



### Public Information Office

A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

## Anderson hired as MSU ombudsman

Rob Anderson, special assistant to the president, started July 25 as Minot State University's ombudsman to assist with resolving issues arising from the Souris River flood of 2011. Anderson and MSU President David Fuller will provide a flood recovery update Aug. 19 in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 8 a.m.

"I look forward to working with Minot State University students, faculty and staff to assist them with any of their flood needs," Anderson said.

As ombudsman, the New Rockford native may serve as representative, liaison, advocate or other intermediary roles on behalf of the university in support of and to resolve matters affecting faculty, staff and students. His responsibilities will evolve as necessary. He will coordinate with existing MSU functions, such as public information, human resources, student services and facilities management, and external agencies to help resolve problems facing the people of MSU in the flood's aftermath.

Initially, the ombudsman will assist with housing needs and coordinate volunteer support as requested. An MSU shelter assistance webpage allows faculty, staff and students to inform Anderson of their needs. The webpage also allows individuals to identify how they are able to help. The link is [www.minotstateu.edu/pio/shelter\\_form.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/pio/shelter_form.shtml).

Anderson, a retired Minot Public Schools art teacher, is an art adjunct at MSU. He is also a member of the Alumni Association board.

To contact Anderson, email [flood.anderson@minotstateu.edu](mailto:flood.anderson@minotstateu.edu) or call 858-3169.



*Anderson*

## Convocation starts new academic year

The Aug. 17 Minot State University convocation launches a new academic year and will be held in the Conference Center. If student assistance is not available for coverage during the general session, President David Fuller asks employees to close their offices and attend. Breakfast items will be served beginning at 8 a.m.

At 8:30 a.m., Lenore Koczon, vice president for academic affairs, will provide welcoming comments. After comments from the presidents of Faculty and Staff Senates and Student Government Association, Wes Matthews, human resources director, will introduce new staff members, and Koczon will introduce new faculty members. At 9:15, President Fuller will update the campus.

At 10:15 a.m., George Kuh, founder of the National Survey of Student Engagement, will speak about civic engagement.

Meetings of the three colleges will follow in the afternoon, starting at 1 p.m. Arts and sciences will meet in Aleshire Theater; business will meet in Main 308; education and health sciences will meet in Memorial 131.

## August 10, 2011

### PIO update

The start of a new school year brings opportunities for change and rebirth.

I remember thinking that as I headed to university 200 miles away decades ago this month. I believed higher education was key to becoming a well-rounded individual, and my freshman year was the gateway to ascent into adulthood. To further embrace change, I decided I was going to become a quiet, introspective, shy type, one who hung back in a crowd, observed and spoke only after long deliberations of wanting to sound profoundly knowledgeable. It didn't last long.

At convocation next week, George Kuh will speak about successful teaching and learning practices that embrace change through engagement and are beneficial to students from various backgrounds. He will cite data using examples such as collaborative assignments, community engagement and experiential learning that illustrate how education across courses and cultures contributes to student success.

This is true in life as well. Awareness and change give everyone the opportunity to become as great as they please.

— *Susan Ness, public information director*

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## MSU Fall Kickoff Celebration gathers campus community

The MSU Fall Kickoff Celebration, coordinated by Staff Senate, is Aug. 17, the evening after convocation. Join your Minot State University counterparts from 5 to 9 p.m. on the lawn in front of Old Main for food, entertainment and fun. A free dinner will be served from 5 to 6:30 p.m., with live music. Face painting and games like water balloon tosses and three-legged races are planned for children. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit MSU flood victims.

The event is free to MSU faculty, staff and student workers and their immediate families. For questions about the MSU Fall Kickoff Celebration, contact Vicki Troftgruben, Staff Senate president, at [vicki.troftgruben@minotstateu.edu](mailto:vicki.troftgruben@minotstateu.edu) or 858-3490.

## Minisessions scheduled Aug. 18

Convocation activities continue Aug. 18, with a morning of informative minisessions. The presentations are in Aleshire Theater; coffee and breakfast rolls will be served in the lobby outside the theater, 8-8:15 a.m.

George Kuh, founder of the National Survey of Student Engagement, will discuss "Student and Faculty Engagement Strategies" at 8:15 a.m. Kevin Harmon, dean of enrollment services, and members of the Strategic Enrollment Management Committee will then present "Strategic Enrollment Management: SEM Committee Progress with Noel Levitz. The General Education Ad Hoc Committee, with "Examination of Proposed General Education Models," will conclude the consecutive sessions, which are scheduled to run through noon.

A complete schedule grid was sent to all employees via campus mail. Employees are encouraged to attend as many sessions as possible.

## Put a little muscle behind placing 'students first'

Aug. 18 is Residence Hall Move-in Day. Accompanied by a picnic, the event is sponsored by the Office of the President to welcome students and their families to campus and help move students' belongings into their rooms.

Volunteers are needed between noon and 4 p.m. Tasks include helping students move into the halls, serving lunch and working the information tables.

Student athletes will be available that afternoon, but a strong turnout of faculty and staff to help move students would be impressive and appreciated. Individuals with physical limitations may still be able to help carry lighter items such as pillows.

Volunteers are asked to wear a red MSU T-shirt or polo shirt and report to either Cook or McCulloch Hall any time between noon and 4 p.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the campus community to come together and show how Minot State University puts students first.

## Lemons leads SCE

John Lemons, director of studies of community and environment, is leading a new major program at Minot State University, studies in community and environment. He assumed his duties Aug. 1.



The SCE program, a comprehensive Bachelor of Arts program, offers an interdisciplinary approach to the study of human interactions with the environment. It examines the cultural, scientific, economic, historical, political and social factors that impact local, national and global environmental matters and policies. The program will include experiential learning projects involving students, faculty and community members.

"The SCE program's initiation demonstrates a commitment by MSU and the state of North Dakota to address urgent problems of how to live sustainably. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of environmental scientists and specialists is expected to increase by 28 percent between 2008 and 2018, much faster than the average for all occupations," Lemons said.

Lemons, most recently a professor emeritus of biology and environmental science at the University of New England, Biddeford, Maine, taught and directed programs there from 1987 to 2009. He has edited eight books and written 120 peer-reviewed publications. Among his awards, Lemons is an elected fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science for his contributions to science and public policy. UNE also presented him with the Lifetime Career Achievement Award for Distinguished Scientific Research. Lemons received his bachelor's degree in zoology from California State University, Long Beach. He completed his master's and doctoral degrees in zoology and physiology at the University of Wyoming, Laramie.

Minot State's SCE program, designed as a double major, is the only one offered in the state.

For information about the SCE program, contact Lemons at 858-4142 or [john.lemons@minotstateu.edu](mailto:john.lemons@minotstateu.edu).

## MSU Flood Families Fund established

The MSU Development Foundation has created a fund to help the 116 Minot State University faculty and staff displaced by flooding. Gifts, large or small, to help members of the MSU family during this difficult time can be mailed to MSU Flood Families, Minot State University, 500 University Avenue W., Minot, N.D., 58707 or given online at [www.minotstateu.edu/alumni.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/alumni.shtml).

## New staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes five new employees, Teri Foley, Thea Holm, Cindy Lee, Teresa Slack and Kendall Stahlberg Jr.

Foley, administrative assistant for the Department of Facilities Management, comes to MSU from Minot's Nash Finch Company. She and her husband Tom have two children, Tess and Taylor Thorp Foley. Her hobbies include going to Strawberry Lake and snowshoeing.

Holm, early interventionist for the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, previously worked for Rehab Care in Minot. An alumna, she completed her bachelor's degree in social work at MSU. She and her husband Mike have two children, Maura and Alex.

Lee, a custodian in Crane Hall, worked at Trinity Homes in Minot. She and her husband Verne have two daughters, April and Carrie, and one granddaughter, McKenna.

Slack is a library periodicals associate at the Gordon B. Olson Library.

Stahlberg, who was previously self-employed, is a custodian. He and his wife Karen have a son, KC.



Foley



Holm



Lee



Slack



Stahlberg

## Carstensen hired as athletic marketing director

Minot State University hired Jake Carstensen as the Athletics Department's first director of athletic marketing and promotions. The hiring is part of the strategic plan as the university progresses through its move to National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II status. MSU began Year Three of the four-year process in July as an NCAA Division II Provisional Member.

"We are very excited that Jake is joining us. He is the perfect fit for this position," said Athletic Director Rick Hedberg. "Jake has a lot of energy and is excited to promote Minot State as we make our move to Division II and into the future."

"I am excited to hit the ground running in a variety of areas," Carstensen said. "Rick, Melanie DeBoer-Brunsdon, assistant athletic director for compliance, Chad McNally, assistant athletic director for development, and the rest of the staff and coaches have done a great job laying the foundation for our move into NCAA Division II and the Northern Sun Conference. I will be working every day to get the word out about Minot State Athletics. We want to be very active in the community and show our appreciation for those who have supported us. We have a great group of student-athletes at MSU and I will work with the rest of department to provide them and the community with the best experience possible."

The position will include direct marketing of MSU athletics along with game-day promotions and operations, ticket sales, advertisements and being a liaison with key student groups.

Carstensen has been an MSU assistant men's basketball coach for the past two years and has worked with the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities for the past year.

He began his coaching career at his alma mater Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash., following a two-year playing career for the PLU men's basketball team.

Carstensen, originally from Almira, Wash., has a Master's of Science in sports management from Western Carolina and a Bachelor of Arts in history from PLU.

## MSU and Apple successfully recycle e-waste



An Apple truck arrived Aug. 2 at Minot State University and carried away 27 pallets of e-waste. The e-waste consisted of unusable, university-owned electronic and computer equipment, previously deemed scrap and beyond repair.

Last year, 15 pallets were loaded on an Apple truck and recycled. This is the third year that MSU has utilized Apple's free-waste recycling program for educational institutions. Minot State remains eco-friendly while disposing of scrap items at no cost to itself.

## CJ accommodates flood-impacted N.D. students

Minot State University's Master of Science in criminal justice degree program is waiving the Graduate Records Exam admissions requirement for the 2011-2012 academic year. The waiver affects all North Dakota residents, U.S. military and their dependents, Minot Air Force Base civilian personnel and all law enforcement, corrections and court personnel. Currently, the GRE general exam is administered only in Bismarck and Fargo.

"Many North Dakota flood victims, military and criminal justice personnel cannot travel to these test sites," said Bill Archaibeault, chair of the Department of Criminal Justice. "The CJ faculty feel that we need do all that we can to accommodate any otherwise qualified student interested in pursuing the MCJ degree."

Under the temporary admissions requirements, students are required to have a bachelor's degree in criminal justice,

criminology or closely related degree from an accredited university, graduate with an overall grade point average of 2.75 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) and maintain a 3.5 GPA during the first nine hours of graduate coursework.

The application deadlines for fall 2011 and spring 2012 semester are Aug. 12 and Nov. 15.

For more information, call the Graduate School at 858-3250 or 1-800-777-0750, ext. 3250 or visit its website at [www.graduate@minotstateu.edu](http://www.graduate@minotstateu.edu).

## GPCCRS studies nonprofit wages and benefits

The Great Plains Center for Community Research and Service at Minot State University recently completed a study on wages and benefits of North Dakota nonprofit organizations. The North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations initiated the research and awarded GPCCRS a contract to conduct the study and provide an analysis of the findings. There are 6,204 registered nonprofit organizations in the state, according to the National Center for Charitable Statistics, and this sector represents a significant number of employees.

"This study is significant because it is the first time objective compensation data is available specifically on North Dakota nonprofits. Further, the report provides a new tool for use by directors and executive staff across the state," said Dana Schaar, NDANO executive director.

Deborah Olson, associate professor of psychology, Paul Markel, GPCCRS co-director and professor of psychology, and Schaar collaborated on a final version of the survey instrument. For more information about GPCCRS, contact at 858-4215 or [christina.rust@minotstateu.edu](mailto:christina.rust@minotstateu.edu).

## GPAST hosted N.D. Autism Conference

The Great Plains Autism Spectrum Treatment Program hosted the North Dakota Autism State Conference at Minot's Grand International Aug. 2-4. The conference was free to participants.

Speakers included Carol Gray, director of the Gray Center for Social Learning and Understanding in Grand Rapids, Mich., and Dennis Debbaudt, professional investigator, law enforcement trainer and father of Brad, a young man with autism spectrum disorder.

Gray developed Social Stories™, a strategy used worldwide with children with ASD. They are short stories used as teaching tools for autistic children that describe a perplexing situation, skill or concept in relation to social cues, viewpoints and common responses.

Debbaudt has presented his course internationally since 1995. His topics included "ASD: Before the Explosion," "Proactive Strategies to Address Bullying," "Creating

Collaborative Home, School, First Responder Communication Programs," "Autism and Law Enforcement: Briefing Basics for Autism Awareness" and "Autism and the Decision to Drive."

GPAST, a North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities project, focuses on innovation, capacity building and infrastructure development for the state. NDCPD is located on the Minot State University campus.

Please direct questions to Angie Richter, GPAST training coordinator, at 858-3506, 1-800-233-1737 extension 3506 or [angela.richter@minotstateu.edu](mailto:angela.richter@minotstateu.edu).

## Dalrymple aids in Minot-area flood recovery

Gov. Jack Dalrymple and state employees traveled to Minot July 27 to help residents clear debris from their homes in the



aftermath of unprecedented flooding. He worked at the home of Evelyn Klimpel, coordinator of disability services.

The Governor encouraged state agencies, businesses and the public to support volunteer efforts for Minot-area flood recovery.

"There is an enormous need for volunteers in the Minot area, and I encourage people from across the state to help this great community recover," Dalrymple said.

All Hands Volunteers is spearheading the effort. Individuals interested in volunteering should call ahead to schedule their volunteer service and to learn how to prepare for flood-recovery work. Volunteers should register with the Minot Recovery Coordination Center. The center's coordinators know where and when volunteers are needed most. Individuals can register to volunteer online at [www.minotnd.org/](http://www.minotnd.org/) or by calling 858-9366. The Minot Recovery Coordination Center is located in the Minot Municipal Auditorium.



## Veteran's Center director's daughter organizes clothing drive

When David Klassy, Minot State University Veterans Center director, and his wife, Donita, returned from visiting their daughter Misty Lundgren in Auburndale, Wis., they brought back a 6-by-12 trailer packed with clothes and blankets. Through St. John's Lutheran Church, Lundgren organized a clothing drive for the families of military members and veterans displaced by the Minot flood.

"Auburndale is very supportive of the military," Klassy said. "I was amazed. It was more than we could fit in the back of our car."

The donated items were delivered to the Airmen and Family Readiness Center on Minot Air Force Base.

For more information or to help, contact Klassy at 858-4002 or david.klassy@minotstateu.edu.

## JCEMP and InC Graduation Celebration honored graduates



Minot State University honored 20 graduates in two programs July 27. Fourteen students from the Job Corps Executive Management Program and six students from the Intercultural Cohort Program earned a Master of Science degree. Cadd Rosborough and Martin Dahl, who represented alumni of the inaugural cohort in both groups, were guest speakers.

## Wellness works

### Dealing with stress after a disaster

As flood recovery continues, community members struggle with extreme stress and exhaustion. Many are still evacuated, housing others, volunteering at shelters or helping clean up after the disaster. Many things continue to test everyone's patience such as finding alternate childcare or spending additional time in vehicles due to closed roads. Many find their savings have dwindled while others are desperately seeking storage for belongings as well as personal space. Even the strongest relationships can be strained during such natural disasters.

Tips to manage stress are:

- Be extra patient.
- Determine what is really important and focus on "the big picture."
- Learn acceptance. Conserve energy toward controllable things.
- Make a list and prioritize what needs to be done.
- Accept that restoration takes time.
- Realize that it is normal for disaster victims to experience periods of disbelief, anger, sadness, anxiety and depression.
- Remember to give children extra attention and support to get through this difficult time.
- Maintain a nourishing diet. Food is the source of energy, and everyone needs to eat well to maintain good health, both physically and mentally. A poor diet can weaken

defenses and make individuals prone to illness. Make sure food and water are safe. When in doubt, throw it out.

- Get enough sleep, preferably seven or eight hours a night. Try to avoid sleeping pills since this disrupts normal sleep patterns.
- Talk with friends, family, counselors or clergy members. A support network is vital, and many are ready to listen and offer their help. If no one is available to listen, dial 211. This is a statewide information, referral and crisis management service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## Faculty, staff and student achievements

**Tara Bjornson** and **Kelly Buettner-Schmidt** of Minot State University's Healthy Communities International: Tobacco Policy and Environmental Change Collaborative presented "Planning, Building, and Running a Local Smoke-Free Ordinance Campaign" at the Clearing the Air in N.D. training July 13 in Grand Forks. In addition, a revised edition of the "Strategic Planning Tool for Tobacco Free Environments Policy Initiatives," written by Buettner-Schmidt and Bjornson, was released.

**John Lemons**, director of studies of community and environment, recently had "The Urgent Need for Universities to Comprehensively Address Global Climate Change Across Disciplines and Programs" accepted for publication by Environmental Management.

**Narayan Thapa**, assistant professor of mathematics, presented "Identification Problems for Nonlinear Hyperbolic PDEs with Boundary Data" at the Mathematical Association of America's MathFest Aug. 4 and judged undergraduate research presentations on applied mathematics. He also served as a judge for abstract selection for the Young Mathematicians Conference, which is at Ohio State University Aug. 19-21.

## Announcements

### Campus Cleanup Day slated for Friday

Come join your Minot State University colleagues Friday (Aug. 12) at Campus Cleanup Day from 8 to 11 a.m. following a short kickoff meeting in the Quad at 8 a.m. Our goal is to pick up trash and pull weeds around campus. Wear cleanup clothes; gloves will be provided. With this team effort, volunteers can make the campus more beautiful and ready for fall semester. If there is rain, Campus Cleanup Day will be postponed until Monday (Aug. 15).

See everyone at the Quad! For more information, call 858-3210.

—Roger Kluck, assistant vice president for facilities management

### CETL seeks minigrants proposals

The Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning is accepting proposals for minigrants for engagement from faculty or staff through Sept. 1. These minigrants may be used to enhance

student success through engaged teaching and learning and/or enhanced civic or community engagement. Review of proposals started Aug. 1.

Information regarding the CETL minigrant proposal requirements is on the CETL website, [www.minotstateu.edu/cetl/Minigrantinstructions.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/cetl/Minigrantinstructions.shtml).

For more information, contact [beth.odahlen@minotstateu.edu](mailto:beth.odahlen@minotstateu.edu) or 858-3177.

—*Beth Odahlen, CETL director*

## DSU energy impact symposium online registration now available

The online registration for the Dickinson State University Energy Impact Symposium, “Growing with Energy: Environmental and Workforce Impacts,” is now open at [www.dickinsonstate.edu/energy](http://www.dickinsonstate.edu/energy). The symposium will be held in Dickinson Sept. 18-20. Minot State University and DSU students, faculty and staff can attend the symposium for free, but registration is required.

DSU has room blocks at four hotels, and the link to the hotel information is on the webpage as well. The hotel room blocks will be released Tuesday (Aug. 16) or sooner if they are full, so people planning to attend the symposium should make their reservations right away.

For questions, contact (701)483-2754 or [joanne.beckman@dickinsonstate.edu](mailto:joanne.beckman@dickinsonstate.edu).

—*Joanne Beckman, energy impact symposium coordinator*

## MSU saddened by Torgerson’s death

John Torgerson, professor emeritus in communication disorders, died July 24 at the age of 76 at the Heart of America Medical Center in Rugby. While at Minot State University, he received the “Distinguished Lifetime Educator Award” and the North Dakota “Outstanding Clinical Achievement Award.” A memorial service was held July 30.

Minot State University extends condolences to his family.

—*Susan Ness, director of public information*

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—*Susan Ness, director of public information*

### 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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