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Codex: A post-flood struggle

Minot’s great flood of 2011 has inspired numerous, creative projects, but the approach of artist Micah Bloom is singularly unique. For the last year, Bloom has been directing and producing a film titled “Codex,” which follows debris displaced by the swollen Souris River, specifically, hundreds of books. Bloom and his Codex team have been diligently researching, filming and collecting, as they create a poetic narrative, reflecting on personal loss and the plight of the printed book. He has also prepared an art exhibition to accompany and augment the film.



Believing this film and art exhibition will assist with the grieving process related to this disaster, Bloom, an assistant art professor, and Minot State invite the community to attend the debut screening of the film and view the installation of artifacts Tuesday (March 5) in Aleshire Theater, 7:30 p.m. "Codex" also identifies with other, larger themes, reflecting on the relationship of the traditional book and the eBook, and the beauty of text and paper under nature's effects.

“‘Codex’ involves the collecting and documenting of hundreds of books that were relocated in the trees, under water — and they are becoming homes to animals, harbingers of the encroaching digital age, metaphors for loss, excess and obsolescence,” Bloom said.

The film debut is free and open to the public. Please view the “Codex” trailer at <http://vimeo.com/51961711#at=0>.

To read the full article, visit www.minotstateu.edu/news/000624.shtml.

MSO celebrates spring March 2

The Minot Symphony Orchestra warms up its 87th season, “A New Era!” with “Dance into Spring” Saturday (March 2) in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m. Scott Seaton, musical director, will lead the orchestra in a program featuring selections from Mexican composer Arturo Marquez to Russian composer Igor Stravinsky.



Guest cellist Madeleine Kabat will highlight the exotic lyricism and Spanish dance rhythms in Lalo's famous Cello Concerto. Following her solo debut with the Cleveland Orchestra at age 18, Kabat has been featured as soloist with several orchestras but most recently with the Red de Escuelas de Musica Orquesta (Medellin, Colombia), Cleveland State University Orchestra, Oberlin Sinfonietta and Cleveland Philharmonic. She made her solo debut at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., last spring, and she has won top prizes in competitions.

Minot State University students, faculty and staff are admitted free with a current ID. Additional tickets range from \$5 to \$25 by age and seating choice, with season ticket prices available.

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 about the Minot Symphony Orchestra, visit www.minotstateu.edu/symphony.

Business dean retiring from Minot State

JoAnn Linrud, dean of the College of Business at Minot State University, is retiring at the end of the academic year. Linrud is a native of Velva and became dean at MSU on July 1, 2006.



Linrud

“Dr. Linrud has contributed a great deal to our university and the College of Business,” said MSU President David Fuller. “She brought with her an extensive administrative experience and strong academic credentials. As an accomplished leader, she possesses a collegial leadership style, a commitment to academic excellence, the keen knowledge and appreciation for North Dakota and the ability to work cooperatively with community leaders and businesses from Minot and our state.”

Under Linrud's oversight, the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy was created in 2010 as a result of a milestone gift from Clint Severson, MSU alumnus and president and chief executive officer of Abaxis, Inc., and Conni Ahart. SEA offers students real-life knowledge and skills critical for understanding how to start, maintain and analyze start-up businesses. MSU's College of Business online graduate programs and MSU undergraduate online programs have also been ranked among the country's best online education programs.

“I feel incredibly fortunate to come back to North Dakota to work with so many fine individuals at the university and in the Minot community,” Linrud said. “I'm thankful to MSU for giving me the opportunity.”

Linrud came to MSU from the College of Business Administration at Central Michigan University, where she served as interim associate dean and director of the Master of Business Administration program. She held positions previously as a faculty member at Minnesota State University-Mankato and the University of North Texas.

For questions, contact Linrud at 858-3110 or joann.linrud@minotstateu.edu.

Come to Penny Carnival

Thursday (Feb. 28), Minot State University students, faculty and staff and community members can revel in a Penny Carnival in the Dome from 6 to 8 p.m. Festivities will include booths, bounce houses, face painting, ring toss



and cake walks. The carnival is sponsored by Residence Life and the Student Government Association.

Annually, residence halls staff fundraise for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society through the "Pennies for Patients" competition. LLS funds global lifesaving blood cancer research and provides free information and support services to improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Chapters exist throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Music division brings voice and sound to stage

The Minot State University Division of Music remains an integral part of the university and the community, contributing spirit and culture. It will host two concerts, which combine voice and sound.

The MSU Concert Choir, Women's

Chorus and MSU Singers will perform the Winter Tour concert Sunday (March 3) in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 3 p.m. Special guests will be the Velva Chorus, under the direction of Bob Demke. The high school choir will be featured singing five pieces from its own concert repertoire and will combine with the MSU Concert Choir for an arrangement of Taylor Davis's "How Can I Keep From Singing." Also featured on the evening's concert will be pianist DeVera Bowles. Music faculty Ken Bowles, Cherie Collins and Rebecca Petrik will lead the MSU choirs.

The MSU Concert Band will present "Inspiration" Monday (March 4) in Nelson Hall at 7:30 p.m. The program explores sources that provide artistic inspiration to composers. Highlights include Frank Ticheli's "An American Elegy," composed as a tribute and message of hope in the 1999 Columbine High School shooting aftermath. Mark Boren, music instructor, will be the trumpet soloist on the technical showpiece "Napoli." Devin Otto, bands director and associate music professor, directs the MSU Concert Band.

As with all of the Division of Music concerts, there is no charge, and the public is invited.

MSU science open house will captivate audiences of all ages

The Cyril Moore Science Center and AUGITE, the geology student club, are hosting an open house Tuesday (March 5), for students in grades 3-6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Minot State University faculty and students will explain and demonstrate current science research projects and perform chemistry "magic shows" on the hour.

As a special treat for adults, the Division of Science will host a chemistry magic show at 3 p.m. in Hoffman Auditorium. Faculty and students will perform experiments developed by MSU classes that include

things parents warned their children to never do — play with dangerous chemicals, fire and explosions.

“When we perform these demonstrations, we generally warn people these are not safe,” said Guy Hanley, assistant science professor.

The event starts at 3 p.m. and lasts approximately 40 minutes.

MSU receives CEO Cancer Gold Standard™ accreditation

Minot State University continues to uphold its reputation as a leader in encouraging healthy lifestyle choices and workplace wellness. MSU received accreditation with the CEO Cancer Gold Standard™, an initiative dedicated to fighting cancer in workplaces. The Gold Standard is a comprehensive program that focuses on risk reduction, early detection and quality care in cancer treatment.

“The CEO Cancer Gold Standard™ certification recognized MSU’s commitment to the health of our employees and family members by certifying our efforts to meet an exceptionally high standard of cancer prevention, screening and care guidelines. We are one of 138 companies in the country to achieve this distinction,” said Caren Barnett, Student Health Center director.

To achieve this distinction, organizations must adopt standards that focus on cancer-related activities in five critical areas, known as the Five Pillars: tobacco use; diet and nutrition; physical activity; prevention, screening and early detection; and access to quality treatment and clinical trials. For each pillar, CEO Cancer Gold Standard™ organizations must sustain a culture that values and supports a healthy lifestyle



and offers benefits and programs that help detect and prevent cancer.

“We are excited to receive this certification for the fourth year and remain committed to the health and well-being of MSU employees by continuing to strive to meet the standards of this organization,” Barnett said.

For more information on the CEO Cancer Gold Standard™, visit www.CancerGoldStandard.org.

For additional questions on MSU’s program, contact Barnett at caren.barnett@minotstateu.edu or 858-3377.

Tuesday is Assessment Day

Spring Assessment Day is Tuesday (March 5) in Aleshire Theater. Both presentations are the same, so faculty only need to attend one. The schedule is as follows:

•9–10 a.m. — Lisa Borden-King and Tiffany Ziegler will talk about the new GenEd and its embedded assessment rubric

•2–3 p.m. — Cheryl Nilsen and Andrea Donovan will talk about the new GenEd and its embedded assessment rubric

For questions, contact Jean Francois Mondon, Assessment Committee chair, jeanfrancois.mondon@minotstateu.edu or at 858-3093.

New staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes Jennifer Anderson, Department of Criminal Justice secretary, back. Anderson, an alumna



Anderson

with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice, was self-employed as a child care provider. In the past, she worked in the Registrar’s Office and the Division of Music. She and her husband, Nathan, have three children, Kaydra, Cole and Claire.

In the galleries

Feb. 27-March 14 — "Mandala" or "Magic Circle," a joint exhibit by North Dakota artists Robin Reynolds and Marilyn Lee, Library Gallery.

March 5-April 5 — "Codex," an exhibit by Micah Bloom, MSU assistant art professor, Hartnett Gallery. "Codex" explores the post-flood struggle between nature, humanity and the printed word.

An opening reception is Tuesday (March 5) with a debut film screening of "Codex" at 7:30 p.m. in Aleshire Theater and art exhibition at 8 p.m. in the 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.

Guy Hanley, MSU assistant science professor, Robert Gordon, Smithsonian Institution professor emeritus, and Claudio Canepari, Societa Entomologica Italiana, published a revisionary paper dealing with South American Coccinellid (ladybird) beetles. Their Feb. 14 paper in the journal *Insecta Mundi* describes 100 species in the genera *Cleothera*, *Hinda*

and *Serratitibia*, including 75 newly named species. This paper is an ongoing effort to completely revise the family Coccinellidae for the South American continent, and it is the first revisionary work to be published by a faculty member in the MSU Division of Science.

Teresa Loftesnes, director of marketing, was elected chair of the Visit Minot board of directors. Loftesnes' term will run through December 2013.

Margaret Sherve, assistant English professor, led a Dakota Discussion Feb. 24 in Velva. This book discussion featured "March" by Geraldine Brooks.

ShaunAnne Tangney, associate English professor, presented a paper titled "Alligators All Around: Swamplandia! and the Postmodern Gothic" at the Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture Since 1900 at the University of Louisville, Feb. 21-23.

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