



Campus holiday celebration slated for Dec. 14

Minot State University President David Fuller and his wife, Nancy, would like to invite faculty and staff to the annual campus holiday celebration Dec. 14, 2-4:30 p.m. The event is in the Conference Center.

New staff aboard



Minot State University would like to welcome one new employee, Thomas Orluck, and introduce him to the campus.

Orluck, an alumnus, is a North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities data specialist. Previously, he worked for Office Max in Minot. He completed his bachelor's degree in business information technology from MSU in 2010.

Minot State student Wellness Center bid awarded

After a competitive bid process, Minot State University has awarded the \$12.77 million construction of the student Wellness Center to Roers' Construction, of Fargo. As the lowest bidder on the project, Roers' Construction will be the general contractor in charge of finishing the project by early 2012.

"We are very pleased to give Minot State students what they asked for, a Wellness Center on our campus," said Dick Jenkins, vice president for student affairs. "This new

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And the progress pushes forward! With the construction bid for the Wellness Center now out to three North Dakota companies, it will be early 2012 when students can start taking advantage of their new facility for fitness and fun.

Along with this needed addition to our campus, work is underway on testing for geothermal wells. These wells will allow Minot State University to take a huge step forward in decreasing its dependence on fossil fuels, cutting back on energy costs and becoming a better steward of the environment.

When the project is complete, geothermal heating and cooling will pay for itself in 10-15 years and start saving the university, and taxpayers, roughly \$500,000 annually! Now, that is progress that will make a difference to everyone impacted.

As Minot State continues to push forward with new initiatives, programs and buildings, please invite community members to stop by the campus for a tour. They will be pleasantly surprised as Minot State steps closer to reaching Vision 2013 and celebrating 100 years of excellence.

— Mark Lyman, director
of public information

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center will provide the students with exclusive areas for exercise equipment, weight rooms, intramural gym space and cardio or yoga classes.”

Along with Roers’ Construction, Main Electric Construction of Minot will handle the electrical work, and Mowbray & Son Plumbing and Heating of Minot will be responsible for the mechanical construction.

Funding for the construction of the Wellness Center comes, in large part, from the students at Minot State University. In 2009, the students agreed to increase their own fees to build a facility designed for student health, exercise and intramural activities.

Due to the construction, 11th Avenue, from the northwest corner of Swain Hall to the Dome, will close for safety and security concerns.

\$1.4 million to help students with intellectual disabilities

A new student population will begin their college experience at Minot State University in the fall semester 2011. Recently, the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities received a \$1.4 million grant, spread over five years, from the U.S. Department of Education to develop the Adult Student Transition Education Program. A-STEP will provide inclusive postsecondary experiences for students with intellectual disabilities.

“A-STEP will open the doors to life-long learning and the benefits of higher education to North Dakota students with intellectual disabilities while maintaining the academic integrity of courses from Minot State and Dakota College at Bottineau,” said Janet Green, A-STEP project director.

Using a non-degree-seeking alternative pathway to employment, A-STEP will offer inclusive academic, social and employment experiences to students with intellectual disabilities. It will utilize person-centered planning for transition and employment, individualized services and supports, faculty training and ongoing support, peer tutoring and mentoring. A-STEP students will participate in a combination of courses



from the institutions’ undergraduate catalogs, typically audit or non-credit courses, and specially designed classes to build the students’ skills in independent living, social interaction and employment activities.

“My admiration is high for the NDCPD team in developing this grant proposal,” said Brent Askvig, NDCPD executive director. “Only 27 grants were funded nationwide, so we were very fortunate in our award.”

For more information and to get involved, contact Green at 858-4473 or janet.green@minotstateu.edu.

‘Make the Call, Win It All!’ with Thursday’s KMSU Auction

The Minot State University Program of Broadcasting will host their 12th annual KMSU auction Thursday (Dec. 2). The auction will air live on KMSU’s Channel 19 at 6:30 p.m. with a preshow at 5 p.m.

“As broadcasting students, we have worked very hard to create the KMSU Auction this year,” said Mary Christian, KMSU Auction co-coordinator. “We are excited to see how everything unfolds this Thursday.”



Some bigger packages include two Allegiant Air tickets to Las Vegas and a Newman Signs billboard. Cartiva donated five remote car starters with installation, and North Central Service Inc. gave a gas fireplace.

The auction benefits the broadcasting program in funding for Media Ink, departmental equipment and MSU broadcasting scholarships. The scholarship applications have already been sent to area high schools, but the deadline is extended to April 1.

Annually, 10 percent of the proceeds goes to a charitable cause. This year, the broadcasting program will donate 10 percent to 2nd Story, a Minot area social club dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for adults with developmental disabilities. 2nd Story is open daily, except on Sunday. It receives no state or federal funding and, therefore, relies solely on contributions and fundraising projects for financial support.

Last year, the KMSU Auction raised more than \$15,000 with the help of community businesses. If individuals or businesses are interested in making a contribution or if there are any questions regarding support for 2nd Story, contact Quita Hines, KMSU Auction co-coordinator, at (701)471-6090 or visit the auction’s website at www.minotstateu.edu/auction.

Singers unite Sunday for ‘Messiah’

The Heritage Singers men’s chorus, the Voices of Note women’s chorus, the Minot State University Concert Choir and area community members will combine to present Handel’s “Messiah” on Sunday (Dec. 5) at 4 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. They will be directed by Ken Bowles, chair of the Division of Music and professor of music. Admission is

by free-will offering. Proceeds of the event are directed to the Joseph Hegstad Music Scholarship and the John Strohm Music Scholarship funds.

Campus Players present 'The Velveteen Rabbit'

The MSU Campus Players production of "The Velveteen Rabbit," directed by Peggy Morris, a student from Garrison, will run Dec. 9-11, at 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 12 at 2 p.m., in Aleshire Theater.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students, children and senior citizens. MSU IDs will not be accepted for admission, as this production is a fundraiser for Campus Players. Receive \$1 off the admission price by bringing a nonperishable food item for local food pantries. Reservations can be made by calling 858-3172.

PAS holds winter-clothing drive for Salvation Army

The Minot State University Psychology and Addiction Studies Club is holding a winter-clothes drive for the Salvation Army through Dec. 10. Students, faculty and staff may donate old or new coats, mittens, hats, gloves, scarves or boots by placing them into large marked boxes in the Student Center, Memorial Hall, Old Main or Cyril Moore Hall. For questions, contact Kelsey Eaton, MSU student, at kelsey.eaton@my.minotstateu.edu.



PAS officers model donated coats.

SSWO organized food drives in five area communities

By "Freezin' for a Reason," the Minot State University Student Social Work Organization organized food drives in multiple locations during the National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week. The food drives, which were held in Belcourt, Bismarck, Minot, Stanley and Williston, garnered more than

\$6,000 in monetary donations and thousands of pounds of canned goods.



Advanced Study Grants awarded

The Administrative Council of Minot State University, through the Office of Academic and Institutional Projects, awarded grants for advanced coursework in the 2010-2011 academic year to **Rodney Hair**, Rural Crime and Justice Center; **Cari Olson**, Office of Academic and Institutional projects; **Audra Myerchin**, Department of Communication Arts (broadcasting program); **Orlene Schroeder**, Department of Communication Disorders; **Margie Hair**, Department of Nursing; **Holly Pederson**, Department of Special Education; **Nathan Anderson**, College of Education and Health Sciences; and **John McCann**, Department of Communication Arts (broadcasting program).

The Administrative Council awarded a total of \$32,850 this year. These awards are available on a competitive basis to all faculty and staff who wish to apply. They are announced in the annual call for proposals in October.

For questions, contact Olson at 858-3323 or cari.olson@minotstateu.edu.

MSU alumnus selected for prestigious geography award

The North Dakota Geographic Alliance recently announced Kim Schultz, a fifth-grade teacher at Bismarck's Will-Moore Elementary School, as the winner of the 2010 Warren Kress Outstanding Geography Teacher Award. The Minot State University alumnus was honored Nov. 23 at a Will-Moore Elementary School program.

"Kim's passion is the teaching of geography and social studies. The curriculum, which he teaches, is immersed with geography," said Kathy Rooke, a former colleague at Will-Moore. "Whether he is teaching math, language arts or science, you can be assured that geography is integrated into every lesson. Kim's students are very knowledgeable of the world around them."

Some of Schultz's professional highlights include serving as a teacher and horticulturist while a United States Department of Agriculture volunteer to Central Asia and participating in Project Harmony, a teacher exchange program with Armenia, and a Korea Studies workshop for American educators. Schultz also visited Japan on a Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholarship.

"I'm hooked on all things geographical or cultural," Schultz said. "As an educator, there are so many geographic connections to be made among all aspects of what is taught on a daily basis that it should be nearly impossible not to be geographically literate."

The NDGA is located on the campus of Minot State University. To learn more about NDGA, call 1-800-235-1948 or 701-858-3063 or go to www.minotstateu.edu/ndga.

Wellness works

The Student Health Center encourages all Minot State University students, faculty and staff to review the information provided by the Center for Disease Control below to help keep our community healthy.

The flu and the common cold are both respiratory illnesses, but they are caused by different viruses. In general, the flu is worse than the common cold, and symptoms such as fever, body aches, extreme tiredness and dry cough are more common and intense. Colds are usually milder than the flu. People with colds are more likely to have a runny or stuffy nose. Colds generally do not result in serious health problems, such as pneumonia, bacterial infections or hospitalizations.

The single best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated each year. The influenza vaccine is available at the Student Health Center for students, faculty and staff. Other health habits to follow are:

- Avoid close contact.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose.
- Clean your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food.

If an individual gets sick with flu-like symptoms, that person should stay home and avoid contact with other people, except to get medical care. Most people with the flu have mild illness and do not need medical care or antiviral drugs.

However, some people are more likely to get flu complications, such as young children, people 65 and older, people with asthma or diabetes or pregnant women. They should talk to a health care provider about whether they need to be examined if they get flu symptoms. Also, it is possible for healthy people to develop severe illness from the flu, so anyone concerned about their illness should consult a health care provider.

For questions, contact Heidi Peterson, Student Health Center family nurse practitioner, at 858-3371 or heidi.peterson@minotstateu.edu.

Announcements

Changes underway on campus

With the bid awarded for the new Student Wellness Center, construction will start before the end of the academic year. A specific start date is currently unknown as weather is a big factor. With construction companies working on and around 11th Avenue, in the area of Swain Hall, the Dome and the Gordon B. Olson Library, pedestrians and drivers are encouraged to be alert and pay close attention to fencing and signs surrounding this area. Please note that the fire lane/loop between Hartnett Hall, Old Main and Memorial, as well as the field access road immediately north of the Dome and surrounding roads, will be busier with construction crews and vehicles moving around.

In addition, improvements are underway to the Administration Building's third floor. This includes tile removal as part of the remodeling project. Please be aware that this area is considered an active construction zone.

We appreciate the campus community's patience and understanding as we undertake these significant projects. If there are any questions, please call the Department of Facilities Management at 858-3210.

— Roger Kluck, *assistant vice president for facilities management*

MSU Staff Senate sponsors the 2010 holiday decorating contest

It is that time to pull out the tree, dust off the ornaments and show your creativity. Faculty, staff and students are invited to participate in the annual Staff Senate office holiday decorating contest at Minot State University. Individual offices and/or departments are encouraged to participate.

Individuals or departments who wish to take part in the contest should contact staffsenate@minotstateu.edu by 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 13. The participant list will be included in the Dec. 15 Campus Announcements.

Judging will be Dec. 17 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The winner will be announced before the end of the day on Dec. 17, and the victor will receive bragging rights and a priceless traveling trophy. Staff Senate challenges everyone to "display" campus holiday spirit.

— *Staff Senate Holiday Decorating Contest Committee*

Students display research at poster session

All faculty and staff are invited to attend a poster session in Memorial Hall on Tuesday (Dec. 7). Vicki Michels' Psychology 423: Introduction to Counseling and Deborah Olson's Psychology 410: Cognitive Psychology students will present projects they completed for these courses. The posters will be displayed on the second floor of Memorial Hall from 9:30 to noon, and students will be available to answer questions.

— *Vicki Michels, associate professor of addiction studies*

Bill Isaacson visiting MSU Dec. 10

Bill Isaacson, Minot State University alumnus, will visit Minot State University on Dec. 10. He is a former 3M executive and inventor of permanent contact lenses. He will give a short presentation on innovation, intrapreneurship and entrepreneurship as well as accept the Distinguished Intrapreneur Award. Please join us on Dec. 10 in Main 406 at noon. There will be free Papa John's® pizza and refreshments.

For questions, contact 858-3025 or bethany.stai@minotstateu.edu.

— *Bethany Stai, executive assistant of the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy*

Geothermal test drilling continues

The test drilling for Minot State University's geothermal project continues for the next few weeks. The bore locations are as follows: two in the practice field, one in the southwest corner of Crane Hall's parking lot and one south of Cook Hall near University Avenue in the parking lot. This work will effectively shut down the practice field through next season. The parking lots will be minimally affected and will be barricaded. For questions, call 858-3210.

— *Roger Kluck, assistant vice president for facilities management*

ACT Test Center closing for move

The ACT Center will close from Dec. 20 to Jan. 3 for all testing services including, but not limited to: compass placement testing, CLEP subject exams and proctoring. Students wishing to complete any testing with the ACT Center will need to contact Sharon Seidl, credit coordinator, at 858-3990 before Thursday (Dec. 2) to assure a testing appointment before the center closure. ACT looks forward to re-opening Jan. 4 in its new location on the third floor of the Administration Building.

— *Laurie Kent, administrative assistant for the Center for Extended Learning*

Be an angel

Join Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Minot Domestic Violence Crisis Center to help brighten the holidays for a family in need in our community. Stop by the angel tree in the Student Center and pick an angel off the tree. Purchase the item and return the item unwrapped to the Minot State University Bookstore. All items are due Dec. 10. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

For questions, contact 839-3949 or kari.williamson@minotstateu.edu.

— *Kari Williamson, campus pastor*

Bookstore holds 'The Ultimate Hoodie Sale'

Through Dec. 17, the Minot State University Bookstore is holding "The Ultimate Hoodie Sale." All hoodies are 25 percent off. If it has a hood, it is on sale.

— *Sandy Foley, MSU Bookstore manager*

'Be in the Know with NDPERS Executive Director Sparb Collins' Dec. 15

Minot State University Staff Senate and the Office of Marketing are sponsoring "Be In the Know with NDPERS Executive Director Sparb Collins" on Dec. 15 in the Conference Center, 2 p.m.

The North Dakota Legislature is considering legislation which may increase employee contributions to the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System defined-benefit plan. (This change would only affect NDPERS retirement-plan participants.) Sparb Collins, NDPERS executive director, will explain the proposed legislation to MSU employees and other state employees in the Minot area. This is an important topic to understand, so please make plans to attend.

A question-and-answer session will follow the discussion. Refreshments, provided by North Dakota Public Employees Association, will be served.

For more information, contact Teresa Loftesnes, marketing director, at 858-3062 or teresa.loftesnes@minotstateu.edu.

— *MSU Staff Senate Professional Development and Programming Committee*

Applications for the Staff Senate Scholarship are available

The criteria and application forms for the Minot State University Staff Senate Scholarship are available at www.minotstateu.edu/stfsenat/pdf/ss_scholarship.pdf.

The endowment fund's purpose is to assist staff or their dependents in their educational pursuits at MSU. The deadline to submit applications to Merri Jo Connole in the Office of Financial Aid is Jan. 14.

For questions, contact staffsenate@minotstateu.edu or a Staff Senate representative.

— *MSU Staff Senate Scholarship Committee*

In the galleries

Dec. 1-14 — "At the Bottom of Everything," prints by Eric Johnson, Library Gallery.

Dec. 1-23 — "Winter Court," hand-stitched embroidery and letterpress printing by Ann Greenwood, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Calendar

Dec. 1-Dec. 7, 2010

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| 1 | College of Business Technology Day, Old Main 314 and 316, 8 a.m. | 2 | Women's and Men's Basketball at Valley City State University. |
| 1 | SAC: Karaoke, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. | 3 | Last day to drop second 8-week classes. |
| 1 | Brown Bag Book Talk: Deb Jensen, CASCLS, on "Why Don't Students Like School?" by Daniel Willingham, Olson Library, noon. | 3 | McFarland Auditorium memento sale, McFarland Lobby, second floor, Old Main, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. |
| 1 | SAC: movie, Beaver Dam, 3 and 9 p.m. | 3 | Men's Club Hockey vs. Dakota College at Bottineau, All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m. |
| 1 | MSU creativity class recital, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m. | 3 | Women's and Men's Basketball at Jamestown College. |
| 1-2 | Theatre: auditions for "A Doll's House," Aleshire Theater, 4 p.m. | 4 | Cello and Bass Quintet, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m. |
| 2 | Student success workshop: "What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?" Old Main 106, 1–1:50 p.m. | 4 | Wrestling at Minnesota State University–Moorhead. |
| 2 | Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m. | 5 | "Messiah" concert, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m. |
| 2 | KMSU Auction, Channel 19, 5 p.m. | 5 | Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Brandon University, Dome, 4 and 6 p.m. |
| 2 | Wrestling vs. University of Regina, Dome, 7 p.m. | 5 | Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Brandon University, Dome, 4 and 6 p.m. |
| | | 6 | Graduate School: last day for thesis/project defense if graduating fall semester. |
| | | 6 | Student Government Association, Westlie Room, 7 p.m. |
| | | 7 | Student research poster session, second floor, Memorial Hall, 9:30 a.m.-noon. |
| | | 7 | Band and choirs concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m. |
| | | 7 | SAC: Winter Social, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m. |

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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