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‘See How They Run’ brings action to Summer Theatre’s stage

“See How They Run,” a comedic farce, will run at Minot State University’s Summer Theatre Thursday through Monday (June 26-30) at 8:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale at 7:30 p.m. Conrad Davidson, College of Arts and Sciences dean, directs this production.

“See How They Run,” so swift is the action, so involved the situations, so rib-tickling the plot in this London hit that at its finish audiences are left as exhausted from laughter as though they had run a foot race. Galloping in and out of the four doors of an English vicarage are an American actor and actress (he is now stationed with the Air Force in England), a cockney maid who has seen too many American movies, an old maid who touches alcohol for the first time in her life, four men in clergyman suits presenting the problem of which is which, for disguised as one is an escaped prisoner, and a sedate bishop aghast at all these goings on and the trumped up stories they tell him.



For tickets or questions about “See How They Run,” contact the Summer Theatre box office at 858-3228. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and students under 18, \$5 for children 12 and under and MSU summer students, faculty and staff \$3 with current ID. Military Appreciation Night is Friday (June 27); all active duty members and their immediate family will receive \$2 off adult prices, \$1.50 off students, \$1 off children 12 years and under with military ID. Reservations are encouraged.

Other scheduled productions include Monty Python’s “Spamalot,” July 8 to 12, and “Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn,” July 18 to 23.

European leaders explored U.S. social, political and economic issues

The Minot Area Council for International Visitors hosted 15 European government officials and politicians with three facilitators June 15 to 18. The international visitors were interested in American social, political and economic issues and traveled under the International Visitor Leadership Program of the U.S. State Department.

The international visitors (listed by name, title and country) were Milan Grubor, Republic of Srpska National Assembly senior advisor, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Zeljko Slavem advisor to the speaker of Parliament, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Radoslav Revanski, Ministry



of Youth and Sport parliamentary secretary, Bulgaria; Hüseyin Silman, European Union Coordination Centre advisor, Cyprus; Šađi Šhanaáh, Heinrich Böll Stiftung Foundation energy, climate, security and foreign policy coordinator, Czech Republic; Ane Halsboe-Jørgensen, Parliament member from the Social Democratic Party, Denmark; Veith Lemmen, Social Democratic Party Youth Organization chair, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany; Daniela Steiner, Women's Union Bavaria managing director, Germany; Arijana Nikolic-Vucinic, deputy minister for labor market and employment, Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, Montenegro; Ewa Kolodziej, Parliament member for the Civic Platform Party, Poland; Pedro Pinto de Jesus, chief of staff for the Lisbon mayor, Portugal; Jana Svecova, International and Protocol Department head, Bratislava City Hall, Slovakia; Marko Makovec, foreign policy advisor, Office of the President, Slovenia; Marta Rovira Verges, member of Parliament of Catalonia (Republican Left of Catalonia), Spain; and Gabriel Wikstrom, Social Democratic Party Youth League president, Sweden. The facilitators were Margot Fox, Philip Brown and Marcelo Gandaria.



Left to right: Jacob Sowers, Randy Hauck and Chuck Barney address the visitors.

June 16, the delegation met with Minot State University and community representatives in the Slaaten Learning Center. Jacob Sowers, assistant professor of geography, discussed "The Bakken Formation and Oil Development." Chuck Barney, Severson Entrepreneurship Academy director, presented "Economic Development and Opportunities in Minot as a Result of the Bakken." Randy Hauck, Verendrye Electric Cooperative assistant general manager, talked about "Energy Needs in the Bakken."

While in Minot, the delegation also visited Minot's Domestic Violence Crisis Center and the University of North Dakota Center for Family Medicine, where they discussed social service issues with Jeannie LeMay, North Plains Children Advocacy Center, Sylvia Annan, Ward County Social Services, and Mac McLeod, Minot Area Homeless Coalition.

June 17, they met with Alan Lee, Berthold mayor, John Fjeldahl, Ward County commissioner, and Harley Neshem, Gratech Company, Ltd., and toured the "oil patch" in the Stanley area.

A nonprofit, community-and university-based organization, MACIV has been headquartered at Minot State University since 1992. MACIV designs and implements professional programs and provides cultural activities and home-hospitality opportunities for foreign leaders, specialists and international scholars. Individuals from the local council include Minot State University students, faculty and staff, as well as members from Minot and surrounding communities.

Friend-raising Golf Tour rolls along

There are stops left on Minot State University's ninth annual Friend-raising Golf Tour: Bottineau on Tuesday (July 1), Garrison on July 15 and Kenmare on July 31. MSU will recognize area students receiving 2014-15 scholarships at each event.

The format for each tour stop will be a four-person, 9-hole scramble. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m., with a shotgun start at 5 p.m. A social will immediately follow completion of golf. Non-golfers are welcome to attend.

Golfers are responsible for their own green fees and cart rentals. Meals and refreshments will be provided by the course, and purchase is optional. It is recommended that golfers interested in carts make early reservations because of limited availability.



Left to right: Bob Sundberg, Chad McNally, Matt Murken and Rod Romine

Prizes and T-shirts will be awarded at each event. The Friend-raising Golf Tour is sponsored by Alumni Association, Advancement Office, Athletic Department and the Marketing Office. Call the MSU Advancement Office with questions or to register at 858-3234 or 701-800-777-0750, ext. 3234, or visit the website, www.minotstateu.edu/alumni.

Minot State hosting annual luau at NDSF

Minot State University invites alumni and friends to a luau party at the North Dakota State Fair on July 23, 5-8 p.m. The event will be in the outdoor area of the Flickertail Gardens, and admission is free.

The MSU luau provides the venue for Minot State supporters to rekindle old friendships and create new memories. There will be music, drink specials and prizes.

"The luau is a perfect occasion for MSU alumni and friends to get together and have a great time," said Janna McKechnie, director of alumni relations and annual giving. "We hope everyone comes to enjoy the summer evening with us."

For questions, contact McKechnie at 858-3234 or janna.mckechnie@minotstateu.edu.

Western states unite to help low-income youth with disabilities

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, a Center of Excellence at Minot State University, is partnering with the N.D. Department of Human Services and other agencies in five other western states to recruit and enroll 2,000 low-income youth with disabilities between the ages of 14 and 16 in a program designed to improve their educational and employment outcomes.



State agencies in Arizona, Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Utah formed a consortium and were awarded a \$32.5 million U.S. Department of Education grant under the Promoting the Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income (PROMISE) Initiative.

"The initiative is intended to improve the coordination of services for youth who receive Supplemental Security Income and to assist their families," said Amy Armstrong, North Dakota site coordinator. "The goal is to support youth to achieve better outcomes, including graduating from high school ready for college and a career, completing postsecondary education and job training, and obtaining community competitive employment, reducing a long-term reliance on Supplemental Security Income."

"All children deserve a chance to achieve their educational and career goals," U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said. "The PROMISE initiative provides services and support to help our most at-risk students and their families so that they can focus on their education and a brighter future."

The six-state consortium, Achieving Success by Promoting Readiness for Education and Employment or ASPIRE, will begin recruiting teens and their families during summer 2014. The ASPIRE group will include rural, frontier and tribal youth receiving Supplemental Security Income, setting it apart from efforts in Arkansas, California, Maryland, New York and Wisconsin where urban and suburban youth populations are being targeted.

The terms of the federal grant mean that 1,000 of the 2,000 teens and their families who enter the program will be offered additional case management, benefits counseling, financial capability training, career and work-based learning experiences and parent information and training over the course of five years. The two groups, those who are offered additional services and those who receive existing services, will be compared at the end of five years to determine the effectiveness of the program.

Learn more about PROMISE at www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/promise/index.html and the ASPIRE grant at www.aspirewest.org. For questions about ASPIRE program, contact Armstrong at amy.armstrong@minotstateu.edu or 1-800-233-1737.

New faculty and staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes Lauren Akin, Kesha Eaton and Jonathan Gappmaier.

Akin is a speech-language pathologist with the Minot Infant Development Program. Previously, she worked for Great Expectations Daycare in East Grand Forks. She completed a bachelor's degree in communication disorders at Minot State University and a master's degree in communication disorders at the University of North Dakota.



Akin



Eaton



Gappmaier

Eaton, admissions coordinator for the Office of Enrollment Services, graduated from MSU with a bachelor's degree in general studies. Before returning to her alma mater, she worked for Minot's Community Options and Minot and Bismarck Public Schools. She is the mother of three sons.

Gappmaier is the accounts payable coordinator within the Business Office. Previously, he worked for Ameripride of Minot. He earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and management from Colorado Mesa University.

In the galleries

June 25-July 9 — "Pigmentious the Mighty," a mixed media work by Erik Berland, Hazen, Library Gallery.

July 15-Aug. 15 — "Fragile Walls: Fallacy by Design," an exhibit of paintings and ceramics that explore the lies and fallacies of the human persona by Minot State University senior art students Amanda Fimreite and Elizabeth Stockman, Library Gallery.

The public reception for "Fragile Walls: Fallacy by Design" will be July 18 at the Library Gallery, 6-8 p.m.

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.

Brent Askvig, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities executive director, was elected for his second two-year term as the North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities chair. The council advocates for policy changes that promote choice, independence, productivity and inclusion for all North Dakotans with developmental disabilities. Askvig was also elected as secretary to the Association of University Centers on Disabilities board of directors. The AUCD board is the governing body of the national group of centers on disabilities, leadership organizations for neurodevelopmental disabilities and national developmental disabilities research centers.

Linda Benson, public information specialist, judged two categories, "Floral Arrangements" and "Glue Solutions," at Ward County 4-H Achievement Days June 24.

Linda Cresap, business information technology associate professor, presented at the University Business Tech conference June 16-18 in Las Vegas.

John Girard, management professor, presented "Is there value in study abroad for business students?" at the Academic and Business Research Institute International Conference 2014 June 12-13, 2014 in Honolulu. Girard also presented at the International Institute of Applied Knowledge Management's conference in Bladoevgrad, Bulgaria, June 25-28.

Robert Kibler, English professor, chaired a scholarly panel on the epistolary relationship between the American poets Archibald MacLeish and Ezra Pound at the American Literature Association Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. Kibler also organized a scholarly panel on "Ezra Pound and Other Worlds" and presented a paper, "Pound in Dilation: Walking Through the Poet's Window into the Land of the Nazi Tribespeople of Southern Tibet." He published an analysis of the papers presented at the two Ezra Pound sessions held as part of the ALA annual conference on the vetted Ezra Pound Society web journal, "Make It New."

Deanna Klein, business information technology associate professor, has been appointed chair of the Department of Business Administration.

Roger Looyenga, Class of 1969 alumnus, visited the College of Business May 13-14. Several years ago, Looyenga provided an endowment for CoB to establish a leadership emphasis. His visit allowed him to meet with students and see their leadership-initiative projects.

Mary Mercer, NDCPD assistant director for program management, coordinated the 28th annual Conference of the North Dakota Association of Community Providers. Over 500 participants attended the three-day event May 7-9 in Bismarck. Presenters included **Amy Armstrong**, **Brenda Munson** and **Kari Schmidt**, NDCPD, and **Holly Pederson** and **JoLynn Webster**, special education faculty.

George Withus, desktop and lab coordinator, was named president of the Men's Winter Refuge, a faith-based group that houses homeless men in the winter months. Members of this nonprofit organization are determined not to let "anyone freeze on our watch."

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.