

Connections

Alumni Association & Development Foundation
Centennial edition — March 2014



Minot State
UNIVERSITY

Our Place. Our Legacy. Our Vision.

A century of service is our
foundation for the future

As this is my last Connections article, I wanted to say that Nancy and I have enjoyed immensely our time and service to Minot State University. We have been welcomed and supported and honored to serve and participate in the life of our university. It's been fun and gratifying to get to know so many fine people who care deeply about our students and our place. We have many fond memories, and for all of those we thank you.

Minot State University is nearing the end of its first 100 years and is now well prepared to begin its next 100 years. I assure you that we are in good shape and well positioned for a successful future. Our Centennial celebration this year has given us the opportunity to get to know our traditions and history and to hear stories from students, faculty, staff, and alumni, who recount powerful experiences in the classrooms and in life long relationships with others. Our university



has character because of the character and actions of our people. Those add up to an institution with a proven willingness to do its job well, to think critically about itself, to take steps to improve and to devote itself to the true sense of the “higher” education for which we are responsible.

We educate citizens who contribute to people and communities, who participate

in our democracy, who support the arts and culture, who act ethically and know how to treat others with respect. We don't train automatons, nor do we nurture arrogance, selfishness or dishonesty. The higher education we are known for is reflected in the good actions of our people, and not just to the extent of which our students are knowledgeable or trained well for careers.

Minot State University in the final days of its Centennial has established itself as a first-class university of higher education, a premier place known for our people, our devotion to learning and students, and our belief in the role education plays in the future of our communities and world. I am confident that we will continue to assure students that they can be seen and be heard as good people who will make a positive difference in this world. Higher education has the profound responsibility to do just that. Minot State University for this first 100 years has proven that it fulfills that responsibility exceptionally well.

Thank you for your support and your willingness to believe in Minot State University. Nancy and I have been proud to have been a part of it for these past 10 years. Thank you for the opportunity.

GO BEAVERS!

DAVID FULLER, president

“Minot State University in the final days of its Centennial has established itself as a first-class university of higher education, a premier place known for our people, our devotion to learning and students, and our belief in the role education plays in the future of our communities and world.”





FEATURE STORY: Names reflect growth and perserverance — A history of Minot State University’s name changes

Minot State University’s evolution is a story of transformation. What to call the institution was no easy feat, ushering in controversy from many parts of the state. Ultimately, the battle was won to gain university status, and Minot State University today is a premier university in the “great” Great Plains.

p. 6



p. 8

**H. Erik Shaar:
renaissance man**



p. 9

**Distance education
promises new beginnings**



p. 14

**A visionary Fuller leads
a premier institution**

4 **REMINISCE**

5 **NDCPD: Molding the landscape of developmental disabilities**

10 **Power of 100: MSU centennial service projects engage campus, community and world**

13 **Severson Entrepreneurship Academy — branching into the Bakken**

ATHLETICS

20 **MSU Dome: The ‘WOW’ factor**

22 **ALUMNI HAPPENINGS**

24 **CLASS NOTES**

27 **IN MEMORIAM**

28 **BABY BEAVERS**

CONNECTIONS STAFF

Vice President for Advancement: Marv Semrau
Managing Editor and Writer: Alysia Huck
Writer and Editor: Frank McCahill
Writers: Michael Linnell, Linda Benson '83, '00
Photography Coordinator: Teresa Loftesnes '07
Publication Design: Doreen Wald
Alumni Happenings: Janna McKechnie
Baby Beavers: Kate Marshall '07
Class Notes: Bonnie Trueblood
Memoriam: Renae Yale '10

THIS ISSUE — contributing writers
Cathy Jelsing — *A visionary Fuller leads a premier institution*
Robert Schwartz — *Names reflect growth and perserverance — A history of Minot State University’s name changes*

Photographers:
Richard Heit '07
Janna McKechnie
Michael Linnell, MSU Athletics Department
Mark Schlauser, EAPC Architects and Engineers

COVER PHOTO — The MSU Student Wellness Center, 2012. Photo by Mark Schlauser, EAPC Architects and Engineers.

MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

Celebrating 100

Visit the MSU Centennial website at
www.minotstateu.edu/100

Reminisce



THANK YOU
to our readers
for all your
interest and
comments.

We love hearing
from you.

Send your
remarks and
memories to:

bonnie.trueblood@
minotstateu.edu.

Tidy tunnels offer paycheck

I attended Minot State from 1956 to 1960. I decided to come to Minot State because my parents moved to Minot and my dad worked for the city. I had a place to stay and a place to live. When I arrived on campus, I talked to Herb Parker (dean of men) because I was a track athlete in high school and I wanted to participate in track at Minot State. I also asked Herb for a job, and he gave me a job sweeping tunnels. There were long heating pipes running through the tunnels, and asbestos was all around those pipes. They must have been built well because I've never gotten sick. I held that job for three and a half years, or close to it.



I remember basic things about college, such as class and football games. Homecoming was a big deal at that time. I was a co-chairman for the Mu Sigma Tau Homecoming float one year, and we built a big float! Harry Truman visited campus in 1957 and gave a speech in our auditorium.

I remember some outstanding people. Dale Brown was a senior when I was a freshman, and he went on to be an outstanding coach. Doyle Radke was another teammate of mine. My favorite accomplishment was winning the NDIC conference two-mile race two years in a row in 1958 and 1959.

I earned my bachelor's degree in secondary education. After graduation, I taught business classes and coached. After one year in Drake, I taught 31 years in Williston.

Doug Hoglund
Coteau, ND

Prank gone out the window



What happened when a young college freshman student decided to gather some pencils, gun powder and follow through with some prankster antics? Well, a shredded screen, a student who had to find a different college and a few others who got in just a little trouble.

The prank, some fifty-three years ago in 1961, started when a strategic site was selected on a window sill. The sill was located in a second floor dorm room on the west side of Crane Hall. As the story goes, this specific window sill just happened to be in the best location for the little cannon that could — or at least for some youthful men who “thought” it could. As the chuckles and daring continued among the young men, a precarious target sat in the parking lot just outside of Crane Hall. Little did the target,

a garbage can, know that it was going to be the beneficiary of numerous lead pencils. The homemade cannon, complete with ball bearings and stuffed with pencils, was about to be tested. In an instant, and with many roars of laughter from the young audacious freshmen, the cannon went boom! It was

then that the cannon that “could” sent the pencils flying through the window screen and debris bursting through the air to find a new home in the inconspicuous garbage can sitting so quietly in the parking lot.

However, the next day it was not so quiet in the dean of men's office. Reprimands were

doled out, young men learned a valuable life lesson, and a memory was made that will live forever more in this historic centennial magazine.

Submitted story

Remember the fallen

In response to the reminiscence story, “Remember the fallen” from the November 2013, Connections page 5, alumnus Bob Holmbeck, V-5 cadet, writes:

As I recall the time was late summer of 1943. A weather front moved through Minot which developed a dense fog. We novice student pilots got back on the ground ASAP. Our classmate did not make it back to the airport and crashed northeast of town. We had not had any flight instrumentation instruction, plus the Piper J-3 aircraft was not equipped for a blind flight.



Molding the landscape of developmental disabilities



OCT. 1, 1990, WAS A historic day in Minot State University's history. The North Dakota Center on Disabilities began operations that day and evolved into the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities. NDCPD will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2015.

"The vision of people like Stephen Ragan, David Williams, John Kincheloe, Joe Ferrara and others has hopefully been realized by our work at NDCPD," said Brent Askvig, NDCPD executive director and special education professor. "Their vision of an active, timely and important center of study, training and services for citizens with disabilities is now what we are and how we operate. I'm thankful on a daily basis for the initial work in

establishing our center. Growing from a small operation, with mostly part-time staff, to over 90 staff is amazing."

NDCPD started with only two full-time employees, Susie Mack and Ferrara. The other eight part-time employees were communication disorders and special education faculty members.

In September 2010, NDCPD commemorated 20 years of training, research, community service and knowledge dissemination to the state and nation.

In October 2011, MSU, NDCPD and Norway's Harstad University College hosted the groundbreaking U.S.-Nordic International Conference on Intellectual Disabilities on Minot State's campus. This was the first international conference on intellectual disabilities.

In September 2010, NDCPD commemorated 20 years of training, research, community service and knowledge dissemination to the state and nation.

"It was exciting to have 25 colleagues from Norway here to exchange research on intellectual disabilities," Askvig said. "It was an unbelievable opportunity for MSU faculty, staff and students to visit with international colleagues, listen to their presentations and discuss themes and topics."

The conference themes included inclusive schools and education; employment opportunities and strategies; health care systems and services; and community living and supports. There were four plenary sessions at which a Norwegian and an American speaker discussed the same topic.

A second international conference followed in Oslo and Trondheim in 2013, and the collaboration between the two schools continues.

"NDCPD has impacted the lives of North Dakotans with disabilities," Askvig said. "The center, its people and its programs have shaped the landscape of developmental disabilities in the state. With the 25th anniversary approaching, we can look to the future and see what else we need to do."



Names reflect growth and perserverance —

A history of Minot State University's name changes

Officials at Minot State University have strived for excellence since the first student entered the State Normal School at Minot 100 years ago. Over that span, MSU's name changed several times to reflect its evolving mission.

The origin of Minot State University began in 18th-century Europe with establishment of the first normal schools. A French institution known as the École Normale Supérieure, specialized in providing instructional tools and methods for future elementary teachers.

Minot citizens began efforts to bring an educational institution to northwestern North Dakota in 1898. The 1907 and 1909 state Legislatures supported their efforts. In 1911, voters approved a constitutional amendment creating the State Normal School at Minot.

The first students who attended State Normal School at Minot experienced a curriculum divided into six sections: English, mathematics, science, history and civics, professional subjects and special courses. Professional subjects included the history of educa-

tion and practice teaching. Special courses centered on the creative teaching of music, art and physical education.

Admission standards were significantly less stringent than in years to come. Students were admitted without completing high school. They received the remainder of their secondary education during an expanded stay at Minot Normal. High school graduates could enroll in elementary or advanced courses, with one- and two-year timelines, respectively. Additionally, a rural teachers course was offered with 42 weeks of instruction. Graduates earned a two-year teaching certificate.

The 1920s saw more students graduating from high school. This, in turn, increased requirements for high school teachers. North Dakota institutions of higher education campaigned to change from two-year normal schools to

four-year colleges granting bachelor's degrees. On Jan. 6, 1925, Minot Normal's newspaper, *The Red and Green*, reported that the State Board of Administration had granted Minot Normal collegiate status, with the power to award a Bachelor of Arts in Education degree. The name Minot Normal School was changed to Minot State Teachers College to signify this change in mission.

At the end of World War II, the federal government established the G.I. Bill, which funded a college education for military veterans. The program encouraged more individuals to attend college than in previous years. Veterans wanted to pursue more diverse studies than were offered at standard teachers colleges. To court

these prospective students and to enhance the prestige of their institutions, teachers colleges had to expand beyond their normal offerings.

Minot State Teachers College, for example, added a degree in liberal arts in 1947. MSTC President Casper Lura highlighted the continued growth when he submitted his biennial report to the state Legislature in 1964. He announced the addition of the Master in Speech and Hearing Education and Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology degrees. New programs like these hastened



University Status Vote Draws Near



Voters to Decide
Inside the Alumni News
Olson: Consider the Facts
Roemine: Getting the Message Across



1982

MSU Dome opens its doors.

1984

Criminal Justice, MSU's first outreach program offered at BSC.

1986

Lura Manor is the first co-ed residence hall built.

1990

Distance education introduces Interactive Video Network.

1996

Affiliation with MSU-Bottineau (Dakota College) is created.

FOR DNU

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AT MINOT – 1913

MINOT STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE – 1924

MINOT STATE COLLEGE – 1964

DAKOTA NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY – 1983

MINOT STATE COLLEGE – 1983

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA-MINOT – 1987

– 1987 –



Minot State UNIVERSITY



the school's name change to Minot State College in 1964.

The idea of having Minot State College achieve university status started with a pocketful of lapel buttons. In 1983, enrollment was up, and there were more than 40 baccalaureate programs, as well as graduate programs in education and special education.

Don Haga, a Board of Regents member from Fargo, came to a meeting with his pocket full of lapel buttons with the name, Great Western University. Overwhelmingly, the Board of Regents felt that this idea should be pursued.

And so the battle to gain university status began. The proposal was brought to the N.D. Legislature, and it passed the House and Senate.

Gov. Allen Olson said, "If it walks like a duck and swims like a duck, call it a duck." So he signed the name Dakota Northwestern University into law. However, the name only lasted for 14 days. Interests in the Red River Valley had the legislation referred, and university status was defeated by popular vote. So Dakota Northwestern University again became Minot State College.

Despite the setback, the battle for university status never waned. Minot State President Gordon B. Olson, Board of Regents President Rod Romine and Director of Alumni Affairs Hardy Lieberg campaigned across the state, showing service clubs why Minot State College deserved university status.

In January 1987, the Legislature passed a law that four state colleges — Minot, Valley City, Mayville and Dickinson — would be named universities. This, however, was not a popular choice because many felt it

made the local university part of a chain with no autonomy. Once again, it was back to the drawing board.

Later in the legislative session, a proposal for the four state colleges gained legislative and, later, popular support.

In April of 1987, a bill to name the school Minot State University won approval. Valley City, Mayville and Dickinson followed suit. The change to university status meant advances that would affect virtually every facet of the institution for years to come.

2006

Beaver Dam student activity center opens.

2010

Greeks return with Mu Sigma Tau Fraternity.

2010

Renovated Swain Hall opens.

2012

MSU earns NCAA Division II status.

2012

Student Wellness Center is unveiled.

H. Erik Shaar: renaissance man



H. Erik Shaar, Minot State's ninth president, arrived on campus in 1992 with a reputation as a renaissance man.

The Pennsylvania native enjoyed music (he was a classical cellist), loved reading, knew his way around a kitchen and followed sports avidly. In addition, his wife, Jane, was an accomplished photographer and artist.

When his presidential schedule allowed, Shaar joined the string section of the Minot Symphony Orchestra. He even conducted the orchestra on occasion. He applied the same philosophy leading the orchestra as he did when guiding the university.

"It's a leadership borne out of nurturing and setting an example," he said.

Shaar was attracted to Minot State University for many reasons. Foremost was the spirit of the students, faculty and staff and community; a strong spirit that lives on today.

"The enthusiasm generated here is just unbelievable,"

he said. "There's a warmth, a friendliness and a willingness to work together. I'm struck with the relationship between this university and the community. I don't think there's one anywhere in the country as good and as well-developed as the one that exists here."

At the time Shaar arrived, the old Memorial Library was vacant and efforts had been started to find a way to remodel and expand the building. A combination of federal, state, local and private dollars made the project possible. The addition and renovation of the former library, rededicated as Memorial Hall, was the first of many construction projects and improvements to come during Shaar's next 12 years. It was also the first requiring "creative financing," which would become the model of the future.

In January 1997, a new floor was installed in the

Dome, as well as a new sound system and remodeled lobby; in fall 1998, the Student Union had been expanded, enhanced and linked to the adjacent Administration Building; in fall 1999 the newly renovated science building, renamed Cyril Moore Science Center, welcomed students; in 1999-2000 Hartnett Hall and Old Main were remodeled and expanded on and McFarland Auditorium was renovated and became Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

One of Minot State University's most important partnerships is with Dakota College at Bottineau, formerly known as MSU-Bottineau. In 1996, at the direction of the State Board of Higher Education, it became affiliated with Minot State University rather than North Dakota State University.

"There was still a need in Minot for those two-year

degrees. Delivery of them no longer fit the mission of Minot State, so he (Shaar) encouraged Bottineau to provide the classes and opened the campus to them," said Larry Isaak, former North Dakota University System chancellor.

Through the years, Shaar modernized campus infrastructure, forged new partnerships and increased the university's endowment. His most proud accomplishment was the intellectual growth he observed on the campus.

"We've seen faculty-student research that is leading to presentations at national meetings and ultimately into publication. It is the academic and intellectual climate on the campus that separates Minot State from the rest."

Not bad for a renaissance man whose first love was music.



Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, formerly McFarland Auditorium, became MSU's premier performing arts and music venue.

Distance education promises new beginnings

Options are crucial in today's fast-moving world, when it comes to making the dream of a university degree a reality. Early on, Minot State University strove to enable as many individuals as possible to achieve that dream through its continuing education program.

Adult education became increasingly important during the 1960s. In an attempt to broaden its reach across the region, Minot State Teachers College started a continuing education program. Its mission was to help individuals who, because of job, family or location, could not attend classes in Minot. In the fall of 1961, the North Dakota Board of Higher Education named J. Bernard Busse, an MSTC faculty member, Extension Service director. Busse spearheaded the effort to expand continuing education.

By 1962, a variety of classes were offered to Minot Air Force Base airmen and dependents. The sessions were offered in quarterly formats or accelerated formats as requested. The program started with 10 classes taught in the evenings, during lunch hours and on weekends on base or via correspondence. The Air Force Boot Strap Program was also implemented to help airmen attend college full time.

Minot State continues to be the only educational provider offering a full university within a 10-minute drive of MAFB, with a full-time adviser on base. Today, MSU offers 40 to 50 classes per semester and bachelor's degrees in more

than 60 majors. MSU's main focus is general education supplementation.

Through the decades, continuing education has maintained steady growth. In 1990, an Interactive Video Network was added to allow students from the region to see, hear and correspond with an MSU instructor. MSU both sends and receives courses, workshops and meetings, enabling students to enroll in a wide range of degree programs offered by the North Dakota University System.

In 1997, MSU was the recipient of a \$1.3 million Title III grant, titled "Distance Education ... Bringing Educational

expansion into online learning created a worldwide student audience.

Kathy Aas, community relations manager for Xcel Energy in Minot, took full advantage of MSU's online program. She completed her MSU core classes offered at Minot Air Force Base in the evenings, while the remainder of her course work was done online. After eight years of diligent study, Aas completed her Bachelor of Science degree in management and marketing.



Aas

"I was looking at opportunities for career advancement," Aas said. "And I thought, 'If I don't do it now, I'll never do it.' Online education was a fit. Without it, I could not have earned my degree."

In 2001, the Division of Continuing Education became the Center for Extended Learning. Due to

the expansion of undergraduate and graduate courses and degree programs, a dean was added to administer the online program.

"Learners today want more flexible options," said Kris Warmoth, CEL dean. "Online learning gives them that opportunity. The demographics on campus are changing. More part-time learners are coming to campus, and that means they want to supplement with online education. Online learning has developed into a virtual parallel of MSU's face-to-face (courses). It's not a luxury anymore; it's what universities need to do to survive."



This current IVN classroom makes it possible for students to earn their master's degree from multiple sites.

Opportunities to Rural North Dakota." This was the seed money needed to get online education going.

The first online course, Business Information Technology (BIT 349), was introduced in April 1997 by the Minot State University Business Department. Other departments climbed on board, and by the end of the decade, MSU led NDUS in the development of online courses. The university formed a relationship with WebCT, one of the first learning management systems. This ultimately led to the creation of North Dakota University System Online. The

POWER OF 100

MSU CENTENNIAL SERVICE PROJECTS ENGAGE

Minot State University's Centennial service challenge, Power of 100, strives to inspire MSU associates to volunteer in their communities. The goal is to commemorate MSU's 100th anniversary through good deeds all around the world. Each small act, such as completing a service project, creates a ripple effect with no logical end.

These service projects are to be "for the good of humanity." All projects are noteworthy, but some are outstanding.

The Department of Communication Disorders adopted SMILE¹⁰⁰ (Smile to the power of 100), by which students, faculty and staff raise funds for 100 cleft lip and palate surgeries for children in third-world countries. This puts them on the path to raising \$24,000, a lofty goal.

"Initially, we started asking, 'Can we get the students involved? Can we get the faculty and staff involved?'" said Lesley Magnus, associate

professor of communication disorders. "Everybody got really excited, so we said, 'Let's go for it!' It's a big chunk to bite off, but I think we can do it with assistance from alumni and the public."

Magnus and her team registered SMILE¹⁰⁰ on the Operation Smile website. So far, they have raised \$15,240, which covers 63.5 surgeries. To view the fund page for "Power of 100 MSU Communication Disorders Department," go to www.minotstateu.edu.

"Providing children who have clefts of the lip and/or palate with reconstructive surgeries allows them to effectively communicate with others," said Emily Gordon, MSU communication disorders student. "Communication is a key aspect for social, educational and functional needs.

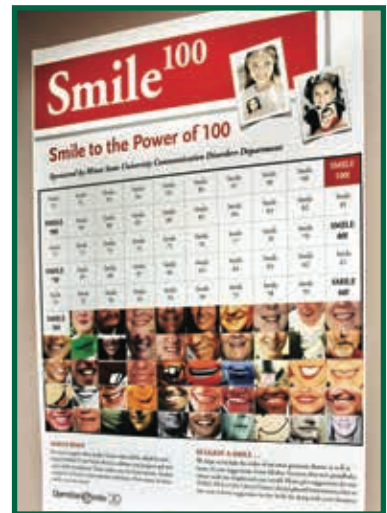


Numerous food items are organized for needy children in the Backpack Buddies program.

Our student body is committed to raising the money for 100 or more surgeries to provide these children opportunities to meet their communicative potential."

Another significant project is the Minot Backpack Buddies program, which staff members in the College of Business launched in 2013. The program provides nonperishable food items for K-5 students at risk of missing meals on weekends.

Fifty-five Sunnyside Elementary students receive a backpack with six weekend meals each Friday from September to May. Sunnyside's selection was based on the percentage of students who qualify for free or reduced meals. The Welcome Table provides food items for the backpack program, and MSU



SMILE¹⁰⁰ project = beautiful smiles!

clubs and organizations, along with community volunteers, assemble the backpacks weekly.

"For some students, the only healthy meals they get are at school," said Lynda Bertsch, Student Success Center director and a Backpack Buddies Program organizer. "By creating partnerships



Healthy meals travel home on the backs of children each weekend.

CAMPUS, COMMUNITY AND WORLD



From Minot to Haiti, children living in the All in One Orphanage receive their very own stuffed animal.

with local agencies or by collaborating with community organizations to provide weekend meals, we can help the children come to school Monday morning ready to learn and focus on school, not on hunger.”

Donations, such as Brokers 12 Real Estate’s financial gift to fill 300 backpacks as a Power of 100 project, can be mailed to Backpack Buddies, c/o The Welcome Table, P.O. Box 716, Minot, N.D. 58702.

Jordan Hughes, MSU student and husband of Student Activities Coordinator Aaron Hughes, inspired another Power of 100 project.

“Jordan is a man who cannot walk past a toy claw machine without dropping in

a few quarters,” Aaron Hughes said. “For whatever reason, Camila’s (Camila Van Dyke, residence life coordinator) office became the home of many of his winnings. Some animals had mismatched ears; some looked like shaggy orange carpet. But all were cute in their own unique way. The little stuffed animal community quickly outgrew Camila’s office, and she thought it would be the perfect start to a Power of 100 Project.”

Residence Life staff hoped to collect 100 animals to donate to a local shelter, but they discovered that a relative of an MSU staff member regularly traveled to orphanages in Haiti and was willing to take toys along.

MSU student Anna Barlet claimed this project as part of her Honors Program requirement. She placed boxes around the campus, which were soon overflowing. Of the 461 stuffed animals collected, 90 were donated to Haiti’s All in One Orphanage. The rest went to Minot’s Community Action Partnership.

Numerous Power of 100 projects assisted military personnel and veterans. The Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance supported troops in Kabul, Afghanistan, by sending Keurig K-cups, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste and snacks. The project was inspired by Brenda Olson, an U. S. Army officer. She told her mother,

Connie Teets, teacher advisement and field placement secretary, that young soldiers found it difficult to be far from home without ordinary comforts.

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities donated gently used cell phones to Cell Phones for Soldiers, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing cost-free communication services to active-duty military members and veterans.

To boost morale, the three kindergarten classes at Longfellow Elementary School colored 100 Christmas cards for local soldiers deployed by the National Guard or airmen deployed from Minot Air Force Base. Meanwhile, each



MSU social work students collaborated with Hands Across North Dakota to distribute 100 pairs of mittens.



This winter gear, proudly displayed by MSU's financial aid staff, will warm many hands and heads of children.

member of the Beta Theta sorority wrote five letters to armed forces members. They submitted 110 letters through www.AMillionThanks.org.

To thank veterans for their service, Minot and Bismarck business leaders hosted meals. Minot's Roosevelt Plaza businesses provided lunch on Veterans Day.

"Freedom is a privilege we all too often take for granted," said Duane Brekke '62, Roosevelt Plaza owner. "So I and the other partners decided that we wanted to do something to thank the men and women who sacrificed so much."

In Bismarck, Byron Blowers '86, an MSU alumnus, and other Bismarck business leaders sponsored a traditional turkey dinner for 1,000 veterans and their guests in November.

"The Veterans Dinner is our way to thank veterans and active duty military for their service to our country. It is because of our servicemen and women that we enjoy the freedoms we have, and I never take that for granted," Blowers said. "The dinner also gives vets the opportunity to visit with one another and recollect their service days, sharing stories and camaraderie. The event has grown to almost 1,000 meals in 2013, up from 600 meals served in 2012."

Veterans were also honored in death. Mark Timbrook '99, adjunct history instructor and staff member, and his wife, Eunice, coordinated an effort to clean 100 veterans' headstones in Minot's Rosehill Cemetery. Volunteers cleaned the markers,

using National Center for Preservation Technology and Training methods.

North Dakota's cold winter prompted several Power of 100 projects. Financial Aid Office staff purchased hats and gloves for Backpack Buddy students.

"The Veterans Dinner is our way to thank veterans and active duty military for their service to our country. It is because of our servicemen and women that we enjoy the freedoms we have, and I never take that for granted," Blowers said.

Student Social Work Organization groups in Bismarck, Dickinson, Minot and Fargo participated in Hands Across North Dakota, which collected 100 pairs of mittens and gloves to distribute in each city.

MSU faculty and staff joined community members in knitting and crocheting 100 hats for Ward County Protective Services in its MSU Hats and Caps project. The Minot Optimist Club donated mittens to the Minot Area Homeless Coalition.

It is not too late to join in. The Centennial service challenge runs through April 15. Minot State officials, however, hope that volunteerism continues with future service projects. The growing list of Power of 100 service projects can be found at www.minotstateu.edu.

Severson Entrepreneurship Academy BRANCHING INTO THE BAKKEN



New enhancements are on the horizon for MSU's Severson Entrepreneurship Academy. An expansion will empower entrepreneurs and regional business leaders to discover new opportunities in North Dakota's booming Bakken region.

The expansion will work in two parts.

The first part involves study and research, which will be disseminated into the business community and be retained in an incubator for use by future students, businesses and entrepreneurs.

"We will do a study that involves business faculty and students as researchers," said Chuck Barney, Severson Entrepreneurship Academy director. "We will create a survey instrument. It will be broken down by type of business, whether an extraction company, oil service company or drilling company. That will also be sorted by what phase of development the company is in within the maturity process of the oil field. We will process the information and use it as a resource for businesses and

entrepreneurs to employ when putting together business plans or investigating business opportunities within the Bakken oil field."

The second part of the process involves an incubator. Data collected through the research process will be kept in a data repository and technology incubator. It will provide data for area businesses, students, faculty and staff exploring business opportunities in the Bakken. It will also be used to teach current and future students and to develop online entrepreneurial opportunities. The repository will be housed in a classroom redesigned as a technology center in the College of Business.

"That involves software development, Internet, apps, websites and e-commerce," Barney explained. "We are already talking to a number of people in the community as well as students who have ideas of what they want to develop as a business, and this will be a platform to create the business.

If you consider the business opportunities in this area right now, they are basically oil development and

value-added ag. While a lot of people are already doing value-added ag, that's not in a boom cycle, but energy is in a boom cycle. This is a great opportunity for the College of Business to study the business aspects of what happens in a boom."

In addition to the expanded services and projects, student scholarships will also be provided to attract Minot State students to entrepre-

neurship. The scholarships will be awarded to students who are active in the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy and who plan future careers as entrepreneurs.

This expansion of the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy is made possible by a \$500,000 gift from Clint Severson '73 and Conni Ahart along with a \$250,000 grant from the North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund.



A visionary Fuller leads



a premier institution



ressed in a well-tailored suit, crisp white shirt and neat tie, David Fuller welcomes visitors with a warm smile and a handshake. Guiding the way into his office, he offers the choice of seating at a dark wood conference table, at his desk, or in facing wingback chairs. He gravitates to the chairs.

Stately and serene, the office suits the 10th president of Minot State University. He's at ease here, but he's equally comfortable in the lively environment beyond these doors. In fact, he's proud of the university's noisy Student Center, its brassy marching band and vocal Student Government Association because, when he arrived on campus 10 years ago, it was quiet. Too quiet.



“He built the university more in his 10 years than in any other 10-year period. He works well with the community.”

—Orlin Backes
MSU Board of Regents

Fuller was in his fourth year as vice president for academic affairs at Wayne State College in Wayne, Neb., when he applied for the president’s post at Minot State University.

He and his wife, Nancy, made a few visits to Minot for interviews and tours. While there was much the couple liked about the university and the community, Fuller sensed that beneath the surface loyalty of MSU ran an attitude that while Minot State was a “good place, it wasn’t a great place.” Fuller got this impression from visual cues. The main campus sign, donated by the Class of 1966, was yellowed and worn, its slide-in lettering not quite plumb. Overgrown trees along Broadway hid the campus from view. To Fuller, a former

English professor who tends to think in images and metaphors, it seemed the university had inadvertently become hidden from view, perhaps because people weren’t “necessarily overly proud of it.”

Faculty, staff, alumni and students who “bleed red and green” warmly greeted Fuller, but the new president felt that some people underestimated the university’s potential. He launched a self-study involving people from every corner of the campus and the community. Focus groups met, their thoughts were gathered, and

the university adopted “Vision 2013” as its strategic plan. The overarching goal: “Minot State University will achieve national distinction as one of the premier public, regional universities in the ‘great’ Great Plains.”

“It’s important to set a bold goal,” Fuller said, “and it has to represent the interests of the people, which is why I think we have done well, because it’s what the people wanted.”

With just a few months remaining in his presidency, Fuller is compiling a detailed,

“He was great working with students to get them to be part of the action.”

—Maynard Sandberg
MSU Development
Foundation

DR. DAVID FULLER: Minot State University’s 10th President (2004 – 2014)

ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENTS

- New majors in energy economics and finance, athletic training and bioinformatics
- General Education Centennial Program
- Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning and POWER (TRIO) Center
- Severson Entrepreneurship Academy

ATHLETICS

- Beavers move up to NCAA DII & NSIC
- Herb Parker Field and complex renovated
- Marching band reinstated
- Women’s soccer and men’s wrestling teams added

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Swain Hall
- Student Wellness Center
- Crane Hall Residential Suites
- University Heights apartments
- Geothermal heating and cooling system installed

RENOVATIONS

- Student Center Atrium and Beaver Creek Café
- Beaver Dam student activities center
- The Language Company (ESL Institute)
- Slaaten Business Center
- Broadway monument sign and campus landscaping

STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, ALUMNI

- Significant increases in number of out-of-state and international students
- Salaries up average 26.8% for faculty; 39% staff
- Alumni contributions to Annual Excellence appeal grows by 341%
- Total revenues up 55.8%
- Established Veterans Services Program

personal record of what priorities were achieved and what remains to be done.

“Some of the things that have occurred have been superficial and some foundational,” he said, “but I think we’ve gone through the first phase of raising the bar.”

“Minot State knows where we are and who we are. That’s in large part due to him. He’s given us a direction that we probably didn’t have before.”

—Kevin Neuharth
MSU professor

The university has invested in building new housing, enhancing student services, improving athletic facilities, enhancing academic programs and faculty support, and making MSU look like a place where pride lives.

“As the #1 supporter of the president, I know Nancy is extremely proud of our place. Her enthusiasm for the students and campus has been contagious. Nancy — thanks for the memories.”

*—Teresa Loftesnes
director of marketing*



■ **VISION 2013**

Minot State University will achieve national distinction as one of the premier public, regional universities in the ‘great’ Great Plains.

■

Fuller downplays his role in the bricks-and-mortar improvements as something “every university president has to do,” but he is pleased with how those projects have increased student engagement and enrollment.

When Fuller first arrived on campus, the doors to the Student Center were locked at 6 p.m. Many students lived off campus. The student government struggled to get people involved. The dining service provided food but no atmosphere. There was no student activity center or place to gather.

Today, MSU’s Student Center is a hub of activity. Students lounge in the Beaver Dam, dine at the Beaver Creek Café, and curl up in comfy nooks with their laptops and books. First-year students are required to live on campus, so they can experience all aspects of university life.

A monumental stone-and-brick sign stretches along Broadway, identifying this as the distinctive campus of Minot State University. A wall of evergreens has been removed, and massive landscaping boulders send

the message — MSU is a rock-solid institution, and it’s not going away. In fact, the university is celebrating its first Centennial.

“It’s been fun for me to be here at the end of the university’s 100th year,” Fuller said. “Because of the Centennial, I’ve been able to talk to people who have a lot of belief in this place and in what we are doing.”

Of all Fuller’s accomplishments — the buildings built, programs added, equipment upgraded, positions strengthened, salaries raised and enrollment increased — he

most wants to be remembered as a strong advocate for learning and for students.

Fuller’s own pursuit of higher education began at Hastings College, a distinguished liberal arts college 25 miles down U.S. Highway 281 from Grand Island, Neb., where a high school English teacher — the dynamic Helen Stauffer — instilled him with a insatiable passion for great literature. From Hastings, he went on to earn his master’s at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He taught his first college courses as a doctoral student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City. In 1983, he joined the faculty at Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D.

“Dr. Fuller has been an outstanding president for Minot State University. The tagline ‘Be seen. Be heard.’ has been carried out through his leadership.”

—Doris Slaaten, MSU professor emeritus

“This is what it is all about — bringing the community and university together. A sincere thank you goes to Dr. David Fuller and his wife, Nancy, for making Minot State what it is today.”

*—Brekka Kramer
MSU alum*

“My lifelong dream was to be an English professor, to stay involved with scholarship, with teaching great literature,” Fuller said.

But as departmental leadership responsibilities evolved into university-wide roles, Fuller discovered that he liked administrative work and the opportunity it gave him to effect change. When he left Northern State in 1996, he was associate vice president for planning.

Fuller spent the next four years as vice president and dean at Northland College

in Ashland, Wis., and then he joined Wayne State as vice president for academic affairs. Four years later, a friend in North Dakota urged him to apply for the presidency at Minot State University.

Fuller immediately set to work and by 2011, he said, “We were on fire. Our graduation rate was up. Retention was up. All the performance indicators were up. We were adding programs. We were truly on the way to becoming that premier school in the ‘great’ Great Plains.”

Then came the flood.

The former professor ordered a 12-foot dike built on University Avenue to protect the campus. In June 2011, the Souris River topped record levels, forcing the evacuation of 11,000 city residents. Students, faculty and staff, who earlier fought to keep the river at bay, banded together to help friends, colleagues and the community deal with the aftermath.

A quarter of MSU’s faculty and staff had homes damaged or destroyed, and 500 rental units in the city were devastated.



This special shadowbox gift was presented to President Fuller’s wife, Nancy, MSU’s #1 fan, by Rick Hedberg, athletic director and Mike Linnell, sports information director.



David and Nancy Fuller walking with other MSU family and friends in the 2013 North Dakota State Fair Parade.

“Dr. Fuller instilled a culture of engagement here at MSU; his qualities have been the leading force in spreading this spirit throughout the campus and community.”

—Josh Sandy, Student Government Association

Fuller helped get 10 emergency housing units installed on campus, but he said, “The flood took the air out of us.”

And then, a new and controversial chancellor was hired to oversee the North Dakota University System. Higher education experienced considerable turmoil the whole year. The impact on Minot State University was significant.

“Last year was an absolute mess for the North Dakota University System and for us here on this campus,” Fuller said. “The person they hired

as chancellor spent the whole time trying to denigrate the campuses, suggesting that they were low quality and that we did not know what we were doing.”

The more policies the chancellor rolled out, the more alarmed higher education leaders became. No university president challenged the chancellor more directly than Fuller.

“We in higher education have an obligation to speak the truth and criticize what we know is wrong,” Fuller said.

“We had children who attended Minot State who were involved in music, drama and athletics. We were always impressed that he was so visibly supportive of those things. You could hardly ever miss him.”

—Dan Langemo, MSU Board of Regents

“From the day Nancy Fuller moved to Minot, she opened her heart and home to MSU students. As a proud cheerleader for the Beavers, her passion for the overall success of MSU has never wavered. She truly is a class act.”

*—Lona Anderson
MSU alum*

Finally, after months of controversy and votes of no confidence by Minot State faculty and students, the North Dakota Student Association and other organizations, the North Dakota University System

Board of Higher Education bought out the chancellor’s contract. Fuller and many others welcomed the news, but the turmoil inflicted on Minot State “came at a cost.” Minot State lost precious momentum. And, prior to the chancellor’s dismissal, Fuller had announced his retirement.

“I had planned to go a few more years,” Fuller said, “but I don’t feel any ill will. Ten years of service is a good period of time. And in this 10th year, I think we [the university] are over the hump. We are starting to regain enrollment. We are sound financially. The campus looks beautiful. We just established a new general education centennial curriculum. And we have a powerful relationship with the community.”

During their tenure, the Fullers attended every student

activity they could fit into their schedules, from basketball games to jazz concerts to theatrical productions. Sometimes a week or more passed between evenings spent at home. The Beavers’ “number one fan,” Nancy Fuller can be

“Nancy has a definite passion for Minot State and we are fortunate to have her on our side. That doesn’t always happen at other schools. She truly wants what’s best for MSU whether it’s athletics, the arts or academics. She’s a huge supporter and we are going to miss her.”

*—Rick Hedberg,
MSU athletic director*

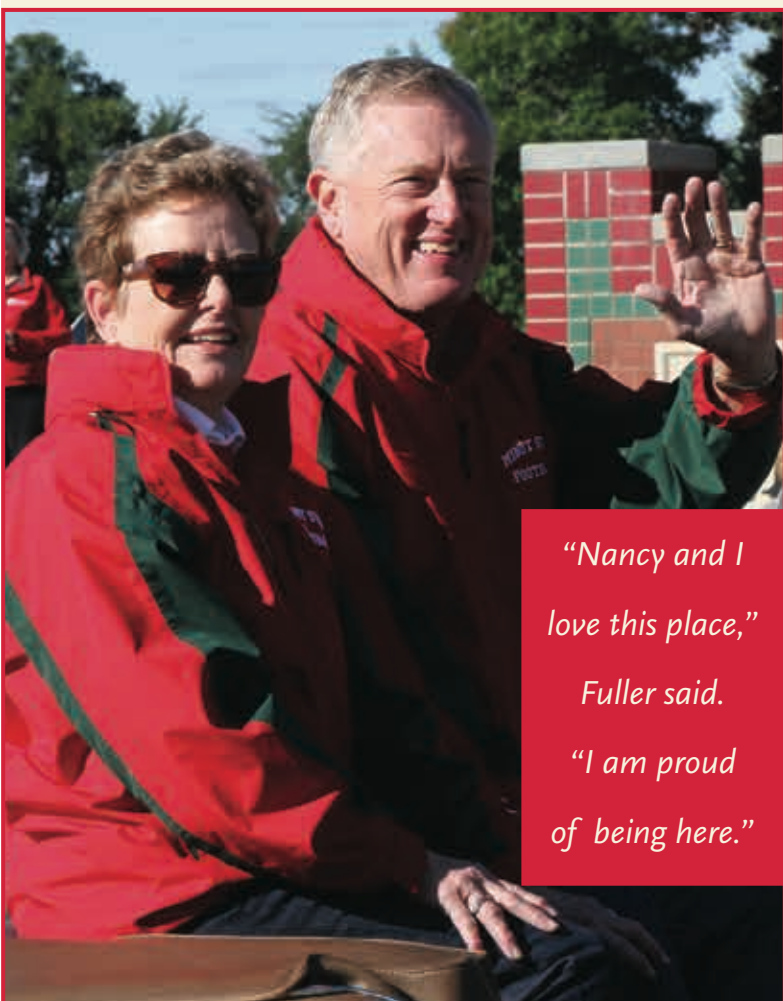
seen – and heard – at many sporting events. She knows most student-athletes by name. She takes great pleasure in conversing with students and uses every opportunity to applaud their efforts in every aspect of campus life. It’s that direct involvement with students and the vibrancy of campus life the Fullers will miss most. “Nancy and I love this place,” Fuller said. “I am proud of being here. If I stayed another ten years there would be interesting challenges and things to continue to build on, but ten years is a long time and it’s time to leave.”

Minot State University will go on and Fuller hopes the true learning, reflection, contemplation and dialogue taking place in MSU classrooms will continue on into perpetuity and that MSU never becomes one of those institutions rushing students

toward the efficient diploma. “The more we go about our business of higher education,” Fuller told faculty and staff in an August 2013 convocation speech, “the greater the potential is for us to lose sight of ... our essential, profound

responsibilities. I suggest that without the arts, without humanities and sciences, without all of our areas of knowledge ... we risk losing sight of our place.”

What the future holds for the Fullers is still uncertain. They’ll spend warmer months at their cabin on Lake of the Woods in Minnesota. Fuller intends to use his new free time writing, reading poetry, and making photographs with “a pretty good camera.” He also plans to “contribute to the welfare of the common good” by engaging in causes important to him: the environment, homelessness, animal welfare. Otherwise, the next chapter of Fuller’s life is yet to be written, but it seems to him, as it seemed to Henry David Thoreau when he departed Walden Pond, “that I have ‘several more lives to live.’ And that is exciting.”



*“Nancy and I
love this place,”
Fuller said.
“I am proud
of being here.”*

MSU DOME

the 'WOW' factor

While administrators, coaches and student-athletes have come and gone, one thing has remained a consistent citadel at Minot State University Athletics — the Dome.

Built over the course of two years and opened in 1982, the MSU Dome became the omnipresent building on the north end of Minot State's campus. It houses the MSU Athletic Department, accommodating an ever-expanding stable of sports and becoming the hub of activity for northwest North Dakota.

"It was really a huge deal back in the day," said MSU Athletic Director Rick Hedberg, "and it's still a very impressive facility to this day. There weren't a lot of venues like this around the area in the late '70s and early '80s."

The Dome was born out of the university's growth in athletics during the 1970s and 1980s, as women's sports were added. It replaced venerable Swain Hall as Minot State's field house, taking MSU's usable square footage from 16,500 to 152,967 and its maximum seating capacity from 2,600 to 10,000.

Moving Dirt: The planning and construction phase

While the Dome, or Project 5 as it was referred to in its planning phase, has become a beacon on the north end of campus, much of the structure is actually underground or level with the sidehill. To prep for construction, workers removed 60,000 cubic yards of dirt.

"It was the biggest project in school history," said Rod Romine, MSU Board of Regents.

The original building was just the shell, as the 1977 North Dakota Legislature allocated \$3.5 million for a physical education center. By the time construction was under way, Minot State had secured another \$1.3 million from private donations, the city of Minot and another round of state funding.

"We originally got a pretty stark building, and the community made it a spectacular facility," Romine said. "I can remember a buy-a-seat campaign, where you would purchase the amount for one seat. It was the community that came together to get the interior up."

"It was a really bare-bones facility when it was first built, and the community came together to make it what it has become," Hedberg said.



In all, from groundbreaking in 1978 to completion in 1982, 800 tons of steel, 400 tons of rebar and 9,000 cubic yards of concrete were used.

The 'WOW' factor

Its shape and size have given the Dome a "wow" factor for coaches and players alike. Both Hedberg and women's basketball coach Sheila Green Gerding, who played in the Dome while with Montana State-Northern, remember being blown away the first time they saw the building.

"Wow, this place is big," Green Gerding said after her first visit. "Even with the old tartan floor, it was very impressive. It still has that effect today. Kids walk into the Dome, and they love it. They want to play here. It's very impressive to most recruits."

"The 1986 state tournament was a big one. There were about 11,000 people in here," Hedberg said. "It was really impressive to see it full."

Pillar of the community

While the field house bears the name of Minot State University, it has been a regional hub of activity since its opening.

"It really became the focal point for athletic activity for the northwest part of the state," Romine said. "We had state and regional basketball here, and in the beginning it was a pretty active track facility."

The Dome continues to be a focal point of indoor activity from walkers and joggers to

banquets to athletic events, such as this year's combined Class A Boys' & Girls' State Basketball Tournament.

Hedberg hopes to bring some bigger, more diverse events to the Dome in the future.

"We are really focusing on bringing in bigger community events, like having the Harlem Globetrotters (in April), and we are working really hard on getting a (Minnesota) Timberwolves game," he said.

The future Dome

Staying competitive is a big issue for the Dome. While the facility has certainly been worth the money originally invested, it stands as a 30-year-old building.

"Everyone (in the state) has caught up with us," Romine said.

New seating and new video scoreboards are at the top of the list of improvements.

Much like the original facility, improvements to the Dome would most likely come from private donations as well as local and county governments. Hedberg believes that a community facility should have community backing.

"It was a really bare-bones facility when it was first built, and the community came together to make it what it has become," he said.

Whatever the future holds for the Minot State Dome, it will continue to dominate the landscape of athletics in Minot and in northwest North Dakota.



Minot State names Hoffner as head football coach

Minot State University Athletic Director Rick Hedberg recently announced that Todd Hoffner would serve as the next Beavers football coach. Hoffner becomes the 19th head football coach in school history.

"We are extremely excited to bring Todd Hoffner on board," Hedberg said. "To get someone with his experience and success at the Division II level is really a plus for our program and our entire Athletic Department."

Hoffner comes to Minot State after four very successful seasons at Minnesota State, sporting an impressive 34-13 record, winning both the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference title and the Mineral Water Bowl in 2011. He coached the Mavericks to three NSIC South Division titles, winning in 2008, 2009 and 2011.

"It was important for me to get closer to my roots," the new coach said. "My family is only 90 miles away, and I wanted to stay at the scholarship level that we are at."

The announcement came four weeks after former head coach Paul Rudolph resigned to take the offensive coordinator position at the University of North Dakota.

Hedberg feels that Hoffner separated himself in the eyes of the search committee.

"He has a solid plan to move our football program forward," Hedberg said.

The hiring also gives Hoffner a chance to get back into coaching after nearly a year away from the game.

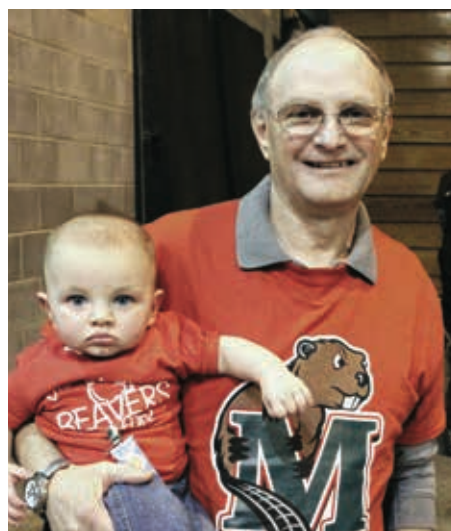
"It's a good feeling to put the hat and whistle on again," Hoffner said. "Life is about second chances, and I feel I've given some coaches and student-athletes those chances, and now I get that chance. That is refreshing."

The new coach said staff selection and player recruitment would be top priorities between now and the start of the 2014 season.

"This upcoming signing class will probably not be a big focal point, but we will continue to work on getting high quality young men all the way up to fall practice," he said. "And I want to get acclimated to Minot and get as visible in the community as possible."

ALUMNI HAPPENINGS: Alumni Appreciation Night

Enjoy more photos at www.minotstateu.edu/alumni



MSU alumnus Gary Thuner '70 enjoys the night with grandson Coen, who is the son of Eric '04 and Lisa Thuner.



Pat and ReNae (Duerre) Wheeler '73, steady MSU supporters, join other friends of MSU for the evening event.



This popular event draws hundreds of alumni, boosters and friends each year who stay to cheer on the Beavers.



A reunion of 85 years of men's basketball is celebrated at the MSU Dome. **Kneeling left to right:** Ted Uecker, Rick Hedberg '89, Chris Lamoureux '90, Erik Bertram '08, Kevin Yale '74, Jason Horner '98, Dean Winczewski '99, Jeff Brandt '06, Ed Baker '68. **Standing left to right:** Frank Bruels '73, Kurt Carlson '74, Dick Limke '63, Josh Johnson '06, Jeremy Feller '07, Wes Luther '54, Justin Clock '02, Joe Siefried, Adam Forthun '01, Kevin Vigested '00, Kevin Bohl '90, Rocky Fleming '76, Henry Milkey, Bill Strasser '76, Charles Colby '00, Jaycin Sundheim '75, Greg Johnson '79, Doug Jaeger '77.

Alum from DAY ONE!



Enjoy more photos at www.minotstateu.edu/alumni

After students attend their first class at Minot State University, they are alumni. We welcome them to a group over 25,000 strong. We honor traditions; we respect the work of those who came before us; and we are excited to continue to build on the legacy left behind. All Alum from Day One events are sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association.



Linda (Wagner) Christianson '72, Alumni Board Outreach Committee and Roy Whyte '13 assist with Beaver Bingo.



Zach Cummings calls Beaver Bingo.



It is a full house for Beaver Bingo. The Alumni Association sponsored the prizes.

We invite you to join us in celebrating the
GRADUATING CLASS OF 2014
at Minot State University's

100th Commencement Ceremony

Friday, May 16, 2014 • 10 A.M. • MSU Dome



AN MSU DIPLOMA
will look magnificent
in this special frame.

Purchase a frame at
commencement,
online at
[www.minotstateu.edu/
alumni](http://www.minotstateu.edu/alumni) or call Bonnie
at 701-858-3399
or 1-800-777-0750.

BEAVERS
ASSEMBLE
HOME COMING 2014

MARK YOUR CALENDAR ... SEPT 22-27

- Sept. 23 Community Block Party and Coronation
- Sept. 24 President's Club Luncheon
- Sept. 25 Golden Awards Banquet
- Sept. 26 Alumni and Friends Reunion: *Special reunion groups are Communication Disorders, Business Education and Athletics*
- Sept. 27 Parade, Tailgating and Homecoming Football Game ²³

1957

Robert “Bob” Keith, at age 81, works as a water aerobics instructor at Northgate Health Club in Rochester, Minn.

1965

Thomas Fredericks was honored by the University of Colorado Boulder with its most prestigious alumni award. The award recognizes outstanding alumni who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence in their chosen field of endeavor and a devotion to the betterment of society and their community. Fredericks received his Juris Doctor from the University of Colorado School of Law in 1972.

**1970**

Lynn Scharbow retired after 20 years as a food safety inspector with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He resides in Downey, Calif.

1972

Curt Zimbelman announced his retirement as mayor of the City of Minot effective June 2014.

**1973**

Patrick “Rick” Tobin was selected November 2013 Employee of the Month by the District Staff Council for Alamo Colleges in San Antonio, Texas. Tobin has worked in the Enterprise Risk Management Department since August 2012.

1974

Kevin Neuharth was honored as the 2013 Outstanding Teacher by the Communication, Speech and Theatre Association of North Dakota.



John Van Grinsven retired as Minot’s city attorney after serving for five years. He was the first full-time city attorney. Van Grinsven came to the City of Minot from Ward County, where he was first elected state’s attorney in November 2002. He joined the office as an assistant state’s attorney in 1980 and previously worked for Legal Assistance of North Dakota from 1977 to 1979.

1975

Alayne (Turner) Okland, has been with Minot’s 2nd Story for 35 years. She currently serves as program director. 2nd Story is a free and inclusive club that enables adults with developmental disabilities to participate in a variety of social and educational activities, while also promoting independence and self-sufficiency to better integrate into their community. She and her husband, Ron, have three grown children.

1978

John Vastag has joined Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota as director of health and medical transformation in the Health Network Innovation Division, effective Dec. 2. Vastag provides leadership and cooperative relations with all health and medical transformation efforts relative to the Health Network Innovation Division. He also develops healthy working relations with provider networks, associations, key leaders and programs. Prior to joining BCBSND, he worked at Sanford Health in Fargo as the executive director of the Health Policy Consortium and as the director of legislative affairs. He and his wife, Charlotte, live in Fargo and are the parents of two grown children. Son Tyler and his wife, Becca, of Fargo are parents to Susan Eve, 3, and Nathaniel, 8 months. Daughter Miranda Ann lives in Pensacola, Fla., and is engaged to be married.

**1981**

Ella Huwe, a licensed social worker for more than 25 years, has joined ShareHouse, Fargo. She most recently worked as a social worker providing case management for children in foster care.

Greg Morrison was appointed executive director of the ASRT Museum and Archives in Albuquerque, N.M. In addition to his duties as COO, Morrison will be responsible for the planning, design and completion of the museum, which will open in 2015. Morrison has more than 35 years of experience in the medical imaging profession. He is a certified association executive and holds a master’s degree in management and human resource development from Webster University. Morrison has been with ASRT for more than 20 years.

Gail (Waswick) Hove is

a residential real estate underwriter for Bank Forward in Grand Forks. Hove has 14 years of mortgage and real estate banking experience and has also been a finance lecturer at the University of North Dakota for the past 15 years. She is formerly from Granville

**1982**

Nancy (Mollins) Pearson was inducted into the Communication, Speech and Theatre Association of North Dakota Hall of Fame. Nominees must have been involved in North Dakota forensics, theater and/or communication arts activities for 10 years.

Robert “Bob” Pratt, who is with the Minot Post Office, received the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce’s Eagle Award in November. MACC sponsors the program to recognize Minot workers who exhibit superior customer service.

1987

Daryl Heizelman was promoted to shareholder with Brady, Martz and Associates. Heizelman is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, North Dakota Society of Certified Public Accountants and of the Minot Chapter of CPAs.

1988

Doug Presley has joined Freedom Financial Group as an insurance development manager.

Karen Harrington joined Catawba County Social Services as assistant director of family and children’s services. Over the course of her career, Harrington served in a variety of capacities including caseworker, clinician, program supervisor and administrator. She currently serves as a peer reviewer for the Council on Accreditation, a child and family service and behavioral health care accrediting organization. Harrington served as a vice president for the Children’ Home Association in Illinois, where she was employed for 20 years. For the past four years, she taught core social work application and policy classes at North Center University in Minneapolis. She has also taught at Illinois Central College in Peoria, Ill.



Marlys (Forness) Magnuson opened Accounting Solutions in Minot. Accounting Solutions provides bookkeeping, accounting, payroll, tax and consulting services to both business and individual clients.

1991

Sana (Hillesland) Keller has opened Health Unlimited, LLC in Minot. Health Unlimited provides individualized, comprehensive health care, focusing on cancer survivorship and general health with a major emphasis on evidence-based nutrition and supplementation.

1992

Darren Brostrom was named interim executive director of Job Service North Dakota effective November 1. Brostrom began working in 2000 as benefits manager, implementing and managing a centralized unemployment insurance claims center. In 2005 he was promoted to associate director, unemployment insurance program, managing the day-to-day operations. In 2007 he was named director of unemployment insurance.

Randy Conway has been appointed to the United Community Bank board of directors. Conway started at United Community Bank in 1998. He has worked in marketing, human resources and commercial lending.



Brenda (Juergens) Foster serves on the Independent Community Banks of North Dakota board of directors.

Andy Bertsch was elected to vice president of Minot's Domestic Violence Crisis Center's board of directors.



1993



Brad Gorder has joined NetWork Center, Inc., a technology solution provider, as an account executive.

1994

Heather (Schultz) Lee is working for Brown & Saenger as a sales consultant.

1995

Karen (Dewey) Knowles is the new director of the Minot Headstart. Knowles was a Headstart teacher in the preschool classroom in Minot for two years and in Stanley for five years.

Jesse Smith has been hired by BullBerry Systems in Bismarck. Smith is a software engineer with more than 15 years of experience in programming.

1997

Lane Azure serves as vice president of academic affairs at Cankdeska Cikana Community College. Azure, an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, was born in Belcourt and raised in Devils Lake. After receiving his master's degree, he taught on the South Dakota Cheyenne River Reservation in and transferred back to Lake Region State College, where he worked at Cankdeska Cikana Community College and Four Winds High School. He is married and has five children.

1999

Carol Yantzer received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service in recognition of her dedication and contributions to the people of North Dakota. Yantzer was recognized in the professional category. She is a customer service senior consultant for Job Service North Dakota and a unit supervisor in the Bismarck Customer Service Office.

Gary Lucy has joined S & S Promotional Group as a sales representative in the Minot office. Lucy worked in IT for 14 years and spent time as a surgical technician on trauma, neurology, orthopedic and open heart teams.

2000

Ben Slind, who is with the Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, received the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce's Eagle Award in October. MACC sponsors the program to recognize Minot workers who exhibit superior customer service.

2001

Mike Mueller joined United Community Bank of Minot as a commercial loan officer. Mueller has 13 years of experience in finance.

Shaun Sipma has been contracted as a new local Farmers Union Insurance agent. Sipma was previously a news anchor and has been a volunteer and board member of the Farm Rescue Foundation.



2003

John Reimer was promoted to senior manager for Fiebiger, Swanson, West & Co., in Fargo. Reimer has been with the firm since 2007.

2004

DelRae (Zimmerman) Geinert was named president of Brokers 12 Real Estate Marketing for 2014 and 2015.



2005



JD Rudd joined KSHB, 41 Action News in Kansas City, Kan., as the weekend evening meteorologist. Rudd worked at KSNW-TV in Wichita, Kan., for six years where, he served as the weeknight meteorologist.

2006

Nicole Luther is in her eighth year of teaching third grade at Oro Grande elementary school in Ariz.

2008

Jake Benes is the administrative officer for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area (forest service). He previously worked on the Chugach National Forest in Alaska, the Olympic National Forest in Washington and the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest in Oregon.

Sarah Luther was promoted from lead teller to administrative banker at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. in Ariz.

Darcy Putnam serves as the office manager and receptionist for Intelligent InSites in Fargo. Putnam previously worked as an administrative assistant for the Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation, business manager for Oliver-Mercer Special Education and as an administrative assistant for Enerfab, Inc.

2009

Katie Berwick serves as the clerk of the Municipal Court in Williston.

John Mayer has been hired by the Bismarck branch office of Stifel Nicolaus.



2010

Clarissa Westby has joined US Bank as small business relationship manager. Westby will help local small business clients with credit and non-credit needs.

David Stiel has accepted a nursing position at the VA hospital at Ft. Meade near Sturgis, S.D.

2011

Brandon Tollefson was promoted to the position of store manager of Tollefson's Carpetland.

2012

Christopher Loff teaches at South Middle School in Grand Forks. He and Christine Jensen were married on July 20, 2013.

Ashley Sundquist is an accounts payable specialist with the finance group of KLJ in Bismarck.

Beth Ann Erbele is a case management provider with the Developmental Disabilities Unit at South Central Human Service Center in Jamestown. Erbele previously was an early interventionist at Anne Carlsen Center.

2013

Gwen Bosworth has joined Dakota Promotions & Printing in Bismarck.

Will Brand is a personal banker at American Bank Center–Minot Office. He has worked in banking for two years.

Dani Cook is the new campaign coordinator at Minot's Souris Valley United Way.



Whitney Rath-Wald has been hired as a guardianship worker in the Bismarck office of Catholic Charities North Dakota.

Attended

Matt Berg joined the Devils Lake Fire Department as a full-time fire fighter. His wife, Erika, serves as the director of Trio Student Support Services at Lake Regional State College. They have a daughter, Elly.

Robert Mau was inducted into the North Dakota Petroleum Council Hall of Fame at NDPC's 32nd annual meeting. Mau is the

10th inductee and was selected by past recipients for more than 35 years of service and commitment to promoting and developing the North Dakota oil and gas industry.

Katie Haarsager was featured in the Bismarck Tribune's annual "40 Under 40" edition. The edition identifies individuals under the age of 40 who are making an impact in their career field. Haarsager serves as the community relations advisor for Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC.



Amy Bergan has joined RSI as a benefits specialist, providing benefits planning and support to social security beneficiaries and recipients with disabilities who are exploring career and employment options. Bergan's previous work experience includes Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch for 12 years and Minot Vocational Adjustment Workshop for six years.

Erica Row has been hired by Village Family Services as a family advocate with the Truancy

Intervention Program, which includes all public K-12 schools in Moorhead and Clay County. Row completed an internship at the Southeast Human Service Center.

Robert Heidt is the Glendale Chamber of Commerce president and chief executive in Arizona. Heidt was a security police officer for the United States Air Force and has worked in the Las Vegas casino industry at the Texas Station, Treasure Island, Mirage and Venetian Resorts and Casinos. He was a member services director for the Las Vegas Chamber from 2002 through 2008 and was senior vice president and chief operating officer of the Austin, Texas, Chamber of Commerce from 2008 to 2011.

Keith Rowan was honored by the City of Grand Forks for 15 years of service. Rowan spent 12 years as a police officer and the past three years as a firefighter. He is a native of Elkhorn, Manitoba.

Allen Hoberg went into private practice with Bismarck's Baumstark Braaten Law Partners as an attorney specializing in agricultural law. Hoberg recently retired from the

North Dakota Office of Administrative Hearings. He and his wife, Mary, have three grown children.

Curtis Peterson has been hired as a personal banker by Bremer Bank in Bismarck. Peterson is a Ryder native and worked at Wells Fargo prior to joining Bremer Bank.

John Rice co-wrote and co-produced the TV miniseries "Bonnie and Clyde: Dead and Alive."

Attending

Codi Miller is Miss Rodeo North Dakota 2014. She was crowned Oct. 13 during the championship round of the Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo hosted by the Minot Y's Men.

**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**.



Minot State University

GOLDEN

Awards

The MSU Alumni Association is currently accepting nominations for the 2014 Golden Awards and Young Alumni Achievement Award.

Please utilize the official nomination form on our website at www.minotstateu.edu/alumni or contact the Alumni Office at 701-858-3234.

MSU SPECIAL EVENTS

savethedate(s)

details at: www.minotstateu.edu/alumni

May 1Centennial Maypole Celebration on the front lawn of Old Main
 July 23NDSF Alumni and Friends Luau in the Flickertail Gardens
 August 7 ..Alumni and Friends Reunion in Bismarck

Summer 2014 Alumni and Friends Golf Events (*tentative*)

June 10Velva July 1 Bottineau
 June 19Rugby July 15 Garrison
 June 24Stanley July 31 Kenmare



In memoriam...

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

Graduates

- '36 Long (Montgomery), Ilma; Myrtle Beach, S.C.
'37 Klick (Lakoduk), Margaret; Glen Ullin
'39 Kost (Brower), Dorothy; Harvey
'41 Ostlund (Martin), Joyce; Kenmare
'42 Latimer (Gunderson), Mildred; Velva
'45 Junkert (Erdman), Margaret; Duluth, Minn.
'47 Casement (Staven), Deloris; Dallas, Texas
'47 Van Hise (Breiseth), Ruth; Tucson, Ariz.
'48 Anderson (Beyer), Mary Jane; Minot
'50 Olsen, S.L. "Bud," Greeley, Colo.
'51 Kanwischer (Rust), Adeline; Martin
'52 Rademacher (Burner), Lois; Berthold
'53 Huffman (Landsverk), Lorraine; Crystal Lake, Ill.
'54 Thompson, Donald C.; Denver, Colo.
'55 McNabb-Steen (Broderson), Esther; Phoenix, Ariz.
'56 Crain (Darland), Mary Jane; Plentywood, Mont.
'57 Myhra (Urness), Gloria; Fridley, Minn.
'59 Mosser, Dennis; Norman, Okla.
'62 Armstrong (Bone), Nancy; Minot
'62 Ristvedt (Steinmetz), Marie; Minot

- '66 Roland (Larshus), Rena; Bottineau
'68 Rutherford (Kvale), Irene; San Antonio, Texas
'69 Kanenwisher (Paulson), Emma; Stanley
'70 Feldner, Gary; Donnybrook
'70 Swenson (Brown), Junieta; Bowbells
'72 Lemar, Charles; Bismarck
'74 Owens (Wendschlag), Marcia; Williston
'75 Pederson, Randall; Minnewaukan
'75 Tinus (Warner), Arline; Flagstaff, Ariz.
'77 Thompson (Linnertz), Marcella; Minot
'83 Thom (Krueger), Patricia; Minot
'84 Burns, Brenda; Rugby
'85 McGinty (Cooper), Rae; Sherwood
'99 Hertel (Heck), Heidi; Bismarck
'01 Yarham, William; Longmont, Colo.
'02 Knaup, Lance; Minot

ATTENDED

- Amrein (Wilson), Kathryn "Kae," Minot
Boechler (Salwey), Kathryn; Karlsruhe
Brodersen (Sannes), Marian; Westhope
DeCoursey (Olson), Dora; Nampa, Idaho
Eckmann, W. H. "Wally," Minot
Erickson (Larson), Inga; Maxbass
Erickson, Terry; Minot
Greenfield (Souther), Alvina; Lignite
Henneberg (Winden), Ethel; Modesto, Calif.
Huizenga, Wayne; Minot
Jensen (Brandt), Daveda; Minot
Kerzmann (Rickers), Evelyn; Minot

- Kniffin (Klimpel), Vivian; Minot
Kraft (Robinson), Isabel; Minot
Skaar (Berg), Esther; Keene
Stortz (Westrum), Desseree; Glendive, Mont.
Wengel (Veal), Jeanne; Minot
Witteman, Victor; Minot
Wolding (Tommerdahl), Pearl; New Town
Ziman, Keth; Dickinson

FACULTY & STAFF

- Mackey, Elizabeth; former associate professor for the Division of Music
Schaan, Scott; Minot, former custodian in Office of Facilities Management
Yarham, William; Longmont, Colo. former adjunct faculty member for the Department of Business Information Technology
Zietz, Eugene; Minot; former custodian in Office of Facilities Management

CARLEY OLSON, Minot, died

Feb. 25 in a Minot hospital at the age of 89. Olson taught at Almont School for over two years and one year in Belfield. Her husband, Gordon B. Olson, was Minot State University's eighth president. Their family included three daughters. Carley is survived by daughter, Wendy Sletto, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Campus and community are invited to the 25th Annual Spring Honor Dance and Powwow Celebration

April 25 & 26, 2014 – MSU Dome, Minot, ND

Yellow Bird Indian Dancers: Friday, April 25 – 10:30 A.M. & 8 P.M.

Grand Entry: Friday, April 25 & Saturday, April 26 – 1 P.M. & 7 P.M.

Buffalo Feed: Friday, April 25 – 5 P.M.

Crow Special Honoring for MSU President David & Nancy Fuller:

Saturday, April 26 – Following the 7 P.M. Grand Entry

Honor Parade: Saturday, April 26 – 8 P.M.

Competition Dances • Door Prizes • Concessions • Vendors & more!

Hosted by the MSU
Native American
Cultural Awareness Club

For more information
call Annette at
701-858-3365 or
1-800-777-0750 ext. 3365.



Have you received these issues of Connections?

With changes in postal endorsements, anyone with a change of address may not have received the copies pictured. If you wish to receive them, we will be glad to honor your request. Contact the Alumni Office at 701-858-3234, 800-777-0750 ext. 3234 or e-mail alumni@minotstateu.edu.



biggest "little"

BEAVER
 fans!

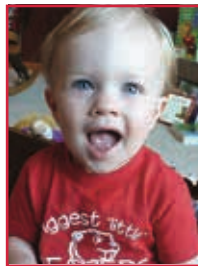
Have you had an addition to your family within the last 12-18 months?

We want to know! Contact Kate Marshall, donor relations coordinator, at kate.marshall@minotstateu.edu to receive a free T-shirt for your new little Beaver! Please be sure to tell us your baby's name and birth date. Also, please provide your graduation year, spouse's name and contact information.

After you have received your biggest "little" Beaver fan T-shirt, email your baby's photo to: kate.marshall@minotstateu.edu.



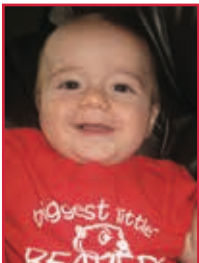
Anstrom
 Duane and Amanda (Schroeter) Anstrom '07/'10 are proud parents to Piper, born Jan. 30, 2013.



Burggraff
 Allison (Hammer) Burggraff '05 and her husband, Eric, welcomed a daughter, Lucille Grace, on July 2, 2012.



Hallaway
 Matthew Hallaway '00 and his wife, DeAnn, joyfully welcomed Liam Nathaniel on Nov. 15, 2013. The family resides in Fargo.



Blais
 Jeremy Blais '07 and Nicole (Dmytruk) Blais '07 had son Griffin on Jan. 25, 2013. The family resides in Alberta, Canada.



Fleck
 Jeff Fleck '04 and his wife, Sheri, welcomed daughter Cadence Makea to the family on Feb. 4, 2013. Cadence joins big brother Dalton, who is 12 years old.



Halvorson
 Patricia (Sollin) Halvorson '07 and her husband, Lance, welcomed baby boy Lane Roland to their family on Aug. 16, 2013.



Borisinkoff
 Sasha Alexina was born March 12, 2013, in Albuquerque, N.M. She was welcomed by Becky (Daigneault) Borisinkoff '00/'01 and her husband,

Evan, along with sister Skylar, who is 2 years old.



Frana
 Aaron Frana '10, along with his wife, Nicole, welcomed their first son, Adam Lee, on May 15, 2013.



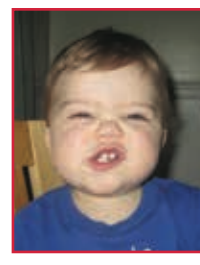
Hanson
 Blakely Lynn entered the world on May 28, 2013. Proud parents are Juliann (Fjellanger) Hanson '05/'12 and her husband, Jade.



Bossie
 Sarah Bossie '11 and her husband, Steve, welcomed Jillian Faith on July 26, 2012.



Gaston
 Angela (Hobbs) Gaston '13 and her husband, Tim, had Addison Taylor on Sept. 20, 2013.

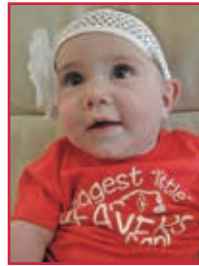


Herman
 Xander entered the world on March 28, 2012. Proud parents are Rob Herman '13 and Missy Herman (attended '98).



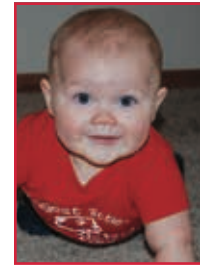
Huber

Courtney (Driscoll) Huber '02 and her husband, Jacob, welcomed Everett on Jan. 16, 2013. The family resides in Ankeny, Iowa.



Kirkhammer

Kent Kirkhammer '06 and **Chelsea (Peterson) Kirkhammer '06** welcomed Madelyn Marie to the family on March 5, 2013. She joins big sister Ellin, who is 3 years old.



Mattern

Clara Mae was born July 3, 2012, to **Mark Mattern '93** and his wife, Retha. Proud grandparents are **Dale Mattern '66** and **Kay (White) Mattern '68**.



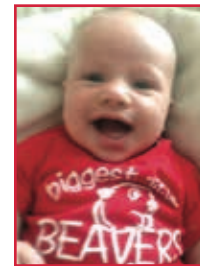
Huck

Ayla Lynn was born Oct. 12, 2011, to Aaron and **Alysia Huck (staff)**.



Lade

Carl Lade '00 and **Jennifer (Entzel) Lade '02** welcomed their third child, Hunter Lee, on Nov. 7, 2012. Hunter joins big sisters Olivia and Sophia.



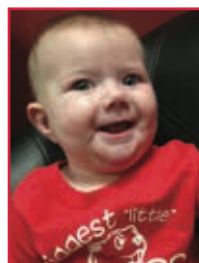
Michalchuk

Jase Luc entered the world on June 24, 2013. Proud Beaver parents are **Rylan Michalchuk '07** and **Bryn (Delanoy) Michalchuk '08**.



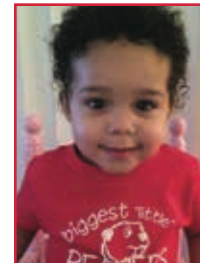
Hunt

Krueze Rodney entered the world on May 20, 2012. Parents are **Kyle Hunt '04** and his wife, **Heather (Hill) Hunt (attended '00-'03)**.



Loehr

Leia Karlene was born April 4, 2013. She is the daughter of **Brent Loehr '98** and his wife, Melissa, of Muenster, Saskatchewan. She was eagerly welcomed



Miller

Layla Marie was born March 2, 2012, to **Jackie Miller '02**.

to the family by big sister Sarah, who is 4 years old.



Johnson

Parker was born May 24, 2013, to **Tenille (Armstrong) Johnson '08** and her husband, James. He joins big sister Preslee.



Love

Tara Love '12 is the proud mother to Audrina Leighann. Audrina was born Dec. 8, 2012.



Monsoor

Abigail Naomi was born Dec. 13, 2012. Parents are **Joseph Monsoor '09** and **Naomi (Blanch) Monsoor '09**.



Keck

Adam was born on March 30, 2012, to Robert and **Priscilla (Monson) Keck '06**. The Kecks reside in Williston.



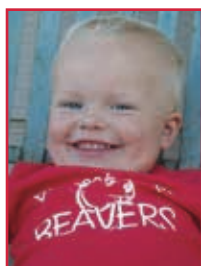
Marshall

Kate (Neuhalfen) Marshall '07 and her husband, Daniel, welcomed their first little one, Addison Elle, on Oct. 21, 2013.



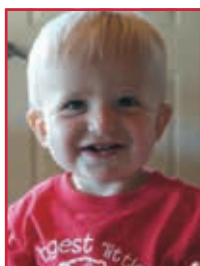
Palmer

Ed and Erin **(Thompson) Palmer '06** welcomed Beatrice Ann to the family on Nov. 29, 2012.



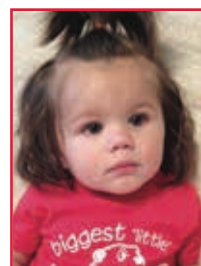
Pattison

Jillie (See) Pattison '08 and her husband, Marcus, are proud parents to Otto Scott, born March 11, 2012.



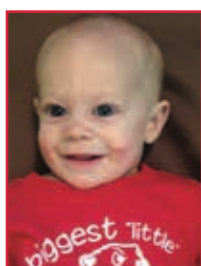
Schilken

Case entered the world on July 9, 2012. He was welcomed by **Chris Schilken '06** and his wife, Erika, as well as by big sister Bella and twin big brothers Mack and Knox.



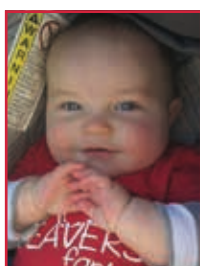
Stevick

Sofia Hope was born Dec. 13, 2012, to **Jock Stevick '95** and his wife, **Lacey (Collins) Stevick ('01-'03 attended)**.



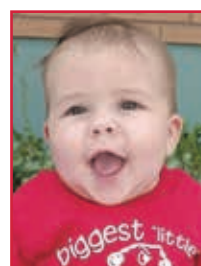
Privratsky

Susan (Braaten) Privratsky '05/'07 and her husband, Derek, along with sisters Madison and Rachel, welcomed Fletcher Eugene on July 13, 2013.



Schneider

Devin Nicholas arrived on May 1, 2013. Proud parents are **Rhonda (Tangen) Schneider '11** and her husband, Gary.



Taylor

Nolan Taylor '04 and his wife, Kaylee, welcomed baby girl Daphne Ada on Feb. 18, 2013. She joins big brother Dexter, who is 2 years old.



Radenz

Alli Ashlynn was born Oct. 30, 2012. She was welcomed by parents Tony and **Tina (Berg) Radenz '01**, along with brothers Clay and Cole.



Settersten

Kristin (Duchsherer) Settersten '12, along with her husband, Steven, welcomed Lucas Adam on May 22, 2013.



Trudell

Darrik Trudell '03 and **Betsy (Vig) Trudell '06** welcomed Harrison to the world on Dec. 16, 2012. He joins siblings Reagan and Grant.



Reddy

Francis Jerry was born on Feb. 17, 2013, to **April (Trujillo) Reddy '12** and her husband, Frank.



Seykora

Harper Rose was born to **Dan Seykora '06** and **Ashley (Hansen) Seykora '06** on Oct. 29, 2012. Welcome to the world, little one.



Vigness

McCoy Louis entered the world on May 17, 2013. Proud parents are **Chris Vigness '04** and **Kelly (Torgerson) Vigness '03/'07**.



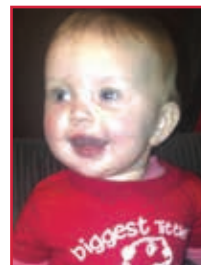
Riley

Francis Riley (attended '89/'94) and his wife, Serena, welcomed Maggie Elizabeth on April 5, 2013.




Skarphol

Anna (Alex) Skarphol '07/'09 and her husband, Ryan, welcomed Janie Jill into the world on Nov. 8, 2013.



Wilson

Rhettley Don was born July 6, 2012, to **Colin Wilson '11** and **Janessa Penner '10**.



31st annual

MSU Alumni Association

Centennial

Gala

Dinner and Auction

Friday, April 25, 2014

Holiday Inn Riverside

Social – 5:30 P.M. • Dinner – 6:45 P.M.

Reservations required. \$50/person
Semiformal Attire • Valet parking available

To reserve your tickets for this year's event, contact the
Alumni Office at 701-858-3234 or 800-777-0750 ext. 3234



Minot State
UNIVERSITY

Alumni Association

500 University Ave W
Minot, ND 58707

Change service requested

Non-profit org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
 Fargo, ND 58102
Permit No. 1890



*An enduring legacy enhanced
with significant gift*

CHUCK AND MADGE WESTLIE'S ESTATE recently presented a significant gift to the Minot State University Development Foundation. Through thoughtful planning, the Westlie's bequest allows their philanthropic spirit and legacy to continue. Their \$1.1 million gift will support Minot State's student and program growth. The Westlies were deeply involved in community and regional affairs, supporting a number of foundations and charities through the years.

Minot State students thrive when special people like the Westlies consider Minot State in their estate planning. If you would like more information about how you can have a lasting impact, please contact the Advancement Office at 701-858-3399 or email marv.semrau@minotstateu.edu.