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**With trip to national tournament,
women's basketball team
makes school history!**



Homecoming 2012

October 12 • 13 • 14

**Hall of Fame • Coaches Hall of Fame • Parade • Tailgating
Comets Football Game • Reunion of Business & CIS Division**



2012 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees were Jason Deitchler and Bruce Weinreich.



The newly formed Comets cheer team joined in the fun at tailgating festivities that took place northwest of Jerome Berg Field.



The 2002 baseball team was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Pictured in back (left-right) are Jerrod Bergstrom, Tony Kieffer, Mike Lorz, Craig Hern, Josh McMenemy, Geoff Zimmerman, Aaron Foster, and Brendan Harz. In front are Jay O'Connor, Ryan Bergseth, Phil Medina, Greg Lunski, Head Coach Scott Berry, Matt Fetsch, and Dave Pearson.



These Mayville State alumni and wives of 2002 baseball team members enjoyed the homecoming festivities. Pictured (left-right) are Stephanie (Carney) Lorz (ex. '05), Dena (Benge) Bergstrom (ex. '05), Shannon (Glimsdahl) Medina ('04), Mindy (Rodacker) O'Connor ('06), and Lindsey (Eliason) McMenemy ('03).



Coaches Hall of Fame inductees were Kay Olson-Rabel, Ron Carlson, Ken Towers, and Dennis Horner.



Longtime Business and CIS Division faculty members Linda Baier and Terry Kemmer (retired) spearheaded a homecoming reunion for division faculty, staff, and alumni.



Business department alumni Rachelle (Gummer) Fettig ('97), Jennifer (Newman) Kohls ('96), and Brent Kohls ('96) enjoyed looking through scrapbooks at the social.



Business graduates Chris Lindberg ('90), Todd Heilman ('91), John Martin ('90), and Charlie Lindberg ('94).

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Commencement May 11

MSU Golf Classic June 7 & 8

Alumni Day June 21

Harvey McMullen Open Golf Tournament July 26

Sportsmen's Raffle September 7

Farmers Bowl September 21

Homecoming October 11-13

Poinsettia Ball December 14

See details at www.mayvillestate.edu.

On the cover: Hailey Longtin, a junior from Walhalla, N.D., takes a shot in Mayville State's first-ever appearance at a national women's basketball tournament. The 22nd Annual State Farm-NAIA Division II Women's Basketball National Championship took place March 6-12 at the Tyson Event Center in Sioux City, Iowa. Photo by Linda Arnegard.

Mayville State continues to reach new heights



Dr. Gary Hagen.

The exciting times continue at Mayville State University! The facilities and grounds are looking great, and new partnerships and academic achievements are raising the university to new heights. When we reflect and evaluate what has been accomplished during the last several years, we are filled with optimism and enthusiasm for the future, and gratitude for the opportunity to help make lives better.

For the first time in our 123-year history, the 1,000-student mark has been surpassed. This goal was reached on the first day of classes last fall, and the final official headcount for fall was 1,020 students, an all-time record. Another all-time record was set this spring with a final headcount enrollment of 981. We are very proud of our faculty and staff for their hard work and dedication that helped to make this happen.

Total deferred maintenance at Mayville State was reduced from \$21 million to only \$7.8 million, a decrease of 62%, dur-

ing the 2009-2011 biennium. If we are successful in obtaining state funding during the 2013 legislative session, our facilities will be upgraded to an even greater extent. A proposed \$5.8 million project would involve razing the 1929 Old Gymnasium and replacing it with a substantially larger facility that would allow us not only to replicate the function of the Old Gymnasium, but also to expand services. A second project, valued at \$2.27 million, would provide a campus-wide drainage system to improve issues related to water. Both projects would greatly enhance campus safety.

The Edson and Margaret Larson Foundation has made a gift of \$340,000 to finish the campaign to renovate Northwest Hall for use as an alumni and leadership center. This center will serve as an enhancement to strengthening alumni relations and alumni financial support. The newly renovated facility will be called the Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center, and will be used in recruiting students, building alumni relations, making community connections, and hosting fundraising events. The building will also house offices for the MSU Foundation.

In addition, a cross-curriculum leadership development program for students is in its first year of implementation, thanks to a gift of \$40,000 from the Edson and Margaret Larson Foundation. Using the six pillars of leadership, including leading by example, ethical judgment, leading with purpose, leadership communication, continuous learning, and leadership self-direction, the program will provide valuable leadership experiences for Mayville State students. A second year of funding for this program has recently been secured and we look forward to the continuing impact this will have on our students and our university.

Several marketing initiatives that are helping us to share the exceptional Mayville State story are underway. Faculty, staff, and students have been involved in discussions that have resulted in Mayville State's brand promise, "We develop better leaders. One person at a time." New messages attesting to this promise are being worked out and will appear in all of our promotional materials soon. In addition, a new website featuring testimonials from several successful Mayville State alumni has just been launched. Check it out at www.mayvillestate.edu.

We are excited about where we are, and continue to build the momentum needed to provide the resources that will help students to experience the personal service and commitment for which Mayville State University is known. Thank you for your continued support which is instrumental in the success of our beloved Mayville State University.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gary Hagen
President

Mayville State will mark its 125th anniversary November 2, 2014.

Join in a year-long celebration beginning in the fall of 2013.

Special emphasis will be placed on this milestone during all MSU events leading up to Nov. 2, 2014.

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Make plans now to be in Mayville for Alumni Days June 20, 21, 22, 2014!

A big celebration is being planned in conjunction with Mayville-Portland's annual Summerfest.

Gathering of the Greats to honor all Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Service Award winners

Class Reunions • Alumni Variety Show • Parade Campus and Departmental Open Houses • And more!

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All Athletic Hall of Fame and Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame recipients will be honored during Homecoming of 2014.

Stay tuned to mayvillestate.edu for more details!

All-time enrollment records broken in fall and spring

The all-time enrollment record has been broken at Mayville State University. Final fall semester 2012 figures show 1,020 students enrolled, breaking the previous record of 982 students enrolled, which was set in 2010. Prior to 2010, the record stood at 924 students, the number of students enrolled in 1969. The fall 2012 numbers reflect a five percent gain over final enrollment numbers recorded in the fall of 2011. The number of transfer students enrolled in 2012 grew by 38% over 2011, reflecting the highest number of students in this category since 2005.

The record-breaking continued in the spring semester of 2013, when across-the-board enrollment increases were seen. With a highest-ever spring semester final official headcount of 981 students, the university reported a 5.6% increase over last year. Growth is seen in the number of full-time students enrolled, which has increased by 2% over 2012; the full-time equivalent, a jump of 4% over 2012; and the total number of credits in which students have enrolled, an 8% increase over 2012.

"We are pleased that more and more students are taking advantage of the great opportunities available at Mayville State University," said MSU President Dr. Gary Hagen. "Students are getting a high-quality education at a very affordable cost, and they're getting great jobs when they graduate."

Of the 2010, 2011, and 2012 Mayville State alumni who responded to university surveys, more than 80% of teacher education graduates are employed within North Dakota. Nearly 78% of those graduating with business or computer information systems degrees are similarly employed in the state. Based on a five-year average, 87% of non-teaching graduates find jobs in North Dakota. Mayville State's satisfactory placement rate is consistently between 96% and 98%.

Mayville State is expanding distance and online academic programs to all areas of North Dakota. Since 2008, there has been a 50% increase in students enrolled in distance courses and a 78.8% increase in students enrolled in distance degree programs. Greater collaboration and coordination with two-year campuses is providing better opportunities for academic programming in North Dakota. In an effort to expand opportunities for students, Mayville State collaborates with all North Dakota University System institutions.

"Our consistent growth in the area of distance education attests to our efforts to reach out to the North Dakota adult and place-bound population," said President Hagen.



District 20 Representative Gail Mooney took time for a photo op with the Mayville State Student Senate officers. Pictured from left to right are Kelsey Tretter, public relations officer; Kelsey Herter, vice president; Patricia Lopez, secretary; Gail Mooney; Thomas Smette, president; and Michael Voller, parliamentarian. Kristin Domier, treasurer, is not pictured.

Higher Education Awareness Day held

The Mayville State University Student Senate hosted District 20 state legislators Phil Murphy, Rick Holman, and Gail Mooney for their Higher Education Awareness Day Nov. 28, 2012. The purpose of the event was to draw attention to the needs of Mayville State, as well as higher education in the state.

The activities for Higher Education Awareness Day began at noon in the MSU Campus Center Foyer. Legislators were joined by a large group of students, faculty, and staff who were welcomed by Mayville State President Hagen, Student Senate President Thomas Smette, and Student Senate Vice President Kelsey Herter. Lunch and a social time followed.

Later, legislators met with Mayville State's student senators, and State Representative Gail Mooney was escorted by a group of student senators on a tour of the campus.

Higher Education Awareness Day ended with a meet and greet with student clubs and organizations. The groups set up displays in the Campus Center Foyer and were given the opportunity to showcase the work of their organizations.

Homecoming 2013

October 11, 12, 13

**Among the activities being planned
is a reunion of all emeritus faculty and staff.**

**Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner
Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame Luncheon
Socials • Homecoming Concert • More!**

**Watch for more information
in the next issue of MSU Today
and at www.mayvillestate.edu.**

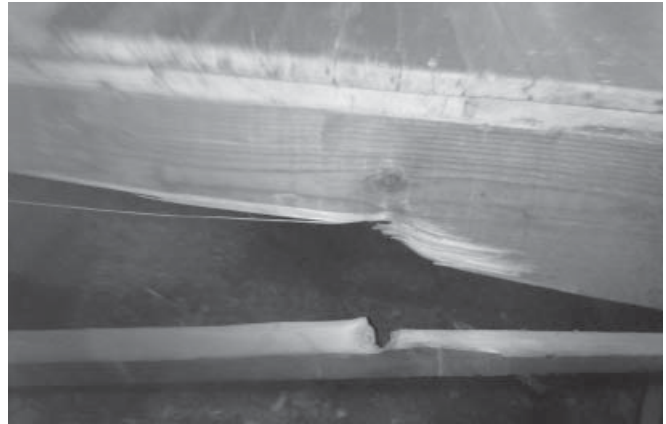
Capital project funding requests center on safety concerns

Mayville State has two priority capital projects that were approved by the State Board of Higher Education for funding consideration during the 2013 North Dakota legislative session. In November, Vice President for Business Affairs Steve Bensen and President Hagen presented the projects to the Office of Management and Budget at a meeting held in Bismarck. The projects were included in the governor's budget and are now under consideration through the legislative process.

The first proposed project is to replace the Old Gymnasium with a 37,344 sq. ft. building that would replicate and expand the current functions of the Old Gym. It would also provide additional instructional lab/practice space needed due to enrollment growth. The state funding request for this project is \$5,800,000. The Old Gymnasium has been given a "poor" condition rating in the Building Condition Report of Mayville State's Master Plan.

The Old Gymnasium, built in 1929, poses serious safety concerns. The replacement project moved to the top of MSU's priority list when a rafter in the building collapsed. This, following two floor collapses, triggered an analysis that reconfirmed structural deficiencies, poor ventilation, outdated wiring and plumbing, the lack of a fire alarm system, and a lack of safe egress from the building. These safety concerns echo the State Board of Higher Education's No. 1-shared priority - student and employee safety. The hazardous Old Gymnasium has become a critical concern and architects have recommended that it be razed and replaced.

These safety issues come at a time when Mayville State University is experiencing record enrollment levels. Furthermore, the university's strategic plan projects significant growth. MSU's enrollment in Health, Physical Education and Recreation-related majors has increased by 92.9% in the last five years. In 2011, Sports Management, Fitness and Wellness, Health Education, and Physical Education majors were the third-most popular majors at Mayville State University, after only Business Administration and Elementary Education. Most of the students in these programs utilize facilities in the field-



This photo shows a broken floor joist in the Old Gymnasium. Several joists have broken and had to be repaired.

house and Old Gym as lab or practice spaces as part of their classes or for out-of-classroom activities. Similarly, the number of student athletes is projected to increase 24% by 2015. Since MSU does not have separate facilities for academics and athletics, space must be shared between academics and athletics and other campus events.

The second of Mayville State's state funding requests is for campus-wide drainage improvements. In the last legislative session, Mayville State was granted funding to conduct a drainage study that analyzed numerous safety issues stemming from poor drainage campus-wide. If awarded, the \$2,267,000 requested in this legislative session would be used to address the drainage problems and improve the campus street and parking infrastructure.

Mayville State's flat topography is drained with minimally graded landscape areas directed to even shallower graded curb and gutter. Neither Mayville State nor the city has a storm sewer system in this part of town. All water ultimately discharges to a ditch that is severely undersized and drops only six inches in nearly a mile. Spring runoff becomes blocked by ice and snow, creating significant problems for pedestrian and vehicular traffic along Stan Dakken Drive and the nearby athletic and parking facilities. The road creates a negative impression that affects student recruitment and puts public safety at risk.

There are also many areas interior to campus that experience problems associated with poor surface drainage. These drainage problems become hazardous in winter months due to significant sidewalk icing from building downspouts with no other means for an outlet. Standing water contributes to saturated street sub-grade conditions that, when exposed to the freeze-thaw cycle and heavy traffic loads, cause significant pavement and sub-grade failure of the street and parking facilities.

As of April 8, 2013, both projects had passed Senate consideration and were under consideration by the House of Representatives.



Drainage issues create serious problems for vehicular and pedestrian traffic east of the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse each spring.

Good work of MSU students makes an impact in the community

It is no secret that at Mayville State University, “The School of Personal Service,” the greatest asset is people. There is the obvious asset of faculty and staff who are encouraged to go above and beyond in their service to students. But there is another aspect of personal service that goes beyond the walls of the university, and that is the service of MSU students in the community. One doesn’t have to look very far to find students who are sharing their time and talents for the benefit of others.

Members of athletic teams are often called upon to help with yard work and heavy lifting. There are students who read to pre-school and school-aged children. The women’s basketball team held a toy drive to benefit needy children in the area last December. The Student Education Association has done a number of activities to benefit those in need, including school teachers and children affected by the devastating historic flood in Minot. That group has also assisted the local food pantry by painting at the facility. Student groups quite often collect food and non-perishable items for the food pantry, and cash donations taken in at a recent contortionist/comedian performance on campus were used to support the Delchar Theater’s switch to a digital format. Student clubs and organizations sponsor a Halloween party for area children each year. The Student Alumni Ambassadors have started a monthly game night at the local Sun Center assisted-living facility. At Christmas time, Campus Crusade members filled shoe boxes with items that were distributed to children in need all around the world. The community’s traditional Angel Tree project has now branched out to the Mayville State campus. The list could go on and on.

Another entity that is the recipient of Mayville State student involvement is the Mayville Volunteer Fire Department. Currently, three MSU students are members of the department. Firefighter Tim Nordby, Canyon Lake, Calif., is vice president of the Mayville Fire Department; and Jesse Sheard, El Cajon, Calif.; and Jon Raywalt, Mayville; are firefighters. Since Mayville’s is a volunteer department, all members are



Mayville State students (l-r) Jonathan Raywalt, Tim Nordby, and Jesse Sheard volunteer their services as firemen with the Mayville Fire Department.

serving out of the goodness of their hearts for the benefit of the entire community.

As members of the department, the Mayville State students attend business meetings on the second Monday of every month. In addition to regular meetings, firefighters spend time training and honing skills that will keep them up-to-date with industry standards. They respond to all 911 calls ranging from structure and

brush fires to rescues and ambulance assistance. The firefighters are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and answer to a pager system that sends out the call when they are needed.

Beyond the hands-on firefighting and rescue duties, members of the department routinely visit the elementary school to educate young people on the danger of fire and to teach them what to do in emergency situations. They also volunteer their time for multiple fire department fundraisers held throughout the year.

Funding the needs of a volunteer fire department is very important, and another group of Mayville State students helped with that at a fundraiser they held in December. The Residence Hall Association sold pizza slices and offered games of bean bag toss for a charge. One hundred percent of the funds raised in this event went directly to the Mayville Fire Department.

“When our forefathers established Mayville State as ‘The School of Personal Service,’ they certainly had much more in mind than the service of faculty and staff to the students,” said MSU President Gary Hagen. “It was their intent that students would be mentored by the service shown them and pay it forward, not only in the Mayville-Portland community during their time as students, but also in the communities where they live and work when they graduate from Mayville State. I commend the many Mayville State students, faculty, and staff members who volunteer their time for the benefit of others. Community is important, and we are proud of all that you do to improve the places in which we live and work. Thank you!”

Larson Foundation funds integrated leadership program

Mayville State University has received grant funding from the Edson and Margaret Larson Foundation to establish an integrated leadership program. The purpose of the program is to build the leadership characteristics needed to prepare all Mayville State University students to become future leaders for North Dakota. A grant award of \$40,000 was received in the fall of 2011 for use in the 2012 calendar year. An additional \$40,000 grant was received in the fall of 2012 for use in 2013.

Six key traits in leadership are building the foundation for Mayville State's program: leading by example, ethical judgment, leading with purpose, communication, always learning, and leadership self-direction. The key traits are being implemented into the curriculum with the philosophy of stimulating interest, raising awareness, and providing opportunities to explore and demonstrate skills.

As part of the incorporation of the six key traits, ten faculty members attended a three-day workshop led by Larson Leadership Program Coordinator Terry Kemmer. In addition the Larson Leadership Event Series has been introduced.

Troy M. Goergen, senior associate athletic director for North Dakota State University Bison Athletics, was the featured speaker during the first leadership event series event held Oct. 25, 2012 on the Mayville State University campus.



Troy Goergen.

Goergen's presentation focused on developing personal and professional leadership skills.

A 1996 Mayville State University graduate, Goergen has spent the last 14 years with NDSU Bison Athletics, and was promoted to senior associate athletic director for marketing and media relations this past summer. He is co-director of the successful state-wide USDA public relations campaign "Eat Smart. Play Hard." and received

the Fargo-Moorhead Advertising Citation of Excellence. Goergen also received the 2003 NDSU Staff Recognition Award. After earning his baccalaureate degree at Mayville, Goergen was the general manager of the Southern Minny Stars Baseball Club in Austin, Minn. and a marketing consultant for the Minnesota Health and Fitness Consultants.

The second Larson Leadership Program event series program, a panel discussion of leadership, took place Nov. 14. A panel of four individuals entertained discussion questions moderated by Mayville State student and Larson Leader Beth Cakebread. Each panelist had a chance to respond to questions such as "What makes a leader a leader, and why do you consider yourself a leader?" and "What strategies do you use to keep yourself motivated while in the leadership role?"

Panelists were Ross Capouch, son of Tom ('84) and Nancy (vonRuden) (ex. '81) Capouch, senior and student leader at May-Port CG High School; Andrea Noonan, English language arts instructor at Cheney Middle School in West Fargo and 2013 North Dakota Teacher of the Year; John Frappier ('78), exercise physiology consultant and entrepreneur, as well as Mayville State Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient and University of Kansas graduate; and Michelle (Worner) Kommer ('95), senior vice president of human resources and development at Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota, and graduate of the University of Mary and the University of North Dakota School of Law.

A third event series program, an informal leadership discussion, was held April 3, 2013. The discussion featured the experiences of Paul and Laura Anderson, Sabin, Minn. The Andersons are Clay County's representatives in the Red River Valley Emerging Leadership Program. They were recently recognized at the Agassiz Leaders Awards Banquet through the University of Minnesota Extension System.

Work to integrate the program into college experiences at four levels across the curriculum has begun and will be implemented over the next few years. Each of the levels will focus on a theme that drives the instruction and various experiences within the program. The themes will stimulate interest, raise awareness, and provide opportunities to explore and demonstrate leadership.

The first level of the integrated leadership program is intended to spark interest. Designed for freshmen, it is being incorporated into the already established Seminar on Success course required of all first-time students. Several freshmen are part of a Freshmen Leadership Core project and are receiving eight hours of leadership training this spring. Approximately 35 campus student leaders participated in six hours of leadership training last fall. A freshmen core leadership program is active this spring.

Level two of the program raises awareness of leadership while developing an understanding of the topic. Level three incorporates opportunities to explore leadership, focusing



Michelle (Worner) Kommer ('95) Ross Capouch, Andrea Noonan, and John Frappier ('78) were panelists for a discussion regarding leadership held as part of the Larson Leadership Event Series. The discussion was held Nov. 14, 2012 in the MSU Classroom Building Auditorium.

on careers as well as campus and community organizations. The Larson Leadership Program financially assisted student organization members with expenses associated with attending off-campus leadership training opportunities.

Students at level three can apply for scholarships. To be eligible, students must have a 3.25 grade point average or greater and have an interest in expanding their leadership roles on campus. Recipients of the Edson and Margaret Larson Leadership Scholarships for 2012-2013 were Eric Domier, Mayville, N.D.; Rami Carlson, Northwood, N.D.; Beth Cakebread, Shelly, Minn.; Danika Carpenter, Pembina, N.D.; and Elizabeth Jemar, Eagle River, Alaska. Five scholarships are also being made available for the 2013-2014 academic year.

The fourth level of the program will enable students to demonstrate their leadership potential through the internship and service learning course work that is currently offered across the curriculum.

A Larson Leadership Program advisory board has been established. Members of the board are Jeff Sieg, assistant professor in science; Andi Dulski-Bucholz, assistant professor of education; Meghan Hovde, MSU Foundation development associate; Dan Dewitt, men's basketball coach; a student representative; Brent Kohls, MSU graduate and MSU Foundation board member; and Kim Jacobson, social worker with Traill County Social Services.



Recipients of the Edson and Margaret Larson Leadership Scholarship for 2012-13 are (front, left-right) Danika Carpenter, Rami Carlson, and Elizabeth Jemar. In the back (left-right) are Larson Leadership Program Coordinator Terry Kemmer, Eric Domier, and Beth Cakebread.

The overall goal of Mayville State University's new integrated leadership program is to make the graduates of Mayville State University better citizens for North Dakota. These will be individuals who recognize and participate in leadership opportunities within their careers and their communities.

Freshmen core leadership project begins this spring

Eleven Mayville State freshmen are participating in a freshmen leadership core project this spring. The project is a part of MSU's leadership program which is funded by a grant from the Edson and Margaret Larson Foundation.

The freshmen leadership core project is a spin-off of a leadership introduction that was part of the university's Seminar on Success (SOS) course last fall. The SOS is required of all freshmen and a permanent component of the academic program. The one-credit class is designed to help students become acclimated to the university and community, and to teach skills that will help students achieve their goals while attending Mayville State, and beyond.

The participants in the freshmen leadership core this spring were nominated by the instructors of the SOS classes. Nominees were to have leadership potential and/or interest. SOS students were also encouraged to volunteer for the core if they had leadership ambition. The nominees and volunteers were then invited to join the core. Eleven freshmen accepted the invitation and are now members. The core has been meeting monthly for leadership training and discussion this spring.

The purpose of the freshmen leadership core project is to take this select group of freshmen and increase their awareness of and interest in leadership, and then encourage them to step

up into leadership positions on the Mayville State campus and within the Mayville-Portland community and their respective home communities.



Freshmen leadership core project participants this spring are (seated, left-right) Laura Ewert, Emma Tyndall, Rachel Caulfield, Aubrey Moen, and Brady Eichelberger. Standing are Remington Werner, Lindsey Gonsior, Alyssa DeMars, Ashley Ness, and Rochester Mugumbate. Courtney Savage was unavailable for the photo. The group is led by Terry Kemmer, coordinator of the Larson Leadership Program at Mayville State.

Generation after generation, Mayville State is all about personal service

Mayville State was bursting at the seams last fall, as a long-sought-after goal of surpassing the 1,000-student mark was finally reached. The official final headcount enrollment was 1,020 students. With all of this growth, there were rumors about the ability to house our students in the residence halls, but thankfully all students were comfortably accommodated, and no one was turned away. In fact, there were several beds available, if they had been needed.

“One of my greatest pleasures as president at Mayville State is the opportunity to visit with and get to know our students,” said President Gary Hagen. “Not only do we have record numbers of students, we have some really great students. It is a privilege to call them members of the MSU family.”

President Hagen strolled through the campus early in the fall semester and had the opportunity to visit with several students, new and returning. He is always interested in finding out what brought them to Mayville State and what they like about the school.

Cassey Orre, Fertile, Minn., is a student employee at the Byrnes-Quanbeck Library. She likes the education program at Mayville State and is pursuing a major in English education and a minor in library science. She’s a freshman this year, who says the small atmosphere appeals to her. She said she knew she wouldn’t survive in a larger city. While the first week at Mayville State was an adjustment for Cassey, she says it was good.

Megan Herz from Hope, N.D. is a returning student who says she likes the small campus and feels at home at Mayville State. She’s comfortable talking with her professors and says it’s easy to meet people on campus, just as it was in her high school. Being close to home is a bonus for Megan.

Jeffrey Jones, Langdon, N.D., is one of the first recipients of the Nelson Family Endowed Scholarship. You may recall that the scholarship was established last fall with the receipt of Mayville State’s largest monetary gift ever, \$1,000,000. The Nelson Family Endowed Scholarship is especially geared toward helping individuals who may be changing their paths in life or those who are pursuing changes in careers. A special emphasis

of the scholarship is to promote volunteerism, leadership, development, and out-of-classroom experiences for the recipients. Jeffrey said that it’s been his lifelong goal to go to college and earn a college degree. His children have all earned college degrees, and his wife is a teacher, so he says now it is his turn.

Darren Stanislawski, Fergus Falls, Minn., transferred from Fergus Falls Community College last fall semester and is playing baseball for the Comets. He said when he came for a campus tour, he felt at home. Coaches made him feel a part of the family at that time, and that feeling of warmth has followed now that he has become a student.

Cody Kaiser is a transfer student from Dakota College at Bottineau, N.D. He says the faculty and staff have made him feel like a person, not a number, which has been very welcoming. Spencer Marek, a returning student from Grand Forks, feels the same. He likes the small campus and that teachers know who you are, and are accessible and helpful. Spencer did not play football this year, as he has joined the Army Reserve. Travis Ahlgren from Chugiak, Alaska, north of Anchorage, also likes the small campus and the fact that he can be a two-sport athlete, playing football and baseball.

Katie Rieu, Winnipeg, a fifth-year student who played softball, likes that Mayville State is small and close to home. Miranda Tapson, Hillsboro; Kiana Meyer, Mayville; and Megan Callahan, Grafton, N.D., echoed that sentiment, as did Emily Severson from Grand Forks, who says everyone is family here, and the education program is the best.

Alexis Binstock is a new freshman from Dickinson, N.D. She says she’s glad to be away from the oil patch. She also likes the small atmosphere at Mayville. Mayville State alumni Larry (‘81) and Nancy (Beck) (‘80) Walker were her teachers at Killdeer, N.D.

“It is gratifying to visit with the students and to hear right from the source their feelings for Mayville State University,” said President Hagen. “MSU has long been known as ‘The School of Personal Service,’ and I think it’s safe to say that the reputation continues.”

STEM highlighted at showcase

MSU was among North Dakota’s 11 public colleges and universities present at a public showcase held in the North Dakota Capitol Memorial Hall in Bismarck Wed., March 20, 2013. Other higher education-related entities were also represented at the event.

Mayville’s booth focused on what the university offers in general, and highlighted the impact made through the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) initiative at Mayville State.

Pictured are MSU students Beth Cakebread (left) and Ryan Ness (center), joined by Director of Enrollment Services Jim Morowski (‘87), at MSU’s booth. (Ryan is the son of Rick (‘86) and Pam Ness, Thompson, N.D.) Vice President for Academic Affairs Keith Stenehjelm and Director of Marketing and Public Relations Beth Swenson (‘82) also represented MSU at the showcase. Faculty member Greta (Anderson) Paschke (‘85, ‘99) attended the showcase as a representative of the Council of College Faculties.



Schurman, Fetsch awarded White and Snortland scholarships

Brooke Schurman, Walhalla, N.D., and Garth Fetsch, Langdon, N.D., both freshmen at Mayville State University, are the first recipients of the Frank White and Chris Snortland Annual Scholarships at Mayville State. Each of the students received \$500 awards for the 2012-2013 academic year. The scholarships were funded from the proceeds of the first annual Frank White-Roger Snortland Scholarship Golf Tournament held at the Walhalla Golf Course in July of 2012.

Collegiate DECA students qualify for international competition

Sixteen of the 19 Mayville State University students who participated in the North Dakota Collegiate DECA Career Development Conference in Fargo, N.D. February 10 and 11 qualified for participation in the international competition. The annual state conference provides an opportunity for students to compete against students from 11 other North Dakota colleges and universities in business-related events. The international competition was held in Anaheim, Calif. April 17-20.

In addition, Mayville State Collegiate DECA member Wesley Bernier was elected as state vice president of North Dakota Collegiate DECA for 2013-2014.



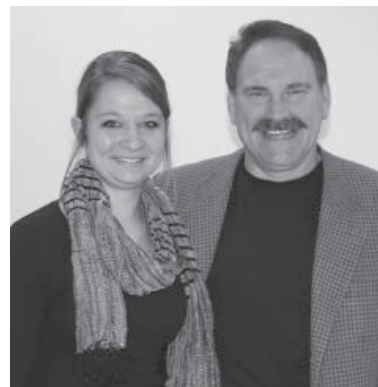
The Mayville State students who attended the career development conference in Fargo Feb. 10 and 11 are pictured above.

Back row (left to right): Eric Domier, Mayville; Danny Scholand, Buxton, N.D.; Cody Odland, Park Rapids, Minn.; Chris Snook, Newton, N.J.; Josh Seminario, Fairbanks, Alaska; Tim Nordby, Canyon Lake, Calif.; Mitch Lacher, Christine, N.D.; and Wesley Bernier, Anchorage, Alaska.

Front row (left to right): Bailey Drader, Arthur, N.D.; Brittany Olson, Hunter, N.D.; Missy Kassube, Eagle Bend, Minn.; Ademola Adekunle, Ibadan, Nigeria; Kiah Smith, Lansford, N.D.; Amber Montag, Finley, N.D.; Cierra Steele, Pingree, N.D.; Nicole Schwanke, Dilworth, Minn.; Phil Dukart, Killdeer, N.D.; Nisa Rajput, Harare, Zimbabwe; and A.J. Sanchez, St. Thomas, N.D.

They were accompanied by Collegiate DECA advisers Rob Johnston and Dustin Olson, MSU Division of Business and CIS faculty members.

Brooke Schurman is pursuing a major in early childhood and a minor in elementary education. She is a cheerleader on Mayville State's newly established cheer team this year. Garth Fetsch is pursuing a major in business, and is a member of the Comets football team.



Brooke Schurman and Frank White, photographed at the MSU Scholarship Recipient Brunch in October.

The purpose of the Frank White - Chris Snortland Annual Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to students pursuing degrees at Mayville State. In awarding the scholarship, a student from Langdon High School and another from Walhalla High School will be selected each year. Students should demonstrate good scholastic effort and academic promise.



Garth Fetsch.

The Frank White-Roger Snortland Golf Tournament was the brainchild of tournament organizers Frank White, Walhalla native, 1979 graduate of Mayville State, and assistant professor of sociology at the University of North Dakota (UND); and Chris Snortland, Langdon native and 1993 Mayville State graduate. Chris is the son of Roger Snortland, also a Mayville State alum, who graduated in 1968. He was a highly successful coach in Langdon. Chris got involved with the tournament as a way to memorialize his dad, who passed away in 2001 at the age of 60, after a battle with cancer. All proceeds from the White-Snortland tournament are being used to fund scholarships at UND, Lake Region State College, the American College of Norway, and Mayville State University.

Chris and Frank have special connections with a number of former UND hockey players who turned out in full force to support the tournament. Ten former players, along with UND men's hockey coach Dave Hakstol, showed up to play. Among the golf tourney participants were Matt Greene, former UND defenseman (2002-2005) and now assistant captain of the NHL's Los Angeles Kings, which won the Stanley Cup in June 2012. Chay Genoway, former UND captain and defenseman (2006-2011), who recently signed a contract with the Minnesota Wild, also came to play. Other former players who participated in the tournament were Andy Kollar (1998-2002), Robbie Bina (2003-2008), Jay Panzer (1995-1999), Andy Schneider (2001-2005), Nick Fuher (2001-2005), Lee Marvin (2002-2006), Matt Watkins (2005-2009), and Jake Marto (2007-2011).

Million-dollar gift is changing lives

In November of 2011, Mayville State received a gift of \$1,000,000. Designated for the purpose of providing student scholarships, the gift is the largest single monetary charitable contribution ever received by Mayville State University. The donor of the gift has chosen to remain anonymous.

The million-dollar donation was used to establish the Nelson Family Endowed Scholarship Fund. Each year, a percentage of the endowed fund is used to provide scholarships that help non-traditional students achieve their goals. The first scholarship allotment of more than \$40,000 was awarded to students for the 2012-2013 academic year. The scholarship is geared especially toward those individuals who may be changing their paths in life or those pursuing changes in careers. A special emphasis of the scholarship is to promote the concept of volunteerism, leadership development, and out-of-classroom experiences for the scholarship recipients.

Recipients of this year's scholarships are James Coran, Mayville, N.D.; Toby Handly, Hatton, N.D.; Courtney Hendrickson, Williston, N.D.; Jeffrey Jones, Langdon, N.D.; Tina Nygard, Mayville, N.D.; Tania Olson, Page, N.D.; Adam Petkau, Morden, Manitoba; and Jeff Ringstad, Cooperstown, N.D.

Adam Petkau relayed his message of gratitude at the Honor Society Recognition Dinner held in November. Adam is a second-year student at Mayville State, and is pursuing a major in physical education teaching. He had attended the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg for a couple of years, just after completing high school, but was unable to finish his degree there due to financial constraints.

After leaving the University of Manitoba, Adam was married to Jayda Zacharias, and they settled down in Morden, where Jayda was employed as a nurse. She became ill two-and-a-half years ago and has not been able to work. As Adam put it, "This was both a curse and a blessing." While he certainly wouldn't wish for his wife to be ill, this circumstance caused them to re-evaluate and look at a new path in life.

Petkau had always hoped that he'd be able to get back to college and finish his degree, but he wasn't interested in going back to a place like his previous college, where he was merely a number. With large classes and little personal attention, he could have earned an entire college degree without a single professor knowing his name, he said.



Adam Petkau and Jayda Zacharias.

He wanted a smaller school, and knew of Mayville State University because he has two sisters-in-law who attended college at Mayville. He started asking around and heard more and more good things about Mayville State. When he arrived on campus for a visit and saw the digital bulletin board welcoming Adam Petkau to campus, he knew Mayville State was the place for him.

Adam and Jayda moved to Mayville, where Adam is pursuing his degree. They love to take part in the sporting events and student activities, as well as the community activities. Adam is impressed with Mayville State's

dedication to students, evidenced by things such as free tutoring and accessibility to accommodating faculty members and administrators.

After the first year of school at Mayville State passed, Adam and Jayda had to seriously consider whether they'd be able to afford to have Adam continue with his schooling. Scholarships made that possible. Thanks to the funding he's receiving from the Nelson Family Scholarship Endowment, Adam's dream of earning a college degree will come true. According to Adam, "This gift is providing an exciting outlook on the future, which might not otherwise have been possible." He and Jayda will never forget the generosity of the scholarship donor.

The Nelson Family Endowed Scholarship is intended for non-traditional aged students, 25 years of age and older. The recipients must be full-time, degree-seeking students who are pursuing courses in residence at the Mayville State campus. Eligible students must demonstrate a need for funds as evidenced by information submitted through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The scholarship may be awarded to those in pursuit of associate's or bachelor's degrees. Preference is given to females, but both males and females are considered. The scholarship is renewable to students who maintain a 2.0 grade point average or greater. With each term, there is an expectation of improvement.

It seems that we all are in search of the perfect gift. Mayville State's historic million-dollar gift has made that mark. Through the donor's generosity, lives are being changed for the better. To find out how you could change lives through your gift to Mayville State University, contact Director of Development John J. Klocke at 701-788-4787 or john.j.klocke@mayvillestate.edu.



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



Back Row: Head Coach Dennis Hutter, Assistant Coach Dave Moe, Nicole Meyer, Riley Francis, Angela Tauer, Marcisa McMillan, Missy Kassube, Sabrina Rude, Liza Hoglo, and Athletic Trainer Tim O'Brien.

Front Row: Assistant Coach Hannah Wenaas, Apiphany Asberry, Erica Amann, Brooke McNary, Hailey Longtin, Kay Laforet, Sam Heier, Erica Henrikson, Shannon Ritten, and Assistant Coach Megan Groen.

Lady Comets make school history with trip to national tournament

The 2012-13 Mayville State University women's basketball team made school history! They are the first Mayville State women's basketball team to play in a national tournament. The news came February 27 when the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced that Mayville State was one of 11 at-large selections for the tournament.

A total of 32 teams competed in the 22nd Annual State Farm-NAIA Division II Women's Basketball National Championship March 6-12 at the Tyson Event Center in Sioux City, Iowa. Mayville State was among seven teams to make their first-ever appearance in the national tournament.

The Comets are led by head coach Dennis Hutter. Dave Moe is his assistant coach, and Megan Groen and Hannah Wenaas are student assistants. On the roster are Samantha Heier, Ray, N.D.; Hailey Longtin, Walhalla, N.D.; Liza Hoglo, Thief River Falls, Minn.; Kay Laforet, LaSalle, Ont.; Missy Kassube, Eagle Bend, Minn.; Nicole Meyer, Mounds View, Minn.; Brooke McNary, Williston, N.D.; Sabrina Rude, McVie, N.D.; Marcisa McMillan, Seattle, Wash.; Erica Henrikson, Moorhead, Minn.; Erica Amann, Hawley, Minn.; Angela Tauer, Hutchinson, Minn.; Riley Francis, Fordville, N.D.; Apiphany Asberry, Brooklyn Park, Minn.; and Shannon Ritten, Rockford, Minn.

The Comets built an impressive résumé in 2012-2013. They experienced a 20-win season, multiple victories over nationally ranked opponents, and six weeks ranked in the top 25 national poll. Their record when all was said and done was 20-6.

Marcisa McMillan was named the Association of Independent Institutions Division II Women's Basketball Conference Player of the Year. Joining McMillan on the A.I.I. all-conference first team is Hailey Longtin. Sabrina Rude earned A.I.I. all-conference second-team honors. Missy Kassube was selected as Mayville State's "Champion of Character" at the national tournament.

It takes significant funding to send a team to a national tournament. To help defray expenses associated with the trip, Mayville's local radio station, KMAV, hosted

See "Women at nationals" on Page 12.

Comet Chocolate Chippers are No. 1!

When the Comets women's basketball team was invited to submit a recipe for the Sioux City Journal's recipe competition held in conjunction with the NAIA Division II women's basketball tournament in Sioux City, Iowa, Coach Hutter contacted MSU Wellness Center employee Lisa Rakowski looking for some help. Rakowski had been supplying the team with cookies, bars, and other baked goods when they went on road trips throughout the season.

She asked Hutter which of the treats had been the team favorite. Her chocolate chip cookies were at the top of the list. The cookies were quickly re-named "Comet Chocolate Chippers" and the recipe was officially entered in the contest, as were recipes from each of the other teams playing in the national tournament.

The contest took place online during the week of the tournament, and anyone could vote. When all was said and done, the Comet Chocolate Chippers received 8,100 votes! They easily won over the next-highest vote-getter, Briar Cliff University's "Sweet 16 Steps to Heaven," a twice-baked potato recipe that got 7,151 votes.

A Journal story that appeared in the March 13 edition began like this, "Was it a bird? Was it a plane? No, it was a sky-high chocolate chip comet that emerged victorious in the journal's annual NAIA recipe contest."



The Mayville State women's basketball team is pictured with Lisa (Karlstad) Rakowski (ex. '83) (holding tray of cookies). This photo was taken at a March 19 social held to honor the team. Comet Chocolate Chippers were served.

In his official contest taste test, Chef Mongan said that what set the Comet Chocolate Chippers apart was the fact that the cookies stayed soft on the inside and crunchy on the outside.

[Lisa Rakowski's winning recipe, which she got from an Army friend, is printed on page 25 of MSU Today.](#)

Women at nationals

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a telethon the morning of March 4. During the telethon the coaches and players were interviewed and Comet boosters called in with their monetary contributions for the team. About \$3,000 was raised in a couple of hours!

After the telethon finished, some practice time, and a short send-off social in the Lewy Lee, the Comets boarded the bus and were on their way to Sioux City about 1:15 p.m.

The team had the privilege of working with some youth basketball players in Sioux City Tuesday morning, March 5. Along with players from five other schools, the Comets led a basketball clinic for Special Olympics basketball teams. The children represented 10 local teams, all special-needs athletes. At the conclusion of the clinic, the Comets had their final practice prior to their first-round game.

Erica Amann, a member of the Comets team, made a big splash on the front page of the Sioux City Journal March 6. In the newspaper's photo, Amann is shown interacting with Liz Sprague, a fire-eater. Sprague was a part of the circus storyline that surrounded the NAIA Banquet of Champions held at the Sioux City Convention Center Tuesday evening, March 5. Some 976 diners, including all 32 teams playing in the tourna-

ment, enjoyed the circus theme that included everything from the fire-eater to clown escorts to animal crackers and a grand entrance "under the big top."

The Lady Comets made their debut in the first round of the tournament when they took on defending champion Northwestern (Iowa) Wednesday afternoon, March 6. A group of Mayville State supporters was able to make the trek to Sioux City to be a part of the excitement live and in person. There was a bigger group - 75 or more faculty, staff, students, and community members - following the Comets from afar in the MSU Campus Center Luckasen Room via live video stream, and many others were watching from their desktops and other electronic devices, while still others listened to the KMAV radio broadcast. Whether at the game in person or listening and/or watching from afar, all Comet boosters were with the team in spirit!

Despite their best efforts, the Comets came up short. The final score of the game was Mayville State 66, Northwestern 92. And so, the Comets' run at the national tournament ended after the first round.

"Participating in a national tournament is an incredible honor and accomplishment. We are so very proud of our coaches, athletes, and fans who represented Mayville State as a class act at the national tournament," said Mayville State President Gary Hagen.

Men's basketball ends season on a high

The Mayville State University men's basketball team finished the season with a record of 9-18. This season was the inaugural campaign for first-year head coach Dan DeWitt. The Comets began the season with a thrilling overtime victory, beating Briercrest College 100-91. A noteworthy victory on the season includes an overtime win over Jamestown College on the road 72-66. The Comets also captured another big road victory when they beat Valley City State University 56-55. The MSU Comets were the only team in the 2012-2013 season to beat Valley City State University on their home floor. The Comets finished the season on a positive note, winning three out of their last four games with the only loss coming in an overtime defeat at the hands of the Jimmies of Jamestown.

Senior guard Austin Emerson earned Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I.) All-Conference first-team honors. Austin Emerson is a 6-foot-2 senior guard from Des Moines, Iowa. Emerson averaged 15.6 points and 4.1 rebounds per game and shot 40% from the field and 40% from behind the



Cody Coauette, a senior from Fertile, Minn., goes up for a shot.

arc. Emerson also led the Comets in assists this season. Emerson ranked seventh in Division II in three-point field goals made per game.

Senior forward Steven Ivory Jr. earned Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I.) all-conference second team honors. He is a 6-foot-4 forward from Milwaukee, Wis. Ivory Jr. averaged 12.4 points and 6.0 rebounds, and shot 45% from the field and 75% from the free-throw line.

The Comets thank the Mayville State faculty, staff, alumni, family, and friends who helped make this a special season. The MSU men's basketball team is already getting to work for the upcoming 2013-14 season and Coach DeWitt would like to connect with all Mayville State alumni basketball players, coaches, and managers who were once part of this university and basketball program. Tradition never graduates! The men's basketball program sends monthly newsletters via e-mail to keep fans

informed of all that is happening with the basketball program. If you would like to receive these newsletters, please contact Coach DeWitt via e-mail at daniel.dewitt@mayvillestate.edu.

Comet Athletic Club socials mean food, fun for Comet fans

As a thank you to current members and a way to recruit new members, the Comet Athletic Club hosted three socials at the Top Hat Lounge in Mayville this winter. The social held January 12 was sponsored by Hunter Equipment. Sanford Health sponsored a social February 2, and The Goose River Bank sponsored the February 9 event. The socials gave Comet boosters a time to enjoy appetizers and refreshments following Mayville State basketball games, while relaxing in the great company of all kinds of Comet fans.



Left: Comet Athletic Club board member Tim Sorteberg (left) is pictured with iconic Comet fan Stan "The Man" Dakken.



Right: Sanford Health representative Chuck Gulsvig (left) is pictured with CAC president Shane Orr (center) and Harlan Johnson (right).



Volleyball successful in 2012, gearing up for another great year

The Mayville State volleyball team finished a successful 2012 season with an overall record of 24-15. Head Coach Lindsey Johnson earned her 100th career victory with a win over Waldorf College on Aug. 17, 2012.

The MSU Comets hosted and played in the Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I.) post-season conference tournament, where they opened pool play by beating La Sierra University in three games. In the second round of pool play, the Comets lost to eventual A.I.I. conference champions Cal State-San Marcos. In the semi-final round of A.I.I. tournament play, the Comets played the Jamestown Jimmies and lost a tough-fought match in the fifth and final game.

Mayville State sophomore middle hitter, Josette Glatt, earned a number of awards for her outstanding season, including all-region honors, first-team all-conference honors, and NAIA All-American honorable mention honors. Glatt is from Bismarck, N.D. and ranked first in Division I hitting percentage (.417) on the season and 18th in Division I in total kills.

In addition to Glatt, Laura Kolness was named to the all-conference team and Ashley Torgusson was named an honorable mention all-conference player. Both are seniors. Mayville senior players Maggie Maroney and Kolness were named 2012 NAIA Volleyball Scholar-Athletes. Maggie Maroney is from Halstad, Minn. and Laura Kolness is from Ada, Minn. (Laura's parents are Mike ('89) and Cathy (Nygaard) ('89) Kolness.)

2013 outlook

In the 2013 season, the Comets look to climb to a conference championship. With the loss of five seniors, all who played a significant role for the team the past few seasons, there will be a different look and a different style of play.

"We have some young kids with a ton of talent and the recruits we have signed will look to be a big impact for the team. We have looked pretty much the same the past two seasons with several kids playing in the same position, and it will be a lot of fun to work some different offenses with some different personnel," said Coach Johnson.



Maggie Maroney, a senior from Halstad, Minn., sends the ball over the net for the Comets.

Spring volleyball has been very productive with 14 players returning from last season's squad and one recruit joining the Comets at semester break. Seven recruits have been signed in the first round of recruiting and plans are to bring in a few more before the summer hits.

"The excitement that surrounds our program right now is awesome! Implementing our junior varsity program this past season was a success and we are excited to continue to grow with that and truly make it a feeder program for our varsity squad," stated Coach Johnson.

"As of right now the Comets will begin the 2013 campaign with 22 athletes, and it looks to be another great group! The competition looks great, the players are working hard in the off season, and are ready to pick up where they left off. We're gearing up for another great year."

Mayville State hosts A.I.I. conference volleyball tournament

Mayville State hosted the 2012 Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I.) conference volleyball tournament Nov. 9 and 10. The two-day post-season tournament, held at Lewy Lee Fieldhouse, began with pool play on the first day of action.

The three teams in Pool A were Cal State San Marcos (Calif.), La Sierra (Calif.), and Mayville State. Cal State San Marcos earned the overall No. 1-seed, entering the tournament with a 24-13 overall record. La Sierra earned the No. 4-seed and entered the tournament with an overall record of 21-11; and Mayville State earned the No. 5-seed, entering the tournament with an overall record of 23-13.

Pool B featured Jamestown (N.D.) College, Ashford University (Iowa), and Valley City (N.D.) State University. Jamestown was the top team in Pool B, earning the overall No. 2-seed and entering the tournament with a record of 24-7. Ashford University earned the No. 3-seed entering the tournament with an overall record of 22-16. Valley City State entered as the sixth seed with an overall record of 15-20.

After the first day of pool play action, Cal State San Marcos materialized as the top team from Pool A, and Mayville State came away as the second-best team. Jamestown College emerged as the top team from Pool B, and Ashford University came away as second-best.

The first round of tournament play matched the Comets of Mayville against the Jimmies of Jamestown College. On the other side of the bracket, Cal State San Marcos was paired against Ashford University. Jamestown College defeated Mayville State University in five games and faced off against Cal State San Marcos in the championship match. Cal State had defeated Ashford University in their semi-final match. Cal State San Marcos would go on to win the conference tournament, retaining their position as conference champions for the second-straight season.

It's a new era for Comets football

Head Coach Derek Schlieve and the rest of the Comet football coaching staff have had one major goal since taking over in the spring of 2011 - to change the culture of Mayville State University football and create a "new era" for the program.

The program has had a good deal of success on the field and in the classroom in the past two years. In 2011, the team set an all-time record for academic all-conference players (11) and academic All-Americans (5). In 2012, the team broke both of those records with 13 players on the academic all-conference team and five academic All-Americans.

The Comets have also had players win awards for their work on the field at a record-setting pace. In 2011 having five players named to the all-conference first team was a record, as was the naming of four all-conference honorable mention players. The 2012 group surpassed both of those numbers with six all-conference first team players and five all-conference honorable mention players.

As nice as the individual awards are, the play on the field as a team is where the difference has really taken place. In 2011, the team won five games, the most games a Mayville State University football team had won in a season since 1990. This



Junior Dominique Bradley (#5) from Spring Valley, Calif. carries the ball for the Comets.

year the team won five games, tying the mark set last season. Winning ten games in two years is the highest total of wins for the program in a two-year span since 1990-1991.

The fans have been showing up in greater numbers as well. The increased enrollment at the school has been a big factor in giving the Comets a great fan base at Jerome Berg Field.

Students, fans, and parents of players enjoy a great atmosphere at football games in Mayville. Tailgating is available, a cheer team keeps everyone pumped up, and a better product

on the field than there has been in two decades tops is off. Everyone is amped up at game time when Coach Schlieve leads the team out of the tunnel through the CO2 fog with music blaring and fans cheering.

All of these numbers are indicative of the hard work of everyone who is a part of the program. The players, coaches, trainers, and everyone involved in the football program are proud of where they've come in two years, and excited to keep it going in the future.

2013 outlook

The 2013 season looks very promising for the Comet football team which is coming off back-to-back five-win seasons and is returning a long list of starters who have contributed to the newly found success. Led by two-time all-conference selection and two-time defensive player of the year Jacob Grosz, the entire starting defense will return for the Mayville State University Comets. Grosz will be a junior for the Comets and will lead a seasoned group of veterans this fall. Offensively, the Comets return three of their offensive linemen and all of the skill position players, except for quarterback. If the squad can hit the ground running defensively and the new starters can gel offensively, 2013 could be a big season for Comet fans.

Softball team optimistic in 2013

The Mayville State softball team is optimistic and excited for their 2013 campaign. The Comets are directed by second-year head coach Tracy Marback. In her first season the Comets went 16-23, but with some solid additions to their roster the Comets look to be improved, making for an exciting spring.

Courtney Priddie and Alexxa Sanabria join the Comets from Cerritos College in California and will provide instant depth to their roster. The Comets also added pitching depth with Katrina Newman from Sacramento, Calif. and Stephanie Burlew from Cordova, Calif.

Coach Marback will look to three seniors on the squad for leadership: Jessica Flores from Stockton, Calif., Ashley McMahon from New Castle, Calif., and Katie Rieu from Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The Comets currently have 40 games on the schedule with 12 being at home. The season opener was March 10th as the Comets traveled to Arizona for a 12-game in six-day road trip over spring break.



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Baseball team aspires to national tournament bid

The Mayville State baseball team entered the 2013 season after a solid 2012 campaign. The Comets went 34-19 and were a game away from the national tournament last year. Coach Scott Berry is at the helm in his 32nd season for the Comets. With a number of returners, the Comets are looking to make a bid for the national tournament.

The solid group of returners for the Comets are as follows: Zach Mihic, a catcher from Langley, British Columbia; Phillip Steer, a shortstop from Toronto, Ontario; Dillon Lundin, a first basemen from Clarissa, Minn.; Sam Thielen, an outfielder from Wheaton, Minn.; Christian Berry, an outfielder from Mayville, N.D.; Kurt McCallum, an outfielder from Thunder Bay, Ontario; Duell Higbe, an outfielder from Austin, Minn.; Spencer Mallonee, a second baseman from Spokane, Wash.; Aaron Dick, a pitcher from Langley, British Columbia; RJ Page, a pitcher from Brampton, Ontario; and Vic Sokolof-

sky, a pitcher from Moorhead, Minn. These individuals are being called upon to lead the way for the Comets in their 2013 campaign.

In the off-season, the Comets also added some players who are rounding out the roster for this season. Spencer Kidder, Fergus Falls, Minn., and John Pistulka, Wabasso, Minn., provide an extra spark in the outfield for the Comets. Bryan Jacklitch, Breckenridge, Minn., provides some depth at third base. Rounding out the newcomers are Alex Brockpahler, Sebeka, Minn.; Darin Stanislawski, Fergus Falls, Minn.; and Scott Petry, Moorhead, Minn.; who add depth on the mound for Mayville State.

The Comets have 50 games on the schedule and kicked off the season with two wins over Concordia College of Moorhead in the Metrodome. At press time, the Comets had notched a record of 24 wins, 3 losses, and 1 tie.

Berry organizes national coaching clinic

More than 4,500 baseball coaches from across the country flooded downtown Chicago from Jan. 3-6, 2013 to attend the 68th annual American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) convention. The four-day convention included committee and business meetings, the Hall of Fame/Coach of the Year Banquet, the Honors Luncheon, coaching clinics, and approximately 300 exhibitors.

Mayville State University head baseball coach and ABCA Second Vice-President Scott Berry arranged the outstanding lineup of 32 of the top baseball people in the world who presented clinic sessions. They included Andy Lopez, University of Arizona; Matt Senk, Stonybrook University; Steve Smith, Baylor University; Darin Erstad, University of Nebraska; Dan Hartleb, University of Illinois; Rod Olson, Coaches of Excellence Institute; Mike Birkbeck, Kent State University; and many more of the finest baseball people in the world.

It is the goal of the ABCA to have each coach leave the convention as a better coach, and with the success of the convention, that was accomplished again this year.



Berry addresses the assembly at the national ABCA convention.

Make a nomination!

Athletic Hall of Fame Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame

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

- Inductees to the Mayville State University Athletic Hall of Fame fall into the following categories: athlete, team, Mayville State coach, Mayville State athletic staff, or honorary member. In order to qualify for induction, athletes must have graduated from Mayville State at least ten years prior to induction, and have earned two letters in one sport or one letter in two or more sports.
- Inductees to the Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame must have graduated or left Mayville State ten or more years prior to induction. The purpose of the award is to recognize those Mayville State graduates who have excelled in athletic coaching during their careers. The records of the nominees should be so outstanding that there would be little question as to the qualifications necessary for induction. Consideration will be given for personal conduct in sports and personal contributions to the ideal of sports.

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

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

Distinguished Alumni and Service Award recipients will be honored at Alumni Day celebration June 21

The Mayville State University Alumni Association will honor several alumni at the annual Alumni Association Awards Dinner planned for Friday, June 21, 2013. The dinner is being held as part of Mayville State's third annual Alumni Day. Other Alumni Day activities planned include campus tours; an ice cream social; an open house reception to honor Mayville State's 2013 faculty and staff retirees with 20 years of service, Dr. Paul Meartz, Bev Holt, Dennis Schultz, and John Lankow; a variety show; and a social for alumni and friends. MSU Alumni Day 2013 is being held in conjunction with Mayville-Portland Summerfest.

Dr. Rodney Strand, Knoxville, Tenn.; Merle Boucher, Rolette, N.D.; Dr. Debra Follman, Devils Lake, N.D.; and Dr. G. Daryl Nord, Stillwater, Okla.; will each receive the Distinguished Alumni Award at the Alumni Association Awards Dinner. Curt Almlie, Detroit Lakes, Minn., will receive the MSU Distinguished Service Award.

The Alumni Association Awards Dinner will be held in the MSU Campus Center Luckasen Room, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Friday, June 21. A time of socializing in the MSU Campus Center Foyer will precede the dinner. Socializing begins at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased after May 15 at the office of the MSU Foundation or at www.mayvillestate.edu/alumniday. For more information, call 701-788-4687 or e-mail alumni.mail@mayvillestate.edu.

A variety show will follow the awards dinner. It will be held in the MSU Classroom Building Auditorium, beginning at 8:00 p.m. The show is open to the public free of charge. Donations will be accepted for the music department at Mayville State.

Mayville State's 2013 Alumni Day will wind up with a social for all Mayville State alumni and friends at the Top Hat in downtown Mayville. Everyone is welcome!

For complete details about activities planned, go to www.mayvillestate.edu/alumniday. Call 701-788-4750 or e-mail alumni.mail@mayvillestate.edu with questions.



Dr. G. Daryl Nord ('69).



Dr. Rodney Strand ('67).



Merle Boucher ('70).



Dr. Debra Follman ('82).



Curt Almlie ('66).

We want to hear from you!

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

Watch for more information about Alumni Day 2013 at www.mayvillestate.edu/alumniday. See complete details. Order dinner tickets.

All roads lead to Mayville State at Homecoming time

Several Mayville State University alumni were honored during homecoming festivities October 12 through 14, 2012.

The 2002 Mayville State baseball team; Jason Deitchler, Anoka, Minn.; and Bruce Weinreich, St. Louis Park, Minn.; were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at a dinner held Oct. 12. 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 MSU athletics.

Ron Carlson, Minnewaukan, N.D.; Dennis Horner, Grand Forks, N.D.; Kay Olson-Rabel, Lindstrom, Minn.; Richard Lee Strand, Mayville, N.D.; and Ken Towers, Grand Forks, N.D.; were each inducted into Mayville State Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame at a luncheon held Oct. 13. The purpose of this division of Mayville State's Hall of Fame is to recognize Mayville State alumni who have excelled in their careers as coaches.

Other homecoming activities included an open house at the Northern Lights Art Gallery. The 2012 homecoming exhibit featured the work of Naomi (Lindaas) Roisum ('98), a Mayville native and Mayville State alumna.

In a major announcement made Saturday morning, alumni and friends learned of a \$340,000 gift from the Edson and Margaret Larson Foundation. The gift will be used to finish the Northwest Hall alumni center project, and the building will officially be named The Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center. (See more on back cover.) Sneak peek tours of Northwest Hall were given following the announcement.

The traditional homecoming parade left from the Mayville State campus at 10:00 a.m. Oct. 13, and made its way through downtown Mayville.

The Mayville State Comets football team defeated Cole College 54-0 in the homecoming game. The MSU Athletic Hall of Fame and Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame inductees were introduced at halftime, and tailgating helped to make the afternoon even more fun for Comet fans.

Homecoming day culminated with an All-Alumni Homecoming Reunion Social from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the KT Hall in Portland, N.D. Festivities at the KT Hall included a reunion of alumni and current and former faculty members from the Division of Business and Computer Information Systems.

The grand finale for Mayville State's Homecoming 2012 activities was a concert performed by the MSU Concert Choir and Band Sunday, Oct. 14. The concert was held in the MSU Classroom Building Auditorium.

Athletic Hall of Fame inductees

The 2002 Comets baseball team amassed a 34-15-1 record, winning the Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC) regular-season, the Region III, and Plains super-regional championships, thus becoming the fourth in school history to advance to the NAIA World Series. Known for strong will and work ethic, Coach Scott Berry's squad won five consecutive loser-out games in the regional tournament to clinch the region crown. Next, the Comets swept Bellevue, Neb., the No. 4 team in the nation, in the best-of-three super-regional played at Mayville State, to advance to the national tournament in Lewiston, Idaho. There the Comets defeated No. 11-ranked Indiana Tech and No. 14-ranked Ohio Dominican to remain one of four unbeaten teams in the tournament. They ultimately fell to No. 12-ranked Albertson of Idaho and No. 2-ranked Embry Riddle of Florida. In their best-ever showing, the Comets finished fifth out of ten teams. Many players earned conference and NAIA honors, and Craig Hern, Brendan Harz, and Dan Chappel signed professional baseball contracts.

Members of the team were Clark Andres, Ryan Bergseth, Jerrod Bergstrom, Aaron Challoner, Jon Champagne, Dan Chappel, Mike Czerwieniec, Rich Dean, Jason Ellingson, Matt Fetsch, Aaron Foster, Chad Fyre, Wes Hanson, Brendan Harz, Craig Hern, Mike Higginbotham, Chris Hills, Tony Kieffer, Mike Lorz, Greg Lunski, Danny Marto, Josh McMenamy, Phil Medina, Jay O'Connor, Darcy Paterson, Dave Pearson, Danny Scholand, Lee Smith, Jared Whitehouse, and Geoff Zimmerman. They were coached by Scott Berry.

Jason Deitchler began his Comet career in 1988 as a wrestler in the 190-pound weight class, where he qualified for the NAIA national tournament. His sophomore year he moved to the heavyweight class and repeated as a national qualifier. His junior year was especially impressive, as he not only wrestled his way to the conference and District 12 championships, but also qualified for nationals a third time and earned All-America status. He repeated with all-conference and all-district honors as a senior and placed fourth in the national tournament, and thus became a two-time All-American. Deitchler graduated from Mayville State in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science degree, earning a major in computer information systems and a minor in mathematics.

Bruce Weinreich served in the U.S. Army and transferred to Mayville State from Lakewood Junior College. A two-year letterwinner in football, he played the positions of safety and punter, where he earned all-conference honors in 1977. That season he was named to the All-District 12 football defense first team and earned honorable mention NAIA All-America football honors. In 1977 he led the Comets in tackles and interceptions and was selected as the school's most valuable football player. He was named the NDCAC "Player of the Week" three times that season. Weinreich was selected as a National Football League free agent by the Denver Broncos,



"Hourglass," a painting by Naomi (Lindaas) Roisum that was featured in the homecoming show.

Dallas Cowboys, Cincinnati Bengals, and San Diego Chargers, and the Canadian Football League in 1978 and by the Broncos in 1979. Undeclared in conference play, he also lettered in tennis at Mayville State in 1978 and 1979. He graduated from Mayville State with a bachelor's degree in physical education/health in 1979.

Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame inductees

Ron Carlson spent his career in Minnewaukan, N.D., where he coached boys varsity basketball for 34 years, girls basketball for 10 years, varsity football for five years, junior varsity football for eight years, and boys and girls track for 15 years. Carlson is the third-winningest boys basketball coach in North Dakota, with a record of 578 wins and 242 losses. He coached teams in four state Class B tournaments and was named state coach of the year for Class B in 2000. He was named district coach of the year ten times and Region 4 coach of the year eight times. His teams won 12 district championships and four region championships. Ron has been on the board of directors for the North Dakota High School Activities Directors and was a two-term member of the State Class B Boys Basketball Advisory Board. He graduated from Mayville State in 1974, earning a bachelor's degree with majors in business education and physical education.

Dennis Horner was a teacher and multiple-sport coach in North Dakota Class B schools for 45 years. A 45-year football coach, he was regional coach of the year twice. A 32-year basketball coach, he was district coach of the year twice. His team played in the "B" tourney in 1973. In ten years as girls track coach, one team won the state championship in 1974, and three teams were regional champions. In 34 years, Horner's baseball teams won six district championships, two regional championships, a state championship in 1978, and a second-place finish in 1982. He was region and state coach of the year twice and was nominated for national coach of the year seven times. He was a two-time Region 6 NHSACA coach of the year. Dennis also coached Legion baseball for 32 years, taking teams to first-, second-, and third-place finishes. He was inducted into the North Dakota High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1997. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from Mayville State in 1963, majoring in business education and physical education.

Kay Olson-Rabel was a pioneer in the field of athletic programs in Minnesota, emulating her Mayville State mentor Ruth Kolsrud, who worked with the Title IX mandate in the 1970s to provide opportunities for young women who wished to pursue athletic activities. During her coaching stint at Wabasha-Kellogg Schools from 1971-80, Kay organized programs in basketball, gymnastics, and track and field. She coached volleyball and gymnastics, basketball, and track and field. She also organized a golf team. In 1981, Kay became the first female athletic director in southeast Minnesota. In 1995 she accepted a position with the Minnesota State High School League, to coordinate sub-section tournaments, hire officials, and supervise



Hall of Fame inductees took part in the homecoming parade. Pictured from left to right are Bruce Weinreich and his fiancée Renee Quinn, Rachael Deitchler, and her husband Jason.

events. Concurrently she coached volleyball and taught full-time in the mathematics department at Wabasha-Kellogg. In 2000 she began teaching full-time in the Chisago Lakes School District in Lindstrom, Minn. She retired from coaching then, but remains active in volleyball officiating. She retired from teaching in 2007, completing nearly 37 years in

education. Kay is a 1970 Mayville State graduate who earned majors in mathematics and physical education and health.

Richard Lee Strand transferred to Mayville State after attending Augsburg College and serving in the U.S. Army. He graduated with a B.A. degree in 1970, majoring in physical education and business education. His career began in 1970 in Rose Creek, Minn., where he taught business education and coached three sports. In his one-year role as head football coach there, he compiled a 5-0 record and won the league championship. From 1974-2002 Richard taught and was head coach for the consolidated district of Southland, which included Rose Creek, Adams, and Elkton. At Southland he won 186 games, captured eight conference titles and two section titles, and won the state championship in 1984. His career record is 191-104. He coached ten players who went on to play football at the college level and one player who had a career in the Arena League. He was named conference coach of the year six times, section coach once, district coach three times, and Class "C" coach of the year in 1983. He was also the outstate team coach for the 1984 All-star game.

Ken Towers was a multi-sport head coach in Bowbells, N.D. and Langdon, N.D. before moving to Grand Forks, N.D. in 1967 to teach and coach at the new Red River High School, where he was head basketball coach until 1976 and student activities director from 1969-79. Towers' boys basketball teams were state champions in 1969 and runners-up in 1968 and 1970. Over his career he coached boys basketball teams to seven regional championships and track teams to two regional championships and second- and third-place finishes in state track meets. Ken was president of the North Dakota High School Coaches Association and was NDHSCA basketball coach of the year in 1967-68. He was North Dakota's nominee for the national high school basketball coach of the year in 1977, received the NDHSCA Award of Merit in 1979, and was inducted into the NDHSCA Hall of Fame in 1987. He retired from teaching and coaching to concentrate on business endeavors and community betterment. He graduated from Mayville State in 1961, earning a bachelor's degree in physical education/coaching and business administration.

Ila LaChapelle receives prestigious presidential award

Ila LaChapelle, recently retired secondary science teacher at North Border (Walhalla, Pembina, Neche, N.D.), was one of 97 mathematics and science teachers from across the country who was named by President Obama as a recipient of the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. LaChapelle and the other awardees were recognized at an awards ceremony held in Washington, D.C. in June of 2012.

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is awarded annually to outstanding K-12 science and mathematics teachers from across the country. The winners are selected by a panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians, and educators following an initial selection process done at the state level. Each year the award alternates between teachers teaching kindergarten through 6th grade and those teaching 7th through 12th grades. The 2011 awardees who were recognized last summer teach 7th through 12th grades.

Winners of this presidential honor receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation to be used at their discretion. They were invited to Washington, D.C., not only for an awards ceremony, but for several days of educational and celebratory events, including visits with members of Congress and the Administration.

Ila and her husband, Ray, enjoyed the expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. "We were supposed to see the president, but he was on an unexpected trip to Colorado related to huge forest fires," said Ila. Vice President Joe Biden took his place.

"I visited with Senator Hoeven at his office. Washington, D.C. was beautiful, but very hot and humid the last days in June. The National Science Foundation directed many of the sessions the presidential award winners attended and financially supported many events. Recipients were treated like royalty, and



Ila LaChapelle (center) is holding the certificate signed by President Obama that she received as a recipient of the PAEMST Award. Her award was presented by Secretary of Education Arne Duncan (left). The dignitary at right is unidentified.

we enjoyed the days of feeling special and appreciated."

Ila was nominated for the presidential award by Dr. Don Hoff from Valley City State University. Her award reads "The 2011 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is presented to Ila Rae LaChapelle for embodying excellence in teaching, for devotion to learning needs of students, and for upholding the high standards that exemplify American Education at its finest." The certificate is signed by President Obama.

President Obama has committed to strengthening science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and preparing

100,000 effective science and mathematics teachers over the next decade. These commitments build on the president's "Educate to Innovate" campaign, which has attracted more than \$700 million in donations and in-kind support from corporations, philanthropies, service organizations, and others to help bolster science and technology education in the classroom.

Ila Rae (Thompson) LaChapelle graduated from Mayville State in 1972 with majors in mathematics and general science, and began a career that took her to Hope, N.D., Barnesville, Minn., Central Valley (Buxton, N.D.), and finally Walhalla, N.D. The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is one of several awards she has won. In 2007 she was named both a regional and state of North Dakota Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. In 2007 she was also named the North Dakota Outstanding Biology Teacher of the Year. Ila has been teacher/coordinator of River Watch, a Red River Basin citizen water quality monitoring program. She and her students produced a documentary about the Red River that aired on PBS. She received the Mayville State University Distinguished Alumni Award in 2008.

Several Mayville State graduates have been recipients of the PAEMST over the years. They include North Dakota winners Jon Hobbs (1984, 7-12 science), Neil Pederson (1985, 7-12 mathematics), Delise Kirkeide (1992, 7-12 science), Larry Walker (1999, K-6 mathematics), Nancy Zimney (1995, 7-12 mathematics), and Fred Strand (2010, 7-12 mathematics). AnnaDean Fugure (7-12 mathematics) won the award for the state of Wyoming in 1994.

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Allen Ralston named Administrator of Excellence



Allen Ralston.

The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named Allen Ralston, superintendent for the Clearbrook-Gonvick Minnesota School District, an Administrator of Excellence. At a statewide recognition ceremony at the MASA/MASE Spring Conference in March, Dr. Ralston was honored for his leadership, concern for students, and active involvement in

professional and community affairs. According to the MASA, Ralston's achievements reflect his ability to lead important changes in the educational system.

Ralston has served at the Clearbrook-Gonvick Minnesota School District since 2008, working to provide the best possible educational programs for students. During the 2009 Project Lead the Way National Conference, the Clearbrook-Gonvick district received a national instructional recognition award. In 2012, during the National Career Clusters Institute in Washington, D.C., the Meeder Consulting Group and the Kern Family Foundation celebrated the Clearbrook-Gonvick

district as one of the top rural STEM schools. That same year, the University of Minnesota named the district the 2012-2013 Ramp Up Readiness School.

Dr. Ralston is an active member in MASA, serving on multiple committees and presenting during conferences. He is active in his community as a member of the Gonvick American Legion, the Bears United executive council, and the Project Lead the Way statewide council. He earned his bachelor's degree in science and biology from Mayville State in 1973. He later earned a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of North Dakota, and an Ed.S. in educational leadership from the University of Minnesota.

Al's dad Bob was a longtime science professor at Mayville State.

Who do you know?

Distinguished Alumni Award Distinguished Service Award

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

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

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

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

'After Hours' social makes its way to Fargo

The ever-popular "After Hours" social made its way to Fargo and the home of Bonnie Neas ('82) Aug. 15, 2012. Bonnie and her daughter, Lisa Giger ('87), were



Lisa Giger and Bonnie Neas.

hostesses for alumni and friends from the Fargo-Moorhead and Mayville-Portland areas.

"After Hours" is a social for women held 10 to 12 times a year in the Mayville-Portland area. A community volunteer offers her home and



Jill (Moore) Carter (ex. '96), Stephanie (Moore) Winterquist ('00), and Kristi Hardy ('98) attended the "After Hours" social in Fargo.

co-sponsors the social with the help of friends who share hostess duties and provide refreshments.

A donation of \$10 is taken from each

person who attends. Each attendee has an opportunity to win a purse filled with \$50.00 worth of treasures. The purse and its contents are also donated by Mayville State supporters. Bonnie Neas and Lisa Giger donated the purse for the Fargo event, and Judy Semmens won it.

"After Hours" is sponsored by the Division of Business and Computer Information Systems. All proceeds are used to benefit the department and its students.

Mayville State hosts socials in area communities

Mayville State University representatives hosted social events in a number of area communities during the months of December, January, and February. The public was invited to “Get the Scoop” on Mayville State while enjoying refreshments.

Before Christmas, socials were held at May-Port CG High School when they hosted Griggs County Central in a varsity boys basketball game; at the Hillsboro/Central Valley versus Drayton/Valley-Edinburg varsity boys basketball game in Hillsboro; at the Larimore High School versus Park River/Fordville-Lankin varsity boys basketball game in Larimore; and at the Midway-Minto vs. Grafton High School varsity boys basketball game in Minto.

After the holidays, ice cream socials were held at the Fertile-Beltrami versus Bagley boys basketball games in Fertile, Minn.; at the Barnesville vs. Breckenridge boys basketball games in Barnesville, Minn.; and in Page, N.D., when Finley-Sharon/Hope-Page met Richland in boys basketball contests.

All alumni and friends were also invited to stop by pizza parties where they could hear the latest from Mayville State while enjoying pizza and soft drinks. The first of the pizza parties was held Jan. 16 in Dilworth, Minn. at the Pizza Ranch. The second pizza party was held at the Pizza Ranch in Cooperstown, N.D., Jan. 30. The Italian Moon in Grand Forks was the site for a pizza party held Feb. 6.

“This is the third year in which Mayville State enrollment services and alumni association personnel have teamed up to bring a taste of Mayville State out to the communities,” said Director of Alumni Affairs and Director of Marketing and Public Relations Beth Swenson. “We had a great time sharing the Mayville State story with alumni, prospective students, and the general public.”



(Left-right) Wally Feltman, Chuck Asche, and Elsie (Gilderhus) Asche ('56) had an opportunity to visit at the Mayville State social held at the Italian Moon in Grand Forks Feb. 6.

Trail County-MSU luncheon is opportunity to re-connect

A record number of people attended the annual Trail County-Mayville State reunion luncheon held in Mesa, Ariz. Feb. 12, 2013. Mayville State President Gary Hagen and his wife, Debbie, along with Director of Development John Klocke and his wife, Jan, who were representing Mayville State at the luncheon, were among the 120 people present.

The Trail County-MSU reunion has been an annual event for many years. Current and former residents of Trail County gather the second Tuesday of February in sunny Arizona to reminisce and “catch up” on the latest in Trail County and at Mayville State University.

Some of the people who attend the annual event are current or former Mayville-Portland or Trail County residents. Others who attend are connected to Mayville and Trail County through their attendance at Mayville State. Many luncheon attendees spend only winters in Arizona and have another home where they spend the rest of their time, while others are full-time Arizona residents.

Ann and Keith Anderson of Mayville, together with Shirley Gummer of Mandan, N.D., coordinated the luncheon this year. It was held at the Windemere Hotel and Conference Center in Mesa. The program included a message from keynote speaker and Mayville native Harvey Knudson, Jr. ('59). Gary Hagen and John Klocke brought greetings from Mayville State. John and his wife, Jan, provided musical entertainment. A piano was made available thanks to Western State Bank in Chandler and its president, Andy Strand ('01).

Many enjoyed an extended time of socializing in the banquet room following the luncheon.



Harvey and Melanie (Swenson) ('63) Noteboom were among those who attended the annual Trail County-MSU Luncheon in Mesa. They are pictured here with MSU President Dr. Gary Hagen (right).

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

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1950s

Rose Gudmundson ('50) was grand marshal for the 2012 Deuce of August parade in Mountain, N.D., sponsored by the Icelandic Communities Association. She retired from teaching in 1983, having spent her career teaching in Mountain, Grafton, Grand Forks, Aneta, and Walhalla, N.D., and Seattle, Wash. While teaching in Fargo, she was named the North Dakota Teacher of the Year in 1978. She lives in Fargo, where she volunteers at Bethany Homes and the Fargo-Moorhead Icelandic Klub.

Milton E. Winger ('53) lives in Grand Forks, N.D. He is a professor emeritus of mathematics at UND. His wife of 58 years, **Marjorie (Root) Winger ('53)**, died Oct. 29, 2012.

In June 2012, **Elizabeth Skalicky ('55)** celebrated her 50th anniversary as a member of the Sisters of Charity religious community at their motherhouse in Leavenworth, Kan. A lifelong educator, Sister Elizabeth currently serves at Xavier Catholic School in Leavenworth. She has been a classroom educator and administrator in North Dakota, Montana, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wyoming. The Sisters of Charity serve in the U.S. and Peru. They number 271 sisters and their ministries include education, health care, social service, pastoral service, spiritual direction, and advocacy for peace, justice, and the environment.

Beverly (Buck) Obright (ex. '58) has worked as a tutor the past five years at Marcy Open School, assisting first- and second-graders who need extra help learning to read. She lives in St. Anthony, Minn.

1960s

Alfred Zon ('61) lives in Medford, Ore. As a retired teacher, he continues to serve the community as a volunteer. He is vice president of operations and president of the shelter conference for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, where he has volunteered for 13 years.

Hank Biesiot ('67) was honored in October of 2012 when the Badlands Activity Center, the football and track and field stadium at Dickinson (N.D.) State University, was renamed the Biesiot Activity Center in recognition of the longtime Dickinson Blue Hawks head football coach.

Jesse A. O'Hara (ex. '68) was re-elected to his fifth term as a member of the Montana House of Representatives. The Great Falls Republican served in the state Senate from

1979 through 1982. He was a school administrator, teacher, and counselor for 36 years.

1970s

JoAnne (Haugen) Field ('70) retired Jan. 1, 2012 after 42 years as an accountant and lead customer service representative with Ottertail Power Co. She spent one year assisting with construction accounts and billing for the Langdon, N.D. wind farm. She lives in Langdon with her husband, Duane. They have two grown sons and three grandchildren.

Garnet Furstenau ('70) retired June 29, 2012 after nearly 17 years with the Farm Credit system, 22 years with a local bank, and three years in education. He lives in Cavalier, N.D.

Dr. Tom Seymour ('70), business information technology professor at Minot (N.D.) State University, is chair of the 2012-2013 Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee. He and two colleagues presented "iPad Apps and Techniques For You" at the North Dakota Association of Telecommunications Cooperative meeting in Bismarck in December. Seymour also presented "History of Blogging" at the Global Business Development Institution Conference held in Las Vegas in December. He chaired a Higher Learning Commission visit to the University of Akron March 4-6.

Ilene Odegard ('72) is the interim director of career services at the University of North Dakota. She assumed her new role after serving as a recruiter for UND's graduate school.

Greg White ('75) retired in February, at the conclusion of the Class A state tournament, after 37 years of coaching wrestling. Thirty of those years were spent at Jamestown (N.D.) High School, the last 13 as head coach. After graduating from Mayville State, White spent three years in Holdingford, Minn., as a mathematics teacher while serving as head coach for football and wrestling and assisting with track and field. He left Holdingford for a four-year stint at Granada-Huntley school district, where he coached football and wrestling. Greg coached both of his sons and among his many cherished moments is watching both sons win state titles. His older son, Mikkey, was a state champion as a senior in 1998 and his younger son, Daniel, won titles his final two years of high school, in 2001 and 2002. Daniel also has the school wins record at 149.

Kristine Braaten ('76) is in her second year as a visiting assistant professor in the

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officer, and vice president/business banking manager. He graduated from Dakota School of Banking in 2005. Andy and his wife, **Anita (Osland) (ex. '97)**, and their sons, Trevor and Connor, recently moved to Arizona.

Jen Matte ('02) is the director of the Sylvan Learning Center in Woodbury, Minn. After graduation she taught fourth grade and was a substitute teacher. She started working as a lead teacher for Sylvan in Grand Forks in 2004. She later moved to their Cedar Rapids, Iowa, center, where she also served as director.

Mary (Peterson) Mertens ('03) was hired in Sept. 2012 as a member relations specialist with North Dakota Farmers Union. She previously worked for the Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo Chamber of Commerce as a membership relations coordinator. She and her husband, Justin, live in Fargo.

Amy Knosalla ('05) married Mark Duchscher Oct. 20, 2012 in Fargo, N.D. She is a teacher in the Fargo Public Schools.

Blake Seibold ('05) married Ashley Neisen Oct. 20, 2012 in Moorhead, Minn. He is a capability integrations officer with the U.S. Army in Fargo. He has also served with the Army National Guard since 2002.

Air Force Airman 1st Class **Donovan S. Grund ('06)** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas in January of 2012.

John Mozinski (ex. '06) married Megan Berg Sept. 22, 2012 in Detroit Lakes, Minn. He is the vice general chairman union representative for Zone 4 of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division. Before he was elected to his union post, he worked for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway from 2007 to 2012.

Laura (Harthan) Olson ('06) joined the North Dakota Corn Council as the accounting and budgeting specialist in October of 2012. She was previously the accountant and office manager for Crown Appraisals. She recently earned an accounting degree from Minnesota State University Moorhead and will sit for the CPA exam. She lives in West Fargo with husband, Craig, and daughter, Evie.

Jared Williamson ('06), head football coach for Robert Morris University in Chicago, Ill., was named the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Independent Football Coach of the Year for the 2012 season. Williamson led the Eagles to an 8-3 record, and the team was ranked as high as 22nd in the NAIA Top 25 poll in just their second season of competition.

Lucy Lund ('07) married Benjamin Liden Dec. 31, 2012 in Grand Forks, N.D. She is a Head Start teacher with the Grand Forks Public School System. She and her husband live in Manvel, N.D.

Megan Basgaard ('08) married Michael Hanson Dec. 15, 2012 in Grand Forks. Megan is a loan administrator at The Goose River Bank in Hatton, N.D. The couple lives in rural Mayville, N.D.

Mike Peterson ('08) was a Republican candidate for the North Dakota State House in 2012. He lives in Grand Forks, where he works for a non-profit organization, Options: Interstate Resource Center for Independent Living, and owns an alternative monthly newspaper called After 5.

Laura Big Crow ('09) is women's basketball coach at Pine Ridge (S.D.) High School, her alma mater. She took her team to the South Dakota Class A state championship game in March. The Lady Thorpes earned a second-place finish in the tournament.

Brenna Fallis ('09) has been promoted to the position of program coordinator at the developmental center in Grafton, N.D.

Derek Gathman ('09) married Megan Mikelson Sept. 22, 2012 in Northwood, N.D. He is a mathematics teacher and head boys basketball coach at Devils Lake (N.D.) High School.

Mitch Greenwood ('09) is teaching seventh-grade world geography, eighth-grade U.S. History, and physical education for freshmen and sophomores at Watford City (N.D.) High School. Prior to teaching at WCHS he taught full time at Bowbells, N.D. In addition to his teaching duties, Greenwood is an assistant football coach and head wrestling coach for the Wolves.

Cassie Leraas ('09) is women's basketball coach at Glenburn (N.D.) High School. She was named North Dakota District 12 coach of the year for 2012-2013.

Breann Stottler ('09) joined Woodside Dental Care in St. Louis Park, Minn. as a registered dental hygienist. She graduated from the dental hygiene program at Herzing University in Crystal, Minn. in December of 2011.

2010s

Sara (Kraft) Bachmeier ('10) was recently hired as a loan processor at Ramsey National Bank in Devils Lake, N.D.

Nathan Horbacz ('10) is a licensed insurance agent with Town and Country Insurance in Hinckley, Minn.

Brenna Noltimier ('10) is the marketing director of Heger Industrial, a privately-held commercial real estate firm serving the Greater Los Angeles markets since 1957. She also works as an ambassador for the city of Commerce, Calif. and is a committee member of CREW (Commercial Real Estate for Women). She lives in Pasadena, Calif.

Kyle Kornkven ('11) is a help desk technician with NetWork Center, Inc., Fargo, N.D.

Lindsey Pankow ('11) married Joseph Krump Aug. 11, 2012 in Hankinson, N.D. She is a nanny in Hankinson, where her husband farms.

Josh Wastvedt ('11) is a third-grade teacher at McVay Elementary School in Williston, N.D. He is also head coach of the Coyotes girls volleyball team.

Mitch Ford ('12) is a credit analyst for Ramsey National Bank in Devils Lake, N.D.

Ariana Odegard ('12) lives in Aberdeen, S.D., where she works as an executive team leader of sales floor and guest experience for Target.

Former Staff/Faculty

Rob Larson (former faculty member) has been named vice president for communications and marketing at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Larson was an associate professor of business at MSU. He has been a faculty member at Luther since 2003. His most recent position on campus was as executive director of communication and marketing.

Comet Chocolate Chippers

(See story on page 12.)

2 sticks butter
1 1/2 cups Crisco
2 cups sugar
2 cups brown sugar
4 tsp. vanilla
4 eggs
6 cups flour
2 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. salt
2 bags chocolate chips
(milk chocolate or semi-sweet)

Mix all ingredients in order.
Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes. Makes approximately 6-7 dozen.

Honor your loved ones with a gift to Mayville State.

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

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

Memorials/Tributes listing

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

Friends & Associates ■■■■■■

Richard G. Elken, San Diego, Calif. July 29, 2012.

Adeline (Rohman) Viseth Hayes, Fargo, N.D. Oct. 7, 1922-Jan. 12, 2013.

Robert L. Oehlsen, Le Sueur, Minn. Sept. 14, 1941-Feb. 2, 2013.

Ruth (Rossow) Roden, Mayville, N.D. Mar. 26, 1923-Sept. 21, 2012.

Rudy Sandeen, Fargo, N.D. June 16, 1949-March 10, 2013.

Arlin Soholt, Moorhead, Minn., formerly of Mayville, N.D. Aug. 4, 1925-Jan. 5, 2013.

Myron D. Ulland, Mayville, N.D. Feb. 2, 1924-Aug. 13, 2012.

Alumni ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■

Gloria E. (Heglie) Adams ('57), West Fargo, N.D., formerly of Valley City, N.D. June 12, 1926-Aug. 11, 2012.

Sophine (Rakoczy) Adams ('47), Reynolds, N.D. Sept. 8, 1924-Nov. 30, 2012.

Francie (Hornbaker) Anseth, Cavalier, N.D. June 7, 1950-Oct. 25, 2012.

M. Leonard Bailey ('59), Detroit Lakes, Minn. Nov. 11, 1937-Jan. 10, 2013.

Lois (Ellingrud) Bakkum ('34), Mayville, N.D. Dec. 6, 1915-Nov. 15, 2012.

Evangeline "Vangie" (Spenst) Bartel ('53), Grand Forks, N.D., formerly of Munich, N.D., Oct. 12, 1925-Dec. 10, 2011.

Ardith (Rue) Basques (ex '69), Gilbert, Ariz. Apr. 11, 1950-Aug. 5, 2012.

William "Bud" Bengson ('56), Minot, N.D. Feb. 15, 1932-Aug. 12, 2012.

David A. Blue (ex '76), White Bear Lake, Minn. Feb. 21, 1952-Aug. 22, 2012.

Donald G. Bottrell (ex '70), Billings, Mont. July 31, 1951-Nov. 20, 2012.

Clarence M. Brekke (ex '39), Devils Lake, N.D. June 15, 1916-Dec. 13, 2012.

Jerome L. Bruce ('70), West Branch, Mich. Oct. 24, 1943-Jan. 12, 2013.

Hilda (Sigurdson) "Siggie" Cardinali ('27, '32), Carson City, Nev. Feb. 2, 1908-Sept. 9, 2012.

Selma "Sally" (Odegard) Carlson, Fergus Falls, Minn., formerly of Galchutt, N.D. Mar. 26, 1920-Nov. 12, 2012.

Jan Cuprak ('71), Hampton, Conn. Apr. 1, 1947-July 18, 2011.

Paul "Kelly" Curran ('60), Thief River Falls, Minn., formerly of Grand Forks, N.D. July 10, 1938-Dec. 21, 2012.

Sharon (Balstad) Dakken, Mayville, N.D. Jan. 13, 1947-Jan. 19, 2013.

Agnes (Bazal) Davis ('34), Grafton, N.D. Oct. 23, 1915-Oct. 12, 2012.

Carrie K. Davis ('84), Belcourt, N.D. June 18, 1958-Nov. 21, 2011.

Adeline (Karlstad) Erickson ('40, '63), Burnsville, Minn., formerly of Moorhead, Minn. Apr. 12, 1920-Jan. 11, 2013.

Edna (Aaserud) Erickson ('44, '47), Clifford, N.D. Nov. 20, 1925-Jan. 25, 2013.

Mae (Mortenson) Foard ('42), Fargo, N.D. Nov. 14, 1924-Dec. 7, 2012.

Todd M. Follman, York, N.D. June 30, 1963-Nov. 26, 2012.

Earl L. Gehrke ('50), Roseau, Minn. Dec. 28, 1928-Nov. 14, 2012.

Monica (Tisdale) George ('67), Gilby, N.D. Jan. 12, 1946-Oct. 8, 2012.

Kenneth F. Gunderson, Apache Junction, Ariz. June 28, 1930-Aug. 31, 2012.

Vernon L. Herbel ('60), Grafton, N.D. June 22, 1936-Dec. 29, 2012.

Adelaide (Loyland) Jensen ('40), Bremerton, Wash. May 1, 1922-Dec. 26, 2012.

Florence (Johnson) Korsmo ('40, '43), Fargo, N.D. Apr. 15, 1919-Jan. 21, 2013.

Phyllis (Goughnour) Kost ('43, '71), Fergus Falls, Minn., formerly of Bowdon, N.D. Feb. 5, 1923 -Dec. 11, 2012.

Clarine A. (Dahlen) Lian, Grand Forks, N.D. Mar. 16, 1929-Dec. 24, 2012.

Myron "Butch" Mastrud ('82), Bismarck, N.D. Apr. 2, 1955-Oct. 3, 2012.

Shirley (Foerster) Morstad (ex '50), Grand Forks, N.D. Mar. 31, 1932-Nov. 29, 2012.

Percy Morrison ('61), Sun City, Ariz. Oct. 30, 1939-Aug. 2, 2012.

Harriet (Knutson) Nelsen ('32), Grygla, Minn. Oct. 4, 1910-Nov. 5, 2012.

Norlin O. Nelson ('52), Maple Plain, Minn. and Mayville, N.D. Feb. 14, 1927-July 14, 2012.

Elsie (Rustebakke) O'Donnell ('39), Apple Valley, Minn., formerly of Rolla, N.D. Oct. 10, 1919-Jan. 24, 2013.

Mavis L. (Bakken) Ohnsager (ex '42), Seattle, Wash.. Oct. 30, 1922-Jan. 13, 2013.

Verna E. (Hilde) Olson, Edinburg, N.D. Aug. 9, 1918-Jan. 14, 2012.

Lyle Osmon ('49), Walnut Creek, Calif. May 5, 1925-Oct. 28, 2012.

Gerald L. Palmer ('04), Portland, N.D. Aug. 23, 1942-Nov. 29, 2012.

Ordell R. Pederson ('60), Mayville, N.D. June 23, 1927-Oct. 6, 2012.

Ronald Pederson ('58), Northwood, N.D. Jan. 23, 1936-Dec. 7, 2012.

Marcella (Johnson) Penas ('68), Edinburg, N.D. May 17, 1936-Sept. 26, 2012.

Wade M. Puppe ('02), Grand Forks, N.D. Mar. 14, 1979-Sept. 6, 2012.

Carol A. (Fox) Ritterman ('55, '86), York, N.D. Nov. 8, 1934-Dec. 15, 2012.

Collette V. (Lindberg) Roth ('35), Roseau, Minn. Apr. 5, 1916-Oct. 18, 2012.

Jane M. Rurup ('80), East Grand Forks, Minn., formerly of Devils Lake, N.D. June 27, 1956-Jan. 5, 2013.

Idella Rydland ('42, '58), Fargo, N.D. Dec. 24, 1921-Oct. 21, 2012.

Ferne T. (McLeod) Schill ('42), Hillsboro, N.D., formerly of Lakota, N.D. June 22, 1920-Jan. 17, 2013.

Marion (Aamodt) Schmidt ('43), Larimore, N.D., formerly of Petersburg, N.D. Apr. 27, 1921-July 27, 2012.

Russell "Jim" Schmoker (ex '40), Jamestown, N.D. Aug. 25, 1920-Sept. 13, 2012.

Ethan Smallbeck (ex '11), Bismarck, N.D. Feb. 27, 1992-Oct. 1, 2012.

Zona L. (Neumann) Swanson ('43, '59), Grand Forks, N.D. Nov. 14, 1923-Jan. 29, 2013.

Gary Tangen ('59), Carrington, N.D. Oct. 11, 1933-July 29, 2012.

Esther (Holm) Viger ('32), Park River, N.D., formerly of Edmore, N.D. Aug. 31, 1913-Jan. 24, 2013.

Beverly (Grinde) Volla ('53), Clifford, N.D. Nov. 7, 1929-Oct. 13, 2012.

James A. Vranza (ex '41), Bismarck, N.D. Apr. 4, 1921-July 22, 2012.

Margaret A. (Erickson) Werts ('51, '55, '59), Topsham, Maine. Oct. 5, 1932-Nov. 26, 2012.

Joyce (Hannesson) Wietstock, Cavalier, N.D. Dec. 18, 1931-Aug. 24, 2012.

Adeline (Haga) Williams, Arthur, N.D. July 22, 1914-Sept. 16, 2012.

Marjorie (Root) Winger ('53), Grand Forks, N.D. Apr. 16, 1933-Oct. 29, 2012.

Beverly (Boman) Wixo (ex '74), Larimore, N.D. Jan. 31, 1935-Jan. 30, 2013.

David D. Young (ex '65), Lakota, N.D. Dec. 20, 1946-Aug. 15, 2012.

MSU donors give more than \$100,000 using the N.D. Endowment Tax Credit

MSU donors who pay North Dakota state income tax began to see the value in the North Dakota Endowment Tax Credit in 2012, to the tune of over \$100,000 in endowment support for Mayville State University.

"When you can make a gift of \$5,000 and have a \$1,600 net cost, you can really leverage your charitable giving," said John J. Klocke, Director of Development and Planned Giving for MSU. We really promoted the benefits of this plan, which may not be around forever, and our supporters made use of a very good tax credit."

Klocke explained that for any donor paying North Dakota taxes, a gift of \$5,000 or more given to a qualified endowment at MSU earns a 40% dollar-for-dollar tax credit. That, on top of a federal tax deduction, reduces the out-of-pocket cost of a gift. Further, individuals or businesses can receive up to \$10,000 in tax credit during 2013. For a married couple, \$20,000 in tax credit can be received.

"Essentially up to \$50,000 per married couple or \$50,000 for a business can be given charitably to a qualified endowment," said Klocke, who added, "The icing on the cake is that the gift will provide endowment income forever, producing scholarships or program funding in perpetuity."

The N.D. Legislature created this tax credit a few years back, and in the past two years improved on it to make it more accessible and attractive to donors. The idea is to create an additional incentive to reward those who give to charity. Donors can choose to benefit MSU or other favorite charities.

MSU donors can also use the tax credit when funding a gift annuity which can create an attractive lifetime income, making the deal even sweeter. Take a look at the sample gifts below to see how the North Dakota Endowment Tax Credit can work.

Gift Amount	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
Federal Tax Deduction	-\$1,400	-\$7,000	-\$14,000
N.D. State Income Tax Credit	-\$2,000	-\$10,000	-\$20,000
Net Cost of Gift	\$1,600	\$8,000	\$16,000

Klocke says that because every person's tax situation is different, it is always best to consult your tax person, accountant, or CPA to see how to best utilize this potential tax and charitable giving tool.

To learn more about the North Dakota Endowment Tax Credit, visit the MSU Foundation planned-giving website at www.msugift.org. Click on the tab for North Dakota Endowment Credit or talk to your financial adviser. You can also contact John Klocke at 701-788-4787 john.j.klocke@mayvillestate.edu.

Got a will? If you need a will created or an old will updated, the best place to start is the free estate-planning website offered to alumni and friends of MSU! Watch videos, take estate quizzes, and test your knowledge. Find an estate-planning professional. Learn what you need to know to accomplish the important goal of completing a will. Visit our new 24/7 website with no obligation at all.

www.msugift.org

Reverse auction is a fabulous finale to Farmers Bowl 2012!

Farmers Bowl 2012, held Sat, Sept. 22, will go down in history as an event of firsts. For the first time, the day-long festival that teams Mayville State and the community in a celebration of the area's agricultural way of life had an overall event sponsor. Agassiz Drain Tile of Buxton, N.D. stepped up to sponsor the event with their monetary contribution. In addition, Farmers Bowl 2012 and the 16th annual Farmers Bowl Auction ended in grand style with the auction event's first-ever reverse auction that raised nearly \$10,000.

In "The BIG-4" reverse auction, every bid counted. Bidders could jump in at any level to pledge their support for scholarships, with the goal of raising \$4,000 that could be awarded in four scholarships of \$1,000 each. The total amount bid far exceeded the goal, with \$9,710 raised by 48 bidders. Funds raised in "The BIG-4" are earmarked especially for academic honor scholarships that will be offered to incoming Mayville State University freshmen.

"We are overwhelmed by the generosity of our wonderful alumni and friends who helped to make history through their participation in the wildly successful reverse auction," said MSU Director of Development John J. Klocke. "The ability to offer scholarships is instrumental in the recruitment of students. These scholarships will help to make the 'Mayville State experience' possible for more students. We are truly grateful."

Mayville State University alumni and friends and the Mayville-Portland community join each year to celebrate Farmers Bowl. This year marked the 18th annual Farmers Bowl. Highlights of the day included a 5K run/walk, parade, corn on the cob and hot dog feed, football game, and an auction held to benefit Mayville State and its students.

The Farmers Bowl festival began with the "Back Behind the Barn" 5K Run/Walk sponsored by the MSU Wellness Center. About 70 runners and walkers participated in the event coordinated by Wellness Center employee Lisa Rakowski. Taylor Palmer, a Mayville State student from Sharon, N.D., came in first. Proceeds of the run/walk will go toward the purchase of new equipment at the Wellness Center.

Led by Mayville State President Dr. Gary Hagen, who was driving Bud Strand's antique John Deere tractor, and a couple of units from Farmers Bowl sponsor Agassiz Drain Tile, farm

machinery, floats, bands, athletic teams, and much more joined to make the Farmers Bowl parade one of the best ever. The parade made its way through downtown Mayville, and ended on the Mayville State University campus.



Sue (McMullen) ('75) and Tim (ex. '74) Strand enjoyed John Klocke's tribute in song.



Roger Petersen ('95) drove his grandma's 1951 Chevy in the annual Farmers Bowl parade. His passengers include his brother Doug ('93) and Doug's wife Cindy (Enger) ('93).

The traditional Farmers Bowl Corn on the Cob and Hot Dog Feed, hosted by the Comet Athletic Club, began immediately after the parade under the tent near Jerome Berg Field. The CAC also hosted a supper for MSU athletes and the community Sept. 20.

Another first this year was the addition of organized tailgating at Mayville State's home football games. Since the Farmers Bowl game was the first home game of the season, it was also the debut for the tailgating area which is located just northwest of the field. Several gathered to show their Comet pride and enjoy refreshments and fun prior to kickoff. A new inflatable tunnel and CO2 fog made way for an exciting entrance to the field for the Comets, followed by an impressive singing of the national anthem by Mayville State freshman Shaleen Helmer from Hannaford, N.D. The Comets came out on top in the Titan Machinery Farmers Bowl Football Game, defeating Presentation College, 54-7.

The day's activities culminated with the annual Farmers Bowl Auction, coordinated by the MSU Foundation. Held in the MSU Luckasen Room, the event included both silent and live auctions. More than 200 people were treated to a spectacular array of about 160 donated items on which to bid. Many other items were given out as door prizes and prizes in a water bottle raffle. The auction items were donated by Mayville State alumni and friends from near and far, and included such things as theme dinner parties, tools, jewelry, handcrafted items, Norwegian delicacies, sports collectibles, and much more. Ultimately, the auction and other Farmers Bowl activities generated nearly \$63,000. Proceeds will be distributed by the MSU Foundation for the benefit of MSU and its students.

Tim and Sue Strand of Mayville, who have served as overall chairs of the annual Farmers Bowl festivities since 2000, have decided to step down from this role after this year. In recognition of their fantastic efforts over the years, John Klocke wrote the lyrics and sang a song to the familiar tune of "Rawhide" that served as a crowd-pleasing thank you to the Strands. The words of the song say it all, "When we think of heroes, caring super-heroes, we think of you both, Tim and Sue!"

See "Farmers Bowl" on page 31.

The MSU Foundation

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

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

Development Director's Corner

by John J. Klocke, CFRE

MSU Director of Development
and Planned Giving



In current economy, charitable gift annuity can provide MSU alumni with a guaranteed lifetime income

Have you seen the rates on certificates of deposit lately? If you are like me, half a percent interest doesn't really do much for retirement incomes. If you want a better retirement income from a CD, savings account, IRA, annuity, or other poor-performing assets, you might be interested in Mayville State University Foundation's new Charitable Gift Annuity program. As a planned-giving professional with over 20 years of experience helping folks make charitable gifts that benefit donors with a lifetime income stream, I've seen the gift annuity do much good for donors and later on for our charity. Here are the key benefits to the gift annuity:

- Guaranteed income stream for one or two lives;
- Generous federal and state income tax deduction (qualifies for the North Dakota Endowment Tax Credit);
- Partially tax-free income;
- Makes a gift to MSU at the end of life to help us continue our mission to help students;
- Attractive guaranteed rates of return for seniors age 65 and older.

MSU can offer you higher retirement income now, while you help MSU later, and with the low returns available in the marketplace, a gift annuity just might fit your situation. Take a look at a sampling of rates to the right. As you grow older, you qualify for a higher rate.

If you would like to see how a gift annuity would work for you, simply request a confidential information packet with a benefit illustration based on your age(s) by filling out and mailing in the coupon below. This benefit for seniors is one of the great planned-gift opportunities we offer. You can also see information by doing a gift annuity calculation online at www.msugift.org or by calling me at 701-788-4787.

Sample Gift Annuity Rates

(based on donor age)

Age of Donor	Rate
70	5.1%
75	5.8%
80	6.8%
85	7.8%
90	9%

Confidential Gift Annuity Request Card

I'm interested in a ☐ one-life ☐ two-life annuity (Check one.)

Birthdate of first person: _____ Birthdate of second person: _____
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Amount of gift annuity investment: \$ _____ (\$10,000 minimum)

Funded by: ☐ Cash ☐ Stock (saves capital gains tax) ☐ IRA ☐ Home (can still live in for life)

Name (s) _____

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Return this coupon by mail to

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Director of Development & Planned Giving
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For Storhaugs, endowment credit is a way to give a student a chance

For MSU alumni Nick ('74) and Lavonne (Sevigny) (ex. '71) Storhaug, creating a permanent endowment fund using the North Dakota Endowment Tax Credit was the perfect way to give back to a school that gave them so much. Nick, now a CPA, feels attending Mayville State was the best decision he ever made.

"If you want to talk return on investment, I can't think of a better return than going to MSU, meeting the woman of my dreams, getting a chance at an education when I didn't think I could make it in college, and then having a career as a teacher, coach, and now a CPA," said Nick.

"Nick first noticed me at the cafeteria when he was working as a student. It was one of the many jobs he worked to earn his way through college," said Lavonne. "I'm glad he noticed me." The two were married after Nick graduated in 1974.

Nick worked hard at his college studies and was thankful for his parents' financial help.

"Mom and Dad would sell a cow or steer and that would take care of a quarter." Nick was the first one in his family to get through college.

"I wasn't college material, or at least so I thought, but I had great teachers like Al Meyer who took me under their wing and helped me get accustomed to college. At the time, I didn't realize what a great mentor Al and all of our Mayville State teachers and coaches were. I was a kid who was lucky to graduate from high school and lucky that Mayville gave me a chance."

That chance is what Nick and Lavonne gave their kids, and now they have started an endowment to give other kids a chance. Through their permanent endowment, they will help students who might have financial need.

The Storhaugs used the North Dakota Endowment Tax Credit to help them establish the endowment. The credit allows an individual or business to make a gift (minimum of \$5,000 in one year) to a qualified endowment. The gift qualifies them for a 40% tax credit.

"It was like icing on the cake," said Nick. "Here we are creating a legacy and getting a big tax credit back, so the cost of the gift is reduced greatly. That will allow us to reach the MSU Foundation minimum endowment funding level sooner."

For every \$5,000 the Storhaugs give, they qualify for a federal tax deduction, saving them out-of-pocket tax payment, and they also receive a 40% tax credit which is a dollar-for-dollar credit. For the average taxpayer in say the 28% tax bracket, a \$5,000 gift would have a net cost of just \$1,600.

"You have to commend North Dakota lawmakers for finding a great way to promote private support for higher education. It is such a worthwhile goal," said Nick.

As a successful CPA, entrepreneur, and citizen of Lisbon, N.D., the same town where Nick coached wrestling for 20 years, Nick wants to remind business owners that the North



The Nick and Lavonne Storhaug family. Pictured in the front (left-right) are Nick, granddaughter Elizabeth, LaVonne, and daughter-in-law Jan. Grandson Nicholas is seated on his mom's lap. In the back are sons Tyler and Brady.

Dakota Endowment Tax Credit is not just for individuals, but for business owners as well.

"I think the fact that corporations can also get this same tax credit while providing scholarship dollars needs to be publicized. It's a great idea."

"We are pleased that so many individuals and businesses are using the North Dakota Endowment Tax Credit," said MSU Director of Development John J. Klocke. "The future success of MSU can be greatly strengthened through the power of endowment."

Said Nick, "We want our lives and the good things we've done to continue. We don't want people to forget us. We believe in endowment giving because it will be here long after we are gone."

To receive a North Dakota Endowment Tax Credit Information Kit, contact John Klocke at 701-788-4787 or john.j.klocke@mayvillestate.edu.

Turners create endowment to remember George Henry Niemeier

"We wanted to do something to remember my brother George Henry Niemeier and we wanted to help the music program at Mayville State," said Clara Mae (Niemeier), who, with her husband Robert, created a special family endowment for music students in memory of her brother, George.

"Music was a big part of my life and an important part of my education," said Clara Mae, who after her education at

MSU taught public school music and piano lessons for decades. "Music made a difference for me, and my brother loved music too. It seemed a fitting tribute."



Bob and Clara Mae (Niemeier) ('50) Turner.

Farmers Bowl (continued from Page 28)

Mayville State graduate Florence Korsmo of Fargo was the winner of the \$1,000 cash prize in the Farmers Bowl Cash Fundraiser that was offered to



alumni and friends all over the United States. Florence chose to return her winnings as a gift to Mayville State. (*Sadly, Florence passed away in January.*) Mayville State graduate Doug Anderson of Cavalier, N.D., painted and donated a watercolor that was raffled. The painting, entitled "MSU's Guiding Light" features the lighted pillar that marks the way to the entrance of Mayville State's historic Old Main. Mayville State graduate Kelly Morrison, Mayville, donated the cost of framing Anderson's original artwork. Winner of the painting was MSU's vice president for academic affairs Keith Stenehem. Proceeds of the Farmers Bowl Cash Fundraiser and the raffle of the painting are included in the total revenue for Farmers Bowl 2012.

"Farmers Bowl is the product of many great volunteers working together for the good of Mayville-Portland and Mayville State University. We are very grateful for all who get involved with Farmers Bowl," said Mayville State President Gary Hagen. "From the people who do the physical work, to those who attend and participate in the events, to those who donate items for the auction, and those who attend the auction and make purchases, Farmers Bowl is a great team effort. We appreciate all that is done to make Farmers Bowl a success year after year. I add a special note of thanks to the first-ever sponsor of Farmers Bowl, Agassiz Drain Tile, owned by partners Ross Johnson, Derek Peterson, and Neal Johnson. Because of their generosity, Mayville State and its students will experience even greater benefits as a result of the annual Farmers Bowl activities."

Committees for next year's Farmers Bowl are forming now. If you're interested in getting involved, contact the MSU Foundation at 701-788-4750.

See additional event photos on inside back cover.

You may remember George Henry. He sang in the church choir with his father and brother, or perhaps you knew him from his days serving the Portland Credit Union or at Mayville Motors. He was a man with a love for life, a man with a good sense of humor, a positive outlook, and a love of the great outdoors.

Initially, Clara Mae met with John Klocke from the MSU Foundation to establish the endowment, using some of the proceeds of George Henry's estate. Clara Mae's husband Robert helped and added to the fund, pushing it beyond the scholarship \$15,000 level.

"I spent most of my career as an administrator in higher education," said Robert. "I know that scholarships help strengthen a university and I wanted to help my lovely wife do something very special in memory of her brother."

The Turners reside in Florida and have invited their family, friends, and anyone wishing to help music students to contribute to their general music endowment. They are thankful for the many gifts that have been added since the endowment was established.

The Turners are also blessed to have personally known and visited many times with Anne and Merwyn Green. Mr. Green was a longtime Mayville State music professor and conductor whose own named endowment produces support for music at Mayville State each year. Green resided in Florida until the time of his death. He was happy to see the Turners as visitors from time to time.

The Turners' endowment was a big addition to the 2012-2013 Music Makers membership drive, which received gifts from 64 different families in support of music scholarships and the music minor program. The endowment gift also makes the Turners members of the 1889 Legacy Leadership Circle, which recognizes endowment gifts, as well as current and future planned gifts from estates of alumni and friends. The 1889 Legacy Leadership Circle will have its first recognition event in the Larson Alumni and Leadership Center once it is dedicated.

For more information about Music Makers, the 1889 Legacy Leadership Circle, or how to create an endowment, contact Director of Development John Klocke at 701-788-4787 or john.j.klocke@mayvillestate.edu. You can also find information on legacy gifts at www.msugift.org.

Comet Athletic Club supports athletics to the max

Operating under the umbrella of the MSU Foundation, the Comet Athletic Club is the fundraising body for Mayville State University Athletics. The mission is to provide athletic scholarships for students, with a goal of providing \$97,500 per year. When athletic participation is high, enrollment is higher and MSU is stronger financially. Athletics has led the way in Mayville State's recent record enrollment.

The CAC works to build a spirit of camaraderie among those who enjoy athletic competition and believe that this type of experience benefits the students. CAC members help to provide golden opportunities for many young people who wish to attend college and participate in athletics. Without scholarships, many of these students might not be able to attend college.

The Comet Athletic Club is led by a very active and dedicated board of directors who work tirelessly to ensure that there is sufficient funding for athletic scholarships. Major fundraising activities each year include the annual membership drive, the Sportsmen's Raffle, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for girls and boys, and the Harvey McMullen Open Golf Tournament. Board members also host the world-famous corn on the cob and hot dog feed held each year as a part of the Farmers Bowl festivities. In addition, they've provided a supper for Mayville State athletes, coaches, and others as a pre-Farmers Bowl activity for the past several years.

The CAC sponsored their sixth annual Sportsmen's Raffle in 2012. The raffle event, held Sept. 8 in the National Guard Armory in Mayville, was an over-the-top success and netted about \$39,000! The highlight of the event was a 55-gun giveaway. Those who purchased the \$100 tickets had a one-in-ten chance of winning.

Finley Motorsports of Finley, N.D. sponsored the raffle of a 2012 Polaris 500 Ranger all-terrain vehicle. Eight cash consolation prizes were awarded in this raffle as well. Hunter (N.D.) Implement donated a 22-gun John Deere gun safe that was

awarded in a raffle held the evening of Sept. 8. Numerous other side raffles and games were held as well.

Ticket holders were treated to a fabulous meal provided by Gail Schumann and MSU Dining Services. PLS provided a cash bar and donated a portion of their proceeds to the cause.

With 284 members to date, the Comet Athletic Club has well-exceeded its goal of 225 members for 2012-2013. The club is slightly short of its \$70,000 goal, as \$66,448.36 had been raised as of

April 8. The membership drive kicked off last fall with a phonathon that made a big impact in bringing the membership drive to current levels. A group of five student callers contacted Mayville State alumni and friends from across the country and asked for their support for the CAC. Nearly 900 calls were made and more than \$5,600 in pledges was committed. The phonathon served not only as a good fundraiser, but also as an opportunity to make connections with alumni and friends.

Forty-one teams from up and down the Red River Valley and as far west as Underwood participated in the annual CAC 3-on-3 basketball tournament at the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse March 23. The Comet Athletic Club 3-on-3 basketball tournament is a wonderful example of the great things that can happen when good people come together for a worthy cause. The tournament has provided young people with the opportunity to have fun with basketball and a chance to experience a day at Mayville State, while helping to raise much-needed funds for scholarships for Mayville State University athletes.

The CAC 3-on-3 basketball tournaments were established in 1995 and are going strong nearly 20 years later. The idea and organization behind the tournaments came from two entrepreneurial Mayville State alumni, Tim Garrett ('78) and Neil Lurfald ('76). They have coordinated the annual tournaments for girls and boys each year since 1995. This year, Comet Athletic Club board member Tami Parker led the way, with continued assistance from Garrett and Lurfald.

While the Comet Athletic Club is led by a fantastic group of volunteer board members (listed on page 1 of this issue of MSU Today), they are joined in their efforts by scores of Comet boosters from near and far. The success of the Comet Athletic Club in providing scholarship assistance for Mayville State student athletes is definitely a team effort and one that is extremely valuable, not only to the students as individuals, but to the university as a whole.



At the 2012 Sportsmen's Raffle event, MSU President Gary Hagen (right) recognized Comet Athletic Club board member Harlan Johnson ('82) for his tremendous efforts in founding and spearheading the annual Sportsmen's Raffle from its beginning in 2007.



Teresa Orr ('06, '10), Mayville, won the ATV raffle at the 2012 Sportsmen's Raffle event.



Jacob Spies and Sam Hyman calling MSU alumni during the annual fund drive.

Scholarship drive breaks records

Thanks to the generosity of MSU alumni and friends from coast to coast, more than \$117,000 has been raised for annual and endowed scholarships so far in 2012 and 2013.

"We have had a great response to our appeals, phonathons, and special events," said Meghan Hovde, MSU Foundation development associate and coordinator of the annual giving efforts for the scholarship drive. "The increase in fund-drive participation allows us to remain competitive in recruiting quality students."

Hovde gives much credit to a troop of hard-working students who work tirelessly during phonathons, reaching out to alumni and friends to ask for their financial support so that incoming and current students may have the help that a scholarship offers.

"Because of these scholarships many students who wouldn't otherwise have a chance are given the opportunity to earn a college education. Many of our generous donors know, through their own experiences, what a difference a scholarship can make. We named this year's campaign the Dream Makers Campaign and it will truly make dreams come true for many students," Hovde said.

In addition to the scholarship drive goal of \$65,000, which was exceeded in this year's efforts, there are a host of special events like Farmers Bowl, Tables du Jour, and the Comet Athletic Club membership drive that provide more than an additional \$100,000 each year.

"We are blessed to have some very active groups of volunteers who make it possible for us to increase the scholarship awards each year," Hovde said, and then added, "Without volunteers we could not accomplish this."

Hovde also points to the volunteers on the MSU Foundation Board who steward the funds that are raised both for endowment and annual giving.

"The finance committee works closely with us to monitor our funds and investments and to stretch our resources as far as possible so we can do the most good."

As a new scholarship fund drive goal is set for the 2013-14 year, Hovde is thankful that hundreds of generous donors provide support every year.

Music Makers campaign ends on high note

In its second year, the Music Makers Club has reached a new record level of support for students in choir and band and those enrolled in the music minor program at Mayville State. This year, 64 members from across the U.S., mostly MSU alumni and friends, helped Music Makers not only reach the \$25,000 goal, but exceed it dramatically with more than \$45,000 raised. And further, two endowments have been established to also provide continuous support. The George Henry Niemeier Memorial Music Scholarship was established by Clara Mae and Robert Turner, and an additional endowment was established by Mike and Annette Bakken.

"We are so pleased that once again students in band or choir will be able to receive scholarships to help them as they pursue their education at MSU," said Mike Bakken, associate professor of music and director of the MSU band and choir. "In 2012, we had over 70 students enroll in a music course, and the interest is high," said Bakken, who added that participating in band or choir adds an enriching dimension to a student's education.

"We know that many students, especially freshmen, need scholarship support to pursue an education," said John J. Klocke, director of development for Mayville State University. "Every scholarship dollar counts and the Music Makers scholarships are tailor-made for students with a passion for music. For many students who came from a high school band or choir experience, this opportunity continues their ability to pursue an interest along with their major field of study." Klocke added that education majors who pick up a minor in music are also more employable, especially in rural schools where an ability to add music to the curriculum is a plus.

This year Music Makers was promoted at every concert, and the membership list is growing longer each year. Much like the Comet Athletic Club which supports students with athletic scholarships, Music Makers helps students who are interested in music, and their musical enrichment also provides concert experiences enjoyed by the entire Mayville community.

The 2014 Music Makers Campaign will officially kick off July 1, 2013, and proceeds will benefit students in the 2014-15 school year. Gifts for the 2014 campaign can be made ahead of the kick-off date by mailing to MSU Foundation, 2014 Music Makers Campaign, 330 Third St. NE, Mayville, N.D. 58257, or you may call the MSU Foundation at 701-788-4687.

See list of 2013-2014 Music Makers at
www.mayvillestate.edu/musicmakers.

'A Sparkling Affair' is a shining success

Start with sold-out ticket sales, and add glistening décor, scrumptious refreshments, fabulous handcrafted jewelry items, fun games, and wonderful musical entertainment.



(Left to right) Jennifer Kohls, Debbie Hagen, and Loree Stenehjelm were the organizers of "A Sparkling Affair."

Top it off with twinkling diamond grand prizes, and you have the perfect combination for a fundraiser that shines as brightly as any star in the sky.

"A Sparkling Affair," an event to benefit a hospitality project for Mayville State University's Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center, was an overwhelming success. The gala event attended by more than 200 was held Thursday evening, Feb. 28, 2013, in the MSU Campus Center Luckasen Room. Proceeds of the event are about \$8,500.

Proceeds will be used to provide items needed for hosting gatherings at Mayville State's future alumni and leadership center. Historic Northwest Hall, located on the Mayville campus, is being renovated for this purpose. Major funding for the renovation project has been provided by the Edson and Margaret Larson Foundation. Items to be purchased through the hospitality project include a stove, refrigerator, serving needs, and more.

Those who attended "A Sparkling Affair" could participate in a variety of games and activities throughout the evening. In addition, they were each eligible to win one of 24 jewelry items handcrafted and donated by event organizers Jennifer Kohls and Debbie Hagen. A "Bid or Buy-It-Now" silent auction contained 13 of Kohls' and Hagen's creations.

Several May-Port community members served as models and showed off the handcrafted jewelry during the evening.

Riddle's Jewelry came on board as a major sponsor for "A Sparkling Affair." The company donated two \$500 Riddle's shopping sprees, as well as three beautiful diamond jewelry pieces. These items were given away as grand prizes in the games played throughout the evening. Adam Jordan, assistant manager of the Riddle's store in Grand Forks, N.D., and Peggy Johnson, regional manager out of Fargo, attended "A Sparkling Affair," and were available to answer questions and assist with grand prize presentations.



In the "Puttin' for the Ritz" game, people could purchase a chance to putt. They could sink their putt (or not) and have a chance

to win one of the \$500 Riddle's shopping sprees. Winners of the shopping sprees were Nancy Fyre and Rob Lauf.

The grand finale for the evening was the naming of the winners in the Riddle's Treasure Hunt game. For just \$10, a person could purchase a ticket and a chance to win one of three fabulous diamond jewelry items selected by the purchaser. For \$20, the purchaser's name went into the drawing for all three of these grand-prize jewelry items.

First prize, a $\frac{3}{4}$ carat diamond pendant (retail value of \$2,000), was won by Mark Skean. Second prize, a Comet blue diamond ring (retail value of \$1,070), was won by Laura Grinde. Third prize was a pair of diamond solitaire earrings with a retail value of \$500. Kim Kylo won the earrings.

The success of "A Sparkling Affair" was due to the great teamwork of many people. Jennifer Kohls and Debbie Hagen were joined by Loree Stenehjelm as an organizer and co-chair of the event. Many of their friends assisted them by selling tickets, decorating, sharing their resources, and assisting with various activities throughout the evening.

"We are grateful to Jennifer, Debbie, Loree, and all of their friends who put their hearts and souls into making sure that 'A Sparkling Affair' would be an event to remember," said MSU Director of Development John Klocke. "Their over-the-top efforts, combined with the generosity of all who attended the event and the sponsorship of Riddle's Jewelry, have gone a long way to providing the things we'll need to make folks feel at home when they visit our future alumni center."

Additional sparkling touches to the evening included a vocal performance of "Great Love Songs" by John Klocke. Caterer Christine Holweger and her crew served up a beautifully displayed array of delicious hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar was provided by PLS.

Another "A Sparkling Affair" event will be held in 2014.



Laura Grinde (right) is about to open the box containing her grand prize winning, a Comet blue diamond ring, donated by Riddle's Jewelry. She is assisted by Riddle's representative Adam Jordan (left) and MSU Director of Development John Klocke (center).

Scholarship recipients and donors recognized



Shantel Helmer, Hannaford, N.D., (left) received the Thomas Bachmeier Music Scholarship. She is pictured above with scholarship benefactor Bernell Bachmeier.

The “power of scholarships” was the theme for the annual brunch hosted by the MSU Foundation for Mayville State scholarship recipients and their families, together with the scholarship donors. Nearly 100 people attended the brunch held October 27 in

the MSU Campus Center. Gate City Bank was the first-ever financial sponsor for the event.

Student speakers were freshman Stephanie Wieler from Walhalla, N.D. and senior Adam Petkau from Morden, Manitoba. Mayville State University Distinguished Alumni Award recipient and 1963 graduate Ole Aarsvold, Blanchard, N.D., addressed the audience regarding the importance of scholarships for students in pursuit of their educational goals and dreams.

Through the generosity of alumni and friends, the MSU Foundation was able to award academic and/or athletic scholarships to 350 students for the 2012-2013 academic year. Scholarship awards totaled \$290,515. In addition to the scholarships provided directly through the work of the Foundation, athletic scholarships totaling \$187,732 were made available to 140 student-athletes. Funding for these scholarships is made possible through the efforts of the Comet Athletic Club, a gift from Connie and Gary Tharaldson, and the fundraising projects of Mayville State’s athletic teams.

For 2012-2013, Honor and Leadership Scholarships totaling \$96,000 were awarded to 74 freshmen, 20 transfer students, and 10 returning students. Endowed and restricted scholarships amounted to \$100,125 distributed in 198 awards. Mayville State awarded Dollars for Scholars matching awards totaling \$4,350 to 16 returning students.

In 2011, Mayville State University began offering scholarships to students who had enrolled in Mayville State dual credit courses while in high school. Dual credit scholarships totaling \$12,940 were awarded to 16 freshmen this year.

Nelson Family Scholarships have been awarded to eight non-traditional students. The total amount awarded for 2012-2013 is \$41,000. The Nelson Family Endowed Scholarship was made possible through a \$1 million donation from a generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

Seventy-six Mayville State students are the recipients of music participation scholarships totaling \$35,500. The scholarships have been funded through a gift from Ewen Farm and proceeds from the annual Tables du Jour event and the Trailblazers concert, as well as other fundraising efforts.

“The scholarship brunch provided a wonderful opportunity for scholarship recipients and scholarship donors to connect,” said MSU Director of Development John J. Klocke. “We are grateful to our many generous alumni and friends who are helping to make dreams come true for college students through their financial contributions in the form of scholarships.”

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Top donors recognized at Honor Society President's Dinner

The sixth annual MSU Foundation Honor Society President's Dinner was held Friday evening, Nov. 16, on the campus of Mayville State University. The event is held each year to recognize and thank members of the MSU Foundation Honor Society for their support for Mayville State University. Honor Society members have contributed a total of \$10,000 or more to Mayville State.

The MSU Foundation board members and staff, together with Mayville State University President Dr. Gary Hagen and his wife, Debbie, hosted the event. Bell State Bank & Trust of Fargo, the first-ever event sponsor, supported the event with their financial contribution. Several Bell State representatives were among the approximately 100 people who attended the Nov. 16 dinner.

The MSU Foundation Honor Society recognizes those who have made cumulative financial contributions of \$10,000 or more to Mayville State University through the MSU Foundation. The group is organized into clubs based on various giving levels. The Bronze Club includes donors of \$10,000-\$24,999; the Silver Club, donors of \$25,000-\$49,999; the Gold Club, donors of \$50,000-\$99,999; the Platinum Club, donors of \$100,000-\$249,999; the Diamond Club, donors of \$250,000-\$499,999; the Ambassador Club, donors of \$500,000-\$749,999; the Legacy Club, donors of \$750,000-\$999,999; and the Founder, donors of \$1,000,000 and more. The Honor Society roll currently includes 168 giving members, including individuals, couples, businesses, and other organizations.

The program included student reflections from Adam Petkau, a physical education major from Morden, Manitoba, and Eric Domier, a business administration major from Mayville. Adam and Eric shared their feelings about how receiving scholarships has made a difference in their lives. On behalf of all Mayville State student scholarship recipients, they thanked Honor Society members for their support. Musical entertain-

ment was provided by Jeremy and Jessica Marquardt of Mayville.

During the evening, 13 new Honor Society members and eight current Honor Society members who have reached greater levels of support during the past year were recognized. In addition, the Outstanding Philanthropist Award was presented to 1961 Mayville State graduate Donald Grage.

Donald Grage is a native of Hunter, N.D. He has been a great supporter of Mayville State University and has honored his family members by starting a number of endowments with the MSU Foundation, including the Harry Grage, Elvina Grage, and Dolores Grage Winger Endowments. He also established the Donald Grage Class of 1961 Endowment several years ago. Don's parents, Harry and Elvina, did not have the opportunity to attend college, but they placed a high value on education and encouraged their children to attend college. Donald's brother Dennis and now-deceased sister Delores are also graduates of Mayville State. In honoring Donald for his generosity and commitment to Mayville State, Bell State Bank & Trust made a \$1,000 contribution to the Donald Grage Class of 1961 Endowment through their event sponsorship.

"The Honor Society President's Dinner provided a wonderful opportunity to thank our many friends and alumni for their loyal and generous support for Mayville State in a beautiful setting," said MSU Director of Development John J. Klocke. "There are so many who are making an impact on the lives of others through their support. We are truly grateful."

For more about the Honor Society, contact John Klocke at 701-788-4787 or john.j.klocke@mayvillestate.edu.



See event photos at right.

Mayville State's first-ever Poinsettia Ball a sold-out success

Continuing the tradition of the Holiday Gala, the MSU Foundation sponsored the first-ever Poinsettia Ball at Mayville State University Saturday evening, Dec. 8. Highlighted by the music of the fabulous Downtown Horns of Grand Forks, the evening included dancing, socializing, and an hors d'oeuvres buffet for the enjoyment of all who attended.

Downtown Horns provided dancing favorites including hits by Chicago and others, as well as some holiday tunes, for a gathering of about 120 people who danced the night away. The nine-member band's trombone player, Lynn Schroeder from Cavalier, N.D., is a Mayville State alumnus.

The celebration was a hit, and in response to several requests for encores of the event, Poinsettia Ball 2013 has been scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 14.





MSU Foundation Honor Society President's Dinner 2012



Donald Grage was named Philanthropist of the Year.



Bell State Bank & Trust sponsored the event.



Members of the former Blanchard Lutheran Church were recognized.



Dick and Cleone Whelan joined the Bronze Club this year.

Scenes from

Mayville State University FARMERS BOWL 2012



Cassie (Braaten) Olson (ex. '04) and Danielle Soholt ('08) had fun at the 5K run/walk.



Derek Peterson and Ross Johnson from Agassiz Drain Tile headed up the parade.



The Comets made a grand entrance at the football game.



Keith Stenehjerm wowed the auction crowd with his magic.



Jon Ewen (left), president of the MSU Foundation Board, and Doug Anderson ('74), volunteer project coordinator, reveal the new name for Northwest Hall at the Oct. 13 announcement.



Julie Barner (left) and Doug Christensen, members of the Larson Foundation Board of Directors, made a presentation representing the Foundation's \$340,000 gift to the MSU Foundation alumni center project.

Larson Foundation gives \$340,000 to finish alumni and leadership center

The Edson and Margaret Larson Foundation has given a gift of \$340,000 that will finish the MSU Foundation project to save historic Northwest Hall and turn it into a first-class alumni center. The announcement was made at a Homecoming 2012 gathering held Oct. 13 at the MSU Campus Center Foyer. Northwest Hall will be named "Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center."

Northwest Hall was built in 1911 as an infirmary for sick students. The building has served a number of purposes over the years, including the college president's home, dormitory space, student medical offices, and married-student housing. Now the building will be completely renovated into a shining new home for Mayville State University alumni.

"It is so fitting that we will be able to name the building after longtime Mayville residents Edson and Margaret Larson," said Doug Anderson. "The building will be filled with the names of people who care about Mayville State University, and we are thrilled that the beautiful package will be wrapped up with the Larson name."

The Edson and Margaret Larson Foundation was established through the estate of Edson Larson, whose bequests included the establishment of a premier leadership scholarship for North Dakota students. Edson and Margaret Larson were married in 1955 at the governor's mansion in Bismarck, N.D. Margaret's father, Clarence Norman Brunsdale, was governor at the time. The Larsons made their home in Mayville, where Edson farmed most of his life. Margaret continues to reside in Mayville.