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Military Honor Garden dedicated during Homecoming 2015 festivities



I'M THANKFUL FOR

Mayville State DAY

**Thursday,
April 28**

Whose class will raise the most?

See details on page 2!

Class of 1976 and Friends Reunion Celebration

June 24 & 25, 2016

Members of the Class of 1976
and their Mayville State friends
are cordially invited to take part in a
40-year celebration!

We've all gotten older,
gained some experience and pounds,
and lost hair, vision, or hearing.

We have all lost friends and loved ones.

We've made new friends and we have families.

We've made money and lost money,
and we've all lived our lives, 40 years of living.

It's time to celebrate!

Sylvia LaVonne Liz Dean Rob Audrey Jerry

**See the activities planned and RSVP at
www.mayvillestate.edu/1976.**

Scenes from Homecoming 2015



Friends and fellow Marines
Dr. Martin Johnson (left) and Lt. Gen.
Emil "Buck" Bedard" headed up the
Military Honor Garden project at MSU.
Both of these alumni spoke during the
dedication program held Oct. 17.



The Blonde Babes were happy
to be "home" at Mayville State for
Homecoming 2015 and enjoyed every
minute of their time on campus and in
the community.

Pictured in the back (l-r) are Jen-
nifer (Carlson) Taylor ('95) and Beth
(Koppang) Hughes ('96).

Middle: Gina Braathen ('94),
Nancy (Tossett) Thompson ('95), and
Becky (Johnson) Erickson ('95).

Front: Amy (Amsden) Cain ('95)
and Cindy (Enger) Petersen ('93).



A crowd of about 200 alumni
and friends gathered to pay tribute to
veterans during the dedication of the
Military Honor Garden. Following the
program, the Alumni Association board
members served an all-American meal
for attendees. The meal was sponsored
by the MSU alumni of
Pembina County/Hoople.



These very talented MSU music
alumni and Performing Arts Hall of
Fame members performed for the audi-
ence prior to the MSU Music Depart-
ment homecoming concert on Oct. 18.

Pictured (l-r) are Kirk Overmoe
('78), Denny Connelly ('72), and Kris
Eylands ('78).



Mayville State student Shaleen
Helmer provided vocal music.



Former Mayville State cheerleaders celebrated by getting together with the
current cheer team to ride in the homecoming parade. They also led a cheer
during the football game and enjoyed socializing throughout the day on Oct. 17.

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Harvey McMullen Memorial Golf Tourney July 8

MSU MN Twins Outing Aug. 13

CAC Sportsmen's Raffle Aug. 27

Farmers Bowl Sept. 17

Homecoming. Oct. 7, 8, 9

See details at www.mayvillestate.edu.

On the cover: The Military Honor Garden, located on the south lawn at the Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center, was dedicated during Homecoming 2015 festivities. The monument is a tribute to Mayville State alumni and friends who have served or are serving in the U.S. military. The program was highlighted by remarks from project chairs and Mayville State alumni Lt. Gen. Emil "Buck" Bedard and Dr. Martin Johnson. There are still opportunities available for people to honor loved ones in this project. Go to www.mayvillestate.edu/honorgarden for more information. Those individuals who have been honored will be remembered during a program to be held each year during homecoming festivities.

'I'm Thankful for Mayville State' Day will provide critical annual fund support

Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 28, "I'm Thankful for Mayville State" Day, a 24-hour online give-a-thon that will benefit MSU students through the annual fund. We've designated this special day as a time when you can remember the importance of Mayville State University and show your gratitude with a monetary gift. Please give serious consideration to making a financial contribution to Mayville State on this day, and encourage your friends to join you in the effort on this first-ever annual giving day at Mayville State University.



Dr. Gary Hagen,
Mayville State University
President.

Contributions to the annual fund at Mayville State are critical. Every dollar given to the annual fund helps the MSU Foundation to exist and complete its work, which is essential to Mayville State's success. Last year, each dollar given to the annual fund created more than twenty new dollars of charitable support. After operation costs, the remainder each year goes to wherever the needs are the greatest at Mayville State.

To give you an idea of just how important the work of the MSU Foundation is to Mayville State, during the 2014-2015 fiscal year, 164 annual academic scholarships were awarded to MSU students. The Foundation's endowment and other funds grew to more than \$5.5 million, paving the way for awarding 175 endowed scholarships each year. One hundred thirty-eight Music Makers Scholarships were awarded to students who participate in band and choir. The goal to raise \$500,000 in start-up funds for the new online RN to BSN nursing program was not only met, but exceeded. This program is now exceeding enrollment goals. Comet Athletic Club memberships and events produced more than 125 academic scholarships for student athletes. Nearly \$90,000 in unrestricted funds which help the Foundation assist students and alumni was raised. For every dollar raised through the annual fund drive in 2014-2015,

\$21.42 more was raised for Foundation projects such as scholarships, academic programs, and facilities.

The goal of the MSU Foundation was to raise \$2,000,000 in 2014-2015. The actual dollars raised came to \$2,013,990! We are grateful to our wonderful supporters whose generosity, together with the good work of the MSU Foundation staff, made this happen. MSU Foundation fund-raising for the 2015-2016 is right on track to reach or exceed goals once again.

Without an annual fund drive, there would not be an MSU Foundation. With enrollment increasing every year, you can be assured your gift is helping to fuel Mayville State's growth for the future. Enrollment records continue to be set at Mayville State. New programs and activities are enhancing the Mayville State experience for students. The physical transformation of the campus over the last several years is amazing! Help keep the momentum going with your financial support. The goal for "I'm Thankful for Mayville State" Day is to have 100 donors participate. **Will you be one of these generous participants who help us reach our goal?**

Generosity is contagious! To add to the fun, a class challenge component is being incorporated. If you're a Mayville State graduate, please be sure to note your class year when making your online donation. Will your class raise the most and make the biggest impact in this year's annual fund drive? After you've made your gift, be sure to let your classmates know, so they can be a part of the excitement too.

Why are you thankful for Mayville State? Did you earn a degree that has paved the way for a career and better life for you and your family? Did an MSU faculty or staff member go out of his or her way to make a difference in your life? Do you enjoy attending the concerts, athletic contests, and other events on campus? Is your business or organization impacted by the existence of Mayville State? Are you a Mayville State alum who received scholarship assistance as a student?

The reasons to be thankful for Mayville State are many. We invite you to let your Comet pride shine with an attitude of gratitude on April 28! You can make your online contribution from the convenience of your own home, or you may stop at Mayville State's Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center on April 28 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to get assistance with your donation. Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

The success of the "I'm Thankful for Mayville State" Day fund-raiser will most definitely translate to continued success for our beloved Mayville State University. We hope you'll commit your financial support to this very important cause. On April 28, go to www.mayvillestate.edu/givingday to make your gift, which is tax deductible. For more information about "I'm Thankful for Mayville State" Day, you may contact Dena Bergstrom at 701-788-4864 or dena.bergstrom@mayvillestate.edu. Thank you for your consideration.



April 28, 2016

You're invited to support Mayville State on April 28 with your gift to the annual fund.

Give a gift of \$10 or more, and it will be matched by the MSU Foundation Board, up to a total of \$12,000!

Gifts can be made online at www.mayvillestate.edu/givingday.

If you prefer, you may send a gift to MSU Foundation, 330 Third Street NE, Mayville, N.D. 58257.

HPER facility expansion project reaches completion

Mayville State's state-funded HPER project reached substantial completion on March 1, approximately one month ahead of schedule. Excellent teamwork provided by Mayville State personnel and the contractors, combined with a mild winter, allowed for this shortened time frame in which the work was completed.

You may recall the project involved 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. The expansion involved additions to the east side of the existing Lewy Lee Fieldhouse, and the bulk of the renovation included constructing new classrooms and an athletic training area on the west side of the Fieldhouse.

Among the facility upgrades are new tile flooring, new ceiling tiles, and new lighting in the main lobby and hallways surrounding the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse. These upgrades were not in the original plans, but were completed without an increase in the overall contract price.

Faculty have moved into their new offices located in the north addition at the front of the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse. The three new classrooms and a new lab/classroom are also in use. By fall, the weight room, training room, and sports administration offices will be fully utilized.

PCL Construction Services, Inc., project construction manager, began working on campus April 27, 2015, when the project started. There were just under 34,000 man hours spent on the project. This translates to approximately 17 years for one individual! The bulk of the work was completed by local contractors from Mayville, Fargo, and Grand Forks, with one contractor from South Dakota and a handful from Minnesota. Their efforts in working safely are greatly appreciated by PCL and Mayville State University. All of the work was completed without a single medical aid, first aid, or lost-time incident.

Trent Bowman, who headed up the Mayville State project for PCL, Inc. said he very much enjoyed working with the people of Mayville State. He remarked, "Their desire to do the right thing for the students, staff, athletes, and community was forefront in all the decisions made. This was truly a good group to work with, and it resulted in one of my favorite projects in all my years of doing this job!"

MSU President Gary Hagen said, "I extend my personal thanks to Trent and the PCL crew and all of the contractors who have given their best for this project. Our Mayville State physical plant employees have also been involved, as have our facilities services employees. The faculty and staff of the HPER and athletic departments have made the best of the situation during this time of transition. I thank all of these folks, along with the project committee members, chaired by



Students and others have easy access to the new HPER classrooms and athletic training services using the west entrance to the new and improved Lewy Lee Fieldhouse complex.

MSU Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Keith Stenehjem. Members of the committee are Steve Bensen, Dan Lorenz, Scott Berry, Mike Moore, John Klocke, Lindsey Johnson, Donna Mark, Tim O'Brien, and Jeremiah Moen. We sincerely appreciate their excellent work!"

The public will have the opportunity to see the bigger and better facility during an open house Tuesday, April 26, 2016. A ceremonial ribbon cutting will be at 1 p.m. on the west side of the facility, and the open house will continue until 3 p.m. Students and faculty will be available to show people around. If you're not able to be on campus April 26, there will be opportunities to tour the facility on Alumni Day and Homecoming.

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

The HPER facility project paved the way for MSU to do renovation work in the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse, as part of master plan goals and objectives to provide more appropriate space, which can directly affect student recruitment and retention.

The strategic plan encourages enrollment growth through a number of means, including recruitment and retention of 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, had 120 to 130 student athletes last fall. The locker room facilities were inadequate to provide for this number of students, and the Old Gym basement locker room which accommodated 30 athletes was eliminated when the building was razed in June of 2015.

This made providing new locker room space a high priority. A football locker room project began in July and was completed in October. Space on the north side of the Lewy Lee that had previously been used for classrooms and offices has been transformed into a modern football locker room. The area now includes a toilet room, showers, lockers, and a team gathering area. The construction upgrades included mechanical, electrical, and plumbing improvements and code upgrades.

The \$600,000 project was financed with State Deferred Maintenance appropriation funds and also with campus tuition reserve funds.

CORE Spring Break Trip provides invaluable experiences for MSU students



The MSU CORE group began their service at the break of dawn at the Rockford (Ill.) Rescue Mission on March 12, where they prepared and served breakfast to the homeless and people in the crisis center and recovery programs.

As university students across America set out to find adventure during spring break in March, Mayville State University students and faculty experienced adventure and then-some as they hopped on a bus and traveled across the country to Courtland, Va. and Washington, D.C., stopping along the way to help service organizations in Illinois and Indiana. The trip took place March 11-20, 2016.

Students across campus, regardless of their academic interest area, were invited to participate in the trip, and fundraising opportunities were offered to help the students defray the costs. Mayville State works to promote positive Community building, Outreach, Relationships, and Experiences for students. Hence, the CORE Spring Break Trip. Students had an opportunity to extend their community connections, provide outreach services to people and organizations in need of assistance, build social and professional relationships, and take part in an experience that built personal and professional skills.

When they got to Courtland, the Mayville State group was greeted by Mayville State alumnus William Melbye ('02), a principal at Riverdale Elementary School, one of seven schools in the Southampton County Public School District. Will is one of many Mayville State alumni who "give back" to their alma mater for the benefit of programs and students.

While in Courtland, the MSU students participated in personal and pre-professional development activities within the community and within the schools, depending on the students' academic interest areas. Students in business, psychology, sociology, and other majors had opportunities to learn about special topics of interest through interaction with people and/or businesses and organizations in the Courtland area.

The Mayville State group headed for Washington, D.C. on March 16. On the way, they were able to help out at Woodlawn Cemetery, a historic African-American burial site that has been neglected.

In Washington, D.C. on March 17, they were able to visit with N.D. Senator John Hoeven and do some sight-seeing.

Mayville State University, The School of Personal Service, is well-known for community outreach in and around the Mayville area and region. The CORE Spring Break Trip, with its mix of service projects, teaching and learning experiences, and sight-seeing, allowed students and faculty to extend that reputation well beyond Mayville, while students developed a better understanding of the greater community in which we all live.

See a summary of the CORE trip, including numerous photos, at www.mayvillestate.edu/coretrip.

Gerszewski retires

As 2015 came to a close, the faculty, staff, and students of Mayville State gave their best wishes to Dr. Ray Gerszewski, who retired after a more than 32-year career at Mayville State University.

His first job title at Mayville State was Director of Counseling/Career Center and Associate Director of Student Services. He completed his tenure with the title of Vice President for Student Affairs/Institutional Research. During his tenure, he became one of the most respected administrators Mayville State has known.



Dr. Ray Gerszewski.

Ray began his career at Mayville State in September of 1983. He was an extremely talented, conscientious, hard-working, and reliable employee. His leadership on the President's Cabinet was solid and the experience he brought to the executive leadership team is much-appreciated.

Gerszewski dealt with a multitude of student issues, problems, and concerns. He was involved with retention, counseling, academic support, tracking, and many other complex activities. The university's strategic plan goals, especially those dealing with enrollment and retention, have been largely dependent on Ray's talents. His efforts have been very important to the overall success of the university.

On his retirement, Dr. Gerszewski was bestowed the title Vice President Emeritus for Student Affairs. The emeritus title is given to a person who is retired from professional life, but retains the honorary title signifying the rank of the last office held. It is reserved for those individuals who have served honorably throughout their careers.

"The students, faculty, staff, and administration of MSU are truly grateful to Ray for his years of service and devotion to The School of Personal Service," said MSU President Dr. Gary Hagen. "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Mayville State offering Study Abroad program with American College of Norway

MSU students now have the exciting opportunity to study at the American College of Norway (ACN), a small institution located south of the national capital, Oslo, in the town of Moss. Norway is a modern, exciting place. With cutting-edge technology and old-world charm, it's the perfect place to experience the past and the future. Moss is a hub of international travel. London, Rome, Paris, Dublin, Prague, and other exciting places are only an hour or two away, and European travel is inexpensive.



Sarah K. Anderson, Ph.D., was a presenter at the 40th annual conference of the American Studies Association of Norway (ASANOR) Oct. 23, 2015 in Stavanger, Norway. Her presentation and paper accepted for publication involved bounded system case study research of technology in teaching. It provided a look at how educators transform learning experiences and create personal learning networks. Anderson was a Fulbright Roving Scholar during the 2011-2012 academic year. She is pictured above with the current Fulbright Roving Scholars. From left to right are John Hanson, Sarah Anderson, Andy Meyer, and Torran Anderson.

Students from all over the world attend ACN, making it a perfect low-stress international experience. All courses are taught in English, primarily by American university professors and they fulfill Mayville State's essential studies requirements. In addition, students who study at ACN may transfer to Mayville State, so there is a possibility for Mayville State students to continue their international friendships, even after their semester at ACN has concluded.

Dr. Sarah Anderson, MSU assistant professor of education and co-chair of the MSU Diversity Committee, has spearheaded this study abroad opportunity using connections she made prior to arriving at MSU in 2012. Anderson met the founder of the American College of Norway, Steinar Opstad, when she visited Norway with a teacher delegation from Grand Forks Public Schools in 2008. This connection proved to be invaluable to Anderson, and as it turns out, to Mayville State too.

Dr. Anderson returned to Norway in October of 2015 to present at a conference in Stavanger and to arrange for study abroad opportunities. In January of 2016, Krista Lauritzen, ACN director, visited Mayville State and began conversations about developing an affiliate partner agreement between MSU and the American College of Norway. This agreement allows students to attend a semester of college abroad at an affordable price, making it a possibility for more students.

To date, three Mayville State students have applied and been accepted to attend ACN: one student for summer 2016

and two for the fall 2016 semester. At least two more students are in the process of applying for the spring semester of 2017.

Are you interested in helping Mayville State students realize the dream of studying abroad? While affordable, there are financial barriers, particularly for underrepresented students, including travel to and within Norway, immigration visa fees, passport fees, and other incidentals that come with relocation. For more information on how you can help, please contact John J. Klocke, MSU Foundation Executive Director, at 701-788-4787 or john.j.klocke@mayvillestate.edu.

For more information on the American College of Norway, go to www.americancollege.no. To learn more about the Mayville State study abroad program, go to www.mayvillestate.edu/studyabroad.

Mayville State approved to offer Master of Arts in Teaching degree

The North Dakota State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) has approved Mayville State's request to offer a Master of Arts in Teaching degree, giving MSU the green light to proceed with the degree as early as the fall of 2016. This is MSU's first master's degree program.

"We greatly appreciate the support from North Dakota University System Chancellor Mark Hagerott and the SBHE in implementing this exciting new degree program," said Mayville State Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Keith Stenehjem.

The new Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree will provide a graduate-level teacher preparation program for non-teaching bachelor's degree graduates seeking to become licensed teachers in North Dakota. This degree program will directly impact the North Dakota teacher-shortage crisis.

The North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board (ESP) is responding to this shortage of teachers by providing alternate licensure to individuals with bachelor's degrees who will need to complete teacher education courses within a specified timeline to continue licensure in the state. The MAT degree program will provide a rigorous curriculum focused on research-based, high-yield educational practices. It will provide professional-level training, increase the teacher's salary due to lane changes, and increase the number of master's degree-holding teachers in North Dakota. Courses in the MAT program will be offered online.

Teacher education has been a major focus of the Mayville State mission throughout the institution's 126-year history. The school was founded as a normal school in 1889. Mayville State has prepared many qualified teachers and based on a five-year average, 80 percent of these graduates chose to stay and teach in the state of North Dakota. Mayville State currently teaches graduate courses in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education and provides graduate-level continuing education to professional educators. The MAT is the next logical step to service the citizens of the state.

Mayville State-based program receives first Faye Gibbens Memorial Grant

Coffee Time, a collaborative entrepreneurial refreshment service venture between Mayville State University and Griggs/Steele/Trall (GST) Special Education Cooperative, has been awarded the North Dakota Association for the Disabled's (NDAD) inaugural Faye Gibbens Memorial Grant. Coffee Time provides opportunities for teens who have disabilities to develop job skills. These opportunities include improved transition services, enhanced social skills and relationships, increased emotional well-being, independence, self-advocacy, and improved employment outcomes.

The \$5,000 grant is named for the statewide charitable nonprofit's late co-founder and long-time client services leader to help people with disabilities and health challenges, Faye Gibbens, who died in February of 2014 at age 70. Inspired by their son, Mike, who was born with cerebral palsy, Faye and her husband, Ron, a 1965 Mayville State graduate and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, built the charitable nonprofit from a small Grand Forks parental support group to a statewide charitable nonprofit helping North Dakotans with a variety of disabilities and health challenges.

Coffee Time provides dynamic learning relationships with community stakeholders, and increases diversity awareness campus-wide. GST has taken a leadership role in helping to train teacher candidates. MSU pre-service teachers synthesize theory learned in coursework with authentic teaching experi-



Mayville State student Kaitlynn Wilson (left) works with a GST student as he sells coffee to MSU faculty member Jeff Sieg (right). A new cart purchased with the Faye Gibbens Memorial Grant will make the coffee service mobile.

ences. The MSU Collegiate DECA chapter provides marketing and accounting advice for successful business practices.

Grant funds have been used to purchase a coffee cart and espresso machine. The cart will provide a coffee house ambience and is designed to cater to coffee needs across campus. Specialty coffee drinks, cocoa, and teas will be served at designated times throughout the week. Coffee Time was originally designed as a basic K-cup business and was located in the MSU Education building.

Coffee Time has also been awarded a \$2,500.00 grant from the North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities. These funds will be used to purchase coffee supplies for maintaining the business and ensuring the goals of the Coffee Time business are met.

"The Coffee Time experience is helping students who have disabilities to learn life skills related to employment, business processes, and leadership," said Renae Bjorg, MSU special education faculty member. "This project increases the inclusion of people with disabilities in community life and the workforce, all critical to supporting the transition to life after school. We are grateful for the grant monies and for this opportunity to be involved with a project that will be life-changing for individuals with disabilities, while providing the Mayville State University community with invaluable experiences."

Mayville State Night with the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks

Wednesday, June 29

Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks vs. Sioux City
Newman Outdoor Field

Enjoy the game from the all-new 3rd Base Party Deck!

Ticket price includes a game ticket, plus all-you-can eat hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, potato chips, pop, water, and snacks.

Gates open at 6 p.m. • Game time is 7:02 p.m.



Adults - \$27
Kids - \$15 (ages 12 & under)

Tickets must be purchased by June 12.

Purchase at www.mayvillestate.edu/redhawks or call 701-788-4750.

MN Twins Outing

Join your Mayville State friends at the MN Twins vs. Kansas City Royals game at Target Field Saturday, Aug. 13!



Game time is 6:10 p.m. A limited number of seats will be available for Mayville State alumni and friends.

A pre-game social will be held at Hubert's.

See more at www.mayvillestate.edu/twins or contact the Office of Alumni Affairs, 701-788-4750 or alumni.mail@mayvillestate.edu.



Help needed to furnish weight, training rooms

When the Old Gym came down to make room for a new P.E. complex, the Comets got a new athletic training room and a new weight room. This puts us in a unique position to have state-of-the-art facilities for our student athletes!

The state of North Dakota has paid for the construction of this new facility, but it is up to us to upgrade or replace equipment. The number of student athletes is growing dramatically. These athletes deserve facilities that can help them achieve their full potential.

Will you help? The goal is to raise \$80,000, which will be split between the weight and athletic training rooms. Even if you're not able to make a financial commitment, you can tell others about this opportunity. You will make an immediate, long-lasting difference in the lives, experiences, and success of Comet Athletics!

To make a gift, go to mayvillestate.edu/athletictraining.

Softball team improves under VandeVeen

The Comet softball team has improved over the past two seasons under Coach Ashley VandeVeen ('13), who has begun her third year as head coach. The 2015 team picked up five victories in the North Star Athletic Association (NSAA) conference, which was more than in the previous three conference seasons.

Leading the experienced team in 2016 are all-conference players Nina Gurgian, Megan Rabe, Kiana Ishikawa, and Tiffany Soria.

Gurgian, from Claremont, Calif., who is a junior, was the NSAA coaches' choice for player of the year in 2015. She led the Comets in batting average, runs, and hits. She was named first team all-conference.

Rabe, a sophomore, was named first team all-conference as a freshman. Rabe, from Las Vegas, had a batting average of 0.324 in ten conference games last season.

Ishikwa, also a sophomore, is from Henderson, Nev. She was also named first team all-conference as a freshman, ending the 2015 season with a 0.388 batting average.

Senior Tiffany Soria from Paramount, Calif., was the fourth Comet named to the all-conference first team. During conference play last season she averaged 0.404 as a hitter.

The Comets played a handful of scrimmages last fall and picked up a noteworthy win against the University of North Dakota. After losing the first game of the double-header, the Comets won the second game 9-4. At publication time, the Comets had finished their spring trip to Arizona, where they enjoyed being able to play outdoors, albeit against warmer-climate teams who have had weeks of outdoor practice time. They tallied a 5-8 record, with perhaps the most exciting win over the Antelope Valley (Calif.). After falling behind 9-0, the ladies put together an amazing ten-run rally that included a grand-slam from Lauren Coronado and a three-run homer from Daisy Macias. The Comets used two more big scoring innings to win the game 16-12.



Nina Gurgian takes a swing at the ball.

The 2016 Comets look to take another winning step forward under Coach VandeVeen.

Zimney receives national coaching honor



Bob Zimney.

"The national hall? That was never on my radar."

Long-time Red River High School (Grand Forks, N.D.) head boys track coach Bob

Zimney ('74) will be inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Louisville, Ky. in June.

His Roughriders won team state titles, individual state titles, and state relay championships. He was a four-time Class A coach of the year and a five-time finalist for national boys track coach of the year. Zimney joins Gelaine Orvik ('64) in the national hall.

He retired as head track coach after 37 years, but he is back at Red River as a volunteer assistant this year.

Baseball has successful fall, begins spring schedule

One of the challenges for the 2016 Comets baseball season is to replace the seniors who led the 2015 team to a memorable season. With those players, the MSU Comets went to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national tournament for the third-straight year. That came on top of a North Star Athletic Association (NSAA) regular-season championship and tournament championship.



Mason Swegarden, a sophomore from Lake Park, Minn., makes a catch.

This season's Comets played in the fall once again, ending that campaign with an 8-2 record, notching wins over Valley City, Dickinson State, Presentation, and the University of Winnepeg. They lost only to the University of Jamestown.

So far, several Comet players have made an impact. Following the fall outings and the Arizona trip, pitcher Camran Bonnema has a 4-1 record with a 2.70 ERA. The junior is from West Fargo, N.D.

Another nice addition to the pitching rotation is Jacob Torgerson from Morris, Minn., who transferred from MN-State Fergus Falls. So far he is 2-1 on the season with a 1.77 ERA.

Dondrei Hubbard, who was a key football player for the Comets during the fall, is new to the baseball roster. With 20 games played, he has a 0.380 batting average with a team-high 27 hits and a team-best 18 RBIs. He is a junior from Houston, Texas.

Drake Yoshioka, a junior from Waipahu, Hawaii, has also been a plus for the Comet offense since through 20 games he has had 25 hits and holds a 0.368 batting average. He leads the team in runs scored, 20, and has 13 RBIs.

The spring trip to Arizona was a struggle, as the Comets went 2-10. However, as is the case with the women's softball team, the Comets don't often have any outdoor practices and they go up against teams that have been practicing outdoors for weeks. Nevertheless, the Comets were not discouraged as

they won only their final two games on the trip, defeating Carleton College. Last year the Comets were 3-10 in Arizona and came home to rip through the conference season and earn that trip to the national tournament.

The 2016 season will most certainly be historic as Coach Scott Berry pursues his 1,000th career coaching victory at Mayville State. Prior to the beginning of the spring season, the legendary coach had amassed 989 victories. In 35 years, since becoming the Comets head coach in 1982, Berry's teams have won 23 regular-season conference championships (including 17 in a row from 1986-2002) and 21 conference tournament championships, and they have made 26 appearances in the NAIA national playoffs.

Comets recognized for academic excellence

Several Comets were recognized for their academic achievements during the fall and winter sports seasons.

NAIA Scholar-Athletes must have at least junior academic status and a 3.5 or greater grade point average. MSU student athletes honored were: women's basketball - Kendra Heier and Liza Hoglo; men's basketball - Josh DeWitt and Louis Bongiovanni; and volleyball - Leighanna Helgoe, Paige O'Connor, and Remington Werner.

North Star Athletic Association Scholar-Athletes must have a 3.25 or greater grade point average. MSU student athletes honored were: volleyball - Kyla Bugner, Breanna Goenner, Leighanna Helgoe, Jordan Johnson, Megan Kolness, Paige O'Connor, Jennifer Puncoschar, Karli Tompkins, McKenzie Van Hoorn, Remington Werner, and Stephany Wold; football - Kade Pengilly, Lance Rognlin, Christopher Snook, Curtis Wilson, and William Wilson.

Everson, Berry catch up in Arizona

Mayville State head baseball coach Scott Berry got a chance to visit with former player and MSU Hall of Famer



Darin Everson (left) and Scott Berry.

Darin Everson ('95) when the Comets were in Arizona this spring.

Everson is a native of Ada, Minn. He is the manager for the Hartford Yard Goats, a AA affiliate of the Colorado Rockies located in Hartford, Ct.

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Lady Comets continue to be among the best in shooting and offense



Jenna Lundon, Waubun, Minn., earned second team all-conference honors this season.

field goal percentage, seventh in total three-point field goals made, and ninth in scoring offense per game.

The Comets won their first four games, then hit a four-game skid on the road. However, they won eight of their next

Under head coach Dennis Hutter, the MSU women's basketball program finished the season with an overall record of 16-13 and a North Star Athletic Association (NSAA) record of 6-7. The Comets earned another home game for the first round of the NSAA playoffs and beat Dakota State University to advance to the semifinals of the conference tournament for the second-straight season.

One of the top shooting and offensive teams in the country, the Comets ranked second in the nation in three-point field goals made per game, third in three-point

field goal percentage, seventh in total three-point field goals made, and ninth in scoring offense per game.

The NSAA conference was tough at the top with the University of Jamestown and Dickinson State both being ranked among the top 25 teams in the country. The Comets struggled during their final stretch of games, winning three of their last ten, but they did enough early in the season to earn a first-round playoff game at home.

The Comets hosted Dakota State in the first round of the NSAA playoffs and proved to be the better team as they won by a score of 88-79. The win for the Comets would set up a semifinal contest against the University of Jamestown. The Comets gave the Jimmies a fight, but could not come away with a victory, losing their final game of the season 85-73.

The season was highlighted by some great individual performances. Andi Gayner (sophomore), Liza Hoglo (senior), and Jenna Lundon (senior) earned second team all-conference honors. Liza Hoglo added another impressive accomplishment to her resumé as she surpassed 1,500 total points for her career this season. Jenna Lundon established herself as the nation's best three-point shooter, ranking first in three-point field goals made per game (4.214), third in total three-point field goals made (118), and seventh in three-point field goal percentage (44.7).

Comet men wrap up solid season

The Mayville State University men's basketball team ended the 2015-2016 season with an overall record of 17-12 and a North Star Athletic Association (NSAA) record of 6-8. The Comets advanced to the semifinals of the NSAA conference tournament for the second-straight season after a victory on the road over #25 ranked Bellevue University.

Coach Dan DeWitt's Comets made their mark on the defensive end of the floor, ranking first in the country in defensive rebounds per game and third in the country in rebound margin. The Comets held their opponents to 39.5% shooting from the field, good for fifth in the country.

The season included noteworthy victories, including wins over all three NSAA co-champions, Dakota State, Valley City State, and Bellevue. The most memorable may have been a 65-50 road win over Valley City, who was ranked 17th in the country at the time. The Comets defeated four opponents who qualified for the 2016 NAIA national tournament.

Chuck Robinson, 6'7" senior forward from Minneapolis, Minn., received NSAA all-conference second team honors. He averaged 12.4 points and 7.5 rebounds per game during conference play this season. Robinson shot 49.4% from the field and led the Comets in rebounding and blocked shots for the season.

With 29 student-athletes this season, the Comets had a complete junior varsity program and played a full schedule of games. All 29 student-athletes practiced together dur-

ing the first three weeks of preseason before dividing into varsity and junior varsity.

The junior varsity team played a total of 15 games this year, finishing with a record of 9-6.

Recruiting is an on-going process and the Comets have already added four student athletes to their roster. The Comets plan

to welcome Eric Staebler, Morris, Minn., Max Cooper, Minnetonka, Minn., Konrad Bueckers, Pine River, Minn., and Tyler Stegmen, Willmar, Minn., to the team next year. They anticipate signing an additional six student athletes.



He shoots! He scores! Jamal Branco, a guard from Hudson, Fla., goes up against two Jimmies.

Football goes 5-5 in 2015

The MSU football team wrapped up their second season under head coach John Haines ('03) last fall. The Comets finished the season with an overall record of 5-5 and a North Star Athletic Association (NSAA) record of 3-3. The Comets squared off against the University of Jamestown in the Dacotah Bank/NSAA Football Bowl and lost by a score of 28-18.

With a full year of recruiting under their belts, the Comets coaching staff members have begun to implement an up-tempo style of offense which has proven effective for Coach Haines at previous stops during his coaching career.

The Comets upgraded their speed at the running back position through their recruiting efforts and welcomed Jerril Jenkins back. (He missed the 2014 season with a knee injury.) Jenkins led the Comets' rushing attack with a total of 695 yards and an average of 73.1 yards per game (47th best in the country). Jenkins was a senior for the Comets this past season.

Andrew Blake led the Comets at the quarterback position, throwing for 1,855 yards, with an average of 185.5 yards per game. Blake ranked 33rd in total passing yards, 36th in passing yards per game, and 39th in pass efficiency (121.9). A sophomore this past season, Blake is from Murrieta, Calif. and will return in the 2016 season.

Jacob Robbins and Dantrel Horne were the top receivers for the Comets in 2015. Robbins led the team with 713 receiving yards, with an average of 79.2 yards per game. Robbins' 79.2 yards per game was good for 25th best in the country. Robbins also had a team-best eight receiving touchdowns. Robbins will return as a senior in 2016. Horne, who played in only six games this season, finished with a total of 413 yards, with an average of 68.8 yards per game. Horne was also a junior this past season and is looking for a big senior season.

As a team, the Comets ranked 23rd in the nation in pass offense per game, 28th in total pass offense, and 34th in total offense yards per game (393.3).

The Comets started off the season with a bang, beating the University of Mary (Kan.) by a score of 46-6. The Comets would get tripped up by Valley City State the following weekend in a non-conference match-up, losing 55-6. MSU got revenge, however, by beating the Vikings with a score of 14-13 during a conference game at VCSU on Oct. 3, no doubt putting a damper on the homecoming celebrations for VCSU.

The road win over Valley City was part of a four-game winning streak for the Comets, which gave them a season record of 5-1 and an NSAA record of 3-0. Other wins during the four-game stretch included a non-conference win over Trinity Bible and conference wins against Presentation College and Waldorf College.

The Comets remained competitive during the final stretch of their schedule, losing to the University of Jamestown by two scores and Dakota State University by only one score, but they couldn't preserve the momentum of the early season as they lost their final four games to finish the season with an overall record of 5-5.



Senior Remington Werner (7) finished her career with 1,157 kills.

Volleyball team finishes 12-23

The Mayville State University volleyball team finished the 2015 season with an overall record of 12-23 and a North Star Athletic Association (NSAA) record of 3-8.

The NSAA conference was much-improved this year with the additions of Viterbo University (Wis.) and Bellevue University (Neb.). Viterbo finished the season as the

fourth-ranked team in the country and advanced to the semifinals of the NAIA national tournament. By the end of the season, the NSAA had three teams, Viterbo, Bellevue, and Jamestown, nationally ranked or receiving votes in the national poll.

Head coach Lindsey Johnson knew they were going to have some learning and growing to do this season with the graduation of six seniors from the 2014 squad.

It was anticipated that Remington Werner would be a key returning piece for the Comets and she had a fantastic senior season. Werner has played four seasons with the Comets and grown each year as a player. This season, Werner recorded a personal season-best of 355 kills. She surpassed 1,000 total career kills, finishing with 1,157. Werner also had an impressive 123 blocks on the season. To cap off her outstanding career, Werner was selected by NSAA coaches as an NSAA first team all-conference member.

2015 MSU newcomer Megan Kolness emerged as one of the leaders for the Comets this season. Kolness is a transfer from North Dakota State College of Science. Kolness, a 5'9" junior setter from Ada, Minn., was a key piece to the Mayville offensive attack as she racked up over 1,000 assists on the season. Kolness also received all-tournament honors at the Clarke University tournament in Dubuque, Iowa. Kolness will be a Comets senior in 2016.

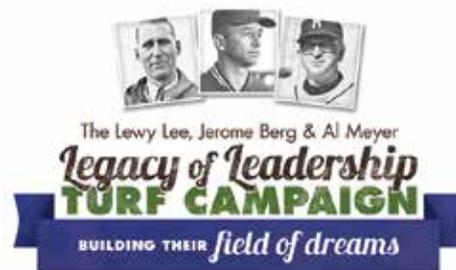
Stephany Wold and Jen Puncuchar also had solid seasons for the Comets. Stephany Wold has been with the Comets for three seasons now and is from Underwood, Minn. Wold finished the season with 278 kills, good for second-best on the team. Wold will return in 2016. Jen Puncuchar transferred from Ridgewater Community College and finished the season with 263 kills. Puncuchar is from Maple Lake, Minn. and will return as a senior in 2016.

The Comets say goodbye to five seniors from their 2015 team: Marlene Wester (Kettle River, Minn.), Gretchen Freed (Henning, Minn.), Remington Werner (Hector, Minn.), Kyla Bugner (Davenport, N.D.), and Bayley Thoren (Declo, Idaho).

First milestone in campaign for turf fields is in sight

The dream of artificial turf football and baseball fields is making great headway as the campaign closes in on the end of the leadership phase with \$439,000 raised. Gifts are coming in every month.

“We are excited and so thankful for each and every gift, because these fields will transform, protect, and strengthen Mayville State University and the community of Mayville-Portland and Traill County,” said John J. Klocke, executive director of the MSU Foundation. “We are just a short way from reaching our first milestone of raising \$650,000, at which time we can commence building the first field,” said Klocke.



The campaign, which is a tribute to the great coaches of Mayville State University, is fully underway.

Currently, 210 football, baseball, and women’s softball student athletes would be able to use the turf fields. “These 210 players comprise over a third of our tuition,” said Klocke, who added, “A recent economic impact study shows that these 210 students alone generate more than \$13,000,000 in annual economic impact in Mayville-Portland and Traill County. That’s huge.”

Klocke went on to say that the economic impact of these fields makes them a much larger priority than even their game value to the players. “We need to protect the financial stability and growth of this university. When we do, the students benefit and so does the community.”

In 2012, the MSU Foundation was fortunate to receive a challenge grant that would reduce the cost of these two fields from \$2.6 million to \$1.3 million. When Klocke came on board he could see that the sooner these fields could become a reality, the sooner MSU could be competitive in finding more local and regional student athletes.

“The turf field will become a location for high school sports, and those high school students will get an up-close look at MSU when they come to play on our turf,” said Klocke.

The Berg family supports the project.

The Shirley Berg family is very excited to see that Jerome Berg Field could receive this turf.

Said Shirley, “Artificial turf for our football and baseball fields would be a great improvement to the athletic facilities at Mayville State. In this day and age of competitive athletics, students are drawn to schools who take pride in their facilities. Having artificial turf would be outstanding! I, and our entire family, would encourage everyone to consider supporting this project for Mayville State. I know my late husband, Jerome, would have been very excited to have the best for Mayville students.”

And what do the current coaches think?

Baseball coach Scott Berry is optimistic about the turf fields. “MSU has had a long-standing tradition, dating back to the beginning of Comets Baseball. When I think of groups like the Mayville Red Caps or the many Comets Baseball championship teams we have fielded, I think this turf project will be a fitting recognition of this winning tradition.” Coach Berry added, “I’d like to reach out to all



Scott Berry.

See “Turf in sight” on page 12.

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 Foundation Executive Director John J. Klocke at 701-788-4787.

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of our former athletes and fans who have the opportunity to make this the biggest win for our kids. ‘Are you ready to join our team for this field of dreams?’”

And the field is not just for the men’s sports. Women’s softball can use the baseball field, with a slight modifications for regular practice, which will be a great benefit to that team. Head softball coach Ashley VandeVeen said, “The turf project will benefit the entire athletic department and student body. Softball will be able to utilize this space in months when we would normally be inside because of the snow. This alone will help recruiting and retention all throughout athletics.”

When the turf campaign began in 2012, no competing universities had artificial turf. Now every one of them does, except for MSU. Even some high schools are getting turf.



Ashley VandeVeen.

According to head football coach John Haines, the turf is vital. “Turf is the next step in our growth. I am not speaking for football, but all athletics. It will provide much-needed training space for our athletic teams. Turf will give a great space for our Health and Physical Education majors as well, the fastest-growing majors at MSU, and we need to support them.”



John Haines.

Coach Haines went on to say that the turf will expand the ability to host outside events. “I would love to host high school playoff football games, summer camps, youth football, and much more.” Haines also emphasized the safety factor of turf. “There’s no question injuries to players will be reduced with the cushion turf provides.”

In 2014 there were 140 students majoring in HPER and 52 students pursuing a minor in HPER. These students make up 23% of the student population. HPER majors include Sports Management, Fitness and Wellness, Health and Health Education, and Physical Education. Many HPER course instructors could utilize the turf throughout the year to conduct units in their classes that are not possible to do on unlevelled or muddy ground. Due to its level and safety-inducing cushion, the turf becomes ideal for class use and begins to take the strain off of other already-crowded indoor facilities.

With full backing of the MSU cabinet and leaders from the community and across the country, the turf campaign continues and President Gary Hagen urges all alumni to take a good look at it.

“We have beautified and improved so many areas of the campus. We’ve made things safer, drier, prettier, and much more functional. In the last ten years, we have learned that fa-

cilities do matter because students make their college selections based on a campus’s physical amenities. This is especially true for student athletes who come to play a sport while they pursue their degrees. We’ve got to make these two fields a reality to protect our tuition revenue, our record enrollment, and our students with this far-safer alternative,” said Hagen. “I hope all of you will take a look at this project and help make MSU a highly competitive campus for those students who come right from our own backyard. We can’t afford to jeopardize our future by being complacent with the facilities while we watch other area schools take these students away. We are deeply grateful to all of the alumni and friends who have already given to the project. We plan to have some nice recognition of individuals, clubs, businesses, and foundations who pitch in. We owe it to Jerome Berg, Harvey McMullen, Al Meyer, and Lewy Lee, who blazed a trail for us. Let’s do it for them.”

The goal for the turf campaign is to raise \$1.3 million for two fields. To date, \$439,313 in cash and pledges has been raised. There are 95 alumni and friends on the team so far! Will you join them in this worthwhile effort?

See the Legacy of Leadership Turf Campaign team roster at www.mayvillestate.edu/turf. For more information about the project, contact MSU Foundation Executive Director John Klocke at john.j.klocke@mayvillestate.edu or 701-788-4787.

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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. 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. 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 award recognizes those Mayville State graduates who have excelled in athletic coaching during their careers. 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.



Things are developing

Big numbers that mean the world to students

by John J. Klocke, CFRE, MSU Foundation Executive Director



First, I want to say thank you for all that you as alumni and friends have done this year to make it such a successful year at Mayville State University! With just about three months left to go in our fiscal year, it is looking like a big year in so many ways. Let me throw out some numbers that will give you the highlights and reminders of the opportunities yet to come.

The big four

Four of our alumni have already made plans to give a gift or have given gifts through their wills and estate plans this year alone, and all of those gift qualified for a 50% state match. The foresight and stewardship of these folks are gratifying. You can see the story of Lorna Mansfield, whose family made a gift in her memory to start an endowment fund for student nurses, on page 14.

270 big ones

That is approximately how many days are left in the state's 50% Challenge Match program, and then it goes away, for good. Until Dec. 31, 2016, you can make a gift to an annual scholarship, endowed scholarship, nursing scholarship, and the new Master of Arts in Teaching program, and the state of North Dakota will give you a 50% match. There is \$1,000,000 set aside for Mayville State University and we'd like to claim every penny. Free money doesn't come along every day, and we thank all of you who have already made more of your giving this way! You can fuel a student's dream. And while the match is still here you can make a seven-year pledge and get the whole seven-year pledge amount matched this year! This is great for folks who like to make a scholarship gift every year.

7 out of 10

That is the number of folks who do not have a will or estate plan. Seventy percent of us procrastinate about this, and with a just a little preparation, a will can protect and distribute our estates to loved ones and charities in the way we prefer. If you do not have a will, the state you live in has one already written out for you and it may not distribute your estate the way you would wish. If you would like a free wills kit, use the coupon at right to get our free kit that will help you get started on this big goal. This should be a major resolution for 70% of Americans, and what better way to leave a legacy for deserving students at MSU than to specify a gift in a will?

40%

The North Dakota endowment credit is alive and well this year. We never know about next year, but it's here today. No matter where you live, if you pay North Dakota income tax, you can get a tax credit of 40% on your state income tax for any gift of \$5,000 or more (up to \$50,000 for a married couple). Combine the credit with a 50% match by the state on

that gift, and it becomes a big deal for every one of our supporters. Many students have been helped by this generous law and we hope they will keep it on the books next year too!

Zero

That's right. A big old goose egg tax-wise on any charitable gift of up to \$100,000 made from your IRA when you are age 70 1/2 or older. Congress has made this law permanent. You pay no income tax on the gift and it counts toward your annual required minimum distribution. See your IRA custodian and ask us for our kit on IRA rollovers by using the coupon below.

6% to 9%

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For every dollar you give to our annual fund drive to help fuel a student's dream of an education, you help us raise \$20. That is a pretty good return on your investment. **If you want to make a gift to our annual fund drive on "I'm Thankful for Mayville State" Day, April 28, go to mayvillestate.edu/givingday.**



The MSU Foundation staff members are (back, l-r) Beth Swenson, Dena Bergstrom, Laura Nelson, and Michelle McLean. John Klocke is in the front (left).

Five

That is the magic number of staff here at the Alumni and Foundation offices who are working hard to serve you so that we can continue to fuel the dramatic growth of Mayville State University. And hey, look at the five smiles on our picture! You know why we are smiling too. It's because we are thinking of all of you and inviting you to come home to Mayville and see how beautiful our campus has become over these last few years. The coffee pot is always on!

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No, it's not a lucky hand, but we are lucky to have 21 generous, enthusiastic, and passionate Foundation board members. Eleven are serving on our executive board of directors: Brent Freeland, chair; Shannon Bergstrom ('93), vice chair; Shireen (Lindstrom) Grinager ('67), secretary; Ernie Strube, treasurer; Corey McGillis ('92); past chair; Kelly Morrison ('76); John Murphy; Kelly Peters ('02); Doug Petersen ('93); Joni (Bjornstad) Keller ('84); and Brad Wehe ('87). Ten more are serving on our members-at-large board: Terry Bachmeier (ex. '75), Dawn Cruff ('91), Jon Ewen, Dianna Krogstad ('67), Broc Lietz ('93), Chris Lindberg ('90), Craig Richie, Tammy (Knudsvig) Schmitz ('92), Connie (Green) Tharaldson ('87), and Paul Twenge ('77). And 100% of our board members support us financially every year, in addition to the gift of their time and their good name. We are thankful for their service!

A sister's love for nursing creates a legacy

Although Lorna Mansfield, R.N., was not a Mayville State alumna, and in fact may never have been on campus, she did have a special connection that has led to



Lorna Mansfield.

the funding of a very generous endowment. Today a new scholarship, the Lorna M. Mansfield, R.N., 40/8 Voiture 101 Nursing Scholarship Endowment, proudly commemorates her life and her career as an outstanding registered nurse. Thanks to her brother, Herbert L. Schultz, this endowment will be a fitting remembrance of her life.

As Mr. Schultz explained, his wife, Marlene (Iverson) Schultz ('62), was a Mayville State graduate and always spoke so highly of the institution. Marlene was an education graduate, and she passed away in 1995. Herbert himself was a member of the 40/8 Voiture 101 organization, whose membership supports the field of nursing. The organization had some funding to give, and because of Marlene's connection to MSU, and after learning of MSU's new RN to BSN online nursing program, Herb decided Mayville State would be a good place to send the money.

Now students enrolled in this program, which is getting ready for its third full academic year, can receive valuable scholarship support as they pursue their degrees in nursing. What a wonderful way for Herbert to honor his sister, Lorna, and his late wife, Marlene!

As others have, Mr. Schultz saw that MSU is now in its fourth year of all-time record enrollment and he felt this was a good solid investment for his legacy gift. From now on, MSU nursing students will be able to look to Lorna Mansfield and Herbert and Marlene Schultz in thanksgiving for making this endowment possible.

Lorna Schultz Mansfield was born and raised in Deering, N.D. After high school, she went off to Oregon to nursing school and later began her professional practice as a registered nurse in Walnut Creek, Calif. She worked for 40 years, specializing in hospital obstetrics.

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Trail County-MSU tradition continues in Arizona

The annual Trail County/Mayville State University reunion luncheon was held in Mesa, Ariz. Feb. 9, 2016 at Apache Wells Country Club. Guests included current and former Trail County area residents and Mayville State University alumni and friends.

MSU President Gary Hagen and his wife, Debbie, brought greetings on behalf of the university. MSU Foundation Executive Director John Klocke and his wife, Jan, provided musical entertainment. People enjoyed reminiscing about life in Trail County, N.D. and hearing from Andy Strand, 2000 MSU graduate and Portland, N.D. native, who addressed the group about his experiences at Mayville State. Andy is president of Western State Bank's locations in Chandler, Casa Grande, Scottsdale, and Sun City.



Jeff ('69) and Lynne Carlson.

Joe Dunn, Mayville State graduate and distinguished alumnus, Bemidji, Minn., coordinated this year's luncheon, with the help of Shirley Gummer, former Trail County resident and Mayville State alumna, Mandan, N.D. In the spirit of helping to facilitate this annual event, which is a decades-old tradition, the staff of the MSU Foundation also assisted with arrangements.

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Joe Dunn ('64) (left) was presented with his Honor Society plaque, in recognition of his financial support for Mayville State. Joe and his wife, Karen, became a members of the Bronze Club this year.



Dennis and Diane ('89) Larson, former Mayville residents now living in Arizona, enjoyed visiting with their North Dakota friends during the Trail County-MSU reunion luncheon.



(L-r) Terry Bachmeier (ex. '75), Karen Knudsvig, and Everett Knudsvig ('57).



(L-r) Bernell Bachmeier, Eleanor Forseth, and Lydia Larson.

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Alumni and friends gather in California

Mayville State alumni and friends gathered in California March 12, 2016. The gathering began with a social at the home of Roxanne (Tisdale) Parker ('65) and her husband, Rich, in Cupertino. Dinner followed at a restaurant in San Jose. MSU President Gary Hagen and his wife, Debbie, together with MSU Foundation Executive Director John Klocke and his wife, Jan, brought greetings on behalf of Mayville State.



Those who attended the afternoon social included (l-r) Gary Hagen, Michael Lien ('82), Michael's co-worker, Roxanne Parker, and Rich Parker.

Heroes saluted during Homecoming 2015 festivities



These individuals were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame and Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame during the Oct. 16 banquet. Pictured from left to right are Lisa (Gylden) Strand ('88), Robin (Brantl) Torkelson ('92), Kathy Maltrud ('89), Tyrone Wacker ('67), Mike Mahlen ('69), Jim Evanson ('62), and Darin Everson ('95).

Heroes, ranging from athletes, coaches, and military service men and women to musicians and speech and drama performers, were saluted and celebrated during Mayville State University's 2015 homecoming festivities for alumni and friends, held October 16-18. The theme for the annual celebration was "A Salute to Our Heroes."

The annual homecoming activities, sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association, began with the Athletic Hall of Fame and Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame Awards Dinner held Friday evening, Oct. 16. Darin Everson, Holmen, Wis.; Mike Mahlen, Wadena, Minn.; Kathy Maltrud, Cambridge, Minn.; Robin Torkelson, Manhattan, Ill.; and the 1959 baseball team were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame during a program emceed by 1993 MSU graduate Broc Lietz of Casselton, N.D. The MSU Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes people who excelled as athletes or coaches at Mayville State or who have gone above and beyond in support of Mayville State athletics. James Evanson, Mesa, Ariz.; Lisa Strand, Thompson, N.D.; and Tyrone Wacker, Hutchinson, Minn.; were inducted into the Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame, in recognition of their successful careers as coaches after graduating from Mayville State.

On Saturday, Oct. 17, former Mayville State cheerleaders gathered for a time of reminiscing and fun at the Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center before joining

in the traditional homecoming parade, which made its way through town, beginning at 10 a.m. Mayville State's 1990 football team gathered at Mayville State to mark the 25th anniversary of their championship season, and participated in the parade as well as other activities.

A highlight of the festivities was the dedication of the Military Honor Garden on the grounds of the Edson and Margaret

Larson Alumni and Leadership Center at Mayville State. The Avenue of Flags provided by the local American Legion Post 8 beautifully enhanced the Military Honor Garden monument which was the centerpiece of the event. The program was headlined by remarks from Military Honor Garden project co-chairs and Mayville State graduates, Dr. Martin Johnson and Lt. Gen. Emil "Buck" Bedard. Johnson served as a corporal in the Marines in the 1960s. Bedard, a retired three-star general, spent more than 37 years in active duty with the United States Marine Corps. An Argyle, Minn. native, Bedard now lives in Las Vegas.

In his remarks, Bedard paid respect to all veterans and reflected on how his experiences at Mayville State formed the basis for his life of service. "We gave up the terms 'I' and 'me' for words like 'team' and 'we' and who we are together," he said. "I think that really epitomizes what we do in our armed services. It's about the team and what we do collectively."

Bedard mentioned several of his college professors and all of the things they taught, not only about their academic subject matter, but also about life in general. He commented on how his experiences as a college student at Mayville State have benefitted him throughout his lifetime. Only a percentage of the knowledge gained in college came from the classroom, he said. The rest came from living in the dorms, playing on the fields, and more.

He expressed his gratitude to his Mayville State football coach, Jerome Berg, for the impact he had in his life, and he talked about his former college teammates, many of whom were military veterans. They brought the leadership skills they gained through their military service to the teams.

In addition, Lt. Gen. Bedard recognized his parents, who taught him to care about others, and taught him above all to understand that "there is a God bigger than all of us."



Members of the 1959 baseball team who attended the Hall of Fame induction festivities were (l-r) Stan Barta ('61), Red Jacobson (ex. '62), Grady Rostberg ('61), Jim McChesney ('62), Darryl Gulbranson ('62), Rex Haugen ('59), and Dennis Fogelson ('62).

Bedard reminded the crowd that there are thousands of men and women in harm's way around the world protecting our freedoms on a daily basis. These are people to whom we owe a debt of gratitude, along with all veterans, including those recognized at Mayville State's Military Honor Garden.

General Bedard ended his remarks by elaborating on the U.S. Marine Corps motto, "Semper Fidelis," which means "Always faithful . . . faithful to our country, faithful to our God, faithful to our Corps, faithful to each other as Marines. And I would add to that," he further said, "faithful to our alma mater."

The dedication program also included musical selections provided by the Full Battle Rattle Brass Quintet of the 188th Army National Guard, as well as Mayville State student Shaleen Helmer. The colors were presented and retired by soldiers with the USMC Recruiting Substation, Fargo and USMC Law Enforcement Detachment Co., Wahpeton.

The program ended on a touching and solemn note, with program emcee, MSU Foundation Executive Director John Klocke, reading the names of each of the individuals who have been honored by loved ones in the Military Honor Garden project. The ringing of a chime followed each name. The trumpeter from the brass quintet ended the program by playing "Taps" from the upper level doorway of the Larson Center.

You will find a link to the video of the dedication program at www.mayvillestate.edu/honorgarden.

The Mayville State alumni of Pembina County/Hoople provided a complimentary all-American meal immediately following the program. Several of those who attended the dedication stayed around to enjoy lunch and fellowship.

Later, several Mayville State alumni and friends joined the tour of the new HPER facility expansion and replacement project. Mayville State HPER faculty member Scott Parker ('96) led the tour of the facility, which was under construction.



Soldiers with the USMC Recruiting Substation, Fargo, and USMC Law Enforcement Detachment Co., Wahpeton, presented the colors at the beginning of the Military Honor Garden dedication program. Members of the Full Battle Rattle Brass Quintet of the 188th Army National Guard can be seen to the right.



The 2015 inductees into the Mayville State Performing Arts Hall of Fame are (l-r) Otto Muecke, Kirk Overmoe ('78), Herb Thomson ('71), C.T. Hanson ('69), and Beth (Bohnsack) Aufforth ('74).

The Comets football team looked to continue their unbeaten streak in the North Star Athletic Association as they hosted the Jamestown Jimmies in the homecoming football game that afternoon. Mayville State was unable to overcome five turnovers in a 17-7 defeat.

Alumni and friends had a chance to warm up and enjoy a picnic-style supper at the all-alumni homecoming reunion at the Mayville Golf Club following the game.

The honoring of the newest inductees to the Mayville State University Performing Arts Hall of Fame, as well as the traditional MSU Music Department homecoming concert, were a grand finale for a fantastic weekend for Mayville State alumni and friends. The concert was held Sunday afternoon, Oct. 18, in the Classroom Building Auditorium. Beth (Bohnsack) Aufforth, Bowbells, N.D.; C.T. Hanson, Fargo, N.D.; Otto Muecke, Mayville, N.D.; Kirk Overmoe, Athens, Texas; and Herb Thomson, Grand Forks, N.D.; comprised the third group of distinguished individuals to be inducted into the Performing Arts Hall of Fame.

Mayville State alumni and Performing Arts Hall of Fame members Dennis Connelly ('72), Bismarck, N.D., Kris Eylands ('78), Grand Forks, N.D., and Kirk Overmoe ('78) performed a number prior to performances by the MSU stage band, concert band, and concert choir. These nationally recognized musicians, together with Herb Thomson ('71), Grand Forks, N.D., also joined in playing with the current Mayville State stage band during their performance.

Homecoming 2015 culminated with a social to honor the Performing Arts Hall of Fame inductees. Hosted by the Alumni Association board, the social was held immediately following the concert, in the MSU Campus Center Luckasen Room.

"Homecoming 2015 was a very special time," said MSU Director of Alumni Affairs Beth Swenson. "It was a heart-warming celebration of what makes Mayville State University special - the people. Heroes come in many different forms, and it was our privilege to pay tribute to so many special Mayville State alumni and friends, our heroes, throughout Mayville State's homecoming festivities."

How did we become Comets?

Did you ever wonder how the Mayville State athletic teams came to be known as “The Comets?”

According to the Feb. 10, 1925 edition of the school newspaper, *The Exponent*, members of *The Exponent* staff held a contest for the purpose of selecting a suitable “nickname” for the Mayville State Teachers College basketball team. A prize was offered to any member of the student body who could suggest the best name for the team, the prize being a free subscription to the college paper.

Miss Elvira Peterson of Pekin, N.D. won the prize with the winning name, “The Comets,” meaning shooting stars.

According to *The Exponent*, “The formalities and rituals involved in christening were not passed through, but the team will be spoken of as ‘The Comets’ in the future, nevertheless.”

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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.

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- 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.



Guests of honor at the Alumni Association Board’s Valentine’s sock hop were (front, l-r) Suzy Groth, Lori (Pladson) Kritzberger (’90), Tanya (Burke) Strand (’00), and Jerilyn (Krueger) Braaten (’99), and Jodi (Krueger) Fugleberg (’00).

In the back (l-r) are Shane Kyлло, DeAnna (Strand) Kyлло (’01), Ryan Groth, Cory Kritzberger, Matt Strand (’91), Josh Braaten, and Lance Fugleberg.

Alumni board hosts sock hop

The MSU Alumni Association board hosted a theme dinner party as a contribution to the annual Farmers Bowl Auction. This year’s party, a Valentine’s sock hop, was held the evening of Feb. 13, 2016. The Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center was transformed to provide a 50s-style backdrop, which was made complete when the guests arrived in their poodle skirts, white T-shirts, and rolled-up jeans. A member of the Pink Ladies even attended! Dancing music and games were provided by Lute Simley and his wife, Paula. The guests had purchased this party at the Farmers Bowl Auction held last fall. This is the third year in a row the alumni board has donated a theme party for the auction. Previous themes were “The Titanic” and “The Roaring 20s.”



Chef Bryan Karolus (front) is pictured with alumni board members (l-r) Doug Anderson (’74), Cindy (Enger) Petersen (’93), Cleone (Holum) Whelan (’62), Pam (Carter) Soholt (’77), and Lucia (Holum) Jacobson (’74). Board member Kelly Morrison (’76) also assisted with the dinner, but was not available for the photo.

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1960s

Stuart Collins ('62) was selected to the Delano Union School District Pioneer Hall of Fame in September 2015. He is a retired teacher and lives in Delano, Calif.

Karen (Bakke) Smith ('66) recently retired after 33 years as a teacher and library media specialist. For the past 19 years, she worked in Buffalo, Minn. She lives in Monticello, Minn.

Herb Hasz ('67) was inducted into the Crookston (Minn.) High School Hall of Fame in 2015. He taught mathematics at the school from 1967 until retiring in 2001. He also coached seven sports for a total of 73 seasons. For 21 seasons, he was head basketball coach, tallying a 278-201 record. He also coached football, golf, tennis, cross country, and baseball. He and his wife, **Gail ('95)**, are the parents of three children and have four grandchildren.

Mike Mahlen ('69) coached his Verndale (Minn.) High School football team into the playoffs again in 2015 - 47 years after his first season. Hired in 1969, the 20-year-old was drafted by Verndale's superintendent, who traveled to Galesburg, N.D. to recruit a physical education and health teacher. By 2015, Mahlen was second on the all-time wins list for Minnesota high school football coaches with a record of 360-121-3, including 16 trips to the state tournament, five berths in the state title game, and two state championships. The Pirates lost in the second round of playoffs in the fall of 2015. Mahlen taught 36 years at Verndale before retiring from the classroom. He continues to coach, however. "Now, I just do the fun stuff," he said.

1970s

Cathy Burkhardtsmeier ('74) retired in August 2015 from her job as librarian at the Minnewaukan (N.D.) City Library. She had been on the job for 24 years.

Lynn Soeby ('76) is the performing arts coordinator for Creative Connections and a music teacher at Sigonella Middle/High School in Sicily. Creative Connections is a series of intensive workshops in visual and performing arts taught by teachers from Dept. of Defense Dependents Schools in Europe.

Dave "White Thunder" Trottier ('77) is chairman of the North Dakota Council on the Arts, a position he's held since 1998. He is featured on a new YouTube video that was created in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the National Endowment for the Arts. See United States of Arts: North Dakota at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2P1cl1N0dLM&feature=youtu.be>.

Jack Maus ('78) was named the 2015 North Dakota Superintendent of the Year by the state's Association of School Administrators (NDASA). He was honored with other state finalists at the National Conference on Education in Phoenix in February. Involved in education for 37 years, Maus has been a teacher in New Leipzig and an administrator in Hatton, Northwood, and Grafton, where he's been superintendent since 2006. He and his wife, **Kathy ('76)**, have five children and 15 grandchildren.

Steve Lovas ('79) retired in March 2015 from his position as regional president for US Bank. He and his wife, Cheryl, live in Cheyenne, Wyo.

1980s

Rick Swenson ('81) is the 2015-16 North Dakota Lions district governor. He began his association with the Lions in 1981 in Pettibone, N.D., and since 1996 has been in New Rockford, N.D. He's held various offices and earned many honors on the local and state levels. He is the water plant manager for the city of New Rockford, where he and his wife, Kristi, live.

Mickey Kringlie (ex. '86) works to raise awareness of suicide among veterans suffering from PTSD. In November 2015, he was one of 22 veterans who marched 22 miles as a public awareness event. The number 22 signifies the 22 veterans who die daily from suicide. Kringlie was a U.S. Army medic and was previously deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He now works as an emergency room nurse at Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center in Glendale, Ariz.

King Yeung Yu ('86) is a high school math and physics teacher at the Christian Alliance International School in Hong Kong, where he lives with his wife, Sindy.

Kari (Skoglund) Sanders ('88) was tapped in September 2015 to lead a new program in the Newberg (Ore.) School District. A long-time administrator for the district, Sanders will direct the program for students in long-term care and treatment services, partnering with education and mental health professionals to meet therapeutic and educational needs. The goal of the program is to help children gain the behavior skills to function in a non-institutional environment and transition back to public school. Sanders spent 22 years as a physical education and health teacher before becoming an assistant principal in 2011.

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1980s

Michael Kolness ('89) has been named superintendent of East Grand Forks (Minn.) Public Schools. He begins this new position July 1, 2016. Mike is currently superintendent at Ada-Borup (Minn.) Public Schools.

James Koppang ('89) became millman at Central Valley Bean in Buxton, N.D. in the spring of 2015. He has spent more than 30 years in the agriculture and milling industry.

1990s

David Braaten ('90) was named the 2015 Minnesota Secondary Business Teacher of the Year by Minnesota Business Education, Inc. He lives in Minneapolis and teaches finance, management, marketing, computers, and law at Hopkins High School. He was instrumental in making a course in personal finance a requirement for graduation at Hopkins, the first district in the state to do so. He also secured a partnership with local colleges to offer college credit to students who successfully completed the course.

Fay (Edkins) Froseth ('90) was back in the classroom at Kenmare (N.D.) Schools in the fall of 2015. She became librarian for both the high school and elementary, as well as a teacher of study skills and reading for junior high students. Froseth taught English and social studies for nine years before leaving to work as business manager for The Kenmare News. A six-week stint as a substitute teacher sparked her desire to teach again. She and her husband, Terry, own and operate The Kenmare News, the local weekly newspaper. They have three children.

Justin Foss ('92) was honored with the Teacher of Excellence Award by the North Dakota Technology and Engineering Educators Association and the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association. Foss is the tech ed teacher at Northwood and Hatton (N.D.) Public Schools. He and his wife, **Tracy (Thingelstad) ('92)**, have three children, Austin, Neil, and Kennedy.

Steven Sand ('92) is a business development manager with Wanzek Construction of Fargo. Previously, he was a key account manager for Dean Foods.

Marcus Benoit ('93) owns Steamatic Total Cleaning and Restoration in Grand Forks. In the fall of 2015, the company completed a remodel of its current building. He's operated the business for more than 17 years.

Colleen Hardy ('93) is a development officer with the Sanford Health Foundation -

Fargo region, including the Hillsboro office. She previously was director of development and community relations for Catholic Charities of North Dakota from July 2008 to May 2015. She has also worked in fund-raising for the American Cancer Society and American Heart Association.

Kenneth Hjelmsstad ('94) is pursuing a doctorate of philosophy, doctorate of business administration at the University of Phoenix. He is a finance adviser for the Apollo Group. He is also an assistant professor at Western International University, where he teaches management classes. He lives in Mesa, Ariz.

Michelle (Worner) Kommer ('95) was named among the top 25 women in business



Michelle Kommer.

by the Prairie Business magazine in March. Michelle serves as chief administrative officer and general counsel at Western State Bank, leading the human resource, information technology, legal, and loan/deposit operations functions. Before joining Western, she served in executive roles at Noridian/BlueCross BlueShield of North Dakota, Otter Tail Corp., and Community First Bankshares, Inc.

Tim Grove ('96) recently completed his tenth season as head women's basketball coach at the University of Minnesota - Morris. During his tenure, Grove's teams have won six conference championships and made three trips to the NCAA Div. III National Tournament. He was named UMAC Coach of the Year four times. He and his wife, Kristin (Anderson), live in Morris with their three children, Madelyn, Tyson, and Ian.

Grant Tillett ('96) became the chief information officer for the Prairie Lakes Healthcare System in Watertown, S.D. in January 2015. He previously worked for TruBridge, a subsidiary of CPSI, and in the Prairie Lakes IT department. Prairie Lakes serves ten counties in northeastern South Dakota and western Minnesota, including 87,000 people in its service area.

Damon Bradshaw (ex. '97) is a police sergeant with the Department of Veterans Affairs. He lives in West Fargo, N.D.

Damir Radenovic ('97) has been named marketing director for the Basketball Federation of Slovenia.

Kristi Hardy ('98) was recently selected to participate in a REAL Trends Technology Marketing Group called the Innovative Group. She will join chief marketing and chief technology officers from 20 real estate

brokerages from across the country. She was also recently promoted to vice president of marketing and technology for Park Co. Realtors in Fargo. She lives in West Fargo.

Michael King ('99) is a commercial lender with First Western Bank and Trust in Minot, N.D. His wife, **Teresa (Lee) King ('00)**, is the human resources manager for Gooseneck Implement, also in Minot.

Heather (Dakken) Satrom ('99) began working at Mayville's Luther Memorial Home in August 2015 in medical billing, reception, and medical records. She lives in Mayville with her husband, Matthew. They have five daughters, Alicia, Caitlyn, Harley, Evie, and Veronica.

2000s

Jefferson Beck ('00) lives in Laurel, Mont., where he works as a safety manager for Pioneer Wireline Services.

Rikka (Fugleberg) Brandon ('00) was named one of the "40 under 40 On the Rise" by Prairie Business magazine in Dec. 2015. Brandon specializes in human resources and recruiting. Since 2003 she's started several businesses, Building Resources, Building Gurus, RikkaBrandon.com, and Hire Power, all aimed at connecting workers to employers and educating entrepreneurs to build teams.



Rikka Brandon.

Jenny (Johnson) Stafford ('00) has been appointed vice president and general manager of Alvedron. She will oversee the Fargo company's manufacturing and client relations. She has worked for the company for two years as director of quality and regulatory. Alvedron is a leading provider of products and contract manufacturing services for the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. Prior to Alvedron, she held positions with LifeCell Corp., Merck Pharmaceuticals, and PRACS Institute.

Dr. John Lyng ('01) and North Memorial Ambulance and Air Care in Minneapolis are using cutting-edge technology to provide medication to children in emergencies. The service's EMTs and paramedics are the first in Minnesota to use electronic tables and software by Handtevy, which allow first responders to make adjustments quickly, easily, and accurately on scene. The new method is working so well in the field that the technology may be integrated into the emergency room and hospital, reported Lyng, who is the service's medical director.

Harvey McMullen, long-time Mayville State professor, administrator, and coach dies

Harvey M. McMullen, 89, passed away on Friday, Oct. 9, 2015. He was born Oct. 15, 1925 in Climax, Minn. to Harvey and Ragna (Jevning) McMullen.

Harvey attended schools in Climax and Grafton, and graduated from high school at Hoople, N.D. From a young age, he had a competitive spirit. He started playing marbles when he was ten and became the North Dakota state marble champion in 1938.

Harvey was recruited to play basketball at Concordia College. He then served in WW II. After returning from the service, he transferred to Mayville State Teachers College to pursue a pitching career. This is where he earned his degree in education and also met his future bride, Eileen (Rusty) O'Hara.

He earned a master's degree from the University of Michigan and a doctorate degree in psychology at the University of North Dakota.

Harvey loved sports in general, but excelled in baseball. He had an outstanding career pitching for the Mayville Red Caps. He was the North Dakota MVP baseball player in 1951 and 1952, and was later inducted into the North Dakota Baseball Hall of Fame. A highlight was pitching against Roger Maris and Hank Aaron, and winning the 1951 North Dakota state amateur baseball title, which won the team a trip to the World Series.

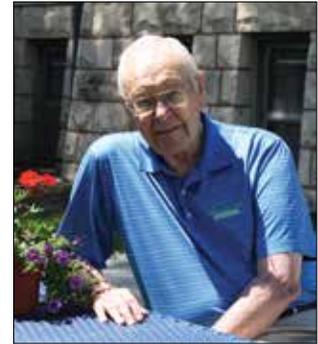
Harvey's career and commitment to Mayville State were evidenced by the many young students he recruited and mentored. He taught psychology and human development in the classroom, and he held a number of positions throughout his tenure, including dean of housing, dean of men, and dean of students. He also coached a variety of sports. Harvey never forgot a name or a face.

Harvey and Rusty had business ventures as co-owners and operators of the Mayville Dairy Queen and the Four Seasons department store in Mayville. He was a member of Mayville Lutheran Church, where he enjoyed many years of teaching Sunday School. He loved to golf and enjoyed his Monday night card group. As staunch supporters of their

grandchildren, Harvey and Rusty traveled throughout the United States, rarely missing an athletic event.

As much as he loved sports, Harvey's pride, joy, and unfailing commitment were to his family. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Rusty ('49, '72). They were blessed with four daughters and a son, Sue ('75) and Tim (ex. '74) Strand, Mayville, N.D.; Julie ('77) and Terry Graham, Great Falls, Mont.; Laurie and Tom Weiskopf, Big Sky, Mont.; Mary Jo ('84) and Mark Amb, Portland, N.D.; and Jim ('84) McMullen, Chandler,

Ariz. Also surviving are ten grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, a sister-in-law, Charlotte McMullen, and several nieces and nephews. Harvey was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Jim.



Dr. Harvey McMullen.

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2010s

He also serves as the school's drama club adviser with fellow MSU alum **Tisha Lopez ('15)**. The club's one-act play, "Lip Service," received awards in the regional competition in December.

Shelby (Hageness) Boucher ('15) is a special education teacher at Sweetwater Elementary School in Devils Lake, N.D.

Alex Brockpahler ('15) joined the teaching staff at Wadena-Deer Creek (Minn.) Public Schools in August 2015. He teaches elementary, middle school, and high school physical education. He also coaches junior high football and is an assistant coach for the boys basketball team.

Mary Bull ('15) and her husband, Richard, purchased the Walker (Minn.) Building Center in June 2015, along with co-worker Bob Yontz. Richard and Bob were long-time employees of the century-old community-based business. Mary started in the office in June and assisted with the process of the purchase of the business.

Dane Henke ('15) joined Ramsey National Bank in Fargo as a customer service representative in 2015.

Michael Lindsay ('15) is living out his dream playing basketball overseas. The Becker, Minn. native signed with the Heat of the North West Basketball Union in Somerset, Tasmania, Australia and arrived Down Under in January 2016. League play involves eight teams and runs from February through June. The amateur basketball association also sponsors teams for boys and girls eight and

older, as well as a women's team. One of his first events was coaching a school holiday basketball camp for kids.

Patricia "Tisha" Lopez ('15) is an English teacher at Towner (N.D.) High School for the Towner-Granville-Upham School District. She also serves as the school's drama club adviser with fellow MSU alum **Thomas Smette ('14)**. The club's one-act play, "Lip Service," received awards in the regional competition in December.

Miranda (Hess) Merchant ('15) reopened the local general store, cafe, and gas station in Taylor, Wis. in October with her husband, Ed. The newly renamed Merchant Mart has since won rave reviews from local customers who worried the popular business in the town of 480 would close for good when it went up for auction in September. Ed operates the business full-time, while Miranda also has a full-time office job at Badger Mining Co.

Cassey Orr ('15) is a volunteer with Americorps. As part of the Minnesota Reading Corps, she has served two schools as a K-3 literacy tutor. She first worked in her hometown of Fertile, Minn. and more recently has served at Barnum (Minn.) Elementary. She also plans to pursue graduate studies in library and information science.

Kaitlyn Timian ('15) works for Ag-Country Farm Credit Services, Fargo, as a qualified evaluator/associate appraiser. She serves southeast North Dakota and west central Minnesota.

Cassandra Ziemer ('15) is a principal lab technician at the Minnesota Poultry Testing Lab in Willmar, Minn.

Dennis Kost passes away, endowment established in his honor

Dennis Kost, 79, of Portland, N.D. passed away peacefully on Sept. 4, 2015. Dennis served in the department of education at Mayville State for 37 years, and held the distinction of department chair for several years. He was bestowed the title of Professor Emeritus of Education upon his retirement in 1997.

Dennis Ray Kost was born March 8, 1936 in Martin, N.D. to Emanuel and Tillie Kost. He graduated from high school there in 1953.

He received his bachelor's degree from Minot State University in 1957, his master's degree from North Dakota State University in 1962, and his doctorate in education from the University of North Dakota in 1969.

Dennis married Carol Berger on Dec. 21, 1958 in Fort Ransom, N.D. They lived in Fargo, Minneapolis, Mayville, Grand Forks, and eventually settled in Portland in 1969.

Dennis had a passion for education. In addition to his years spent at Mayville State, he taught for two years at West Fargo High School and one year at University High School in Minneapolis.

Another of Dennis's passions was farming. In 1975, he purchased a plot of land for a hobby farm and embarked on a second career that lasted nearly 40 years. First, he grew small produce, and eventually he built a greenhouse to produce hydroponic tomatoes and flowers.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Carol; four sons, Scott ('83) (Karen), Casselton, N.D.; Kent ('85) (Shelly), Meggen, Switzerland; Tim ('87) (Staci), Lakeville, Minn.; and Chad ('93) (Stephanie), Fargo, N.D.; 14 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Jack; and a sister, Marceda. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and a sister.

Upon Dr. Kost's death, his former Mayville State colleagues, Dr. Ron Semmens and Dr. Nannette Bagstad, headed up a drive to establish the Dr. Dennis



Dr. Dennis Kost.

Kost Endowment for Education. The endowment is intended to honor the work and memory of Dr. Kost, who is remembered for his work with all students in general education classes,

for his key role in the start-up of the Head Start program at Mayville State, for coordinating a non-degree program for

teachers who had earned the standard (two-year degree), and his involvement in the Mayville-Portland community.

Former students, colleagues, and friends contributed to the fund, and those donations were matched by the state of North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund. To date \$21,000 has been raised, and the endowment is fully funded. The Dr. Dennis Kost Endowment for Education will provide scholarship assistance each year for a Mayville State junior or senior majoring in secondary education.

Whose class will raise the most? **I'M THANKFUL FOR** **April 28, 2016**
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IN MEMORIAM

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Thelma "Tommy" (Mandt) Menne (ex. '42), West Fargo, N.D. March 19, 1924-Feb. 9, 2016.

Loren Messner (ex. '61), Fargo, N.D. March 15, 1942-Jan. 12, 2016.

Alaine (Hanson) Naas, (ex. '41), McVile, N.D. May 19, 1922-Dec. 11, 2015.

Dean G. Olson (ex. '69), Grand Forks, N.D. April 4, 1949-Oct. 9, 2015.

Lois Olson ('57, '58, '74), Langdon, N.D. Jan. 25, 1931-March 3, 2016.

Rosella (Orseth) Ophaug-Sebenaler (ex. '51), Grand Forks, N.D. March 26, 1929-Jan. 8, 2016.

Georgia (Wilkie) Peach ('80), Belcourt, N.D. March 30, 1933-Jan. 3, 2016.

Curtis L. "Curt" Peterson, Bismarck, N.D. Aug. 27, 1942-March 29, 2016.

Marge (Bailey) Peterson (ex. '52), Lakota, N.D. Dec. 17, 1931-Jan. 27, 2016.

Muriel (Wing) Peterson ('39), Fergus Falls, Minn. April 1, 1919-Oct. 3, 2015.

Barb (Egeland) Quamme (ex. '77), Bismarck, N.D. Feb. 26, 1958-Sept. 17, 2015.

Florence (Hauge) Reilly (ex. '46), Missoula, Mont. April 22, 1928-Oct. 28, 2015.

Harvey C. "Doc" Retzlaff ('35), Fargo, N.D. April 4, 1917-Feb. 12, 2016.

Patricia (Nesvig) Sattler (ex. '47), Rugby, N.D. May 26, 1929-Jan. 20, 2016.

Evelyn (Holum) Sebade ('73), Boulder City, Nev. Oct. 5, 1951-Aug. 29, 2015.

Marcella (Byzewski) Sevigny (ex. '44), Grafton, N.D. June 24, 1925-Dec. 15, 2014.

Norma Jean (Anderson) Skjoiten (ex. '44), Hatton, N.D. Dec. 6, 1923-Aug. 4, 2015.

John "Jack" Sullivan ('60), Bemidji, Minn. July 14, 1936-Sept. 10, 2015.

June (Severson) Sundre (ex. '49), Grand Forks, N.D. formerly of Petersburg, N.D. Oct. 2, 1928-May 12, 2015.

Dorothy "Dottie" (Huffman) Swendseid ('40), Ojai, Calif., formerly of Whittier, Calif. March 10, 1920-Dec. 9, 2014.

Waltra (Wosick) Thibodo (ex. '34), Williams, Minn. Aug. 17, 1917-July 25, 2014.

Ardelle (Watt) Thronset ('58), Mt. Airy, Md., formerly of Edinburg, N.D. Feb. 14, 1931-Oct. 10, 2015.

Ronald C. Viestenz ('68), Arthur, N.D. May 23, 1945-Jan. 20, 2016.

Pearl E. (Johnson) Vig ('42), Aneta, N.D., formerly of Mesa, Ariz. and Sharon, N.D. Sept. 4, 1924-Feb. 24, 2016.

Jeanne (Anderson) Vrem (ex. '80), West Fargo, N.D. Sept. 2, 1961-Oct. 18, 2015.

Annual Honor Society president's dinner held

The annual MSU Foundation Honor Society president's dinner, held the evening of Oct. 1, 2015, began with a toast to Mayville State's fourth-consecutive all-time record high enrollment. Student headcount last fall was 1,110. MSU President Dr. Gary Hagen offered a second toast, to record fund-raising. The 2014-2015 fiscal year marked the first time ever that the MSU Foundation had raised more than \$2 million in a single year.

The Honor Society includes those who have made lifetime cumulative gifts amounting to \$10,000 or more through the MSU Foundation. Gifts include contributions to all projects at Mayville State, including academic scholarships, facility improvements, and Comet Athletic Club. The annual dinner is held to honor these generous and faithful philanthropists.

"It is an honor for my wife, Debbie, and me to host the MSU Foundation Honor Society president's dinner each year," said President Hagen. "It is our pleasure to have the opportunity to recognize the members of the Honor Society and to thank them for their outstanding support that is so critical to the well-being of Mayville State University."

The Honor Society is organized into clubs based on various giving levels. The Bronze Club includes donors of \$10,000-\$24,999; the Silver Club, \$25,000-\$49,999; the Gold Club, \$50,000-\$99,999; the Platinum Club, \$100,000-\$249,999; the Diamond Club, \$250,000-\$499,999; the Ambassador Club,



Larry and Dixie McGillis and Corey and Tracy McGillis of MayPort Insurance and Realty were recognized for moving up to the Diamond Club in the Honor Society. They were also honored as the MSU Foundation's outstanding philanthropists this year, in recognition of the major role they are playing in the athletic field turf campaign, in addition to setting up a music endowment and making a major contribution to the Military Honor Garden project.

Pictured (l-r) are Gary Hagen, Dixie (Hoime) ('68) and Larry ('67) McGillis, Tracy and Corey ('92) McGillis, and John Klocke.

\$500,000-\$749,999; the Legacy Club, \$750,000-\$999,999; and the Founder, \$1,000,000 and more.

The honor roll currently includes more than 200 benefactors, including individuals, couples, businesses, matching gift programs, and other organizations. Several new members joined the Bronze Club this year. They are Lyle Arneson, Joe and Karen Dunn, the Harold and Mary Newman family, Karl Hella, Andrew and Bea Kjos, Paul and Jean Moen and family, Melanie and Harvey Noteboom, and Brad and Marcia Wehe. Richard and Marilyn Davison, Maxine Garrett, Paul and Rebecca Hilstad, and Lowell and Cynthia Nelson moved into the Silver Club. Joining the Diamond Club this year are Allison and Bud Gentle, Terry

Bachmeier, and MayPort Insurance & Realty - Larry and Dixie McGillis and Corey and Tracy McGillis. The Edson and Margaret Larson Foundation was honored at the Founder Club level.

"We are so very fortunate to be blessed with loyal alumni and friends who truly care about Mayville State and who give of their financial and other resources to support the university," said MSU Foundation Executive Director John Klocke. "This steadfast support is crucial to Mayville State's success."

The 2015 Honor Society president's dinner was sponsored by Bell State Bank & Trust, Citizens State Bank, Citizens Insurance Agency, and Brudvik Law Office.

See the full Honor Society membership listing at www.mayvillestate.edu/donorrecognition.

Another Farmers Bowl is in the books!

The annual celebration of the area's agricultural way of life took place Sept. 12, 2015. This year marked the 21st annual Farmers Bowl, and activities included the Farmers Bowl Field Frenzy 5K run/walk, a parade, a corn on the cob and hot dog feed, a football game featuring the MSU Comets vs. Trinity Bible College, and the Farmers Bowl Auction.

Lois Karlstad and Cheryl Angen, both of Mayville, were this year's co-chairs for the festivities. Other Farmers Bowl committee members were Doug Anderson, Dena Bergstrom, JoDee Dungan, Rick Karboviak, Kate Keating-Peterson, John Klocke, Leah Larson, Ashley Mooney, Rhonda Nelson, Mindy O'Connor, Kelli Odden, Beth Swenson, and Ann Willeson. These folks were assisted by the Comet Athletic Club, the Cometeers, MSU athletes, and many others.

The 19th annual Farmers Bowl Auction wrapped up the day's activities. Silent and live auction bidders enjoyed great

food and spirited bidding on a fantastic assortment of donated items. When all was said and done, the auction and other Farmers Bowl activities generated nearly \$50,000. Proceeds are distributed for the benefit of Mayville State and its students.

"From the people who do the physical work, to those who attend and participate in the events, to those who donate auction items, and those who attend the auction and make purchases, Farmers Bowl is a great team effort," said MSU President Gary Hagen. "We appreciate all that is done to make Farmers Bowl a success year after year. I add a special note of thanks to auction sponsors Lindsey Brown of Pifer's Auction & Real Estate, Alerus, and Kelley Bean."

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Alumni Day 2016 • Friday, June 24

Schedule of Events

2 p.m. and 3 p.m. • Guided Campus Tours

Starting from the front of Old Main

The Mayville State campus has been transformed over the last several years. Come and see all of the great facility improvements and changes! You'll have a chance to go through the recently completed Health, Physical Education, and Recreation facility, as well as other campus buildings.

2 to 3 p.m. • Ice Cream Social

Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center

The Alumni Association board members will host this opportunity to enjoy a tasty treat and see the beautiful alumni center. Campus tours will end here.

3 to 5 p.m. • Reception to Honor the 2016 Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Service Award Recipients

Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center

Everyone is welcome to stop by and visit with Distinguished Alumni Award recipients Nannette Bagstad ('68), Randy Eken ('78), Al Larson ('86), and Dale Norton ('81); and Distinguished Service Award recipient Doug Petersen ('93). Jerold Bietz ('63) will be honored posthumously with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

5:30 p.m. • Alumni Association Awards Dinner

Campus Center Luckasen Room

Celebrate with the newest Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Service Award recipients.

Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at www.mayvillestate.edu/alumniday or by calling the MSU Foundation, 701-788-4687. RSVP deadline is Monday, June 6.

8 p.m. • Musical Variety Show Featuring MSU Alumni Classroom Building Auditorium

Enjoy musical entertainment provided by Mayville State alumni. There is no admission charge and everyone is welcome.

9 p.m. to 12 a.m. • Alumni and Friends Social Mayville Golf Club

All Mayville State alumni and friends are invited to gather for socializing and refreshments. A cash bar will be available.

A special invitation is extended to the Mayville State Class of 1976 and their friends! We invite you to come "home" to Mayville State for the Alumni Day festivities and a 40-year celebration! See more at www.mayvillestate.edu/1976.

The Larson Center will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. June 24, and from 8 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. June 25. Feel free to stop by!



Nannette Bagstad



Jerold Bietz



Randy Eken



Al Larson



Dale Norton



Doug Petersen