Symphony performs ‘Out of This World’ family concert Saturday

At the Minot Symphony Orchestra’s “Out of This World” family concert Saturday evening (Jan. 31), the theme is outer space. The music featured will symbolize space, including the memorable theme from “E.T.” and the raw power of Mars from Gustav Holst’s “Planets Suite.” Maestro Dennis Simons, associate professor of music, is the orchestra’s conductor.

For the concert, MSU faculty, staff and students will be admitted free with a current ID. Additional tickets for adults are $15 per concert or $50 for a season ticket. The price for senior citizens is $13 single, $45 season; students 12-18, $8 single, $24 season; children, ages under 12, $4 single, $12 season. All concerts are held in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The remainder of “Music from Around the World” include “American in Paris (Spring Concert),” March 7 and “Search for Treasure (Pops Concert),” Apr. 25.

Minot State study-abroad trips headed to Peru, Spain and Morocco

Minot State University students and the community have their choice of cultural experiences in 2009, thanks to study-abroad programs headed to Europe, Africa and South America. The application deadline for this year’s tours has been extended to Feb. 1.

Through Horizons Unlimited, two faculty-led tours will happen this summer. Students are encouraged to include an international experience in their overall MSU education. The community is also invited to join the tours as an excellent educational opportunity.

“Horizons Unlimited study tours are a great way to learn and see the world,” said Libby Claerbout, director of international programs. “With these tours all logistical arrangements are provided and participants will travel in the company and comfort of an MSU faculty member who is familiar with the culture and customs of the host country.”

The month-long tour to Peru is from May 29 to June 30. This tour will be led by Kemery Moorhouse, Spanish instructor. Moorhouse was born and raised in the capital city of Peru, Lima, and considers herself a Peruvian-cultural ambassador. Those who choose to participate in this tour will have the opportunity to visit Machu Picchu, “The Lost City of the Incas,” as well as Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world.

The study-abroad trip to Spain and Morocco will take place May 21-31. Participants in this tour will spend time in Madrid, the capital of Spain, Seville and Barcelona. They will also take an excursion across the Mediterranean Sea to visit the country of Morocco. Leading the tour is Andrea Donovan, assistant professor of art history and humanities, who specializes in European art and architectural history.

For more information on these study-abroad tours, contact Claerbout at 858-4155 or studyabroad@minotstateu.edu.

Jan. 29, 2009

PIO update

Over a four-day period at the end of January, Linda Benson, public information specialist, and I spent time at a conference in Kansas City, Mo., for professional development.

This conference is designed to assist those in fundraising, advancement, marketing or communications. It brings together close to 500 professionals from the “great” Great Plains and encourages them to share ideas, swap business cards and brainstorm new behaviors to improve the way we operate in higher education.

Linda and I are very grateful for the opportunity to attend a conference of this scope and magnitude. The concepts and suggestions we garnered at this conference will help lead us to make important and necessary changes to the way our office and others that surround us work together.

It is my hope that in the upcoming weeks and months as the public information office and the Office of Advancement (Marv Semrau, Tawnya Bernsdorf and Mark Schnabel also attended the conference) seek to implement unique and bold changes to the way we work, you will be supportive of our efforts and willing to give feedback. Thanks in advance.

— Mark Lyman, director of public information

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NDCPD implements ‘I Can Do It, You Can Do It’

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities on Minot State University’s campus recently received a $15,000 grant from New Editions Consulting, Inc. and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to implement the “I Can Do It, You Can Do It” program in the Minot community. Launched in May 2004 by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Disability, ICDI is a national mentoring program for youth with disabilities to increase physical activity and good nutrition. The ICDI project held a mentee registration yesterday evening (Jan. 28).

“The ICDI program is a unique opportunity for youth with disabilities in our community to become more physically active by establishing goals and building a relationship with their mentors,” said Kylene Kraft, ICDI project director. “In addition, mentors that are MSU students will benefit by applying what they are learning in the classroom.”

To participate in the program, youth with disabilities should be between ages 12–21 and have a doctor’s consent. A child, or “mentee,” is paired with a trained mentor who will help them set goals to increase physical activity and good nutrition. All mentors must be 18 years or older and pass a criminal-background check before they will be allowed to meet with a child. Mentors will meet with their mentee a minimum of one hour each week, for a total of eight weeks. Mentors are also encouraged to communicate, participate in activities and meet with the child more than once per week to help build the relationship.

The mentee will be asked to complete three surveys. One before the program begins, one at the end of the eight-week program and a final survey six months after the program ends. The surveys are written at a 5th–6th grade reading and comprehension level. Children may have assistance reading and understanding the survey questions from a parent or guardian or another adult, however, self-response is encouraged.

For additional information, please contact Kraft at 858-4365 or kylene.kraft@minotstateu.edu.

FY 2008 NDUS economic impact estimated at $3.5 billion

The economic impact of the North Dakota University System and its students on the state of North Dakota has risen dramatically over the past nine years and now stands at an estimated $3.5 billion for Fiscal Year 2008, according to a recent report by North Dakota State University’s Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics.

Title “Economic Impact of the North Dakota University System,” the FY 2008 report is similar to studies conducted for FY 1999, FY 2004 and FY 2006. Report co-authors F. Larry Leistritz and Randall Coon use the North Dakota Input-Output Model to estimate economic impact by applying a multiplier to NDUS expenditures.

“The state’s institutions of higher education are a significant force in the North Dakota economy,” Leistritz and Coon concluded. “They provide educational opportunities for a workforce that needs more technological skills, and they serve as centers for local and regional economic development opportunities.”

“The North Dakota University System is committed to meeting the expectations of the Roundtable on Higher Education,” said Richie Smith, president of the State Board of Higher Education. “This private/public sector partnership charged the university system with creating an even brighter future for our students and the people and state of North Dakota. This growth in economic impact is a reflection of the university system’s dedication to academic excellence and economic growth.”

Key measures of the economic impact of NDUS in FY 2008 include:

- The 11 campuses and related entities injected $940 million into local economies, including expenditures for salaries and wages, scholarships, utilities and capital investment. Almost 75 percent ($689 million) of the funding was from non-general fund sources. These expenditures resulted in total business activity of $2.8 billion in FY 2008, a 77 percent increase since 1999 with the strongest impacts on households (personal income of residents), retail trade, construction, finance, real estate and insurance.
- Student spending for living expenses contributed another $305 million in direct economic impact to the state.
- When combined, the NDUS and students provided a direct FY 2008 economic impact to the state of $1.2 billion.
- From 1999 to 2008, much of the $407 million in direct economic impact growth (from $333 to 940 million) is from non-general fund sources such as grants, contracts and donations.

The North Dakota Input-Output Model estimates secondary impacts based on NDUS direct expenditures. The model estimates the changes in gross business volume (gross receipts) for all sectors of the area economy.

With representation from the private and public sectors, in 2000, the Roundtable on Higher Education defined expectations of the NDUS and said the university system should play a larger role in enhancing the economic and social vitality of North Dakota.

— NDUS news release
Dakota Book Discussions highlight ‘Selected Poems 1938-1988’

Dakota Book Discussions, a reading group funded by the North Dakota Humanities Council and sponsored by the Minot State University humanities division, will meet for three Mondays this spring. They will meet Feb. 2, March 2 and April 6. Thomas McGrath wrote the featured book, “Selected Poems 1938-1988.” Meetings begin at 7 p.m. at Main Street Books (16 Main Street South). For more information, contact Rick Watson at 858-3014 or rick.watson@minotstateu.edu.

The Foreign Film Festival 2009 continues with ‘El Espinoza del Diablo’

The foreign language department invites everyone to the Foreign Film Festival 2009. The next film, “El Espinoza del Diablo” or “The Devil’s Backbone,” will be shown Feb. 3 in Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m. Set during the Spanish Civil War in the 1930s, the story tells about a boy at an orphanage where a dud bomb lands. Another boy’s ghost who was killed by one of the children’s caretakers haunts the orphanage. Discussion will follow the screening.

Liana Henderson, instructor of Spanish, is the host for the film’s screening. For questions, contact her at 858-4265 or liana.henderson@minotstateu.edu.

Markel contemplates duality at Feb. 5 lecture

Paul Markel, professor of psychology, will present “Duality in Nature, Thought and Spirit,” Feb. 5 as part of the Northwest Art Center lecture series.

“Duality occurs whenever two different ways of looking at the same phenomenon arise,” said Markel. “Such duality often challenges us with a contradiction, requiring deeper thought to reconcile alternative perspectives.”

Markel received his master’s and doctorate degrees in psychology from the University of Colorado, Boulder. He completed his undergraduate work at the University of Mary, Bismarck, with majors in natural sciences and social and behavioral sciences.

All NAC lectures are held in Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public; refreshments are served afterward.

Life Skill workshops resume for spring semester

Faculty and staff are encouraged to recommend the Life Skill workshops sponsored by the Office of Career Services to all Minot State University students. While the workshops are a product of the MSU Mentor Program, all students are welcome to attend. The fall schedule is as follows:

• Feb. 3—”Financial Aid Mythbusters,” Main 106, 1 p.m.
• Feb. 5—“Guess What … I’m Engaged!” Main 106, 1 p.m.
• Feb. 12—“Shots Fired” (student version), Conference Center, 1 p.m.
• Feb. 17—“Help! There’s No Time to Study!” (time management), Main 106, 1 p.m.
• Feb. 26—“Job or No Job,” Main 102, 10 a.m.
• March 10—“Healthy Snacks,” Main 104, 2 p.m.
• March 11—“Self Defense,” Conference Center, 4-7 p.m.

Questions may be directed to career services at 858-3360.

Bailey presents Bukowski’s poetry at Brown Bag Book Talk

At the Feb. 12 Brown Bag Book Talk, Jim Bailey, art, will discuss Charles Bukowski’s poetry. You need not read the featured book ahead of time and are encouraged to bring a sack lunch. The book talks, sponsored by the Gordon B. Olson Library, begin at noon and conclude in time for 1 p.m. classes. All are held in the lower level of the library in Group Study Room 2.

Chamber of Commerce sponsors legislative forums

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee continues hosting Saturday Legislative Forums. The forums give those attending a chance to meet with Minot legislators and ask questions. The format includes a moderator who asks questions submitted in writing by the audience. Each session runs from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Minot Auditorium.

The remaining schedule is as follows:

• Jan. 31, Room 301
• Feb. 7, Room 201
• Feb. 14, Room 201
• March 7, Room 201
• March 21, Room 201
• April 4, Room 201
Faculty, staff and student notes

Mark Lyman and Linda Benson, public information, and Marv Semrau, Tawnya Bernsdorf and Mark Schnabel, advancement, attended the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District VI conference Jan. 25-27 in Kansas City, Mo. CASE is the professional organization for advancement professionals who work in alumni relations, communications and marketing, fundraising and other areas.

James Ondracek, professor of business administration, was recently selected as one of four Beyster Scholars. These individuals will spend the next year working on ways to integrate modules and materials related to employee ownership into their entrepreneurship classes. Each will receive $1,000 to support their efforts.


Announcements

Staff Senate scholarships awarded

At the Jan. 20 Staff Senate meeting, a drawing from among eligible applicants was held. Four individuals were selected to receive $75 Staff Senate Scholarships for 2008-2009.

The recipients are Kassie Krebsbach, Rachelle Loda, Rebecca Ruzicka and Richard Kremer.

— Staff Senate Scholarship Committee

Finance Committee seeks proposals by Friday

The Finance Committee, which is the institutional committee charged with overseeing the allocation and distribution of student activity fees, is interested in fielding proposals on how best to distribute current fees and if there is interest in funding new initiatives for the benefit of students. The committee would like to receive any proposed changes to the current fee structure and/or new initiatives, in writing, no later than Friday (Jan. 30) at the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs (Administration 164). For questions, contact 858-3489 or darla.weigel@minotstateu.edu.

— Dick Jenkins, vice president for student affairs

Housing survey participants wanted

Potential faculty or staff participant: You are invited to participate in a survey conducted by the residence life coordinator at Minot State University. By giving your opinion on the one-page questionnaire at this link, http://vovici.com/wsb.dll/s/6dabg39772, you can help determine the future of on-campus housing at Minot State. With the results from this questionnaire, Amber O’Brien, residence life coordinator, and the Office of Student Life and Housing will assess whether or not to implement living and learning communities in some or all of the residence halls on campus.

If you choose to complete the survey, please know that there are no potential benefits or risks associated with participating in this study. The information you provide is anonymous. Your participation in this survey is voluntary, and you may withdraw at any time from completing the survey by choosing not to submit it online.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact O’Brien in the student life and housing office at 858-3584. This survey has been approved by MSU’s Institutional Review Board. If you have any questions about your rights as a human research subject, please contact Margi Coxwell, IRB chair, at 858-3125.

— Amber O’Brien, residence life coordinator

Deadline to order MSU license plate is Friday

This is just a reminder to get, and complete, your license plate-order forms. A minimum of 50 orders are needed to get the production rolling. We are hoping to have our 50 by this Friday (Jan. 30).

You can get an application from the alumni office (Student Center, third floor), the marketing office (Student Center, second floor) and the athletic office (in the Dome). Please call 858-3234 with any questions. Turn in completed applications and $25 to the alumni office.

— Tawnya Bernsdorf, director of alumni relations and annual giving

Martin Luther King Jr. remembered in ‘Dream Alive’ program at BSC on Feb. 4

By invitation, MSU students and faculty can attend Joe Rogers’ “Dream Alive” program at Bismarck State College on Feb. 4. This presentation, which is dedicated to Martin Luther King Jr., is during “African Awareness Month.” The program begins at 10 a.m.; so, the bus leaves at 8 a.m. from the plant services parking lot (northeast of Model Hall).

Joe Rogers, Colorado’s former lieutenant governor (1999-2003) and a practicing lawyer, will deliver live commentary. It will take the audience back to the 1963 march on Washington where King delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech through the final words he spoke in 1968 in Memphis, Tenn. Rogers served on the National Commission on the Voting Rights Act, worked to improve schools and jobs in Colorado and was among the first officials at Ground Zero following the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Please notify Wylie Hammond, director of multicultural support services and the Native American Cultural Center, at 858-3365 (by noon on Feb. 2, at the latest) if you are interested in attending! This is a great opportunity to experience the vision and dream of Martin Luther King Jr.!

— Wylie Hammond, director of multicultural support services and the Native American Cultural Center
**MSU volunteers needed to shadow legislators on Feb. 9**

Shadow a legislator in Bismarck on Feb. 9. Last year, several local legislators shadowed faculty members. Now, it is our turn to return the favor. This is of crucial importance to improve the image of Minot State University at the legislature and to understand the political process.

The more people go, the better for you and for the university. Shadowing will take all day, followed by a reception by the Minot State Board of Regents.

— Ernst Pijning, associate professor of history

**On-campus International student employment regulations outlined**

A reminder for departments employing Canadian and international students that special federal regulations apply:

- Canadian and international students may only work up to 20-hours each week when classes are in session.
- The 20-hour limit is not an average, but a strict limit: students may not work 15 hours one week and then 25 hours the following week.
- The 20-hour per-week limit on employment applies to all types of on-campus employment. For example, if a student works 15 hours a week as a resident assistant, that student can only work an additional five hours during that week at another on-campus job.
- A workweek is defined as Sunday through Saturday.
- Canadian and international students are not eligible for MSU “work-study” positions, only institutional “hard-cash” positions.
- Canadian and international students may work full-time hours during vacation periods (winter break, spring break, summer break). Any week when classes are in session is considered part of the regular academic year, and the 20-hour per week limit applies.

If you have any questions regarding Canadian or international student employment, please contact Ronnie Walker, international student coordinator, at 858-3348 or ronnie.walker@minotstateu.edu.

— Libby Claerbout, director of international programs

**Research participants needed**

We are looking for research subjects who drink beer. Anyone who is 21 to 35 years old (staff, faculty, students or people outside the university) may participate. If you qualify for the study and complete all five three-hour sessions, you will be paid $175 for your participation. Anyone interested in the alcohol study, call 858-4287.

If you have any questions about the study, please contact Shirley Cole-Harding (858-3044) or Vicki Michels (858-3594) in the addiction studies, psychology and social work department.

— Vicki Michels, associate professor of addiction studies

**In the galleries**


March 3-24—“Women’s Work” by regional women artists, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

The public reception for “On the Surface: Facades of Reality” and “Women’s Work” exhibits is March 6, Hartnett Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.

**Calendar**

**Jan. 29-March 11, 2009**

**Jan.**

29 COB guest speaker: “Conversations with Tim Rasmussen,” Multicultural Center, 5 p.m.

30 Graduate School: spring and summer graduation applications due to Graduate School.

30 Minot Symphony Orchestra children’s concert, Nelson Hall, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

30-31 N.D. Association of Dance and Drill state competition, Dome.

31 Minot Symphony Orchestra, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**Feb.**

1 SAC: Super Bowl party, Beaver Dam, 5 p.m.

1 Women’s Basketball at U. of North Dakota (exhibition).

2 Enrollment reporting class rosters due.

2 Dakota Book Discussions, Main Street Books, 7 p.m.

3 Workshop: “Financial Aid Mythbusters,” Main 106, 1 p.m.
3  Foreign Film Festival: “El Espinazo del Diablo, The Devil’s Backbone,” Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
4  Men’s Club Hockey at U. of Michigan-Dearborn.
5  SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater 9 p.m.
6  General Education Ad Hoc Committee Bok Book Talk, Olson Library, 12:30 p.m.
7  Workshop: “Guess What … I’m Engaged!” Main 106, 1 p.m.
8  SAC: Christopher Carter, mentalist, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.
9  Brown Bag Book Talk: Jim Bailey, art, will discuss poetry by Charles Bukowski, Olson Library, noon.
10 Workshop: “Shots Fired” (student version), Conference Center, 1 p.m.
11 SAC: Mohammed Bilal, diversity speaker, Beaver Dam, 7 p.m.
12 Magic City Jazz Festival, Nelson Hall.
13 Indoor Track & Field, Minot State Open, Dome, 3 p.m.
14 Women’s and Men’s Basketball vs. Valley City State U., Dome, 4 and 6 p.m.
15 Men’s Club Hockey vs. St. Cloud State U., All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
16 MSU Faster, Higher, Stronger Clinic, Dome, noon.
17 SAC: Winter Week 2009, lunch, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
18 Workshop: “Resume Magic,” Main 102, 3 p.m.
19 Community Film: “Waging a Living,” Multicultural Center, 2-4:30 p.m.
20 SAC: Winter Week 2009, Mardi Gras dance, Grand International Inn, 10 p.m.
21 Workshop: “Stop the Insanity … How to Manage Your Stress,” Main 106, 1 p.m.
22 Workshop: “Job or No Job,” Main 102, 10 a.m.
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March
1  Women’s Club Hockey vs. Brandon, Manitoba, MAYSA, 10 a.m.
1  Minot Chamber Chorale and Minot High Symphonic Choir, Nelson Hall, 4 p.m.
2  Dakota Book Discussions, Main Street Books, 7 p.m.
3  SAC: guest speaker, Beaver Dam, 7 p.m.
3-24  NAC exhibit: “Women’s Work” by regional women artists, Hartnett Hall Gallery.
4  MSU Job Fair, Conference Center, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
4  NAC lecture: “A Woman Can’t Do That!: Gender Revolution and Contraband in the in the Late 18th Century” by Ernst Pijning, history, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
4-5  Final exams for first 8-week classes.
5  General Education Ad Hoc Committee Bok Book Talk, Olson Library, 8 a.m.
5  Employee Appreciation Banquet, Dome, noon.
6  NAC reception for “On the Surface: Facades of Reality” and “Women’s Work,” Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m.
6-7  Softball at Hastings, Neb.
7  Minot Symphony Orchestra, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
8  Junior music recital by Megan Sattler and Jennifer Brenna, Nelson Hall, 2 p.m.
9  Student Government Association meeting, Westlie Room, 7 p.m.
9  “Pride of MSU” winter concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
10  Workshop: “Healthy Snacks,” Main 104, 2 p.m.
10  MSU Choirs concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
11  SAC: music by Tim Mahoney, Beaver Dam, noon.
11  SAC: movie, Beaver Dam 3 p.m., Aleshire Theater 9 p.m.
11  Workshop: “Self Defense,” Conference Center, 4-7 p.m.

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