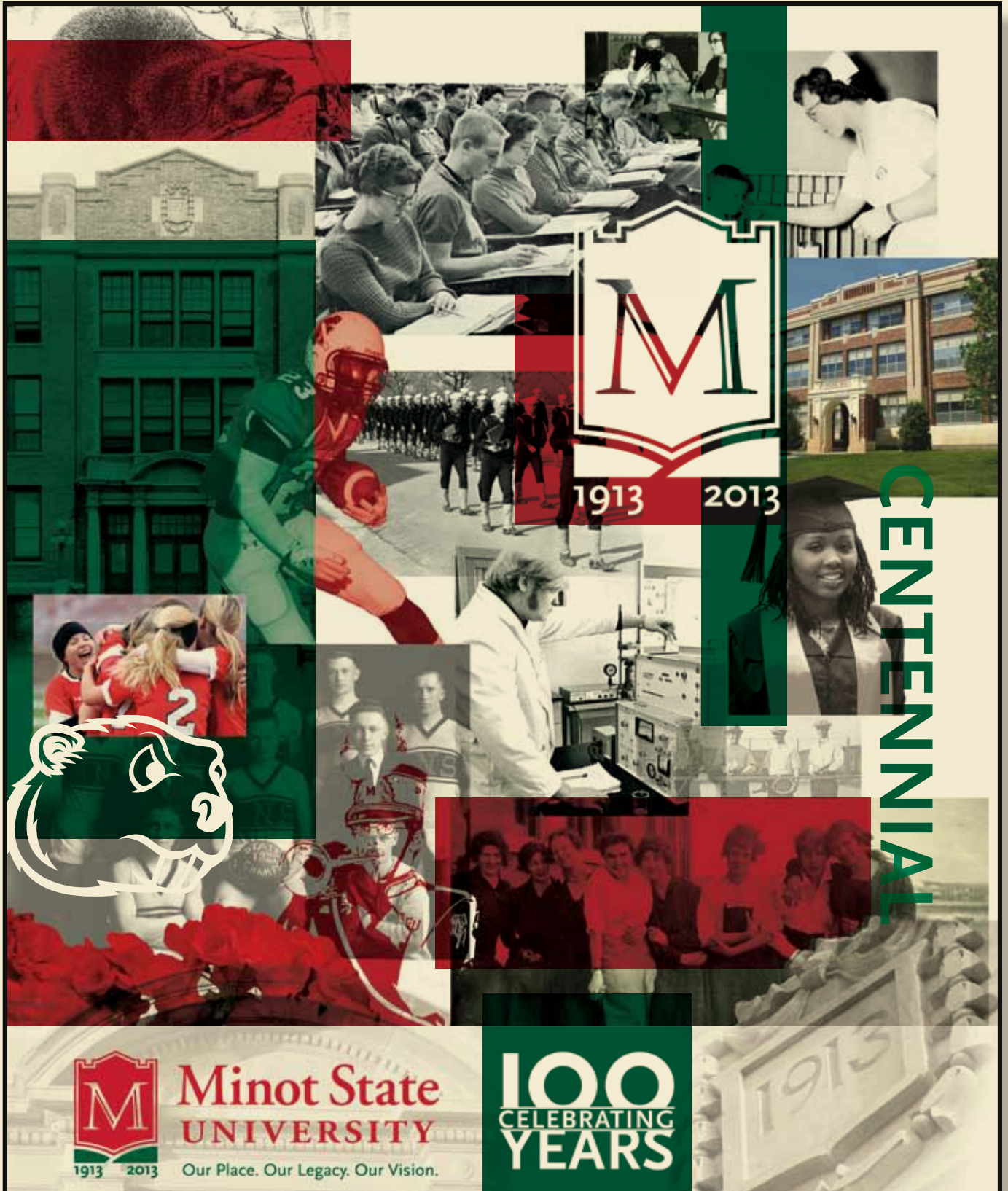


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I've enjoyed reading these stories and seeing the pictures in this edition. While most of the stories address activities and events occurring well before I arrived, I feel like I know them all so well as if I was a part of them. This edition is full of features and people from the past who raised the visibility and helped define our character and the fine reputation we have come to appreciate.

As soon as Nancy and I arrived on campus, many alums shared with us their memories and stories of Greek life. The pride of the Greek houses is remembered fondly by many who recall the social life, the fun, the competition and the life-long friendships. For many alums, Minot State was known for its outstanding education under the tutelage of reputable professors and distinctive programs. Greek life is certainly one of those programs



marching band and the wrestling program. I was struck by Larry Silver's recognition of the impact Minot State University, his wrestling career and the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity had on his life. I often hear stories from our graduates, like Larry, who attribute years later much of

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prominent in the 1960s. I used to get my arm twisted often during Homecoming to urge me to bring back Greeks, and I am so proud that we have been able to re-establish this tradition and other traditions on campus.

While it has only been a few years, the engagement witnessed with the return to Greek life has been positive for our campus, just like the reintroduction of our

their success to their time here. Those special recognitions by our graduates give us a pretty good assurance of the quality of our place and institution.

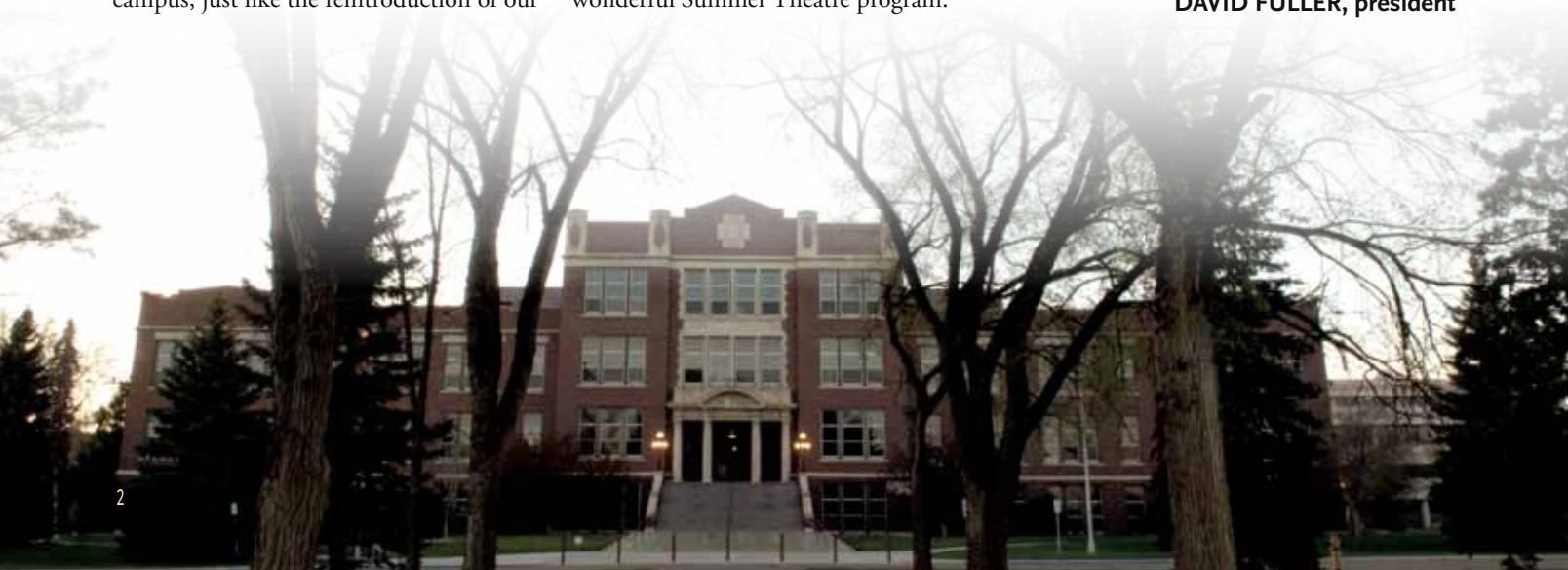
Those stories often refer to Gary Leslie and the influence he had on so many. Henry Milkey's name is often mentioned, as is Harold Aleshire's and his commitment to theater and our wonderful Summer Theatre program.

The story on the evolution of our mission and the extent to which we embraced professional studies and the liberal arts, pursued progressive educational ventures in our experimental college, supported the Minot Symphony Orchestra, and became known for our cultural events reveal well who we were then and who we are now.

This edition is full of delightful reminiscence and stories of our past and the people who made a difference. Gordon B. Olson is certainly one of those who made a significant difference. As the story makes clear, Gordon knew and appreciated our place in North Dakota, and devoted nearly a quarter of a century to strengthening our fine university through his leadership and devotion to students. In my first five years here, I often called Gordon to ask for his advice, and he often called me to offer his comments about the job I was doing. I was honored to know him as a trusted friend and advisor, and took to heart his guidance.

This edition gives us a glimpse of an important time in our history and a better sense of who we are today. The remarkable story of the Marco's Coffee Club and their contributions to our university and our community help us understand so well a place made special by its selfless service to others. I am very proud to be associated with an institution of such great people and traditions.

DAVID FULLER, president





COVER STORY: MSU Greek Life: Greek societies forged life-long bonds

For decades, Greeks influenced campus culture politically and socially. Many relationships created at Rush Week survived the test of time and friendships endure still today. Yet in the late '70s, what was once a binding force for like-minded members all but disappeared at Minot State.

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Navy Midshipman sends best wishes



I was in one of the Navy contingents that arrived on campus July 1, 1943. There were 310 of us V-12s and V-5s. Minot State, as well as over 200 colleges in the U.S., would have closed up shop during the war if the Navy, realizing that they were going to need a huge number of junior officers, had not set up V programs around the country.

When we arrived, there were only a handful of civilian boys on campus and few girls. I lived in Dakota Hall for one semester and then one more in Pioneer Hall, where V-5 preflight students also stayed. The mess hall was on the first deck of Pioneer Hall. In addition to Navy training, we took a full load of liberal arts courses.

I went on to midshipmen's school and was commissioned at Fort Schuyler, N.Y., after leaving Minot. The folks in Minot were very friendly and generous, helping make our first home away from home as pleasant as it could be under the circumstances.

Best wishes to all who attend the Centennial Celebration.

*Charles Engh
Chanhassen, Minn.*

Campus involvement influences alumna's future

Where I am today is a direct reflection of my time at MSU. Not only did I come into my own, but I



also found the path that would lead me to a life of happiness and success!

My experience with MSU Theatre, Summer Theatre, Alpha Psi Omega and Campus Players prompted me to follow my dreams and chase an acting career in the Twin Cities.

My experience with the Minot Symphony Orchestra, MSU Concert Choir and Women's Choir prompted me to audition for a few different bands, two of which I perform with regularly!

My experience with "KMSU Inside/Out," KMSU Auction and Media Ink developed my love for advertising/marketing, prompting me to follow a career in advertising sales.

My experience with Student Association and leadership roles in the clubs prompted me to pursue management, leading to multiple promotions on my career path!

Thank you for all of your support through my collegiate experiences. Thanks to my amazing adviser, Kevin Neuharth, and the faculty of the theater arts, music and broadcasting departments. I am living the life I always wanted to live. I never would have known it had it not been for Minot State University.

*Lesley J. Rice '07
St. Paul, Minn.*

Music shenanigans



As a freshman in the fall of 1976, Leslie Metz and I were in Swain Hall at a pep rally. Other band

members with us were Harlan Johnson, Harlan Pettys, Wayne Jundt, Bruce Morlock, Kevin Dammen, Tracey Quarne and Colin Grunert. Against the wishes of Dr. Robert Quebbeman, they brought the large gong from the Music Department to the rally. When the cheerleaders and different acts did their presentations, if deemed unacceptable, they would be "gonged." The crowd roared with laughter.

At this point, I realized that the Music Department at Minot State College would change my life forever. It did and left me with great memories.

*Lorraine (Kozak) Slater '80
Vancouver, B.C.*

Perhaps our oldest alumna

I just got the May issue of Connections. What a great university, magazine and memories.



I attended Minot State Teachers College September 1950 to December 1952. My mother, Isabel (Robinson) Kraft, attended Minot Normal School in 1928 for a three-month teacher's course. She later taught in a typical farm grade school near Douglas.

Isabel turned 103 on July 31. She lives in a second-story apartment 12 blocks north of MSU and does everything but drive a car, with no arthritis or rheumatism. She's had the same phone number for 70 years!

My wife and I were in Minot to celebrate Isabel's 103rd birthday and toured the MSU campus, as we do every year. You should all be proud of MSU and its alumni accomplishments.

*Duane Kraft
Eagle, Idaho*

Former teacher counts her blessings

I am so grateful and feel so lucky to have spent four years at Minot State.



After graduating from Minot High, it seemed like a natural progression to go to college. I enrolled at Minot State and majored in art, with a minor in English.

Back then, Minot State was one building (now called Old Main). All classes were there, except our social activities. There was the delightful Student Union, a fairly small white building where we ate lunch, played bridge, had formal dances and afternoon “sock hops.” The Student Union is where we felt camaraderie.

After two years, I still had no real goal. I went to my major professor, Eva Hartnett, who suggested elementary art. Me, a teacher? Unlikely! But, I would give it a try. With the guidance of Eva Walker, I taught second grade and several art classes at Model. I found a hidden talent, and, to my surprise, I loved it!

I married, had two sons and returned to teaching when both boys were in school. My husband recognized how much I missed my profession, so for 27 years I was a wife, a mother and a teacher. It was a great life.

Nancy (Kaepfel) Love '51
Madison, Wis.

“Storyland Special” 1962 Delta Epsilon Phi



In 1962, Karen Lysne was president of Delta Epsilon Phi, and our sorority was delighted when this float won “Best Overall Float” and “Best Sorority Float!” We had fun working on it, and cheered loudly as the float came by in the parade.

My favorite Homecoming Parade memory was in 1963 when our float, “Blow the Comets Around the World,” won “Best Overall Float.” I was president of Delta Epsilon Phi and felt honored to ride in a beautiful convertible in both the parade and at the football game to receive our award.

My three years at Minot State were memorable, and I am proud to have gone there.

Kathleen (Brickner) Burley '63
Lancaster, Calif.

An eye-opening experience at Swain



Many of us came from small towns and played basketball in what was known as Class 3 groupings. I was one of them, which led to my first exciting experience visiting Minot State campus.

Because of our team’s basketball successes in my high school days, Glenburn fathers kicked in funds to permit us to go to a college game in Swain Hall, which was very new back then. As we entered Swain, I was overwhelmed by the beauty of the arena. The hardwood floor was polished to a high gloss, highlighted by the massive overhead florescent lighting. It was the most astounding view of a basketball arena I could have ever imagined. We played in many area high school gyms that paled in comparison. That visit to Swain Hall was my most memorable forever.

Don Feller '61
Portland, Ore.

Remembering the fallen

There aren’t too many of the 1,200 MSTC V-5 and V-12 Navy men still among the living, so I thought it appropriate to dedicate

an upcoming issue of Connections to the memory of all those who volunteered to serve in Uncle Sam’s Navy during World War II.

I don’t know how many of those from the Minot V-5 and V-12 programs were killed in the line of duty, but I know two who were killed during the war. One of the men in the V-5 group was killed in a flight training accident in the Minot area.

The other fatality I learned from a previous Connections issue, when Erling Podoll, (Aberdeen, S.D.) wrote that his roommate, Telford Morgan, did not survive the sinking of the Indianapolis, one of the greatest naval tragedies of World War II. The Indy had just delivered parts for the two atomic bombs to Tinian Island to be dropped on Japan. Podoll helped unload these parts off the Indy onto the island.

These two bombs dropped on Japan were what finally convinced Emperor Hirohito it was futile to continue the bloodbath on his people and Americans, and it was necessary to surrender.

After delivering the bombs to Tinian, the Indy was steaming toward the Philippine Islands when she was sunk by two torpedoes from a Japanese submarine around midnight July 30, 1945. Of the approximately 1,200 men on the ship, only 300 were rescued out of shark-infested waters five days later. The ship’s whereabouts had fallen through the cracks and wasn’t missed until planes luckily spotted the survivors. This incident is recorded in the book “Out of the Depths” by Edgar Harrell, USMC.

After leaving Minot, a good number of us went to other universities and finished officer-training requirements. Some stayed in the Navy for 20-30 years. One of my first roomies rose to the rank of full captain and skippered a ship during the Vietnam War. Those of us who returned to civilian life ran the gamut of occupations and professions. Many of us became teachers,

lawyers, doctors and architects. Bud Hoeffel returned to Minot after completing his architectural studies in Oregon and designed the International Inn (now known as the Grand Hotel) across from Minot’s airport.

In addition to those who became naval officers and served in the Korean conflict, a large number of us were called back into the Navy during that war. Those are a few of the reasons the V-5 and V-12 men deserve special recognition in Connections.

I contacted Erling Podoll, and we spent over an hour rehashing our lives since leaving Minot. I’m still in contact with a few of my old navy comrades, including Jim Rabideau of Pasco, Wash., who wrote a story about Pioneer Hall. Incidentally, those fire escape stairs on each end of Pioneer were also handy for sneaking back into the building after lights-out.

Just think — the entire roster of 800 represents the approximate total number of sailors who went into the water July 30, 1945, only 300 of whom survived.

Ralph Rees
Fillmore, Calif.

Flight time training update

In the May 2013 Connections on page 8 (“MSTC answers wartime call”), the 35 hours of flight time mentioned in the article were actually dual time under instruction. In addition, we acquired 25 solo hours.

Robert Holmbeck '43
Bloomington, Minn.

Editor’s note: Navy recruits took their flight instruction at the Minot airport from Charles Westlie and 15 other instructors in 22 of their Piper Cub airplanes. Westlie passed away in 2011.

Visit www.minotstateu.edu/100 to hear Isabel Kraft wish MSU a happy birthday.



BROADENED HORIZONS; MSU's mission evolves



While Minot State began as a normal school to train teachers, its mission quickly broadened to include the liberal arts. School officials felt that professional training wasn't enough to justify the school's existence. They believed that graduates needed to develop well-rounded minds and

humanistic values. The movement toward this larger vision began in the 1920s, blossomed after World War II and reached its full flowering from the 1960s on.



The liberal arts ideal was promoted not only in the classroom but also in extracurricular activities, particularly music and theater.

MUSIC

The Minot Symphony Orchestra has been a key feature of the local arts scene for a century. It had its genesis in Jacobson's Opera House, which was built in downtown Minot in 1902. In 1914, Blaine Allen regularly brought musicians from Minneapolis to perform with local players.

Arturo Petrucci, an Italian immigrant living in Mohall,

soon joined the orchestra as a violinist. In 1926, the classically trained musician joined the faculty at Minot State and became the symphony's director. From that point on, the orchestra became a community-college partnership.

Petrucci introduced symphonic literature and European discipline to several generations of college students and local music lovers.

George Frideric Handel's "Messiah" is another collaboration with a long local history. First presented in 1909, the event has been presented on the Minot State campus and at various venues around the city. At one point, it was performed for 80 consecutive years.

Petrucci directed the popular oratorio during his tenure at the college. John Strohm later assumed stewardship



December 1950

Petrucci directs MSTC orchestra for 25 years.

March 1959

Memorial Library opens.

1960

McCulloch and Crane Halls open for residents.

September 1961

Homecoming marks the dedication of Student Union, Science and Math buildings.

of the project and strongly encouraged community participation. The chorus often swelled to several hundred voices during its peak years.

In addition to symphonic and choral music, Minot State's Division of Music also featured band music. The program reached its pinnacle in 1969 when its marching band performed in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif.

The 160-member band, under the direction of James Jurens, marched in 17 crisp rows. It covered the five-mile parade route in three hours. More than 100 million television viewers watched the event. Minot State's 2008 Homecoming celebration honored alumni who participated in that milestone event.

THEATER

Minot State also has had a long tradition in the performing arts. Campus Players was formed in the early 1920s to promote dramatics on campus.

Productions took place on campus for decades, but the 1960s introduced a new wrinkle. Faculty members Harold Aleshire and Tom Turner began offering shows during the summer months.

Summer Theatre officially opened in 1966 with the production of "Bye-Bye Birdie." The musical was staged in a donated tent erected on a parking lot where Hartnett Hall now

stands. Cast members performed on a 12-by-12 foot stage, and audience members sat on folding chairs.

Summer Theatre was an instant success, so the two faculty members searched for a more permanent location. In 1970, the college carved out an amphitheater in the foothills north of campus. Over the decades, Summer Theatre became a warm-weather tradition in the Magic City.

The Amphitheater has recently been upgraded with permanent seats, dressing rooms, lighting booth and outdoor deck.

Kevin Neuharth, who assumed directorship of Summer Theatre in 1980, explained the program's popularity.

"What has made it successful are the great staffs and casts we have had over the years and the unbelievable following we get from our audiences each and every summer," he said.

Aleshire personified Minot State's ongoing commitment to the liberal arts. A Minot State alumnus, he joined the faculty in 1956 as director of theater. He established the theater department's sterling reputation during his 33-year tenure at the school. For 10 of those years, he also chaired the Literature and Language (now Humanities) Division.

Aleshire loved the theater in general, but had a particular

fondness for Shakespearean drama. Later, he expanded his repertoire to include humanities courses, which became his favorite area to teach.

"In humanities you never run out of things to teach," he explained. "It covers such a variety of topics."

An actor himself, Aleshire appeared in "Northern Lights," an award-winning 1978 film about the founding of the Nonpartisan League. The league was a short-lived populist movement that began in North Dakota in the early 1900s.

To honor this foremost exponent of the arts, Minot State named the theater in Hartnett Hall for Aleshire in 1990.

For decades, the liberal arts have been as much a part of Minot State as Old Main, the Dome and the beaver mascot. It was more than the founders could have ever hoped.



May 1963

MSTC observes 50th anniversary.

October 1968

Funds sought for \$50,000 amphitheater.

December 1972

Minot State elected to NASM (National Association of Schools of Music).

September 1974

New Hartnett Hall welcomes theater, music and communications.

MSU

DEP
Delta Epsilon Phi

DZ
Delta Zeta

STG
Sigma Tau Gamma

SSS
Sigma Sigma Sigma

BQ
Beta Theta
Greek



The establishment of “social clubs,” known more familiarly as fraternities and sororities, was an important innovation in Minot State’s social scene. By 1931, five separate “social clubs” were established at the

college: two for men, Alpha Kappa Delta and Mu Sigma Tau; and three for women, Delta Epsilon Phi, Sigma Delta and Beta Theta.

According to that year’s College Bulletin, they had functioned successfully, having done “much to promote friendship among groups of students”

and positively “influencing their members to maintain a high grade of scholarship and deportment demanded by modern college life.”

life

TKKE
Tau Kappa Epsilon

MST
Mu Sigma Tau

Greek societies forged life-long bonds

The establishment of Greek societies reflected a national trend. Although sororities and fraternities had existed in a number of American colleges and universities before 1900, the phenomenon really took off after World War I.

At Minot State, they played a more modest role, at least initially. During the interwar period, membership never exceeded more than a third of the student body. In the beginning, sororities and fraternities did not enjoy the luxury of their own houses or the freedom to party at will. Those privileges would have to wait for more prosperous times.

After World War II, the U.S. economy blossomed, and cultural life on campus shifted. If the religious groups pursued the higher truths, the Greek organizations offered a different agenda. With the exception of the period from 1943 to 1946, when memberships declined and one of the fraternities went inactive, the Greeks continued to develop their pre-eminent social role first established in the inner-war period. An article in the

Red and Green from May 1955 claimed with some justification that “the word ‘Greek’ at Minot Teachers College has become synonymous with work, fun and fellowship, as bread has to butter.” The sororities and fraternities did dominate campus politics and the college’s “fun” scene. They became especially prominent for sponsoring elaborate parties and dances.

Among several campus groups, the Greeks ranked as most prominent in Minot State College’s campus life during the 1960s. The Greek chapters included four sororities: Sigma Sigma Sigma, Delta Zeta, Delta Epsilon Phi and Beta Theta; and three fraternities: Mu Sigma Tau, Sigma Tau Gamma and Tau Kappa Epsilon (earlier known as Alpha Kappa Delta). Although constituting only a

little more than 15 percent of the student body, the Greek groups exerted a disproportionate social influence not only over their members, but also over the campus as a whole. During their heyday in the 1960s and early 1970s, they represented a state within the state, enjoying their own houses off campus with special rules and routines. Because of this separateness and special status, they generated considerable controversy.

Defenders traditionally described them

as valuable because, as one enthusiast put it, they afforded “a wonderful opportunity to add this to your social life.” Other justifications existed as well. In a Red and Green poll in September 1962, which



Formal dances were sponsored every year by one of the Greek organizations.

“It was great; it was a way to really get involved on campus. We did traditional things like social gatherings, where we could dress up in our white dresses. We had philanthropy projects, like rock-a-thons where we rocked in rocking chairs for countless hours to raise charity money.”

—Val (DeLong) Bruels



First-year students gather for strength in numbers before entering the cafeteria. It was tradition for them to wear beanies prior to Homecoming Week.

asked five students whether there should be fraternities and sororities on campus, the Greeks received unanimous support. Among the reasons given for support was their role “in boosting school spirit, their involvement in school functions and their contribution to lasting friendships.”

“I learned leadership skills,” said Toni (Bullinger) Gumeringer ’82, a Delta Epsilon. “I learned how to work together for a common goal and I learned how to work with many different personalities. I grew as a person just because of the whole dynamic of working together as an organization and living together as a family.”

“It was great; it was a way to really get involved on campus,” said Val (DeLong) Bruels, a Delta Zeta who attended MSU in the ’70s. “We did traditional things like social gatherings, where we could dress up in our white dresses. We had philanthropy projects, like rock-a-thons at Town and Country Shopping Center, where we rocked in rocking chairs for countless hours to raise charity money.

“We also did a lot of things, so members got to know each other. Pledges had to have a ‘coke date’ with every active

member within a certain period. Projects, such as event planning, forced members to step out of their comfort zone. They had to go out into the community and deal with businesses.”

The sororities and fraternities provided support for their members and a home away from home.

Kim (Blowers) Nielsen, a Beta Theta, recalled the benefits: “During school, my sisters from elder pledge classes gave me support and guidance. They also encouraged me to ‘hang in there,’ and ‘keep going.’ The sister bond was unconditional and they helped me build confidence. The lessons I learned from Greek life carried over and helped me in my adult life. My big sis, Marcy Blikre (’75), was a great support.”

Beta Theta and Delta Epsilon Phi sororities were local sororities, while the Sigma Sigma Sigma and Delta Zeta sororities were national.

“We supported both local charitable causes and those promoted by the sorority at the national level,” said Deb (David) Schultz ’73/’99, a Tri-Sigma. “It was exciting when we were visited by national representatives. Garnet Cox (dean of women and

Sigma Sigma Sigma alumna) was a great role model.

“There was great camaraderie between the sororities when we worked on a project, participated in an event such as Greek Week, or served on the Panhellenic Council. I participated in music-related events on campus and focused on engagement within my sorority.”

Fraternity brothers shared similar sentiments when discussing memories and experiences.

West Fargo native Dwight “Ormy” Ormiston attended MSU from 1964 to ’69. He was recruited by Coach Hank Hettwer to wrestle and play football, which was a natural path to his membership in the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity, a group initially composed of many athletes.

“Each year, we had Greek Week, which included different competitions, like chariot races and tug of war,” Ormiston said, referring to the group’s competitive nature and athletic prowess. “But we also volunteered and had work projects. We had a big fencing project, and we helped with cleanup from the ’69 flood, which was a lot of work.”

Almost 50 years later, Ormiston remains in contact with many of his fraternity brothers.

“Anywhere I travel, I have contacts,” he said.

Rob Anderson first attended Minot State in 1968, when he pledged Tau Kappa Epsilon. His brother Mike was a TKE, which factored into his decision on which fraternity to choose.

“Growing up, I had three brothers,” Anderson said. “When I joined the TKEs, I had 53 brothers. As a fraternity brother, you always had a place to go. There was



A group of Greeks set up the TKE Victory Bell prior to a football game in 1971.

always someone to talk to or eat with, and someone to help with school work ... I liked that."

Anderson has fond memories of the formals and impromptu parties. He values the mutual experience of working together on community fundraisers. Working with others toward a united goal remains fresh for other TKEs as well.

"When I see someone on the street, at the store or at a game, we still stop and talk," he said.

"Growing up, I had three brothers. When I joined the TKEs, I had 53 brothers."

—Rob Anderson '83, '99

Paul Issacson '75 and Dave Aas, both of Minot, pledged the Mu Sig Tau fraternity in the early '70s. Mu Sigma Tau was the oldest local fraternity in North Dakota, established on the Minot State campus in 1926.

Issacson and Aas remember the fraternity culture at that time as "a lot of Minot people and people from around the area." Both indicated they knew many Mu Sig brothers from high school, which made the transition to college smooth and enjoyable.

"Can we be honest? The real focus for frat guys was to meet chicks," Aas said. "However, I already knew a few people who were Mu Sigs. It was a large, active group. I was impressed by how well organized and nice the house was. It seemed like the place for me."

Issacson looked up to the advisers and elder members in the group.

"The upperclassmen were really respected," he said. "They participated in our development as freshmen. Advisers, such as J.B. Busse, Pearl Stusrud, (James) Brandt and Harold Aleshire, were always available if you ever needed someone to talk to. J.B. Busse was like a grandfather; everyone looked up to him."

By the late 1970s, the fraternity and sorority phenomenon had begun to decline nationally and at Minot State College. The Greek societies survived

the decade, but their numbers declined to half of what they'd been 10 years before. By 1977, the Red and Green, which previously had been a promotional voice, ceased reporting Greek activities. The prediction expressed in the school newspaper a decade before by a critic that "the Greek way seems like a system that has failed to adapt" appeared to have been realized. The lifestyles, age and expectations of students in a post-Vietnam era changed campus culture.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

In 2010, the Mu Sigma Tau fraternity was revived with a pledge class of seven. Currently, it has 27 active members. The Beta Theta sorority returned to campus in spring 2012 and has 26 active members. The revived Sigma Delta sorority officially initiated four members in September 2013.

Parts of this article were taken from "When Dreams Come True: A Centennial History of Minot State University," by Mark Timbrook and Jonathan Wagner. To purchase copies of this book, visit our Centennial website at www.minotstateu.edu/100.



A dubious tradition long forgotten

Published information on the "freshman beanie" at Minot State University is scarce and can be traced through a very few who remember being given one during the first weeks of school. Nationally, campuses introduced beanies in the 1950s, but their popularity waned over time. Some colleges retain the tradition.

A Minot State College Homecoming activities letter dated September 1966 states that wearing beanies "individualized" first-year students and served as a symbol of the institution's traditions and heritage. Initiation lasted approximately six weeks and ended at the annual bonfire, which officially kicked off Homecoming. First-year students were required to wear their beanies daily, and to signify the completion of orientation, they threw their beanies into the fire.

There were additional initiation requirements, such as learning the school song, wearing an onion necklace two days a week and following assorted dress requirements for men and women. First-year students were also required to attend kangaroo court daily, where offenders were "punished." Missing kangaroo court was a serious offense in itself and would result in extending initiation.

Much like at other campuses, the reaction to such folly was mixed.

Ila Lovdahl '71 graduated from McGregor High School in a class of seven. She was a first-year student at Minot State in 1967 and has fond memories of initiation.

"I don't remember how we got them, but I remember we had to wear them every day," she said, referring to her beanie. "I folded mine into thirds and pinned it into my hair. I wanted everyone to know I was proud to be a freshman and that I was now a part of this huge college."

According to Garnet Cox, former dean of women, some students would not wear their beanies, and others found kangaroo court intimidating and demeaning.

The freshman beanie tradition slipped away with little fanfare in the late 1960s.

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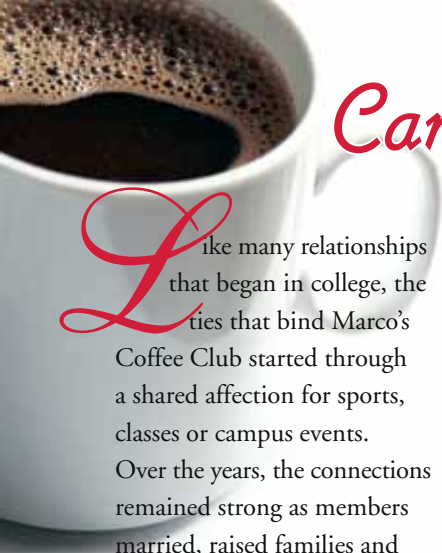
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Campus, coffee are the ties that bind

Like many relationships that began in college, the ties that bind Marco's Coffee Club started through a shared affection for sports, classes or campus events. Over the years, the connections remained strong as members married, raised families and rose through the career ranks. The conversations at the meetings morphed to include family and community, but the MSU connection remained part of the fabric.

Fifty years later, with kids and deadlines behind them, the group's members have changed their focus to solving problems more looming than home or work. The Marco's Coffee Club, comprised of many MSU alumni, has shifted its focus from armchair tactics to community service.

"There are so many problems — we are the steering committee for the city," said Henry Milkey, self-proclaimed group president. "Every day, we meet and solve all the problems, but nobody listens."

The club is a loose group of approximately 20 men, who, by their estimation, have met daily for coffee since

the early '60s. Locations and names of meeting places have shifted over the years, but the camaraderie and spirited banter remain consistent, regardless of the locale.

One of their first service projects occurred in 2006, when word got out that Herb Parker (retired MSU dean of men) wanted to paint his house — by himself. He was 85 at the time.

"When we heard Herb was going to paint his house, we asked if we could do it," Milkey recalled. "He didn't really want any help, so we told him his job was to buy the paint."

"Herb didn't want to waste any paint, so he pretty much spent the entire day running back and forth, buying one gallon at a time," Rod Romine chimed in.

Twelve men completed the project by late afternoon.

The group has also served as Minot's official hospitality committee at state tournaments since 1969. The men work tirelessly as greeters and tournament hosts, providing food and snacks for coaches,

school officials and workers.

"Minot has a great reputation for hosting tournaments, mainly because of this group," said Rick Hedberg, MSU athletic director. "We couldn't do it without them."

They also raised money for the first all-weather MSU track.

In honor of MSU's Power of 100 Centennial Service Project, the club volunteered 100 hours last summer maintaining the grounds around the five "Welcome to Minot" signs at the city's entrances. It dedicated its effort in the spirit of Minot State's century-old commitment to service.

Of the 14 lawn mowers the group used, most were rescued from the garbage and repaired by Milkey.

"I am starting to get picky," Milkey said. "I prefer self-propelled."

"The hills are steeper than they used to be," Romine added.

It's not all work for the group. Although coffee is

the muse, gathering together provides members a way to stay abreast of community happenings and involved in each other's lives.

"We spend at least 20 minutes trying to remember names," Duane Brekke quipped.

"We get along; we really don't get into arguments," Milkey added. "Sometimes, though, I have to say, 'That's enough!'"

The group chuckled, and somewhere at the table another person refilled his cup.

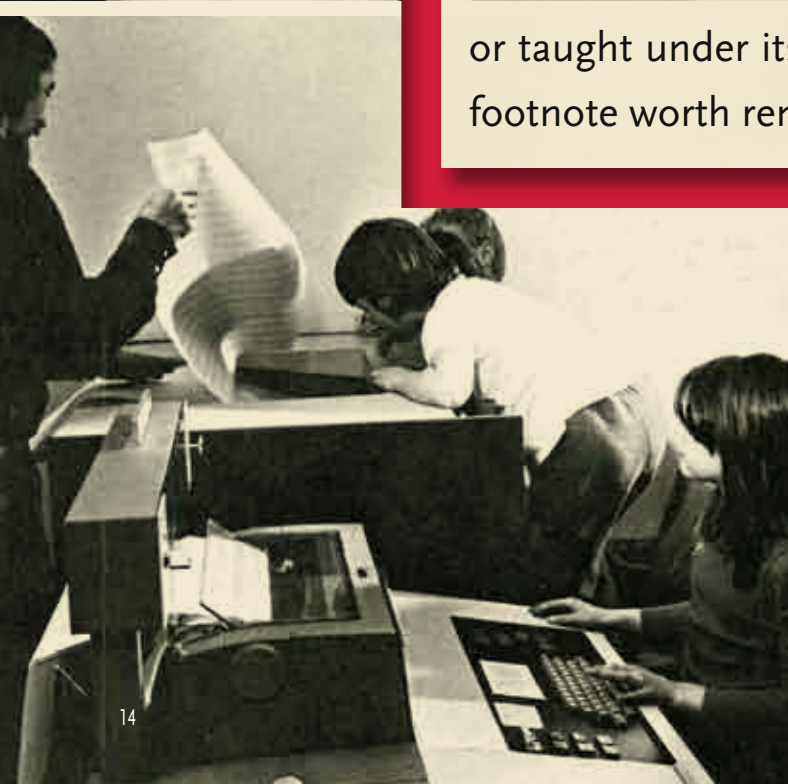
Editor's note: On the day the group met with Connections, members included Milkey, Romine, Brekke '62, Dick Westlake '56, Ernie Medalen '61, Pat Schmitt '57, Dale Mattern '66, Ken Flynn, Bob Sundberg '65, Keith White '68, John Doering '62, Myron Hayhurst and Jerry Meyer '55. Missing were Terry Hjelmstad, Pat McNally '68, Roger Backes, Larry Wahlund '58 and Jack Nybakken '69.

L-R: John Doering, Bob Sundberg, Henry Milkey, Rod Romine, Pat Schmitt, Dick Westlake, Larry Wahlund and Myron Hayhurst.





The promise of the Experimental College was a grand one. From its seed came ideas that have taken root at Minot State. Technology use, greater student involvement and responsibility and more diverse and open general education options are all legacies of the college. The Experimental College may be only a small footnote in the institutional history of Minot State, but for those who lived, learned, or taught under its auspices, it is a footnote worth remembering.



A COLLEGE within A COLLEGE

MSU EXPERIMENTAL COLLEGE — by Kevin Matze

Many challenges and changes have faced Minot State University since its creation in 1913 as a teacher's college. From 1971 to 1975, one of those changes was the formation of the Experimental College.

Funded by a National Science Foundation grant, the EC was to provide wider academic preparation for earth science teachers. In addition, the EC would open its doors to all MSC students as part of their general education experience.

Spearheaded by earth science professor and program director Eric Clausen, the EC worked with a different dynamic than the rest of Minot State. Openness of communication, grading experimentation, course construction, class participation and experimentation with technology all set the EC on a divergent path.

"I wrote the grant proposal, but once funded, the program was significantly shaped by faculty and student participants," Clausen said in an email.

The EC was limited to 140 students and 17 faculty members at the beginning. The low student-teacher ratio had been identified as helpful in learning environments, making them more

direct, intimate and manageable. Faculty were not called "faculty"; they were referred to as "collaborators." The goal of these schemes was to create "an environment of trust" and a "humanistic spirit" within the EC.

Minicourses, created by students and instructors in concert, allowed for wide-ranging avenues of exploration. Sample courses included "Miss America Pageant: Themes and Myths," "Tonto and Friends," "Eco-pornography," "Wicked Man" and "What is Evil?" Since the

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courses changed from quarter to quarter, they were fresher than regularly offered MSC courses.

"Many Experimental College courses were one-month long, which permitted students to study a greater variety of subjects," Clausen said. "Additionally, the grant included funding for Minot State's first computer, and for a time the Experimental College served as the Minot State computer center."

Beyond the in-class experience, the EC also sponsored visiting academics, new

student-teaching protocols, field trips, on-campus projects (such as the building of a geodesic dome on the quad), a professional journal ("The Ten O'clock Scholar") and the introduction of computer courses at Minot State. The computer courses, as well as the IBM 1130 leased by the EC, were the first for any public college in North Dakota.

The final legacy of the EC belongs to the students who participated in it. Former EC students looked back on their college years as a life-defining time.

Steve Fogarty completed the four-year earth science program at the EC and went on to take a position at Jim Hill Middle School in Minot, where he still teaches earth science.

David Aas, a student and teacher at the computer center, took his early interest in computer technology and parlayed it into a successful career in information technology.

Beth Stevens took skills that she learned at the EC and used them to open Artmain, a successful Magic City business.

"The Experimental College was a community that fit well with my creative and political stance at the time," Stevens recalled. "I was a farm girl who, through a unique experience in a small college, learned to look outside the box."

In the spring of 1975, National Science Foundation funding for the EC ended. Clausen and his team of EC educators sought new funding to no avail. The EC was without a sponsor, and its pockets were empty. The college within a college folded its tent and disappeared.

While the promise of the EC was a grand one, it never fully bloomed. But from its seed came ideas that have taken root at Minot State. Technology use, greater student involvement and responsibility, and more diverse general education options are all legacies of the program.

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Olson's tenure rooted in North Dakota values

Gordon B. Olson served as president of Minot State for 25 years, a tenure that has become a quaint vestige of the past.



Olson's longevity is due partly to his serving in a less stressful and impatient era, but it has more to do with the character of the man himself. He had a deep love for his native state and a profound belief in human potential. Both traits served him well in his chosen profession.

Olson was born in 1924 near Almont, a wind-dusted community in the southern part of the state. His father worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad, while his mother cared for the family's four children. The couple modeled human compassion by boarding section men, rural teachers and elderly folks caught in the cold grip of the Great Depression.

The Olson family's roots went deep into the region's soil. Both sides lived when the region was still Dakota Territory.

"We had a lot of oral history in our family," Olson once recalled. "My grandpa, great-grandpa and great-uncles knew some figures from the Old West."

The family history stimulated Olson's lifelong interest in gunslingers, cowboys and Native Americans. Driven by his almost tactile sense of history, Olson and some relatives later bought Theodore Roosevelt's Elkhorn Ranch north of Medora. While living there in the mid-1880s, the future U.S. president led the cowboy life and wrote three books on hunting. Olson devoured those books and avidly hunted the Badlands to validate the authenticity of his hero's adventures.

Olson's youth was an unspoiled idyll of staid Lutheran services, monthly Ladies' Aid suppers, church and school picnics and Sunday afternoon baseball games. No telephones marred the tranquility. A Ford Model T was the family's mode of travel to town seven miles away.

But World War II soon interrupted Olson's bucolic boyhood. Like many young innocents, he was about to have his mettle tested by a larger and less congenial world. He enlisted in the U. S. Army and was dispatched to Fort McClellan, Ala., for basic training. On a bus one day, he abruptly came face to face with Southern racism.

"I gave my seat to a black woman who looked like she'd had a tough day," he later remembered. As he stepped off the bus, the driver issued a threat veiled as friendly advice: "Listen, soldier, we don't give our seats to blacks around here."

In basic training, the army earmarked Olson as a rifleman because of his extensive hunting background. After basic, the military shuffled him around the country, with stops in New York, Texas, Washington and Missouri. The army's final destination for him, however, was the Pacific Theater of Operations.

Olson boarded a troop ship on the West Coast and arrived in the Philippines during the bloody Luzon campaign. After the Allies defeated the Japanese, some enemy fighters retreated to the jungles and forests, while others hid in Manila's sewers.

Olson witnessed the bloody simplicity of war firsthand. While on guard duty one day, he watched as a group of Filipinos identified a certain man under a Banyan tree as Japanese. They killed him, quartered his body, doused the remains in gasoline and burned them.

The war etched a mosaic of sharp images in his memory — typhoon-like storms, seasick soldiers, decomposing bodies, yellowed skin from anti-malaria pills, jungle rot on feet and ankles, cock fights, USO shows and floating poker games.

His character tested in the cauldron of war, Olson returned home with both his body and values intact. He joined the tide of ex-servicemen streaming to colleges under the G. I. Bill, a generation that would shift the paradigm of higher education.

"The GIs were very responsible, serious students," he recalled. "They took on family responsibilities big time. They put some reality into education; they took the highfalutinness out of it."

The future quickly snapped into focus for the young veteran. He chose education as his life's work, true to his family's ideal of serving others. After earning undergraduate and advanced degrees, Olson served as a teacher and administrator in area schools for several years.

He assumed the helm of Minot State in 1967 and served until his retirement in 1992. His philosophy of education derived from the generosity of spirit he learned at home.

"I'm an advocate of two things: low tuition and giving everyone a chance," he explained. "I've never dealt with anyone who set out to do a lousy job. They aspire to do well. It's easy to brand someone as hopeless. My experience says that's not true."

As an administrator, Olson employed the template that he had encountered in the U. S. military.

"It takes people who are not very skilled when they enter the service and by the time they're through, they're technicians in this field or experts in that one," he said.

He strongly believed that North Dakota students had a clear advantage over those from other regions.

"You have your roots in the soil," he explained. "There's a sense of balance, of rhythm. Nature's all in tune, and you kind of soak it up."

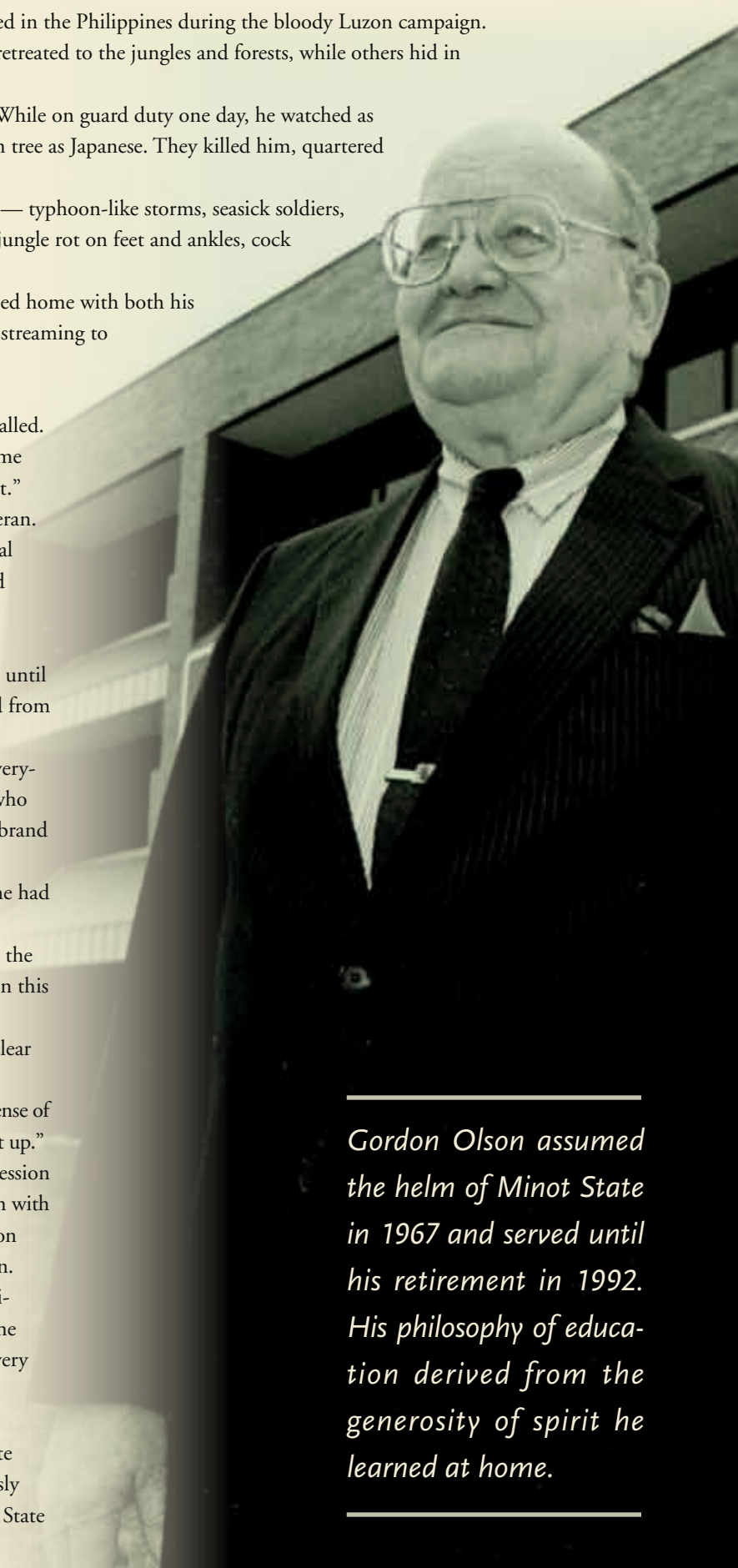
That same soil nourished Olson through the Great Depression and World War II. Later, when higher education buffeted him with its mindless fads, outsize egos and political crosscurrents, Olson remained as steady and relentless as the North Dakota horizon.

"I don't know that citizens of North Dakota fully appreciate the historic role of teachers and education in the state," he said. "What a fine system we have in higher education at a very nominal price."

Olson died in 2009 at the age of 84.

Olson's quarter-century tenure as president of Minot State resonates with the power of myth. This complex and endlessly intriguing man cast a sizable shadow on the campus. Minot State won't see the like of him again.

Olson's wife Carley, resides in Minot.



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Finding links far away from home

Six degrees of separation is the theory that everyone is six or fewer steps away from any other person in the world.



Silver and his wife, Patty, with sons (l-r) Michael and Brian.

In North Dakota, by nature of its small population, a connection to each other is a given. Born in Queens, N.Y., Larry Silver's '70 link to North Dakota and Minot State was only a phone call away.

Silver was a wrestler at Valley Stream Central High School on Long Island, N.Y., in the mid-1960s. He knew of two former teammates, Alan Allstadt and Willie McCullum, who had left Long Island a year or two earlier to attend a small school somewhere in the Midwest. When Silver was offered a scholarship from MSC wrestling coach Hank Hettwer, he knew his chance to attend college was staring him in the face.

"I'd lived on Long Island my entire life and had never been more than 25 miles away from home before coming to Minot State," he said in a telephone interview. "My family and friends thought I was going to 'Minnaught' and that I was crazy. But I wanted to go to college, and it was a school that I could afford. It was one of the best decisions of my life."

Silver remembers arriving in Minot as if it was yesterday. He flew into town

around 11 p.m., got off the plane, looked around and thought, "Oh, my god, what have I done?" Minot did not remotely resemble Long Island. "Talk about culture shock," he said.

Larry wrestled for three years and joined the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity, which created a common bond with 50 or 60 guys who have remained lifelong friends. He also met his wife, Patty (Lill) of New Rockford, at MSU.

After graduating in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in physical education, Silver



returned to New York where he taught for 18 months at Public School 125 in Manhattan. In 1972, he joined the U.S. Army and spent three years in the infantry, with one year in Vietnam. The end of his service landed the Silvers in Colorado, where they decided to raise their family.

Silver began his business career in Denver at a fledgling health maintenance organization called Compicare. HMOs were a new health insurance option, just getting off the ground nationwide. With two business partners, Larry started Peak Health Care, Inc., in 1979 and grew it into a successful, multistate, for-profit HMO. In 1986, United Health Group purchased Peak Health Care.

Silver is retired and has lived in Arizona since 1987. Besides enjoying golf as much as possible, he and Patty like to travel and visit their sons, who, ironically, live in New York.

"Minot was a great experience for me," he said. "People in North Dakota are the salt of the earth and have an honest way of looking at things. It was the first time I was exposed to that."



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Minot State has solid debut in NCAA Division II

MINOT STATE University's first season as a full-fledged member of NCAA Division II and the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference will go down in history as not only a trailblazing year, but also one of its most productive.

The Beavers sent two teams and two individuals to NCAA Division II National Championship Tournaments, had four All-Americans and numerous All-NSIC and All-Central Region winners.

It began with women's soccer capturing the school's first NSIC postseason title in November. The Beavers also played the school's first-ever NCAA DII tournament game,

falling in the first round to Southwest Oklahoma. Sophomore Zoe Fisher and senior Marie Torres were named to All-Central Region teams, with Fisher getting the nod on two different teams, including the Daktronics All-Central Region team.

During the winter, it was women's basketball player Carly Boag's turn to make headlines. She became the Beavers' first-ever NCAA DII All-American, earning Honorable Mention Daktronics All-American after a stellar junior season. She was also named to the All-Central Region first team and the All-NSIC first team.

Women's softball in the spring made the biggest waves nationally, as the Beavers won

the school's first NCAA tournament game, blanking Emporia State, 1-0, at the Central Regional in Hays, Kan. The Beavers won a school-record 41 games.

The accolades poured in for individual softball players, but none bigger than for junior Jen Dixon. She was named the Daktronics Central Region Player of the Year, Capital One Academic All-American (the first in school history), Daktronics All-American first team and NFCA Second Team All-American.

Fellow softball players Mandy Greenberg and Tiffany Friesen were both named Daktronics All-Americans and All-Central Region, and

Greenberg was named to the 2013 Jewish Sports Review All-America Team.

Not to be outdone by the female competitors, Minot State sophomore men's golfer Kowan O'Keefe won the NSIC individual title at the NSIC Spring Championships and qualified for the NCAA Super Regional, where he finished 47th overall.

Minot State's two national qualifying teams also generated awards for their respective head coaches. Jason Spain was named the NDAPSSA Women's Collegiate Team Coach of the Year, and head softball coach Bill Triplett was named CaptainU College Coach of the Year in NCAA Division II.

2013 Homecoming Reunion

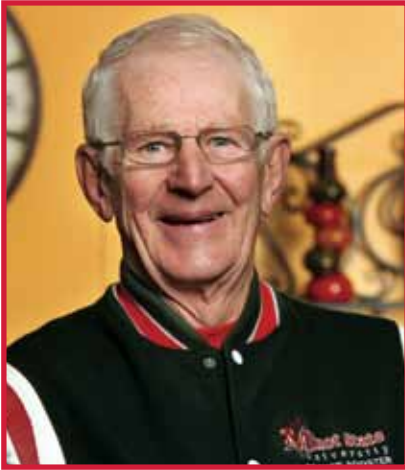


1983 and 1985 Football Reunion members and guests (L-R): Tim Kramer, Calvin Sikorski, Randy Leitner, Bryan Kramer, Brad Bosch, Kevin Seehafer, Larry Sandy, Scott Fjeld, Bruce Mack, Alvin Van Horn, Mark Munday, Ron Urbaniak, John Aplan, Dan Leidholt, Victor Patterson, John Werner, Mark Wax, Pete Sigurdson, Barry Holmen, Kirby Erickson, Ralph Hawkins, Dr. David Stroud, Lee Weisgarber, Brian Nelson, Dean Bachmeier, Kathy Clott, Rick Hedberg. Unidentified above are family members of teammate, Scott Eagle, who died last summer.

GARY LESLIE

Pioneer advocate for women's sports

GARY LESLIE touched multiple lives in his work as a teacher, coach and administrator at Minot State.



Leslie began his career at Minot High School, coaching a traveling gymnastics team along with the track and field team. After spending a couple years in Minneapolis, he came to Minot State in 1969.

At the college, he was the head gymnastics, tennis and women's track and field coach, along with being an assistant football coach from 1969 to 1988.

He took over the gymnastics program in its second year and built it into an NAIA powerhouse. He served as its second and final head coach until the sport was disbanded in 1986. Connections recently interviewed Leslie about his groundbreaking career at Minot State.

CONNECTIONS ...

How did you come to coach gymnastics at Minot State after your hiatus in the Twin Cities?

LESLIE ...

I went to Tucson, Ariz., for a gymnastics clinic on what was new and what was happening in the sport. I ended up teaching at it. So, I figured I would get back into it.

I feel that coaches are teachers first. I chose to coach gymnastics because I love the study of muscle and kinesiology. There isn't a better sport to feature that.

CONNECTIONS ...

Women's athletics at the secondary and collegiate levels suffered through dark times before Title IX was passed in 1972. How bad was the struggle back then?

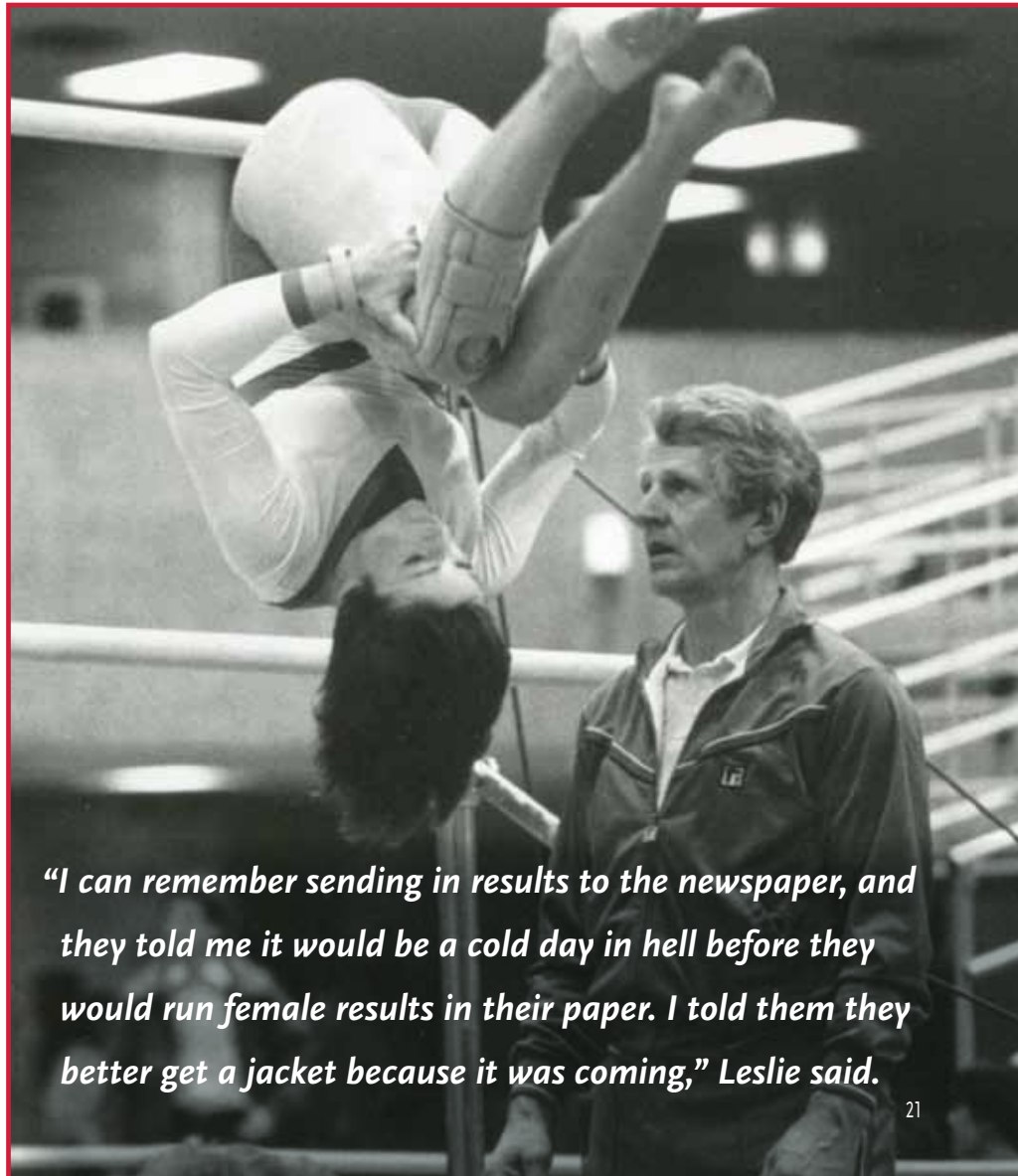
LESLIE ...

We couldn't get on the track until after the guys were done, when we started track at Minot High. I laid out all the areas down at the state fairgrounds, and we practiced the hurdles on the gravel roads. We used to high jump on concrete slabs, and then we got some old mattresses and filled them with straw. That is what those kids went through at the start. I think

about how far we have come with all of those sports. A lot of people owe a lot to those groups. I call them pioneers because they were making history back then.

(Minot State) had one of the first girls, Barb Mitchell from Jamestown, to qualify for the national tournament, and the administration wouldn't let her go. They weren't sold on women's gymnastics. They felt there wasn't a place for females in athletics.

I can remember sending in results to the newspaper, and they told me it would be a cold day in hell before they would run female results in their paper. I told them they better get a jacket because it was coming.



"I can remember sending in results to the newspaper, and they told me it would be a cold day in hell before they would run female results in their paper. I told them they better get a jacket because it was coming," Leslie said.

The fast-pitch softball girls at Minot State are making history now. We started that and finally got it sanctioned in North Dakota a few years ago, so we are still making strides.

CONNECTIONS ...

Your gymnastics teams won 11 North Dakota Gymnastics Championships, had five national champions and two N.D. College Female Athletes of the Year. You were named North Dakota College Coach of the Year in 1981 and 1985. What brings you the most satisfaction?

LESLIE ...

I never had the privilege of sitting on the awards stand or winning anything like that personally, so the excitement for me was watching those athletes getting those accolades. Every time I saw them come off the mat with a great effort, that was the most outstanding feeling I could have.

CONNECTIONS ...

Despite its success, the women's gymnastics program ended in 1986. How did that happen?

LESLIE ...

We hosted the national tournament in 1985, and it was dropped a year later. We actually held two of them here and finished with the second- or third-highest number of national champions on the individual level, so it was a viable sport at Minot State.

But it was a constant battle, too. The NAIA was struggling at the time. It seemed like at every Olympiad the rules changed and the equipment changed. You know, we tumbled on the Swain Hall floor, and then we got some wrestling mats to use. Unless we changed to a different level, I could see the writing on the wall.

CONNECTIONS ...

What do you value most about the women's gymnastics program?

LESLIE ...

Our goal was to win a national championship with North Dakota kids, and we came close; we finished second and third. But I felt coaches could only affect 10 percent of the outcome; the rest was up to the players. I can remember when Renae (Newman) Rudolph '88 won the national championship in the vault at the Dome, I could see it in her eyes. That was the kind of connections you can't replace. That was really what it was all about.

I can give you names of kids who won championships and titles, but you would forget about all the others who put in all the time and maybe didn't win, but were a part of those teams, a part of the history.

Basketball great chose to stay at home



Henry Milkey has a unique opinion when it comes to the best men's basketball players to come out of North Dakota. Milkey, who starred for the Beavers from 1953-57, is usually put right up toward the top of that list when it is mentioned. But he is quick to point out that not many people determining the list had a chance to see him play.

While Milkey, a longtime referee who has attended nearly every state tournament over the past 40 years, has had a bird's-eye view of the talent.

"Those guys don't know how good Henry Milkey was. They never saw me play," he said, trying to deflect the praise. "But I've been able to see all of those guys, the Frank Bruels and Eddie Bakers, so I think I have a good perspective."

While that isn't a definitive answer as to whether he believes he should be mentioned with the best ever, Milkey feels just being mentioned in 2013 shows he could play the game at a high level.

"I'd be lying if I didn't say it feels good to be remembered like that — everyone enjoys a compliment," he said. "I feel that just to be remembered now I must have done something right. I was a hard worker, trained a lot and took pride in what I have done. I wanted to be good at whatever I was doing — playing or refereeing."

"I was fortunate enough to play with some great players and for some great coaches. To me, that is what allowed me to be remembered. Those guys are my friends, and that made it fun."

But Milkey's career wearing the Red & Green almost didn't happen, as he was recruited to play at the University of Minnesota. He committed to the Gophers and was packed up and on his way before changing his mind.



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1954-55

“I got all the way to Alexandria (Minn.),” he said. “I had been getting all this advice from everyone about where I should go to play. In the end, I really just wanted to stay here and play. I never had any regrets on that decision.”

But he did get a taste of what could have been with the Gophers in a tournament a couple years later in Lewistown, Mont. Minnesota had a team that featured four seniors Milkey would have graduated with had he not changed his mind.

“After a tough battle with that team, one of their guards came up to me and said, ‘I’ll tell you this, you could have played in the Big 10 if you had the chance,’” Milkey recalled. There were some great teams in that tournament, and we battled them all. That really proved to me that we could play, taking on those all-star teams.”

“I got a lot better playing in that tournament. I once scored 55 points on a team that flew in a guy to guard me!”

Milkey finished his stellar career at Minot State with an impressive 19.91 points-per-game average and was named all-conference four years. The Beavers’ 1955 team won a conference champion-



1956-57. Front (L-R): Herb Parker, Whitey Aus, Dale Brown, Jim Walker, Henry Milkey, John Fisher. Back (L-R): Student manager Richard Lemke, Clarence Christensen, Carl Long, Ron Nelson, Don Smith, Ray Stein.

ship and advanced to the NAIA National Championship Tournament.

“The NAIA tournament was a real big deal back then. A lot of the teams in NCAA Division II and even some DI teams were NAIA teams back then,” he said. “The teams down there were really good — a lot bigger than we were. But we were the first team from the conference to go to the national tournament, so it was a great experience.”

He grew up watching Minot State athletics, watching future Hall of Famers Wes Luther and Art Lee play football for the Beavers. He spent countless hours in the old college gym, working on his skill set against local standouts and players on the respective teams at MSU.

Over the years, Milkey has been a mainstay at Swain Hall and then the Minot State Dome as a fan and a referee. He has watched the school change over the years and remembers his time playing and refereeing fondly.

“I didn’t get into the social aspect of college too much because I farmed in the spring and summer quarters, and in the fall and winter I played basketball,” he said. “But you knew everybody, and there were a lot of local kids I grew up with here. Minot State was good to me.”

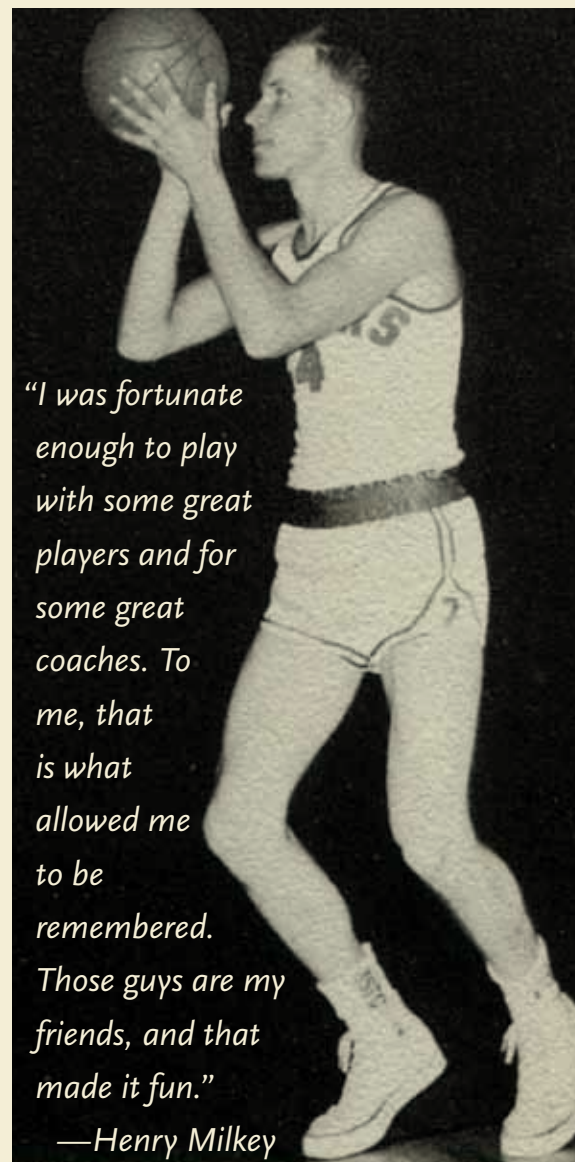
“I can remember refereeing when the Dome first was built, and we didn’t have any lines on the floor, so guys were always stepping out of bounds. We told Dr. Olson (then President Gordon B. Olson) we needed to get some lines, so we put down tape before they finally painted them.”

And it has been those interactions with the people at Minot State that

helps Milkey not regret not finishing the trip to Minneapolis.

“If I had gone down to Minneapolis, I wouldn’t have those contacts,” he said. “I’ve met so many people in sports. What I miss the most about playing and refereeing is the people I have met and worked with. The memories have been great.”

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“I was fortunate enough to play with some great players and for some great coaches. To me, that is what allowed me to be remembered. Those guys are my friends, and that made it fun.”

—Henry Milkey

ALUMNI HAPPENINGS: 2013 NDSF Parade

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Minot State alumnus Josh Duhamel '96 was the Grand Marshal for the 2013 N.D. State Fair Parade. Duhamel (back row, center) celebrated MSU's 100th birthday with many Minot State University alumni, staff and friends.



The Centennial Celebration excitement attracted hundreds of walkers to escort MSU's 100th birthday cake float along the fair parade route.

2013 NDSF Luau



L-R: Deb (Steig) Reinke '73, Sheila Berntsen, Jane (Foster) Ormiston '69 and Karen Dolan enjoy a perfect evening at the NDSF Luau.



The Duane Edwards '53 family have a mini-reunion all their own at the NDSF Luau. Duane (front row, second from left) and all five of his children attended MSU.

2013 Golf

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L-R: Candace (Olson) Brekke '01, Rhonda Jensen, Jonn Knecht '92 and Mark Lyman pose at the first tee in Velva for the 9th annual Friend Raising Golf Tour.



L-R: Mike and Kathy Santjer and Kerry (Hanson) '87 and Scott Grochow '86 join us for our Friend Raising Golf Tour in Rugby.



L-R: Wade Regier '08, Jeff Senger, Kevin Vigested '00 and John Clock '01 battle for top golfing honors at our Stanley golf event.

ALUMNI HAPPENINGS: 2013 Homecoming reunion

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L-R: Kathy (Kuschel) Rylander '79, Candy (Pederson) Reilly '78 and Marcy Blikre '75 share their college memories.



L-R: Diane (Engel) '72 and Jerry Stai '75 share college memories with Darwin Langseth '74.



Recollecting Greek celebrations brought smiles from Leann (Artz) Hall '74 and Daryl Flagen '74.



Chris (Gay) '73 and Byron Blowers '86 traveled from Bismarck to enjoy the reunion.

Bismarck Alumni Social



Our alumni and friends social in Bismarck at the Elks Club was a memorable event. MSU alums, Chris and Byron Blowers hosted the event.

2013 Homecoming tailgating and game

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Penny (Schultz) '12 and T.J. Lipsey, MSU "superfans," showed their school spirit at the Homecoming parade, tailgate party and game.



L-R: Matt Geinert '08, Chris Schilken '06, DelRae (Zimmerman) Geinert '08, Amanda Geinert, Luke Geinert and Chelsea (Peterson) Kirkhammer '06 join hundreds of alumni for the tailgating festivities at Homecoming.



The MSU Marching Band performs for the crowd.



Hundreds of MSU students, alumni and fans gather at halftime of the Homecoming football game for the historic Centennial Celebration 100 photo. Download the photo at www.minotstateu.edu/alumni.



Minot State University

GOLDEN Awards

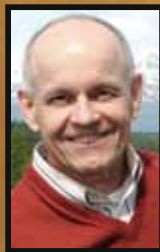
HONORING OUR MSU 2013 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Four Minot State University alumni — Lona Anderson, Robert “Rob” Anderson, Gary Cederstrom and Clint Severson — received the MSU Alumni Association’s Golden Award in September. Nathan Conway received the Young Alumni Achievement Award.

The Golden Award is the highest award bestowed by the MSU Alumni Association. Selections are based on outstanding service to the university or Alumni Association, distinguished career or community leadership. The Young Alumni Achievement Award recipient is between the ages of 21 and 39.



Lona Anderson '69



Rob Anderson '83, '99



Gary Cederstrom '78



Clint Severson '73



Nathan Conway '01

LONA (LARSON) ANDERSON, a retired realtor, graduated from Minot State University in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science in education. After teaching business classes in Casselton, New Town and Rugby, she moved to Minot and began a real estate career in 1978.

The Bottineau native was part owner of two real estate companies, Brokers 12 and Signal Realtors. During her 30-year career, she received many honors. She was president of the Minot Board of Realtors in 1984, Minot Realtor of the Year in 1985 and 2001, North Dakota Association president in 2000, North Dakota Realtor of the Year in 2001 and North Dakota/South Dakota Certified Residential Specialist of the Year in 2001.

Lona Anderson served on the MSU Board of Regents, MSU Development

Foundation Board, College of Business Advisory Board, Inauguration Committee for President David Fuller and Chancellor Search Committee. She initiated the MSU Business Mentor Scholarship Program in 2013. Her dream is that this program will leave a lasting impression on the students who receive this scholarship and the people who donate money and mentor students.

A founding member of the Minot Community Foundation’s Power of the Purse, she is also involved in the Minot Symphony League, YWCA, North Dakota State Fair and Vincent Methodist Church.

ROBERT “ROB” ANDERSON, MSU adjunct art professor, graduated from Minot State with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education in 1983. He returned to earn a master’s degree in

elementary education in 1999. As an undergraduate student, he belonged to Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

After teaching for Minot Public Schools for 25 years, the New Rockford native retired in 2011. However, he was quickly called back into service to become a special assistant to the MSU president, or “flood ombudsman,” after the 2011 Mouse River Flood.

As a member of the MSU Alumni Association Board of Directors, Rob Anderson has co-chaired Gala, the association’s major fundraiser, Gala’s Presentation Committee and participated on the Promotions Committee.

In 2009, Rob Anderson was named MPS’ Teacher of the Year. Professionally, he has been engaged in the North Dakota Education Association, Minot Education Association, North Dakota PTA board of

directors, Minot Public Schools Arts Committee and MPS Curriculum Committee.

Locally, Rob Anderson volunteers at Christ Lutheran Church, Scandinavian Heritage Park and Norsk Høstfest. In the past, he served on Minot Public Library's Long-Range Planning Committee and National Art Education Association.

GARY CEDERSTROM, a crew chief with Major League Baseball, graduated from MSU in 1978 with a bachelor's degree in physical education. While attending Minot State, he belonged to the M Club and Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity. He was also a member of the Beaver baseball team for four years.

For the past 34 years, Cederstrom has umpired professional baseball, joining the MLB staff in 1997. The Minot native has umpired in six Division Series, six League Championship Series, one All-Star Game and one Japan All-Star Series. He worked both the 2005 and 2011 World Series. In 2012, he was behind the plate for Johan Santana's no-hitter against the St. Louis Cardinals, the first no-hitter in New York Mets' history.

In the off-season, Cederstrom returns to North Dakota to hunt and fish. He maintains a home in Minot and enjoys watching local teams compete. He also travels to California to work as an instructor at the MLB Urban Youth Academy. He assists with the boys' basketball and baseball teams at Central Catholic High School in Melbourne, Fla.

CLINT SEVERSON, Forbes' 2007 "Entrepreneur of the Year," nurtured his industrious spirit with childhood jobs as a paperboy and grocery clerk in Minot. His North Dakota work ethic has served him well throughout his career. Presently, Severson is the president and chief executive officer of Abaxis, a point-of-care medical diagnostic company.

Graduating from MSU with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1973, Severson secured a sales position with the diagnostics division of Dow Chemical in San Francisco.

Severson spent 11 years working for Dow and Syva, a division of Syntax Pharmaceutical. While working at 3M Diagnostic Systems in 1984, he discovered his true calling: turning small, start-up businesses into profitable companies.

Severson's latest success story is Abaxis. Under his leadership, sales have grown 28 percent to over \$186 million per year with an operating profit of over \$40 million.

Severson believes in the quality of education MSU provides. In 2010, Severson and Conni Ahart donated \$1 million to establish the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy. SEA uses multidisciplinary classes that relate to building a business. Through SEA, students write, analyze and evaluate business plans and grant seed money to exceptional student concepts. Beaver Brew Café, MSU's student-run coffee shop, opened its doors in September 2012. Abaxis also provides internships for MSU students.

NATHAN CONWAY is chief executive officer of Fortis Energy Services, a Michigan-based oilfield well services company. Previously, Conway was chief operating officer of Ward Williston Oil Company, a North Dakota-based oil and gas exploration and production company. He led the business's daily operations and oversaw its strategic plan to grow within the Williston Basin and expand its holdings in Colorado and Michigan. He directed the successful divestiture of all Ward Williston's producing and non-producing assets in May 2012.

The Westhope native earned a Bachelor of Science in accounting from MSU in 2001. He holds an MBA from the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business, where he is an engaged alumnus.

Conway is active in his professional and local community as a member of the Independent Petroleum Association of America and chair of the Golf for the Gulf Charity Open. He provides monetary support and business acumen to feed and educate African children through Joint Aid Management, an African relief organization. He is a member of JAM's board of directors.

Business Watch Magazine and Prairie Business Magazine recognized Conway with their "40 under 40" award. Platts Global Energy Award recently selected him as a finalist for its Rising Star Award.



The 2013 Golden Award recipients and their presenters with President David Fuller. L-R: Gerard Cederstrom '89 (accepting for brother Gary Cederstrom '78), Jeff Risk '81, Jon Backes '84, Lona Anderson '69, Dr. JoAnn Linrud, Nathan Conway '01, Dr. David Fuller, Linda Johnson, Clint Severson '73, Rob Anderson '83, '99 and Mike Anderson '04.

Gen. David C. Jones, former Joint Chiefs chair, dies

David C. Jones, a retired Air Force general who helped set in motion a far-reaching reorganization of the U.S. military command while serving as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, died in August. Jones, who had Parkinson's disease, was 92.

Jones graduated from Minot High School in 1939. He attended the University of North Dakota and Minot State College, dropping out to enlist in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a member of the Mu Sigma Tau fraternity.

Jones served longer than any predecessor on the Joint Chiefs, first as the Air Force chief of staff and then as chairman from 1978 to 1982.

Jones' wife of 67 years, Lois Jones, died in 2009. Lois Jones, a Beta Theta alumna, received her standard teaching certificate from MSU in 1941.

1955

Rose Fettig, who is with Holiday Inn, received the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce's Eagle Award in May. MACC sponsors the program to recognize Minot workers who exhibit superior customer service.

1961

Ann (Ostroot) Gremmels and **Chuck Gremmels** ('62) have been married 52 years. Ann taught English and elementary education for 25 years in Glenburn, Rolla and Mayville. Chuck taught in Glenburn, Rolla, Lisbon and Dakota High Schools before he taught and coached for 20 years at Mayville State University. Chuck is teaching at Ridgewater College in Willmar, Minn. He was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame and was recognized as an outstanding teacher while at Mayville State University. At Ridgewater College, he has been recognized five times as the NDCAC Women's Basketball Coach of the Year. Ann and Chuck have four children.

1962

Duane Brekke has rebuilt the Roosevelt Plaza on East

Burdick Expressway. The building had more than seven feet of flood water in 2011.

1968

Pat McNally retired July 1 as Minot High School's athletic director after 12 years. Prior to his career at MHS, McNally was the athletic director and football coach at Bishop Ryan High School for 28 years. Before his lengthy stint at BRHS, he spent five years as football coach at Garrison High School.

Vern Notbohm has retired from Slumberland Furniture as the store's general manager. Notbohm was employed in the position since 2000.

1971

Sandy (Coughlin) Mahar retired in May after teaching in business/technology for 35 years. Mahar will continue at Grafton Public Schools as the before-and after-school director. She resides in Minto, with her husband, Richard. They have three sons.

Steve Blikre, financial representative with Northwestern Mutual of Minot, has qualified for membership in the Million Dollar Roundtable, an

international, independent association of nearly 19,000 leading life insurance producers. He has been with Northwestern Mutual since 1976.

1972

Rosanne Olson had a solo photography exhibit at the Robin Rice Gallery in New York City.

1975

Paul Nagel returned to Minot in March and is serving as the Amtrak station agent. Prior to working for Amtrak, Nagel completed 30 years in law enforcement.

Debbie (Kaufer) Eraas

received the 2013 Music Educator of the Year award from the North Dakota Music Educators Association in March. Debbie has taught music for 36 years, with the last 11 in the Minot Public School System. She is an established piano teacher and director of the DoReMi Children's Choir at Edison Elementary. Eraas is a certified Kodaly and Orff music method instructor.

1981

Kelly (Ulland) Harrison is looking forward to moving to Alaska after retiring as a fifth-grade teacher at Heart River Elementary School in Dickinson for 15 years. She and her husband, David, plan to put their dreams into action and move in August.

Shelly (Summers) Wepler

was elected Ward County commissioner last November. Wepler is the executive director of St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation.

**1986**

Lisa (Christensen) Feldner has been named North Dakota University System vice chancellor for information technology and institutional research. In her new position, Feldner will oversee the NDUS' information technology services and will be in charge of institutional research.

Jaeger named teacher of the year

Julie (Holter) Jaeger, a teacher in Minot Public Schools' gifted and talented program, was selected as Minot Education Association Teacher of the Year. She is also one of four finalists for the North Dakota Education Association Teacher of the Year award.

Jaeger graduated from Minot State University with a bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology in 1977. She has taught in Fessenden, South Prairie, Nedrose and North Plains, and was a technology partner for the district before moving over to gifted and talented services 10 years ago.



MSU Advancement staff congratulated Jaeger (center).

Kevin Burckhard, financial representative with Northwestern Mutual of Minot, has qualified for membership in the Million Dollar Roundtable, an international, independent association of nearly 19,000 leading life insurance producers. He has been associated with Northwestern Mutual since 1987.



1987

Garvin Osteros was promoted to audit manager at the Army Audit Agency's field office in Colorado Springs, Colo. He assumed the promotion after returning from Afghanistan. Osteros and wife, Cheryl (Butz) '87, live in Divide, Colo.

Nancy (Huesers) Vitko has joined Emeritus Senior Living as residential care director for their Minot location, Emeritus at Brentmoor. Vitko has worked in a variety of roles in health care including quality improvement, care management, discharge planning and case management for Trinity Health.

1988

Joni Buechler, a radiation oncologist, has joined the Essentia Health Cancer Center in Fargo. Most recently, Buechler worked at St. Vincent Frontier Cancer Center in Billings, Mont. Buechler grew up in Golden Valley and served a residency in radiation oncology at the University of Iowa Hospitals Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa.



Lee Nordin was promoted to colonel in March in the North Dakota Army National Guard. His duties include director of the N.D. Army National Guard's domestic operations and part-time commander of the Camp Grafton Training Center-based 164th Regional Training Institute. As commander, Nordin leads a fully accredited training institute that educates Army National Guard

and U.S. Army Reserve soldiers in a myriad of military occupational specialties. He lives in Bismarck with his wife, Valerie. They have two grown children.

Daniel Schettler is a history and physical education teacher for the Belleville (Wisc.) School District. He completed 22 years as the head coach for the high school track team. Under his leadership, the track teams have had 15 girls' conference championships, and the boy's teams have won 18 conference titles. He has led the boys to two WIAA State Track and Field Championships, and he was selected Wisconsin's Track Coaches Association District 5 Coach of the Year in 2006, 2011 and 2012. Schettler was voted the National Federation of State High Schools Association's Track Coach of the Year and was selected as the NFHS Sectional Coach. The award encompasses a five-state sectional. He is married to MSU graduate Jamie Kopp '86.

1989

Mike Lucy, an American Family Insurance agent in Minot and Stanley, was recognized for providing outstanding customer experience under the American Star Excellence in Customer Experience Certification. Lucy has been an agent for American Family since May 1992.

1990

Carrie (Forshner) Evans serves as executive director for Equality Maryland.

Scott Joern is now the owner of A to Z Signs of Minot.

1992

Kim (Knippelberg) Pederson, who is with Haaland Optical, was the recipient of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce's Eagle Award in May. MACC sponsors the program to recognize Minot workers who exhibit superior customer service.

Mitch Lunde was named activities director for Minot Public Schools July 1, 2013. Previously, Lunde spent nine years as Beulah Elementary School principal and activities director for Beulah Public Schools.

1993

Karin Kjolberg is a pregnancy, parenting and adoption services social worker with Catholic Charities North Dakota.

1994

Julie (Kramer) Schwab has been hired to lead the Medical Services Division of the State Department of Human Services. Schwab has more than 15 years of health care management and quality care and compliance experience. She has been employed with Sanford Health since 1999, most recently as the director of compliance and privacy.

1995

Kelly Perrin has joined United Community Bank of Minot as credit risk manager. Perrin worked in public accounting for several years auditing financial institutions. He recently worked as an internal auditor and risk manager.



1996

Steve Bogden of Acme Tools in Minot was recognized as a certified tool specialist by Evergreen Marketing Group. Bogden has more than six years of tool and equipment sales experience with Acme Tools.

1997

Jarid Lunde was elected president of the Souris Valley United Way board of directors at its annual meeting in February. Lunde was recognized for his leadership as campaign chair in the 2012 fall campaign, during which a record \$610,000 was raised to assist 26 local programs.

Lloyd Halvorson was named vice president of academic affairs at Lake Region State College in Devils Lake in May.



Halvorson joined LRSC in 2002. From 2011 to May 2013, he served as assistant vice president of academic affairs. He also served as assistant professor and director of the Peace Officer Training Program from 2002 to 2011. Halvorson earned an associate degree from LRSC. He earned a bachelor's and a master's degrees in criminal justice from MSU and holds both an administrative credential and teaching credential from the North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education.

Marsha (Winckler) Dupre' joined Emeritus at Brentmoor as community relations director. Dupre' has worked in the health care industry for 10 years and started at Emeritus in August.

1998

Jason Horner will be Bismarck Legacy High School's first boys' varsity basketball coach. Horner served four seasons as an assistant men's basketball coach at the University of Mary and spent one season as head coach at United Tribes Technical College. He then went to Napoleon for two seasons. Horner joined Mandan for the next five seasons.

1999

Brock Teets was hired as the Bishop Ryan High School boys' basketball coach. Teets left his Berthold High School coaching position after taking the Bombers to the state tournament three times in his five years. He coached at Glenburn for six seasons prior to Berthold. Teets is a marketing manager at Integrity Viking Mutual Funds in Minot. He and his wife, Tiffany, have two children.



2000

Scott Duke has recently taken a new position as vice president of regional operations at the Billings Clinic in Montana.

2001

Dana Pritschet was appointed director of the Marketing and Information Division of the North Dakota Department of Agriculture. In her new position, Pritschet will oversee NDDA's local, regional and overseas marketing programs, including Pride of Dakota, local foods and farmers markets, as well as public information and publications.

Angela Eldevik

has been a licensed real estate agent in North Dakota since 2010 and has now joined Brokers 12 Inc. She is a member of the Minot Multiple Listing Service, Minot Board of Realtors and N.D. Association of Realtors.



Tara (Lavachek) Jordan won the Celebrate Literacy Award from the North Central Reading Council. Jordan currently teaches at Jim Hill Middle School, is co-chair of Jim Hill Literacy Committee, organizes and facilitates monthly book clubs, assists with organizing and planning a family literacy night, presents literacy issues and helps organize Scholastic classes. She is past co-chair of the NDRC State Reading Conference and a writer of Prairie Reader articles.

Dana (Entze) Hinton is the

admissions coordinator in the MSU Office of Enrollment Services. Hinton previously worked for Minot Public Schools. She enjoys golfing, reading and refereeing high school volleyball. Her husband, Dan, is also a MSU graduate.



2002

Trevor Sinclair and **Shayla (Strasser) Sinclair** are employed at Hazen Public School. Trevor is the elementary school principal, and Shayla is a sixth grade teacher and track coach. Previously, they were with Washburn Public School for seven years.



2003

Christopher Hundley was appointed chief technology officer for Optify, a Seattle-based digital marketing software provider. Hundley has more than 15 years of engineering, product development, web-scale architecture, IT operations and strategy experience with Optify. Prior to Optify, Hundley served as engineering director for Visible Technologies, a Bellevue, Wash. company that produced software to measure and analyze brand perceptions and performance in social media.



Melinda Obach received the 2013 University Center Excellence in Teaching Award. Obach has taught English at the University of South Dakota at University Center, Sioux Falls, since 2006. She is a creative writer whose poetry and creative non-fiction have been published in the South Dakota Review, (605) Magazine, Midwestern Gothic, the Blue Bear Review and South Dakota Women: Action, Influence and Voice.

2004

John Carlson, financial representative with the North Central Associates of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, has earned membership in the 2013 Million Dollar Round Table. He qualified for this honor based on client service,

ethical conduct and professional knowledge in 2012. Carlson also qualified for the Summit Circle Conference by providing financial guidance and solutions to members of the organization in 2012.

2005

Amy (Johnson) Leathers has been promoted to manager of contracts and pricing operations at Take Care Health Systems at Walgreens Company.

Niki (Wegenast) Carlson joined Visit Minot as the director of sales.



2007

Tina (Marshall) Angus has returned to North Dakota after three years working for the USAF at Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

Teresa (Kraft) Loftesnes was named president of the Visit Minot board of directors for 2013. Visit Minot was formerly the Minot Convention and Visitors Bureau.



Erik Klein has been assigned to the North Dakota Highway Patrol's Southwest Region and will be stationed in Belfield. Klein began his NDHP career in January 2010 and graduated from the Highway Patrol Academy in June 2010.

Mason Cool was promoted to assistant vice president of Gate City Bank. He is a mortgage loan officer at the Dakota Square office. Cool has been employed at Gate City Bank since 2004. He resides in Minot with his wife, Jennifer.

2008

Kelsey Fagerland has joined Town & Country Credit Union as risk manager. The Noonan native received her CPA license in



January 2011 and has four years of experience specializing in government and financial institution audits and small business taxes.

2009

Tessa Rath has been promoted to an assistant program manager with Centre Inc., Mandan. Rath has been with Centre for over three years.



Kendra Meyer is a pricing analyst at Ameriprise Financial in downtown Minneapolis.

Jeff Froseth has joined First Western Bank & Trust as a consumer lender at its Dakota Square branch.



Tyler Neether has been promoted to vice president of business lending for Town & Country Credit Union. Neether specializes in commercial and agriculture lending.

2011

Jennifer (Hanson) Charbonneau is the new center manager for United Blood Services in Minot. Previously, Charbonneau was regional operations director for a marketing company in southern New Jersey. Charbonneau has worked for United Blood Services for nine years and was a mobile crew supervisor, giving her more than 14 years of experience in management.

David Scharpe, financial representative with Northwestern Mutual, has been appointed college unit director in the Minot area. Scharpe will continue to be part of a network of specialists offering a wide array of products. His duties and responsibilities will include recruiting and training financial representative interns, while providing clients with the financial services solutions.

Brittany Getz has been hired as an account technician in the Bismarck office of American Insurance Center.

Marisa Rauhauser, licensed social worker, joined Charles Hall in Bismarck, as admissions coordinator/social worker.



2012



Tod Graeber ('93) has been named hospital administrator of the Garrison Memorial Hospital and Turtle Lake's Community Memorial Hospital by the St. Alexius Medical Center board of directors. Since 1999, Graeber served as chief financial officer. He and his wife, Tonya, have a son, Kale.

Braden "Brady" Burckhard was one of 60 students chosen nationally to go to Capitol Hill in May as part of 2013 Posters on the Hill. He presented his research to U.S. Congress members. The event, hosted by the Council on Undergraduate Research, recognizes student achievements in undergraduate research. His presentation was "Addressing the Hazards of Post-flood Mold to Public Health." Burckhard began research his sophomore year with Mikhail Bobylev, associate chemistry professor. The CUR selected Burckhard's research project from over 800 applications.

Nicki Messamer, who is with Verizon Wireless, was the recipient of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce's Eagle Award in May. MACC sponsors the program to recognize Minot workers who exhibit superior customer service.

Mindy Blackmore accepted a position with the Developmental Disabilities Unit at South Central Human Service Center. Blackmore will provide case management services to Region VI residents. She previously was employed at the Anne Carlsen Center.

2013

McKenna Larson has joined Ackerman-Estfold as a full-time business assistant with an emphasis in marketing and human resources.



Attended

Casey Sidener has been hired as a territory sales manager for Advanced Business Methods. His territory includes Minot and the region east of the city.

Jerry Janz has joined Keller Williams Roers Realty Market Center in Bismarck.

Kevin Rubbelke retired as head groundskeeper for the Minot Parks Department after 29 years of service. Rubbelke's retirement plans include renovation of homes of relatives and his own that were damaged in the 2011 flood.

Pam (Bloms) Slaughter has joined the North Central Associates team of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans as a securities office professional with the organization's Rocky Mountain Regional Financial Office. Before joining Thrivent, Slaughter worked at Wells Fargo Advisors in Minot.

Friend

Mark Jantzer, Chad Thompson and **Terri Aldrich** will serve as directors of Visit Minot (formerly Minot Convention and Visitors Bureau) for 2013.

Don Rasmuson of the UND Police Department has been named Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1874 in Grand Forks. He has served the university community for 33 years and worked with the local Community Violence Intervention Center and the North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services.

Jim Montgomery joined First Western Bank & Trust's insurance department in June. Montgomery is a third-generation agent, and started in the insurance business in 1974. Montgomery has been involved with the Minot Jaycees, Minot Association of Builders, Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and Minot Area Development Corporation.

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.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Alumni events

Alumni and Beaver Booster Appreciation Basketball Game
January 17 • MSU Dome
MSU Beavers vs. Minnesota Duluth

Free admittance to game, complimentary food from 5 – 6:30 P.M. or until it's gone.

Alumni Association Centennial

Gala
dinner & auction

Friday, April 25, 2014 • Holiday Inn

We'll be in **ARIZONA** again this spring. Be on the lookout for your invitation to our upcoming Arizona event.

See you there!

Photos from the MSU Centennial Celebration

Enjoy more photos at www.minotstateu.edu/100

Community BLOCK PARTY



In memoriam...

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

Graduates

- '37 Paulson, Elliott; Seattle, Wash.
'38 Hutchinson (Lunde), Ruth; Wheatland, Wyo.
'38 Wolf (Karp), Patricia; Minot
'39 Cooper-Berg (Forney), Iona; Detroit Lakes, Minn.
'39 Jacobson (Bauman), Dorothy; Billings, Mont.
'40 Heringer (Simbalenko), Carol; Butte
'41 Jenneman (Schultz), Phyllis; Minot
'41 Seger, Charles; San Luis Obispo, Calif.
'42 Cammack (Hannah), Marcia; Mount Pleasant, Iowa
'42 Rait (Hanson), Olga; Crosby
'48 Kriese, Glendon; Powell, Wyo.
'49 Fay, John W.; Bismarck
'49 Smith (Stevens), Leona; Williston
'49 Johnson (Dislevy), Beverly; Turtle Lake
'50 Allmaras (Eckert), Naomi; New Rockford
'50 Berntson, Thelma; Glendive, Mont.
'52 German, Maybelle; Anchorage, Alaska
'53 Simonson, Nils; Kalispell, Mont.
'54 Link (Knutson), Bertha; Goodrich
'56 Dalthrop (Bickler), Leota; Grand Forks
'56 Thorpe (Thorp), Hilda; Minot
'57 Rhinehart (Hunter), Gay; Kelso, Wash.
'60 Herd (Neubauer), Lily; Portland, Ore.
'61 Lyson (Woessner), Genevieve; Bismarck
'62 Olson, David L.; Bottineau
'63 Johnson, Dennis "Smokey"; Dickinson
'63 Tebelius (Kowitz), Violet; Kenosha, Wis.
'64 Enander (Benson), Clarine; Berthold
'64 Lium (Guidinger), Adell; Mansfield, Texas
'66 Rude (Haga), Geraldeen; Minot
'67 Petry (Balerud), JoAnn "Jody"; Minot
'68 Hurly, Jr., William C.; Minot
'69 Allen, Joel G.; Beulah
'69 Nelson, Donald L.; Minot
'69 Piel (Jaeger), Linda; Tuttle, Okla.
'69 Sandeen (Hildebrand), Linda; Bismarck
'70 Carlson, Dale E.; Stanwood, Wash.
'70 McNeal-Gall (McNeal), Jill; Fargo
'71 Thomson (Badertscher-Woods), Diana; Tipp City, Ohio
'72 Crites, Ken; Minot
'72 Dammien (Wiederhold), Joyce; Minot
'72 Rowland (Shigley), Marian; Fort Collins, Colo.
'73 Benefiet (Crawford), Sarah; Bismarck
'73 Duerre, Dr. James; Grafton
'73 Slover (Lundon), Theresa; Cedar Rapids, Iowa
'77 Wheeler (Fugere), Linda; Denver, Colo.
'79 Jones, Gen. David C.; Potomac Falls, Va.
'82 Forrest (Smith), Marjorie; Rugby

- '82 Heaton, Luther; Grand Forks
'83 Keller, Rodney; Savage, Minn.
'84 Lehmann (Olson), Bernice; Rockford, Ill.
'86 Brudwick, Melanie; Mineola, Texas
'86 Neperud, Kevin; Minot
'89 Olson, James W.; Minot
'90 Ihla (Helgeson), Shirley; Bottineau
'92 Wyman (Norenberg), Becky; Garrison
'94 Seti (Zinniel), Lori; Butte, Mont.
'12 Geiermann, James; Williston

ATTENDED

- Anderson (Hanson), Bernice; Palermo
Callahan-Cook (Hamers), Veronica; Minot
Chelgren, John C.; Minot
Choukalos (Salisbury), Evonne; Bismarck
Deckert, Dr. Robert; Minot
Eagle, Scott; New Town
Ehlers, William; Minot
Enger (Danielson), Marjorie; Nisswa, Minn.
Fredericksen, Daniel; Bismarck
Fredland (Green), Delcina; Sidney, Mont.
Fruh (Bright), Marjorie; Minot
Fuchs (Mullen), Loretta; Minot
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Miller, Frank "Red"; Minot
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Stundal, Francis; Plentywood, Mont.
Tagestad, Verlan; Towner
Thomas, Robert F.; Minto
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Vix, Arthur; Minot
Wankel, James; Phoenix, Ariz.
Watland (Bakken), Ruth; Minot
White, Sr., Loren; Garrison

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- Allmaras, John; New Rockford
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Groninger (Arnold), Karen; Burlington
Haberman, Donald; Minot
Harding, John; Minot
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Spotted Bear, Alyce; Bismarck
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Alexander
 Kory and LeAnn (Juergens) Alexander '05 welcomed Kamdyn on Sept. 6, 2012.



Canlas
 Lorenz arrived Dec. 29, 2012, in Provo, Utah. He was welcomed by parents **Carl Canlas '11** and his wife, Jerevie.



Fisher
Britney (Blackmore) Fisher '06 and her husband, JJ, had Dax Roland on Sept. 28, 2012. He joins big brother Nixon Michael. The Fishers reside in Regina, Saskatchewan.



Ament
Aaron Ament (faculty) and his wife, Rebecca, are proud parents to Chloe, born June 7, 2012. She joins big brother Xander, who is 7 years old.



Carlson
 Beckett Edwin was born Nov. 24, 2012, to Jacob and **Gretchen (Eidsness) Carlson '09** and proud grandparents **Larry Eidsness '76** and **Holly (Forsberg) Eidsness '76/'01** and Ken and Patty Carlson '96.



Goetzfridt
 Reagan Arthur entered the world on Jan. 2, 2012. He was welcomed by **Lori (Owens) Goetzfridt '98** and her husband, Chad. The family resides in Bismarck.



Anderson
 Zeyan Torge was born Dec. 23, 2011, to Jason and **Lindsey (Wangler) Anderson '06**.



Couch
 Dean Alexander was born to **Wendy (Smith) Couch '06** and her husband, Ryan, on Nov. 4, 2011. The family resides in Arizona.



Hochbaum
 Nolan Otto was born Nov. 13, 2012, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, to Norman and **Krista (Thoen) Hochbaum '07**. Nolan is loved by his sister, Brooklyn, who is 2 ½ years old. The family resides in Battleford, Saskatchewan.



Braaflat
 Piper Louise was born Oct. 1, 2012, to **Tammie Braaflat '03** and her husband, Elliot. She joins sisters Hannah and Claire.



Eraas
Ryan Eraas '06 and **Jamie (Slaubaugh) Eraas '06** welcomed their second daughter, Harper Lee, on Jan. 17, 2013. The family resides in Tioga.



Jonassaint
Charles Jonassaint '02 and his wife, Naudia, welcomed Micah Bronson to the family on April 2, 2012.



Kovarik

Travis Smotherman and **Sara Kovarik '07** welcomed Abel Paul on Sept. 12, 2012.



MacPhail

Andrew MacPhail '10 and his wife, Sherri, welcomed their second child, Nyah Therese, born Nov. 19, 2012. Nyah joins big sister Linnea Mary-Anne, who is 2 years old.



Peterson

Amanda (Dostert) (attended '03-04) and **Jay Peterson '04**, along with siblings Marrin and Teague, joyfully welcomed Brolin Vincent on Oct. 20, 2012.



Knowles

Brian Knowles '04 and **Mikaela (Ingersoll) Knowles '05/'08** are proud parents to Greta Alexandra, born Jan. 11, 2013. Greta joins big sister Ila.



McMonagle

Wylie Martin was born Oct. 20, 2012, to proud parents **Trisha (Koepplin) McMonagle '06** and her husband, Jay.



Radwanski

Mia Renee arrived on Jan. 16, 2013. Proud parents are **Jill (Wakely) Radwanski '94** and her husband, Tim.



Lawson

Ethan Jay entered the world on Oct. 24, 2012. He was welcomed by **Dusty Lawson '05** and his wife, Kayla.



Mikkelson

Taylor (Simensen) Mikkelson '06 and her husband, Brock, became proud parents on June 29, 2012, to Brody James.



Routledge

Matt Routledge '03 and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed son Jonah Matthew, born July 2, 2012. He joins older sisters Hannah, who is 6 years old, and Sarah, who is 3 years old.



Leake

Grady was born to **Candace (Thorhaug) Leake '03** and her husband, Bert, on March 26, 2012. He joins siblings Cailyn and Elayna.



Miller

Annie (Bomstad) Miller '09 and her husband, Charles, welcomed Mauleigh Ceceil on Sept. 27, 2012. She joins big brother Gannon.



Sinclair

Truvy Hope was born Oct. 13, 2012, to **Trevor Sinclair '02** and **Shayla (Strasser) Sinclair '02**. She was welcomed home by big brother Treston.



Louser

Scott Louser '94/'01 and his wife, Alexa, are proud parents to Kamryn Rae, born June 15, 2012.



Nelson

Brooks Benjamin was born on May 9, 2012, to **Travis Nelson '03** and **Lisa (Everson) Nelson '00**. He joins big sister Ella.



Smith

Tom Smith '06 and **Alecia (Timm) Smith '06** joyfully welcomed Izabella Grace to the family on Jan. 16, 2013.

MSU Beaver Statue Dedication

Tuesday, September 24, 2013

We see our campus mascot, the Beaver, everywhere we look on campus, but it was not always so. It was not until 1924, when the State Normal School at Minot achieved collegiate status and became Minot State Teachers College, that a mascot was even considered. On February 6, 1925, during a campus assembly, student Pauline Marion Roach, nicknamed “Pud,” proposed the institution select a mascot, as other regional campuses had done. Her choice was the Beaver.

In a rather lengthy speech, she explained the necessity for the mascot and pointed out the reasons for her choice. She noted that the beaver is a native of the region along the Mouse River and that he was “a builder and a hard worker, both characteristics of the school.” She also noted how “he perseveres quietly, but with a goal well sighted” and compared the creature to the 1925 basketball squad. A vote was taken and the Beaver was “unanimously initiated” into our university tradition. A few lusty Beaver yells at the close of session clinched the name and its acceptance.

In celebration of its Centennial, MSU, with the guidance and direction of renowned artist and faculty member Walter Piehl, commissioned North Dakota artist Bennett Brien to create a beaver statue to grace the campus as a daily reminder of the unique qualities that define MSU. The sculpture, composed of rebar (reinforcing bar/steel), sits atop an erratic glacial, which was generously donated by Gravel Products. The Alumni Association led the effort to raise funds for the Centennial Beaver Statue.



About the Artist

BENNETT BRIEN started drawing at age 6 and continues to create works of art about North Dakota and beyond. Brien attended the Santa Fe Art Institute for Native Americans, graduating with an Associate of Fine Arts. He later obtained a bachelor's and Master of Fine Arts from the University of North Dakota.

While at UND, Brien created a logo for UND's Fighting Sioux sports teams. That logo was used until its retirement in 2012. He is also known for his rebar sculptures displayed at the N.D. Capitol, UND, University of Minnesota-Crookston and St. Ann's Catholic Church in Belcourt. The MSU Beaver is his 11th rebar sculpture. Brien currently resides near Belcourt and has five children and six grandchildren.



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