



Native American culture celebrated

The Native American Cultural Awareness Club is sponsoring the Native American Cultural Celebration through Thursday (Nov. 15).

“The objective of the events is to celebrate Native Americans’ exercising of self-sovereignty in education, health, family, spirituality and goal setting,” said Annette Mennem, Native American Center director.

Remaining events, which are free and open to the public, include:

•Wednesday (Nov. 14) — "Impact of Oil Development on a Cultural Landscape" presented by Calvin Grinnell, tribal historic preservation, Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation, in Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m. This is in conjunction with the Northwest Art Center lecture series.

•Thursday (Nov. 15) — "What You Want to Know about the Native American Culture but were Afraid to Ask," a panel discussion with Native American elder Pat Wilkie and MSU faculty Harry Hoffman and Nelrene Yellow Bird in the Conference Center, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

•Thursday (Nov. 15) — “Native American Storytelling” discussed by Brenda Slater and “Diversity in Native American Cultural Dance” outlined by Jodi Hajicek in the Conference Center, 2 to 3:15 p.m. Both Slater and Hajicek are from the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

For questions, contact Mennem at 858-3365 or annette.mennem@minotstateu.edu.



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PIO update

“’Tis the season!”

I imagine we are going to be hearing that a lot soon enough. In fact, I am almost certain Walmart has been playing Christmas music since before Halloween.

At MSU, this is the time of year when talent in its entire splendor is put on display almost nightly. Between now and Dec. 19, there are 14 different MSU musical events to attend; two separate theater productions; 10 home athletic events; four distinct Northwest Art Center gallery displays; a clothing sale in the bookstore; two lectures and a passport drive, all of which are open to the public.

During the next six weeks of holiday frenzy, whether you prefer the athletic tension of a well-played game, the artistic expression of musicians and actors, or the quiet solitude of the gallery, know that somewhere on the MSU campus, you will find your personal way to celebrate the season.

Visit www.minotstateu.edu to discover more.

— Susan Ness,
public information director

Freezin’ for a Reason: Awareness of homelessness and hunger Nov. 17

The Minot State University Student Social Work Organization and Minot Area Homeless Coalition are sponsoring “Freezin’ for a Reason” at Minot’s Town & Country Center parking lot Saturday (Nov. 17) from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. as part of the National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, Nov. 10-18.

“We (SSWO members) are standing out in the freezing cold on Saturday to help promote awareness and raise money for the homeless,” said Ashley Barczewski, event co-organizer. “We are collecting money, canned goods, dried foods and anything that can help the Homeless Coalition.”

The participants stand in the cold and “freeze” to experience homelessness. Individuals can participate by dropping off food or monetary contributions at the parking lot or by “freezing” with the SSWO members.

For questions about the Minot event, contact Dionne Spooner, SSWO faculty advisor, at 858-3142 or dionne.l.spooner@minotstateu.edu or SSWO members at sswo@minotstateu.edu.



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MSU and USPS hold passport drive during IEW

Minot State University's Office of International Programs and the Minot office of the United States Postal Service are sponsoring their fifth passport drive Thursday (Nov. 15) in the Multicultural Center (Student Center, first floor), 3-6:30 p.m. The passport drive offers an easy, convenient way for MSU faculty and staff, American students and community members to apply for a passport book or card. The event is one of many activities planned on the MSU campus in celebration of International Education Week.

IEW (Nov. 12-16) is a nationwide effort to prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the U.S. To learn about other IEW activities, visit <http://www.minotstateu.edu/international/>.

OIP and USPS-Minot started passport drives after the U.S. Department of Homeland Security made it mandatory to show a passport when traveling between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico and other places in Latin America, effective June 2009. In response to requests from border communities for a less expensive, more portable alternative to the traditional passport book, the U.S. Department of State began issuing a passport card. The card would be beneficial to anyone who frequently travels across the border, such as truck drivers or farmers. However, it cannot, even in emergency situations, be used for travel by air.

Passport books cost \$135 for adults and \$105 for minors 16 years and under. Passport cards cost \$55 for adults and \$45 for those 16 years and under. The passport drive will also provide passport photos on location for an extra \$15. To see a complete list of documents required to submit a passport book or card application, visit http://www.minotstateu.edu/international/event_001.shtml.



MSO to perform 'Minot Meets Mahler' Saturday

Saturday (Nov. 17), the Minot Symphony Orchestra will present "Minot Meets Mahler," featuring DeVera Bowles, soprano, in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Gustav Mahler (1860-1911) was a late-Romantic Austrian composer who became popular for his emotionally charged and subtly orchestrated symphonies. He was also a respected conductor and served as the director for the Vienna Opera, the New York Philharmonic and the Metropolitan Opera in the late 1800s.



Bowles

Bowles, associate professor of voice, has taught at Minot State University for 18 years. She has established a strong reputation as a performer, teacher, clinician and adjudicator.

Symphony patrons are invited to join Erik Anderson, associate music professor, for a 6:30 p.m. preconcert lecture for an inside look at the symphony program and what to listen for during the performance.

For more information or to purchase tickets, go to <http://www.minotstateu.edu/symphony/>.

Theatre students write and perform 'Freshmen 10'

Minot State University Theatre presents "Freshmen 10" Thursday through Saturday (Nov. 15-17) at 7:30 p.m. "Freshmen 10," a series of 10-minute plays written by students and performed in Hartnett Hall's Black Box Theater, includes:

•"Please Hold," written by Brittany Armstrong and directed by Carlen Gilseth. In this comedy, a young college girl (Krys Zorbaugh) makes a frantic phone call to a computer technician (Josh Snyder) and gets more than just maintenance on her computer.

•"Sitting," an absurd comedy, deals with a conversation between two people (Chris Pitner and Cole Anderson) while sitting. Daniel Johnson wrote the play, while Grant Johnson will direct it.

•"Life, Death and Mr. James or How Henry Heimlich Learns the Maneuver," written by Zorbaugh and directed by Brittany Armstrong. In this satire, a writer (Charles Wollschlager) is caught in the middle of a game between Life (Jason Gaarder) and Death (Mary Armstrong), while a café owner (Claire Green) and medical student (Connor Donovan) witness this strange turn of events.

•"Valkyrie Song," a drama written by Jake Flatten and directed by Johnson, involves young college roommates (Caitlyn Getty and Lindsay Williams) whose relationship disintegrates after a secret is made known.

Admission is \$3.

For questions, contact Carlen Gilseth, assistant communication arts professor, at carlen.gilseth@minotstateu.edu.

Pop culture and 'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly'

Monday (Nov. 19) in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m., Minot State University students will present "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Pop Culture Meets Criminal Justice" as part of the Northwest Art Center lecture series. The students from Kevin Neuharth, Melissa Spelchen and Rick Watson's First-Year Experience class, "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly," will discuss pop culture's effects on how society perceives what is good, bad and ugly within the criminal justice system.

A question-and-answer period and informal reception will follow the presentation. All lectures are free and open to the public.

For more information about NAC activities, visit www.minotstateu.edu/nac.

McCall named residence life director

Devin McCall began his duties as Minot State University's new director of residence life Oct. 15. The position is new and is the result of reorganization.

McCall is responsible for the overall leadership, supervision, development and administration of Minot State's campus housing program. These responsibilities include formulating policies and procedures; maximizing housing occupancy goals; hiring, training, supervising and evaluating housing staff and responding to critical incidents and upholding safety protocols. The residence life director also collaborates with other university departments to improve academic success, retention and graduation rates and facilitate housing opportunities for MSU students living off-campus.

Other positions McCall held include area coordinator in Student Affairs' housing program at Pittsburg State University, Kan. The Denver native is no stranger to North Dakota, as he was a residence hall director while studying at the University of North Dakota. He holds a bachelor's degree in airport management and a master's degree in business administration from UND.

For questions, contact McCall at 858-3993 or devin.mccall@minotstateu.edu.



McCall



'Make the Call, Win it All' at KMSU Auction

The Minot State University Program of Broadcasting will host its 14th annual KMSU Auction Nov. 29. The auction will air live on public access Channel 19 at 6:30 p.m., with a preshow starting at 5 p.m.

The KMSU Auction fundraises for MSU broadcasting scholarships and equipment in addition to giving 10 percent to a charitable community cause. This year's selection is Roosevelt Park.

"Roosevelt Park, a community landmark, sustained vast damage during the 2011 Souris River Flood," said Janna McKechnie, KMSU Auction coordinator. "Students in the auction class saw Roosevelt Park as an opportunity to continue helping the city recover. Last year, students gave all of the auction proceeds to flood-impacted individuals; this year they chose to help the community, and Roosevelt Park was top on this list."

KMSU, which promotes local businesses through various media in exchange for donations, organizes all donations into packages to be auctioned off in a QVC-style format. Viewers can call in and place bids on-air during the allotted time. The high bid wins the package.

Prizes include a \$1,000 tuition waiver donated by the Minot State University Development Foundation, three remote car starters from Minot Automotive Center, \$750 in advertising space from Forward Communications and a \$500 sponsorship by Enbridge. Other donations are a YMCA family membership, golf clubs from Scheels and a \$500 lighting gift certificate from Pretty Lights. To see a full list of packages, go to <http://www.minotstateu.edu/auction/>.

For questions, contact McKechnie at janna.mcjechnie@minotstateu.edu or Candace Brekke, KMSU Auction advisor, at cbrekke@odney.com.

New staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes new employees, Jolene Orluck and Patrick Thompson.

Orluck is an administrative assistant at the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities. MSU is a family tradition for Orluck. Her husband, Gary, commander for the northwest region for the North Dakota Highway Patrol, graduated in 1985. Her son, Thomas, graduated in 2010, and her daughter, Angela, graduated in 2012.

Thompson is a campus security officer. He was a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, a member of the USAF Emergency Service Team and a veteran of the Global War on Terror.



Orluck



Thompson

Minot State extends condolences

Kae Erickson, retired staff member, died Oct. 31 at the age of 73. Erickson had a long affiliation with Minot State University. She attended Model High School and MSU, and her mother, Lola Castleman, operated Minot State's switchboard. Erickson was secretary for the Experimental College, Herb Parker, dean of men, and Dick Jenkins, vice president for student affairs.

The funeral was Nov. 5 at Minot's Immanuel Baptist Church. As a community, MSU extends our deepest sympathy to the Erickson and Castleman families.

In the galleries

Nov. 14-21 — “Dakotah Series: Constructions,” C. Robert Schwieger, Library Gallery.

Nov. 14-28 — “Beauty in the Lack Thereof,” a mixed-media painting exhibition by Williston artist Aaron Hexom, Hartnett Gallery.

Faculty and staff achievements

The Office of Public Information proudly shares the many accomplishments of faculty and staff with the campus community in every issue.

Division of Music faculty **Dianna Anderson, Erik Anderson, Adam Estes** and **Jon Rumney** completed outreach activities in Bismarck, Rapid City, S.D., and Billings, Mont., in early November. Approximately 500 high school music students received instruction via 16 large-group presentations in orchestra, band and choir classes. The four professors worked with individuals in master classes and private lessons as well.

Co-organizers **Laurie Geller** and **Bill Harbort** spoke about MSU NOTSTOCK at the Mid America Print Council conference in Cape Girardeau, Mo., Nov. 3.

Deanna Klein, associate business information technology professor, attended the International Association for Computer Information Systems annual conference in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Oct. 3-6. She chaired a session and gave two presentations, “Mobile Apps: What’s In It for the Student and Campus?” which Klein co-authored with College of Business faculty **Kristi Berg** and **Carla Cabarle**, and “Effective Teaching Elements in Online Adult Learning,” co-authored with alumna **Yvonne Roth**.

Tom Seymour, business information technology professor, has been appointed editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Management & Information Systems. The journal is published by the Clute Institute, Litteton, Colo. Seymour also wrote “Top Social Apps That Telco Directors Should Check Out” for the October-November issue of Exchange, the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association’s newsletter.

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