Reclaiming the night

Take Back the Night, a walk to create awareness of and provide information about violence, will begin Thursday (Oct. 18) on the steps of Minot State University’s Old Main at 7 p.m. Participants will receive purple ribbon pins, which denote domestic violence awareness. This event, which is aimed at rallying the community toward ending violence, is sponsored by the Domestic Violence Crisis Center and coordinated by the Student Social Work Organization.

During the walk around campus, SSWO members will carry electric candles, DVCC and SSWO banners and red figure cutouts to symbolize those who have lost their lives to domestic violence. The walk will conclude in the Student Center Atrium, where participants will listen to speakers and enjoy refreshments.

Take Back the Night, a domestic violence awareness initiative, originated in San Francisco in 1978, when women advocates marched in solidarity, holding candles, to protest rape and violence against women. It has grown into an international tradition with marches, programs and rallies around the world in October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

“Domestic violence is a prevalent, serious issue in our community,” said Alicia Lopez, a SSWO member who co-organized the event. “This event is a great opportunity to reach out and band together as a community to make a statement about the need to ‘Take Back the Night’ and work toward ending fear and violence.”

For questions, contact Lopez at alicia.lopez@my.minotstateu.edu or Dionne Spooner, SSWO advisor, at 858-3142 or dionne.spooner@minotstateu.edu.

Leonard knows jeans

Amy Leonard, senior vice president of product development and sourcing at Levi Strauss & Company, will visit MSU Friday (Oct. 19) as part of the Distinguished Alumni Series. She will meet with Beavers on Board students, lecture to students in business classes, and give a presentation.

In her presentation, “There’s more to a pair of JEANS than wearing them,” Leonard will discuss being a world traveler and high-level employee in charge of finding raw goods. She will speak in the Conference Center, 10-11:30 a.m.

Leonard graduated from MSU in 1986 with a Bachelor of Arts in business administration. She represents Levi Strauss & Co. in public and educational forums speaking on sustainability.
She has spoken on Capitol Hill to politicians on the impact of climate change on the supply chain.


Nathan Conway, chief operating officer of Ward Williston Oil Company, a North Dakota oil and gas firm with corporate offices in Michigan, is the next series guest Nov. 5.

**RCJC receives $300,000 grant from Department of Justice**

The Rural Crime and Justice Center at Minot State University hosted a media conference Wednesday (Oct. 17). Participants unveiled a $300,000 Department of Justice grant aimed at reducing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking on campus. They also commemorated National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

“I was pleased to join officials from Minot State University and the Minot community to celebrate this important public safety grant and to observe October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This grant from the Department of Justice will help ensure that MSU’s campus remains a safe place for women who study and work there,” said Timothy Purdon, United States attorney for North Dakota.

This grant, from the DOJ’s Office of Violence Against Women, is designed for higher education institutions to establish multidisciplinary consortia to combat violent crime against women on campus.

MSU’s proposal included four components: prevention and education; establishing support mechanisms for victims; creating and implementing training for faculty and staff; and training for local law enforcement.

“This grant demonstrates MSU’s commitment providing a safe and secure learning environment for its students,” said Gary Rabe, RCJC executive director.

**POST program continues in spring**

The Peace Officer Standards Training program continues for a second year. Lake Region State College, in collaboration with Minot State University’s Department of Criminal Justice and the Ward County Sheriff’s Department, will deliver its POST program on MSU’s campus each spring.

Freshman can complete the Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice at MSU and POST in four years. POST is the minimum training certification required by all law enforcement officers in North Dakota.

POST, first offered spring 2012 as a pilot program, will become a continuing part of MSU’s spring semester. The second cycle is scheduled for January 2013 with graduation set for April 25, 2013.

**2012 Athletic Hall of Fame adds five individuals, one team**

The 2012 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees are Michelle (Boyeff) Hoff, Harry Mills, Ken Vetter and Lisa (Webb) Hodgins; the 2003 men’s cross country team and special achievement award winner Joe Alme.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony is during halftime Saturday (Oct. 20) at the Beavers football game against University of Minnesota-Crookston. The game begins at 2:30 p.m. at Herb Parker Stadium.

A banquet to honor the 2012 inductees is Saturday evening (Oct. 20) in the Conference Center at 6 p.m. The banquet tickets are $20 per person. To purchase a ticket, contact the Athletic Department at 852-3041.

Minot native Hoff was a record-breaking performer in both indoor and outdoor track and field.

Mills, from Las Vegas, was one of the most explosive players on the football field and on the track in Minot State history.

Vetter, a Minot native, is one of the top MSU wrestlers to compete in the 1970s.

Hodgins, originally from Brandon, Manitoba, finished her three-year career as the most decorated volleyball player in the school’s history.

The 2003 men’s cross country team joins the 2002 team, which was inducted last year. Both teams won NAIA national titles.

Joe Alme, retired assistant music professor and band director, played a significant role in reviving the MSU Marching Band. The band began playing at football games in 2010 after a 25-year absence.

To read the full news release, visit www.msubeavers.com.
MSU History Club hosts third annual cemetery tours

Every year the MSU History Club hosts tours of the First Lutheran Church Cemetery, located next to the Minot State University campus at 11th Avenue NW and North Broadway. This year’s event is Saturday (Oct. 20) from noon to 4 p.m.

“Many prominent Minot area pioneers, such as Erik Ramstad and Ole and Gunhild Sundre, are buried in the cemetery,” said Elizabeth Krebsbach, MSU History Club co-president. “Club members will lead the tours, which are free and open to the public, but freewill donations will go to help the MSU History Club with its projects.”

Refreshments will be available. Baked goods and snacks will also be for sale.

For questions, contact Krebsbach at elizabeth.mcclure@my.minotstateu.edu.

Andreasen’s Book Talk looks at ‘The Presidents Club’


People need not read the featured book ahead of time and are encouraged to bring a sack lunch. The book talks, sponsored by the Gordon B. Olson Library, begin at noon and conclude in time for 1 p.m. classes. All are held in the lower level of the library in Group Study Room 2.

MSCOPE brings The Coats to MSU

The Coats, a Seattle-based a capella group, will perform Monday (Oct. 22) at 7 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. Concert proceeds will support the Minot State Club of Physical Educators.

The group has won national vocal competitions, sang for the United States President and performed with entertainers such as The Beach Boys. Meanwhile, they continue their tradition of outreach performances and workshops supporting music in schools throughout the northwest.

Advanced tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for students, which can be purchased at Jacobsen’s Music and Northwest Music; tickets at the door are $25 for adults and $15 for students.

To learn more about The Coats, visit www.thecoats.net.

MSU Theatre presents ‘Tartuffe’

Minot State University’s Program of Theatre Arts will perform “Tartuffe” by Moliere, adapted by Constance Congdon and Virginia Scott, Tuesday (Oct. 23) through Oct. 27. The play, directed by Associate Communication Arts Professor Kevin Neuharth, begins at 7:30 p.m. in Aleshire Theater.

In this comedy, a self-proclaimed holy man, Tartuffe, is welcomed into the home of wealthy Orgon as his son and heir. Soon, Orgon’s wife, lovesick children and feisty servant question Tartuffe’s virtue and holiness.

The box office opens at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are adults $6 and seniors and students $5. MSU students, faculty and staff are admitted free with ID. Reservations are recommended.

For questions or reservations, call 858-3172.

New staff aboard

Minot State University would like to welcome new employees, Allyson Berner, Stephanie Burt and Rhonda Weathers, who all work at the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities.

Berner is the Adult Student Transition Education Program mentor coordinator. A-STEP provides inclusive postsecondary experiences for students with intellectual disabilities. She earned a master’s degree in community counseling from Minnesota State University-Mankato.

Burt is the consumer services and cultural liaison. She is finishing a thesis for her master’s degree in gerontology from MSU-Mankato.

Weathers, a research associate, lives in Mohall. She completed a master’s degree in special education from the University of North Dakota.

Girard enjoyed his ‘Semester at Sea’

John Girard, business administration professor, will present “Semester at Sea” Oct. 29 in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m., as part of the Northwest Art Center lecture series. Girard served as a faculty member on the Maymester voyage of Semester at Sea May 15-June 15, 2012. He will recap his trip in pictures and anecdotes.

Girard joined MSU’s faculty in 2004 after more than 24 years as a Canadian Forces officer. He earned his doctoral degree from Touro University International, Calif.

A question-and-answer period and informal reception will follow the presentation. All lectures are free and open to the public.

For more information about NAC activities, call 858-3264 or visit its website, www.minotstateu.edu/nac.
In the galleries

Oct. 17-26 — "Poster Offensive 6," a show promoting peace and democracy through the medium of posters, 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.

Chuck Barney, Severson Entrepreneurship Academy director and Entrepreneurship Club advisor, assisted students with the Beaver Brew Café grand opening, Sept. 3.

Minot State University faculty Wojciech Cebulak, Linda Cresap, Matt Doppler, Ron Fischer, Linda Haider, Denise MacDonald, Jeanne MacDonald, Timothy Morris, Clarine Sandstrom, Kirby Schmidtgall, Mary Smith and Mike Wardzinski completed Blackboard Learn Familiarization sessions with the Office of Instructional Technology.

As a member of the North Dakota League of Cities’ board of directors, Dean Frantsvog, associate accounting professor, participated at its annual meeting in Grand Forks, Sept. 21.

Joan Houston, assistant accounting professor, served on a City of Minot committee to select an internal auditor Sept. 25.

Robert Kibler, English professor, is writing book chapters for the “Literature of Propaganda” on Ho Chi Minh and Mozi, as well as doing formal peer reviews for the same book on the chapters concerning Mao Zedong’s “Talks on Art and Culture at the Yenan Forum,” and another on the Cultural Revolution opera “White Haired Girl.”


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