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MSO performs 'Animals Galore' family concert

Minot Symphony Orchestra continues its 2014-15 season, "Worlds Colliding," Saturday (Jan. 24) in Minot State University's Ann Nicole Nelson Hall with a family concert titled "Animals Galore" at 7:30 p.m.

The audience will hear the many ways the animal world has been represented with orchestral colors with Saint-Saens' imaginative "Carnival of the Animals" and other pieces. Minot High student Mya Temanson, the MSO High School Soloist Competition winner, will be the featured soloist.

Children can arrive early for the instrument petting zoo. A lecture precedes the concert at 6:30 p.m.

Minot State University students, faculty and staff are admitted free with a current ID. Ticket prices for adults are \$20 main floor and \$25 balcony; senior citizen is \$15 main floor and \$20 balcony; students 12-18, \$10; children, \$5. For more information about MSO, visit www.minotstateu.edu/symphony.

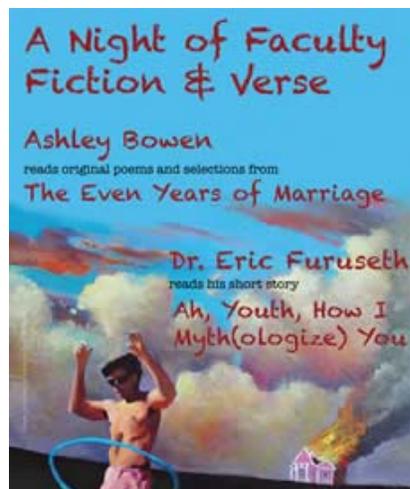
NAC lectures feature short story, poems and film

The Northwest Art Center lecture series opens Monday (Jan. 26) with readings from Minot State University authors Eric Furuseth and Ash Bowen and continues Feb. 4 with an encore screening of Micah Bloom's "Codex," an original film about books affected by Minot's 2011 flood. Both programs begin at 7 p.m. in Aleshire Theater.

Furuseth, humanities associate professor, will read his short story "Ah, Youth, How I Myth(ologize) You." Bowen, humanities assistant professor, will read original poems including selections from "The Even Years of Marriage," his Orphic Award-winning volume.

Bloom, art assistant professor, will introduce and briefly explain the making of "Codex," which premiered in 2013 and went on to achieve national recognition. "Codex" received a first-place award at the Curator/Ruminare Film Prize in New York City and an honorable mention in the Fargo Film Festival, with a March screening slated there.

The lectures are free and open to the public. Informal receptions will follow the programs.



MSU president to discuss upcoming legislative session

Opening the spring semester Democracy Cafes on Tuesday (Jan. 27), Steven Shirley, Minot State University president, will lead discussion on the topic "MSU: Legislative Session Impact." He will talk about how the session could affect MSU and the North Dakota University System, as well as MSU's future.



Democracy Cafe fosters nonpartisan discussion on important civic issues. It meets in the Beaver Brew Cafe from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

Funded by Minot State University's College of Arts and Sciences, 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.

Pennies for Patients underway at Minot State

To combat blood cancer, Minot State University Residence Life and Housing office and Student Activities is spearheading Pennies for Patients, its annual fundraiser for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. As part of the fundraiser, a Penny Carnival, open to the public, is Jan. 27 in the Dome from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



"Last year, MSU raised \$5,044.68, but this year, we hope to raise \$5,500! So, campus departments should display those buckets because the competition runs through March 13," said Camila Van Dyke, residence life coordinator.

MSU students, faculty and staff and community members are encouraged to enjoy and participate in the Penny Carnival. Campus organizations and departments host booths, games or activities for any age. Festivities include bounce houses, face painting, ring toss, cake walks and more. All games will range from 25 cents to \$1. All parking lots are free and open to the public.

"Each year, we try to add a little something extra to make every carnival better than the last," said Aaron Hughes, student activities coordinator. "This year, we are excited to add a main stage act to the event. Ivan Pecel will take the stage at 6:30 p.m. with a comedic juggling act that will be fun for the whole family!"

LLS, the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer, was founded in 1949. It also funds lifesaving blood cancer research around the world and provides free information and support services. Chapters exist throughout the U.S. and Canada. To learn more about The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, visit its website at www.schoolandyouth.org.

If an individual or organization wishes to support Pennies for Patients by making a donation, contact Van Dyke at camila.vandyke@minotstateu.edu or 858-3584 or Hughes at aaron.hughes@minotstateu.edu or 858-3987.

Tigirlily to perform in Dome

Country-pop group Tigirlily will perform a full concert Jan. 31 at the Minot State University Dome. The concert, set to start at approximately 8:15 p.m., follows the MSU women's and men's basketball games against Augustana College. Tigirlily will also perform the national anthem at the beginning of each game.



Tickets for the basketball games include free admittance to the full concert. Normal game ticket rates apply until the beginning of the second half of the men's basketball game. At halftime, the Tigirlily box office will open with tickets for \$10.

Affordable Care Act enrollment event slated

Individuals seeking information on the Affordable Care Act Marketplace or accessing health insurance coverage can find help Feb. 5 in Bismarck. Minot State University's North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, the North Dakota Disabilities Advocacy Consortium and the North Dakota Economic Security & Prosperity Alliance are organizing a free, public enrollment event at Bismarck's First Presbyterian Church, 214 East Thayer Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Enrollment navigators will be on site to assist attendees enroll through the federal Marketplace, www.Healthcare.gov. The Marketplace is the "go to" place to shop for health insurance coverage.



Anyone interested in applying for health coverage should bring photo identification, income verification and documents showing the citizenship or immigration status of each person applying.

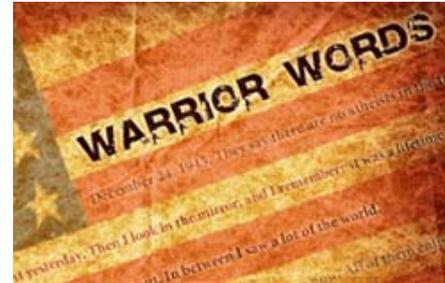
Marketplace open enrollment for 2015 ends Feb. 15; and if individuals enroll by this date, their coverage can begin as soon as March 1. If people do not enroll in coverage during 2015, they may have to pay penalties.

Some individuals may still think they cannot afford health insurance. Navigators can assist them in shopping the Marketplace to see what their options are and if they qualify for lower costs based on their household size and income or if family members might qualify for other insurance programs for children or families with limited income.

For more information, contact Neil Scharpe, Navigator project director, at 858-3596, 1-800-233-1737 or neil.scharpe@minotstateu.edu.

Warrior Words II: Veterans of U.S. wars presented monologue writing

Veterans of U.S. wars presented work they completed in Warrior Words Jan. 13 in Minot State University's Aleshire Theater. Warrior Words is a monologue-writing workshop offered by The Greater Grand Forks Community Theatre in four North Dakota cities. Conrad Davidson, College of Arts and Sciences dean, taught the Minot workshop, which consisted of six sessions. Minot presenters included Mike Carswell, Myron Dammen, Charley Epperson, Orlan Hall, Tim Knickerbocker, Lucille Loftesnes, Larry Schoenwald, Alan Waller and Max Zurcher.



"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. Additional support was provided by Minot State.

Chamber sponsors legislative forums

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee hosts Saturday legislative forums at the North Dakota State Fair Center, with the next forum Jan. 31 at 9 a.m. Tom Seymour, business information technology professor, chairs the host committee.

The forums give attendees a chance to meet with Minot area 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 NDSF Center. Other dates are Feb. 14 and March 7 and 21. Rich Wardner, senate majority leader, will be the special guest at the March 7 meeting, and there will be a meeting on April 11 if necessary.

New faculty and staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes new employees, Connie Blair, Dana Dannewitz, Jamie Hammer, James Tiffany and Theresa Voigt.

Blair joins the POWER Center as the tutoring and mentoring coordinator. Previously, she was the Passport coordinator for Dakota College at Bottineau on the MSU campus. She received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Texas State University and is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Teaching (mathematics) from MSU and expects to graduate in August 2015. Blair and her husband, Andrew, have a two-year-old daughter. She is also a novice food blogger, www.hurrytothetable.com.

Dannewitz is the accounts payable coordinator in the Business Office. For four years, she has been a stay-at-home mom after working for Minot's ING. She earned a bachelor's degree in business management from MSU. She and her husband, David, have two sons.

Hammer, nursing instructor, previously worked for Trinity Health in its Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. She possesses a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from MSU and a Master of Science in nursing from the University of Mary. She and her husband, Justin, have a son and a daughter.

Tiffany is the groundskeeper in the Office of Facilities Management. Before coming to MSU,



Blair



Dannewitz



Hammer



Tiffany



he worked at the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. He and his wife, Lauren, have a daughter and a dog. The family enjoys camping and fishing.

Voigt is the administrative assistant to the College of Business dean. Previously, she worked for Strata in Karlsruhe. She completed a bachelor's degree in marketing and business management from MSU. She is married to James Voigt.

In the galleries

Jan. 21-Feb. 12 — "Americans 2014: Paperworks Best of Show," sculptures by New York City artist Chris Perry, Library Gallery. Perry will discuss his work in a noon presentation Feb. 6 in Aleshire Theater.

Jan. 21-Feb. 26 — "Americas 2015: Paperworks" juried by James Ehlers, Emporia State University, Kansas, Hartnett Gallery. A public reception with Perry will be Feb. 5 in the Library Gallery, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. A public reception for "Americas 2015: Paperworks" is Thursday (Jan. 22) from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at 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.

Five Minot State University students, **Suzannah Miller, Samuel Olson, Chloe Ondracek, Hriday Thakkar** and **Jordan Torgunrud**, attended the Joint Mathematics Meeting in San Antonio, Jan. 10-13. The five students gave presentations on the undergraduate research they are pursuing under the direction of **Narayan Thapa**, mathematics assistant professor.



Miller presented "Comparison of Numerical Procedures in Water Pollutant Transport Modeling," while Olson discussed "Stability Analysis of Inverse Modeling Problems in Chemical Kinetics." Ondracek elaborated "On the Numerical Solution of sine-Gordon Equation with Method of Lines." Thakkar highlighted "Neural Network Techniques Used to Mine Data in Astronomy," and Torgunrud presented "On the Numerical Treatment of Water Pollution." Thapa also presented a session on his own research, "Frechet Differentiability of Parabolic Partial Differential Equation."

These presentations formed parts of sessions featuring the research of undergraduate and graduate students, university faculty and invited lecturers from around the world. The meeting is hosted by the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America and is the largest mathematics meeting in the world.

Pictured are Hriday Thakkar, Jordan Torgunrud, Chloe Ondracek, Suzannah Miller, Narayan Thapa and Samuel Olson.

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.