



### Public Information Office

A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

## ACHIEVEMENT EDITION OF INSIDE

### Vision 2013

*Minot State University will achieve national distinction as one of the premier public, regional universities in the "great" Great Plains.*

### Faculty, staff and student achievements

**Kelly Buettner-Schmidt**, Healthy Communities International executive director, and **Tara Bjornson**, HCI project assistant, participated in the 2011 retreat, "Clearing the Air: An Institute for Policy Advocacy VII," at Fallen Leaf Lake, Calif., Sept 25–29.

**Johnny Coomansingh**, assistant professor of geography, published "Resource Characteristics of the Lesser Prairie Chicken [*Tympanuchus pallidicinctus*]" and its Survival on the High Plains of the United States" in *Prairie Perspectives Geographical Essays* and "Crime and Violence: the Tourism Product Rotting Away in Trinidad and Tobago" in the *Pakistan Journal of Criminology* this fall. Previously, he published "The Calypso Art Form: a Weapon against Afro-Indo Unity in Trinidad and Tobago" in the *Journal of Development Alternatives and Area Studies*.

Coomansingh presented a paper titled "Climate, Culture, Catastrophe: The Dust Bowl of the 1930s and the Probability of Another" at the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division of the Association of American Geographers conference in Denver, Oct. 6-8.

The **Department of Business Information Technology** is completing curriculum revisions to present to the College of Business at its November meeting. All 2011 assessment reports have been completed and are ready to submit.

**Patti Fedje**, chair and assistant professor within the Department of Accounting and Finance, co-coordinated and co-chaired the Association of North Dakota Teachers of College Accounting meeting Sept. 18 in Fargo.

**John Girard**, professor of business administration and business information technology, traveled to the Middle East to present at a variety of venues in September. These included Dar Al-Hekma College in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and Prince Sultan University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he presented an overview of his book, "A Leader's Guide to Knowledge Management." On Sept. 28, he presented "Empowering Knowledge Workers in the Arab World" in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

On Aug. 30, Girard, **Andrea Donavon**, assistant professor of humanities, and a group of students presented a Northwest Arts Center lecture titled "A Tale of Two Adventures," which profiled study-aboard expeditions from summer 2011.

"Knowledge Management as an Enabler of Virtual Business," a paper by Girard, JoAnn Girard and Cindy Gordon, was published in the *Electronic Journal of Knowledge Management*. In addition, an excerpt of their recent book, "Business Goes Virtual" was included in the September edition of *CIO Canada Magazine* under the title "Virtual Value."

Girard and Associate Professor of Management **Andy Bertsch's** paper "Cross-Cultural Differences in Social Knowledge Creation and Exchange: An examination

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### MSU CORE VALUES AND PURPOSE

*MSU cares deeply about its students, their learning and their growth. The university is proud of its values and long-term commitment to teaching and learning with excellence, integrity and engagement; serving students and others respectfully and responsibly; following high ethical and moral principles; and supporting the values of community and place, where all community members are valued and respected for their work, contributions and freedom of expression. MSU helps people appreciate life and learning and contribute meaningfully to the lives of others.*

To highlight and recognize the many accomplishments and achievements of Minot State University students, faculty and staff, the Office of Public Information established a special, monthly edition of Minot State University Inside devoted to these achievements. This special, monthly edition includes professional or civic achievements or successes accomplished in recent months. MSU wants to highlight the many distinguished achievements realized by our campus.

### NEXT ISSUE

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of GLOBE's Dimensions of Societal Culture" was published in Interdisciplinary Journal of Contemporary Research in Business.

The State Board of Higher Education named Girard to the Chancellor Search Committee Sept. 15. He is the SBHE faculty advisor.

**Courtney Johnson**, a sophomore studying communication disorders, was crowned Miss Norsk Høstfest Sept. 17.

**Frank Moseley**, associate professor of finance, had the article, "Applying Stochastic Optimization for Asset Allocation of Oil and Gas Properties," accepted for publication in the Review of Management Innovation & Creativity. He also had "Optimizing a Financial Performance Metric in Developing a Petroleum Reservoir" accepted for publication in the Journal of International Business Management & Research.

**Mary Mercer**, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities community training and technical assistance coordinator, presented a session on the North Dakota Community Staff Training Program at the U.S.-Nordic International Conference on Intellectual Disabilities. **Kari Schmidt**, N.D. Disability Health project director, and **Brenda Munson**, N.D. Disability Health project coordinator, gave a presentation on healthy lifestyles.

Munson has been appointed to the Quality and Safety Advisory Council for North Dakota Health Care Review, Inc. She will be involved in the many initiatives supporting the coordination of health care improvement activities in the state.

Student Government Association selected **Lindsey Nelson**, a sophomore majoring in communication disorders, as its September Senator of the Month. Nelson, a native of Bainville, Mont., received this honor because of her commitment to SGA and her dedication to representing the students of MSU. Nelson was also co-chair of MSU Homecoming 2011.

**Karen Pocha-Melby**, Business Office accountant, and Dennis Pederson, People's State Bank in Minot, served as moderators when the accounting program held its first Town Hall meeting on Fall Assessment Day (Oct. 5). Students from the tax courses provided information for the faculty.

**Tom Seymour**, professor of business information technology, with **Dean Frantsvog**, associate professor of accounting, and student **Satheesh Kumar** published "History of Search Engines" in the fourth quarter 2011 issue of International Journal of Management & Information Systems.

**Patrick Sheldon**, instructor of art, gave an outdoor photography workshop Oct. 1 at the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site near Stanton.

**Karen Walz**, assistant professor of accounting, presented "International Financial Reporting Standards" at the ANDTCA meeting Sept. 18 in Fargo.

On Oct. 7, representatives from Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honorary society, formally installed the Alpha-Xi-Xi chapter on the Minot State University campus. Along with the installation, the chapter initiated 16 new student members. To be a member of Phi Alpha Theta, students must have completed 12 credit hours of history classes. They must

also have a 3.0 grade point average overall and a 3.1 GPA in their history courses. Tiffany Ziegler, assistant professor of history, is the Phi Alpha Theta advisor.

## Acknowledgements from University Cabinet

Minot State University employees helped with The 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance volunteer activities on Sept. 9. The volunteers were **Stephen Bannister, Chris Beachy, Linda Benson, Penny Brandt, Karla Bredahl, Jancy Brisson, Libby, Clarebout, Linda Cresap, Deb DeWitz, Lilah Diederich, Efthalia Esser, Ron Fischer, Tiffany Fylling, Ann Beste-Guldborg, Donna Harvey, Rick Heit, Pam Hopkins, Cathy Horvath, Jessica Hudson, Anton Huether, Karen Humphreys, Julie Keller, David Klassy, Lenore, Koczon, Megan Laudenschlager, JoAnn Linrud, Teresa Loftesnes, Holly Major, Kate Marshall, Mary Mercer, Crystal Michels, Jolina Miller, Jolene Nechiporenko, Susan Ness, Cari Olson, Rebecca Porter, Lynn Redden, Emily Rodacker, Christina Rust, Rebecca Ruzicka, Cheryl Rystedt, Celeste Simmons, Jessica Smestad, Dionne Spooner, Mark Timbrook, Kris Warmoth, Deb Wentz and Renae Yale.**

**Neil Fulton, Darren Olson and Tyler Schmaltz**, Information Technology Central, assisted behind the scenes in preparation for the Bring Back the Magic telethon held Sept. 12 in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

Faculty and staff participating in CONNECTIONS included **Enas Abo-Halaf, Nathan Anderson, Bethany Andreasen, Eduardo Ayala, Kristi Berg, Lynda Bertsch, Micah Bloom, Penny Brandt, Paul Brekke, Jancy Brisson, Sarah Carr, Paul Cristofaro, Sara Deutsch, Tiffany Fylling, Ann Beste-Goldborg, Jean-Christophe Goutal, Shan Haarsager, Jessica Hudson, Lori Kalash, Erik Kana, Julie Keller, Joseph Krieg, Megan Laudenschlager, Holly Major, Jacek Mrozek, Audra Myerchin, Cheryl Nilsen, Cari Olson, Deb Olson, Linda Olson, Amy Roberts, Nikki Roed, Rebecca Ruzicka, Ray Screws, Sharon Seidl, Margaret Sherve, Jessica Smestad, Dionne Spooner, Connie Teets and Sarah Walker.**

**Derek Van Dyke**, enrollment services, organized the Futurepalooza event held Sept. 13.

**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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