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**Come "home" to Mayville State
for Homecoming 2015!**



A Salute to Our Heroes

MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING 2015

Friday, October 16

Hall of Fame Pre-Dinner Social

Socialize with this year's Athletic Hall of Fame and Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame inductees.

Everyone is welcome.

4 to 5:30 p.m.

Larson Alumni and Leadership Center

Athletic Hall of Fame & Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame Dinner

Join in honoring the 2015 inductees. Visit with the members of the 1990 championship football team.

6 p.m.

Campus Center Luckasen Room

*Advance tickets required, \$20 each

Alumni & Friends Social

9 to 11 p.m.

Top Hat, Downtown Mayville

Saturday, October 17

Alumni Meet & Greet

Stop by Mayville State's new alumni center for socializing and refreshments. A special invitation is extended to all former cheerleaders and pom pon girls, as well as the 1990 championship football team.

8:30 to 10 a.m.

Larson Alumni and Leadership Center

Homecoming Parade

The parade will begin at the MSU Campus Center and make its way through town.

10 a.m.

Downtown Mayville

Military Honor Garden Dedication

The Military Honor Garden, located on the south lawn of the Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center, is a tribute to Mayville State alumni and friends who have served or are serving our nation in the Armed Forces. The program will include patriotic music and remarks by project chairmen Lt. Gen. Emil Buck Bedard (USMC ret.) ('65) and former Marine Martin Johnson ('66).

11 a.m.

Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center

Football Game

Mayville State vs. University of Jamestown

This year's homecoming honorees will be recognized at half time.

2 p.m.

Jerome Berg Field

All-Alumni Homecoming Reunion

All alumni and friends are welcome! Meet your former classmates, professors, and friends! Bring some memories! Greet the Athletic Hall of Fame, Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame, and Performing Arts Hall of Fame inductees. This is also the site for the cheerleaders and pom pon girls reunion and a gathering of the 1990 championship football team. A picnic-style supper will be served from 5 p.m. until gone. Cash bar.

4 to 9 p.m.

Mayville Golf Club

Freewill donations to defray costs accepted.

Sunday, October 18

Homecoming Concert & Performing Arts Hall of Fame Induction

Top off the weekend with a concert featuring the MSU Concert Choir and Band. Inductees into Mayville State's Performing Arts Hall of Fame will be recognized at intermission.

2 p.m.

Classroom Building Auditorium

Performing Arts Hall of Fame Reception

The Alumni Association Board will host this reception to honor the Performing Arts Hall of Fame inductees. Everyone is invited to join in recognizing these individuals.

Following the concert

Campus Center Luckasen Room

Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner Tickets

* Purchase tickets for the Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner at www.mayvillestate.edu/homecoming

or send your check (\$20/ticket) to:

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A special invitation is extended to all former cheerleaders and pom pon girls, as well as the 1990 championship football team. Reunion activities are planned for both groups. See more at www.mayvillestate.edu/homecoming.

Athletic Hall of Fame



Darin Everson



Mike Mahlen



Kathy Maltrud



Robin Torkelson



1959 Baseball Team

Row 1 (l-r): Jim Bisenius, Mike Bill, Darryl Gulbranson, Donald McIntyre, Alden Holte, Gary Bjerke, Dallas Kopp, Coach Al Meyer. Row 2: Manager Jerry Fleming, Rex Haugen, Jim McChesney, Don Ostenson, Howard Strom, Donald Overbo, Dennis Fogelson. Row 3: Willard Jacobson, Stanley Barta, Mike Strand, Graydon Rostberg, Kenneth Nessa, Dennis Kiedrowski.

Coaches Hall of Fame



Ryam Brantl



James Evanson



Lisa Strand



Tyrone Wacker

Performing Arts Hall of Fame



Beth Aufforth



C.T. Hanson



Otto Muecke



Kirk Overmoe



Herb Thomson

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Farmers Bowl Sept. 12

Honor Society President's Dinner Oct. 1

Homecoming Oct. 16-18

Scholarship Recipient Luncheon Nov. 4

Madrigal Feast Dec. 4 & 5

Trail County/MSU Luncheon in Mesa Feb. 9

Sparkling Affair Feb. 25

Graduation Brunch/Commencement May 14

Alumni Day 2016 June 24

See details at www.mayvillestate.edu.

On the cover: Mayville State University faculty and staff welcomed record numbers of new and returning students again this fall. As of Aug. 28, enrollment had surpassed last year's all-time record high. Official final reporting of enrollment does not take place until a few weeks into the semester. Fall semester classes began Monday, Aug. 24. Pictured on the cover are Nina Gurgian (left), a junior from Claremont, Calif. A softball player, Nina was selected the NSAA Player of the Year and earned first team all-conference honors last spring. Aaron Evans (center) is a freshman from Mayville, N.D. He plans to play baseball for the Comets. Danielle Trudeau (right) is also a freshman from Mayville. Danielle is pursuing a major in psychology. Danielle's mom, Mary, is the executive assistant to MSU President Gary Hagen. The Mayville State family is very happy to welcome a great number of 2015 Mayville-Portland High School graduates as freshmen this fall.

Change is good for Mayville State University

As I begin my tenth year as Mayville State president, I reflect on all that has changed during the past 10 years. The changes have been good for the campus, and good for our students, faculty, and staff.

I am grateful to our current administrative team, a group that has taken us from adversity to prosperity. Their legacy is record enrollment, record profitability, record private giving, expansion of academic programs, growth and improvement in athletics, music, and nearly every area of campus. They have been unselfish while remaining professional and dedicated. This is the last year that our current administrative team will be together, as Dr. Ray Gerszewski, Vice President for Student Affairs, will retire in December, after 32 years of service at Mayville State.

In the past ten years, we have come from the most run-down campus facility in the North Dakota University System to "way better than average." Nearly \$30 million worth of improvements have culminated in our being named one of the nation's top attractive yet affordable campuses. Our latest state-approved building project, expansion of the HPER facilities, is underway. Through the project, we will better accommodate the rapidly growing HPER area.

Other facilities improvements have included an extremely efficient new heating plant, a central receiving building, a new building to house the teacher education division, a remodeled library and science department, a total rebuild of Agassiz Hall, a new Stan Dakken Drive, a campus drainage project, updated electrical, heating, cooling, and ventilation infrastructure in nearly every building, Old Main improvements, dormitory improvements, and improvements to the athletic fields. Historic Northwest Hall has been renovated for use as an alumni center. We have improved computer facilities and sewer lines, and created energy efficiencies through new windows, doors, and other physical attributes.



Dr. Gary Hagen.

Last year, the state gave us \$246,000 to award raises in the amount of 3% to our employees. Due to the fine work of our employees and the good condition of the campus, we were able to use some of our institution's excess funds to give \$446,000 in raises, nearly doubling the expected 3% overall increase.

We have set many all-time high enrollment records during the past four years. Since 2008, our headcount has increased by 37%. Our full-time student count has improved by 42%, and our FTE has climbed by just under 44%. That growth has outpaced the next-fastest growing campus in the state by more than four times. The number of distance degree-seeking students has increased by 78% during the same time period.

Public interest in our campus has skyrocketed. Thanks to John Klocke and his team and our generous alumni and friends, our endowment has grown to well over \$5 million, up from less than \$2 million in 2009. As this endowment grows, so does the number of scholarships we are able to offer.

Significant changes have also taken place in the classroom. We have added a variety of new majors, online and distance programs, and pedagogy. We have well-established remote sites, new nursing options, an active STEM program, many collaborations with other campuses and entities, graduate credit, and many other accomplishments.

The Child Development Programs continues to grow, with more than \$3 million coming in each year to fund the various sites. They continue to provide a great service to the region, while offering learning opportunities for our students.

We have added an unprecedented number of faculty during the past four years, and research and grant writing are thriving. Our most recent surveys indicate high morale and satisfaction for faculty, staff, and students. We've decided to excel in terms of personal service and customer satisfaction. We can do this better than anyone else, and our customer service approach will guarantee satisfied students and constituents well into the future.

A major change item for the coming year is the development of a new strategic plan. We are in the enviable position of having accomplished all, and even more, of the plans we laid down a number of years ago. The closest thing we have to a crystal ball is a good strategic planning process. That process allows us to create the future. Our task this year will be to examine literally all the variables that affect our campus, our dreams, and our resource realities to chart a future for Mayville State University that will be challenging, exciting, and beneficial to the campus, community, state, and region.

You can provide input by going to www.mayvillestate.edu/strategicplanning and completing the strategic planning survey. Your input is valuable to the process. Thank you.

**Open House Reception
to honor Dr. Ray Gerszewski**

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015
3 to 5 p.m.
MSU Campus Center Luckasen Room

Dr. Ray Gerszewski,
VP for Student Affairs and Institutional Research,
will retire in December,
after a 32-year career at Mayville State.

Accreditation processes underway across campus

During the 2015-16 academic year, Mayville State will have visits from two accrediting bodies, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) on Nov. 16-18, 2015, and the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) on April 25-26, 2016. Both are very important accreditation processes for MSU.

The CCNE is specialized accreditation for MSU's new nursing program (RN to BSN). MSU nursing faculty Tami Such, Kari Matthys, and Collette Christoffers have been working with a nursing consultant to write the accreditation report.

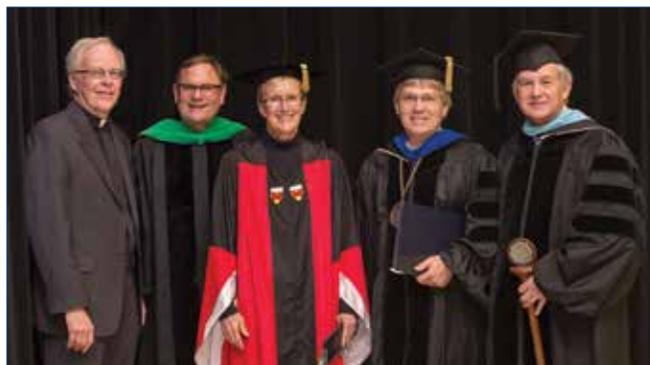
Officially recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a national accreditation agency, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) is an autonomous accrediting agency, contributing to the improvement of the public's health. CCNE ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate, and residency programs in nursing. CCNE serves the public interest by assessing and identifying programs that engage in effective educational practices. As a voluntary, self-regulatory process, CCNE accreditation supports and encourages continuing self-assessment by nursing programs and supports continuing growth and improvement of collegiate professional education and post-baccalaureate nurse residency programs.

The HLC re-accreditation process for the entire campus and academic programs occurs every ten years. Faculty and staff have been preparing for the HLC regional accreditation, along with a quality initiative (QI), as part of the re-accreditation process. Institutions are required by the HLC to undertake a major quality initiative designed to suit their particular campus's present concerns or aspirations. It is intended to allow a campus to take risks, aim high, and learn.

MSU's quality initiative, led by Dr. Mark Skean, is "improvement through assessment." Dr. Skean completed the final findings and report and the QI was submitted to the HLC in August of 2015. The core MSU HLC re-Accreditation team members are Dr. Keith Stenehjelm, Dr. Mark Skean, Dr. Sarah Anderson, Dr. Tom Gonnella, Dr. Carolyn Baker, Kelly Kornkven, Chris Gonnella, Rob Johnston, Gene Levitt, Allison Johnson, Dr. John Pederson, Dr. Andi Dulski-Bucholz, and Dr. Robert Miess.

The HLC's criteria for accreditation reflect a set of guiding values. The Commission expects that institutions have the standards, the processes, and the will for quality assurance in depth and throughout their educational offerings.

The HLC's guiding values for accreditation are: focus on student learning; education as a public purpose; education for a diverse, technological, globally connected world; a culture of continuous improvement; evidence-based institutional learning and self-presentation; integrity, transparency, and ethical behavior or practice; governance for the well-being of the institution; planning and management of resources to ensure institutional sustainability; mission-centered evaluation; and accreditation through peer review.



Members of the platform party were (l-r) Pastor Chris Hallanger, Dr. Kevin Melicher, Dr. Ellen Chaffee, MSU President Dr. Gary Hagen, and MSU Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Keith Stenehjelm.

Ellen Chaffee delivers commencement address

Dr. Ellen Chaffee, former Mayville State University president, delivered the annual commencement address at Mayville State University Saturday, May 16, encouraging the new graduates to pay it forward by getting involved in their communities, wherever they may go. The commencement ceremony was held in the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse.

Graduates Marcisa Johnson, Renton, Wash., and Amber Montag, Finley, N.D., spoke on behalf of the graduating class. Dr. Kevin Melicher, Fargo, N.D., member of the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education, brought greetings on behalf of the Board; and the Rev. Chris Hallanger, interim pastor at Mayville Lutheran Church, delivered the invocation.

Mayville State's graduation day festivities began with the traditional graduation brunch, hosted by the MSU Alumni Association. Patricia Lopez from Clarissa, Minn., Sarah Gandari from Borrowdale Harare, Zimbabwe, and Rochester Mugumbate from Mutare, Zimbabwe, spoke on behalf of the MSU Class of 2015. The members of the graduating class were the guests of honor at the event. They were joined by friends and family members, as well as MSU faculty and staff. Thanks to a generous sponsorship from Gate City Bank, there was no charge to attend the graduation brunch.

Following the commencement ceremony, Mayville State faculty, staff, and administration hosted a reception in honor of the graduates.



Student graduation brunch speakers (l-r) were Rochester Mugumbate, Patricia Lopez, and Sarah Gandari.

HPER facility expansion makes room for re-purposing of existing space

The current 17,000 sq. ft. Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER) facility expansion project, which is comprised of three building additions, will provide new classroom and office space, opening up some space previously occupied in the 1960-vintage Lewy Lee Fieldhouse. This has paved the way for Mayville State University to initiate a Lewy Lee Fieldhouse renovation as part of its master plan goals and objectives. The main goal of the renovation is to provide more appropriate space, which can directly affect student recruitment and retention.

The MSU strategic plan encourages enrollment growth through a number of means, including recruitment and retention of additional student athletes. The number of student athletes and HPER majors on campus has increased significantly in the last three years. The football program, for example, has 120 to 130 student athletes this fall. The current locker room facilities are inadequate to provide for this number of students, and the Old Gym basement locker room which accommodated thirty athletes was eliminated when the building was razed in June of 2015.

This makes providing new locker room space a high priority. A football locker room project began in July. Two-thousand-eight-hundred sq. ft. of space on the north side of the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse that had previously been office and classroom space is being transformed into a modern football locker room. The space will be converted to provide a toilet room, showers, lockers, and a team gathering area. The construction upgrades include mechanical, electrical, and plumbing improvements and code upgrades. The new locker room will be air conditioned, and the new Comet blue impact rubber flooring in the meeting area will feature MSU's "Action M" logo.

The team hopes to be in the new locker room by the end of October or early November. The project will allow the team to have locker room space in one area, rather than in multiple areas of the Fieldhouse, as has been the case in recent years.



The north side of the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse will look different once the football locker room project is complete.

JLG Architecture designed the project and is overseeing the construction. The contractors for the project are Structures, Inc., Grand Forks, N.D., and Precision Plumbing and Precision Electric, both of Mayville, N.D. The \$600,000 project is financed with State Deferred Maintenance appropriation funds and also with campus tuition reserve funds.

When the HPER facility expansion project is completed next spring and the new building space is occupied, even more of the existing pre-project space will be opened up, renovated, and re-purposed. This renovation in the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse, the HPER facility expansion, the recent teacher education division addition, and Agassiz Hall renovation demonstrate the commitment to eliminate deferred maintenance on campus and provide up-to-date buildings for students and staff.



The entrance to the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse is taking on a new look via the HPER facility replacement project.

HPER facility replacement project on track

Did you know that more than 29,000 new bricks will be installed as part of the HPER facility replacement project?

Exciting progress continues to be made on Mayville State's \$5.7 million state-funded HPER project. As you may recall, the project involves replacement of the 1929 Old Gymnasium and expansion of classroom and lab/practice space for Sports Management, Fitness and Wellness, Health Education, and Physical Education majors. Estimated completion date for the project is March 23, 2016.

PCL Construction Services, Inc., project construction manager, has been on campus since April 27, when the project began. The 1929 gymnasium has been demolished, and all excavation and backfilling and underground waterproofing are complete. Concrete floor work in the three additions that make up the total project is complete and steel structure installation is making the project take shape.

"We are very fortunate that the HPER facilities remain operational and productive during the time of construction," said MSU President Dr. Gary Hagen. "While there will be some inconvenience for a while, we're excited for the great new facility that will result."

MSU's STEM Education programs impact area teachers, students

There is growing concern across North Dakota and the nation about the low number of students, teachers, and professionals prepared in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Somewhere between the fourth grade and high school, students are falling behind in mathematics and science ability. By the time most students reach their final two years of high school, fewer than 15% have enough mathematics and science knowledge to pursue science and technology degrees in college (U.S. Department of Education).

Mayville State University has been granted funding to assist with this issue. The funding has been used to implement several initiatives impacting Mayville State University's teacher education program, collaborative P-12 partners, and the community. Mayville State University STEM Education has hosted professional development trainings and community outreach programs since the spring of 2010.

"Exhilarating" is the definitive term when it comes to the STEM-related opportunities offered at Mayville State University. As has been the case for several years, the month of June was packed with three very big events, STEM Boot Camp for Educators 2.0, STEM College for Kids, and the Educational Engineering Institute.

The three-day STEM Boot Camp for Educators 2.0 provides professional development opportunities for K-12 teachers in North Dakota. The purpose of Boot Camp 2.0 is to engage educators in STEM concepts and provide networks to allow for peer support that extends beyond the three days of the program. Twenty-five area teachers participated this year. Topics covered included integration of STEM concepts, problem-based learning, and technology integration.

Mayville State STEM Education has partnered with the University of North Dakota School of Engineering and Mines, Red River Valley Education Cooperative, Northeast Education Services Cooperative, and Dakota Science Center to create the Educational Engineering Institute (EEI). The EEI is part of the Mathematics and Science Partnerships federal project and is an intensive professional development program in which 20 teachers attend a summer institute and complete a year-long online graduate class. The program focuses on increasing participants' knowledge of the various fields of engineering and the use of the engineering design process in their classrooms.

The Educational Engineering Institute took place June 15-18 and provided an outstanding engineering and STEM experience for 20 K-12 teachers. Topics covered included a focus on engineering, advanced STEM concepts, advanced problem-based learning and understanding by design unit planning, and technology integration. The experience is open to K-12 teachers in the Red River Valley Education Cooperative and Northeast Education Services Cooperative schools first. If all spots do not fill, they are then opened to all North Dakota K-12 teachers.



Mayville State senior Eric Ricard works with two young boys enrolled in the College for Kids program as they study up on how to make their model car run.

Eleven of Mayville State's students who are studying to become teachers were called upon to run the STEM College for Kids June 22-25. This four-day event gave young learners a time during the summer to become scientists and engineers. About 80 students in grades K-7 participated in this year's College for Kids.

College for Kids is one of two main community outreach programs held at Mayville State each year and designed to spark interest in STEM. The STEM carnival gives Mayville State University's pre-service education students a chance to showcase their knowledge of STEM. It is held each spring. Area children have an opportunity to visit 20+ booths demonstrating a STEM lesson. The booths are set up by Mayville State teacher education students. The STEM carnival has been a huge success each year, with an average annual attendance of more than 300.

Another valuable contribution of Mayville State's STEM Education program is their supplementing of curriculum in area schools with kits from Mayville State's STEM library. The library includes more than 200 kits that help integrate STEM principals into a teacher's current lessons. One aspect of the lending library includes a classroom set of iPads that are in use almost daily in area schools. The iPads are used to reinforce skills taught and as a way to integrate technology.

"We are extremely proud of the contributions Mayville State's STEM Education program is making to assist with a critical need for the area, state, and nation," said MSU President Dr. Gary Hagen. "Congratulations to Mayville State's STEM Education program coordinator Sarah Sletten, and to all Mayville State faculty and teacher education students who have been involved with STEM education, for a job well-done!"

Comets volleyball eager to compete in conference race

The Comets volleyball team looks to continue their run of 20-win seasons and hopes to add a national tournament berth to the 2015 campaign. The 2014 squad went 21-13 and reached the North Star Athletic Association championship game, falling to University of Jamestown in a tightly contested match. The Comets led the conference in hitting percentage, assists per set, and blocks per set, and placed three athletes on the All-Conference team. Even though six seniors graduated from last year's group, the Comets return a number of talented players and have added a strong recruiting class in order to stay in the top echelon of the conference.

Last year's 2nd team All-NSAA Remington Werner returns to lead the Comets attack in 2015. Remington was seventh in the conference in both hitting percentage and kills per set. Kyla Bugner not only led the NSAA in total blocks and blocks per set, she was second in the nation in blocks and seventh in blocks per set. Paige O'Connor anchors the back line. She was sixth in the NSAA in both digs per set and total digs.

Of her recruiting class, head coach Lindsey Johnson said, "Megan Kolness is a 5'8" setter who spent her past two seasons at NDSCS in Wahpeton, N.D. While there, she earned multiple Mon-Dak Player of the Week honors, and she leaves the Wildcats at fourth in the school record book for assists.

"Joely Christianson is a 6'0" outside hitter who was named the Falcons' MVP and made the all-conference team in her senior season. Along with her athletic honors, Joely was named academic all-state.

"Bree Goenner is a 6'1" middle hitter from St Michael-Albertville (Minn.) High School. Goenner comes from top-caliber high school and club volleyball programs in Minnesota and brings a great deal of volleyball knowledge to the program.

"Jen Puncuchar is a junior transfer from Ridgewater College in Willmar, Minn., where she earned All-MCAC conference honors, was a member of the 2013 NJCAA national tournament team, and was named a 2014 NJCAA first team All-American.

"We are really excited about starting the 2015 volleyball season," said Coach Johnson. "We have a great group of athletes returning and a variety of talent joining us. The Comets will look very different this year after graduating six valuable seniors. It's going to be a fun year! With the new teams in the North Star conference, the level of competition will increase and it will make for a great conference race."



Josette Glatt, who finished her career on the Comets volleyball team after the 2014 season, was recognized at a basketball game last winter for having earned the NSAA Champion of Character Achievement Award, NAIA All-American status, and the NSAA Most Valuable Player award. Pictured from left to right are MSU Athletic Director Mike Moore, Josette, assistant volleyball coach Ashley Nelson, and head volleyball coach Lindsey Johnson.

Make a nomination!

Athletic Hall of Fame

Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame

We request your assistance in nominating deserving individuals for induction into the MSU Athletic Hall of Fame and Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame. If you know of worthy candidates, please take the time to submit a nomination at mayvillestate.edu/recognition.

- Inductees to the Mayville State University Athletic Hall of Fame fall into the following categories: athlete, team, Mayville State coach, Mayville State athletic staff, or honorary member. In order to qualify for induction, athletes must have graduated from Mayville State at least ten years prior to induction, and have earned two letters in one sport or one letter in two or more sports.

- Inductees to the Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame must have graduated or left Mayville State ten or more years prior to induction. The purpose of the award is to recognize those Mayville State graduates who have excelled in athletic coaching during their careers. The records of the nominees should be so outstanding that there would be little question as to the qualifications necessary for induction. Consideration will be given for personal conduct in sports and personal contributions to the ideal of sports.

Complete nominations on file June 1 of each year will be considered for induction in that same year.

For more information, contact Beth Swenson at 701-788-4750 or beth.swenson@mayvillestate.edu.

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Mayville's local radio station, KMAV, is now webcasting most Mayville State athletic events. Go to www.kmav.com to see the schedule and make a connection.



The Comets take the field in a 2014 season home game.

Coach Haines looks to improved season for football

Comets Football returned this fall looking to build off last year's experiences and become a force in the North Star Athletic Association. The Comets returned 13 starters from last year's squad.

Here's Coach John Haines' in-depth look at his team:

"Defensively we have improved our team speed. Weston McGill (defensive coordinator) and Nate Gill (DB coach) have a sophomore- and junior-filled group to work with. We have upgraded in the back end of our defense and will be very good at linebacker with new additions competing for playing time. Marcus Cheatom is the cornerstone of the young group up front. With a solid group returning in the secondary and new additions it will improve our pass defense from one year ago.

"Offensively we have also upgraded in the speed department. The running back group could be the deepest position on offense with the addition of Martin Stafford and Superior Ried (both Rivals 2-star recruits as high school players). In addition, Jerrell Jenkins is back from a knee injury last season, and spring standout, red-shirt freshman Desmond Earles, brings a physical running style to the offense. Quarterback will be very competitive as well, as we have Jordan Ares, who won the starting job in spring football, and the very athletic Chris Pope and Chris Mayes. Up front, Jordan Melondo will be back directing traffic with a solid group of returners. Israel Evans, Donnell Lafotu, and Will Shackleford are a year older and better in the competition at OL. The addition of Aaron Johnson (first team all-conference on defense last season) to the offense brings an athletic presence to the OT position. A solid group of wide receivers is being asked to pick up the production since Lance Jackson is no longer here. Dontrell Horne, Will Simpson, Jacob Lawrence, and Ricky Smith are an athletic group that worked very well last spring. LJ McMorris, a track star in high school with sub 10.8 speed in 100m, 4.4 forty in combines through his career, adds more speed.

"Overall, we will be improved. I feel the product on the field this year will have more of an ability to make the big play. With a good group of young talent holding over from last year and some key additions on both sides, we should come together."

Follow the Comets at MSUComets.com!

Future is bright for Comets softball

Ashley VandeVeen begins her third season as Mayville State's head softball coach. With VandeVeen at the helm, the program has made noticeable improvement. The Comets picked up five victories in the North Star Athletic Association (NSAA) in 2015, which is more than the previous three conference seasons. A noteworthy win came when the Comets defeated Dickinson State University, a team that advanced to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) World Series last season.

With almost all of their experienced players returning, Coach VandeVeen is positive about what next season holds. "We are very excited to be returning four all-conference players, as well as every single starter from last season," she said.

The four returning all-conference players on the Comets roster are led by Nina Gurgian, a junior from Claremont, Calif. Gurgian was selected the NSAA Player of the Year by league coaches. Gurgian led the Comets in several statistical categories, including batting average, runs, and hits. In addition to being selected as NSAA Player of the Year, Gurgian earned first team all-conference honors.

Megan Rabe, a sophomore from Las Vegas, Nev., was selected as a first team all-conference player during her first year of collegiate play. In ten conference games, Rabe had a batting average of 0.324 with twelve hits, six runs, two doubles, and five RBIs.

Kiana Ishikawa, a sophomore from Henderson, Nev., was selected a first team all-conference player for the Comets during her freshman season as well. At 0.388, Ishikawa was third on the team in batting average during conference play.

Tiffany Soria, a senior from Paramount, Calif., was the fourth first team all-conference member representing Mayville State. At 0.404 and 23 respectively, Soria was second on the team in batting average and hits during conference play. Soria led the Comets with 18 RBIs, five home runs and seven doubles during conference play.

In addition to the experience returning in the starting lineup for the Comets, Coach VandeVeen looks forward to the added depth that will be brought in by this year's recruiting class. "We have recruited to fill a few holes, so we will have great depth, both offensively and defensively," she said.

Top recruits for the coming season include Lauren Coronado from Los Angeles, Calif. Lauren is a transfer pitcher from Rio Hondo College, where she posted a 4.78 earned-run average (ERA) and had a 0.368 batting average. Audrey Beltran, also from Rio Hondo College, will join the Comets as well. At Rio Hondo, she was an outfielder with a 0.301 batting average. Allison Doll from Perham, Minn. will join the Comets for her freshman season. Doll recently represented Team USA during international competition in Italy.

The Comets are set to begin their 2016 season on Feb. 27 in Aberdeen, S.D. at the Presentation College Dome.

2015 baseball season among the best ever

The 2015 baseball season was another very successful one for the Comets. Led by an experienced group of seniors, the Comets captured the North Star Athletic Association (NSAA) regular season championship and then followed by winning the NSAA tournament championship. By winning the NSAA tournament championship the Comets earned an automatic bid to the opening round of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national tournament.

This was the third-straight year in which the Comets baseball team represented Mayville State at the NAIA national tournament. For the opening round, the Comets traveled to Bellevue, Neb., with the tournament being played at Bellevue East High School. Tabor College (Kan.) was the top-seeded team in the bracket, followed by Bellevue (Neb.) University at two, William Woods (Mo.) at three, Madonna University (Mich.) at four, and Mayville State at five.

The Comets squared off against Madonna University in the opening game of the tournament and picked up the win by a score of 6-1. Tyler Leibert, a junior from Whittier, Calif., pitched a complete nine-inning game for the Comets, with eleven strikeouts. Leibert was a perfect 10-0 on the year with a season earned-run average (ERA) of 2.78.

The win over Madonna University in Game 1 put the Comets up against the top-seeded Blue Jays of Tabor College. Game 2 would prove to be a tougher test for the Comets as they fell by a score of 8-0. Despite the loss, the Comets remained alive in the double-elimination format of the tournament and their next opponent was No. 3 William Woods University.

The Comets got off to a fast start, putting four runs on the board in the bottom of the first inning. The highlight of the first inning was a three-run home run courtesy of Nate Williams, a senior from Corvallis, Ore. John Pistulka, a senior from Wabasso, Minn., started on the mound for the Comets and pitched the first four innings, giving up six hits and two runs (one earned). Garrett Osterode, a freshman from Anthem, Ariz., came in to finish the job, pitching five innings with three hits and five strikeouts. The Comets avoided elimination and advanced with a win by a score of 6-3.

Game 4 brought the Comets back up against the top-seeded Tabor College. The Comets gave it their all, but the end result was the same with the Blue Jays winning by a final score of 12-4, eliminating Mayville from tournament play.

The Comets hit 40+ wins for the second year in a row, finishing with an overall record of 41-22.

Lady Comets set sights on national tourney

The Mayville State University women's basketball is coming off another successful season in 2014-15. It was the fourth-straight winning season for the Comets, who finished with a record of 18-8 and advanced to the North Star Athletic Association (NSAA) semi-finals for the second consecutive season. The past three seasons, the Comets have accumulated a record of 63-17, the second-most wins over the past three years at any level in the state of North Dakota, including NCAA D1, NCAA D2, NCAA D3, and NAIA.

The Comets are returning many of their key contributors from last year, including four starters.

"We return four quality starters from last year's team in Liza Hoglo, Andi Gayner, Jenna Lundon, and Joelle Ertl," said head coach Dennis Hutter. "We also return one key contributor off the bench in Karleigh Weber. Gayner, Ertl, and Weber gained valuable experience as freshmen, as they played major minutes for the team and will be relied on to do the same this year."

Liza Hoglo, a senior from Thief River Falls, Minn., is coming off an NSAA All-Conference and Honorable Mention All-American season for the Comets. She will be heavily relied on to lead the team both on and off the floor. Hoglo averaged 17.3 points per game as a junior, and she pulled down 9.1 rebounds. A personal highlight for Hoglo came during the last regular season game at the University of Jamestown when she scored her 1,000th career point.

Jenna Lundon, a senior from Waubun, Minn., is another key contributor who will be expected to lead on and off the floor for the Comets. Lundon was the Comets' second overall leading scorer at 14.6 points per game, and she led the team in three-point shooting with 74 makes on the season at 37.4%.

Andi Gayner, a sophomore from Dassell, Minn., had a strong freshman season as the team's leading scorer and rebounder during conference play with 16.8 points per game and 7.7 rebounds. Gayner was voted to the all-conference second team for her efforts.

Joelle Ertl, a sophomore from Avon, Minn., started in all 26 games as a freshman point guard, and she led the team in assists.

Karleigh Weber, a sophomore from Thompson, N.D., was a key contributor off the bench during her freshman season, averaging 6.1 points per game.

The 2015 recruiting class for Mayville State includes some talented freshmen. Top recruits include Alexia Olson from Red Lake Falls (Minn.) High School, a 6'2" post who was an all-state player in Minnesota Class A and played in the Minnesota state all-star game in May. Chesley Anderson, 5'8", from Gwinner, N.D. North Sargent High School, is another top recruit, as is Shelby Pihlaja, 5'11", from Menasha (Minn.) High School.

"We are very excited for the season," said Coach Hutter. "We feel we have a team that has the chance to get back to the NAIA national tournament. This team has put in an amazing

summer, and we hope to use that as a springboard into the 2015-16 season."

The Comets open their season with back-to-back games against Brandon University (Canada) on Oct. 23 and 24. Game times are set for 4 p.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Outlook positive for MBB

The 2014-15 season saw the Comets men's basketball team win a total of 18 games and earn a third-place finish in the North Star Athletic Association (NSAA). The Comets ranked fifth in the country in overall defensive field goal percentage and tenth in defensive three-point percentage.

The team was also very successful in the classroom, having twelve players named NSAA Scholar-Athletes and receiving the NAIA Scholar-Team Award. The NAIA Scholar-Team award is given to teams with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0, taking into account the individual grade point averages of all participating varsity members.

The outlook for the 2015-16 season is positive as the Comets will return the majority of their team from last season.

"We will have a senior-heavy team this coming year, with a lot of game experience returning," said head coach Dan DeWitt. "We are also very happy with our recruiting class and believe that some of our incoming freshmen will contribute and gain valuable experience behind our upperclassmen."

The experienced players returning for the Comets include Chuck Robinson, Jamal Branco, and AB Najee, who will all be seniors on the court. Robinson led the inside attack for the Comets on both ends of the floor, averaging 15.9 points per game, 8.4 rebounds, and 2.1 blocks. Branco led the Comets in assists, averaging 5.2 per game, and he was second in scoring at 11.5 points per game. Najee started all 29 games for the Comets, averaging 27.1 minutes per game and 11.1 points per game.

Incoming freshman recruits include the familiar name of Jace Pederson, who played high school basketball for Hatton-Northwood (N.D.). Pederson averaged 21.3 points and 7.0 rebounds during his senior season. Austin Lee of Berthold, N.D. will also join the Comets in the fall of 2015. Lee was a first team all-state player in Class B, averaging 27.6 points per game while helping his team to a 22-2 record. Conor and Aidan Quinn will join the men's basketball squad as freshmen. The identical twin brothers come from Belfast, Ireland, after stellar high school and international basketball careers.

The Comets will open the season with a bang, hosting No. 2-ranked Dakota Wesleyan University, a team that finished the 2014-15 season as the NAIA national runner-up. The game will be played at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30.

**The MSU Bookstore will be open Oct. 17!
after the parade until 1:30 p.m.**

Theyin makes his mark as successful and respected superintendent

John Theyin ('72) retired this summer after spending 17 years as superintendent of the Roseville (Minn.) Area School District.

The highly respected Theyin was commended for his leadership during huge demographic shifts in the district and for treating his roughly 1,000 staff members as family. Those who know him say he has left a legacy as a pioneer among suburban districts, crafting language that recognized the diversity of students and demanded equality.

John taught and coached in Osakis, Minn. from 1972 to 1988, when he became the director of business services at Roseville. Ten years later, he became the district's superintendent.

He celebrated his retirement with a trip to Europe with his brother, Tony, former MSU professor of music. John remains connected to Mayville State through his granddaughter, Sydney Boom, an MSU student who plays varsity volleyball.



John Theyin.



MSU grads retire from Hatton school

These long-time Hatton, N.D. elementary school teachers retired last spring after making a difference for countless students.

Pictured from left to right are Donalee (Domier) Strand ('80), Betty (Solseng) Reinhart ('72), Clark Soholt ('76), and Bonnie (Olson) O'Keefe ('81).

Donalee Strand began working as the Teacher Center/STEM Coordinator at Mayville State this fall.



Still cheering for the Comets!

After 63 years, Mabel Campbell Hagen, a cheerleader at Mayville State in 1952-53, pulled her sweater out of the cedar chest and tried it on for a photo.

All former Mayville State cheerleaders are invited to gather for a reunion during Homecoming, Oct. 16-18.

See more at www.mayvillestate.edu/cheerleadingreunion.

You're invited to attend the dedication of Mayville State's Military Honor Garden.

Saturday, Oct. 17 • 11 a.m. • MSU Larson Alumni Center

The memorial garden honors Mayville State alumni and friends who have served and are serving in the Armed Forces, and is located on the south side of the Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center.

If you are interested in honoring a loved one in the memorial walk, contact Dena at 701-788-4864 or go to www.mayvillestate.edu/militaryhonor.



40-year celebration planned for Class of 1976 and friends

In 2016, it will have been 40 years since the students of the Mayville State's class of 1976 were all on campus together. Lots has happened since that time. People have gotten older, gained some experience (and pounds), and lost hair, vision, or hearing. But the common bond of being at Mayville State is still strong.

Whether you were in the class of 1976 yourself, or whether you're a friend of someone in the class, you are invited to be in Mayville June 24 and 25, 2016 for a 40-year celebration!

Join Jerry Soholt, Sylvia (Elton) Kalliokoski, Liz (Abentroth) Rise, LaVonnie (Lammers) Tuck, Karen (Rorvig) Ressler, Dean Hedland, Rod Fallis, Nancy (Rosholt) Newcomb, Nancy Callahan, David Trottier, Paul Twenge, Brad Carlson, Cindy (Dusek) Bye, and JeNeil (Devlin) Grace for a fun-filled opportunity to get together with your Mayville State friends once again.

Spread the word, and go to www.mayvillestate.edu/1976 to let the organizers know you'll be there!

Will you be at the reunion of the Class of 1976 and Friends?

Go to www.mayvillestate.edu/1976

and let the organizers know of your plans!

Northwest Hall gang comes “home”

The word “gang” can have a negative connotation, but it can also have a positive twist, as is the case with the Northwest Hall gang, a group of women who met at Mayville State in the 1950s, lived in Northwest Hall, learned about life, earned two-year teaching degrees, and formed lifetime friendships.

The Northwest Hall gang has stayed close over the years, in part, due to a round-robin letter. In the letter, each person has shared her news, everything from weddings, having children, and more.

Some of those gang members came back to Northwest Hall, now known as the Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center, this summer to renew acquaintances in a setting which had been a big part of their college years, their beloved Northwest Hall.

Doris (Fossum) Charon, Cooperstown, N.D.; Dianne (Tonder) Susag, Anamoose, N.D.; Margie (Jonasson) Johnson, Walhalla, N.D.; Beth Kopp (former house mother at NW Hall), Grand Forks, N.D.; Letitia (Kallenbach) Gilbertson, Maddock, N.D.; Kay (Sackenreuter) Alkofer, Grand Forks, N.D.; and Jean (Helgeson) Olson, Harlow, N.D. made the trip.

They were pleased to see the beautiful Quanbeck Garden when they pulled up to the building. The memories and lots of laughter flowed freely as the women entered the alumni center. They enthusiastically toured the various rooms, and talked about who slept where, who shared spaces, and various activities.

One recollection involved a water fight that started out with squirt guns, but progressed to pails filled with water. Even the dorm mother took part in the water-fight fun!

After touring the facility, the ladies were treated to rhubarb pie, ice cream, and coffee. This was served on the Comet blue dishes they had donated to the alumni center project. The 24 place settings are available to be used for socials and luncheons at the Larson Center.

More memories were shared. Margie talked about the group that walked to Mayville Lutheran for Sunday church services. Kay mentioned that she paid \$997 for two years of studies, room, and board. Jean and Doris talked about how they saved money by sharing the same bride’s and bridesmaids’ dresses for their weddings. They also talked about being Comets cheerleaders and how much they enjoyed it. They all remembered having to wake up in the middle of the night to go star gazing with Mr. Ragaz. When the movie “Rear Window” was at the Delchar, they walked to the theater and were spooked on their way back when someone jumped out of the bushes and scared them. They laughed about eating supper in the basement of West Hall and the young men checking them out as they left.

In the winter of 1959, these Northwest Hall girls moved to a new dorm, Berg Hall. They moved their belongings on sleds through the snow. Berg was a good place to stay, but they thought of Northwest Hall as their home. Even though they have moved away from Mayville and enjoyed wonderful life experiences, it was heartwarming for the women to come “home,” if only for a few hours.



The Northwest Hall gang stopped for a photo in the Hefta Room at the Larson Center. Pictured (l-r) are Letitia Gilbertson, Doris Charon, Diane Susag, Margie Johnson, Jean Olson, Beth Kopp, and Kay Alkofer.

We want to hear from you!

The MSU Alumni Association is responsible for planning activities and events for Mayville State University alumni and friends. To help in this task, please share your ideas with us by contacting the MSU Foundation office at 701-788-4750 or alumni.mail@mayvillestate.edu.

Mayville State University Alumni Day 2015 ...

Mayville State University's 2015 Alumni Day festivities on Friday, June 26, began with the ground-breaking ceremony for the Military Honor Garden, which will be located on the grounds south of the Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center. About 100 people gathered for the program which included official presentation of our nation's colors by the Mayville-Portland Honor Guard, remarks from project co-chair Dr. Martin Johnson ('66), and patriotic music by Triplicity and the First & Farmers Filharmonic. The program was followed by a complimentary picnic lunch.

Other Alumni Day activities included a guided campus tour and two reunions. Former residents of Berg Hall gathered in the conference room at Berg Hall, and former library science students and library employees visited in the Byrnes-Quanbeck Library. Those who attended enjoyed seeing the updates that have taken place at the library and checking out the Clenora Quanbeck Memorial Garden at the southwest corner of the Larson Center.

Karen Lyng Asmundson, Inver Grove Heights, Minn.; Dr. James LaBarre, Eau Claire, Wis.; and Leroy McClure, Jr., Dallas,

Texas; were each presented with the Mayville State University Distinguished Alumni Award during the Alumni Association Awards Dinner. Mary Iverson and Harlan Johnson, both of Mayville, N.D., received the Mayville State University Distinguished Service Award.

In addition to honoring the Alumni Association award recipients, the dinner program included vocal selections by an ensemble of Mayville State music alumni, which included Patty (Hammond) Cote and Jeff Cote, Devils Lake, N.D., and Ann (Harlow) Kraft, John Dungan, and JoDee (Erickson) Dungan, Cavalier, N.D. Greta (Anderson) Paschke, Mayville, accompanied the group on piano.

The grand finale for Mayville State's Alumni Day 2015 was musical entertainment by Jazz On Tap +2, an instrumental group that included three of Mayville State's nationally and regionally recognized jazz musicians from the 1970s, Kris Eylands, Dennis Connelly, and Kirk Overmoe. Bob Cary and Mike Blake were the other band members. The crowd enjoyed the group's arrangement of jazz, funk, and vintage rock music.



(L-r) MSU President Gary Hagen, MSU Foundation Annual Gift Coordinator Dena Bergstrom, and Military Honor Garden project co-chair Dr. Martin Johnson participated in the ceremonial breaking of the ground for the Military Honor Garden.



Mayville State alumni Teresa (Berry) Agnes, Lori (Wolden) Nelson, and Helen (Lindaas) Hoyt comprise Triplicity. They are accompanied by Annette Bakken.



Alumni (l-r) JoDee (Erickson) Dungan, Ann (Harlow) Kraft, Patty (Hammond) Cote, Jeff Cote, and John Dungan favored Alumni Association Awards Dinner attendees with vocal selections. Greta (Anderson) Paschke accompanied the group on piano.



Former librarians enjoyed gathering at the newly renovated Byrnes-Quanbeck library. Pictured from left to right are Margit (Burner) Eastman, Shirley (Fugleberg) Brunsdale, and Betty (Keck) Karaim.

a time of recognizing alumni and friends for their good work

2015 Mayville State Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Service Award recipients

Karen Lyng Asmundson, 1990 MSU graduate from Inver Grove Heights, Minn., was hired into 3M's Automotive Division in St. Paul, Minn. as a Product Development Chemist in 1993. Her career has focused on product development and scale-up of a variety of products for the automotive industry, including rear view mirror adhesive, lead-free wheel weights, thermal insulation for catalytic converters, and diesel exhaust systems, work for which she has received several individual and team awards. In addition to her career as a chemist, Karen is a professional organizer, certified master recycler, and accomplished quilter.

Dr. James E. LaBarre, 1965 MSU graduate from Eau Claire, Wis., is professor emeritus and retired chair of the Department of Management Information Systems (MIS) and Coordinator of Instructional Technology for the College of Business, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Dr. LaBarre authored and co-authored 43 high school and college textbooks, business simulations, and ancillary publications. He has also authored numerous articles, reviews, and scholarly papers. As director of several curriculum development projects, he influenced the direction and development of secondary and post-secondary competency-based curriculums in Computer Information Systems.

Leroy McClure, Jr., 1983 MSU graduate from Dallas, Texas, is a pioneer in the field of educating African-American children with learning differences, and his efforts to serve children with reading challenges led him to the creation of a full-time school. McClure's FOCUS Learning Academy opened its doors to 100 students in 1999. Now the school has more than 900 students. He also created the FOCUS Teacher Training Program to train teachers to work with children with learning differences. He has been a member of the Black Alliance of Education Options national board and is a founding member of the Association of Charter Educators. He is a nationally noted speaker and the author of a book titled "Shot Doctor."

Mary Kay Iverson, 1968 MSU graduate from Mayville, N.D., retired as Director of Academic Records/Registrar at Mayville State in 2009, after 32 years of dedicated service to the university, where she assisted hundreds of students and alumni. She was an active member, officer, and award-winner in the North Dakota Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers and the regional Upper Midwest Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (UMACRAO) organiza-



The 2015 Alumni Association honorees (l-r) are Karen Asmundson, Jim LaBarre, Mary Iverson, Harlan Johnson, and Leroy McClure, Jr.

tion. Mary is truly a loyal supporter of Mayville State, rallying the members of her immediate and extended family to join her in lending their support as well. She is an advocate for all MSU athletic, theatrical, musical, and arts-related events.

Harlan Johnson, Mayville, N.D., attended Mayville State from 1977 to 1982. He was the sparkplug in establishing the Comet Athletic Club Sportsmen's Raffle in 2007. The amount generated to support scholarships for Mayville State student athletes has nearly doubled since the first year in which the fund-raiser was held. The cumulative gross amount generated through this fund-raiser is now more than \$567,000. Pulling off a successful event such as the Sportsmen's Raffle takes a great team effort, but it also take someone to lead the charge, and Harlan has been that person. He is no longer a board member, but he continues to support Mayville State and the efforts of the CAC organization.

See the complete honoree biographies at www.mayvillestate.edu/distinguishedalumnibios.



Alumni honorees rode on the Alumni Association float in Mayville-Portland's Summerfest parade Saturday, June 27.

The Mayville State University Golf Classic ...



Back (l-r): Del Hultgren, Gene Gaffney, and Charlie Lindberg. Jim Hedstrom and Chris Lindberg (l-r) are in the front.

The Mayville State University Golf Classic began in 1976 when a small group of alumni decided to get together to play golf at the Detroit Country Club in Detroit Lakes, Minn. and determined it should be an annual event. The men responsible for the idea and annual outing are Paul Maltrud, Gene Gaffney, Del Hultgren, and Dennis Hopman. What started out as a golf outing among friends has grown into the longest-running alumni stroke-play golf tournament in the country. The 40th annual tournament was held June 13, 2015.

The MSU Classic has provided a great deal of financial support to the university through the years. At the completion of this year's tournament, a cumulative total of contributions to scholarships through the MSU Foundation has reached nearly \$120,000. The financial impact of the Classic is due to registration fees and the annual Calcutta held on the Friday evening before the Saturday tournament each year. This fund-raising has been successful because of the generous contributions of the alumni and friends who attend each year. The "contributions" of the Classic far exceed the monetary impact. The

classic has become an annual gathering point for alumni and friends alike. Over the years, there has been a ladies brunch on Saturday morning, and there has been endless visiting and friend-building at not only the Detroit Country Club, but also at private lake homes.

Through it all, Paul, Gene, Del, and Dennis have been steadfast in their commitment to the Classic, but more im-

portantly to

Mayville State University and supporting scholarships for students. They have had helpers as auctioneers, registration volunteers, and score posters, but these four stalwarts have been at the center of it all for 40 years. Recently, Paul Maltrud has been unable to

continue to contribute to the planning, but this has not stopped Gene, Dennis, and Del from forging ahead and continuing this great tradition. Through it all, they have not lost focus on why they do it. "Let's not forget. It's all about the university," Hultgren recently stated.

Several years ago, led by MSU legends Jerome Berg and Harvey McMullen, this became a 2-day event with a second tournament held on the Friday before the Classic. What started out as a 2-man best-ball event has turned into a 4-person scramble run by the Comet Athletic Club (CAC). This event has moved around through the years from Wildflower Golf Course to the Detroit Country Club, to its current home of Fair Hills Golf & RV Resort, all located near Detroit Lakes.



(L-r) Jim Lande, Merv Carlson, Jim Evanson, Dennis Larson, and Bob Aasen.

2016 MSU Golf Classic

Forest Hills Golf Course • Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Friday, June 17 • CAC 4-Person Best-Ball Scramble

- 10 a.m. Shotgun start of the scramble
- 2:30 p.m. Presentation of prizes for scramble golfers
- 2:30 p.m. A buffet for everyone, which includes an expanded menu (This is included in the registration fee.)
- 3:30 p.m. Scholarship fund-raising event (Be sure to get your groups together in advance.)

Saturday, June 18 • MSU Classic Medal Play Tournament

- 10 a.m. Shotgun start of the medal play Golf Classic
- 2:30 p.m. Presentation of prizes

respecting the past, while keeping an eye on the future

As with anything, change is inevitable. The Classic has seen as many as 144 participants for the Saturday stroke-play event. This number has dropped dramatically, to a low point of just over 70 golfers the last two years. At the same time, Classic participation is going down, and the Friday CAC participation is increasing, with more than 100 golfers last summer. With the drop in numbers, the DCC has placed some restrictions on course availability for the Classic.

With the decline in participation, Gene, Del, and Dennis did not take the approach of “all good things come to an end.” Instead, they chose to do their best to see that a good tradition can continue and reached out to Athletic Director Mike Moore and the CAC. Discussion about alternatives ensued. The decision was made to “rebrand” the Classic into a 2-day event at one location. The thought is to combine efforts with an eye toward maximizing participation in both events. Here is a snapshot of the future:

We Are Moving.

After much thought and consideration, the decision has been made to move the 2016 MSU Saturday Golf Classic from the Detroit Country Club to the Forest Hills Golf Course. The decision was based on:

- lower cost, thus allowing more for scholarships;
- condition of the two courses;
- wonderful cooperation of the Forest Hills staff; and a
- 10 a.m. shotgun start at Forest Hills.

Date Change

The 2016 MSU Golf Classic will be the third weekend in June, or one week later than usual. The Forest Hills Golf Course is not available on the second weekend, so the dates for next year will be Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 18. The announcement is being made early, so you are able clear these dates.

Same Format

Friday, June 17 will be a 4-person scramble with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

Saturday, June 16 will be medal play using the same handicap system as the previous 40 years. This tournament will also have a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

Friday Fund-Raising Event

This event was previously held at 6:30 p.m. It will now be at 3:30 p.m. at Forest Hills Golf Course. This will give the Friday golfers the opportunity to participate in this fun event. Plus, those who play only on Saturday can attend and still have their evening free.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Mayville State University owes a huge debt of gratitude to Gene Gaffney, Del Hultgren, and Dennis Hopman, not only for their leadership over the past 40 years, but for their foresight and commitment to keeping the tradition alive. These men had every reason to throw in the towel and let the MSU Classic fade away, however, they looked for solutions



These lifelong buddies have golfed together in the “Classic” for the last several years. Pictured (l-r) are Lute Simley, Dave Carlson, Dan Lovas, and Duane Rindy.

and came to a compromise that can provide something for everyone. Thank you, Gene, Dennis, and Del, for not losing sight of the importance of this event to our university.

Much debate can occur about format, location, and date for the MSU Classic. This debate is about personal preference. We all need to remember the words of Mr. Hultgren, **“IT’S ALL ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY.”**

See more information about the 2015 MSU Golf Classic, including photos, at www.mayvillestate.edu/golfclassic.

Harvey McMullen Open held in July



Nick Storhaug, Kevin Fredrickson, and Allan Ralston golfed in the 2015 Harvey McMullen Open.

The sixth annual Harvey McMullen Open Golf Tournament was held Friday, July 10, 2015 at the Mayville Golf Course.

The Harvey McMullen Open Golf Tournament is sponsored by the Mayville State University Comet Athletic Club. Formerly known as the North Valley (Hoople)-Comet Connection, the annual golfing

event was re-named in honor of one of its founders, Harvey McMullen of Mayville, N.D. Harvey McMullen, a native of Hoople, N.D., and Jerome Berg, both Mayville State University icons and steadfast supporters of the school, established the North Valley (Hoople)-Comet Connection Golf Tournament in the early 1990s. The purpose in starting the event remains the same today as it was then: to raise scholarship funds for Mayville State student athletes while having fun with friends from near and far. Over the years, the event has been held at Mayville and at northern Red River Valley golf courses.

Visitors from overseas

Summer is a time of vacationing, and a number of Mayville State family members, some from very far-away places, chose to come “home” to Mayville this summer.

Ellsha Chong, a 1986 Mayville State Computer Information Systems graduate from East Malaysia, and his family visited with their Mayville family, Marlys and Delbert Hlavinka. Ellsha lived with the Hlavinkas while he was a Mayville State student.

Florence (Ho) Flesche, who graduated from MSU in 1996 with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education, visited the Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center with her family. Flo lived in the building when she was a Mayville State student and it was known as Northwest Hall. Flo was happy to see that her former bedroom, now the Doug Anderson Honor Room, has been renovated and is providing a welcoming place for alumni and friends. Florence now lives in Hong Kong with her husband and children. She is teaching at an American school there.



Ellsha Chong (far right) is pictured with his wife, Georgina Teo (far left). Their son, Ambrose Chong, is next to her, and Del Hlavinka, Ellsha’s American “dad,” is on the other side of Ambrose.



Florence Flesche and her family stopped for a photo op in the Doug Anderson Room at the Larson Center. From left to right are Jasper, Florence, Brian, and Jasmine Flesche.



Back: (l-r) Anna (Almen) Fischer, Elaine (Houska) Isaacson, Beverly (Tisdale) Hurtt, Ann (Berg) Beyer, Ginny (Peterson) Grove, and Phyllis (Bruce) Helling.

Front: Roxanne (Tisdale) Parker, Lois Kroke, Joan (Holdgrafer) Ostrom, and Mary (Johnson) Halvorson.

East Hall friends get together

A group of Mayville State friends who lived at East Hall from 1962 to 1965 gathered on June 24, 2015 at Park Rapids, Minn. The ladies have remained in contact through the years, and this was their third reunion in the last five years.

Make a nomination!

Performing Arts Hall of Fame

We request your assistance in nominating deserving individuals for induction into the MSU Performing Arts Hall of Fame. If you know of a worthy candidate, please take the time to submit a nomination at mayvillestate.edu/recognition.

- Inductees to the Mayville State University Performing Arts Hall of Fame fall into the following categories: educators, professional musicians and/or performers, music industry, faculty, and honorary.
- In order to qualify for induction, candidates who are alumni must have graduated from Mayville State at least ten years prior to induction.
- The record of the nominee considered should be so outstanding that there would be little question as to the qualifications necessary for induction.
- Consideration will be given for personal conduct in performance and personal contributions to the ideal of performing arts.
- Criteria and qualifications for alumni will be based primarily upon the nominee’s accomplishments after leaving the university.

Complete nominations on file June 1 of each year will be considered for induction in that same year.

For more information, contact Beth Swenson at 701-788-4750 or beth.swenson@mayvillestate.edu.

Submit your alumni news at
[www.mayvillestate.edu/alumniupdates.](http://www.mayvillestate.edu/alumniupdates)

What's new with you?

Your friends and classmates want to know!

Send us your updated information!

Go to mayvillestate.edu/alumniupdates.

We will report timely news about marriages, jobs, awards, family additions, and deaths. Please be sure to include your current address, job information, phone number, and e-mail address.

You may also update your information by calling the MSU Foundation at 701-788-4687.

A picture is worth a thousand words.

You may provide photographs that may be of interest to others for the Class Notes section. This submission does not guarantee publication, however. Photos can be returned if requested, and if an address is attached to the picture. Digital photos must be at least 300 dpi.

Mail to: Editor, MSU Today
330 Third Street NE
Mayville, ND 58257

E-mail to:
alumni.mail@mayvillestate.edu

1950s

Lyle Fugleberg (ex. '50) is retired and splits time between central Florida and western North Carolina. He enjoys tennis and golf, and a few years ago took to writing and has completed a few novels. More recently, he assembled a series of vignettes, one of which included a page on his Mayville Red Caps experience. These memories have been placed in the Red Caps scrapbook which is a part of the Red Caps Alcove at Mayville State's Larson Alumni and Leadership Center.

1960s

Greta (Nelson) Fauglid ('64) helped organize a choir in the Good Shepherd Lutheran Community in Blair, Neb. Residents of the community's nursing home, assisted living, and senior housing complex regularly join voices in the chapel to practice for Sunday worship services. Fauglid is the choir's director. She retired from teaching in 1984 after 26 years in schools in St. Paul, Minn.; Grand Forks, N.D., and Omaha, Neb.

Gelaine Orvik ('64) ended his illustrious tenure with the North Dakota High School Coaches Association in July of 2015. A longtime teacher and coach at Fargo (N.D.) South High School, Orvik became the NDHSCA's executive secretary in 1979, and remained active with the organization after he retired from coaching and teaching. Gelaine coached Fargo South's boys track and field team for 30-plus seasons, and won national coach of the year honors in 1995.

Mary (Salisbury) Cavalier ('66) was named 2015 Outstanding Polk County (Minn.) Senior Citizen.

John Hutchison ('67), who began serving as Assistant Executive Secretary of the North Dakota High School Coaches Association in 1990, ended his tenure of leadership with the organization this past summer. Hutchison coached basketball, track and field, and cross country at Northwood, N.D. and served as athletic director of the Hatton-Northwood co-op for seven years after retiring from coaching basketball in 2005.

1970s

Bob Andre ('70) has set numerous state weightlifting records competing in the World Association of Benchers and Deadlifters. The 76-year-old holds deadlift records in the masters men's ages 61-67 and ages 68-74. Last summer he set a WABDL world deadlift

record in the masters 198-pound class, lifting 424.2 pounds. He started weightlifting at age 58 and started competing at 63. The Mayville man plans to compete for many years to come.

Tom Seymour ('70) was recently presented the 2015 Minot State University Board of Regents Achievement Award for Service. He is a professor of business and information technology at Minot State, where he has taught since 1985. He is also a peer reviewer and team chair for the Higher Learning Commission and has made more than 50 team visits. Globally, he has given more than 150 computer and e-commerce presentations and has had more than 80 articles published. He is past president of the MiSU faculty senate and the North Dakota Council of College Faculties.

Duane "Duey" Lura ('72), an agent for Nodak Mutual Insurance, was recently recognized as a partner with the company. He lives and works in Fargo, N.D.

Norm Nelson ('74) was identified as an "Awesome Substitute Teacher" in the Feb. 2015 newsletter at Cedar Park Elementary STEM School in Apple Valley, Minn. He retired from full-time teaching in 2007, after 30 years at Apple Valley/Rosemount at Diamond Path, where he taught second, fourth, and fifth grades. He's been subbing at Cedar Park exclusively ever since. His wife **Dawn (Dawson) ('73)** is a Title I teacher at Cedar Park.

Robert Zimney ('74) retired from his position as boys track and field coach at Grand Forks, N.D. Red River High School after 37 years on the job. He also planned to step down as an assistant football coach for the Roughriders. He was named track coach of the year in 1983, 1988, 1992 and 2009. His athletes won 54 individual and 10 relay state titles, plus two team championships, in 1983 and 1992. He retired from teaching math in 2010. He says he plans to "devote more time to my family, my grandchildren, my wife, and my miserable golf game."

Randy Vigen ('75) was inducted into the North Dakota Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Hall of Fame in March 2015. He has been athletic director at Central Valley (Buxton, N.D.) School since 1978. He was also named to the N.D. High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame after 37 seasons as Central Valley's football coach.

Jon Hlavinka (ex. '78) has embraced photography as more than a hobby. A family physician who grew up in North Dakota, he now pursues his passion for photography throughout the Northwest and Alaska as well as the many places his travels take him. His

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Honor your loved ones with a gift to Mayville State.

The MSU Foundation has a memorials and tributes fund set up to receive contributions honoring departed alumni, friends, and loved ones. Gifts may also be given to honor a friend or loved one on a special occasion. If contact information is provided, a card of acknowledgment will be sent to the family members of the departed or those being honored.

Send to: MSU Foundation
330 Third Street NE
Mayville, ND 58257

Or go to:
www.mayvillestate.edu/memorials

Memorials/Tributes listing

A listing of gifts given in memory of or in honor of friends and loved ones will be published on the MSU website and updated quarterly. You can find that listing at mayvillestate.edu/donorrecognition.

Friends & Associates

Avis Larson, Minot, N.D. age 98, died Dec. 16, 2014.

James Warren "Doc" Neilson, Mayville, N.D. June 19, 1933-Aug. 3, 2015.

Paul James Olscamp, Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. Aug. 29, 1937-Oct. 14, 2014.

Lyn A. Paladino, Medina, Ohio. Mar. 2, 1924-Sept. 9, 2014.

Shawn Paul Worley, West Harrison, Ind. May 3, 1966-Aug. 18, 2015. Shawn grew up on the Mayville State campus while his mother, Marilyn Worley Johnson, was a student. He died after suffering cardiac arrest.

Rebecca M. "Bekki" Wright, Grand Forks, N.D. Sept. 28, 1988-Aug. 18, 2015.

Margaret York, Fargo, N.D., formerly of Jamestown, N.D. Jan. 3, 1919-Feb. 7, 2015.

Alumni

Allan Bauer ('71), Devils Lake, N.D., formerly of Munich, N.D. May 29, 1948-Apr. 12, 2015.

LuJune (Papenfuss) Bjornson (ex. '68), St. Thomas, N.D. Jan. 27, 1949-Aug. 4, 2015.

Ferne (Lee) Clark ('44), Olympia, Wash. Dec. 1, 1924-Jan. 24, 2015.

Janet (Price) Clark (ex. '72), Calgary, Alberta. Oct. 25, 1951-May 1, 2015.

Mary (Hill) Egan, ('75), Velva, N.D. July 6, 1933-May 9, 2015.

Scott Gilbraith (ex. '77), Grand Forks, ND. Apr. 8, 1957-July 11, 2015.

Joyce (Engelbretson) Grant (ex. '47), Walnut Creek, Calif. Apr. 24, 1928-March 25, 2015.

Dawn Hall (ex. '98), Moorhead, Minn., formerly of Grand Forks, N.D. Jan. 7, 1975-July 15, 2015.

Eileen (Berglie) Johnson ('84), Sherman, Texas. Dec. 24, 1950-Apr. 19, 2015.

Gerald R. Johnson (ex. '64), Crookston, Minn. June, 27, 1941-Aug. 28, 2014.

Jerome "Jerry" Keller (ex. '64), West Fargo, N.D. March 22, 1943-Aug. 14, 2015.

Phyllis (Sunderland) Koppang ('62), Adams, N.D. Sept. 4, 1927-May 24, 2015.

Bonnie (Evans) Kosir ('56), Bismarck, N.D. June 15, 1935-June 8, 2015.

Benjamin Kvislen ('13), Mayville, N.D. Oct. 31, 1975-Aug. 8, 2015.

Deborah Kylo ('91), Mayville, N.D. April 2, 1953-July 10, 2015.

Marion (Reinhart) Kylo (ex. '46), Mayville, N.D. Dec. 9-1927-May 20, 2015.

Marnie Jo Lilleberg ('12), Portland, N.D. March 15, 1977-Aug. 22, 2015.

Sondra (Mortensen) Lizakowski (ex. '60), Fridley, Minn. Nov. 2, 1941-May 27, 2014.

June (Nelson) Martinson ('52), Devils Lake, N.D. formerly of Edmore, N.D. June 5, 1933-May 21, 2015.

Jerry Barton Melby (ex. '67), Bowbells, N.D. March 14, 1944-March 28, 2015.

Lyle H. Moe ('80), Maryville, Tenn., formerly of Grand Forks, N.D. Nov. 18, 1953-Oct. 11, 2014.

Martha June (Bjertness) Morey (ex. '40), Salina, Kan. Formerly of Hatton, N.D. June 4, 1918-June 4, 2015.

Juliette (Wicklund) Larson Nelson ('72), Warroad, Minn. Sept. 19, 1934-May 6, 2015.

Marlys (Vold) Misialek Nichols ('57), Hemet, Calif. Jan. 3, 1938-May 30, 2015.

Jeffrey S. Nygaard ('88), Fargo, N.D., formerly of Buxton, N.D. Apr. 26, 1963-Aug. 16, 2015.

Dorothy (Peters) Orsund ('43), Kennedy, Minn. Sept. 8, 1925-July 25, 2015.

Eleanor (Kaldor) Ostlund, Mayville, N.D. Dec. 3, 1923-April 7, 2015.

Mick Peppard ('77), Grand Forks, N.D. June 3, 1955-May 12, 2015.

Rose Marie (Pershke) Monteith ('49), Grand Forks, N.D. Oct. 4, 1926-Aug. 9, 2015.

Luverne "Mickey" (Powers) Randall ('40), Little Falls, Minn. July 2, 1919-June 7, 2015.

Leonarda "Lee" (Kiedrowski) Riske ('47), Long Beach, Calif. July 4, 1927-May 30, 2015.

Philip Rognlie ('39), Fargo, N.D. May 20, 1918-May 12, 2015.

Agnes (Gottfredsen) Rosendahl, Dallas, Texas, formerly Hunter, N.D. June 26, 1914-May 13, 2015.

Harold "Harry" Smith, (ex. '90), Portland, N.D. Nov. 15, 1969-May 23, 2015.

Eleanor (Haugen) Tupa ('43, '69), Larimore, N.D. Oct. 15, 1923-Sept. 25, 2014.

Joyce (Boedeker) Ulland ('57, '71), Mayville, N.D. Sept. 19, 1938-July 10, 2015.

Kaye (Grube) Wengert ('56), Modesto, Calif. Jan. 31, 1935-Apr. 5, 2015.

Ione Ellen (Ivesdal) Werner ('58), Hampden, N.D. Feb. 22, 1938-Aug. 10, 2015.

Alice (Mayer) Wimer ('45), Lakota, N.D. Feb. 27, 1927-April 27, 2015.

Memorial and tribute gifts can be made online at mayvillestate.edu/memorials.

A tribute to Doc Neilson

James Warren (Doc) Neilson, Ph.D., 82, died Aug. 3, 2015 at Luther Memorial Home, Mayville, N.D. He was born June 19, 1933 in St. Louis, Mo. to Anna Lillian (Jones) and John William (Bill) Neilson, who lived in Sparta, Ill.

Doc graduated from high school in 1951 at New London, Mo., then completed both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree at Northeast Missouri State Teachers College (now Truman State University) in four years. After completing the Ph.D. at the University of Illinois in the spring of 1958 he was hired to teach American history and economics at Mayville State Teachers College.

After rising through the ranks to become a full professor and chairman of his department, Doc retired from Mayville State in 1998 after 40 years of service. He was awarded the title "Professor Emeritus of History and Economics" by the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education.

Doc authored three books. His doctoral dissertation, "Shelby B. Cullom, Prairie State Republican" was published by the University of Illinois Press. He also wrote "From Protest to Preservation: What Republicans Have Believed." He wrote the first edition and a revision of "The School of Personal Service, A History of Mayville State College," a history that encompassed his personal recollections. He also wrote an article on his collection of hunting-case pocket watches for the magazine Spinning Wheel.

Doc's interests included railroads, firearms, and major league baseball. He was a member of several national history organizations and for years was the national president of Alpha Phi Sigma, a national honor society. He was also the adviser for the Mayville State chapter.



Following Doc's funeral service, the Lyng family planted a tree in memory of him on the grounds at the MSU Larson Center. Pictured (l-r) are Merwin, Karen Asmundson, Kathy Sawa, Myrna, and John.

A member of the Mayville Masonic Lodge for more than 40 years, he served as master, chapter historian, and chaplain. He was named Mason of the Year and was proud to be the Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

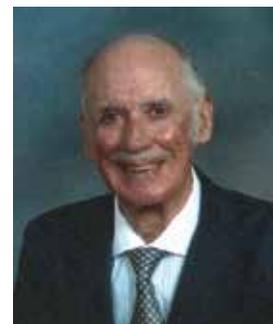
Doc was an avid walker, letter writer, and reader. Losing his eyesight was a difficult circumstance that led to his move into the Luther Memorial Home in July 2013.

Doc has no surviving family. His parents and his sister, Jinny, preceded him in death, as did his brothers, Wesley and Virgil, who died before Doc was born. He was especially close to his friend and Mayville State colleague for 40 years, Dr. Merwin Lyng. Merwin, his wife, Myrna, and their children, Karen, Kathy, and John, became Doc's family.

Doc was proud to be Karen Elizabeth's godfather. He was "Uncle Doc" to the Lyng children as well as to children of other friends.

Doc has been laid to rest in the Mayville Cemetery, where he lies next to his sister, Jinny.

You can read Doc's eulogy at www.mayvillestate.edu/docneilson.



Dr. James W. Neilson.

Who do you know?

Distinguished Alumni Award Distinguished Service Award

We request your assistance in nominating deserving individuals for the Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Service Awards. If you know of worthy candidates, please take the time to submit nominations at mayvillestate.edu/recognition.

- The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to graduates of Mayville State who have been leaders in their fields for a minimum of ten years.
- The Distinguished Service Award was re-established in 1998. The award is presented to Mayville State personnel, faculty, or administrators who make exceptional contributions, with a minimum of ten years of service. Other individuals who are eligible to receive the award are those whose service activities enhance Mayville State. Both Mayville State alumni and non-alumni are eligible for the award.

Complete nominations on file Jan. 15 of each year will be considered for selection in that same year.

For more information, contact Beth Swenson at 701-788-4750 or beth.swenson@mayvillestate.edu.

Turner piano has new home at MSU

This spring, Mayville State University became the fortunate recipient of a very rare Mason & Hamlin Grand A piano, a gift from Clara Mae (Niemeier) and Bob Turner. The 1913 vintage piano features a beautiful mahogany case. Clara Mae, a 1950 Mayville State graduate in music education, taught lessons on it for years. The piano had been in Clara Mae's family for years before she became the owner.



During the annual Graduation Brunch in May, Jan Klocke, wife of John Klocke, played the grand piano donated by the Turners.

When Clara Mae and Bob made the decision to move from their longtime home in Florida to a smaller apartment last January, they needed to find a new home for the piano. Their interest in seeing music thrive at Mayville State led them to gifting the piano to Clara Mae's alma mater. (The Turners also have established an endowment at Mayville State University, which is providing scholarship assistance to students involved in the music program.)

The piano was shipped from Florida to Mayville State, where it now resides in the MSU Campus Center. It has already been enjoyed on a number of occasions, including the 2015 graduation brunch event.

"We are grateful to the Turners for their thoughtful gift. This piano is a gift that will keep on giving, through the beautiful music that will be shared with countless members of the Mayville State family," said John Klocke, executive director of the MSU Foundation. "We are honored to have this very special piano on the MSU campus."

Sadly, Bob passed away March 5, 2015. Clara Mae has now relocated to Texas so she can be closer to her son and his family.

The MSU Foundation

The purpose of the MSU Foundation is to serve as the vehicle for resource development in support of Mayville State University; and to raise, manage, and disburse funds for the sole benefit of Mayville State University-approved needs. The Comet Athletic Club and the Alumni Association operate under the umbrella of the MSU Foundation.

For more information about the work of the MSU Foundation, please contact MSU Director of Development John J. Klocke at 701-788-4787.

Crops, Livestock and Machinery

Crops, livestock and machinery are considered tangible personal property and upon their sale can result in significant taxable ordinary income. The good news is that these assets may be contributed outright to us or used to fund a charitable remainder trust.



Please contact the MSU Foundation to learn about planning strategies that can help you make the most of your resources.

This information is not intended as tax, legal, or financial advice. Gift results may vary. Consult your personal financial advisor for information specific to your situation.

Fall is not quite here, but there is that hint in the breeze that gives you a taste of what is to come. For now, we at MSU are enjoying great weather and looking forward to homecoming! We are full steam ahead into the new fiscal year which began in July and already we are thankful for the generous support so many offer to the students of MSU. I'd also like to thank our Foundation team for their hard work. Dena Bergstrom, our annual giving coordinator, Michelle McLean, our donor services coordinator, and Laura Nelson, our accountant, in tandem with Beth Swenson, our director of alumni affairs, have been an outstanding team and we are looking forward to serving you even more in 2015-16!

In 2015 there are a few great tools to consider when making a gift, and we think you should know about them. They are tools that leverage matching funds to increase the impact of your gift and get you some great tax credits on your state and federal income taxes. Here are the big tools to consider:

The N.D. Higher Education Challenge Match offers free money.

It's back! The North Dakota 64th legislative assembly once again has provided \$1,000,000 in matching funds for Mayville State University. For every dollar you give to MSU between July 1, 2015 and December 31, 2016, the great state of North Dakota will expand your gift with a 50% match. That means a \$100 gift becomes \$150. A \$1,000 gift becomes \$1,500, and so on. Essentially, it is free money added to your generous gift by the state.

The state of North Dakota will match a gift pledge of up to seven years on any approved endowment or annual academic scholarship gift or gifts to nursing scholarships!

Let's use Jane Smith as an example. She usually gives \$1,000 a year to our academic scholarship drive. Jane can now create a pledge of \$1,000 per year over seven years, for a total of \$7,000. The state of N.D. will give a 50% match this year on the entire \$7,000 pledge, so Jane's pledge will earn a \$3,500 match. That match will go right into the academic scholarship drive this year, helping more students in 2016-17!

The State of N.D. will match all one-time gifts with a 50% match too! One-time gifts to an endowment, annual scholarship, or nursing program scholarship will receive a 50% match. Your gift of any size earns free dollars from the state to leverage your gift!

I have had several donors already embrace the idea of making a pledge and getting a match on the whole amount. We don't know the future of the Challenge Match, so it behooves every good steward to make the most of it. As they say, "Make hay while the sun shines!"



The N.D. Endowment Credit is still here.

The state of North Dakota still offers the endowment tax credit on endowment gifts from \$5,000 to \$50,000 in a calendar year to a qualified endowment. A gift like this receives a 40% state income tax credit for any individual or business paying North Dakota income tax, and the seven-year pledge rule also applies. Let's look at an example:

In this example, Bob Smith usually adds \$10,000 a year to his endowment fund at MSU. He decides to take advantage of the endowment credit and the state match and do a pledge for five years of \$10,000 per year, for a total pledge of \$50,000. Here are the benefits and impact of Bob's gift:

- A \$25,000 N.D. state match into Bob's endowment this year on his five-year pledge of \$50,000! This makes his gift total \$75,000 over the five years
- Bob also receives a 40% tax credit on this year's \$10,000 pledge installment, which is a \$4,000 credit against any North Dakota state income tax he owes for this year. If he can't use up the credit, he can carry over the remaining credit for up to five more years.
- Bob also gets a federal income tax deduction on the \$10,000 gift. Since Bob is in a 35% tax bracket, he reduces his taxable income by \$3,500.
- So Bob's \$10,000 installment plus \$5,000 state match, costs him (after state credit and federal out-of-pocket tax savings) about \$4,775, perhaps even less, depending on Bob's tax situation. (Remember always to consult your tax professional before making this or any major charitable gift so you can see what it will do for you.)

Get the 50% match now on gifts planned for later.

It has been so wonderful when our alumni and friends have visited with me about a gift they are planning in their will or estate plan to benefit Mayville State University. What a generous act of giving! Many of those folks also want to give to the MSU Foundation during their lifetimes to help students. They want to be able to see the impact of their gift. They want to meet the students they are supporting and feel the great sense of pleasure of this kind of "paying it forward" to a young person in need.

I ask them, “How would you like to get a 50% match on your estate gift now while you are living?” The N.D. Challenge Match does offer this option. You can in many cases receive a 50% match on the “present value” of a future gift that is made irrevocably to MSU through:

- your will
- a charitable trust (a great retirement income source that provides tremendous tax deductions and a growing retirement income stream)
- a charitable gift annuity (a charitable gift exchange that provides guaranteed income returns of 5% to 9% for life and great tax deductions)
- a life estate gift (giving a future gift of land, a home, or vacation home, irrevocable now and have the ability to live in the home. This provides excellent tax deductions, and in some cases, retirement income.)
- life insurance gift (simply make MSU the irrevocable beneficiary or a portion of a paid-up life insurance policy)
- IRA, 401k, or retirement plan gift (make MSU an irrevocable beneficiary of a portion of a retirement plan)

Stay tuned for the possible IRA charitable rollover in 2015

There is yet another way to make a gift that receives a 50% match. It hasn't happened yet, but there is a high likelihood that Congress may, at the last minute, extend the IRA Charitable Rollover Act. This will allow people who are 70½ years of age to take up to \$100,000 out of their IRAs without paying income tax on that money. That money can then be given to an endowment or annual scholarships and earn a 50% match. As you know, at age 70½, folks are required to take a minimum distribution from their IRAs, and in some cases, they do not need to take it, so why not make a gift out of it and get a match?

To keep informed about this opportunity, I urge you to drop me an e-mail so I can put you on a IRA rollover e-mail update. Last year, this extension came with just a few days left of the year. Also, if you want Congress to extend this act, please feel free to encourage your senators or congressmen to do so. You can visit www.msugift.org and subscribe to a bi-weekly tax newsletter that will also keep you up-to-date.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Our work has always depended on your kindness and generosity, and I thank you all for the kindness and generosity you have shown to young people seeking an education at MSU. This is the chance they have for a better life. If you attended MSU, you know what that means!

**Learn more about
planned giving opportunities at
www.msugift.com.**

Ann's thoughtfulness makes a lasting impact at MSU

A familiar name in the Mayville area is Anna Mae Getz, or as she was more commonly known, “Ann.”

Before Ann passed away in February, she did something quite generous. After having made many annual gifts to Mayville State over the years, Ann left a gift for Mayville State University in her will. As a donor of \$10,000 or more to Mayville State during her lifetime, she was a member of the Mayville State University Honor Society.



Ann Getz.

In her later years, Ann was active in the community, volunteering in the Mary Circle at Mayville Lutheran Church, the Caring Club at the local hospital, and the VFW auxiliary. You may remember that prior to this, Ann and her husband, Wilmer, ran the Gambles store in Mayville for 31 years. Wilmer passed away in 2004.

An avid quilter, Ann was blessed to raise one son, Steven, who now lives in the Twin Cities.

“We are so thankful for gifts like Ann’s, especially because she did not attend Mayville State,” said John Klocke, executive director at the MSU Foundation. “Even though Ann was not an alumna, she still thought it was an institution she wanted to benefit. The gift comes at a time when record enrollment and great success require even more resources to help an increasing number of students.

“Ann made these plans many years ago, and we are so thankful that she did,” said Brent Freeland, MSU Foundation board chair. “Gifts like hers help us greatly as we continue the good work with which she wanted to help.”

Ann was born on May 3, 1927 in Pickert, N.D. to Julius and Alida (Starren) Edwardson. She was raised with her two brothers in Pickert and attended elementary school there. She later attended Interstate Business College in Fargo, N.D. That’s where she met Wilmer, and they were married in 1957.

When Ann wasn’t involved with her volunteering, one of her passions was traveling. She enjoyed trips to Italy, Hawaii, and Mexico City. Ann is survived by her son, Steven, and his wife, Gabrielle. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Edward and Melvin.

“We are thankful to Ann and many folks who have already made plans or plan to include Mayville State University in their estate plans. Gift plans like Ann’s are integral as the Mayville State University Foundation works to support Mayville State students and programs.

For information on these kinds of gifts, our benefactors can visit www.msugift.org or call John Klocke at 701-788-4787.

Take me out to the ball game!

Comets enjoy summer baseball outings.



Rick Karboviak ('00) was among the Comets who could be seen at Target Field Saturday evening, Aug. 1.



Don McIntyre ('61) (left) and Don Cavalier ('65) enjoyed watching the F-M RedHawks game with the Mayville crowd. Al Fagerholt ('58) can be spotted in the background (right).

F-M RedHawks ...

Wednesday, June 17 was Mayville State night with the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks. About 100 Comets gathered at Newman Outdoor Field for a pre-game picnic and to watch the RedHawks take on the Sioux Falls Canaries. In celebration of the special event, MSU President Dr. Gary Hagen threw out the ceremonial first pitch and MSU Foundation Executive Director John Klocke sang the national anthem.

Minnesota Twins ...

The Mayville State Alumni Association hosted an outing at Target Field, Saturday, Aug. 1, when the Minnesota Twins met the Seattle Mariners. Baseball fans and others gathered for a pre-game social at Hubert's. Alumni and friends had a great time visiting while enjoying complimentary appetizers. The icing on the cake for the outing was an exciting win by the Twins at the bottom of the ninth inning.



(L-r) Rae Gayner, JoAnn Gayner, and Tom Gayner joined in the pre-game festivities at Hubert's, then joined the MSU group at the Twins game. JoAnn and Tom are the parents of MSU women's basketball player Andi Gayner.



The Angens are avid Twins and Comets fans! From the left: Mallory, Cheryl (Hoffman) ('81), Jodi ('06), Cory, and Brad ('80).



President Gary and Debbie Hagen enjoyed a photo op with Hawkeye during the RedHawks game.