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Heitkamp hired as Veterans Center director

Andy Heitkamp has been named Veterans Center director at Minot State University, according to Dick Jenkins, vice president for student affairs. Heitkamp assumes his new duties Monday (March 31).

"With Andy's extensive knowledge of the university and the region and his military background, we anticipate providing a high level of service to an expanding population of active duty military members, veterans and their dependents as they seek to use their educational benefits at Minot State," Jenkins said.

For 19 years, Heitkamp has been an assistant football coach for Minot State and assisted in recruiting. He came to MSU in 1995 after being an assistant coach at Mayville State University for seven years. He served in the U.S. Army National Guard from 1983 to 1991.

"I am looking forward to helping future, current and former service members put their benefits to work by investing in their futures through the educational opportunities available here at Minot State University," Heitkamp said.

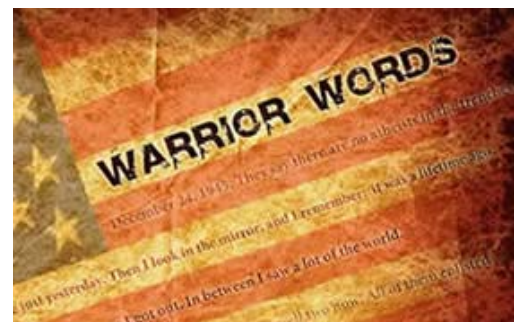
The Matador native earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Mayville State. He and his wife, Deb, have three children, Derrek, Heather and Gary. For questions, contact Heitkamp at Andy.Heitkamp@minotstateu.edu.

Veterans of U.S. wars present monologue writing

April 3 in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m., veterans of U.S. wars will present work they completed in "Warrior Words," a monologue-writing workshop offered by The Greater Grand Forks Community Theatre in four North Dakota cities. Conrad Davidson, Minot State University College of Arts and Sciences dean, taught the Minot workshop. The Minot presenters will be Mike Carswell, Claire Eide, Orlan Hall, Tim Knickerbocker, Millo Wallace and Max Zurcher. This event is free and open to the public.

"We expected stories about sacrifice, but there was also humor, as veterans from various generations and branches of service shared their experiences," Davidson said.

Warrior Words was open to veterans of any American war or conflict who had an interest in creating work based on their experiences as soldiers. The workshops were funded in part by the North Dakota Humanities Council, a nonprofit, independent



state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Workshop writers will be invited to Grand Forks for a collective reading on May 22. For questions, contact Davidson at 858-3159 or conrad.davidson@minotstateu.edu.

Swab your cheek, save a life

The Minot State University Biology Department, Club Biology and biology students are teaming up with Delete Blood Cancer to host a bone marrow drive April 2 in the Beaver Dam (Student Center, second floor) from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Countless people are diagnosed with blood cancer and other life-threatening blood-related diseases each year. Many patients require a blood stem cell transplant, and in several cases that requires a matching blood stem cell donor. Presently, there are not enough potential donors, and only half of those who need a donor will find a suitable match.

"Most everybody knows somebody who has had cancer, or somebody who has a blood cancer or a blood disorder that would require bone marrow donation — for example, Conrad Davidson (College of Arts and Sciences dean) is one. Had he not been able to donate his own stem cells back to himself, a donor would have been sought through a registry such as this," said Heidi Super, biology associate professor. "I would hope most people would want to save a life if given the option. This is a pretty painless way to save a life without giving your own."

There is an urgent need for bone marrow donors, and the process is simple. All it takes to join the national bone marrow registry is a simple cheek swab to collect cells for tissue typing and a willingness to donate stem cells if a match is found.

For more information about the drive, contact Super at 858-3079, or heidi.super@minotstateu.edu. For questions about stem cell donation and registration, go to www.deletebloodcancer.org.

Democracy Cafe: 'N.D. Election Season Opener'

At the April 1 Democracy Café, Dave Thompson, news director and political correspondent for Prairie Public Radio, NPR, will lead discussion on "N.D. Election Season Opener: What to Expect in November." Democracy Café 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. For questions, contact Jynette Larshus, Sociology Club advisor, at 858-4324 or jynette.larshus@minostateu.edu.

Language learning disabilities examined at NSSLHA spring conference

Minot State University's chapter of the National Students Speech Language Hearing Association is holding its 2014 spring conference April 4 in the Conference Center (Student Center, third floor), from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The keynote speaker is Anne Whitney, a speech-language pathologist and educator at University of Colorado, Boulder.

"For more than 20 years, the MSU chapter of NSSLHA has held conferences. The students plan, organize and execute a nationally renowned conference, which is attended not only by MSU students, faculty and staff, but also by practicing speech-language pathologists from Montana, South Dakota, Minnesota, Saskatchewan and Manitoba," said Lesley Magnus, associate professor of communication disorders.

This year, the emphasis is on language learning disabilities. Whitney will present "Last Minute, Right on Time! Addressing Adolescent Literacy Needs."

On-site registration is \$100. The conference is free to all MSU students, faculty and staff.

MSU business leadership group: 'Stand Up. Speak Out. Stop It!'

A Minot State University College of Business leadership group is organizing "Stand Up. Speak Out. Stop It!" for The Northern Plains Children's Advocacy Center & Family Services Friday (April 4) at Minot's Grand Hotel. This fundraising event will feature speakers from NPCAC, along with local law enforcement, volunteers and an abuse victim. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. A silent auction will run from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Ashley Maercklein and Ellen Fenner, Leadership Initiative alumnae, Jeanne LeMay, NPCAC director, and Jay Wahlund, MSU accounting and finance assistant professor, are advising the students in coordinating the event.

"It is my privilege as a community member, and especially as a mother, to guide this year's students through such an amazing event to create awareness and raise funds to help end child abuse," Fenner said.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month acknowledges that each individual can promote the social and emotional well-being of



children and families. NPCAC encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Minot a better place for children and families.

Contact standup.minot@hotmail.com for any additional information. Individuals can spread the word about this event by “liking” the page on Facebook – Stand Up Speak Out Stop It.

MHS biology teacher explores the Viking Trail

Joe Super, Minot High School biology teacher, will present “Along the Viking Trail — From Iceland to Greenland” April 7 in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m. as part of the Northwest Art Center lecture series.

Last July, Super sailed from Reykjavik, Iceland, around the tip of Greenland, aboard the National Geographic Explorer as a participant in the Grosvenor Teacher Fellow program. The program, sponsored by National Geographic and Lindblad Expeditions, provides field-based professional development in geographic education for K-12 educators from the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico.



Goals of last summer’s trip were to experience arctic natural phenomena, to follow the path of Eric the Red and other Viking explorers and to learn about Greenland civilizations past and present.

“Greenland is such a stark but beautiful vista to contrast with the ocean and ice,” Super said. “No other form of travel would allow a person to visit such isolated and wild places.”

A question-and-answer period and informal reception will follow Super’s presentation. All lectures are free and open to the public. For questions, contact nac@minotstateu.edu.

MSU Theatre Arts Program presents Strindberg’s ‘Miss Julie’

Minot State University Theatre Arts Program presents an adaptation of August Strindberg’s “Miss Julie” April 8-12 in the MSU Black Box Theater at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open at 7 p.m.

This special production of Strindberg’s “Miss Julie,” directed by Aili Smith, assistant professor of humanities, is a unique adaptation project undertaken with her father, Conrad Davidson, MSU dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Set in the late 1880s, “Miss Julie” is a dark, lusty tale of control, manipulation, betrayal and the dramatic dynamics of power that exist between the classes and the sexes. When flirtation gives way to lust, and reason gives way to passion, Miss Julie finds herself perilously positioned in this dramatic tragedy set upon a Swedish Midsummer’s Eve.

“As director,” Smith said, “my goal is to truly provide a naturalistic and realistic production, while maintaining a contemporary feel through the dialogue.”



For tickets, contact the theater box office at 858-3172. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students under 18. MSU students, faculty and staff are free with current MSU ID. This production contains language and themes that may not be suitable for all ages. Mature audiences are advised. Due to limited seating, reservations are strongly encouraged. For questions, contact Smith at 858-3865 or ailli.smith@minotstateu.edu.

Alumni Association celebrates with Centennial Gala

The 31st annual Gala Dinner and Auction will commemorate Minot State University’s Centennial April 25 at Minot’s Holiday Inn-Riverside. The social and auction preview begin at 5:30 p.m., and dinner is served at 6:45 p.m.

Net proceeds help fund scholarships and programs sponsored by the Alumni Association.

Successful bidders in the silent auction may win an Irish dinner for eight and artwork



by Floyd Fairweather, professor emeritus. Other signature items include Disney World passes, handcrafted items from vintage McFarland drapery fabric, sports memorabilia and furniture.

The \$50 ticket includes a gourmet dinner, music and elegant atmosphere. Attire for this event is semi-formal. For tickets, call 858-3234, as this event has sold out in the past.

New faculty and staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes Chris Brunkhorst, Jenny Farmer and Byron Thomas.

Brunkhorst is the defensive line coach for MSU's football program. He previously worked at Minnesota State University in Mankato where he obtained a bachelor's degree in exercise science and a master's in sports psychology from MSU-Mankato.



Brunkhorst

Thomas

Farmer, facilities administrative services clerk, was employed by the San Antonio Elementary School, N.M., before she moved to Minot. She is married to Bob, a pastor, and the couple has five children.

Thomas, defensive coordinator for the football program, coached at Culver Stockton College, Canton, Mo., before joining Minot State. The Palmdale, Calif., native earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion.

In the galleries

March 27-April 1 — "She Left for Good One Time but Came Back" by Shelly Bunde, Bozeman, Mont., Library Gallery.

March 27-April 17 — Art Faculty Biennial Exhibit, which this year celebrates the university's Centennial, Hartnett Gallery.

April 8-30 — "White Rabbit Memories and More" by Lydia Richez-Bowman, Bismarck, Library 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.

Chloe Ondracek, mathematics major and member of the undergraduate research group advised by **Narayan Thapa**, mathematics assistant professor, has been invited to participate in the 2014 Program for Women and Mathematics at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J., May 12-23. The program, hosted by the Institute and Princeton University, brings together mathematicians and students, at the graduate and undergraduate levels, with the support of the National Science Foundation.

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.

Be seen. Be heard.