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in suits, some in work clothes listening to a speaker, others high in the building rafters, and others wearing formal hats sitting among dignitaries.

No doubt, there are faculty, staff, students, community members and city and state officials in that picture. I would guess, too, that they are excited about the new building, the prospects for the future of the new campus, and the important role this young campus will play in the growth and development of the community and state. Those were big dreams then by people who believed in us.

When I look at that classic picture of Old Main on the cover and look at the building now, I feel a sense of great

and reflect on our first 100 years, it is a good time to understand and appreciate that the strength of our university and its future depends on our support for the many people we serve, and the support they provide for us.

This edition of Connections reveals our university's reason for being, and its role in serving students, serving the cause of learning and serving our community and our state. The stories in the following pages make abundantly clear that Minot State University has been, and continues to be, all about people. That's our place and our legacy.

The reason we have done so well for 100 years is because the people, many

whose names and stories are highlighted in these pages, have cared a great deal about this special place and its proud

legacy. Many have helped us realize that big dream of what we all know now as Minot State University.

DAVID FULLER, president

The panoramic picture of the construction of Old Main on pages four and five shows a wonderful and busy celebration in July 1913 honoring the placement of a cornerstone. This is a fun picture of the building and of people bustling around, standing and sitting on stacks of bricks and planks, some dressed

"... Minot State University has been and continues to be all about the people.

That's our place, and that's our legacy."

pride for our university, and in knowing how well that beautiful building and our university have grown and served many people over those years. As we celebrate





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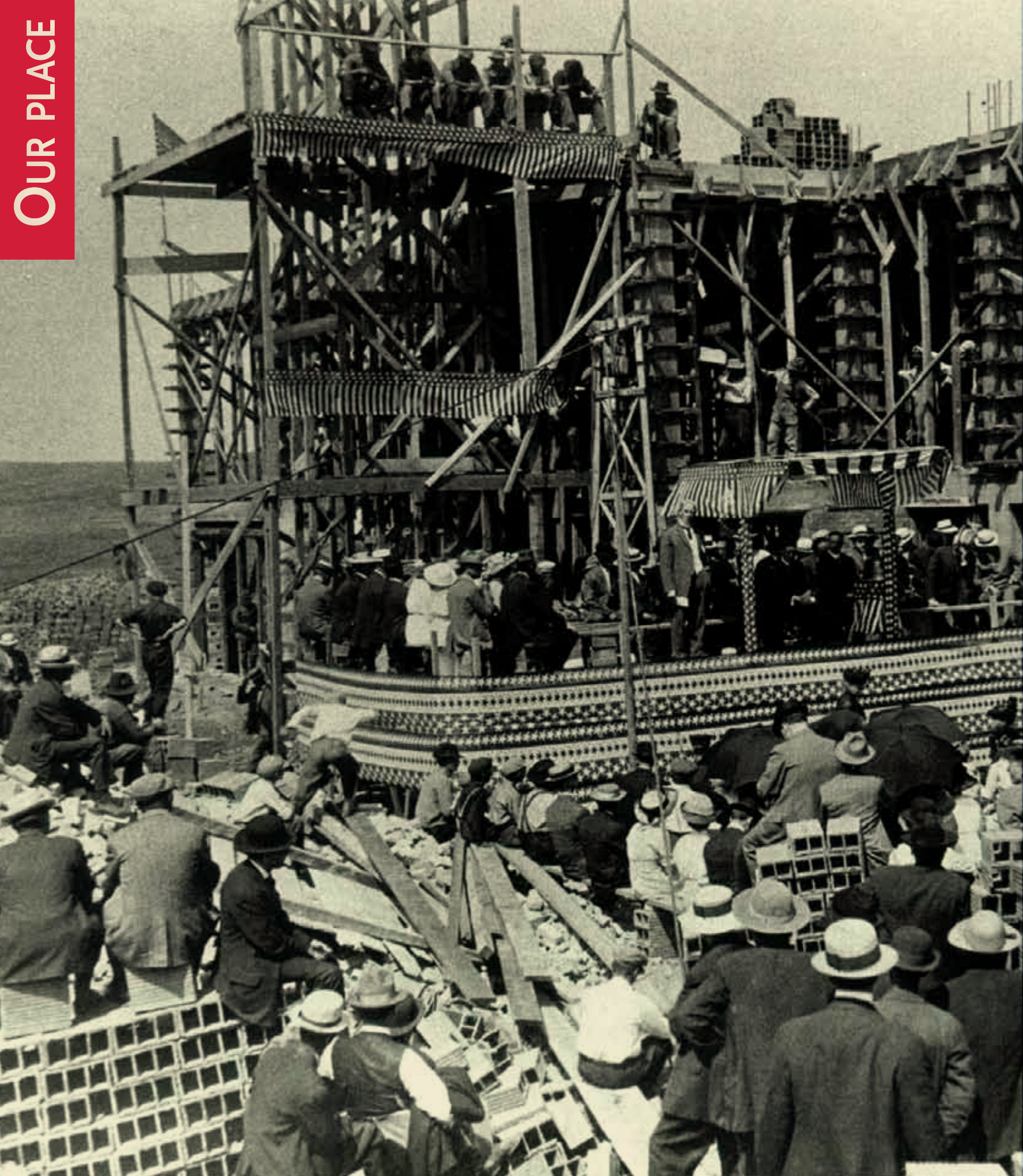
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September 1913

Classes begin at Minot Normal School

1913

Huldah Winsted declares the geranium red and green as the school colors

1914

Old Main and Pioneer Hall open

1922

Normal Echo, later renamed Red and Green, originates as the student newspaper

Minot Normal School

The dream begins

The first 15 years of the 20th century were a time of economic prosperity and growth in the United States. In that period, western North Dakota came into its own through an expanding population, extensive railroad construction, mechanized agriculture, appearance of the automobile and rising farm prices. For many North Dakotans, these years represented a “Golden Age of Agriculture.”

The political realm mirrored the economic buoyancy. The 17 years from 1900 to America’s involvement in Europe’s Great War were a time of political reform. This progressive context explains why Minot’s Normal School appeared when it did. Progressives believed that only education could raise citizens to a proper level of understanding and responsibility. Minot’s Normal School would produce teachers, who would become the instruments to educate a growing population.

The dream

The agitation for a normal school in Minot began in the late 1890s. It arose from a concern among politicians and educators over the 200,000 foreign-born settlers who had arrived in the state. Many believed these newcomers, immigrants from Europe, needed to be converted to loyal, English-speaking American citizens as soon as possible. In 1890, the state already had normal schools in Valley City and Mayville, but the supply of graduates could not fill the increased demand for teachers. When the N.D. Legislature convened in the fall of 1898, adding another normal school in the northwest was at the top of the agenda.

Located at the crossroads of two major railroad lines and five highways, Minot had a lot to offer a new school. Minot’s rapid growth in the first decade of the new century made it the state’s third-largest city, with a

*Old Main Cornerstone
Dedication Ceremony,
July 25, 1913.*

1924

Name changes to
Minot State Teachers College

1925

Beaver becomes the official
athletic mascot

1925

First bachelor’s degrees
in teaching awarded

1928

First Homecoming game
and parade



Students study and relax in Pioneer Hall in 1916.



One of the first dorm rooms — 1915.

population of 6,188 in 1910. Local politicians and businessmen recognized that the presence of a normal school would bring prestige, jobs, economic stimulus and state resources to Minot. They rallied behind the cause.

The challenge

Before the idea could bloom, however, it had to overcome three obstacles: the first was constitutional; the second was competition from neighboring towns, such as Rugby, Velva and Towner; and the third was internal conflict about where to locate the school in Minot.

Section I, Article XIV of the North Dakota Constitution (1889) decreed that the State Superintendent of Public Instruction may “designate not to exceed three universities, colleges or academies.” Because the state already possessed three institutions (Mayville, Valley City and the University of North Dakota), adding an-

other would involve amending the constitution. Undeterred, Minot lawyer C.A. Johnson, a representative from District 29, proposed House Bill 116, which called for an amendment to establish a normal school in Minot.

In the House, the Johnson bill endured an unsuccessful challenge from Rugby supporters and passed. In the Senate, Minot advocates defeated efforts to substitute Towner and Washburn for Minot. On March 5, 1907, the Senate passed the bill, recommending that the proposed constitutional amendment on the new school be referred to the state’s voters at the next general election.

At the next Legislative Assembly two years later, opponents again attacked the Minot proposal. This time the main challenge came from Velva. Velva spokesmen argued that Minot was “too immoral to be a fit place for such a normal school.” The charge

related to Minot’s continued reputation as a “boisterous frontier town” and the ongoing, not-very-successful battle by the city fathers to rid the community of its illegal liquor establishments, known as “blind pigs.”

The Velva charges had some merit. At the beginning of the 20th century, Minot did have a liquor problem. Although the municipal anti-vice laws were revised in 1909, the problem persisted. The likelihood of Velva’s attack succeeding prompted Joseph M. Devine, a past governor and president of the North Dakota Education Association, to travel to Bismarck in February 1909 to testify on Minot’s behalf before the Legislature. Devine’s intervention thwarted the Velva attack, and the Legislature approved Minot as the site for the new school. Two years later, it approved funding. The following November, an overwhelming majority of the state’s voters

ratified the constitutional amendment, clearing the way for North Dakota’s newest normal school.

Still the battle had not ended. Citing the necessity of holding a constitutional convention to validate an amendment, the state attorney general filed an injunction against proceeding with the school. After several delays, the case reached the N.D. Supreme Court. On Dec. 18, 1909, the court quashed the injunction and ruled in favor of proceeding with the new school at Minot.

The place

While constitutional and legal battles continued, another conflict arose in Minot among promoters of the school — where to build it. Several places were suggested: the Olson-Grow, Jacobson and SOO-Valley sites. Erik Ramstad, Minot’s founder, complicated matters by offering 60 acres on the

1930

Model School is constructed

1946

First non-teaching bachelor of arts degree offered



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1916 faculty group photo.

north side of town for the new normal school.

Initially, the State Board of Normal Schools, charged with the selection, opted for the Olson-Grow site. Opposition surfaced immediately, and the battle continued. A committee of prominent men, including Devine, failed to reach a consensus. The matter was then put to a vote. When the votes were tallied, Ramstad's North Hill site emerged the winner. Disgruntled supporters of the Olson-Grow site refused to accept the results and promptly filed an injunction to prevent the implementation of the Ramstad plan. After a district court ruled in favor of the Ramstad land, the losers appealed to the N. D. Supreme Court. On June 28, 1912, almost three and half years after its first ruling in favor of Minot Normal School, the state's highest court rejected the appeal, and the Ramstad site was approved. The State Normal School at Minot had found its home at last on the north slope of the Mouse River Valley.

Groundbreaking for the initial campus building, which would come to be known fondly as Old Main, occurred Aug. 27, 1912. Minot Normal School's newly chosen president, Arthur Crane, disagreed with State Normal Board member Martin Jacobson on the building's location. Jacobson planned the edifice to be closer to 9th Avenue, present-day University Avenue. Crane wanted it back from the street to accommodate future growth, and he took the nec-

essary steps to ensure that. On the evening before the ceremony, the energetic, 35-year-old president performed his first "off-the-record" action. Crane stepped out in the middle of the night from his nearby residence and moved the survey stakes for the building 50 yards back toward the hills.

That nocturnal action created the sweeping lawn in front of Old Main that has hosted victory gardens, picnics, block parties and sports activities over the school's history.

It has accommodated students studying in the sun and provided solace for those wanting to nap in the shade. It has surrendered greenery for decorations and nurtured saplings in honor of fallen students.

MSU's front lawn has become a symbol of continuity and permanence, much like a lawn that lies dormant in the winter and returns each spring with a flourish. To the thousands who arrive each year eager to embark on new adventures, the lush ellipse reminds of our roots.



1916 Assembly in Old Main.

WWI

Normal School contributes to war effort

The Progressive Age ended when America entered World War I in April 1917. Minot's Normal School was impacted profoundly. Its revised mission focused the institution on stimulating patriotism and winning the war, instead of supplying teachers. The school experienced enrollment declines, especially male students.

The Normal School faculty and staff supported the war effort, participating in marches, parades and Liberty Loan campaigns. Aside from President Arthur Crane, who served in the U.S. Army Sanitary Corps at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., other faculty and students also served. By the war's end, two Normal School students, Henry Finn and Fred Cooper, had perished on European battlefields. The campus planted trees, a memorial flower garden and two white crosses to honor them. The trees remain today.

Every school day, students devoted one hour to the war effort. Most war work was accomplished through Red Cross sewing and knitting campaigns. Trench warfare made socks a high-demand item. Cooking classes addressed conservation recipes for shortages and rationing. Because of the doctor shortage in rural North Dakota, Minot physician A.D. McCannel conducted courses to qualify teachers to assist in school and community emergencies.

The war ended Nov. 11, 1918, but its memory lasted at the Normal School. Two Model School plays, "Want Ejected" and "America and the World War," show how one American college contributed according to its specialty. Minot's Normal School, with its 90 percent female student body, did Red Cross work and graduated teachers to produce plays in which children echoed the government's position.

Crane returned to Minot's Normal School for two months in 1921. He then resigned to accept the presidency of the University of Wyoming.

This article is based on information from "Minot State University" by Mark Timbrook.

MSTC answers wartime call

AS WORLD WAR II RAGED ACROSS EUROPE AND THE PACIFIC in the early 1940s, the U.S. government ramped up its training efforts. The Navy established V-5 and V-12 programs at 131 colleges and universities around the country. Selected as one of them in 1942, Minot State soon assumed the rhythms and colors of a military post.

The V-5 program was designed to train Navy pilots. Cadets received 240 hours of classroom instruction over three months. Courses involved navigation, Morse code, aerology and aircraft identification. Cadets also put in 35 hours of flight time under Charles Westlie, the owner of Minot Flying Service. Fifteen civilian flight instructors taught cadets in 22 Piper Cub airplanes. A total of 479 cadets took flight training in Minot.

The V-12 program trained officers for the newly created wartime fleets. The program consisted of three 16-week semesters over the course of a year. The program emphasized mathematics and science. Between 1943 and 1945, more than 800 officer candidates trained at Minot State.

The campus at times took on the somber hue of a military garrison. Guards were posted on both ends of the ellipse and at the entrance to Old Main. Visitors were required to show identification to gain access to the campus and its buildings.

Yet the campus wasn't immune to the woolly antics of America's youth. "Scuttlebutt Scandals," a column in the Red and Green, offered this observation in September 1943:

"Mary C., Jerry S. and Doris G. were saved last week by about 10 sailors when Mary bounced her car up on the curb near the college. The boys all willingly helped her out of this predicament. Although it appeared to be an accident, I heard from a good source that the girls have so far unsuccessfully tried to get their hooks into a sailor and that this was just as good a chance as any. Well it worked."

Campus buildings provided a wordless endorsement of the war effort. The U.S. Navy's emblem, the anchor and chain, appeared over Pioneer Hall's front door. At the entry to Old Main, the campus service flag was displayed. In the spring of 1944, it featured 523 blue service stars for the men and women serving, 10 blue stars overlaid with gold stars for those killed in action and other stars for the five students missing in action. A giant "V" appeared above Old Main's portico, signifying the school's commitment to total victory.

At daybreak each morning, 300 Navy cadets performed 20 minutes of physical training on the lawn in front of Old Main. Throughout the day, they drilled and performed inspections in the same space.

Behind Old Main and in front of North Hill, an obstacle course appeared. Lester Hartnett of the Literature and Language Department, designed the course, one of the highest-rated in the Midwest. It included climbing ropes and walls, crawling barriers, barbed-wire obstacles and overhead parallel bars.

Navy cadets lived in primitive simplicity in Dakota and Pioneer Halls. Military discipline ruled their lives. Cadets received guard duty as punishment for minor offenses, such as being late for roll call or failing uniform or room inspections. Kitchen duty and restriction to dorms were other forms of discipline. Curfews and quiet-hour periods were strictly enforced.

The Student Union played an important role as a social center. The canteen on the main floor was a favorite place for cadets to have a soda and a smoke. Dances took place on weekends. Every fall, the battalion sponsored a Seaman's Ball. In the spring, the campus hosted a Navy Farewell Ball before the men shipped out to other colleges, naval training schools or wartime service.

Music played an important role on campus. A Navy swing band, called the Swingsters, appeared in 1944. It performed at dances, smokers and athletic events.

When the war began in 1941, Minot State's athletic programs dwindled as able-bodied students left to join the fight. After 1943, the influx of Navy cadets revived

the football, baseball, basketball, cross country, and track and field programs.

Navy-sponsored smokers in Old Main's basement gymnasium featured boxing and wrestling matches. Blind Man Stagger was a favorite event. Three blindfolded boxers entered a ring and tried to find an opponent to hit. The last man standing was the winner.

Variety shows were another popular pastime. The Navy men put on a show at McFarland Auditorium every semester. The Class of 1944 performed "Public Be Pleased," which included 17 musical and dance numbers. One skit featured football players dressed as Hawaiian dancing girls.

From 1942 to 1945, the weekly Red and Green became a Navy newspaper. It contained Navy news, humor and cartoons. Its columns also reported the grim news on cadets killed, wounded, missing in action, or confined in prisoner-of-war camps.

Basil Burnstad, a 1938 graduate, returned on leave in 1943 with his harrowing account. On his 40th mission over German-held territory in Italy, antiaircraft fire took out the left engine of his B-26 bomber. With the aircraft on fire, six members of the crew bailed out. Friendly Italian peasants hid the survivors in the mountains. German soldiers scoured the countryside for them and even offered a reward for their capture, but the Italians rejected it. When the Germans withdrew, the Italians guided the Americans back to their squadron.



R: 1943 navy cadets saluting the MSTC campus flag (pictured above, center).

MODEL SCHOOL



... *a little school with big ideas*

MODEL SCHOOL opened in September 1913 in association with Minot's new Normal School. The state leased the Harrison Township school located on the southwest border of the campus. Model School was an elementary school conducted by Normal School staff. Prospective teachers at the Normal School observed and participated in teaching activities under the supervision of these experienced teachers. The philosophy of learning by doing was woven into the school's fabric from the beginning.

decade, the Model School taught between two and three hundred children each year.

A conspicuous feature of the Normal School was a large garden located between Model School and Pioneer Hall. Advocated by President Arthur Crane and Superintendent William Clarke, the plot became wildly popular in the community due to its plentiful vegetables and flowers. The officials believed that work in the garden offered practical knowledge and moral growth to children and cadets alike.

The beaming wholesomeness of garden work, Clarke wrote, served as an "efficient

The schools cared for the whole child, as indicated by these notes on Miss Burns' first-grade class in a 1936 Red and Green: "Nine children were found to be underweight at the mid-term weighing period. All of these are now drinking milk at the rest period. Two are taking naps immediately after school ... Mumps is causing considerable absence just now. Four children are in quarantine."

In the 1940s and '50s, the college enhanced Model School's role. It gave cadets an active role in planning student activities, doing diagnostic and remedial work, giving and scoring standardized tests, directing school programs and operating the school library.

With the outbreak of World War II, the U.S. Navy's Nursing Corps commandeered several Model School classrooms. Otherwise, Harrison and Model Schools continued to operate as usual, but with more patriotic fervor. In May 1945, for example, the student body offered a program titled "Working for Uncle Sam."

In the post-war period, enrollment in the 12 grades of the two training schools remained steady at about 400 students. By 1958, the schools had access to the college's Special Education Department for assistance with mentally-challenged-but-educable pupils.

In the 1960s, the name of Model School was changed to Campus School. It provided teaching experience to between 50 and 90 education majors each quarter. Model High School became famous throughout the state for its stellar athletic teams and musical organizations. Harrison School was torn down in 1964.



Normal School first grade cadet class in 1913.

A principal along with critic teachers trained and supervised the student teachers, called cadets. Over a nine-month period, each cadet spent an hour a day at the model school. During this apprenticeship, the critics compiled a dossier on each cadet, documenting her qualifications, skills and work. The dossier provided a source of information for area school superintendents to use in hiring prospective teachers. In its first

means of nature study and a way to cultivate a child's capacity for appreciating the element of beauty."

A new Model School building was constructed in 1930 and dedicated in 1931. Minot State now had two centers for training teachers. Harrison School, the original training school, oversaw grades one to six. The new building accommodated the junior and senior high schools.

Left: Harrison School, later becomes Minot Normal School.

In the 1970s, the facility's name was changed again, this time to Campus Laboratory School. It now served as a research laboratory to test teaching and learning innovations. These included individualized instruction, team teaching, learning centers and environmental playgrounds. In 1968, the high school program was dropped, leaving in place preschool through sixth grade.

In the 1960s, the name of Model School was changed to Campus School.

In 1990, the 60-year-old laboratory school was closed after a tax referral vote the previous year. Joe Wax, Campus Lab School director, expressed a vague sadness about all that remained undone.

"The region has lost a valuable resource, as this was the only school of its kind in the region," he said. "Research is vital for the foundation of any human resource. This resource has now vanished from the Minot area."

The Lab School building was remodeled to become Model Hall, which became the new home of MSU's mathematics and computer science departments.

Mae McKinley: The heart of Campus School

When you want to understand the inner workings of a dynamic and innovative organization, you talk to the person at the center of it — the secretary.

Mae McKinley served as secretary at the experimental Campus School from 1968 until its closure in 1990. Prior to that, she worked at Minot Model High School for three years under principals C. S. Bjorlie and Joe Wax.

The Iowa native's matchless office skills and meticulous organization kept the school running smoothly. Yet she radiated maternal warmth when needed.

"When the students would come in with scraped knees, I would wash them up and tape them together," she said.

Principal Wax maintained a rigorous filing system and kept index cards on students sent to his office for disciplinary reasons. But often he would vaguely tell McKinley to file a document "somewhere." The dutiful secretary created a file labeled "somewhere" and often found important documents there to the bemusement of her boss.

McKinley's knowledge of the school's avant-garde programs was so extensive that the principals asked her to conduct tours for visiting teachers and administrators. Those visits often generated ripples that swept through educational circles.

One key Lab School innovation was individualized instruction. Each student in a classroom followed his own program of learning. Students moved about classrooms freely, gathering materials and helping one another. Each tracked his own learning problems and sought help from a teacher when needed.

"The parents liked what was going on," McKinley said. "Their kids were being taught differently than in the public schools. The parents were committed to Campus School."

While the program placed the burden of learning on students, teachers had to work overtime to accommodate 25 elastic and fertile minds.

McKinley and her husband, David, sent two daughters to Campus School. Sherry (McKinley) Morrison later graduated from Minot State in 1985 with a degree in computer science. Diane McKinley briefly attended MSU.

The family tradition continued when their granddaughter, Amanda Freidt, graduated from MSU in 2011 with a degree in corporate fitness. Grandson Levi Freidt currently plays linebacker on the football team.

Along with parents and faculty, McKinley was stunned when the MSU administration abruptly shut down the Campus Lab School in 1990. She was transferred to the MSU Division of Science, where she served until her retirement in 1995.

Yet her heart will always remain with the little school that introduced big educational changes.

"I have very fond memories," she said. "I liked what I was doing. I enjoyed working with the people."



Auditory training at MSTC, ca. 1965.

Exemplifying ingenuity, flexibility and service

At the original Normal School at Minot, faculty numbered 12, including President Arthur Crane. Five worked at the Model School; the remaining seven taught subjects listed in the curriculum. Since they were molding a fledging institution, they had to possess resourcefulness and flexibility. They created the Normal School's identity and established its motto: "Service First." Elsie Cook, Huldah Winsted and Hazel McCulloch were among the original 12. Arturo Petrucci joined them later, a pioneer in his own right.

Elsie COOK

In her 40 years at Minot State, Cook represented elements prominent in the school's early stage. An alumna of the Oshkosh Normal School, her background fit the institution. Her skills as a teacher (critic) and administrator at various levels in public schools revealed malleability. As an instructor, she authored her own textbook and workbook for her English course, manifesting resourcefulness and adaptability. Beyond the classroom, Cook also flourished. Cook functioned as adviser and counselor to many college groups and associations during her career. Beyond the campus, she was engaged as well. She served on the Magic City Council for years, acting as president from 1925-27. She also helped establish the first Parent Teacher Association in North Dakota.



Cook taught at several places in Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota before joining the Minot Public School System in 1911. Two years later, Crane hired her as the supervisor teacher (critic) for the seventh and eighth grades in Minot Normal School. For 18 years, she held that position. She became a junior high school principal at Model School in 1931. Finally, president George McFarland induced Cook to join the college's staff to teach undergraduate English in 1939. She continued doing so until she retired in 1953. MSU's third female residence hall bears her name.

Huldah WINSTED

Hired in 1913 to teach geography courses and oversee the library, Winsted brought more to Minot than geographic knowledge and library skills. She also served at various times as registrar, class adviser and dean of women. In that latter capacity, she enjoyed enthusiastic student support.



In addition, Winsted exhibited considerable scholarly and literary talent. She authored four books, one of them a geography textbook, the other three poetry collections. During her 24 years at Minot's college, she became the institution's poet laureate. Her "North Dakota of Sky and Other Poems" from 1927 illustrates this. Dedicated to President "George Austin McFarland, Gentleman, Scholar, Educational Statesman and North Dakota pioneer who has seen some of his dreams come true," the volume included 82 poems devoted to subjects ranging from North Dakota's landscape to patriotism to "the Progress of Women in the Arts and Professions."

Winsted looked out her window in Old Main and saw beautiful red geraniums blooming and chose the colors of the plant for the school's colors. She also wrote the Normal School's first school song.

"We have had many and varied contacts with thousands of students who have helped build this school and we shall cherish the memory of these young North Dakotans who are now helping to build a greater and better North Dakota — the state that is to be," Winsted said before retiring in 1937. Winsted not only embraced enlightenment but also the service ideal so clearly exhibited in her life and works.

Hazel McCULLOCH

McCulloch was initially hired to instruct and supervise in the Training School's intermediate classes. She worked faithfully in that capacity until 1923, when



McFarland appointed her to teach history in the college's Social Science Division. She continued teaching there until her retirement in 1959. Known as an instructor who could effectively relate past events and movements to present issues, she excelled particularly in American and European history.

McCulloch contributed in other significant ways to the college community and beyond. President Carl Swain appointed her to serve alongside him on the college's seven-member Administrative Council and as part of the Campus Planning Committee. In 1938, she was named director of alumni relations, a job in which she excelled. With student assistance, she completed the first comprehensive alumni catalog. For many years, she advised the student newspaper, *The Red and Green*. As adviser for the campus League of Women Voters, she assisted with the oversight of campus elections. During her career, she also functioned as a sorority adviser and fraternity patroness. In 1958, the Minot Business and Professional Woman's Club recognized her as its Woman of the Year. She had a lifetime membership in the State Historical Society. Finally, she belonged to the American Association of University Women and the National Council of Administrative Women in Education.

Gaylen Brown, retired MSU history professor, quoted McCulloch in his

"Minot History." "Take up thy chair and walk" was the order students received when going from assembly to classes during the Normal School's first year due to a shortage of chairs. McCulloch Hall, named after this consummate professional, still adorns the campus.

Arturo PETRUCCI

Petrucci came from Italy after receiving his formal music education at the Royal Music School in Mannheim, Germany. As an aspiring student, he performed on the violin in several prominent European cities, including Rome, Dresden and Moscow. In 1913, he immigrated to Mohall, where he had family. He began his American musical career by giving violin lessons in Mohall and Sherwood. Three years later, he moved to Minot to accept a position with the city's orchestra. He continued to teach violin lessons.



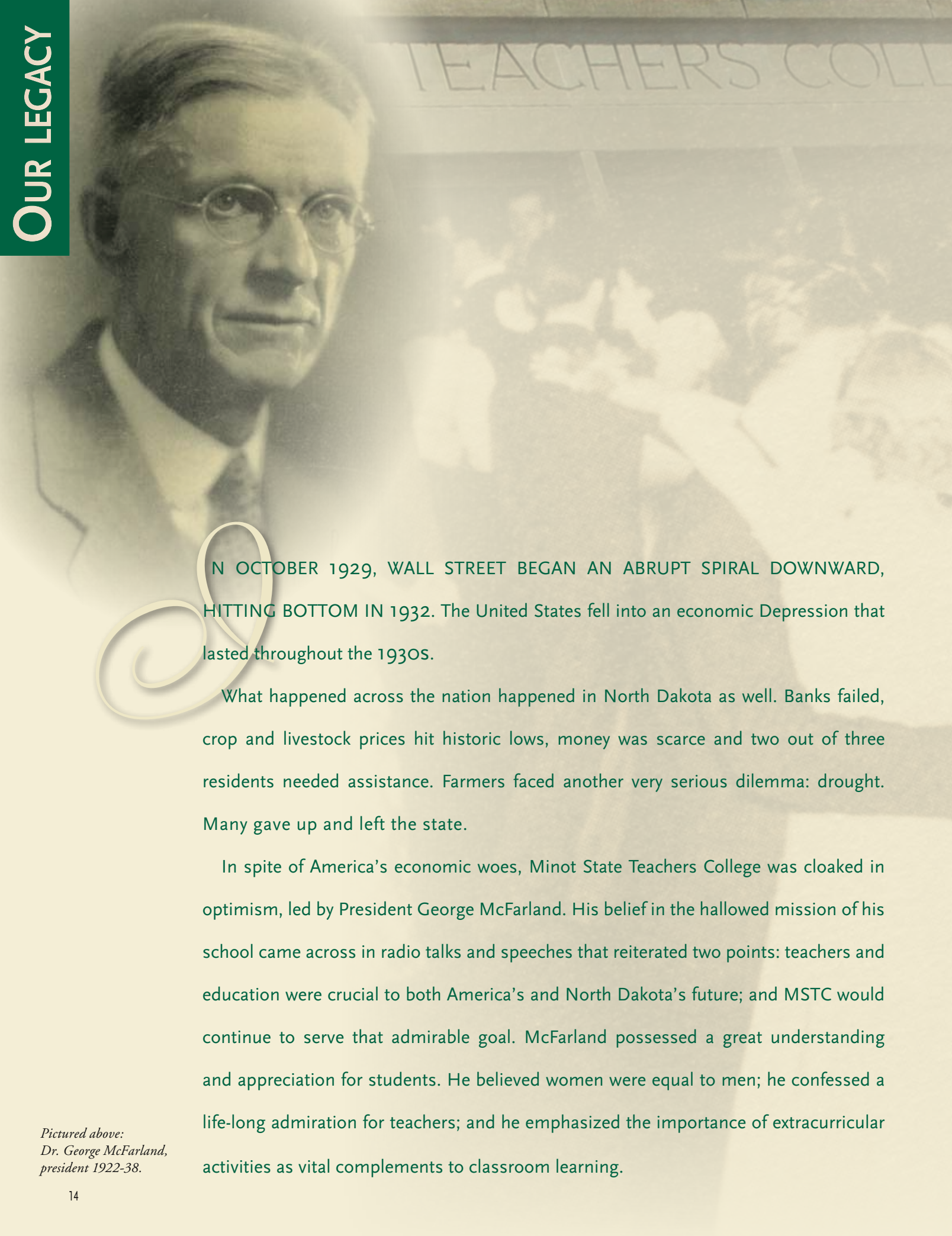
In 1926, the McFarland administration invited Petrucci to join the Minot State Teachers College faculty to teach music. For the next 36 years, he did so with great success. He is MSU's only faculty member to ever teach without a master's or doctoral degree. In 1961, the year before he officially retired, he was awarded professor emeritus status. In 1929, he assumed responsibility for the then 30-piece college orchestra. Until his retirement, he remained in charge of the orchestra, which ultimately grew to include 52 members.

The Italian's commitment to Minot extended well beyond the college. He also served in local service clubs. Moreover, he directed the choir at Minot's St. Leo's Catholic Church for 50 years. At the college, he became famous for his December renditions of Handel's "Messiah" and for his "Ave Marias" at St. Leo's Christmas midnight mass.

Music also served as one of Minot State's best community-relations tools. Petrucci and his orchestra established that tradition. Not only did the orchestra perform at college assemblies and on the ellipse for the annual Spring Festival and May Pole events, but it also presented concerts at the Lyceum in downtown Minot and live presentations on KLPM radio. Although many people never attended a campus concert to witness a performance by Petrucci and his group, they nevertheless heard him and his students make beautiful music elsewhere.

These four individuals served Minot's Normal School and MSTC as dedicated educators and administrators. They also were committed to the Minot community and the state of North Dakota.





IN OCTOBER 1929, WALL STREET BEGAN AN ABRUPT SPIRAL DOWNWARD, HITTING BOTTOM IN 1932. The United States fell into an economic Depression that lasted throughout the 1930s.

What happened across the nation happened in North Dakota as well. Banks failed, crop and livestock prices hit historic lows, money was scarce and two out of three residents needed assistance. Farmers faced another very serious dilemma: drought. Many gave up and left the state.

In spite of America's economic woes, Minot State Teachers College was cloaked in optimism, led by President George McFarland. His belief in the hallowed mission of his school came across in radio talks and speeches that reiterated two points: teachers and education were crucial to both America's and North Dakota's future; and MSTC would continue to serve that admirable goal. McFarland possessed a great understanding and appreciation for students. He believed women were equal to men; he confessed a life-long admiration for teachers; and he emphasized the importance of extracurricular activities as vital complements to classroom learning.

*Pictured above:
Dr. George McFarland,
president 1922-38.*

JEAN (HERIGSTAD) PRINGLE



attended MSTC from 1932 to 1934 and was a member of the Beta Theta Sorority. Pringle was one of many from Minot High School who attended MSTC in 1932. Tuition was very reasonable, and many young women felt pressure to earn a living.

“I didn’t feel the compulsion to earn a living but wanted to broaden my education,” Pringle said. “My family background was such that it was expected.”

Tough economic times weren’t limited to farmers or females. Pringle’s future husband, Kenneth, worked several jobs to finance his education. MSTC maintained a victory garden and grew potatoes on the lawn in front of Old Main.

As a Beta Theta, Pringle spent time with “some lovely women” and enjoyed an active social life, filled with quarterly parties and an annual Panhellenic social, consisting of all three women’s sororities.

Parties took place in the gym on the lower level of Old Main, now home to the Division of Music. A wire fence surrounded the gym floor, with bleachers along the sides. Pringle indicated that decorating the gym with no budget took creativity.

“One time, we decorated everything with blue eagles because you didn’t want to see the rest of it,” she said. “Another year, we planned a lovely gala. It must’ve been in the late spring, because we went out and cut greenery everywhere we could and covered all the wires with greenery.

“Nothing was casual; if we had a party, it was a party.”

Pringle transferred to Jamestown College her junior year, and she graduated with a degree in social studies in 1936. The following year, she married her high school sweetheart and later returned to Minot, where they raised four children.

MURLE RANNEY-RACK



attended MSTC from 1936 to 1940. There were more than 200 students in her class at Minot High School, so MSTC felt small by comparison. The Civilian Pilot Training Program came to campus in late 1939; heavily influencing campus culture. She remembered many of the male students wanted to become pilots and frequently ate raw carrots in hopes of improving their eyesight.

Ranney-Rack lived near the old St. Joseph’s Hospital. Despite the distance, she often walked to the campus because it was faster than waiting for the bus.

“We didn’t wear pants in those days,” she recalled, “and I wonder how we kept our legs warm in the winter. We must have moved fast. We were young.”

Ranney-Rack also has fond memories of the Beta Theta Sorority.

“Naturally, we thought Beta Theta was the best, and we were so sophisticated,” she said. “We participated in school activities and had ‘proper rushing’ and traditional teas, where we entertained and tried to impress new recruits. We did a beautiful job and thoroughly enjoyed it.”

Dances were another favorite activity. “We tried to dress like the movies — it was during the swing music era when we had gobs of dances and live music,” she said. “The girls wore floor-length dresses, and our lips and nails were bright red. It was not casual dress like you see today.”

Ranney-Rack majored in English and music and taught high school for two years in Ray. After a year in California, she moved to Park River, Minn., to work as a school band director. School there began later in the year and ended earlier because many of the male students were needed in the fields. She remembers teaching on Saturdays during the winter.

She was later recruited by the American Red Cross to work as a U.S. Army hospital program director. She met her future husband in Topeka, Kan. They married in 1945 and moved to San Francisco, where she lived until moving to Southern California in the early 2000s.

“It (MSTC) was a busy place to be,” she said. “I look back and remember we had a lot of fun.”

Family ties



At the turn of the 20th century, western North Dakota experienced unprecedented economic prosperity and growth.

European settlers poured into the state, with the majority settling in the northwest. Politicians lobbied for a Normal School in Minot to produce teachers to educate the settlers' children. They hoped to produce devoted American citizens within a generation.

Johnna Westby, a special education professor at MSU, has family ties to that bygone era.

Her great-grandparents, Ole and Emma Eliason, emigrated from Norway in the early 1900s and homesteaded at Coulee in the Kenmare area. The couple had five daughters, two sons and three stillborn children. All five daughters attended Minot Normal School. Four of the five daughters earned a certificate, with the fifth earning a degree in 1944.

"It was quite a big deal in their family for all their daughters to get formal training as a teacher," Westby said.

Irene Adelia Eliason, Westby's grandmother, earned a three-month certificate from Minot Normal School in 1925. In later years, she wove her college and teaching experiences into a gripping narrative that fascinated her young granddaughter.

Eliason taught in a country school, a self-sufficient world that welcomed students of all ages. The self-possessed young teacher took on responsibilities that today would require a full professional staff. One job was chief custodian.

"She had to get up early and get to the school, so she could put coal in the stove and stoke the fire," Westby said. "She'd get it nice and warm before the students came."

Eliason also assumed the role of registrar, deciding who could and couldn't attend school.

"A younger child came to school with his older siblings. He just wasn't ready to come to school," Westby said, recalling her grandmother's account that the child cried continually and clung to his siblings. "So at the end of the day, she wrote a note to the parents that he needed to stay home for another year."

The young teacher intuitively diagnosed learning disabilities, long before it became an educational specialty. On one occasion, she noticed that a boy had difficulty learning to read and do math, but she wasn't sure why.

"One day, he was outside at recess, and he had his shoes and socks off," Westby recounted from stories her grandmother told. "He stood in the snow until it melted all around his feet. He didn't seem to feel any pain. She knew that his brain wasn't working right."

Instead of sending the boy home, Eliason worked tirelessly to give the boy a basic education. Since he came from a well-to-do family, she knew he would be well cared for as an adult.

After several years at the one-room school, Eliason left the teaching profession, married and raised her own family. Inspired by her stories, her granddaughter followed in her footsteps and attended Minot State in the 1980s.

While the university has grown over the years, it hasn't ventured far from its original mission of preparing teachers. As Westby consults with instructors and administrators across the Upper Midwest, she hears a refrain about the school that echoes from another century.

"People say, 'You go there to learn to be a teacher. It's a teachers college,'" she said.

The family legacy continues as Westby's daughter, Sarah Westby, great-granddaughter of Irene Adelia Eliason, recently finished an education degree at Minot State.

TRIPLETT

impact Beaver athletic history

Minot State University head softball coach Bill Triplett pretty much grew up with the university in his backyard.

His father, Delbert Dale (“Trip”) Triplett, played basketball and football for the Beavers from 1940 to ’43, was inducted into the MSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002 and, as the head coach at Lansford, sent multiple players to the university.

“I can remember back to when I was 4- or 5-years-old,” Bill Triplett said. “There were a lot of guys playing for Minot State whom my dad coached, such as Dick and Denis Limke, Jim Talley, Maurice Railing, Dick and Bob Belisle, Alan Smetana, Jim Limke, just to name a few. By the time I was entering high school, I knew

coaching at Minot State. But that wasn’t necessarily the case.

“It was actually a really hard decision for me. I wanted to go somewhere south for baseball,” he said. “But Dean Boyer (MSU coach) recruited me by using some of my teammates. It was a tough decision, but it was a good one because I got to play right away, and we won championships my first two years.”

Triplett doesn’t remember his dad talking much about his career with the Beavers, where he helped Minot State Teachers College win two conference championships in 1940-41 and 1941-42 — just the relationships forged during those seasons.

Our family and the McLeans were very good friends.”

Bill Triplett left the state to coach at Reed Point, Mont. — somewhat against his father’s wishes — but then the elder Triplett convinced him to stay there. After his father died of cancer, the son knew it was time to come home.

“He didn’t agree with me going to Montana because it was the lowest-paying job offer that I had out of several, it had very poor facilities and it was a team that hadn’t won a game in a couple years,” he said. “But, 10 years later, I had a chance to go to (Montana State) Northern to be the assistant for a year and then take over as the head coach. I

“It wasn’t until dad died and mom wasn’t doing very well that I decided to come back to the area. It’s been a great move for me.”

It has worked out pretty well for his alma mater as well.

Bill Triplett has built the softball team into a powerhouse, winning back-to-back Dakota Athletic Conference titles in 2010 and 2011 to qualify for the NAIA National Championships. The 2013 team completed a highly successful first season as a full member of NCAA Division II.

He helped the 2008 and 2010 women’s basketball teams to NAIA National Tournaments as well, serving as an assistant coach.

He catches little glimpses of his dad in some of his approaches to coaching.

“I do a lot of the same things in softball as he did in baseball,” Bill Triplett said. “I think one of the things he did was make good players out of athletes, and that is something I try to do here. There are probably a lot of things that I do the same.”

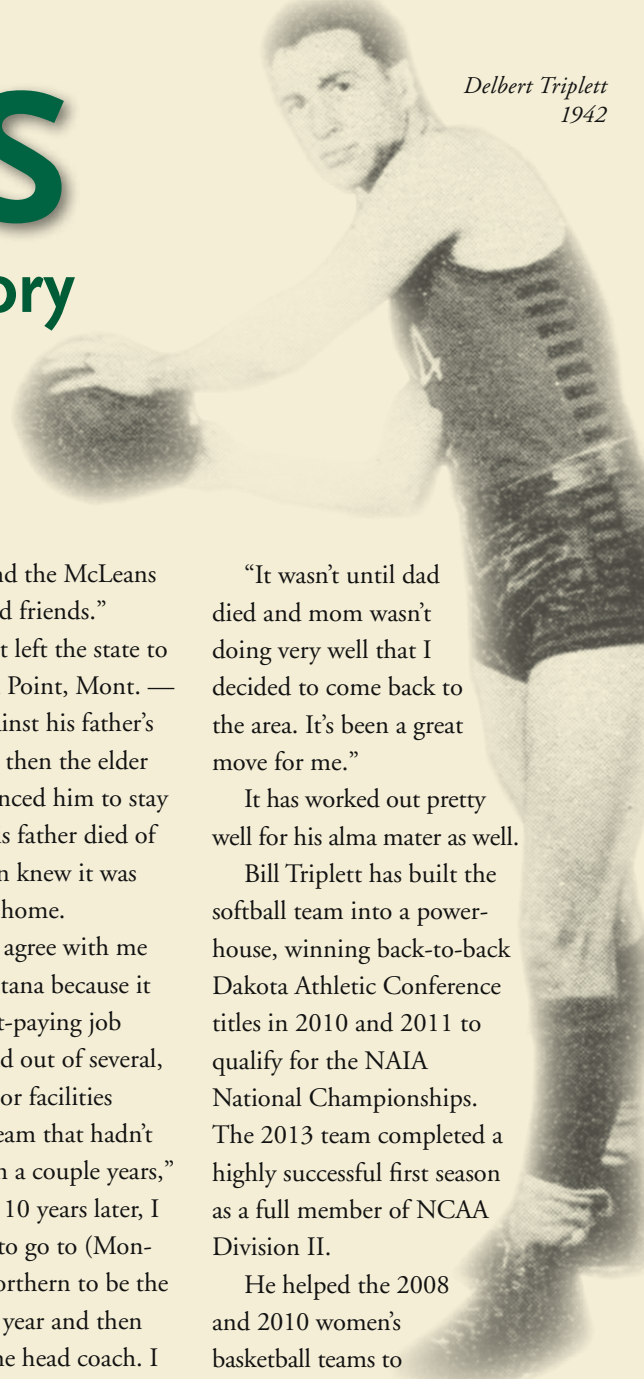
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Herb Parker, Wes Luther, Kenny Becker and most of the other coaches at Minot State.”

So you would think it was a no-brainer that Bill Triplett would end up going to school, playing for and then

“He would talk about (Clifton) ‘Zoonie’ McLean and the times they had when they played for the Mallards,” he said. “I remember my mom (Delores Triplett) showing me the annuals and clippings.

actually accepted the Northern offer, and, three days later, my dad convinced me to stay because, by then, Reed Point had the nicest facilities, had a winning tradition, and the pay was pretty good.



100 YEARS *Wow!*

This is a great time to celebrate and honor those who used their time, talent and resources to make Minot State University the outstanding campus it is today.

The educational opportunities and beautiful facilities are solid ground from which generation after generation of students have launched their careers and enhanced their lives. Minot State students have fulfilled the vision of President Crane in 1913 to serve, serve, serve.

This is a time for celebration, reflection and for continuing the success of Minot State. As you consider what Minot State has meant to you, to your families and beyond, also please consider how you can help shape the next 100 years.

You can participate by using your time to attend one of the many wonderful centennial events in the upcoming year. You can accept the **POWER OF 100 Centennial Service Challenge** by volunteering in your community. You can offer your resources to support the Centennial Celebration, to help deserving students or to enhance campus initiatives.

Thank you for being a part of the MSU family. Let's continue to work together and help Minot State serve, serve, serve for the next 100 years.

— Marv Semrau
Vice President for Advancement



Our readers reminisce

Thanks to our readers for sharing their memories of MSU.

We love hearing stories of campus life over the years. Please send your thoughts to: bonnie.trueblood@minotstateu.edu



Mrs. Czech

I have wonderful memories of Mrs. C., our Beta House mom for many years. The year I was president, I lived in the Beta House and came home every day to her infectious smile and upbeat attitude. We loved her famous casseroles and desserts. I don't think she ever said a mean word about anybody.

What a great lady I am blessed to have known!

— *Bev (Johnson) Cross '74*
Bismarck, N.D.

MSTC: a lifetime of memories

My years at MSTC were unique. After my first two quarters, it became a girls' school, as the men enlisted in the various military services to avoid being drafted. That summer, the U.S. Navy V-12 moved in. I read memories from two of the sailors, Erling Podoll and Jim Rabideau, names I recognize.

My second year continued in science and math classes with very bright sailors. I graduated with an education degree and an emphasis in science. My regular classes stayed on the quarter plan, while classes with the sailors were semesters. My senior year was difficult due to the returning veterans "learning" a lot, particularly physics, due to the atom bomb.

Social life on campus resumed with the arrival of men. I was Panhellenic representative for Beta Theta Sorority and remember meeting regularly with Chief

Sousa to plan social events. One group of sailors included a wonderful group of musicians. We had a marvelous dance band that easily rivaled Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey.

After his discharge, one of the sailors returned to Minot to visit me, where I worked as a weekly newspaper reporter. Tom Miller and I were married in Minot on June 25, 1947.

I was a stay-at-home mom who raised 11 children and helped educate them through almost 100 years of college. When the youngest entered kindergarten, I started the GED program under the area Community College and continued part-time for 29 years. It was a very rewarding job. I also volunteered for the Boy Scouts for 30-plus years. I was everything from den mother to Council Executive Board member. Three of our sons and three grandsons attained Eagle Scout.

— *Jean (Neal) Miller '46*
Cherokee, Iowa

Fond football memories

I finished my undergrad studies fall quarter 1949 and was given my diploma the following spring. I moved to California in 1950 and worked for Douglas Aircraft as an engineer for 35 years. I retired in 1990 as a senior engineer/scientist. I still carry my Alumni Association card in my wallet.

In the fall of '49, we had a pretty fair football team; the quarterback was Ev Faunce. He was a part of the V-12 though

World War II had ended. He later played for the University of Minnesota.

The football and basketball coach was W.D. "Doc" Allen. Doc was large, about 6-foot-3, and weighed at least 250 pounds, so he was rather "rotund."

During a high school football game, he was the head linesman, and I worked the down marker. He had to measure for a first down, and, as luck would have it, the team did not make the first down. This required that the head linesman grip the chain at the exact spot so the sticks went down in the exact spot on the sideline, in case it was measured again. As "Doc" ran back to the sideline, a couple of things happened simultaneously: his baseball cap, which must have been a little too large, started to blow off at the same time his pants started to fall down. They almost fell to his knees before he reached the sideline. Here was his dilemma: grab for his hat, grab for his pants or drop the chain. He made it to the sideline after deciding to forget about the cap, but everyone was laughing so hard we had to stop the game temporarily while he put himself back together. It was one of the funniest things I have ever seen.

— *Dale Batesole '50*
Garden Grove, California

Alumni Events in Arizona



Gary Hovdestad '63, Marv Semrau and Carol (Ramsay) Hovdestad '63 talked about all the wonderful changes on the MSU campus.



Laura (Celaya) Gonzales '07, Berry Forde and Annette (Forde) Wurgler '80 had a wonderful time.



Mel Hoover '47, Jodi (Hovdestad) Stewart '90, Leslie and Bill Mowbray, Chipper Farrell '70 and Don Hummel '75 enjoyed a warm evening and great company.



It was a family affair in Arizona. Nick Langseth, Nancy (Erickson) '74 and Darwin '74 Langseth, Karen and Kelly O'Rourke and Kasey Langseth enjoyed snacks by the pool.



Leo Thomas, Sandy Thomas, Jane Grunseth, Gary Luetzen, Gary Jeffrey, Gayle Jeffrey, John Klungtvedt, Paulette Klungtvedt enjoyed the shade and good company.



The MSU golf team joined alumni at a social. The golf team was in Arizona practicing for their upcoming season. Players attending were Matt Procyshen, Cody Duchscherer, Marion Hernandez, Michael DeLorme and Kowan O'Keefe.



Many alumni and friends of MSU gathered together at Ron '69 and Carol Boen's home in Surprise.



**Saturday,
September 21**

CENTENNIAL BLOCK PARTY
12 p.m. – 4 p.m. ■ Old Main Ellipse
(In case of inclement weather – Dome)

**Tuesday,
September 24**

DEDICATION OF BEAVER STATUE
TBD ■ South side of MSU Dome

7 p.m. ■ VOLLEYBALL vs. U of Mary

**Wednesday,
September 25**

PRESIDENT'S CLUB LUNCHEON
12 p.m. ■ Conference Center, Student Center

**Thursday,
September 26**

GOLDEN AWARDS BANQUET
6 p.m. ■ Conference Center, Student Center

**Friday,
September 27**

MU SIG GOLF ■ TBD

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS REUNION

7 p.m. – 11 p.m. ■ Grand Hotel

*Featured Reunion Groups: All Greek Reunion
1983 and 1985 Championship Football Teams*

**Saturday,
September 28**

HOMECOMING PARADE

10:30 a.m. ■ Main Street to the Dome

HOMECOMING TAILGATE

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. ■ L Lot

HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME

BEAVERS vs. WINONA STATE

1:30 p.m. ■ Herb Parker Stadium

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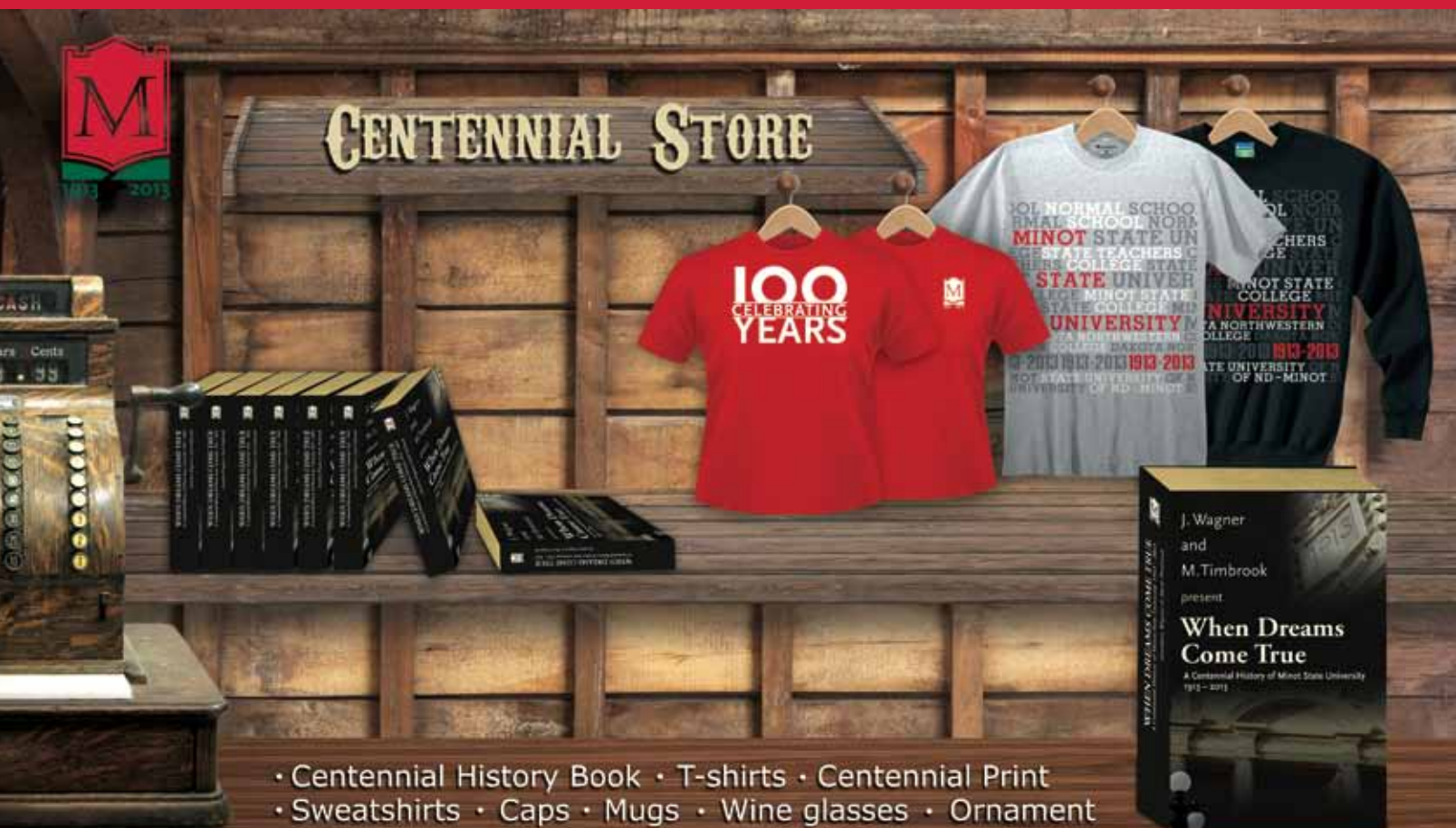
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MSU's Centennial Celebration: Great Plains Symposium will feature our legacy, our place and our vision with a medley of speakers, presentations and performances highlighted by Great Plains writer and humorist ...

Ian Frazier



Frazier is best known for his 1989 non-fiction history "Great Plains," his acclaimed 2010 best-selling opus "Travels in Siberia," and as a writer and humorist for "The New Yorker." His other published works include "The Fish's Eye," "On the Rez," "Family," "Coyote v. Acme" and "Dating Your Mom."

The symposium schedule features historical presentations by:

JEROME TWETON: The North Dakota experience
Professor emeritus of history, University of North Dakota

CHRISTINE OGREN: State Normal Schools and the Expansion of Educational Opportunity
Associate Professor of Education Policy and Leadership Studies, University of Iowa

RAYMOND SCREWS: "Standing on 'One Leg': Immigrants on the Great Plains"
Visiting assistant professor of history, Minot State University

JONATHAN WAGNER AND MARK TIMBROOK:
Authors presenting research from "When Dream Comes True: A Centennial History of Minot State University 1913-2013."

MSU HISTORY STUDENTS: Digital Minot's electronic exhibits project on the university's history.



Minot Symphony Orchestra Music Director Scott Seaton will share his expertise during a special noon luncheon Oct. 11 that will pique listener interest about the world of symphonic music and MSO's special performance Oct. 12.

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Minot State alumni, students, faculty and staff will share their memories and look forward to hearing yours!



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1967

David Troxel and his wife, **Mary**, have been inducted into the Wisconsin State Fair Hall of Fame. The Troxels are retired music teachers and presently raise registered sheep in Plainfield, Wis.



1972

Rich Campbell has been promoted to president and chief executive officer of First Western Bank & Trust. Campbell has been with First Western since 1990. He is past president of the Independent Community Banks of North Dakota, Minot Area Development Corporation and the MSU Development Foundation. He currently serves on the board of Kalix and the MSU Board of Regents.



1974

Dave Kuschel has been promoted to senior vice president/chief lending officer of First Western Bank & Trust. Kuschel, originally from Williston, joined First Western in 1984.



1976

Brenda (Maus) Morman, who teaches first grade at Wahpeton's Central Elementary, was awarded the 2012 Warren Kress Outstanding Geography Teacher Award. She was honored Feb. 5 during a ceremony at her school.



Mark Bickler was recognized by Brokers 12 Inc. as a Top Producing Broker/Realtor for 2012.

1977

Linda Rae (Fugere-Ball) Wheeler retired from the US Postal Service in 2009. Since that time, she has been a Henry Judge for the Colorado Theatre Guild. The Henry Awards are the equivalent to the Broadway Tony Awards for local theatre throughout Colorado. She judged 75 plays in 2012 and this year, to date, has judged 40 plays. When not judging plays, she spends time with her seven grandchildren. She is a two time breast cancer survivor and currently is in treatment working on her third time of beating the disease.

1978

Mary (Koble) Grosgebauer was awarded the BEA/Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence by the Bottineau Education Association. She was recognized as an outstanding educator because of her dedication to her students and to the school as a person with excellent leadership skills. Grosgebauer has been employed at Bottineau High School for 21 years.

1986

Kevin Burckhard, a managing director of Northwestern Mutual in Minot, is being honored with the company's Managing Director Achievement Award. The award recognizes overall excellence in district network office development, including productivity, recruitment and retention of financial representatives and persistency in serving and retaining clients. Burckhard's achievements were recognized at the annual Northwestern Mutual Managing Director Conference.



1988

Laurie (Anderson) Johnson has been promoted to vice president/trust operations officer at First Western Bank & Trust.



Flint Forsberg was recognized by Brokers 12 Inc. as a Top Producing Broker/Realtor for 2012.

1993

Trent Westmeyer has been promoted to vice president/retirement benefits officer at First Western Bank & Trust. Westmeyer joined First Western in 1993. He carries the designation of certified retirement services professional and also serves on the board of the Optimist Club of Minot.



Heather (Thomas) Boyko a certified nurse practitioner with Trinity Health, is part of the team providing interventional radiology service. She has over 15 years of nursing experience in the areas of medical/oncology and intensive care. She is a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and the North Dakota Nurse Practitioner Association.

1999

Leon Paddock, a certified public accountant, has joined Widmer Roel PC-Bismarck, as a senior audit associate.

2001

Kelly Gress has been promoted to vice president of RDO Integrated Controls. Gress has worked at RDO for 10 years and most recently served as director of sales operations and RDO Integrated Controls. He has served in various capacities throughout RDO Equipment Co., including director of financial planning and analysis, regional controller, general manager and internal auditor.

Amy (Simmons) Artz recently accepted a position on the Bottineau County Imagination Library board of directors. Artz possesses a Bachelor of Science in education, and a master's in counseling.

2004

DelRae Zimmerman was recognized by Brokers 12 Inc. as the Top Producing Broker, Tops in Listings Sold, Tops in Volume and Top Producer for 2012.

Rusty Bigelow has joined KLJ as an information technology specialist at the Bismarck office. He has 15 years of information technology experience.

2005

Luis Estrada has been promoted to data processing administrator at First Western Bank & Trust.



Eileen Zoe Young was named Employee of the Year 2012 for receiving the most number of CICARE awards from patients within the UCLA Health System.



Brandyn Hendrickson, of Northwestern Mutual, has been conferred his chartered life underwriter designation from the American College. With a CLU designation, Hendrickson has achieved the highest level of studies in the life insurance profession, enabling him to provide a wider range of solutions for life insurance needs of individuals, business owners and professionals, including income replacement, estate analysis and wealth transfer.



Ricole (Lee) Rice, an associate financial representative with Northwestern Mutual, has been conferred her Chartered Life Underwriter designation from the American College.

2006

Adam Schatz received a promotion from senior associate to manager at Brady Martz & Associates. Schatz's accounting



and auditing work is focused mainly on construction and employee benefit plans. He has various individual and business tax clients. He passed the CPA exam in 2007.



Jessica (Haider) Henderson has been promoted to assistant financial officer/controller at First Western Bank & Trust. Henderson joined First Western in 2004 and is an active member in the Minot Young Professionals Network.

Gary Morphis has relocated to Houston. He is now working at the Houston VA Regional Office as a veterans' services representative.

2007

Amanda (Anderson) Anders is working as a special agent for the IRS Criminal Investigation in Las Vegas. She and husband, Joseph, are expecting a baby in May.

Christen (Fridde) Murphy works as an analyst in corporate talent acquisition at Aon Corporation. She and her husband, Matt, live in Nashville.

2008

Kelsey Fagerland received a promotion from senior associate to manager at Brady Martz & Associates. Fagerland, originally from Noonan, acquired her CPA designation in



February 2011 and works mostly in the accounting and auditing area in governments and financial institutions.

2009

Joe Rohles has been named the offensive line assistant coach at North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton. Rohles is originally from Manteca, Calif. He most recently was the offensive coordinator and quarterback, running backs, defensive line coach at Lewis & Clark/Our Redeemer's high school team.



2010

Justin B. Aberle received a promotion from associate to senior associate at Brady Martz & Associates. Aberle joined Brady Martz in January 2010 as an intern and became a full-time employee January 2011. He works in the audit and tax department.



Erin (Dostert) Sund has formed Sund Wealth Management, an independent financial advising and planning firm. In her role as financial adviser, she works to assist clients in the Minot area with their investment and life insurance needs. She holds the Series 7, 24 and 66 security licenses and life and health insurance license.



2011

Josh Wood has joined Kadrmas Lee & Jackson, an engineering surveying and planning firm, as a surveyor.

Megan (Perdue) Awalt

received a promotion from associate to senior associate at Brady Martz & Associates. She interned with the firm beginning in January 2011 and began full-time in June 2011. Awalt works in both tax and accounting and auditing. She is originally from Ray.



James Skinner's art work "Fantasy Art of James Skinner" was on display throughout the month of February at the James Memorial Art Center in Williston. This was Skinner's first exhibit as well as his first solo exhibit. He currently is the art instructor at Williston High School.

Attended

H. Weyburn Niewoehner of Upham was named a Vantine Life Fellow by the Minot Golden K Kiwanis Club. Niewoehner is a 49-year veteran of Kiwanis and operated the Niewoehner Funeral Home in Rolla for 43 years.

Friend

Kathleen Gaddie has been elected to serve on the board of directors of the Automobile Dealers Association of North Dakota. She and her husband, Michael, are dealer/operators of Ryan Family Dealerships, with locations in Minot, Bismarck and Williston.

Dr. Kevin and Cherie Collins received a Champion Award from the N.D. Housing Finance Agency for their involvement in the Transition into Independence Program. The program works intensively with at-risk youth and young adults, ages 14 to 24, to teach skills and offer community support as they move toward independent living. The couple purchased a house that they renovated into Grayce Manor to provide housing for clients in the program.

CLASS NOTES:

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Please share your career and family updates or address changes by sending your news to **bonnie.trueblood@minotstateu.edu**.

EDITOR'S CORRECTION

Terry Johnson was the Rural Ward County winner at the Oct. 12, 2012, Women of Distinction banquet for the YWCA. Johnson, who earned a Bachelor of Science in education from Minot State, teaches at the Surrey Public School District. She is also Surrey's mayor. Her name was omitted inadvertently from the article "YWCA honors Minot State women" in the spring 2013 issue of *Connections*.



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In memoriam...

It is with honor we dedicate this section to recognize alumni and friends who have passed away from approximately January 2013 to March 2013, or as submitted.

Graduates

- '37 Anderson (Crippen), Carol; Fort Collins, Colo.
- '37 Corruccini (Witham), Mildred; Boulder, Colo.
- '41 Halpin (O'Leary), Lucille; Lacey, Wash.
- '41 Mongeon (Breslin), Pearl; Rugby
- '44 Jermiason (O'Grady), Evelyn; Minot
- '46 Satermo (Wollschlager), Rita; New Town
- '47 Shaw, Archie; Mandan
- '48 Turner, Robert A.; Fort Collins, Colo.
- '49 Miller (Reinowski), Gertrude; Belen, N.M.
- '52 Lansverk, Norman; DeBary, Fla.
- '53 Christensen, Dr. Doran; Salisbury, Md.
- '58 Holm, Bernard; Tioga
- '58 Peterson (Smith), Vera; Bismarck
- '60 Anderson, Loren C.; Bottineau
- '60 Modin (Watland), Ella; Kenmare
- '60 Storbeck (Johnson), Shirley; Winchester, Va.

- '65 Burgess (Lehman), Elaine; Corona de Tucson, Ariz.
- '65 Henke (Gullickson), Nicole; Devils Lake
- '66 Beauclair, Robert; Bismarck
- '70 Dilland (Koolmo), Sandi; Tioga
- '70 Kraft, Thomas; Grand Forks
- '71 Tebelius, Edna; Mesa, Ariz.
- '79 Kersten, Rolland; Garrison
- '80 Thompson, Arlin; Washburn
- '86 Shepard, Henry "Joe;" Williamsburg, Va.
- '89 Johnson, DeAnn; Blaine, Minn.
- '92 Larsen, Lisa; Ray
- '95 Pollary (Hamel), Nichol; Hibbing, Minn.
- '96 Rurup (Lange), Jane; East Grand Forks, Minn.
- '10 Tuchscher, Alex; Bismarck

Attended

- Brunner, Klamantz "Klem;" Minot
- Casey (Stenvick), Ruth; Springfield, Mo.
- Gilberg (Cowan), Carol; Grand Forks
- DeLong (Hahn), Coral; Minot
- Gorvaslee (Rollman), Lois; Voltaire
- Gullekson (Rom), Beulah; Minot
- Hall (Bechler), Martha; Minot

- Harchanko, Lois; Sioux Falls, S.D.
- Hovland, Gerald; Bozeman
- Jacobson, Joseph; Minot
- Kraft, James; Tillamook, Ore.
- McKay (Bue), Elenore; Minot
- Stevick, William; Minot

Friends

- Booth (Severson), Carole; Kerrville, Texas
- Briggs, Dr. Brian; Minot
- Campbell, Alan; Minot
- Esterby (Freeh), Donna; Minot
- Frykman, John; Bottineau
- Gegelman, Larry; Casselton
- Keller (Burrows), Areta; Minot
- Leonard, Jr., Charles; Devils Lake
- Nordquist (Joern), Sema "Sally;" Garrison
- Reiten, Chester M.; Minot
- Solberg, James; Williston
- Vangsness, Elmer; Fargo

Faculty & Staff

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Allick

Talon James Allick entered the world on Nov. 24, 2012. He was welcomed by parents Todd Allick and Josie Poitra, along with grandma **Annette Mennem '00/'07**.



Carlson

John '04 and Nicole '05 Carlson welcomed their second child, Daxton John, on Oct. 4, 2012.



Fecho

Gage Lee arrived on March 15, 2011. Gage was welcomed by proud parents **Brandon and Lori '02 (Moline/Domben) Fecho**, along with siblings Maren, Darian and Ty.



Almond

Brooke Cecilia, daughter of **Gerald '97 and Melinda Almond**, entered the world on March 10, 2011.



Clark

Rainey Marie Clark was born to Miranda Grant and Darin Clark on April 19, 2012. She was welcomed by proud grandma **Annette Mennem '00/'07**.



Geffre

Thomas Lawrence was born in Minneapolis on June 27, 2011. He was welcomed by proud parents **Stephen '99 Geffre and Michelle '99 Shaffner**, along with brother Sam, who is 4½-years old, and sister Abbey, who is 16 years old.



Berube

Barrett was born Feb. 8, 2011, in Wyoming, Minn., to **Shane '05 and Ashley '05 (Lysne) Berube**. He joins big sister Brielle, who is 3-years old.



Davis

Nathan (attended '03-'04) and Becky '07 (Schommer) Davis welcomed a girl, Kenley Jo Ann, on March 20, 2012. Proud grandparents are **Greg '78 and Ann '81 (Jacobs) Schommer**.



Haas

Erik '01 and Julie '02 (Johnson) Haas welcomed a boy, Liam Ivan, on Dec. 16, 2011.



Boucher

Shane and Nicole '99 (Korman) Boucher welcomed Kaden Dean on July 11, 2012.



Devore

Jonathan Michael entered the world on April 29, 2012. He was welcomed by **Charles and Anne Marie '08 Devore** and big sister Zoey Ann, who is 5-years old.



Hager

Scott and Dana '01 (Pritschet) Hager are proud parents to Isaac Andrew, who was born on Sept. 24, 2012.



Holleman

Crewe Niko was born July 30, 2012, in Brandon, Manitoba, to excited parents **Kevin Holleman** and **Airdrie '07 Poole**.



McLachlan

Piper June was born to **Michael** and **Traci '02 (Tranby) McLachlan** on Feb. 26, 2013, in Madison, Wis. Welcome to the world, little Beaver!



Sookermany

Alan and **Sjana '05 (Henuset) Sookermany** joyfully welcomed son **Braxton Alan** to their family on April 16, 2012.



Johnson

Matthew and **Tina '06 (Berndt) Johnson** welcomed **Addison** to the family on August 20, 2011. She joins big sister **Avery**.



Mitchell

Kevin '00 and **Melissa Mitchell** welcomed a baby boy, **Kamdyn**, on June 17, 2012.



Stadel

Jason '02 and **Stephanie Stadel** welcomed a boy, **Anthony "Tony" Brody**, into the world on June 22, 2012. He joins big brother **Jason, Jr.**



Jordan

Brandon '05 and **Ashley '08 (Fetsch) Jordan** joyfully welcomed **Sophie Rae** on July 31, 2012.



Prior

Jaren Tyler Russell was born Sept. 27, 2011, in Medicine Hat, Alberta, to **Tyler '99** and **Dorlisa '99 (Berreth) Prior**. He joins big sister **Adelynn**.



Wedge

Jeremy '07 and **Ashley '09 (Liebel) Wedge** welcomed baby girl **Hannah** on July 16, 2012.



Kristalovich

Ryan '04 and **Eliza '05 (Holt) Kristalovich** welcomed their first baby, **Mae Ryan**, on Nov. 23, 2012.

Safinuk

Caleb Benjamin and **Kaitlin Gail** were born April 17, 2012, in Edmonton, Alberta, to proud parents **Chris** and **Kirstin '07 (Balfour) Safinuk**.



Wheeler

Abram was born Jan. 7, 2012, to **Josh '07** and **Breanna '09 (Zietz) Wheeler**. **Abram** joins big sister **Embry**.



McGinnis

Brian and **Kristin '04 (Dannewitz) McGinnis** welcomed **Abigail Grace** on Jan. 18, 2010, and **Caleb Justus** on July 28, 2011.

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We'd love to hear from you!

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