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A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

Minot State University to confer degrees May 13

President David Fuller will congratulate more than 690 undergraduate and graduate students during Minot State University's commencement exercises May 13, 10 a.m., in the Dome. Commencement speakers will address Vision 2013, Strategy 5: Focusing on Student Success and Future Achievement.

Faculty members should arrive at the south end of the second floor of the Dome dressed in academic regalia by 9 a.m.

All staff members are strongly encouraged to attend the ceremony. If student assistance is not available during the two-hour block, offices may close.

President Fuller invites all members of the MSU community to celebrate our students' achievements and the completion of their academic programs.

Graduate and alumnus to speak at commencement

On May 13, 2011, commencement speakers senior Whitney Loftesnes and alumnus Roger Looyenga will address Minot State University's Vision 2013 Strategy 5: Focusing on Student Success and Future Achievement.



Loftesnes

MSU graduate students will participate in a hooding ceremony at 8 a.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. The commencement ceremony for graduate and undergraduate students will begin in the Dome at 10 a.m.

Loftesnes, a Norwich native, has completed a Bachelor of Science degree in international business, marketing and management, graduating summa cum laude. She also excelled as a student athlete and was named to the 2011 Daktronics-National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete Team.



Looyenga

Looyenga retired in 2010 as the chief executive officer and chairman of Auto-Owners Insurance Group, a Fortune 500 company. The Mandan native graduated in 1968 from then Minot State College with a bachelor's degree in business education. While at Minot State, he participated on the tennis team and was elected to the Student Council, the predecessor of today's Student Government Association. He was president of the Sigma

Tau Gamma Fraternity and belonged to Greek Council and Letterman's Club.

In keeping with the commencement ceremony's theme, honored guests include Distinguished Lifetime Educator Award recipients. Each recipient, a retired faculty member selected by faculty peers, provided students with a strong and engaging academic experience that allowed students to develop sound skills for success in their future careers and endeavors.

The following are Distinguished Lifetime Educator Award recipients: Harold Aleshire, humanities; Dale Atwood, business; Margaret Dixon, English; Floyd Fairweather, humanities; Virginia Geesaman, music; Walter Hartman, music; Charles Hoffman, biology; Robert Holmen, mathematics; Adelaide Johnson, business; Ruth Loucks, education; Shirley McMillan, nursing; Robert Sando, business; and Doris Slaaten, business.

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PIO update

Graduation is a milestone that marks the end of one path and the beginning of another. Students spend years accumulating knowledge, and yet there are some things that can only be learned after the fact:

- You will never be this skinny again.
- Take the job which will make you happy, even if it is not the highest paying one.
- Your parents are smarter than you think. They always have been.
- Although you may be right, no one ever wants to hear "I told you so."
- Never underestimate the power of "Thank you" and "I'm sorry."
- All things being equal, the pleasant employee outperforms the complainer in raises, promotions and retention.
- The person who is your boss isn't necessarily the person most qualified for the position.
- Dress for the job you want, not the one you have.
- You can learn more from your failures than you will from your successes.
- Graduation is only the beginning of your education. Chances are what you learned in school will be obsolete in 10 years.

Congratulations to the Minot State University Class of 2011!

— Susan Ness,
public information director

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Duaine Espegard, Grand Forks, a retired bank administrator and former state senator, will represent the State Board of Higher Education. Espegard worked for Bremer Financial as a bank director, chief executive officer and regional president from 1969 to 2003. He served in the North Dakota Senate from 2000 to 2006.

For additional information about the commencement ceremony, contact Rebecca Porter, registrar, at 858-3126 or rebecca.porter@minotstateu.edu.

New staff aboard

Minot State University would like to welcome three new employees, Eric Bonness, Randy Hartley and Travis Ward, and introduce them to the campus.

Bonness joins the Office of Enrollment Services as a student recruitment coordinator. He completed a bachelor's degree in mathematics education at the MidAmerica Nazarene University, Olathe, Kan., and another bachelor's degree in pastoral leadership from the Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, Colo. He was previously employed by Minot's Rehab Services, Inc. He is currently a board member of the Minot Sunrise Rotary. He and his wife, Tonya, have two children, Caleb and Hannah. Bonness enjoys hunting and farming.

Hartley is a building custodian. He previously worked at Walmart.

Ward, the new head volleyball coach, comes to MSU from Laramie County Community College, Cheyenne, Wyo. The Spokane, Wash., native holds a Bachelor of Arts in counseling and intercultural studies from Prairie College, Three Hills, Alberta, and a Bachelor of Science in business and exercise science from Western Oregon, Monmouth, Ore.



Bonness



Hartley



Ward

Lomire exposes 'The Glass Ceiling in Criminology'

Patricia Lomire, associate professor of sociology, will discuss "The Glass Ceiling in Criminology" Wednesday evening (May 4) in Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m. Her presentation is the last Northwest Art Center lecture for the academic year.

Lomire's talk is based on her research over the last 20 years on the coverage of female-related topics in professional journals and textbooks on criminology. The research shows that female offenders and victims are underrepresented in professional literature, fostering a lack of female visibility in the field, according to Lomire.

The event is free and open to the public, refreshments are served afterward. For questions, contact nac@minotstateu.edu.

Campus open forum scheduled

Minot State University President David Fuller will convene a campus open forum Thursday (May 5) in the Conference Center at 8 a.m. Because so many items were reviewed during the April 21 campus presentation, the follow-up forum will allow faculty and staff to discuss concerns and recommendations. To review the information, the April 21 presentation is available online at www.minotstateu.edu/president/pdf/open_forums_04_21_2011.pdf.

President Fuller invites all to attend the meetings and join the discussion.

Students organize 'Beaver Town Get Down'

"Beaver Town Get Down," coordinated by nine Minot State University broadcasting students, is Saturday (May 7) in the basement of Sports on Tap and Planet Pizza. The doors open at 7 p.m. with live music from local Minot bands, such as Smokey and the Past, Atom's Rite, Jazmine Wolff, Bitemarks and Crooked Gospel of Western Civilization. This 16-and-older event is open to the public. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Proceeds from this musical event will go to the Pangea House, a student-run community center.

The broadcasting students planned Beaver Town Get Down as a part of the Campaigns and Strategies course. The course explores the marketing, public relations and advertising relationships in today's market.

Planet Pizza will donate pizza for all who attend. The pizza buffet will be open from 7 to 10:30 p.m., with tickets selling for \$5 after 10.30 p.m.

For more information, contact Derek Hackett at 720-8600 or Audra Myerchin, MSU assistant professor of communication arts, at 858-4238 or audra.myerchin@minotstateu.edu. Visit the "Beaver Town Get Down" Facebook page for additional information and event highlights.



Staff Senate holds elections

Staff Senate elections are being conducted electronically. Voting closes May 13 at 11:59 p.m. Every Minot State University staff member is eligible to vote for three members at large.

Members of the constituencies listed below are eligible to cast a ballot for their constituency representatives:

- NDCPD needs to elect two senators.
- Education and health sciences/enrollment services/ Graduate School/ GPCCRS and International Programs needs one senator.

Individuals employed within a constituency that has one or more Staff Senate vacancies will cast a vote on their respective ballot.

To vote, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/X9SRPRP>. The link is also posted on the Staff Senate website, www.minotstateu.edu/stfsenat/.

Direct election-related questions or concerns to Staff Senate at staffsenate@minotstateu.edu.

Summer Theatre prepares for another great season

“The Drowsy Chaperone,” a tribute to old musicals, is the first of four plays Minot State University Summer Theatre will perform. It will run from June 14 to 19. The other scheduled productions include “The Pirates of Penzance,” June 25-29; “Don’t Dress for Dinner,” July 7-11; and rounding off the season with the musical “My Fair Lady,” July 18-23.



Summer Theatre is celebrating 46 years in the Minot community. The company comprises a variety of people including community members, MSU students, faculty and staff. Approximately 10,000 theatergoers attend the productions every summer.

All shows are in the MSU Amphitheater at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and children over 12, \$5 for children 12 and under, and \$3 for MSU personnel and summer students with current MSU ID. Reservations may be made by calling the Summer Theatre box office at 858-3228, starting June 1.

MSU honored retirees

On May 3, Minot State University honored individuals who have recently retired or will retire at the end of this semester. Retirees are Becky Brodell, nursing, Dale Kephart, facilities management, Selmer Moen, academic affairs, and Sandy Nordstrom, publications and design services.



President David Fuller (right) congratulates VPAA Selmer Moen.

Alumni Association celebrates 28th annual Gala success

The 28th annual Gala Dinner and Auction was described as “sensational” by many. The April 29 event, which was held at Minot’s Grand International, began with a social, an auction preview and silent auction. A gourmet dinner and a live auction followed.

Auction items included a traditional Irish dinner and sports memorabilia. The “Tabletop for Four” package included items incorporating salvaged fabric from McFarland Auditorium contributed by alumni Chuck and Jan Repnow and their daughter, Lydia, of Rugby, and Model School flatware donated

by Minot State University alumna and faculty member Elaine Larson.

Net proceeds from Gala Dinner and Auction help fund scholarships and programs sponsored by the Alumni Association.



Powwow honors Class of 2011

The Native American Spring Honor Dance and Powwow, sponsored by the Native American Cultural Awareness Club and Minot State University honored all 2011 graduates. The event



also promoted understanding and appreciation of Native peoples.

NDCPD receives \$200,000 for N.D. Disability Health Project

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, a University Center of Excellence at Minot State University, recently received \$200,000 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to continue implementation of the North Dakota Disability Health Project. Now in its fifth year of operation, the N.D. Disability Health project promotes the health and wellness of North Dakota citizens with disabilities and supports activities that help to prevent or lessen the effects of secondary conditions associated with disabilities.

“Our vision is that all people in North Dakota have access to information and services they need to maintain good health and wellness,” said Kari Schmidt, N.D. Disability Health Project director. “Based on specific needs within the state, project activities have focused mainly in the areas of obesity, tobacco use, mental health and diabetes.”

Project events are also intended to raise awareness of health disparities between people with and without disabilities.

For more information on the N.D. Disability Health Project, visit the project website at www.ndcpd.org/health or contact Schmidt at 858-3048 or kari.schmidt@minotstateu.edu.

Wellness works

SHC provides Student Health 101

As a service to Minot State University students and their families, the Student Health Center provides an online subscription to Student Health 101, a monthly health and wellness magazine. Each issue contains valuable information to

help students make better decisions and readers gain a better understanding of the health and wellness challenges that today's students face.

Students receive a monthly email message with a link to the latest issue of the Student Health 101. Taking a few minutes to read the issues each month, faculty and staff will find that Student Health 101 is a valuable resource; the May issue is at readsh101.com/minotstateu.html.

The May issue has the following articles: "Thinking about getting inked or pierced? Hear students' stories about their body art, along with some safety tips to consider," "7 Ways to Make the Most of Any Job or Internship," "Budget for a Life on Your Own," "Prescription Drug Abuse" and "A Guide to Women's Health Concerns."

For questions, contact Caren Barnett, Student Health Center director, at 858-3371 or caren.barnett@minotstateu.edu.

Announcements

Sales of 2011-12 parking permits begin in May

New parking permits for fiscal year 2011-12 will be available for sale in May. Faculty and staff may purchase permits for their assigned lots beginning May 16. Lot assignments are made by building and are designed to minimize the average walking distance for all employees. The Campus Parking Committee will consider any requests for exception. Bona fide medical conditions will be addressed by the Campus Parking Committee and should be documented by a current physician's order. Please note that unreserved passes are available only to commuter students.

Permits will be available in the parking office, located in the facilities management building. Reserved permits will be sold for \$35, and unreserved permits will be sold for \$25. When purchasing a parking permit, individuals should have their license plate number, student/employee ID and driver license available. Payment may be made with cash or check. For questions, call 858-3210.

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

NDCPD Access Scholarship available

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities established the Access Scholarship to help Minot State University students with significant developmental disabilities finance their college experience. The MSU Development Foundation manages the scholarship endowment; the NDCPD Consumer Advisory Council Scholarship Committee screens applications and determines the scholarship recipients.

More information and the application form are online at www.ndcpd.org/disinfo/access.shtml. The application deadline is June 1.

—Brent Askvig, *NDCPD executive director*

New-staff orientation slated for May 16

Staff Senate and the Office of Marketing are partnering to introduce two services for new Minot State University staff members. On May 16, a campus tour is available for new, or current, employees. A one-hour consultation with Wes Matthews, director of human resources, will follow the tour for new staff members.

Interested employees should RSVP to teresa.loftesnes@minotstateu.edu.

—Teresa Loftesnes, *director of marketing and Staff Senate Orientation Committee member*

New photos added to digital directory

The online digital photo directory, a service provided by the publications and design services and marketing offices, allows all Minot State University faculty and staff to efficiently browse the university's photo database. This service aids in making decisions on what images to include in all publications. The photos have been tagged and are searchable by subject. The directory is accessible by MSU email username and password at www.minotstateu.edu/marketing/gallery.shtml.

For questions, contact 858-4156 or richard.heit@minotstateu.edu.

—Rick Heit, *social networking specialist*

30 students may attend June CASCLS Grand Opening Conference free

Up to 30 Minot State University students may attend the June CASCLS Grand Opening Conference, June 15-17, free in exchange for sharing what they learn. This opportunity to hear national keynoters and interact with attendees from across the region is supported by a Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning Grant for Engagement.

Details, conference schedule and registration are available at www.minotstateu.edu/cascls/events.

For questions, contact 858-3043 or deb.jensen@minotstateu.edu.

—Deb Jensen, *director of the Center for the Applied Study of Cognition and Learning Sciences*

Tickets on sale for Senior-Athlete Awards Banquet

Minot State University Athletic Department and the Beaver Booster Club will host the 2011 Senior-Athlete Awards Banquet May 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Conference Center (Student Center, third floor). The banquet honors seniors from the 2010-11 athletic season.

Tickets sell for \$15 and can be reserved by calling 858-3041 by Friday (May 6).

—Michael Linnell, *sports information director*

In the galleries

May 4-10 — Juried student art exhibition, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

May 5-June 1 — “Diamond in the Rough,” jewelry by MSU seniors Erika Edwards and Kayla Cote, Olson Library Gallery.

May 13-June 15 — Senior show by MSU students James Skinner, Jon Ross and June Szczur, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

The public reception for “Diamond in the Rough” is Tuesday (May 10) in the Olson Library Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m. The public reception for the senior show is May 13 in the Hartnett Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.

Calendar

May 4-31, 2011

- 4 MSU Life: Karaoke, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
- 4 NAC lecture: “The Glass Ceiling in Criminology,” presented by Patricia Lomire, MSU Division of Social Science, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 5-June 1 NAC exhibit: “Diamond in the Rough,” jewelry by MSU seniors Erika Edwards and Kayla Cote, Olson Library Gallery.
- 6-7 Softball Dakota Athletic Conference tournament, Minot.

- 7 Beaver Town Get Down, basement of Sports on Tap and in Planet Pizza, 7 p.m., \$10.
- 8 Western Plains Children’s Choir concert, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
- 9-12 Final exams for 16-week classes.
- 10 NAC public reception for “Diamond in the Rough,” jewelry by MSU seniors Erika Edwards and Kayla Cote, Olson Library Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m.
- 11-12 Final exams for 8-week classes.
- 13 Graduate School hooding ceremony, Nelson Hall, 8 a.m.
- 13 Commencement, Dome, 10 a.m.
- 13 NAC public reception for senior show by MSU students James Skinner, Jon Ross and June Szczur, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m.
- 13-June 15 NAC exhibit: senior show by MSU students James Skinner, Jon Ross and June Szczur, Hartnett Hall Gallery.
- 16 Grades must be entered by noon.
- 30 Memorial Day, university closed.
- 31 Eight-week summer classes begin.

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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