



Public Information Office

A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

Homecoming king and queen named



First Row, left to right: Danielle Cook, Sidney Foss, Leslie Olson, Joe Davis, Katie Ferguson, Cassie Neuharth, Tara Kuntz and Sharonda Fudge. Second row, left to right: Kirsten Hernandez, Kelsey Bryantt, Turqoyz Rogahn, Meghan Korzun and Kelsey Eaton. Third row, left to right: John McLemore, Nigel Dube, Olsen Zerr, Brady Burckhard, Juan Vadell, Emade Bello and Stetson Sannes

Minot State University students selected Joe Davis and Katie Ferguson as the 2011 Homecoming king and queen Sept. 20. Davis, a Minot native, is an English major. He represented English Club. Ferguson, from Red Deer, Alberta, is majoring in communication disorders. She represented student life and housing;

Other members of the Homecoming court (with hometown, major and student organization) are Anthony Anderson, Minot, finance, Phi Beta Lambda; Emade Bello, Edo, Nigeria, energy economics and finance, MSU

Student Ambassadors; Brady Burckhard, Burlington, biology and chemistry, Science Club; Kelsey Bryantt, Des Lacs, physical education, Minot State Club of Physical Educators; Danielle Cook, Minot, marketing, management and international business, MSU Cheerleading; Nigel Dube, Lampman, Saskatchewan, corporate fitness, MSCOPE; Kelsey Eaton, Minot, addiction studies, Psychology and Addiction Studies Club; Sidney Foss, Grand Forks, accounting, MSU Student Ambassadors; Sharonda Fudge, Columbus, Ohio, art, Art Club; Kirsten Hernandez, Minot, broadcasting, Media Ink; Meghan Korzun, Minot, elementary education, Student North Dakota Education Association; Tara Kuntz, Rugby, elementary education, Student Government Association; Jon McLemore, Nederland, Texas, broadcasting, Media Ink; Cassandra "Cassie" Neuharth, Minot, public relations, Public Relations Student Society of America; Leslie Olson, Minot, accounting, PBL; Turqoyz Rogahn, Minot, psychology, Honors Society; Stetson Sannes, Minot, energy economics and finance and international business, SGA; Juan Vadell, Minot, public relations, PRSSA; and Olsen Zerr, elementary education, Harvey, SNDEA.

Minot State fall enrollment shows decrease

Official fall 2011 enrollment numbers at Minot State University show a 5.4 percent decrease compared to official numbers last year. The number reported to the North Dakota University system is 3,657, a decrease of 209 students. This number is comparable to fall 2009 enrollment of 3,649.

Sept. 21, 2011

PIO update

Officially sanctioned by the NCAA as the originator of Homecoming, the University of Missouri started in 1911 what has become an American tradition at university campuses across the United States. Despite the size or location of the institution, Homecoming everywhere features similar events: parades, dances, rallies and the football game in which the players are "coming home" after playing many games on the road.

The first Homecoming celebration at Minot State University was played against Ellendale Bible College on Nov. 3, 1928. The Beavers won their inaugural Homecoming match 12 to 6.

This week, MSU Homecoming is packed with music, entertainers, concerts, dances, reunions, athletic matches, banquets and a parade. Regardless of one's entertainment preference, 2011's Red! Rock It! promises something for everyone.

Visit www.minotstateu.edu to access the Homecoming calendar of celebratory events. Then plan to join students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends as we come together this Saturday against the University of Sioux Falls to enjoy a crisp autumn weekend and create a stronger sense of Beaver pride. GO BEAVERS!

— Susan Ness, public information director

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“When delegates of UND visited this summer, we were told to anticipate a 10 percent decrease in student enrollment, based on their experience with the 1997 flood,” said David Fuller, president of Minot State University. “Even though Minot State showed an enrollment decrease of 5.4 percent, this beat our expectations, which is positive.”

Fall 2011 enrollment shows decreases in new transfer students and slight decreases in new freshmen and graduate students and non-traditional online and interactive video network courses. Overall, MSU students from North Dakota showed a 5 percent enrollment decrease from 2010. The number of Ward County students showed a 2 percent decline over last year.

“Most of what is seen in decreased populations can be traced to Minot’s housing shortage as a result of the flood,” Fuller said. “MSU is taking notable steps to increase on-campus housing through the newly added Beaver Lodge for students, and University Heights for displaced faculty and staff.”

The number of students living in an MSU residence hall or apartment is up sharply this fall, from the 2010 all-time high of 532 to 656, an increase of 23 percent.

Recruiting and marketing efforts netted an increase in students from states in the region, such as Montana, Minnesota and South Dakota. Canadian students show a five-year record high of 312, as well as international students, at 113.

“As we move forward throughout the year, we will continue to study enrollment data and monitor housing access to determine what steps are necessary to recover through increased recruitment and marketing efforts,” Fuller said.

Enrollment numbers at MSU become official after the fourth full week of classes, when they are reported to the NDUS.

MSU Alumni Association to bestow awards on five

Four Minot State University alumni, Dale Elhardt, Thomas W. Fredericks, Jerry Spitzer and Judy Spitzer, will receive the MSU Alumni Association’s Golden Award Thursday (Sept. 22) in the MSU Conference Center, 6 p.m. Dean Frantsvog, also an alumnus, will receive the Young Alumni Achievement Award.

The highest award bestowed by the MSU Alumni Association, the Golden Award selections are based on outstanding service to the university or alumni association and distinguished leadership in the recipient’s career or community. The Young Alumni Achievement Award has the same criteria as the Golden Award with one exception — the recipient is between the ages of 21 to 39.

Elhardt, professor emeritus from the Division of Social Science, joined the United States Air Force after graduating from Hazen High School in 1958. Posted to Minot Air Force Base after completing training in Texas and Mississippi, he began a 50-year association with Minot State when he enrolled as a part-time student in 1960. He and LaDonna



Dale Elhardt

(Pulver), of rural Beulah, married in 1961. Upon his discharge, they moved to Fargo and Beulah. Elhardt returned to MSU and graduated cum laude with a mathematics major and a sociology minor in 1968.

Elhardt again returned to MSU after completing a master’s degree in sociology from the University of Arizona in 1970. He started a 31-year career as a sociology faculty member, a division chair from 1984 to 1990 and the College of Arts and Sciences dean from 1990 to 2001. Elhardt’s emphases while dean were to support faculty scholarship, improve student instruction and promote the value of a liberal arts education. He received a doctorate in sociology from Colorado State University in 1988.

Serving on many university committees, including the first system-wide salary committee, Elhardt also was on Faculty Senate and was its president for a year. Involved in several community and state research projects on aging, housing and displaced homemakers, Elhardt also served on a Minot Area Chamber of Commerce committee and the Minot Arts Council. He retired in 2001.

Elhardt and LaDonna have three children and four grandchildren. They winter in Arizona and spend summers in Beulah.

Fredericks, born at Fort Berthold Reservation’s Elbowoods, is an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation. His ranch upbringing taught him to work hard and nurtured his drive to become educated and use his mind and not his brawn. His family’s difficult relocation as part of the Garrison Diversion Project inspired his life-long commitment to change government policy toward Indian nations and individuals.



Thomas Fredericks

Fredericks attended tribal schools and Killdeer High School, excelling in all sports and attaining athletic scholarships to Minot State University. Briefly a high school teacher and coach after college, he was appointed the Economic Opportunity Program director for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Encouraged by the tribal chairman, he participated in the University of New Mexico’s Summer Indian Law Institute. While at the University of Colorado at Boulder Law School, Fredericks discovered his passion for Indian law. His work as a liaison between the California Indian Legal Defense Fund and the law school facilitated the founding of the Native American Rights Fund in Boulder in the early 1970s. While still a law student, he began as a clerk but quickly became NARF’s executive director.

As NARF executive director, Fredericks was an integral part of the overall legal strategy during the 1970s, when the courts decided many major Indian legal issues. Later, he served as chief legal officer and then the primary policy official for Indian Affairs within the Department of the Interior as a political appointee in the Carter Administration.

Fredericks was the founding partner of his own law firm in 1979. There, he developed proficiency in many areas of Indian

law involving tribal governance. He negotiated for tribes with the federal government concerning its trust responsibilities and the responsibility of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to provide technical assistance under P.L. 93-638 in management and finance. He also successfully litigated important Indian rights and resources cases.

Fredericks continues his devotion to representing Indian tribes as an equity partner at Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP, one of the nation's largest Native American law firms dedicated solely to the practice of federal Indian law. His influence in the field of Indian law remains vast.

Fredericks and his wife, Judy, have two daughters, Michelle and Monique, and four grandchildren, Elsie, Beau, Wade and Lucas.

Jerry Spitzer grew up in Parshall, and he graduated from high school in 1955. After attending Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., he transferred to Minot State Teachers College. Jerry completed a bachelor's degree in music from Minot State in 1963. Initially, he taught in public schools in Minot and Parshall.



Jerry & Judy Spitzer

After working as an insurance agent and in banking, he was associated with the Mid-Dakota Chapter of the American Red Cross for more than 22 years. He was the chapter's executive director and served on its governing board. He retired in 2002. Presently, he works at Jacobsen Music on a part-time basis.

Jerry has directed several musical groups, including church choirs, through the years. He directed the Nodakord Barbershop Chorus for 27 years and just finished his 28th year as director of the Minot City Band. He feels honored to have directed two North Dakota Governor's choruses, Parshall Community Male Chorus for Gov. William Guy and the Minot Nodakords for Gov. Art Link. Currently, Jerry plays in the Minot Community Concert Band and is its president.

Judy Spitzer was born in Minot to W.D. "Doc" and Eulalie Allen. Doc came to Minot in 1925, when George McFarland was Minot State Teachers College's president, to organize Model High, a high school on campus. All the Allen children graduated from Model High. Judy received a bachelor's degree in music in 1962 and a master's degree in music education in 1994 from Minot State University. She studied clarinet with Ira Schwarz, MSTC director of bands, and Himie Voxman, director of the University of Iowa School of Music, during college.

Judy is presently principal clarinetist in the Minot Symphony Orchestra and a member of its board. She recalls Minot Model High days when Arturo Petrucci directed the orchestra. She continues playing in the Minot City Band and the Community Band. She is a life member of Sigma Alpha Iota Professional Music Fraternity, Music Educators National Conference, North Dakota Music Educators Association, where she has served on the board of directors, the International Clarinet Association

and other professional organizations. She is also a member of P.E.O. women's organization.

A public school music educator for 35 years, many of those years in the Minot Public Schools, Judy maintains a private woodwind studio in her home and regularly adjudicates area elementary and secondary music festivals. She was an adjunct woodwind instructor at MSU from 2007 to 2010.

The Spitzers have two sons, John and James, and four granddaughters.

Minot native Frantsvog graduated from Minot State University in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Before completing his juris doctorate from Hamline University School of Law in 2000, he served as a senior associate with the school's Journal of Public Law and Policy. He also worked at the Erstad and Riemer law firm in Bloomington, Minn., during that time. Frantsvog then worked at Minot's Olson, Burns & Lee, P.C. In 2002, he became the youngest person ever elected to the Minot City Council. In 2004, Mayor Curt Zimbelman chose Frantsvog to serve on the council's executive board, and in 2008, council members elected him as their president. He currently serves in that capacity.



Dean Frantsvog

Frantsvog began his MSU teaching career in 2004. He is currently an associate professor of accounting in the Department of Accounting and Finance and the university faculty athletic representative. In addition to teaching, Frantsvog works as a legal consultant, focusing on small business and financial matters. In 2008, the Minot Daily News named him to its list of top lawyers in the area.

Frantsvog chairs the Minot Recreation Board of Directors and the Minot High School Business Advisory Board. He serves on the boards of the North Dakota League of Cities and Trinity Health Foundation, as well as several other local and professional committees. Frantsvog is also a volunteer football and baseball coach.

His wife, Sara, also an MSU graduate, is a nurse in the Minot Public Schools. They have two children, Quaid and Cambry.

Homecoming 2011: 'Red! Rock It!'

Minot State University Homecoming centers on the theme "Red! Rock It!" Homecoming Week officially kicked off Sept. 18 and runs through Saturday (Sept. 24).



For the entire community, Wednesday (Sept. 21) offers the annual MSU Community Block Party, which is free and open to the public, on the lawn in front of Old Main, 5-8 p.m. This year's block party is co-sponsored by the Minot Young Professional Network. The Community Block Party will include campus tours, appearances

from MSU Beaver student athletes, carnival games with prizes, inflated slides, obstacle courses, a Corvette Club and Dakota Cruisers classic car display, and music by MSU bands. A free dinner will be available while it lasts. Registration for the Beaver 5K Fun Run/Walk is at 4:30 p.m., or by calling Stu Melby, head cross country/track and field coach, in advance at 858-3268. The race, which is a fundraiser for athletic teams, begins at 6 p.m.

Events for students Thursday (Sept. 22) include Atom, the world's fastest painter in the Quad at 11 a.m. Music by Josh Vietti is at noon. In the evening, the MSU Alumni Association's Golden Awards banquet will be held in the MSU Conference Center, 6 p.m. The Golden Awards banquet is a night of tribute to the university's most honored alumni and friends.

The Friday (Sept. 23) student events include music by Melissa Spelchen and Rick Watson in the Quad at noon.

The Homecoming Alumni Reunion, open to all MSU alumni and friends of the university, will convene Friday (Sept. 23) at 7 p.m. at the Grand International Inn. This year, special reunion groups include the Beta Theta Sorority, wrestlers and all music groups.

Homecoming reaches its apex Saturday (Sept. 24) with the Homecoming Parade starting at 10:30 a.m. The parade route begins by Wells Fargo and runs east on Third Avenue, north on Main Street, west on Central Avenue, north on Broadway to 11th Avenue, then west to the Dome parking lot. A tailgate party, with free lunch for everyone, will follow in the east lot of the Dome. The Beavers face off against University of Sioux Falls at Herb Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m. During halftime, the homecoming royalty, Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and wrestlers will be introduced.

Most activities are free with MSU student and staff identification. Guests may be charged a nominal fee.

For more information on Homecoming activities, visit the Homecoming Week website, www.minotstateu.edu/homecoming, or call student activities at 858-3987, advancement at 858-3234 or athletics at 858-3041.

Minot State adds three individuals, one team to Hall of Fame

The Minot State University Athletic Department will add three individuals, Hank Hettwer, Steve Holen and Darrik Trudell, along with the 2002 Men's Cross Country Team to its Athletic Hall of Fame during a ceremony at halftime of the Homecoming football game Saturday (Sept. 24).

Hettwer coached wrestling and football at MSU beginning in 1964 and was the head men's tennis coach for one season. During his three seasons as the head wrestling coach, the Beavers were an impressive 35-1-1, going 14-0 in 1966. MSU captured conference championships in all three seasons and placed ninth overall at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Wrestling Tournament in 1965-1966.

Hettwer coached five NAIA All-Americans and numerous individual conference champions. The undefeated team in 1966 was the first MSU team to go undefeated since the 1946 football team. The 1965 wrestling team was inducted into the MSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2009.

Hettwer died in 1999. He is survived by wife Nancy, who lives in Lawrence, Kan., and four daughters, Susan Flanagan, Debbie Katzfey, Lisa Melton and Pam Owens.

Holen, from Des Lacs, was a power forward for the men's basketball team 1993-1997. He set the MSU single-game scoring record of 51 points as a junior and finished his Beaver career with 1,064 points. Holen earned North Dakota Collegiate Athletic Conference All-Conference honors as a sophomore and again as a senior, despite only playing in 10 games as senior due to an injury. He finished his senior year with a 21.1 points-per-game scoring average.

Holen earned his bachelor's degree from Minot State in mathematics education in 1997. He graduated cum laude with a cumulative grade point average of 3.59 and was twice named a NAIA Division II Scholar Athlete. Holen lives in Watford City, where he has been McKenzie County Public School District 1 superintendent of schools for six years. He and his wife Elizabeth have three children, Ashley, Derek and Alyssa.

Trudell, originally from Sidney, Mont., played for the MSU football team from 1999-2002. A running back, he was named NAIA All-American First Team and Don Hansen All-American First Team in 2002. He finished his career with 2,858 yards rushing, caught 45 passes for 445 yards and scored 30 combined touchdowns.

Trudell earned a bachelor's degree in social work from Minot State in 2004. He lives in Wilmington, Del., and has worked for the Secret Service in Philadelphia since March 2007. Trudell is married to former MSU women's basketball player Betsey (Vig) Trudell, and the couple has two children, Reagan and Grant.

The 2002 MSU Men's Cross Country Team captured the university's first team NAIA National Championship. The team won the DAC team title and was named the 2002-2003 North Dakota Associated Press Sportscasters & Sportswriters College Team of the Year. The team captured titles at the University of North Dakota Invite, Minot State's Wild Wiley Wilson Invite, the DAC-10 Championships and the Region II Championships. Three Minot State runners, Mike Tighe (seventh overall), Brad Tighe (10th overall) and Nolan Taylor (26th overall) were named NAIA All-Americans.

Members of the 2002 team are Gene Benacourt, Jesse Bergstedt, Zach Burdick, Dennis Eaton, Nick Glimsdahl, Eric Hanson, Steve Kirby, Brian Knowles, Josh Lane, Justin Marsette, A.J. Pederson, Nolan Taylor, Brad Tighe, Mike Tighe, Juro Trubiroha, Chad Wallin and John Wetsit. Head coach of the 2002 team was Scott Simmons.

A banquet will honor the 2011 inductees at Minot's Grand International Saturday evening (Sept. 24) with a social beginning at 6 p.m. and the banquet starting at 7 p.m.

New faculty and staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes nine new employees, Robert Barfield, Heidi Benavides, Dawn Benzmiller, Jean-Christophe Goutal, Whitney Dickinson, Donna Klein, Karen Pocha-Melby, Jessica Schilken and Celeste Simmons to the campus.

Barfield, an assistant groundskeeper for the Office of Facilities Management, is returning to MSU. In the past, he was a periodicals associate for the Gordon B. Olson Library. He has a daughter, Jemma.

Benavides, a nursing instructor, was previously employed at the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio. She attended Trident Technical College, Charleston, S.C., and the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston. She has a special interest in providing medical care to older adults. She and her husband, Rick, have two children.

Benzmiller, administrative assistant to the vice president for advancement, comes to MSU from Minot's First District Health Unit. She completed an associate degree in secretarial studies at East Grand Forks Technical College. She and her husband, Sean, have three children, Samantha, Shawna and Parker. Shawna is in her second year at Minot State.

Goutal, a Fulbright foreign language teaching assistant from Paris, is having his first teaching experience at MSU. In France, he received his bachelor's degree in English from Universite de Paris-Est, Marne La Vallie. His interests are mainly literature and contemporary American poetry.

Dickinson is the facilities scheduling clerk for facilities management. She and her husband Austin moved from Madrid, Iowa, where she worked for Mid-West Tech. She earned a bachelor's degree in communication from Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa. Her career focus is in event coordinating.

Klein is the new human resources assistant. She was previously employed by Minot's Trinity Hospital. She and her husband, Mike, live in rural Minot.

Pocha-Melby, an accountant in the Business Office, is also returning to MSU. Most recently, she worked for IRET Properties in Minot, but she has also been INBRE's administrative assistant. She completed her bachelor's degree in accounting at MSU, and she is a certified public accountant. She is a member of the MSU Accounting Advisory Board, the North Dakota Society of CPAs and Beaver Boosters. Her husband, Stu Melby, is MSU's head cross country and track and field coach.

Schilken is the Learning Resource Center coordinator within the Department of Nursing. Previously, she worked for the Minot Area Development Corporation. She and her husband, Cameron, live in Burlington.



Barfield



Benavides



Benzmiller



Goutal



Dickinson



Klein



Pocha-Melby



Schilken



Simmons

Simmons is the administrative assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, and she previously was employed by ING. She completed an associate degree from Dakota College at Bottineau by taking classes on the MSU campus. She and her husband, Tom, have two children, Juli and Jerney and one grandchild.

MSU receives federal grant on ASD

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, a University Center of Excellence on Developmental Disabilities at Minot State University, has received a federal grant from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for support of state work on autism spectrum disorders. The grant, titled "Support Autism in North Dakota," is designed to assist the state in improving services for children and youth.

"The Combating Autism Act, approved by Congress, allocates funds to help a limited number of states to address their infrastructure needs regarding autism services. North Dakota is one of about a dozen states that received this competitive award," said Brent Askvig, NDCPD executive director.

David Fuller, MSU president, cited this grant as an example of the university's commitment and dedication to community service and engagement.

"When Minot State works with communities and citizens, we are able to leverage our expertise to assist in addressing important local and state issues. Of course, our faculty, staff and students also gain so much from that real-time engagement with immediate needs and possible solutions. These become win-win opportunities for our region and our state," Fuller said.

Senators Kent Conrad and John Hoeven, along with Rep. Rick Berg, provided support for the NDCPD proposal.

"The men and women at the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities have enabled the center to earn its reputation as a national leader in identifying children with autism," Sen. Conrad said. "I'm confident that with these federal resources, NDCPD will help ensure that North Dakota's children with autism receive the finest treatment and support available."

"We appreciate Minot State University's commitment to quality education, and the important impact the university has throughout the Minot community and the region," Sen. John Hoeven said.

"The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities is a credit to our state's commitment to help those in need," Rep. Rick Berg said. "Their work has a tremendous impact on the lives of many North Dakotans, and I'm encouraged by their commitment to providing effective care and services to children with autism and other developmental disabilities."

The funds, totaling \$840,000 over three years, will support collaboration among NDCPD; North Dakota Family Voices, a parent health information and support center; the N.D. Department of Health, Children's Special Health Services; and the N.D. Department of Human Services. These organizations

will work to implement several of the strategic goals established by the N.D. Autism Spectrum Disorders Task Force.

“This is such a wonderful opportunity for NDCPD to assist families and children and youth with autism spectrum disorders in our state. We will work on initiatives of early identification, comprehensive assessments, public awareness, family support and state infrastructure in the next three years,” Askvig said. “It will truly be a collaborative effort with our state and federal partners. Without the support from the Congressional delegation, our state partners and families and professionals, this would never have happened.”

For questions, contact Askvig at 858-3580 or brent.askvig@minotstateu.edu

Power Center and SSC sponsoring workshops

The Power Center and Student Success Center are sponsoring workshops, which are open to faculty, staff and students:

- **Yoga: Stretch Your Mind and Body** — Sept. 29, Missouri Room of the Conference Center, 1-1:50 p.m.
Yoga is a powerful discipline that can improve health and fitness, increasing flexibility, stability and strength. The body and mind connect, if the muscles are relaxed by stretching, the mind will also relax, with less anxiety and better sleep patterns. Participants should bring a yoga mat or towel!
- **Bouncing Back ... Skills for Beating Stress** — Oct. 20, presented by The Village, Missouri Room of the Conference Center, 1-1:50 p.m.
Individuals can learn to recognize the symptoms of stress before they get “stressed out!” Participants can pick up skills to help themselves and their friends beat stress and depression and take home a bouncy ball.
- **“Major” Confusion** — Nov. 17, Missouri Room of the Conference Center, 1-1:50 p.m.
Students can alleviate confusion about majors and career paths. They can reconfirm their college focus and learn about available options.
- **Gifts on a Budget** — Dec. 8, Missouri Room of the Conference Center, 1-1:50 p.m.
Holidays do not have to break someone’s piggy bank ... participants learn how to give, make a gift and still have money for tomorrow’s lunch!

For questions, contact Lynn Redden, POWER Center program assistant, at 858-4047 or lynn.redden@minotstateu.edu.

Rock the Leaves to help ‘I Helped Rebuild Minot’ fund Oct. 1



Rock the Leaves, an annual benefit concert featuring local and nationally renowned performers, is slated for Oct. 1 at the Grand International from noon to 10 p.m. All funds donated at Rock the Leaves 2011 will go to the “I Helped Rebuild Minot” fund. The event usually takes place in Oak Park, but it was moved due to the 2011 flood.

“Rock the Leaves’ goal is to put on a concert that would appeal to the masses and help people at the same time. This one has become even more relevant now with Minot’s current situation,” said Dan Hansen, recent Minot State University graduate and event organizer. “The event has really become a community affair.”

J. Davis and Jean Schempp, owners of Minot’s only locally owned radio stations, established the “I Helped Rebuild Minot” fund with the objective of providing the most help to the most people. Nearly every home is built with sheetrock, and every flooded home will need new sheetrock. The fund’s mission is to buy as much sheetrock as possible and give it away to community members.

Each year, Rock the Leaves is completely funded by free-will donations. Besides music and food, there will be face painting, a pie-eating contest and more festivities for people of all ages.

For questions, contact Hansen at 833-6868 or daniel.hansen@my.mintostateu.edu or visit rocktheleaves.com.

MSU remembers 9/11

On Sept. 9 in front of Memorial Hall’s twin evergreens, Minot State University held a short program in honor of the 10th anniversary of 9/11 and those who died. Later that day, many students, faculty and staff volunteered in the community as part of The 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance.



Rabe returns as RCJC executive director

Gary Rabe, professor of criminal justice, has been named executive director of the Rural Crime and Justice Center, according to Lenore Koczon, Minot State University vice president for academic affairs. Rabe, who



will continue to teach, was the center's original executive director from 1999 to 2005. RCJC is a self-contained research organization located on the MSU campus.

"The challenges facing rural communities in North Dakota and across the country are as pronounced as I have ever seen them," Rabe said. "Demographic shifts and economic uncertainty, coupled with the reduced federal resources to address crime problems, leaves a larger responsibility to local communities. There is a unique nature to rural crime. Policy responses that work in urban settings will not work in rural communities. Assisting rural communities in assessing crime and developing effective strategies to address it are at the heart of RCJC's mission. It's very gratifying to be back at RCJC."

Rabe joined Minot State in 1993 and held various positions, including department chair and interim College of Arts and Sciences dean. Under his leadership, the criminal justice department redesigned its master's program and collaborated on the development of a doctorate in criminal justice with the University of North Dakota.

From 1999 to 2001, Rabe directed the Rural Law Enforcement Education Project, which was instrumental in RCJC's creation. The center was established in 1999 to explore the unique characteristics of rural crime and deviance. In February 2002, the State Board of Higher Education approved RCJC as a Center of Excellence. RCJC's role evolved to include research and evaluation of various aspects related to criminal justice and has secured more than \$10 million in grants and contracts.

Rabe left RCJC, when he became the interim VPAA and then VPAA in 2006. He returned to the classroom in August 2010.

Rabe earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from MSU in 1987, a master's degree in criminology and corrections from Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, and a doctoral degree in criminology from the University of Delaware, Newark.

For questions, contact Rabe at 858-3507 or gary.rabe@minotstateu.edu.

MSU International Film Series begins

The 2011-2012 Minot State University International Film Series continues with "The Marriage of Maria Braun" Tuesday (Sept. 27) at 7:30 pm in Aleshire Theater, with three films to follow this semester.

A foreign language faculty member will introduce each film. All films, which will be followed by a discussion period, are at 7:30 p.m. and free to all. The dates and titles of the films are:

- Oct. 25 — "Grizzly Man," Memorial 114
- Nov. 8 — "Honey," Aleshire Theater
- Dec. 6 — "The Whalerider," Memorial 114

There will be a door prize drawing for a \$20 dinner gift certificate.

For questions, contact Scott Sigel, assistant Spanish professor and foreign languages coordinator, at 858-4265 or scott.sigel@minotstateu.edu.

Wellness works

Wellness Committee

The Wellness Committee's purpose is to provide the Minot State University community access to healthy lifestyle resources that will enable everyone to make self-care decisions that will have a positive impact towards a healthful active life.

The Wellness Committee meets monthly. It has established the annual Wellness Fair and periodic wellness sessions provided by Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Wellness Clubs.

The Wellness Clubs which are currently on campus include the Walking Club, coordinated by Karen Humphreys, the Weight Management Club, managed by Caren Barnett, and the Cross-training Club, organized by Paul Brekke. The Wellness Committee is in the process of establishing other campus wellness clubs that could include swimming, yoga and relaxation. MSU has a Wellness Club policy, www.minotstateu.edu/hr/manual/3_9_wellness_clubs.pdf, that allows employees to participate in these clubs with release time of no more than three hours per week with supervisor's approval and as work allows.

Wellness Committee members include Caren Barnett, Paul Brekke, Kelly Buettner-Schmidt, Karen Humphreys, Rita Meyer, Trisha Nelson, Sherie Saltveit, Susan Ness and Wes Matthews.

Announcements

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For questions, contact 858-3199 or linda.benson@minotstateu.edu.

—Susan Ness, *director of public information*

SGA wants to represent students on campus committees

Committee chairs: Please email maxwell.buchholz@my.minotstateu.edu if a committee has or should have a student representative from Student Government Association. SGA would like to make sure those student positions are filled. SGA

has likely assigned a senator to the committee, but they may not be in contact with committee chairs yet; they may not know who to contact. SGA officers will make sure they will communicate with committee chairs.

—*Max Buchholz, SGA president*

Graduate School extends Tuesday hours

The Graduate School Office, Memorial 200, is now open Tuesday evenings until 7 p.m. The office may be reached anytime at graduate@minotstateu.edu.

—*Linda Cresap, dean of the Graduate School and Research and Sponsored Programs*

City manager to be guest at Sept. 27 flood forum

David Waind, Minot's city manager, will be the guest at the Tuesday (Sept. 27) flood forum. Waind will respond to questions, which can be flood or nonflood related.

Flood forums will continue to be held every Tuesday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Aleshire Theater unless otherwise noted. Individuals should feel free to ask questions and voice concerns. Rob Anderson, MSU's ombudsman, will follow up to find what solutions are available. To contact Anderson, email flood.anderson@minotstateu.edu or call 858-3169.

—*Rob Anderson, MSU's ombudsman*

In the galleries

Sept. 21-29 — Americas 2011: All Media Competition, Douglas Kinsey, juror, Hartnett Gallery.

Sept. 28-Oct. 26 — Ceramics, drawings and paintings by MSU student Alexandra Jelleberg, Library Gallery.

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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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