



## POWER Center uses grant to prompt preparedness

Minot State University's POWER Center, a Student Support Services program, will offer a pre-university enhancement course, opportunities to explore career and advanced educational options and financial workshops. The activities, designed to prepare first-year students for their university experiences, are financed by a \$25,000 subgrant through the Bank of North Dakota's North Dakota College Planning Center. This is the second year the POWER Center has received the subgrant.

POWER Week, the pre-university enhancement course, is Aug. 11-17. This course will enable participants to learn about the resources MSU and Minot offer. It will also connect them with peers and equip them with essential university knowledge that will lead to personal and academic success during their higher education endeavors.

POWER Financials workshops, conducted by a financial planner before financial aid disbursement each semester, will encourage students to make the best use of their money. In April, the POWER Center will also offer a FAFSA Night for returning students to complete their financial aid applications before the priority deadline.

The BND subgrant will also subsidize a spring break educational adventure for 10 to 15 upper-level POWER participants. This group will explore graduate schools, career opportunities and cultural sites in North Dakota and the surrounding regions.

"Through all of these activities, POWER students will gain a greater understanding of financial decision-making, preparedness for university studies, the value of higher education and the investment they are making in themselves," said Holly Major, POWER Center director.

The POWER Center is funded by a TRiO-SSS grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The center strives to increase the retention and graduation of its participants and help students move from one level of higher education to the next. To learn more about the POWER Center, visit <http://www.minotstateu.edu/power/>.

For questions, contact Major at 858-4047 or [holly.major@minotstateu.edu](mailto:holly.major@minotstateu.edu).

## Area educators attending NPWP

More than 24 North Dakota educators are on Minot State University's campus and in Bismarck for MSU's annual Northern Plains Writing Project Summer Institute and Advanced Summer Institute. The Summer Institute started July 9 and runs through Aug. 2, while the Advanced Summer Institute begins Monday (July 16) and continues to Aug. 2. NPWP is in its ninth year of instruction.



## July 11, 2012

### PIO update

The dog days of summer are the hottest, most sultry days of summer. Dog days were popularly believed to be an evil time: "the sea boiled, the wine turned sour, dogs grew mad and all other creatures became languid; causing to man burning fevers, hysterics, and phrensies," according to Brady's "Clavis Calendaria," 1813.

At MSU, languid is far from what describes campus activities right now.

Geothermal conversion continues as crews bring the Wellness Center, Gordon B. Olson Library, Swain and Memorial Halls online by mid-fall. Once the change is complete, these buildings will be heated and cooled through geothermal sourcing.

The Wellness Center is also under a siege of activity. Staff are busy moving exercise equipment and putting final touches on what will be a beautiful student facility devoted to mental and physical health.

Mark your calendars for Aug. 23, to celebrate the Wellness Center's grand opening, and for your personal behind-the-scenes tour.

— Susan Ness,  
public information director

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“Teachers share best teaching practices through hands-on teaching demonstrations and explore the teaching of writing by writing,” said Ron Fischer, associate English professor and NPWP co-director.

NPWP invites teachers of any subject, at any grade level, to participate. Individuals receive a stipend to reimburse tuition cost. Institute fellows are eligible for six graduate credits through MSU.

On July 23, the Minot Summer and Advanced Institutes will host a visitor’s lunch in Hartnett 301 at noon. NPWP participants will bring a colleague from their school, but any teacher or interested person is welcome to experience what happens at an NPWP institute.

For further information, contact Fischer at 858-3174 or [ron.fischer@minotstateu.edu](mailto:ron.fischer@minotstateu.edu).

## MSU hosting luau at NDSF

Minot State University invites alumni and friends to a luau party at the North Dakota State Fair on July 25, 5-8 p.m. The event will be held in the outdoor area of the Flickertail Gardens, and admission is free.

Slamabama, a cover band that plays selections from country to rock, will perform at 6 p.m. There will also be drink specials and other prizes.



“The luau is a perfect occasion for Minot State University alumni and friends to get together and have a great time, and the state fair is a perfect setting,” said Janna

McKechnie, director of alumni relations and annual giving. “We didn’t have the opportunity to do many fun things last summer, and we hope to remedy that this year.”

For more information or questions, call McKechnie at 858-3373 or [janna.mckechnie@minotstateu.edu](mailto:janna.mckechnie@minotstateu.edu).

## ‘Crazy for You’ closes season

“Crazy for You” finishes out the Minot State University Summer Theatre’s calendar July 19-24. The show is directed by Aili Smith, Summer Theatre associate director.

Listen and enjoy the music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin as playboy Bobby Child fulfills his lifelong dream to dance on stage. As a classic love story set in the 1930s, New York native Child is sent to the small, poor town of Deadrock, Nev., to close the local theater. Shortly upon his arrival, he meets and quickly falls in love with the theater owner’s daughter, Polly Baker. Revel in the music and watch as Child dreams up an idea to put on a show to raise money in order to save the theater.

The story is filled with cowboys, tap-dancing showgirls, mistaken identities and romance, all accompanied by Gershwin classics, including “They Can’t Take That Away from Me,” “Nice Work If You Can Get It,” “Bidin’ My

Time” and “I’ve Got Rhythm.” The timeless songs are sure to bring out the rhythm in audiences of all ages.

For more information on Summer Theatre season 47 or to make reservations, call 858-3228.

## ‘Summer Friend-Raising Golf Tour’ winding down

There are two stops left on Minot State University’s annual “Summer Friend-Raising Golf Tour.” On Tuesday (July 17), the golf tour stops in Garrison at the Garrison Golf Club. Kenmare follows on Aug. 2.

Registration begins at 4:30 p.m., with a shotgun start at 5 p.m. The format for each tour stop is a four-person, nine-hole scramble. A social to recognize area students receiving 2012-2013



scholarships will follow golf’s completion. Non-golfers are welcome.

Optional meals and refreshments are provided by the course. Golfers are responsible for their own transportation, green fees and cart rentals. Reservations for meals are requested one week before the date of each outing. It is recommended that golfers interested in carts make reservations due to limited availability.

The golf tour is sponsored by MSU Alumni Association, Advancement Office, Athletic Department and the Marketing Office. Call the MSU Advancement Office with questions or to register at 858-3890 or 1-800-777-0750, ext. 3890, or visit the website, [www.minotstateu.edu/alumni](http://www.minotstateu.edu/alumni).

## NDCPD receives \$900,000 grant

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities’ Disability Health II project recently secured a three-year \$900,000 federal grant. The project will receive \$300,000 annually to assist in improving the health of people with disabilities through state-based public health programs.

“The grant’s purpose is to promote health, prevent chronic disease and increase the quality of life among people with disabilities,” said Kari Schmidt, Disability Health II project director. “The states will work to increase capacity and action in health promotion, access to health care and emergency preparedness activities for people with disabilities.”

Eighteen states were awarded the grant to develop and strengthen health-related disability programs. The award period began July 1.

NDCPD, which is located on Minot State University’s campus, obtained the grant from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Center on Birth Defects

and Developmental Disabilities, Division of Human Development and Disability and Disability Policy, Interventions and Programs team.

For questions, contact Schmidt at 858-3048 or kari.schmidt@minotstateu.edu.

## Foertsch leads State Staff Senate

The North Dakota University System Staff Senate elected James Foertsch as its president June 13. Foertsch is Williston State College's vice president for business services and chief operating officer. His term will end June 2013.

"I'm honored and humbled by this opportunity to represent NDUS staff members," Foertsch said. "Staff in the university system support a variety of functions and services which aid in the growth of our students, and I'm excited to be their voice."

Foertsch, a Wyndmere native, joined WSC in February 2010 and advanced through several positions in the Business Office. He graduated from North Dakota State University in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in business administration and from the University of Mary with a master's degree in strategic leadership in 2011.

The State Staff Senate serves staff members at the 11 NDUS institutions. The State Staff Senate identifies staff interests and issues; acts as a forum for staff-related matters; and promotes communication between the NDUS campuses' Staff Senates, the NDUS chancellor and the State Board of Higher Education.

For questions, contact Foertsch at (701)774-4243 or James.Foertsch@willistonstate.edu.



Foertsch

## NDCPD awarded \$533,000 to fight Medicare fraud

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities on Minot State University's campus recently received a three-year \$533,000 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This grant will assist the North Dakota Senior Medicare Patrol program in continuing efforts to combat Medicare fraud.

"This funding will help us continue to educate Medicare beneficiaries in North Dakota on health care fraud and scams targeting our citizens," said Linda Madsen, N.D. SMP project director.

N.D. SMP is one of 54 SMP projects across the nation that educate Medicare beneficiaries, caregivers and professionals on how to prevent, detect and report health care fraud, waste and abuse. SMP programs receive funding from the Administration on Aging, which is part of the Administration for Community Living, and work in close partnership with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the HHS Office of Inspector General.

For questions about N.D. SMP, contact 858-3424 or linda.madsen@minotstateu.edu.

## Environmental health forum addressed post-flood mold

Minot State University's Great Plains Center for Community Research and Service and the First District Health Unit sponsored a public forum June 20 to discuss the area's environmental health one year after the 2011 Mouse River Flood. An expert panel addressed concerns regarding mold and its effect on health, houses that have not been sanitized, the effect of the flood on trees and concerns regarding soil and water quality.

Mikhail Bobylev, chemistry professor, presented research conducted on mold sampling in flooded homes, including identification and ramifications of the



types of mold found. He and his research team took mold samples from flooded houses one year after the flood and after the houses were cleaned out, and allowed them to grow. White, black, green, and brown molds grew from the samples. The research team sent the samples to Michigan for identification. Green mold affects people the most.

Dr. Jeffery Verhey, Trinity Health pulmonologist, provided a medical perspective on the consequences of mold including symptoms and treatment, as well as precautionary measures. The presence of molds indoors is a result of an invasion from outdoor sources. Mold is detected by smell, sight and culture, Verhey related. The health effects of molds include infection, exposure to toxins, allergies and asthma.

Verhey stressed that when people are working in flooded houses they must remember that ventilation is essential and moisture is an enemy; they must remove contaminated materials. He also said to wear protective gear, such as a N95 type mask and goggles, and remove work clothes and wash them promptly.

Bob Underwood, retired Dakota College at Bottineau professor, addressed the status of trees and shrubs and what residents can expect in the future. He also discussed soil quality issues that exist in the flooded areas. Underwood said the flood affected smaller trees greatly, and most of the chokecherry and ash trees died.

The Oak Park trees are designed to be regularly flooded Underwood remarked. He predicted growth in upcoming years; spruce trees will suffer, while honey locust trees came out surprisingly well in the flood.

Jim Heckman, First District Health Unit environmental health director, discussed efforts to identify flooded structures that have not been cleaned out or repaired.

For more information, contact Neil Scharpe, GPCCRS director, at 858-3596 or neil.scharpe@minotstateu.edu.

## Swenson joins Minot State as compliance director

Minot State University hired Steven Swenson as the Athletic Department's assistant athletic director-compliance and student life.

Swenson began his career with Minot State in May and helped finalize the Beavers final annual report to the National Collegiate Athletic Association as MSU continues the process toward full NCAA Division II membership.

As Minot State's assistant athletic director-compliance and student life, Swenson will be in charge of all aspects of NCAA Division II and Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference rules and regulations.

Along with his duties involving NCAA and NSIC rules, Swenson will work closely with Minot State's Student Athlete Advisory Committee, the Gender/Minority Issues Committee and the Athletic Advisory Council.

Swenson comes to Minot State after spending a year at UW-Parkside in Kenosha, Wis., where he was a compliance assistant. He developed Parkside's compliance manual used to educate coaches on NCAA and conference rules. He also assisted with UW-Parkside's compliance orientation and rules education meetings for coaches and student-athletes.

The Raymond, Minn., native graduated from Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee, where he earned juris doctor and a National Sports Law Institute's sports law certificate in May. He was a staff member of the Marquette Sports Law Review and a member of the Sports Law Society. He earned his bachelor's degree in political science in 2006 from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn.



Swenson

## Russian leaders examine community development in region

Five Russian leaders participating in the Open World Program spent June 22-30 in Minot examining "Crisis and Opportunity: Responding to Community Needs." The Minot Area Council for International Visitors, a university-community organization headquartered at Minot State University, hosted the delegation for Open World. Managed by the independent Open World Leadership Center at the Library of Congress, Open World enables emerging Eurasian political and civic leaders to work with their U. S. counterparts and experience American-style democracy at a local level.

While in Minot, the delegates explored the impact of the flood and energy development both on Minot and the region, particularly at the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. They looked at how private, non-governmental agencies, as well as government, play a role to spur recovery and maintain human services.

The Open World Program is a unique, nonpartisan initiative of the U.S. Congress designed to build mutual understanding between the United States and Eurasia. Over 18,000 Open World participants have been hosted in all 50 U.S. states since the program's inception in 1999. Delegates range from members of parliament to mayors, from innovative nonprofit directors to experienced journalists and from political party activists to regional administrators.

For questions, contact Joseph Jastrzembki, MSU history professor, at 858-3322 or [joseph.jastrzembki@minotstateu.edu](mailto:joseph.jastrzembki@minotstateu.edu).

## New staff aboard

Minot State University would like to welcome new employee, Ryan Madden.

Madden is a wellness specialist with the Student Health Center and the Wellness Center. He earned a bachelor's degree in corporate fitness and history from MSU in 2011. He was previously employed by Modern Niagara Mechanical Contractors of Toronto. He is engaged to Rebecca Peters, an alumna, who teaches math at Beulah Middle School.



Madden

## Mark your calendars

- Aug. 13-14 — New faculty orientation
  - Aug. 15 — President's Convocation
  - Aug. 15 — MSU Fall Kickoff
  - Aug. 16 — Move-In Day
  - Aug. 23 — Wellness Center grand opening
  - Sept. 15 — Homecoming parade and football game
- Additional details to come.

## Wellness works

### Summer food safety tips

As the temperature rises so does excitement over picnics and grilling. Unfortunately, the number of foodborne illnesses rise too.

Most people know to keep potato salad cold. Consider the following food for thought when planning summer outings.

•Check the forecast and refrigerate perishable food within two hours. However, the time drops to one hour when the temperature is above 90 F (32 C). So, serve, eat and get food back in the cooler.

•Come clean. If a picnic spot doesn't have clean running water, bring some along. Also, bring wipes or sanitizing gel for surfaces and hands. Wash hands before food prep and after handling raw meats.

•Keep your cool. Use an insulated cooler with ice, ice packs or partially frozen items to keep food at 40 F (4 C) or cooler.

•Pack smart. Keep separate coolers for food and beverages. Chances are people will be in and out of the beverage cooler, which lets cold air escape. To keep food as

cold as possible, keep that cooler closed until the cook is ready to begin. Pack meat in plastic and put it on the bottom of the cooler to prevent it from leaking on other foods. Pack two platters — one for raw meat and one for cooked meat.

•Use a thermometer. Don't rely on meat's color to judge when it's cooked enough. Use a food thermometer to check the temperature. Safe minimum temperatures are: 165 F (74 C) for any type of poultry; 160 F (71 C) for ground meat other than poultry and 145 F (63 C) for solid cuts, such as steaks, of meat or fish.

For questions, contact Caren Barnett, Student Health Center director, at 858-3371.

## Announcements

### Save a tree! Receive Inside electronically

If individuals or entities that receive hard copies of Inside would like to receive it electronically, send an email address to [linda.benson@minotstateu.edu](mailto:linda.benson@minotstateu.edu).

For questions, contact 858-3199 or [linda.benson@minotstateu.edu](mailto:linda.benson@minotstateu.edu).

— *Linda Benson, public information specialist*

### E-waste pick-up timeframe set for Aug. 1-3

Minot State University is participating in the free Apple Recycling promotion. The pick-up week will be Aug. 1-3. If departments have unusable electronic equipment, such as computers, monitors and televisions, Information Technology Central and facilities management staff will pick up those items. All e-waste items must be MSU-owned and have a completed Change of Inventory form. No personal e-waste is allowed under this free program. A deadline of July 25 has been set to allow time to palletize and shrink wrap any remaining items.

Please participate. Contact the Help Desk at 858-4444 or submit a work-order request to [helpdesk@minotstateu.edu](mailto:helpdesk@minotstateu.edu).

— *Cathy Horvath, director of information technology*

### OIT launches 'Ask Dr. B'

The Office of Instructional Technology launched a new blog service — "Ask Dr. B" (B for Beaver). The blog is a question-and-answer service moderated by a dedicated group of campus Blackboard "know-it-alls." The mission is to provide answers to Blackboard and related technology-based questions. In the process, OIT hopes to build a global knowledge base for online teaching and learning. The service does not replace the MSU Online Help Desk.

If users require immediate assistance to resolve a technology problem, they are encouraged to contact the MSU Help Desk. Registration to post comments on the blog is a simple process. All posts are reviewed before being published. The blog can be reached at <http://blogs.minotstateu.edu/dr/b/>.

— *Mark Timbrook, technology and design specialist*

## In the galleries

July 11-Aug. 3 — "no lumps, thank you; a bra anthologie," a photography collection by Fargo artist Meg Spielman Peldo, Library Gallery.

July 11-Aug. 9 — "From My Head to Your Eyes," capstone mixed-media exhibition by art student Courtney Halverson, Hartnett Gallery.

## Faculty and staff achievements

*The Office of Public Information proudly shares the many accomplishments of faculty and staff with the campus community in every issue.*

Dakota Collections Care Initiative conservators Terri Schindel and Seigfried Rempel completed a conservation assessment program survey June 4-5. Their visit and collections-care training, provided June 6-8 for MSU faculty and staff and community members, were funded by a grant prepared by the MSU Partners in Heritage Preservation and co-sponsored by the State Historical Society of North Dakota and DCCI. **Bethany Andreasen, Guy Hanley, Joseph Jastrzembski, Linda Olson, Mark Timbrook and Avis Veikley** supported the DCCI team. Ann Jenks, state archivist; Sharon Silengo, photo archivist; and Rachel White, technical services for the State Historical Society of North Dakota, also attended.

**Brent Askvig**, special education professor and North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities executive director, participated in June conference planning meetings in Oslo, Trondheim and Harstad Norway. NDCPD is an associated sponsor for two 2013 conferences on intellectual disabilities. The first conference in Oslo and Trondheim will focus on human rights and community living. The second conference in Harstad will focus on disability, community participation and practice.

**Linda Benson**, public information specialist, judged two categories, "Home Environment" and "Extras for Your Room," at Ward County 4H Achievement Days June 26.

**Kathleen Neshem**, administrative assistant to the registrar, served as a judge's assistant.

**Andy Bertsch**, associate management professor, and **Gillian Warner-Søderholm**, senior university lecturer at Oslo's Norwegian Business School BI and visiting adjunct management professor at MSU, were named runners-up to the Best Paper Award for their paper, "Updating Cross Cultural Management: Exploring the Relationships between Cultural Values and Gender Inequality Practices," at the Academy of International Business 2012 annual meeting in Washington, D.C., June 30-July 3, from the Women in the Academy of International Business and sponsored by the Institute of International Business, Stockholm School of Economics.

**Alan Ekblad, Jennifer Hefter, Mary Mercer and Johnna Westby**, Department of Special Education; **Patti Fedje, Diann Hanson, James Ondracek, Tom Seymour,**

**Young Son** and **Lori Willoughby**, College of Business; **Jolina Miller**, **Sherie Saltveit** and **Mark Timbrook**, Center for Extended Learning; **Evelyn Klimpel**, Student Development Center; completed Phase I Blackboard Collaborate Training June 22. The North Dakota University System, Advanced Learning Technologies sponsored the training.

**John Girard**, business administration professor, participated in Semester at Sea's Maymester May 15-June 15.

**Frank Moseley**, associate finance professor, held "Experience in Education for North Dakota Secondary School Students," a summer seminar for next fall's high school juniors and seniors, which involved classroom learning, speakers and site visits to energy companies, June 4-8.

**Cheryl Nilsen**, associate mathematics professor, completed her term as president of the North Dakota Council of Teachers of Mathematics at the council's spring conference, where she also presented multiple workshops on "M & M Statistics" and a sectional called "Good Problems à Better Algebraic Reasoning." Nilsen will remain on the NDCTM board as past president for the 2012-2013 academic year.

In April, Nilsen served as state chair for North Dakota

State University's joint teacher education accreditation visit by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education and the North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board.

This spring, Nilsen performed in the Western Plains Opera productions of "Pagliacci" and "Gianni Schicchi." She also directed the Western Plains Children's Choir production of "Beauty and the Beast, Jr.," which was presented June 28-30.

College of Business faculty **Tom Seymour** and **Dean Frantsvog** and graduate student Tod Graeber had a manuscript, "Electronic Health Records (EHR)," published in the American Journal of Health Sciences—Third Quarter 2012, volume 3, number 3.

NDCPD's Money Follows the Person Housing Project held four training sessions within the four quadrants of the state this year. **Vicki Troftgruben** is the project director, and **Shanna Hanson**, **Cheryl Merck**, **Karen Pearson** and **Jane Wiedewitsch** are consumer housing resource specialists. They facilitated discussion on affordable, accessible housing issues between transition coordinators and local housing authorities, apartment association representatives, economic developers, city planners, HUD and USDA Rural Development representatives, nonprofit developers and others.

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