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‘What we are devoted to at Minot State University is the development of students with insight, capable of understanding, making fair judgments, and showing respect for others.’

One of our students who participated in a service learning trip to Guatemala, told the audience on campus that her experience convinced her she should change her major and the plans she had made for her own career.

Her experience, and that of many others who study abroad, is a strong testimony in support of international travel, but it is only a small part of the larger experience of visiting another culture. The difference in language, customs, history, society, geography, and the countless other features offer students rewarding insight into other cultures and places. That insight and experience are, in my view, the most compelling reasons for offering students opportunities to travel and study abroad, not to mention the extraordinary opportunity to welcome students and faculty from other cultures to our campus and our region in the “great” Great Plains.

This edition of *Connections* shares wonderful stories about the ways Minot State University is building a diverse campus, reaching out and working to cooperate with other universities and colleges in other countries, and focusing on global and cultural education. There are also stories of ways we are reaching out to Native American partners in the region: to collaborate and strengthen our relationships, celebrate, share, and appreciate their rich culture, and see how we can work together for the benefit of all students.

What we are devoted to at Minot State University is the development of students with insight, capable of understanding, making fair judgments, and showing respect for others. When experiencing the richness of another culture, students can begin to develop a broader global awareness, a sensitivity to and understanding of different ideas, and the abilities to get along with people from other places and societies.

With these experiences, students of the future will enjoy a greater measure of success in our diverse and global environment. Mary Catherine Bateson, a cultural anthropologist and daughter of Margaret Mead, believes that human insight “refers to the depth of understanding that comes by setting experiences, yours and mine, familiar and exotic, new and old, side by side, learning by letting them speak to one another.” These are the conversations we are hoping to foster and provide: to encourage our students to gain insight into new and different cultures and to experience and understand different places and people. By so doing, we aim to continue to strengthen our commitment to serve our students and to do everything possible to contribute to their personal growth and their wonder about this large, diverse, and remarkable world in which we all live together.

— DAVID FULLER,
President

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MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY is reaching out to the **WORLD...** and the world is **TAKING NOTICE**



President David Fuller signs a partnership agreement with SIAS International University of Zheng-zhou, China, February 2006.

Minot State University is working to develop a diverse, multicultural and inclusive campus community on a number of fronts. Strategy No. 4 of the university's new strategic plan is building a diverse and multicultural university climate.

International Partnerships

MSU is pursuing a series of international partnership agreements, with the goal of establishing student and faculty exchanges, study tours, study abroad and Scandinavian studies curricula.

An MSU delegation traveled to three Scandinavian countries in early June. It visited Telemark University, American College of Norway and Ostfold University College, all in Norway, Kristianstad University in Sweden and Aalborg University in Denmark.

MSU signed formal agreements with Telemark University College and Kristianstad University during the trip. An agreement with Aalborg University is also near completion. All three of the new partnerships offer exciting exchange opportunities. Aalborg University features service learning, one of the components of MSU's strategic plan.

"It has a program in place where faculty and students work together to solve problems," Fuller said. "Aalborg assigns interdisciplinary groups of three to 10 people to study issues that have been identified as important."

As a result of the new partnerships, two students from Kristianstad University and two from Aalborg University will study at MSU in spring 2008.

Scandinavia is a great study abroad destination for Minot State students. The people, who mostly speak English, are friendly, helpful and courteous. The cities are immaculate and the natural scenery is spectacular.

"For a faculty member or student who has not had an international experience, the Scandinavian countries would provide a level of comfort," Fuller said.

The MSU delegation joined Minot officials on a visit to Skien, Minot's sister city in Norway.

"If we establish some viable exchanges with Telemark University College, which is in the region where Skien is located, it will make our sister-city relationship stronger," International Program Director Libby Claerbout said.

Minot State has recently put much effort into internationalizing the campus and developing partnerships with institutions around the world. The first such partnership was launched in February 2006 with SIAS International University of Zheng-

zhou, China. Two MSU delegations have visited the university since 2006, and SIAS President Shawn Chen visited Minot State as well. Mike Li of SIAS served as a visiting English professor at MSU in the fall of 2006.

The relationship between MSU and SIAS has proven fruitful. A group of 45 MSU students and community members participated in a two-week study tour of China in May. The group attended history, culture and language classes on the SIAS campus and participated in homecoming events. It later visited Beijing, Xian and Shanghai.

In addition, the MSU College of Business will bring SIAS and American students together in an intercultural graduate management cohort, starting August 2007. American students will bring business problems from the workplace and combine with their Chinese partners to solve them. Students will earn a master's of science in management (MSM) through the yearlong course.

Another partnership is currently being explored with the University of the West Indies in Trinidad and Tobago. An MSU delegation traveled to the Caribbean island this spring to explore areas in which to collaborate and to identify a possible music exchange program.

MSU would export its classical music expertise, while the University of the West Indies would share its knowledge of steel pan and the carnival culture. If successful, the project could lead to a larger partnership agreement between the two schools.

Minot State also entered into an exchange agreement with Kadir Has University in Istanbul, Turkey, in October 2006. The business/engineering school is about the same size as MSU. Areas of collaboration between the schools are being examined.

Claerbout has her sights set on yet other destinations. A 2006 Open Doors Report on International Student Mobility named Italy and Spain as the top study-abroad destinations for Americans.

"I would eventually like to see us develop something in those countries as well," she said. "Students want to go to Europe, and foreign language proficiency, especially Spanish, is a very valuable skill to possess in today's global and regional environment."

"If a student adds an international experience to their overall education, their resumé gets put at the top of the pile," she said. "It's important that Minot State not only raises awareness of the

‘Native Americans are coming here, getting the support they need and they’re graduating.’

value of international programs, but that we can also offer our students a variety of study-abroad options to meet their individual needs and interests.”

In addition to promoting study abroad, the Office of International Programs is developing a mandatory orientation for new international students before classes start this fall.

Native Americans

The number of Native American students at MSU has increased from 122 to 142 in the last two years. Wylie Hammond, the school’s director of multicultural services, cites several reasons for the success.

One reason is proximity. MSU is within three hours of four Indian reservations in the state.

A second reason is high graduation rates.

“Over the last 15 years, we’re averaging 20 Native American graduates a year,” Hammond said. “They are coming here, getting the support they need and they’re graduating.”

A third reason is the active role MSU President David Fuller has taken with local Native American communities. He has met tribal college presidents, tribal chairmen and tribal council members.

“When the president of your university takes the time to do that, that shows something,” Hammond said. “You have to prove yourself to them — your sincerity, interest, concern.”

Minot State also provides a Native American Cultural Center to serve the state’s largest minority. Students have access to a mini computer lab, kitchenette and lounge. The Native American Cultural Awareness Club regularly meets there.

The club sponsors Native American Awareness Week in the fall and the annual Powwow and Honor Dance in the spring.

Hammond provides academic, financial and personal counseling for Native American students. He serves as a



Wylie Hammond, Director of Multicultural Services, holds a feather bonnet from the Native American cultural collection at the Gordon B. Olson Library.

personal advocate and he can also disburse grant funds from the American Indian Education Foundation to students with personal or family emergencies.

“We provide a home away from home,” said Hammond, a veteran of 15 years at MSU, who traces his roots to the Penobscot tribe of Maine.

This spring, a display case outside the center was dedicated to the memory of Nathan Goodiron, a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes and a finance major at MSU. He died in Afghanistan while serving with the Army National Guard.

To demonstrate its commitment to the Native American community, Minot State has signed three-year partnership agreements with Turtle Mountain Community College in Belcourt, Fort Berthold Community College in New Town and United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck.

Employing a “two-plus-two” collaboration model, the agreement stipulates that courses completed at the tribal colleges can be applied toward four-year degrees at MSU.

Athletics

International students are beginning to appear on MSU athletic rosters.

Track Coach Stu Melby actively recruits Canadian athletes and is open to working with promising international students.

“We try to respond to ones that would be helpful to us,” he said.

Two international students participated in track last year.

Johanna Jellie is a high jumper from Warrnambool, Victoria, Australia. If she wanted to pursue a track career back home, she would have had to hire a coach and compete outside the university.

Instead, she contacted a commercial agency, which compiled an academic and athletic profile and posted it on a Web site. Seven or eight American universities contacted her with scholarship offers. She chose MSU because of Melby.

“Stu was the easiest to talk to. He could offer me what I needed. This town is similar to the size of mine. I didn’t want it to be too big,” she said.

Minot offered a striking contrast to her hometown on Australia’s sunny Shipwreck Coast.

“I was near the ocean. It was a really big part of my life. Not being exposed to the coastline is the hardest,” she said.

The best part of her experience in America has been networking with other young people.

“I’ve met a lot of friends outside of Minot — Minnesota, Oregon,” she said. “I’ve got international friends. I’ve got connections, places to stay. It’s been a really good experience. I haven’t regretted it at all.”

Sprinter Fern Parker came to MSU from Andover, a rural community south of London. She wanted the benefit of full-time coaching, something she wouldn’t have had in England.

“I thought I’d give it a go for the experience,” she said.

Minot’s superabundance of fast-food restaurants and American math classes took Parker by surprise. In England, math is not required after students reach 16 years of age.

“I was two years behind in my knowledge of math. I struggled a little bit with that,” she said.

Parker hopes to major in physical education and minor in coaching. She plans to teach and coach when she returns home.

“I’ve really enjoyed my experience here,” she said. “I’ve made lots of new friends.”



Graphic courtesy of Minot Daily News.



Somali student pursuing his dream at MSU

MSU and the Quentin Burdick Job Corps Center in Minot are partnering to produce many success stories.

One compelling case is Abdiwali Sharif-Abdinasir, an MSU student from Somalia.

Most of Sharif-Abdinasir's family (he has seven brothers and four sisters) arrived in Fargo 10 years ago through a church sponsorship. The family escaped a protracted civil war on the horn of Africa. The United Nations estimates that 460,000 people have fled Somalia in the last two decades.

"Somalia has been without a government for 16 years," Sharif-Abdinasir said. "But now we have a Transitional Federal Government that rules the country. I'm glad I'm in America."

Sharif-Abdinasir enrolled at the Job Corps Center in Minot. In two years, he earned a high school diploma and received training as a certified nursing assistant. He also received a two-year scholarship to MSU.

His first semester at MSU was rocky, but he rallied to have a good second semester. MSU's mentoring program in the person of English professor Margaret Sherve helped him immensely.

"Abdiwali is a very determined young man," said Marilyn Haider, his team manager at Job Corps. "He's at the college until 10 or 11 o'clock every day. He studies constantly. He has to, to get the grades he does."

Minot State's small size and relaxed atmosphere have helped the Somali student progress.

"The professors are friendly. You can meet with them anytime and discuss any question you have," he said.

Sharif-Abdinasir hopes to major in nursing and become a physician's assistant. Medical school is also in his plans.

"I like to help people," the 23-year-old said. "That's why I'd like to be in the medical field. We're all human beings, and it's good to help each other. There's an old saying that motivates me to think about others: 'All the happiness there is in the world comes from thinking about others, and all the suffering comes from the preoccupation with yourself.'"

The languages of his home country include Somali, Arabic, Italian, English and French. Sharif-Abdinasir began studying English four years ago and has achieved a remarkable degree of fluency. He attributes that to 16-hour days immersed in the language.

Other adjustments involved food and weather.

At first, he found it hard to adjust to American food, but now he names pizza and rice as his favorite menu items.

Sharif-Abdinasir experienced snow for the first time when he went skiing at Bottineau Winter Park.

The Somali student hopes to become a U.S. citizen

"I'm so happy to be here to pursue my dream," he said.

Foreign-born geographer values Great Plains

An epiphany in graduate school altered the career of a Minot State professor.

In 1996, Johnny Coomansingh forsook the petroleum industry in his native Trinidad to pursue a master's degree in communications at Fort Hays State in Kansas.

The Caribbean native then moved on to Kansas State University to study tourism and rural economic development. By chance, he took a rural economic geography course, and a new world opened up to him. His geography professor witnessed the intellectual transformation.

"He said, 'You were born to be a geographer,'" Coomansingh recalled.

By the time he earned his doctorate in geography, he had mastered new versions of an old technology.

"The map is the primary tool of the geographer," he said. "Once you can map the thing under discussion, you can make educated guesses about it. Geography doesn't just talk about landforms, lakes, rivers, states and capitals. It goes deeper."

After graduate school, Coomansingh chose to stay in the United States.

"I fell in love with the Great Plains," he said. "This is the true America. Kansas has been very good to me. I have never had any kind of discrimination because of my class, creed, or color."

'I saw Minot as a powerful little city.'

The geographer has used his expertise to tackle problems unique to America's heartland.

"You have this rural-urban drift in the United States because of corporate agriculture," he said. "Small towns cannot survive. I saw that as a problem. How do we win back these towns?"

Coomansingh also uses technology to study larger issues, such as global warming, sustainable development, resource management and water pollution.

"Geography is serious business," he said.

The geographer came to MSU in 2005 and quickly took to his new surroundings.

"North Dakota has a rich cultural history because people from all over the world came here," he said. "I saw Minot as a powerful little city."

He notes that some locals have an inferiority complex, accepting the conventional wisdom that North Dakota is a flyover state. Parents, educators and political leaders must reverse that mindset and teach pride of place, he said.

"They think that elsewhere is nicer. They think that they need to go to Chicago, New York or somewhere else. That is the problem," he said.

Coomansingh's observation coincides with strategy No. 1 of MSU's new strategic plan — creating a distinctive mission focused on engagement and place.

This spring, the professor joined an MSU fact-finding group on a trip to Trinidad and Tobago. Its goal was to establish a collaborative agreement with the University of the West Indies.

Coomansingh foresees an MSU steel pan orchestra competing in world-wide music festivals.



SPANISH PROFESSOR BELIEVES SECOND LANGUAGE IS CRITICAL

A growing Spanish population in the United States is putting a premium on language skills.

Liana Henderson, a Spanish professor at MSU, believes that language study not only increases cognitive development but also enhances employability.

“Spanish is America’s second language,” she said. “Most government jobs want you to speak Spanish. You want to have an edge over the next guy. Having a second language will help.”

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Henderson was born in the port city of Bluefield and grew up in Managua, Nicaragua, the nation’s capital. She came to the United States in the early 1970s to attend high school. She and her husband Leonard, who retired from the U.S. Air Force, raised four children. She has taught Spanish in public schools and community colleges around the country.

“Nicaragua is very beautiful,” she said. “It has a wide variety of terrain — mountains, valleys, volcanoes, tons of little lakes.”

Nicaragua has become a Mecca for American retirees because of its security and ecotourism, she said.

Henderson teaches Spanish classes at MSU. She has rejuvenated the Spanish Club, which sponsors annual Day of the Dead and Cinco de Mayo events. She plans to revive salsa and tango classes that have proved popular in the past.

Since the Hispanic population in Minot is small, finding ingredients for native dishes can present problems.

“Nicaraguan food is very different than Mexican food,” she said. “We don’t eat the hot stuff, but we do eat tortillas and beans. Our food is more like Caribbean food.”

Henderson feels she’s finally found a home at MSU.

“I love Minot State, and I love my students,” she said. “Minot is perfect for me. I walk to school every day. I live half a block from campus. I love little cities; I am not a big-city person.”

Olson gives credit to others



To many alumni, the name Gordon B. Olson is synonymous with Minot State.

Olson served as the university's president from 1967 to 1992, a career span no longer imagin-

able in the modern world of higher education.

Despite his legendary hegemony, Olson cites a grassroots movement as the high point of his career. In 1987, students demanded that the school's name be changed from "college" to "university."

Students who had attended larger schools said that MSU's courses were just as demanding and were taught by professors, not graduate teaching assistants.

Students, faculty, staff and community members joined to effect the name change.

"This community is unique because it learned to work together," Olson said.

Since his retirement, Olson has stayed current with MSU developments. This spring, he toured the campus and visited President David Fuller.

"I liked the remodeling of the Student Union. The usage was flat before, and now it's invigorated," he said. "Sometimes, I can help a student or the institution, and I quietly put in an oar and start paddling."

Olson and his wife Carley fixed up and then sold their cabin at Lake Metigoshe. They also made additions to their home in Minot.

Olson has suffered a stroke and mild heart attack in recent years, but recent checkups have been encouraging.

"The doctor is pleased with the results. Everything is normal," he said.

In retirement, Olson continues to pursue a lifelong passion for reading.

"Fiction doesn't appeal to me; facts are more interesting to me," he said. "I have two books on Teddy Roosevelt that I'm reading."

Olson revealed that he and some relatives once owned Roosevelt's Elkhorn Ranch in Medora. He has hunted the land and appreciates the authenticity of Roosevelt's writing.

Olson's legacy as MSU president continues to be a living one.

"I can't go uptown without running into a former student," he said.

Couple made separate contributions to Minot State



Warren and Marge Allen had parallel careers at MSU.

Warren Allen served the school from 1957 to 1985, first as dean of the Education and Psychology Department and

later as vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty. Marge Allen taught English for 20 years both as a part- and full-time instructor.

Warren Allen can't single out any high points in his career at Minot State.

"They were all good," he said. "We've made a lot of friends over the years at Minot State."

Marge Allen enjoyed the students the most, especially the older-than-average women who came back to college in the 1960s and the international students who attended in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

She taught an occasional children's literature class, but mostly taught first-year composition with its infamous paper load.

"I read every single one," she said of the student compositions. "If my students put in the effort, I could too."

Marge Allen still encounters former students in the Magic City, where the couple live.

"You don't always remember them, but they remember you," she said.

The couple has been quite active since they retired.

"We've traveled a great deal — all the continents except Antarctica," Warren Allen said.

Both of the Allens' children, who live in Salem, Ore., graduated from Minot State. Their son teaches English at George Fox University. Their daughter is a substitute teacher. The Allens have seven grandchildren.

The Minot couple remains involved in community affairs.

ATHLETICS

MSU student-athlete earns national acclaim

An MSU student-athlete has won a coveted national award.

Senior Jennifer Castro has been named an Arthur Ashe Sports Scholar. She earned a first-team slot in women's basketball.

Inspired by tennis legend Arthur Ashe Jr., the awards are given to students of color who exemplify high standards of scholarship, athleticism and humanitarianism.

Castro is Portuguese on her father's side and Czech and German on her mother's side.

Castro participated in basketball along with track and field, maintained a 3.9 cumulative GPA and served as vice president of the Student Association. Next year, she'll serve as president of MSU's Honor Society.

Basketball Coach Sheila Green Gerding was delighted that the broadcasting major from Dillon, Mont., won the award.

"She's in with some of the nation's best players — Division I and II," she said. "It's a very prestigious award. I could not think of anybody more deserving than Jenny."

The 5-11 Castro played center on the basketball team for four years, starting her last two. The high point of her career was winning the conference championship in 2005-06. She also helped the Lady Beavers earn an NAIA Elite Eight finish in 2003-04.

This past season, she set a school record with 20 rebounds in a game.

In track, Castro participated in all three throwing events, with javelin being her best. She redshirted in track last year in order to focus on it next year.

"I haven't had the chance to put time into track due to basketball. It'll be nice to have a full year," she said.

Castro has worked as a youth mentor at the Minot YMCA for the past two years. She has also been involved in the MSU youth basketball camp for four years.

After graduation next spring, Castro plans to attend graduate school and then pursue a career in broadcast production.

"I really like the television aspect of it," she said. "I like shooting and editing video."



Hall of fame quarterback returns to coach Beavers

Paul Rudolph graduated from Minot State University in 1988 with a degree in physical education. He played quarterback for the Beavers for four years. He is a member of the MSU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Rudolph, who was named head coach in January, got a firsthand look at his team during an abbreviated spring practice.

Rudolph will field a young team in his first year as MSU football coach.

“Our 10th practice was our best one,” Rudolph said. “That’s a positive. We made some progress.”

Rudolph and his staff began installing new offensive and defensive systems during the spring session.

“We’ve got the meat and potatoes in, but we don’t have any of the appetizers and vegetables in yet,” he said.

Rudolph and his staff have 35 first- and second-year players on the roster. They will recruit 30-35 more players from the Upper Midwest and Canada before fall practice opens.

The Stanley native coached at Upper Iowa University during the 1990s. For the past seven years, he was offensive coordinator at St. Cloud State in Minnesota under former MSU coach Randy Hedberg.

His offenses set 26 single-season, 21 single-game, and nine individual records. In 2005, his offense averaged 418.6 yards and 30 points per game. Passing fueled many of those records, but Rudolph stresses that his teams also ran the ball.

Rudolph lists running and fishing as hobbies. He likes to hunt, too, but that activity usually conflicts with football.

Rudolph spent the winter and spring in Minot, while his family remained behind in St. Cloud. The family was reunited in June. Rudolph and his wife Renae '88, who competed in track and gymnastics at MSU, have three children — Zachary, McKenzie, and Creighton.



Lewis is new volleyball coach

Johnna Lewis has been named the new volleyball coach at Minot State University.

Lewis was the women’s volleyball coach at Williston State College. Lewis led her 2006 team to a Junior College National Tournament appearance and a Region XIII championship. She was also named the District Coach of the Year.

In 2005, Lewis led her team to a Region XIII and MonDak Conference championship. She was named the MonDak Coach of the Year in 2005 as well. Over the past two years, Lewis’ team had 46 wins and just 27 losses.

Lewis is a graduate of Minot High School, where she was an outstanding volleyball player. She also played for Minot State University-Bottineau in 1999 and 2000. Lewis has a bachelor’s degree from Minot State University and is currently working toward a master’s at MSU.



Triplett named MSU softball coach

Minot State University Athletic Director Rick Hedberg has announced the hiring of Bill Triplett as the head softball and assistant women’s basketball coach.

Triplett is a native of Lansford and a graduate of Minot State University '80, where he played baseball for the Beavers. After completing his college career, Triplett competed in one of the highest levels of men’s fast-pitch softball for several years.

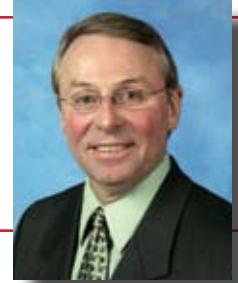
Triplett is looking forward to the challenge.

“I’m very excited about returning to Minot State University and being a part of the community once again,” he said. “I am looking forward to building a program that the city will be proud of. Minot State has always been a very special place to me.”

ENDOWMENTS

New scholarship endowments established

Endowments established at Minot State University provide a valuable investment in the university and most importantly in the students who choose to study at MSU. Endowments are established for perpetuity with a portion of the earnings specifically dedicated to annually benefit students or special initiatives at the university. Additional funds can be added to endowments at any time. The Advancement office at MSU coordinates endowments with the MSU Development Foundation.



MARV SEMRAU
Vice President for
Advancement

‘I credit our company’s success to the great education I received at MSU. Dolly and I want to help the next generation of students be successful.’ — Dave Gowan

Ken Becker Athletic Scholarship Fund

During his tenure at Minot State, Ken Becker coached football, basketball, baseball and golf in addition to teaching. He was inducted into the Minot State Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998. He passed away on April 26, 2007. This athletic scholarship was established by former student athletes, colleagues and friends. These athletic scholarships will be awarded on athletic ability.

Margaret Ann Brooks Memorial Endowment

This endowed scholarship was established by Dr. Fred Brooks in memory of his wife who was a graduate of MSU and an instructor in the science department. Preference for this scholarship will be given to female education majors who plan to teach in the science field and are a graduate of Bishop Ryan High School.

John & Lucille Decker Endowment

Named after longtime Minot community supporters who strongly believed in the importance of education, this endowed scholarship will support the Decker’s wishes for students to fulfill their potential and in turn, be strong supporters of the Minot community and Minot State University.

Kathleen Erickson Scholarship Endowment

As a professional and volunteer, Kay instilled a sense of worth and hope to the young women and children with whom she became associated. With this scholarship, her family wishes to continue her legacy by helping single, female parents achieve their educational and lifetime goals.

David & Dolly Gowan Scholarship Endowment

Full time undergraduate student athletes in the College of Business will benefit from this endowed scholarship. David Gowan was an all conference football player and graduated with a B.A. in business management. Dolly Gowan attended MSU for two years and graduated from Trinity School of Nursing and is an RN at Trinity Health. They continue to work and live in Minot.

Robert L. Holmen Scholarship Endowment

Named after professor emeritus and 37-year faculty member of MSU, this endowed scholarship will invest in students who are majoring in mathematics or computer science. Dr. Holmen began the Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics degree at MSU and founded the Annual Mathematics Track Meet. He was instrumental in securing scholarships for promising students and this endowment will continue that legacy.

John and Josephine Huesers Memorial Scholarship Endowment

The Huesers were first generation Americans whose parents settled in Minnesota. They recognized the value of education and in spite of difficult times in the 1930s and 40s, did all they could so that their children could attend MSTC. This endowment was established by their son Howard to benefit students from Ward County, N.D. with an interest in teaching and financial need.

Douglas G. Lockrem Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Doug and Mary Lockrem were longtime Beaver Booster members and this endowed scholarship was established by Doug’s family in his memory. Student athletes from North Dakota or surrounding states or provinces, who are good citizens and are involved in community activities will benefit from these scholarships.

Roger Mergenthal Scholarship Endowment

Recently retired College of Business faculty member who served students at MSU for 20 years, Roger Mergenthal established this endowment to support the education of fulltime undergraduate sophomore, junior or senior business or management information system majors in the College of Business.



ALUMNI HAPPENINGS



Senior Celebration/Student Appreciation Day sponsored by MSU Alumni Association and MSU Student Association. From left to right in the back are alumni board members Kristi Chole, Brenda Foster, Angela Zerr.

Portland, Ore. in June—(l. to r.): Alumni Board member Linda Christianson, alum James Britsch, alum Audrey Britsch, alum Karen Grimm, alum Muretta Levno, Del Levno, Phyllis Vachal, Linda Ballou, alum Larry Vachal, alum Tom Irej.



MSU alum Ted Brinkman '75, who hosted an alumni event at his home in Eden Prairie, Minn., shows his school spirit.



Sun City West, Ariz., in March—(l. to r.): Chanda Wiedrick, Yvonne Hoover (both alums), and President Fuller.



Sun City West, Ariz., in March—(l. to r.): alum Cody Paulson, alum Ruby Erickson.

Rugby golf tour winners: Brandon Martin, Corey Espe, Denise Myhre, Gary Myhre, Brian Rodgers.

Velva golf tour winners: MSU alum, Denis Limke, Velva natives Tom & Rob Bodine, MSU alum and Velva native Bill Bodine.



Alumni Online

The MSU Alumni Association maintains a database of alumni and provides an online directory. The listing includes all graduates, as well as former students, including their name, maiden name, city, state, and class year.

Alumni who have requested the university not release their information will be excluded. If you are not interested in being included, want to update the information listed, or provide information for inclusion, please e-mail your information to alumni@minotstateu.edu. We are continually updating, so visit often please.

CLASS NOTES

'50s.....

Audrey (Huettl) Britsch '57, Lake Oswego, Ore., is retired.

James Britsch '58, Lake Oswego, Ore., is a retired teacher from the Lake Oswego School District.

Tilman Hovland '58 received the NDMEA Hall of Fame Award. Tilman received his master's degree at UND in 1967 and continued post graduate studies at Moorhead State University, NDSU, and UND. He taught music in the Rugby School system for 33 years. He is retired as a music educator, but continues to volunteer in the Rugby school music department. He has also been a member of the Minot Brass Band for the 13 years it has existed.

Muretta (Norby) Levno '59, Beaverton, Ore., retired in 2003. She is the general contractor for her daughter's home remodel this summer and also helps with "Loaves & Fishes" serving meals.

'60s.....

Karen (Anderson) Grimm '60, Lake Oswego, Ore., is retired. She is married to Rod and they spend the summers at their cabin on Flathead Lake, Mont. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Darryl Strube '61, Minot, is employed with Brokers 12 Inc., and was recently awarded the Certified Residential Specialist designation by the Council of Residential Specialists.

Larry Vachal '63, Portland, Ore., is retired.

Eileen Johnson '65, Dickinson, is a fourth grade teacher at Dickinson's Heart River Elementary. She recently implemented the use of white boards in her classroom to teach math and spelling skills. She is also recognized for using positive interaction to motivate the students.

Arvadell (Seibel) Leard '65, married Charles in 2004. She retired in 2000 from teaching in the Harvey school system. They spend their winters in Arkansas and summers in Harvey.

Tom Irely '66, West Linn, Ore., is a commercial photographer.

John Schwarz '66, Kirksville, Mo., retired the end of the 2006-07 school year as band director at Kirksville Schools after teaching 30 years, for a total of 35 years of teaching. He is a 1963 graduate of Minot Model High School. His father, Ira, taught at MSU and his mother, Irene, attended.

Joseph T. Alme '68, Minot, received the NDMEA Distinguished Service Award. He has a Master of Arts degree from the

University of Northern Colorado. He has held the position of Camp director at the International Music Camp, one of the largest summer arts camps in the world for the past 23 years. He is currently CFO of the International Music Camp. He was also presented with the 2006 "Award of Distinction" in November by the Manitoba Band Directors Association, an award that was presented only to Canadians until now.

Edward Baker '68, Minot, taught math for 33 years in the Minot Public School's system. He retired and in 2004 began teaching at Bishop Ryan High School in Minot. He has four children.

Linda Holmen '69 retired in May after 28 years in the Tioga School District, first as an elementary teacher and then helping students with learning disabilities.

Jack Wiley '69 is retired and lives in Weiser, Idaho.

'70s.....

Orville Bean '70, Fargo, has joined Job Service North Dakota's Fargo office as a customer service specialist in the VET program. He has 31 years of teaching experience.

Karen (Naaden) Karls '72, Bismarck, served her first term in the House of Representatives in the last legislative session. She is a member of the State Electrical board. She and her husband, Ken, have four children.

Darrell Olson '73, Minot, was hired as the president/CEO of Town & Country Credit Union in June.

Rick Neukom '77, Devils Lake, received the NDSTA Distinguished Service Award. He has taught strings in the Devils Lake Public Schools since graduating from Minot State. He founded the Devils Lake Community Orchestra in 1980. His two sons, Jason and Sean, are pursuing their graduate degrees in violin performance from the Cincinnati Conservatory and the Cleveland Institute of Music.

Karla Nelson '79, Litchville, retired as special education teacher at Valley City High School after 26 years. She also taught two years at Ashley before Valley City. She has another job waiting for her: farming with her husband.

'80s.....

Rosalin (Ringwall) Chrest '80, Minneapolis, Minn., was promoted to executive director of Family Life Center in Coon Rapids, Minn., in February.

Rochelle Feldner '81, Burlington, was named the NDMEA Music Educator of the

Year. She has been the band director at Minot High School Central Campus for the past 24 years, where she has directed the 9th and 10th grade bands and jazz bands. She has been the secretary for the North Dakota Music Educators Association since 1999, and is currently on the Music Advisory Committee for the ND High School Activities Association. She and her husband, **Rich '78**, have a son.

Kevin Ankenbauer '83, San Antonio, Texas, owns and runs Ward North American Lines, a company that does household goods moving for some of the biggest names and companies in the world — Fortune 500, Texas Instruments, BNSF and AT&T. The company is located along the Gulf Coast in Texas. Kevin is a certified CPA and worked as controller and CFO of the company for about 10 years before purchasing it.

Holly Arcand '83, Tioga, retired in May after teaching English at Tioga High School and elementary classes at Wildrose and Tioga. Holly received her degree when MSU was called Dakota Northwestern University.

Mary Helen Hasby '84, Minot, was named 2007 North Dakota Women in Business Champion of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration. This annual award recognizes individuals who have fulfilled a commitment to the advancement of women's business ownership. She is the owner and founder of Cookies for You Inc. in Minot.

'90s.....



Sheila (Dearybury) Walcott '90, and her husband, Dr. Jeff Walcott, are the parents of a son, Skyler Pierce. Sheila was appointed counselor to the Honorable

Michael O. Leavitt in December 2005. As the principal policy advisor to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on matters relating to science and public health, her portfolio includes oversight and coordination of the four major science and public health operating divisions of HHS, as well as development and implementation of Bush Administration initiatives related to genomics/personalized health care and prevention. Sheila previously served as associate commissioner for external relations at FDA and

was an attorney with Mayer, Brown, Rowe, & Maw LLP in Washington, D.C. She is a 1993 graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center. The Walcotts own three veterinary practices. They live in Rockville, Md.

Charles Kranz '91, Minot, is a principal at Minot High School-Central Campus. He agreed to have his head shaved after the students raised \$4,000 to help two fellow students who have brain tumors.

Nicola Roed '92, Minot, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel while serving at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. She has served in various positions in the U.S. Army Reserves, enlisting in 1980 and receiving a commission in 1986. She was deployed to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center from January 2005 to December 2006. She is employed at Trinity Health in Minot as a registered nurse. She and her husband, Dale, have two children.

Kristie Tollefson '92, Devils Lake, has joined Job Service and is the unemployment insurance quality assurance investigator at the local office. Tollefson will work in Customer Service Area IV and travel to Rolla to handle her QAI duties. She was previously employed as a human relations counselor and court officer II at the NCCRC in Rugby with the State of North Dakota Juvenile Court.

James Dufner '93, Lansford, was named an insurance specialist for the Minot office of Farm Credit Services. FCS provides agricultural credit and related financial services and crop insurance to farmers and ranchers in 17 counties in northwest North Dakota.

Sheila (Erdahl) Kolschefski '93, Butte, taught at the Butte Public School from 1993 until its closure in 2000. She now teaches at the Drake Public School. She lives on a farm near Butte with her husband, Leon, and three children.

Tonya (Biberdorf) Hunskor '94, Newburg, has been honored with the Bell Ringer Award at the North Dakota Association of Elementary School Principals' Mid-winter Conference, held in Minot on February 8. Hunskor is the principal at Granville-TGU. The Bell Ringer Award identifies individuals who are nominated by their peers for their positive contributions, for making a difference, and for "doing good."

Jane Kemper '94, Minot completed a master's degree in anesthesia at UND in 2001. She is a CRNA at Trinity Hospital in Minot. She has four children.



Deanna (Mettler) Volk '94, Rugby, is employed with Verety as the operations manager in Rugby. She

married Troy Volk in 2004, and they have twins, Tucker David and Harlie Renee, born in November 2006.

Mike Sorenson '95, Ross, has been named vice president of external operations for Scandia American Bank in Stanley. Sorenson has 5½ years of experience with the bank. He also worked as a branch manager for a credit union for a short time. In addition to his bank position, he is a full-time farmer.

Brian Christopherson '96, has been hired as superintendent for the Hettinger School District for the 2007-08 school year. He previously served the school district as the Grades 7-12 principal and varsity head coach for girls' basketball. He and his wife, Rochelle, have two boys.

Heather Gillihan '96, Minot, is the vice president/assistant manager for compliance at First International Bank & Trust in Minot. She recently completed certification at the Bank Secrecy Act/Anti-Money Laundering Institute.

Brekka Kramer '98, Minot, was promoted to general manager of the Minot branch of Odney Advertising. She is responsible for management of the Minot office, and will oversee local personnel and manage business development for Odney and its subsidiaries. Kramer will continue as lead marketing and public relations consultant, managing Minot area client activities and accounts.

'00s.....

Ryan Hertz '00, Minot, recently joined Dacotah Bank in Minot as a commercial loan officer.



Karin (Yancey) Haas '03, married Bill Haas, a retired Air Force master sergeant, in April of 2006. They are living in Minot where Karin works for Minot Public

Schools, teaching half-time kindergarten and half-time technology.

Hope Odegaard '03, Minot, is employed at Dacotah Bank in Minot and was recently promoted to consumer loan officer.

Amanda Staggs '03, Minot, was recently promoted to assistant art director at Results Unlimited, where she has been employed for five years.

Blake Hanson '04, Minot, is employed as a financial specialist with Securian Financial Advisors of North Dakota, Inc., specializing in insurance and financial products for businesses and individuals. He is also a member of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.

Elizabeth Baker '05, Scranton, Pa., is employed with Hematology and Oncology Associates in Scranton. She is engaged to be married May 2008.



Jason Burckhard '05, graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry in spring 2007 and began the postgraduate program for orthodontics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) in July 2007. He says,

'I cannot say enough good things about the biology and chemistry departments at MSU. They offered a strong science foundation that allowed me to apply to dental school. The faculty at MSU where amazing, and I knew them all on a personal level due to my class sizes. MSU was the perfect fit for me for my undergraduate degree.'

Please let us hear from you with news of your career updates, marriage, family, address change, etc. While you're at it, include a photograph if you have one. Mail to: Alumni Association, Minot State University, 500 University Avenue West, Minot, ND 58707 e-mail: alumni@minotstateu.edu

ALUMNI FEATURE

Giacoletti gives credit to Ken Becker



An MSU graduate has reached the heights of collegiate coaching by imitating his mentor at MSU.

Ray Giacioletti was a three-year starter on Ken Becker-coached basketball teams in the early 1980s. The point guard and the other out-of-state players were invited into the

Becker home during holidays and school vacations.

“Coach was a great people person,” Giacioletti said. “He really cared about his players and treated them as part of the family. That’s something that I’ve never lost sight of during my years of coaching.”

Giacioletti and his wife Kim attended a reunion of Becker teams at Homecoming last fall. Becker died in April of this year. Giacioletti joined former teammates at the funeral in Bismarck.

After graduating in 1985 with a physical education degree, the Peoria, Ill., native began a coaching career of his own. Over the past 10 years, he has been head coach at North Dakota State, Eastern Washington and Utah. His three years at Utah were a rollercoaster ride.

The first year, Giacioletti’s team won 29 games, took the conference title, advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 and boasted the best player in college basketball, Andrew Bogut.

“Then I tried to build a program the right way with high school players,” he said. “This past year, we had 10 freshmen and sophomores. Those kids are going to be good. But Utah wants to win now, so they bought us out.”

This spring, Giacioletti became an assistant coach on Mark Few’s staff at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.

“This gives me a chance, in the middle of my career, to learn another way to be successful,” he said. “This is the second winningest program in the last eight years. Duke is the only school that has won more games than Gonzaga.”

That success will likely continue, since the program just had another banner recruiting year.

“We have the chance to be special for the next handful of years. There’s as much talent on this team as any in Gonzaga history,” he said.

While he adjusts to his new surroundings, the former Beaver keeps his eyes set on the future.

“I’ll be a head coach again,” he said. “I’m not going to put a timetable on it. I’ll know when the right situation comes up.”

As the coaching carousel continues to spin, Giacioletti maintains balance by recalling more tranquil years at Minot State.

“It’s a place that was very kind to me a number of years ago, and I appreciate that,” he said.

Scottsdale mayor recalls days at Minot State



A political science major at Minot State has made practical use of her degree.

Mary Manross, a 1969 graduate, is the two-term mayor of Scottsdale, Ariz.

As an undergraduate, Manross experienced large and small campus sizes. The Santa Monica, Calif., native spent

three years at UCLA before arriving at MSU. She came to North Dakota when her husband Larry was assigned to Minot Air Force Base as a missile launch officer.

Manross really appreciated the smaller MSU experience.

“I was able to forge closer relationships with just about every professor,” she said. “It was very much a family-type experience. The intimacy helped to build my confidence.”

With the Vietnam War providing an ominous backdrop, the young couple found solace on the MSU campus.

“My husband and I have the most wonderful memories of our life in Minot,” the mayor said. “He used to come from the base to town. We’d eat lunch together between classes. Sometimes professors would let him sit in on classes.”

The young couple joined a square-dance club in Minot. Manross recalls buying a square-dance outfit for \$12 from a Montgomery Ward catalog.

In 1972, after graduate school at UCLA, the couple had the choice of relocating to either Hawaii or Arizona for a job opportunity. They visited Scottsdale and immediately fell in love with its small-town atmosphere.

“We bought a home our first day, and we’ve been here since,” she said.

A few years later, Manross and her husband began conducting marriage-preparation seminars at the Franciscan Renewal Center. For more than 22 years, they taught and counseled over 16,000 people.

“Several times a month I meet someone who says, ‘Hey, mayor, I was in your classes.’ Maybe that was my secret to getting elected,” she said.

Manross served two terms on the city council before being elected mayor in 2000. The city of 235,000, once known as a retirement community, is now identified with high-tech industry, medicine and tourism.

“Every year, we see the median age drop and the number of young children increase,” she said.

The mayor is especially proud of local efforts to preserve the nearby McDowell Mountains and Sonoran Desert.

“Our Preserve is one of a kind in the nation,” she said. “Everyone said it couldn’t be done. The development community was strongly opposed. Our community persevered. We care a great deal about the environment.”

Manross plans to run for a third and final term in 2008. She might look to a special constituency for political support.

“There are so many people who went to MSU who live in and around Scottsdale,” she noted.

Mary and Larry Manross have four children and two grandchildren.

Graphic designer is turning heads in Minneapolis



An MSU graduate is gaining notoriety in the world of graphic design.

Jeremy Nelson, class

of 2001, won a gold and two silver awards from the Minnesota Magazine and Publications Association last fall.

Nelson is a graphic designer with Greenspring Media Group of Minneapolis. The firm publishes 16 local and national publications including Minnesota Monthly, Midwest Home and Midwest Home Chicago.

Nelson earned the three awards for his art direction of Meetings: The Minnesota’s Hospitality Journal. The publication is a resource for meeting planners in the Upper Midwest.

The gold award was for the best use of visuals/art category for the cover article “Demotivator: Attack of the Misguided Meeting” in the spring 2006 issue.

One silver award was for best overall design for the fall 2005 and spring 2006 issues.

A second silver was for the best use of visuals/photography in the spring 2006 issue. On this project, he collaborated with photographer Stephen Geffre, a 1999 MSU graduate.

While at MSU, Nelson parlayed a graphic design internship into a two-year job with the Minot Daily News. Geffre worked there as a staff photographer.

“I knew Stephen’s talents having worked with him at the Minot Daily,” Nelson said. “So when I needed a photographer for a particular assignment, I knew he would do a great job.”

Nelson attributes some of his recent success to the personal attention he received at MSU.

“There were a lot of opportunities for students that they wouldn’t get at a larger school,” he said. “It was nice to have more of a hands-on, personal relationship with professors.”

A closet-size graphics lab grew into a fully functional space during his time at the university. Even more important was the direction provided by instructor Bill Harbort.

“His challenging assignments gave us a good taste of what the industry had in store,” Nelson said. “Although his critiques were sometimes pretty tough, he was very influential in making me the designer I am today.”

The Minot native majored in graphic design and minored in marketing. He also contributed his talents to the MSU Broadcasting Department.

Nelson lives in St. Paul and works in Minneapolis. His parents, who live in Arizona, would like him to relocate there, but he prefers the Upper Midwest.

“I’m pretty happy where I am currently,” he said. “I’m getting tons of great experience.”

Couple had excellent mentors at Minot State



An alumni couple recalls having excellent role models while undergraduates at Minot State.

Marlys (Jacobson) and Wally Rustad graduated in 1962. She majored in elementary education and minored in music and physical education. He majored in history, minored in English and served as president of his graduating class.

Marlys Rustad, originally from Crosby, has fond memories of mentor Lola Dokken.

“I incorporated so much of what I learned from her throughout my career,” she said. “She taught me how to manage a classroom.”

The couple taught in Williston and then moved to Virginia. School officials warned Marlys Rustad that the state would likely require additional coursework for certification. But her Minot State transcript surprised them.

“I had so many extra credits,” she recalled. “Not only was I certified to teach elementary ed, but I was also certified to teach K-12 music and PE.”

Marlys Rustad has also taught elementary education courses as an adjunct professor at George Mason University.

Wally Rustad, who calls Grenora his hometown, taught at Williston High School under principal Leon Olson, brother of long-time MSU President Gordon Olson.

He is currently interim chief of staff for U.S. Sen. Kent Conrad. He spent much of his career representing a rural electric trade association in Washington, D.C.

Professors Manvel Lillehaugen, Paul Morrison and Gaylen Brown were his mentors at Minot State.

“Mr. Brown and Mr. Lillehaugen taught me how to think,” he said. “They gave me the self-confidence to deal with people who had more prestigious educations. We were always challenged by our academic environment at Minot State.”

The couple has three grown children and six grandchildren.

“Our oldest daughter was born while we were living in the Minot State barracks,” Marlyst Rustad said. “The thing I remember most about the barracks was the box elder bugs. It was \$35 a month rent. We made friends there that we still have to this day.”

Wally Rustad has served on the MSU Board of Regents since October 1980.

Graduate's loyalty remains strong



Ila Selzler's bond to Minot State remains strong after seven decades away from campus.

In fact, the 95-year-old inspired a change in this year's commencement ceremonies. Graduates received congratulatory scrolls tied with red ribbons, reminiscent of the diploma she received in 1932.

Selzler's diploma was signed by George McFarland, the school's president from 1922 to 1938. The institution was known as the State Normal School at Minot at the time.

The idea originated in spring 2006 when MSU President David Fuller visited Selzler's hometown of Towner. She showed the president her vintage diploma and recounted events from her college years.

“I was struck that this lovely lady was so proud of her connection to this university,” Fuller said.

Personnel in the Registrar's Office prepared the scrolls presented to the 700 graduates. Selzler attended this spring's commencement, where Fuller acknowledged her.

“It's a nice way to recognize our past and honor people like Ila,” he said.

Selzler was overwhelmed by the public honor.

“It just takes a person's breath away,” she said. “I don't know what to say.”

After graduation in the 1932, Selzler garnered a hard-to-find teaching position in the Williston area.

“I taught in a country school, chopping my own wood out of a telephone pole, walking a mile and a half to my room,” she recalled. “I wasn't used to that, so I did not teach anymore.”

At about that time, her parents moved from Velva to Towner to run a restaurant.

“I started helping them there. I got married, and I've been here ever since,” she said.

Selzler and her husband had two children. He died in 1985. Her daughter lives in Dunseith and her son in Fort Worth, Texas.

Middle-school students find local link to 9/11

While researching a topic for the National History Day contest theme, “Tragedy and Triumph,” two Erik Ramstad Middle School students from Minot discovered that New York City fireman Ken Escoffery, a Minot State basketball player in the early 1980s, survived the World Trade Center terrorist attack on September 11 and the World Trade Center terrorist bombing in 1993.

Breanna Benson and Callie Cook created a 10-minute IMovie titled, “Terrorism...Waiting for the World to Change.” The focus of the project was to show major terrorist attacks against the U.S. and how terrorism has changed over 30 years. The video won the regional and state competitions earning them a trip to the National History Day Competition at the University of Maryland.

The students interviewed Escoffery with a cell phone and put his voice into the computer as a primary resource. He sent them pictures to use in the movie.

“Ken was very cooperative and excited to help the girls with the movie content. He told the girls his story about responding to the terrorist attack on the morning of September 11. Escoffery and one fellow firefighter were the only survivors from their company. Ken has become a good friend. We sometimes just call and chat. The girls someday hope to meet Ken in person.” Benson said.

Patty Hildenbrand '89 and Julie Benson '78, both teachers at Erik Ramstad, advised and supervised the girls on their project. Jessie Cook, also a graduate of MSU, along with Tim and Julie Benson supervised the girls at Nationals.



IN MEMORIAM

It is with honor we dedicate this section to recognize alumni and friends who have passed away from approximately February 15 to June 15, 2007, or as submitted.

'30s.....

- '33 Asmundson (Stockdill), Elsie; Tagus, May 2007
- '33 Larson (Waswet) Marion L.; Voltaire, May 2007
- '34 Jorgensen (Steinke), Florence V.; Colorado Springs, Colo., February 2007
- '34 Lysne (Eide), Margit; Williston, March 2007
- '36 Paulson (Steffen), Ernestine K.; Waseca, Minn., February 2007
- '36 Tornow (Kjellberg), Ellen N.; Bismarck, March 2007
- '37 Buckingham, Lester D.; Denver, Colo., April 2007
- '37 Elstoen (Kleven), Martha; Berthold, March 2007
- '37 Lovdahl (Opperud), Florence B.; Williston, February 2007
- '37 Lundeen (Johnson), Emma T.; Portland, Ore., April 2007
- '38 Johnston (Fitzgerald), Ann; Los Angeles, Calif., March 2007
- '39 Christenson (Halla), Gloria B.; Fitchburg, Mass., April 2007

'40s.....

- '40 Berg (Berve), Grace; Medford, Ore., March 2003
- '40 Clairmont, Theodore A.; Fargo, February 2007
- '40 Connor (Johnson), Helen; Spokane, Wash., February 2007
- '40 Sveen (Harstad), Benda; Minot, February 2007
- '40 Walter (Pare), Eline; Santa Anna, Calif., March 2007
- '41 Johnson (Park), Hazel A.; Garrison, March 2007
- '43 Fuller (Nehring), LaVern; Sherwood, June 2007
- '46 Borchert (Abbott), Marjorie; Surprise, Ariz., December 2006
- '46 Johnson, Eleanor; Minot, March 2007
- '48, Goodman, Fredrick Allen; Minot, March 2007

- '48 Lyman, Roy G.; Missoula, Mont., May 2007
- '49 Claussen, Edward A.; Kenosha, Wis., September 2006

'50s.....

- '51 Colton, Edith; Minot, March 2007
- '52 Karlin, Raymond; Powell, Wyo., April 2007
- '52 Melvor (Cox), Ardelle L.; Williston, June 2007
- '54 Gergen, Raymond J.; Minot, April 2007
- '57 Kontos, Aelrid S.; Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, May 2007
- '59 Langseth (Lund), Cora; Williston, March 2007
- '59 Lawston, Larry C.; San Juan, Calif., February 2007
- '59 Lindsay, William A.; Jamul, Calif., December 2005
- '59 Schick (Fay), Helen R.; Bismarck, March 2007

'60s.....

- '60 Johnson (Chitwood), Beverly J.; Portland, Ore., January 2007
- '60 Paulson, Delores J.; Bismarck, May 2007
- '61 Kuhn (Ganskop), Shirley A.; Grand Forks, February 2007
- '63 Haugen (Berg), Constance A.; Devils Lake, January 2007
- '64 Brown (Schaefer), Rita R.; Grand Forks, March 2007
- '65 Caquias (Wojahn), Norma L.; Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., June 2007
- '66 Johnson, Thomas E.; Minot, February 2007
- '66 Koebernick, Rev. Robert; Parksville, British Columbia, September 2006
- '67 Nappen (Anderson), Theodora "Teddy"; Mandan, February 2007

'70s.....

- '70 Erban (Schoenrock), Helen J.; Mohall, May 2007
- '70 Omar, Fredrick; Cody, Wyo., April 2007
- '71 Glasoe, James L.; Statesboro, Ga., March 2007
- '71 Haman, Theresa A.; Minot, February 2007

- '73 Schadler, Steven K.; Minot, May 2007
- '75 Anderson, Robert G.; Harvey, March 2007
- '76 Hehn, Robert E.; Gillette, Wyo., February 2007

'80s.....

- '81 Seavey, Gregg; Prescott, Ariz., February 2007
- '89 Eide, Mark R.; Minot, May 2007

'90s.....

- '93 Lauf, Brent R.; New Salem, March 2007
- '95 Morgan, Lee; Helena, Mont., April 2007

Attended.....

- Anderson (Helstedt), Florence H.; Minot, March 2007
- Austin, Theodore A. III; Helena, Mont., May 2007
- Becker, Jason A.; Austin, Texas, March 2007
- Blanchard (Narveson), Margaret; Lake Park, Minn., February 2007
- Burt, Bonnie; Aberdeen, S.D., June 2007
- Carpenter, Merlin; Minot, April 2007
- Clemens, Larry A.; Noonan, April 2007
- Common (Maughan), Doris; Minot, March 2007
- Dahl (Evenson), Borghild; Minot, May 2007
- Dwyer, Terry; Great Falls, Mont., March 2007
- Ehlert (Kosobud), Frances E.; Richfield, Minn., April 2007
- Erickson (Myhre), Gertrude; Bismarck, January 2007
- Erickson (Spencer), Kathleen "Kaye"; Fargo, February 2007
- Ferris (Estes), Helen; Helena, Mont., March 2007
- Geisinger (Sendelbach), Aurelia; New Rockford, February 2007
- Granberg, Clifford E.; Grand Forks, March 2007
- Hart (Burns), Irene A.; Sidney, Mont., January 2007
- Herring, Brenda L.; Bismarck, May 2007
- Hystad (Knutson), Leola J.; Velva, March 2007
- Jacobson (Groves), Tessie R.; Spokane, Wash., January 2007
- Keeney (Robinson), Lucille A.; Naperville, Ill., April 2007
- Knutson, Anita; Butte, June 2007

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Larson (Odland), Julia; Granville, April 2007
 Larson (Wastwet), Marion L.; Voltaire, May 2007
 Lind (Young), Shirley L.; Roseglen, April 2007
 Ljunggren (Jensen), Inez A.; Minot, February 2007
 Mollet (Nordby), Clarice; Powers Lake, April 2007
 Murtaugh, Kristina; Milaca, Minn., May 2007
 Points (Bearson), Inez G.; Crosby, May 2007
 Rasmuson, Gregory; San Diego, Calif., February 2007
 Romsos (Kloster), Ida C.; Crosby, April 2007
 Rudolph (Rhine), Jessie V.; Minot, May 2007
 Schiff (Hagen), Lucille E.; Mohall, April 2007
 Spaeth (Simonson), Esther; Grand Forks, March 2007
 Thoreson (Strand), Doris; Detroit Lakes, Minn., April 2007

Tornow (Kjellberg), Ellen N.; Bismarck, March 2007
 Tvedt, Vern; Plentywood, Mont., February 2007
 Wagner, Korey; Mandan, April 2007
 Wilson, Howard F.; Minot, February 2007

Friends

Brenden, Norma; Minot, February 2007
 Cook, Robert G.; Minot, May 2007
 Effertz, Stanley; Minot, April 2007
 Germain, David; Minot, February 2007
 Hoeffel, Harry "Bud"; Minot, March 2007
 Lawrence, Morris; Minot, March 2007
 Naslund, Gertrude; Minot, March 2007
 Nyre, Verne; Minot, March 2007
 Odell, Roger; Minot, February 2007
 Piper, Harold; Minot, June 2007
 Van Sickle, Bruce; Bismarck, April 2007

Former Faculty/Staff

Becker, Kenneth O.; Bismarck, April 2007; Coach at Minot State 1967-84 in football, basketball, baseball and golf; led 1970 football team to a national quarter-finals playoff.
 Brooks (Wood), (Goddard), Margaret (Peggy) A. '81/'92, Minot, January 2007; a graduate of MSU and a biology instructor from 1995-97. Her husband, Dr. Fred Brooks, was also a professor at MSU in the Ed/ Psych department.
 Leidholt, Bert W.; Minot, April 2007; became football and track coach at Minot State in 1969; head football coach 1975-81; also taught physical education courses.

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our 25th-annual *Minot State University* *Alumni Association* *GALA DINNER & AUCTION.*

This silver anniversary celebration will be held at the Minot State University Dome on Friday, Oct. 5, 2007. Social hour and silent auction will begin at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m., followed by the live auction. This festive and elegant event promises to be a fun-filled evening of music, fine dining, and an opportunity to support Minot State University. Each year, proceeds from the GALA allow the MSU Alumni Association to contribute to a variety of projects on and off campus, many of which are open to community participation. Some of the most recent campus projects include funding for campus speakers, Multicultural Club Honors Dance, MSU Etiquette Dinner, Student Orientation, Homecoming, Commencement activities, and alumni magazine, *Connections*. Other projects include opportunities to network with MSU alumni and friends on

campus, throughout the state, and around the world. A major portion of the GALA profits are placed into the Alumni Endowment Fund for the purpose of awarding scholarships. As this fund continues to grow, an increasing number of scholarships are being provided every year. For the 2007-2008 school year, we have awarded over \$21,000 in scholarships to 33 MSU students.

The first dinner and fund-raising auction for the MSU Alumni Association was held 25 years ago when Minot State University celebrated its 70th anniversary. Thanks to the leadership and forward thinking of such people as Rich Saunders, Milt Rolle, Hardy Lieberg, and the 1983 alumni board, the annual dinner and auction has become the major fund-raiser for the Alumni Association. Milt Rolle stated, "In 1983, the board members wanted this new MSU auction to be a formal, fun affair and then Hardy Lieberg came up with the idea of calling the evening a GALA. The board members were asked to dress formally, tuxedos and all. The evening was a working affair for all the board members. They were busy seating guests, selling raffle tickets, and assisting with a live auction."

Today, the GALA continues to be a success, due to the hard work of the MSU Alumni Association, Alumni Office, GALA Committee, and the nearly 300 contributors who provide sponsorships, merchandise, gift certificates, and cash for the event. Last but not least, the most integral part of making the GALA a success is you the bidder!

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Attend the 2007 silver anniversary of the Minot State University Alumni Association GALA Dinner & Auction. For more information, please call the MSU Alumni Office at 701.858.3234 or e-mail alumni@minotstateu.edu. Tickets need to be reserved by October 2. Thanks for all of your support. Looking forward to seeing you at the 25th-Annual GALA!



Coming in time for the 25th MSU GALA will be 25 items made and fashioned out of the former McFarland Auditorium fabrics. This will mark the fifth year that Charles and Jan Repnow of Rugby have been creating these vintage treasures for the MSU GALA. Their unique items have included carpet bags, purses, desk blotters, benches and foot stools, hat boxes, piano runners, keepsake hearts, framed crests, and other embroidered pieces. To date, these items have generated over \$10,000 for the GALA projects. This year's donations will feature items made from all five fabrics which were salvaged during the renovations: the rich burgundy from the stage curtains, the gold moire from the draperies, a geometric pattern from the foyer divider, a soft gold stripe also used in the divider, and the silver lining on the draperies to prevent folding. The interest in these items continues to grow each year. Many alumni have expressed appreciation for these items, as they have many special remembrances of their time in McFarland Auditorium, now the Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

Genevieve Binsfield adds to her accolades



Genevieve Binsfield is a Dual National Champion: 2006 cross country and 2007 3,000-meter indoor track & field. She was also named North Dakota College Athlete of the Year. *(Photos by Michael J.)*



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