the mid-afternoon. There is plenty of seating available in the Conference Center (Student Center), and we look forward to seeing you there!

— Mark Lyman, director  
of public information

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Parisien points out that the student-to-faculty ratio of 13-to-1 at Minot State is a perfect environment for anyone coming from a smaller high school, like he did. Parisien is a Dunseith native and enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. He said his own personal insight into the challenges that surround today's Native Americans is what has prepared him to be a higher education recruiter and counselor to Natives.

Parisien will also be an advisor to the Native American Cultural Awareness Club and a member of the MSU Diversity Committee. He said he is proud to be working at a university that is among the best in the state in serving the needs of Native Americans and his ultimate goal in taking this new position is to increase involvement of Native students on the Minot State campus and within the community.

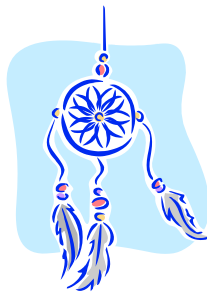
To contact Parisien, call 858-3365 or e-mail [dennis.parisien@minotstateu.edu](mailto:dennis.parisien@minotstateu.edu).

## Native American Awareness Week continues at MSU

Native American Awareness Week runs through Thursday (Nov 20) at Minot State University.

Activities on Thursday (Nov. 19) include Cynthia Allery discussing "Diabetes in Indian Country" in the Westlie Room, 11 a.m. At 2 p.m., Leslie Peltier will speak about Native American health and wellness in the Multicultural Center. As part of the Northwest Art Center lecture series, Greg Gagnon, associate professor of American Indian studies at the University of North Dakota, will present "Why Are There Reservations? Answers to this and other common questions asked by non-Indians" in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m.

These free cultural events and presentations are open to the public and sponsored by the MSU Native American Cultural Awareness Club. The dates and times of events are subject to change. For questions, contact Dennis Parisien, Native American counselor, at 858-3365 or [dennis.parisien@minotstateu.edu](mailto:dennis.parisien@minotstateu.edu).



## Minot State University SSWO is 'Freezin' for a Reason'

The Minot State University Student Social Work Organization is sponsoring "Freezin' for a Reason" at the Town & Country Center parking lot Wednesday (Nov. 18) from noon to 9 p.m. "Freezin' for a Reason," which is an annual event, raises awareness of homelessness in the community and gathers food items for the Minot Area Homeless Coalition and local food pantries.

The participants stand in the cold to experience firsthand what homelessness is like. You can be a part of the effort by

dropping off food or monetary contributions at the parking lot or by freezin' with the SSWO members. The Minot Area Homeless Coalition and SSWO are holding the event as part of the National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, Nov. 15-21.



If someone from campus does not want to participate in this event but wants to donate food or money, students will pick up grocery or monetary donations on campus until Thursday (Nov. 19). For pick-up, e-mail Debra Dewitz, SSWO's faculty advisor and assistant professor of social work, at 858-4259 or [debra.dewitz@minotstateu.edu](mailto:debra.dewitz@minotstateu.edu) or SSWO members at [sswo@minotstateu.edu](mailto:sswo@minotstateu.edu).

## MSU and USPS to host passport drive Thursday

Minot State University's Office of International Programs and the Minot office of the United States Postal Service are sponsoring a passport drive Thursday (Nov. 19) in the Multicultural Center (Student Center, first floor), 3-6:30 p.m. This drive's objective is to make it convenient for American students, faculty, staff and community members to apply for a passport book or passport card.

"The passport drive's goal is twofold: first, to make it a quick, simple process for students, faculty, staff and the community to apply for a passport book or passport card, and second, to raise awareness of international travel in general," said Libby Claerbout, director of international programs. "Holding a passport is the first step to embarking upon an international experience."

The passport drive is part of International Education Week. IEW, which is Nov. 16-20, is a national effort to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States.

A passport card holds the same validity period of 10 years as the passport book, but it facilitates entry only at U.S. land and sea ports of entry when arriving from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda. Otherwise, it carries the same rights and privileges as the U.S. passport book and is adjudicated to the exact same standards. Although the passport card has its



advantages, individuals are encouraged to apply for the passport book because of its greater flexibility.

Passport books cost \$100 for adults and \$85 for minors 16 years and under. Passport cards cost \$45 for adults and \$35 for those 16 years and under. The passport drive will also provide passport photos on location for an extra \$15. To see a complete list of documents required to submit a passport or passport card application, visit the Office of International Programs' Web site at [www.minotstateu.edu/international](http://www.minotstateu.edu/international).

For questions, contact OIP at 858-3978.

## Students ask 'We are not alone ... who else is out there?'

To commemorate Geography Awareness Week, which is Nov. 16-20, Johnny Coomansingh, assistant professor of geography and coordinator of the geography program, wants his students to gain a broader understanding of the world in which they live. Coomansingh teaches the Principles of Geography (GEOG 110) and World Regional Geography (GEOG 161).

Each student will receive a "We are not alone" map. Students will place these maps in strategic places around the Minot State University campus and community, such as businesses, churches and meeting halls.

Then, each student will randomly select a country other than the United States. They will write a 12-line poem on some aspect of the cultural geography of that country. Cultural geography refers to the morphology of the landscape, the human imprint on the landscape.

The top three students from selected categories will be awarded prizes.

## Minot ribbon-cutting event set for Dakota College at Bottineau on Friday

To commemorate Dakota College at Bottineau's name change, a ribbon-cutting event is slated for Friday (Nov. 20) at 11 a.m. on the Minot State University's campus. An open house for the Minot office of Dakota College will follow in the same location, the second floor of the Administration Building. Both David Fuller, president of Minot State University, and Ken Grosz, dean of Dakota College at Bottineau, are scheduled to attend.

On Aug. 1, Minot State University-Bottineau became Dakota College at Bottineau. This new name gives the institution a unique identity in a way that reflects its location, history, mission and ongoing "Nature, Technology, and Beyond" focus. It does not change the college's affiliation with Minot State. That affiliation continues to grow stronger.



## MSU has opportunity to participate in archaeological field school with South Dakota universities

The Archaeological Association of South Dakota is gearing up for their annual archaeological field school for the summer 2010. They have invited Minot State University to participate in the adventure and learning experience with the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, and Black Hills State University, Spearfish. The field school will be a three-week endeavor for interested participants.

The first week will be on campus. Participants will become familiar with their field kits, the working environment and ground conditions. They will also travel to Bismarck, where Paul Picha, State Historical Society of North Dakota archaeologist, will provide pre-excitation methods training with theory and introduce students to collections related to the proposed dig site.

During the second and third week, students will receive hands-on instruction in the use of various kinds of field equipment and techniques of excavation and artifact recovery, site mapping, documentation and record keeping at an excavation site in South Dakota.

If interested or what to know more, contact Mark Timbrook, Office of Instructional Technology's technology and design specialist and history adjunct, at 858-3832 or [mark.timbrook@minotstateu.edu](mailto:mark.timbrook@minotstateu.edu) soon, as officials are attempting to determine the local interest and potential class size.

## North Dakota Geographic Alliance honors friends of geography

The North Dakota Geographic Alliance announces two Friend of Geography Education awards to honor Curt Eriksmoen, Fargo, and Bob Kulack, Grand Forks. Both have been long-time advocates of geography education and high-quality professional development. NDGA, 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.

Eriksmoen and Kulack will receive their awards on Friday (Nov. 20) at a reception in the University of North Dakota's Memorial Union, 1 p.m. A panel discussion about geography-related careers, which begins at noon, will precede the reception. Both events are open to the public.

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



## NDCPD and NAQ announce first graduates from Certificate in Developmental Disabilities Program

Minot State University's North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities and the National Association of Qualified Developmental Disability Professionals recently announced the names of the first graduates of its Certificate in Developmental Disabilities Program. NAQ, in partnership with NDCPD, established the certificate program to provide advanced and standardized training for working human-service professionals.



The graduates, who represent developmental disabilities service agencies from several geographically dispersed states, completed all of the program's requirements to receive the prestigious award. They are Brandy Bowlin, Easter Seals United Cerebral Palsy, Wilmington, N.C.; Amie Clarke, Trinity Services, Inc., Joliet, Ill.; Leeann Hollowell, Easter Seals UCP, Wilmington, N.C.; Barb Jakubowski, Charleston Transitional Facility, Charleston, Ill.; and Kathryn Larson, DSHS Western State Hospital, Tacoma, Wash.

"We created the program primarily to meet the needs of bachelor-degree professionals working in the developmental disability field, such as qualified developmental disability professionals, case workers, case managers and developmental disability specialists," said Holly Janczak, NAQ director. "Most states and many providers do not offer training opportunities, and often the content is lagging in contemporary practices."

NAQ selected NDCPD as the curriculum partner because of its 20 years of experience developing and delivering curriculum materials for QMRPs and other professionals in North Dakota and more than 10 years of delivering online pre-service instruction and continuing education.

The project correlated with NDCPD's mission: "To provide leadership and innovation that advances the state-of-the-art and empower people with disabilities to challenge expectations, achieve personal goals and be included in all aspects of community life."

Minot State delivers the competency-based certificate program online. The certificate program requires candidates to complete required learning modules as well as electives; online exams test their mastery. The curriculum includes submission of a professional portfolio of relevant work products, completion of an online abuse and neglect course and the development of a person-centered plan for a person with a disability.

"Often the subject matter presented went much deeper than expected and gave me a new perspective on ways to approach challenges," Larson said.

For more information, contact Janczak at (815)485-4781 or [hjanczak@qmrp.org](mailto:hjanczak@qmrp.org) or Mary Mercer, NDCPD community training and technical assistant coordinator, at (701)858-3260 or [mary.mercer@minotstateu.edu](mailto:mary.mercer@minotstateu.edu).

## Faiths Explored series continue in December

The Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Multicultural Center are hosting the popular Faiths Explored series in the Multicultural Center (Student Center, first floor) at 12:30 p.m.:

- Dec. 3 — Jim Knudsen, Baha'i faith
- Dec. 10 — Nathan Anderson, the College of Education and Health Sciences' accreditation technology coordinator, local author and MSU alumnus, will share the message of his book, "A Good Dose of God: Everyone's Best Friend."

The Faiths Explored series, which is for educational purposes, is open for students, faculty, staff and members of the community to participate. For questions, contact Pastor Kari Williamson, Lutheran Campus Ministry, at 839-3949 or [campusministry@srt.com](mailto:campusministry@srt.com).

## Singers sought for milestone 'Messiah'

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Minot's first performance of "Messiah" and the 250th anniversary of the death of the great composer, George Frideric Handel.

To celebrate, the Minot Heritage Singers and Voices of Note are inviting all singers, high school age and older, to join them and the Minot State University Concert Choir in singing Handel's "Messiah" Dec. 6 at 4 p.m. The goal is to gather 250 local and area singers for a mass choir, which will be accompanied by a combined MSU and community orchestra. Ken Bowles, chair of the Division of Music and professor of music, will conduct the choir and orchestra. This event's profits will go to scholarships for Minot State music students.

Rehearsals are set for Sunday (Nov. 22) and Nov. 29 at 4 p.m. and Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. in Minot's First Presbyterian Church with a dress rehearsal planned for Dec. 6.

This joint venture will also celebrate the legacy of John Strohm, professor emeritus. Strohm was instrumental in organizing several community performances of the "Messiah" held at the Minot Municipal Auditorium, the site of this year's performance.

Interested singers and directors may contact Mark Schnabel, development officer, at 839-7228, if they have any questions about participating in this special opportunity. Interested individuals can also leave messages on the Heritage Singers' Web site, [www.theheritagesingers.com](http://www.theheritagesingers.com).

## NDDDN hosted Quality Assurance and Disability Summit

The North Dakota Developmental Disabilities Network hosted a Quality Assurance and Disability Summit Nov. 17 in Dickinson. NDDDN is a collaboration between



the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities on Minot State University's campus, the North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities and the North Dakota Protection and Advocacy Project.

"The summit on quality assurance was the culmination of a nine-month discussion and examination of disability issues important to North Dakota citizens. Our discussions on quality assurance addressed systems that contribute to and protect the self-determination, independence, productivity, integration and inclusion in all facets of community life of individuals with developmental disabilities," said Brent Askvig, NDCPD executive director. "The disability summits have allowed us to listen to the current practices and possible ideas for the future for services and programs for people with developmental disabilities in our state."

The Quality Assurance and Disability Summit was the eighth, and last, in a series of monthly multifaceted summits designed to:

- Provide a venue where persons with quality-assurance and disability issues can come together to discuss those issues and provide valued input on the challenges surrounding them.
- Create a list of actionable tasks to provide direction to future projects for the NDDDN.
- Gather insight on how members of NDDDN can feasibly address these issues.

For more information, contact Chad DeCoteau, summit organizer, at 1-800-233-1737 or 1-701-858-3405 or by e-mail at [chad.decoteau@minotstateu.edu](mailto:chad.decoteau@minotstateu.edu).

## Wellness works

### November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month: lung cancer and tobacco use

According to the North Dakota Cancer Coalition, lung cancer is the leading cancer in both men and women, and the number one cause of lung cancer is smoking. In fact, smoking causes 87 percent of lung-cancer deaths, but even nonsmokers are at risk for lung cancer if they are breathing in secondhand smoke.

Some facts about lung cancer, tobacco and secondhand smoke include:

- In North Dakota, doctors diagnose more than 390 new cases of lung cancer each year.
- Nonsmokers have a 20 to 30 percent greater chance of developing lung cancer when exposed to secondhand smoke at home or work.
- Some concentrations of cancer-causing chemicals are actually higher in secondhand smoke than in the smoke inhaled by smokers.
- Each year, about 3,000 nonsmoking adults die of lung cancer because of breathing secondhand smoke.

Other than smoking and secondhand smoke exposure, other risk factors for lung cancer include exposure to radon; exposure to asbestos and other toxic chemicals; environmental contamination and a family history of lung cancer.

Although all cases of lung cancer are different, signs and symptoms that may indicate lung cancer include coughing that does not go away; shortness of breath; constant chest pain; coughing up blood; hoarseness; recurrent pneumonia or bronchitis; feeling tired all the time and weight loss with no known cause. If a person has one or more of these symptoms, they should consult with their health-care provider.

The NDCC stresses the importance of mentioning that using spit tobacco is not a safer alternative to smoking. It contains 28 known cancer-causing chemicals. Using spit tobacco can greatly increase the risk of developing mouth and throat cancers, so if a smoker switches to spit tobacco to avoid the risk of lung cancer, it just would be trading one danger for another.

The NDCC also states that lung cancer is the most preventable form of cancer death. If an individual smokes, the most important thing that person can do to prevent lung cancer is to quit. Contacting the North Dakota Tobacco Quitline, a health-care provider or the First District Health Unit's cessation program is the right first step to protecting their lungs.

Anyone wanting to quit smoking or other tobacco use can contact the North Dakota Tobacco Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW. The Quitline offers free telephone counseling a free 28-day supply of the nicotine patches nicotine gum or nicotine lozenges to qualified enrollees.

For questions, contact Caren Barnett, director of the Student Health Center, at 858-3371 or [caren.barnett@minotstateu.edu](mailto:caren.barnett@minotstateu.edu) or Paul Brekke, director of the Fitness Center, at 858-3485 or [paul.brekke@minotstateu.edu](mailto:paul.brekke@minotstateu.edu).

## Faculty, staff and student notes

Art faculty **Walter Piehl** and **Doug Pfliger** are giving an artist talk about "Doug and Walter's Dog & Pony Show with Billy Chuck's Supermarket of Earthly Delights" Dec. 4, 5-9 p.m. It will be at a private art gallery.

## Announcements

### SBHE meeting at Minot State University Thursday

The State Board of Higher Education will meet Thursday (Nov. 19) on Minot State University's campus. Meetings will be held in the Conference Center (Student Center, third floor), starting at 8:30 a.m. into the afternoon. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend the meeting when possible. The following is the link to the agenda, [www.ndus.edu/sbhe/default.asp?ID=310](http://www.ndus.edu/sbhe/default.asp?ID=310).

— *Mark Lyman, director of public information*

### Parking needs for special visitors to campus

Due to a need for additional parking spots for campus visitors Thursday through Saturday (Nov. 19-21), a few lots will be blocked off to accommodate them. We would encourage you

to park north of the Dome or at the old AJ Automotive parking lot during the times listed below.

- Thursday (Nov. 19), for the State Board of Higher Education meeting, the visitor's spots and unreserved spots east of the Student Center are reserved for SBHE visitors.
- Thursday through Saturday (Nov. 19-21), for the N.D. Class A and B Volleyball Tournaments, Lot L is reserved for guests.

We appreciate your understanding. For questions, call 858-3210.

— *Roger Kluck, director of facilities*

## Microsoft Office training offered for faculty and staff

The Information Technology Advisory Committee is pleased to announce Microsoft Office training sessions for campus faculty and staff from Wednesday (Nov. 18) to Dec. 9. Each session will cover a different application including Microsoft Word, Outlook, Excel and PowerPoint. Register at [www.minotstateu.edu/rsvp/index.php](http://www.minotstateu.edu/rsvp/index.php).

For more information, contact Amy Woodbeck, professional and community education coordinator, at 858-3989 or [amy.woodbeck@minotstateu.edu](mailto:amy.woodbeck@minotstateu.edu).

— *Julie Keller, administrative assistant for the Center for Extended Learning*

## Holiday concert to be performed Friday

My piano students will perform a holiday concert Friday (Nov. 20) in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m. The concert will include piano solos from the standard repertoire, a rare performance of a piano quartet by Carl Maria Weber (1786-1826) and seasonal music for solo piano and piano duet. All are welcome, and admission is free.

For questions, contact 858-3195 or [penny.simons@minotstateu.edu](mailto:penny.simons@minotstateu.edu)

— *Penny Simons, instructor of piano studies*

## Lutheran Campus Ministry sponsors Angel Tree

Again this year, the Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Minot Domestic Violence Crisis Center are helping make this holiday season a little brighter. From Nov. 23 to Dec. 10, pick up an angel tag from the tree and purchase that item for a family in need in the Minot community. Come by the Angel Tree on Monday (Nov. 23) for free hot chocolate and cookies and to learn more!

For questions, please contact 839-3949 or [campusministry@srt.com](mailto:campusministry@srt.com).

— *Pastor Kari Williamson, Lutheran Campus Ministry*

## Win a turkey at the Walking Club's 'Turkey Walk'

Come for a fun walk and earn chances to win a turkey. We will meet for a walk at the Dome on Tuesday (Nov. 24) at 3 p.m. Collect turkey tokens on each level of the Dome you walk. The more turkeys you collect the greater your chance at a drawing for a "real" turkey. You can even take your turkey home that day.

At the end of our walk, Paul Brekke, director of the MSU Fitness Center, will give an update on the fitness center and the cross-training club. In addition, Caren Barnett, director of the Student Health Center, will have some helpful tips for us on holiday eating. Join us and even if you do not win the turkey, you will be thankful you trotted!

For questions, contact 858-4490 or [karen.humphreys@minotstateu.edu](mailto:karen.humphreys@minotstateu.edu).

— *Karen Humphreys, administrative assistant for INBRE*

## MSU Bookstore holding November 'hoodie' promotion

Through Nov. 27, the MSU Bookstore is offering 25 percent off the entire stock of "hoodies," which includes all men's, women's and children's full-zip and pull-over hoods. For questions, call 858-3390.

— *Sandy Foley, MSU Bookstore manager*

## New mini-grant competition starts

Each year, faculty from a wide range of disciplines apply for funding through Minot State University's Small Grants program. The MSU Faculty Development and Research Committee announces that excess funds remain after last spring's awards. At this time, over \$8,000 is available for a new mini-grant competition. The timeline is relatively short — applications are due Dec. 15; awards will be announced no later than Jan. 15, 2010. Guidelines are available at [www.minotstateu.edu/rsp/small\\_r\\_grants.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/rsp/small_r_grants.shtml).

— *Mikhail Bobylev, chair of the Faculty Development and Research Committee, and Linda Cresap, dean of the Graduate School and Research and Sponsored Programs*

## Graduate School policy on incomplete grades outlined

Graduate faculty: A student who has attended, has done satisfactory work (C or better) during the term and whose work is incomplete for reasons found to be satisfactory to the instructor may request an incomplete grade. Both the student and instructor must sign a Course Completion Agreement detailing the work to be completed and the expected completion date; both should retain a copy of the agreement. The Office of the Registrar must receive the original copy of the agreement by the grade-submission deadline. The Graduate School should also receive a copy of the agreement.

If the Office of the Registrar does not receive a grade change prior to the 60th calendar day following the date the original grade was due, the “I” grade will automatically change to the official grade as assigned on the agreement. Extensions are only considered for extenuating circumstances. A full explanation in writing from the student and faculty member involved, approved by the program director and department chairperson, must be approved by the dean of the Graduate School one week prior to the completion date deadline for consideration. A new course completion agreement must accompany the extension request.

The grade of incomplete (I) is an administrative grade that may only be entered by the Office of the Registrar with the exception of courses designated as practicum, internship, independent study, student teaching, field experience or study abroad.

The instructor will submit the grade earned at the time of grade posting if they choose not to sign a Course Completion Agreement, or the student does not request one.

The instructor may complete the agreement on behalf of the student for circumstances beyond the student’s or faculty control. A summary must be attached to include the instructor communication attempts or actual communication with the student.

A copy of the Graduate School Course Completion Agreement is available in your department, in the Office of the Registrar or in the Graduate School. For questions, contact 858-3250 or lindsey.vanthyne@minotstateu.edu

— *Lindsey VanThuyne, administrative assistant for the Graduate School and Research and Sponsored Programs*

## SECC election ballots available at cashier’s window

Ballots for the State Employee Compensation Commission election are available at the cashier’s window of the Business Office. If you would like to vote, please stop by the cashier’s window before Friday (Nov. 20).

The SECC recommends to the governor appropriate levels of state-employee compensation and fringe benefits. Wes Matthews, human resource director, is on the ballot this year.

— *Mark Lyman, director of public information*

## In the galleries

Nov. 18-Dec. 3 — “Absolute Dots,” paintings and prints by Ewa Tarsia, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Nov. 18-Dec. 24 — “Cartoodles,” by Bill Nybo, Library Gallery.

Dec. 9-29 — Photography by Jesse Kelly, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

The public reception for Kelly’s photography exhibit is Dec. 10, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m.

## Calendar

Nov. 18-Dec. 6, 2009

### Nov.

- 18 “Freezin’ for a Reason,” sponsored by MSU Student Social Work Organization, Town & Country Center parking lot, noon–9 p.m.
- 18 Men’s Basketball at North Dakota State University (exhibition).
- 18 SAC: movie, Aleshire Theater, 9 p.m.
- 18-20 Global sights photography competition display, Office of International Programs lounge.
- 18-Dec. 24 NAC exhibit: “Cartoodles,” by Bill Nybo, Library Gallery.
- 19 State Board of Higher Education, Conference Center.
- 19 Native American Cultural Awareness Week: guest speaker Cynthia Allery on “Diabetes in Indian Country,” Westlie Room, 11 a.m.
- 19 SAC: concert by Juno, Beaver Dam, noon.
- 19 Native American Cultural Awareness Week: guest speaker Leslie Peltier, on Native American health and wellness, Multicultural Center, 2 p.m.
- 19 MSU passport drive, Multicultural Center, 3–6:30 p.m.
- 19 Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
- 19 Native American Cultural Awareness Week and NAC lecture: Gregory Gagnon, American Indian Studies Department, University of North Dakota, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 19-21 N.D. Class A and B Volleyball Tournament, Dome.
- 20 CONNECT: orientation and registration by invitation, call 858-3350, Nelson Hall, 9 a.m.
- 20 Ribbon-cutting ceremony for Dakota College at Bottineau, second floor, Administration, MSU, 11 a.m.
- 20 Greek organization interest meeting for students, Conference Center, noon–1 p.m.
- 20 Music: piano students’ holiday recital, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Graduate School: written comprehensive exams.
- 21 Football at University of Sioux Falls, S.D., 1 p.m.
- 22 Women’s and Men’s Basketball at University of Montana-Western.
- 22 Senior music recital by Jennifer Russell, Nelson Hall, 2:30 p.m.
- 23 Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
- 23 Blood pressure and health information, Beaver Dam entrance, 9 a.m.
- 23 Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
- 23 Women’s and Men’s Basketball at Rocky Mountain College.
- 24 Last day to drop a second 8-week class.
- 24 Child Care Committee meeting, Westlie Room, Student Center, 2 p.m.

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| 25    | Men's Basketball vs. University of Montana-Western, Dome, 7 p.m.                                      | 3 | Brown Bag Book Talk: Prit Kaur, criminal justice, on "Hindu Social Organization," by P.N. Prabhu, Olson Library, noon. |
| 26    | Thanksgiving Day, university closed.  |   |  |
| 27    | Thanksgiving vacation, university open, no classes.   | 3 | Public History student presentations, Westlie Room, 12:30–2 p.m.   |
| 27-28 | Women's Basketball at Dickinson State University tournament.  | 3 | Combined Faculty and Staff Senate and SGA, Beaver Dam, 3:30 p.m.   |
| 30    | NAC lecture: "Mexican Migrant Workers in North Dakota," by Jim Norris, NDSU, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m. | 3 | KMSU Auction, Channel 19, 5 p.m.   |
|       |   | 4 | Beaver Booster luncheon, Sevens Restaurant, noon.  |
|       |   | 4 | Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Valley City State University, Dome, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.                                |
|       |   | 4 | Percussion Ensemble concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.  |
|       |   | 5 | Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Jamestown College, Dome, 4 and 6 p.m.   |
|       |   | 5 | Men's Club Hockey vs. Dakota College at Bottineau, All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.  |
|       |   | 6 | "Messiah" concert, Minot Municipal Auditorium, 4 p.m.  |

**Dec.**

- 1 Professional Aspirations Seminar, "Take the Stairs: Leadership Lessons from a Lifetime of Service with Auto-Owners Insurance Company," alumnus Roger Looyenga, Aleshire Theater, 9:30 a.m.
- 2 Tech Day, sponsored by the College of Business, Conference Center, 8 a.m.–1 p.m.
- 2 Small Ensembles concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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