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A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

## Early fall enrollment shows growth at Minot State

Along with much of northwestern North Dakota, growth is underway at Minot State University. According to first-day numbers, Minot State's enrollment is showing a 6 percent increase, compared to the same time last year. The total headcount of students taking courses is 3,744, a 211-student increase from the 3,533 students who were taking classes on the first day of fall 2009.

"Minot State proudly provides an ideal location for students to learn and grow. The early enrollment numbers for this fall show us at a five-year high for students," said David Fuller, president of Minot State University. "We are very pleased to see more students coming to campus from Ward County, North Dakota and other states."

The counties of Bottineau, Burleigh, Cass, Grand Forks, Morton, Renville, Ward and Williams all showed increases in the number of students who chose to attend Minot State.

A number of these students are finding it difficult to locate a residence within Minot or a surrounding community. Residence hall occupancy has jumped almost 20 percent compared to the same time last year, with almost 650 students living in a residence hall or apartment on campus.

Enrollment numbers show an 8 percent increase in the number of full-time undergraduate students. This means more students are concentrating their time and energy on earning an undergraduate degree from Minot State University.

The number of Canadian students and non-Canadian international students has increased, according to first-day numbers.

Graduate students from across the state and region are also showing an increased interest in gaining an education at Minot State. Graduate School enrollment figures rose more than 6 percent.

The 2009 initiative of Grow North Dakota continues to make attaining an education at Minot State more affordable for out-of-state students. Minot State is experiencing an increase in students from states such as Minnesota, Montana, Oregon and Wisconsin.

Along with increased efforts to showcase Minot State across the state and region, the university also added two new athletic teams, women's soccer and men's wrestling, this fall to its options in which students can participate.

These numbers may change, 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.

August 25, 2010

### PIO update

What an exciting time to be in northwest North Dakota! With an oil-field boom in midstride, growth in many cities in the western part of the state is through the roof.

The trend, with an economic boom and low unemployment rates, is for young people (the average university/college student) to want not to attend higher education institutes. Instead, they go with a job directly out of high school or leave school early to take an attractive position in the workforce.

Minot State is bucking that trend.

With early enrollment numbers showing the university up 6 percent, Minot State is looking at a third straight year of increases and a new five-year high in total enrollment.

Looking at the national headlines, we have much to be grateful for in North Dakota. Not the least of which is the access to wonderful universities and colleges that cater to students' needs, keep costs down and provide ideal settings for learning.

Growth makes for an exciting time. Let's continue to support those institutions and entities that are essential for this growth.

— Mark Lyman, director  
of public information

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## 'Swain Hall 2010: Strengthening our Commitment to Education' showcases MSU's continued commitment to education

Minot State University marked the reopening of Swain Hall, a key education building on its campus, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event.

"Swain Hall 2010: Strengthening our Commitment to Education" featured tours of the completely renovated building, a retrospective of Swain Hall through the years and hors d'oeuvres. Attending dignitaries included Governor John Hoeven, Congressman Earl Pomeroy, North Dakota University System Chancellor Bill Goetz, State Board of Higher Education President Jon Backes, State Senator Karen Krebsbach and State Representative Matt Klein.



## New faculty and staff aboard

Minot State University would like to welcome 16 new employees and introduce them to the campus.



**Yacin Abdessaied**, a Fulbright foreign language teaching assistant from Paris, is having his first teaching experience at Minot State University.

In France, he received his bachelor's degree from Université de Paris-Est, à Marne-la-Vallée, and he is working towards a master's degree from that institution.



**Andrew Aken**, an assistant professor of business information technology, taught previously at the University of Illinois, Champaign. He completed his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. He is a former president and chief executive officer of Global Eyes Telecommunications, Inc. Aken enjoys music, the arts and woodworking.



**Khalifa Khalfan Al Badi** is a Fulbright foreign language teaching assistant from Oman. In his native country, he taught English for three years. At MSU, he will teach Arabic. He received a bachelor's degree from Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat, Oman.



**Shawn Carraher**, director of the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy and professor of business administration, comes to Minot State from Cameron University, Lawton, Okla. He holds a bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati and a doctorate from the University of Oklahoma, Norman. He is married and has two sons, Shawn Carraher Jr. and Charles Carraher IV.



**Adam Estes**, assistant professor of woodwind studies, possesses a bachelor's degree from Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas. His master's and doctorate degrees are from the University of South Carolina, Columbia. An avid tennis player and golfer, Estes was last employed by the Mason Independent School District in Texas.



**Ashley Guy**, an instructor in the Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance, lives in Kenmare with her husband and two-month-old daughter, Eden. She was last employed by North Dakota State University, Fargo, and she holds bachelor's and master's degrees in health, nutrition and exercise sciences from NDSU. She is originally from St. Cloud, Minn.



**Diann Hanson**, an alumna, was the human resources manager for Minot's Choice Hotels and taught previously within the College of Business as an adjunct faculty member. She is now an instructor of management. She completed a bachelor's degree from NDSU and a master's degree from MSU. Hanson and Luther, her husband, have a dog, Bjorn, who lets them live with him. As hobbies, she enjoys needlework and knitting.



**Henry Ho**, an assistant professor of marketing, comes to Minot State from Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne, Australia. He possesses a master's degree in marketing from Victoria University, Melbourne, and a doctorate in business administration from Southern Cross University, Gold Coast, Australia.



**Dorcas Kunkel**, an alumna and an assistant professor of nursing, has taught at Minot State since January. She received her bachelor's degree from MSU and her master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.



**Paul Loree**, an alumnus, is an instructor of computer science. He specializes in wireless sensor networks and security, mobile communications and computing, computer and network security and computer networks. He earned his bachelor's degree at Minot State and his master's degree at NDSU, where he also worked.



**Jeanne MacDonald**, an instructor of management, has advised MSU management and marketing students on Bismarck State College's campus since January. Previously, she taught at Dickinson State University. She holds bachelor's degrees from Colorado Christian University, Lakewood, and the University of Denver. Her master's degree is also from DU.



**Jaimie McMullen**, an assistant professor in the Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance, taught at Arizona State University, Tempe, before joining MSU. She possesses a bachelor's degree from the University of Hawaii-Manoa at Honolulu, a master's degree from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, and a doctorate from ASU.



**Jean-Francois Mondon** is an assistant professor of German in the Department of Foreign Language. He earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in linguistics from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Mondon has knowledge of many languages, including Latin, Greek, French, German and Sanskrit.



**Jacqueline Reep-Jarmin**, an alumna, is an instructor of nursing. She previously worked at Williston State College. She completed her bachelor's degree at MSU and master's degree at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. Reep-Jarmin is married with three children.



**Scott Sigel**, assistant professor of Spanish and foreign language department coordinator, returns to Minot State. In the past, he was a visiting assistant professor of French and Spanish. He earned a bachelor's degree at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., and a master's degree and doctorate at Stanford University, Calif. Sigel has worked as an interpreter for people who face immigration and human rights issues.



**Tiffany Ziegler**, a professor of history, was previously employed by the University of Missouri, Columbia, and the University of Nebraska, Omaha. She received her bachelor's degree from Hastings College, Neb., her master's degree from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, and her doctorate from MU.

## Minot State attains 'Military Friendly School' status



On Aug. 16, G.I. Jobs magazine named Minot State University as a Military Friendly School for the year 2011. After compiling research, survey results and other data, the magazine determined MSU is in the top 15 percent of the nation's colleges, trade schools and universities that are doing the most to embrace America's military members and veterans as students.

As a Military Friendly School, Minot State is listed in the magazine's September 2010 Guide to Military Friendly Schools.

According to Sue Krebsbach, Minot State's program coordinator at Minot Air Force Base, MSU believes in helping airmen attain their education goals.

"MSU and the United State Air Force are a team at Minot Air Force Base. The airmen are here defending us, and MSU is here to help them with a smooth transition into earning their education. MSU recognizes the military student as not being your typical campus student, therefore, the university goes out of its way to meet their military needs," Krebsbach said. "We receive many comments about how everyone from Minot State is so helpful and how the instructors seem to care about their students, which makes MSU deserving of this award."

A commemorative plaque hangs on the second level of the Education Center on the Minot Air Force Base, where Minot State offices have been located since 1960.

For more information, contact Mark Lyman, director of public information, at 858-3065 or [mark.lyman@minotstateu.edu](mailto:mark.lyman@minotstateu.edu).

## MSU and Norway's Harstad University College sponsoring academic visitation

Minot State University and Harstad University College in northern Norway announce a fully sponsored one-week academic visitation to Harstad College. Funding is available for transportation, lodging and per diem for two MSU faculty and four MSU students. The MSU representatives will travel to Harstad for the opportunity to broaden their experience within their academic fields, participate in lectures, discussion and program reviews to facilitate future student exchanges. Anticipated travel will occur between the dates of Oct. 10 to 20 (final dates yet to be determined). Check out the host site at: [www.hih.no](http://www.hih.no).

Applications are encouraged from faculty and students in nursing, social work, psychology, education, special education and business, although strong applications from other MSU disciplines will also be considered. Applicants should have or expect to receive their passports by Oct. 1.

Faculty applications will include name and department affiliation, a brief (one to two paragraphs) statement of the purpose of the visit, a brief statement of how the visit

might influence future faculty, student and other academic connections in applicant's department and affirmation that applicant has a valid passport or will have one by Oct. 1. The faculty application deadline is Sept. 7.

Student applications will include a completed scholarship application form, a one-page typed essay (double spaced) addressing the following areas (What are the specific reasons the student chose to apply for this scholarship? How does the student plan to use the experience abroad to contribute to the MSU campus environment/student experience upon return?), a recommendation letter from one faculty member and affirmation that the student has a valid passport or will have one by Oct. 1. The student application deadline is Sept. 10.

Completed application packets should be submitted to Libby Claerbout, director of international programs, in the Office of International Programs by the appropriate deadline.

For additional information, call 858-3978.

## MSU Fall Kickoff 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. MSU student Jazmine Wolff played music, and 549 people attended the event.



## Volunteers assist freshmen moving in

Faculty, staff and students helped freshmen move into the residence halls on Move-in Day. Accompanied by a picnic, the Office of the President sponsored the event to welcome students and their families to campus. Currently, 175 freshmen live in Cook Hall, and 110 freshmen reside in McCulloch Hall.



## Welcome Week 2010 to facilitate student engagement

Welcome Week at Minot State University runs through Friday (Aug. 27). The event's intent is to allow students to connect and increase student activities and student life on campus.

On Thursday (Aug. 26), the Red Alert Wing Eating Contest begins at noon in the Quad. Comedian Pete Lee will perform in the Beaver Dam, 10 p.m.

On Friday (Aug. 27), food will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., along with music in the Quad.

All food is free and available to students while supplies last.

## Fourth annual 'Rock the Leaves' rocks Oak Park on Saturday

"Rock the Leaves," a yearly benefit concert featuring both local and nationally renowned performers, is slated for Saturday (Aug. 28) in Minot's Oak Park, noon-10 p.m. All funds donated at Rock the Leaves 2010 will help defray the medical expense of Trish Cantone, a young Minot woman who recently underwent heart surgery.

"Our goal all along was to put on a concert that would appeal to the masses and help someone at the same time," said Dan Hansen, event organizer and MSU student. "I think we have succeeded. The event has really become a family affair."

Free-will donations completely fund Rock the Leaves; each year, the concert's proceeds go to an individual in need from the Minot area. Besides free music and free food there will be a jumping castle, a dunk booth and more festivities for children.

Rock the Leaves is now partnering with the Minot Area Council of the Arts. MACA hosts many ongoing arts and culture programs in Minot, connecting more than 40 community organizations. The partnership benefits both entities. Rock the Leaves has become a more visible member of the Minot arts community.

For more information, contact Hansen at (701)833-6868 or [daniel.hansen@my.mintostateu.edu](mailto:daniel.hansen@my.mintostateu.edu) or visit [rocktheleaves.com/](http://rocktheleaves.com/)

## Donovan opens NAC lecture series with 'Horizons Unlimited: Mediterranean Cruise'

Andrea Donovan, assistant professor of humanities, will open the Northwest Art Center's 2010-11 lecture series on Sept. 8 with a recap of an MSU study-abroad cruise she led to Italy and the Mediterranean this past June. Donovan and MSU students will share experiences and photos from the trip in a presentation in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m.

Their talk, "Horizons Unlimited: Mediterranean Cruise," will focus on the art and culture of the region. Members of the

trip included Minot natives Brandon Coons, Randi Dockter, Gregory Gould, Kyra Hansen and Antonette LeBeau and Parshall native Melissa Solomonson. A question-and-answer period and informal reception will follow. The program is free and open to the public.

For more information about Northwest Art Center activities, call 858-3264 or visit its Web site, [www.minotstateu.edu/nac](http://www.minotstateu.edu/nac).

## MSU music student wins first place in international competition

Sally Podrebarac, a Minot State University junior music performance major, won first prize in the 28-years-of-age-and-younger category at the 2010 International Women's Brass Conference Solo Competition in the horn division and was a finalist for the Grand Prize. Toronto hosted the competition. Podrebarac is a student of Mark Boren, MSU coordinator of brass studies and instructor of music.



The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Podrebarac of Bismarck, Podrebarac has achieved numerous awards for her horn performance. In addition to being principal horn with the MSU Concert Band, she also

plays principal horn with the Minot Symphony Orchestra.

"Sally exemplifies the spirit of excellence found at Minot State University's music program and is a shining example to young aspiring musicians everywhere," Boren said. "Her recent first prize award at the International Women's Brass Conference Solo Competition is just one example of the many awards and accolades she has received as a result of her talent, hard work and dedication to success in music."

For the past two years, Podrebarac earned first chair responsibilities with the North Dakota Intercollegiate Concert Band, which comprises the best musicians selected from seven higher education campuses in North Dakota. In addition to her two years attending MSU under the tutelage of Boren, Podrebarac has represented the university at such summer music festivals as the San Francisco Brass Institute, the International Horn Symposium, the Barry Tuckwell Institute, Hot Springs Music Festival and Eastern Music Festival.

The International Women's Brass Conference, which attracts brass players from all over the world, is one of the most competitive events for brass players 28 years old and younger. Podrebarac is now into her third year of study with Boren at Minot State University.

## Wellness works

### Weight Management Club resumes meeting

The Weight Management Club will resume meeting on Sept. 1 after taking a two-month break. This group meets every other Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. in the Jones Room for

30 minutes. During this time, weight checks are done and a group member gives a short educational presentation; the remainder of the time is devoted to members supporting each other as they learn to make simple lifestyle changes that could save their lives.

Last year, the Weight Management Club had eight participants on the average at each session. The total weight loss for the group was approximately 80 pounds. If individuals are interested in weight management, they should plan to attend the kickoff session on Sept. 1. Small choices made every day can make a huge difference.

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

## Announcements

### Minot State offers condolences to Aanestad family

Minot State University was saddened to hear of Alf Aanestad's death on Aug. 14 in Edina, Minn. Aanestad, an alumnus, served as the university's financial aid director for many years. He retired from Minot State in 1984. A memorial service was held Aug. 21 at Minot's First Lutheran Church.

— *Mark Lyman, director of public information*

### TLC-Minot needs host families

TLC-Minot, an intensive English language program for international students, is looking for families for our Homestay Program. TLC-Minot provides \$600 compensation every four weeks in exchange for a private room, transportation in the morning to MSU and in the afternoon to home and food for meals. Food does not have to be prepared for each meal, as long as there is food available for the student to prepare.

The students enjoy getting to know American families and their culture as they acquire English skills. The program is also a great way to learn about another culture as the students share with you and your family.

We need homestays for males immediately. If anyone is interested or has questions, contact 858-4561 or [bonnie.carrera@minotstateu.edu](mailto:bonnie.carrera@minotstateu.edu)

— *Bonnie Carrera, TLC-Minot director*

### Nationally renowned speaker and author of 'Mighty Long Way' to visit MSU

On Feb. 1, Carlotta Walls LaNier will speak at Minot State University. LaNier, a member of the Little Rock Nine, has written a powerful book, "Mighty Long Way: My Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School," about her experiences ([littlerock9.com/CarlottaWalls.aspx](http://littlerock9.com/CarlottaWalls.aspx)). Her presentation is being co-sponsored by the University Diversity Committee and the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning.

A one-credit elective course will be offered in the spring of 2011 for those students interested in forming book discussion groups. Faculty who are interested in leading a discussion, as part of this course, may contact [beth.odahlen@minotstateu.edu](mailto:beth.odahlen@minotstateu.edu) or 858-3177.

Free copies of the book are available to the first 100 students who register for the course. In addition, faculty members are encouraged to include LaNier's presentation and/or book into courses that are a good match for the content. Faculty and staff members who are interested in obtaining a free copy of the book may contact [julie.keller@minotstateu.edu](mailto:julie.keller@minotstateu.edu) or 858-4040.

— *Beth Odahlen, director of the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning*

## In the galleries

Aug. 25-Sept. 22 — "Baker's Dozen," sculpture by James Parlin, Edinboro, Pa., Best of Show Americas 2009: All Media, Library Gallery.

Aug. 25-Oct. 2 — "Americas 2010: All Media," Susan Haas-Morrissey, juror, Hartnett Gallery.

The public reception for "Baker's Dozen" in the Library Gallery and "Americas 2010: All Media" in Hartnett Gallery is Sept 1, 6:30-8 p.m. Haas-Morrissey will speak at 7 p.m.

## Calendar

### Aug. 25-Sept. 11, 2010

#### Aug.

- 25 JCEMP orientation.
- 25 SAC: movie, Beaver Dam, 9 p.m.
- 26 Last day to add first 8-week class.
- 26 Red Alert pre-game event, Quad, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
- 26 Beaver Booster luncheon, Grand International, noon.
- 26 Football tailgating, east parking lot of Dome, 5 p.m.
- 26 Football vs. Bemidji State University, Herb Parker Stadium, 7 p.m.
- 26 SAC: comedian Pete Lee, Beaver Dam, 10 p.m.
- 27 Soccer tailgating, east parking lot of Dome, 5 p.m.
- 27 Soccer vs. Bemidji State University, Herb Parker Stadium, 7 p.m.
- 27-28 Volleyball at Montana Tech tournament, Butte, Mont.
- 28 Rock the Leaves, Oak Park, Minot, noon–10 p.m.
- 29 Soccer vs. University of Minnesota-Crookston, Herb Parker Stadium, 1 p.m.

- 30 Student Government Association, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
- 31 Development Foundation, Jones Room, 7:30 a.m.

#### Sept.

- 1 Last day to add 16-week class.
- 1 Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
- 1 SAC: music by HighMay, Beaver Dam, noon.
- 1 Golf at Jamestown College, Hillcrest Golf Course.
- 1 NAC public reception for "Baker's Dozen," sculpture by James Parlin, Edinboro, Pa., Best of Show Americas 2009: All Media, Library Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m.
- 1 NAC public reception for "Americas 2010: All Media," Susan Haas-Morrissey, juror, Hartnett Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m.
- 1-2 Theatre: auditions for "Wonder of the World," Aleshire Theater, 4 p.m.
- 2 Spring 2011 student teaching orientation, Old Main 218, 12:30 p.m.
- 2 Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
- 3 Graduate School: fall semester graduation applications due to advisor.
- 3 Soccer at Northern State University, Aberdeen, S.D.
- 4 Football at Concordia University-St. Paul, St. Paul, Minn.
- 5 Soccer at Minnesota State University-Moorhead.
- 6 Labor Day, university closed.
- 8 Financial aid disbursement and fall tuition due.
- 8 SAC: movie, 3 and 9 p.m. Beaver Dam
- 8 NAC lecture: "Horizons Unlimited: Mediterranean Cruise" presented by Andrea Donovan, humanities, and MSU student participants, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 9 Golf at Bismarck State College, Hawktree Golf Club.
- 10 Graduate School: fall semester graduation applications due to Graduate School.
- 10 Admission to teacher education seminar, Old Main 106, 3 p.m.
- 10 Cross Country at Northern State University invitational, Aberdeen, S.D.
- 10-11 Volleyball at Minnesota State University-Moorhead tournament.
- 10-11 Western Plains Opera, Nelson Hall, Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday 3 p.m.
- 11 Soccer vs. Carroll College at Rocky Mountain College, Billings, Mont.
- 11 Golf at Valley City State University, Maple River Golf Course, Mapleton, N.D.

### Minot State University mission

Minot State University is first and foremost dedicated to the success of all students: their growth and development as educated citizens, their confidence, and their life-long devotion to the common good and the welfare of others.

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