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‘The Miss Firecracker Contest’ opens main stage season

"The Miss Firecracker Contest," by Beth Henley, is the first play of Minot State University's 2014-2015 main stage season, a season highlighting works written by women playwrights. The play will run through Saturday (Oct. 18) at 7:30 p.m. with the first act beginning in Aleshire Theater and concluding in the Black Box Theater.

In this comedy, Carnelle Scott (Emily Taylor), locally known as "Miss Hot Tamale," endeavors to salvage a tarnished reputation by running for Miss Firecracker at the annual Fourth of July celebration. All goes wrong with the help of the other dysfunctional characters; and in the end, all rediscover their roles in this family and community. Aili Smith, associate professor of communication arts, directs the production.



Robert Hubbard, MSU alumnus and 2014 Academic Hall of Fame inductee, will be recognized Friday evening (Oct. 17) before the performance starts.

For reservations, contact the MSU theater box office at 858-3172. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$5 for students and seniors; free for MSU students, faculty and staff with current ID.

Robert Hubbard inducted into MSU Academic Hall of Fame

Minot State University is inducting Robert Hubbard, professor of theatre and speech at Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa, into its Academic Hall of Fame. After interacting with theatre students, he will be recognized at a reception and later at the Friday evening (Oct. 17) performance of "The Miss Firecracker Contest" at Aleshire Theater at 7:30 p.m.



While a Minot State student, Hubbard participated actively as an actor, experimented in direction and developed his playwriting skills; he received a bachelor's degree in communication arts and English in 1991. He continued on to complete master's and doctoral degrees in theatre at Bowling Green State University, Ohio.

More than 20 years later, the Minot native is still acting, directing and writing with distinction in addition to teaching. In 2005, he received an O'Neill Critics Institute



Fellowship. Recently, Hubbard developed and performed two full-length shows, "How Helicopters Figure in My Dreams" and "Flipping Off Our Lord." He performed the latter in January at the American College Theatre Festival and this summer at the Kansas City Fringe Festival. For playwriting and directing, his adaptation of Graham Greene's novel, "The Power and the Glory," will premiere at Northwestern College in November.

The MSU Faculty Senate chose Hubbard from faculty and community nominations to represent outstanding career achievements by MSU alumni. To read a full account of Hubbard's work and achievements, visit www.nwciowa.edu/theatre/faculty/robert-hubbard.

'Geoparty' is all about North America

Minot State University's second annual "Geoparty" is Thursday (Oct. 16) in the Conference Center, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Participants will answer questions about North America by standing on the location of the answer on National Geographic's giant 26 feet x 35 feet traveling map of North America. Student organizations, academic departments and offices, sports teams and others can all participate by having one representative compete while the rest cheer the individual on to victory! To participate or for more information, contact Jacob Sowers, assistant professor of geography, at jacob.sowers@minotstateu.edu.

Dave Thompson to discuss 'Midterm Elections' at Democracy Cafe

At the Tuesday (Oct. 21) Democracy Cafe, Dave Thompson, news director and political correspondent for Prairie Public Radio, NPR, will lead discussion on "Midterm Elections: What to Expect in November." Democracy Cafe fosters nonpartisan discussion on important civic issues. It meets every three weeks in the Beaver Brew Coffee Shop from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.



Funded in part by the Minot State University Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning, the event is free and open to the public. It is also part of MSU's commitment to the Democracy Project in conjunction with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. For questions, contact Jynette Larshus, Sociology Club advisor, at Jynette.larshus@minotstateu.edu or 858-4324.

Anderson duo to perform recital

Dianna Anderson, music assistant professor, and Erik Anderson, music associate professor, will give a recital of piano and cello works Oct. 26 in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 3 p.m. The program includes music of Johannes Brahms and Robert Schumann, whose lives and careers were closely intertwined, as well as "Pampeana No.2," by Alberto Ginastera. The latter is an Argentinian composition juxtaposing fiery, aggressive dance rhythms with sultry, languorous song.



Northern Lights Film Series continues with 'The Intouchables'

Minot State University's Northern Lights Film Series continues with "The Intouchables" Oct. 27 in Aleshire Theater at 6:30 p.m. The film is free and open to the public.

This 2011 French film tells the story of an aristocrat who becomes a quadriplegic from an accident and hires a young man from the projects to be his caregiver. A discussion period will follow the film.

After receiving a grant from the North Dakota Humanities Council, the Department of Foreign Language rechristened its international film series, the Northern Lights Film Series. To learn more about the Northern Lights Film Series, visit www.minotstateu.edu/language/.

New faculty and staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes new employees, Clayton "Clay" Bayard, Renee Duncan, Joseph Engler, John Ferderer, Stacey Flaten, Janet Gerken, Kaycee Grochow, Alicia Hansen, Tricia Melfy, Baljit Pannu, Thomas Rakness and Diane Sjol.

Bayard, assistant football coach, comes to MSU from Snow College, Ephraim, Utah. He completed an associate degree at Snow College and a bachelor's degree in economics at Utah State University, Logan.



Duncan, nursing instructor, previously worked for Dakota Travel. She completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at MSU and her Master of Science in nursing from the University of Mary.

Engler, assistant professor of psychology, previously taught at Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kan. He received a bachelor's degree from MSU and a doctorate from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion. His wife, Calissa, teaches third grade in Surrey, and they have a 17-month-old daughter.



Ferderer is Information Technology Central's desktop and lab coordinator, and he was previously in the United States Air Force. He and his wife, Megan, have one child.

Flaten, nursing instructor, previously worked at Trinity Hospital. She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from North Dakota State University and is working toward a Master of Science in nursing from U of Mary. She expects to graduate in November 2014.

Gerken, nursing instructor, was previously employed by Sweetwater County District Board of Health in Rock Springs, Wyo. She holds an associate degree from Western Wyoming Community College and a master's degree in nursing leadership and management from Walden University, Minneapolis. She and her husband, Corey, have been married for 24 years and have one daughter, one son and one grandson.

Grochow, office manager for the Office of Enrollment Services, graduated from MSU with a Bachelor of General Studies in May 2014. She is in the third generation of her family to graduate from Minot State. Her hobbies are playing sports.

Hansen, a custodian, previously worked for Environmental Services. She has an eight-year-old son and enjoys reading.

Melfy, assistant volleyball coach, was previously employed by Campo Verde High School, Gilbert, Ariz. She possesses a bachelor's degree in exercise science from Arizona State University and a master's degree in educational leadership.

Pannu, nursing instructor, previously worked for Trinity Health in labor and delivery. She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Langara College, Vancouver, British Columbia. She is currently working toward a master's degree in nursing from the University of Victoria, British Columbia.

Rakness, certified proctor for the Center of Extended Learning, comes to MSU from the Minot Daily News. He completed a bachelor's degree in communication arts at MSU and a Master of Fine Arts in theatre from Western Illinois University, Macomb. Still engaged in theatre arts, he performs with MSU Summer Theatre and Mouse River Players.

Sjol, associate professor of nursing, joins MSU after teaching at Dakota College at Bottineau. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from MSU and a master's degree in nursing from Walden College. She and her husband, Scott, have a blended family of seven grown children, 10 grandchildren and two rescue dogs. They love spending time at their Lake Metigoshe cabin. She enjoys traveling, playing guitar, reading and walking.

In the galleries

Oct. 15-31 — "Americas 2013: Paperworks Best of Show" by Noah David Bau, Library Gallery.

Oct. 15-31 — "To Home and Back Again" features artwork by Jimmie V. Par, 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.

Chuck Barney, Severson Entrepreneurship Academy director, spoke at the Downtown Business and Professionals meeting Sept. 3 and Noon Rotary Sept. 15 about SEA and City of Minot issues. Barney presented at Futurepalooza Sept. 9 on entrepreneurship and the city. Then, KCJB interview him Sept. 16 on SEA and city issues. Sept. 24, he spoke to Minot Young Professionals about SEA and entrepreneurship. Barney welcomed the International Business 2 Business Forum Sept. 30 in conjunction with MSU College of Business, Minot Area Chamber of Commerce, Minot Area Development Corporation and Norsk Høstfest.

Mikhail Bobylev, chemistry professor, and seven of his INBRE research students attended the northwest regional meeting on "Undergraduate Research in Molecular Sciences," at Minnesota



State University-Moorhead, Oct. 3-4. The students were Melissa Bell, Joel Collins, Kaylee Dockter, Hye Ji Lee, Kowan O'Keefe, Samuel Olson and Shin Young Park. Presenting the results of their research projects completed in Bobylev's lab during the summer 2014 research period, the students made three oral and four poster presentations. Seven abstracts were published. Dockter won first place for her oral presentation and received a \$400 travel award to support her trip to the National Meeting of the American Chemical Society in 2015. O'Keefe received a one-year membership in the American Chemical Society for his poster presentation.



Pictured are, left to right, Kaylee Dockter, Samuel Olson, Melissa Bell, Kowan O'Keefe, Shin Young Park, Joel Collins and Hye Ji Lee.

Ash Bowen, assistant professor of English, interviewed poet and playwright Dan O'Brien. The interview is in the current issue of South Carolina Review at www.clemson.edu/cedp/cudp/scr/articles/scr_47-1_bowen.pdf.

Carla Cabarle, assistant professor of accounting, presented at the Academy of Business Research Conference in Atlantic City, N.J., Sept. 24-26. Her paper was titled "Preparing Students for a Career in Controllorship."

Paul Cristofaro, assistant professor of Spanish, presented "Embracing Foreign Language Learning in an Online Environment" and **Jean-Francois Mondon**, assistant professor of German and Latin, presented "What does all writing have in common? Phonetics!" Oct. 16 at the FLAND (Foreign Language Association of North Dakota) Fall Conference 2014 in Bismarck.

Robyn Gust, FYE HPER 128 instructor, and the students of the To Play or Not to Play FYE learning community raised \$4,200, a record amount for the Mid-Dakota Chapter of the American Red Cross as part of the FYE engagement project. Gust has coordinated a softball tournament and silent auction for the Mid-Dakota Chapter for several years and this year, To Play or Not to Play FYE learning community students assisted her.

Guy Hanley, assistant professor of science, co-authored a paper published Oct. 10 in the international insect systematics journal, *Insecta Mundi*. The title of the paper is "South American Coccinellidae (Coleoptera) Part XVI: Systematic revision of *Brachiacantha* Dejean (Coccinellidae: Hyperaspidini)." This is the third in a series of four papers revising the highly diverse but poorly understood South American ladybird beetle fauna.

Jacek Mrozik, College of Business dean, led the International Business 2 Business Networking Seminar, "Bridging the Atlantic, with Minot and Telemark County, Norway" Sept. 30.

Audra Myerchin, assistant professor of broadcasting, and **Nancy Pearson**, instructor of communication arts, presented "A Voice from Home: Engagement through Action" at the National Association for Experiential Education Conference in Baltimore in September. They shared their experience in utilizing technology to bring reading aloud to various audiences, from a local project to a global exercise.

Beth Odahlen, Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning director, was elected as a board member for the National Society of Experiential Education. NSEE, a nonprofit membership organization composed of educators, businesses and community leaders, serves as a national resource center for the development and improvement of experiential education programs nationwide.

Long Pham, assistant professor of business administration, published three papers, "NegotiAuction: An experimental study," published in *Decision Support Systems*, "Multi-Attribute Online Reverse Auctions: Recent Research Trends," published in *European Journal of Operational Research* and "Intention to Use E-Banking in a Newly Emerging Country: Vietnamese Customer's Perspective."

Sherie Saltveit and **Mark Timbrook**, Center for Extended Learning, Office of Instructional Technology, completed the Blackboard Content Management Course Oct. 7-8. The following faculty and staff successfully completed the Blackboard Content Essentials Course Oct. 9: **Kristi Berg, Andy Bertsch, Julie Eklund, Patti Fedje, Janet Gerken, Linda Haider, Mehdi Hossain, Kathryn Kilroy, Deanna Klein, Paul Markel, Jolina Miller, Tim Morris, Heidi Okeson, Lynda Opp, Linda Pettersen, Sharon Reynolds, Nicola Roed, Gary Ross, Saltveit, Orlene Schroeder, Kim Schwinler, Tom Seymour, Judy Swanson, Timbrook, Hung Vu** and Lori Willoughby. Training was administered by Craig Agneberg, Blackboard Educational Services functional consultant and trainer.

Tom Seymour, professor of business information technology, made a panel presentation, "The Current State of Open Access E-Journals," Oct. 2 at the International Association for Computer Information Systems Conference in Las Vegas.

Minot State University mission

Minot State University is first and foremost dedicated to the success of all students: their growth and development as educated citizens, their confidence, and their life-long devotion to the common good and the welfare of others.

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