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Bone marrow drive: swab a cheek, save a life

The Minot State University Biology Department, Club Biology and biology students are teaming up with Delete Blood Cancer, an organization leading the fight to eradicate blood cancer, to host a bone marrow drive March 11 in the Beaver Dam (Student Center, second floor) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hundreds of thousands of people are diagnosed with blood cancer and other life-threatening blood-related diseases each year. Many of these patients require a blood stem cell transplant, and often 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. Consequently, everyone's help is desperately needed.



"This is a pretty painless way to save a life without giving your own," said Heidi Super, biology professor. "I'd like to see more people from the community and more minority students register at this drive. There is an overall shortage of people willing to donate bone marrow, but when you break it down, numerous ethnic groups are really underrepresented on the registry. The reason you are asked to submit your ethnicity/ancestry on the registration form is that you are much more likely to find a match within your ethnic group. It's just how genetics works!"

For more information about the drive, contact Super at 858-3079 or heidi.super@minotstateu.edu. For questions about stem cell donation and getting registered or making a donation, go to www.deletebloodcancer.org using drive code XBV002.

MSO to 'Bring on the Funk'

Minot Symphony Orchestra continues its 2014-15 season, "Worlds Colliding," Saturday (March 7) with the pops concert, "Bring on the Funk." The concert, directed by Maestro Scott Seaton, will begin in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The performance features The Post-Traumatic Funk Syndrome, one of the region's hottest classic rock horn bands. The evening begins with the tradition of saluting the Armed Forces and, as a last musical treat, will feature organist Suzannah Miller, winner of the MSU Senior Honor Competition.

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. Symphony patrons are invited to join Erik Anderson, music professor, for a 6:30 p.m. preconcert lecture for an inside look at the symphony program. For more information about MSO, visit www.minotstateu.edu/symphony.

Symphonic Band hosts guest composer

Sunday through Tuesday (March 8-10), the Minot State University Symphonic Band, under the direction of Devin Otto, music assistant professor, will host internationally renowned composer Carter Pann for a three-day residency. As part of his visit, Pann will present a master class on music composition on Sunday (March 8) in Old Main 120 at 4:30 p.m. There will also be a rehearsal of Pann's music with the MSU Symphonic Band on Monday (March 9) in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 3 p.m. and a concert featuring Pann's music that evening at 7:30 p.m. The rehearsal and concert are free and open to the public. For more information on Pann, visit www.carterpann.com.

Minot State's SNDU chapter coordinates Dr. Seuss literacy event in MPS district

Minot State University's Students of North Dakota United chapter and North Dakota United-Retired teamed up for a literacy campaign throughout Minot Public Schools. The event commemorates Read Across America, an annual, nationwide reading celebration on March 2, Dr. Seuss' birthday.

"This effort is possible thanks to the generosity of NDU-Retired Teachers, which donated money for SNDU to order and give a book to every Minot Public student, grades kindergarten through third," said Britton Bisette, SNDU public relations officer. "SNDU is honored to organize such a large event to promote literacy and the love of reading to community children."

Minot State SNDU and NDU-Retired members visited classrooms throughout the district Feb. 27, and they read a book to each class. In the forthcoming weeks, they will return to the schools and give a new book to each student to take home (The arrival of the books was delayed by inclement weather on the east coast).



SNDU is a student club for MSU's education majors. It strives to provide opportunities for education majors to be involved in and lend services to the education community in Minot. Standing officers, in addition to Bisette, include Andrea Ray, president; Malia Salyards, vice president; Lindsay Kightlinger, secretary; Camilla Keller, treasurer; and Katrina Pouteaux, student government representative. Dan Conn, assistant professor of teacher education, is the faculty sponsor. For questions, contact Conn at 858-3267.

Democracy Cafe travels for 'Legislative Experience'

Democracy Cafe hits the road for its March 12 installment. Minot State University students and legislative members will discuss "Legislative Experience" in the Capital Cafe of the State Capital at noon.

Democracy Cafe fosters nonpartisan discussion on important civic issues. It generally meets every three weeks. Funded by the College of Arts and Sciences, the event is free and open to the public. For questions, contact Jynette Larshus, assistant professor of sociology, at 858-4324 or jynette.larshus@minotstateu.edu.

Minot State hosting Science Olympiad

The Division of Science is hosting a regional Science Olympiad March 16 on the Minot State University campus from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Middle school and high school students from area schools will participate. Team registration is at 8 a.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

"Minot State's Science Olympiad is one of five regional events in North Dakota, and the winners advance to state competition in April," said Robert Crackel, associate professor of chemistry.

To date, nine middle school teams and 14 high school teams have signed up. Over 30 sessions are planned for the two groups. Titles include "Robo Cross," "Science Crime Busters," "Meteorology," "Mission Possible," "Can't Judge a Powder" and "Dynamic Planet." For questions, contact Crackel at 858-3852 or robert.crackel@minotstateu.edu.

Dream Catchers cap off another fun Day at the Dome

The Minot State University Baseball Team and the Dream Catchers came together for the ninth consecutive year Feb. 26 in a night filled with fun, pizza and baseball.

"It was fun — I know the guys really enjoyed it," Brock Wepler, head baseball coach, said. "It's kind of a night where you can forget about everything else and just have fun."

The Dream Catchers, a team of special needs children from Minot and its surrounding areas, come together throughout the year to play baseball. The team adopts the Dome as home during the winter months and joins the MSU Baseball Team for the Day at the Dome every season.



The Dream Catchers were broken up into four teams, and the teams played a pair of three-inning games. Each Dream Catchers baseball player was paired with an MSU baseball player for the night to work together and have fun.

"I know I looked around several times, and all of them seemed to have a smile on their face and were engaging with their partners," Wepler said. "They just play. Some of the kids choose to hit off tees and others want their partners to pitch to them. We make sure the kids all get an opportunity."

After a couple of successful games, the teams capped off their night in the best way possible, with pizza.

Both teams are once again looking forward to the event next year, and for the Minot State Baseball Team, its season resumes Monday (March 9) with a game against Southwest Minnesota State in Tucson, Ariz., at the Tucson Invitational Games.

Photo by Sean Arbaut.

Senate majority leader to be special guest at legislative forum

Rich Wardner, senate majority leader, will be the special guest at the Saturday (March 7) legislative forum at the North Dakota State Fair Center's Norsk Room at 9 a.m. Tom Seymour, business information technology professor, chairs the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee, which hosts the forums.

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. Remaining dates are March 21 and April 11 if the legislature is still in session.

In the galleries

March 4-12 — "Souls of Silver" by Bismarck photographer Shane Balkowitsch, Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery.

March 5-27 — Prints by Jackie McElroy, retired University of North Dakota art professor, are an overview of 30 of her prairie-inspired prints produced between 1975 and 1998, Hartnett Gallery.

The public closing reception for "Souls of Silver" is March 12 in the Library Gallery from 6:30 to 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.

Ash Bowen, assistant professor of English, had his poem, "Murder in the Red Barn," selected for inclusion in the 2014 Best of the Net poetry anthology. The anthology received 900 nominations from editors of online literary journals. Bowen's poem was one of 18 poems selected by final judge, poet Kathy Fagan, to be included in the anthology. The poem originally appeared in The Baltimore Review, http://baltimorereview.org/index.php/fall_2013/contributor/ash-bowen.

Kevin Harmon, assistant vice president for enrollment management, was selected as the Souris Valley United Way president for 2015.

Linda Madsen, NDCPD dissemination core coordinator and N.D. Senior Medicare Patrol program director, is a member of the recently formed Statewide Aging Collaborative.

Codie Miller, ASPIRE program enrollment specialist, was elected as a board member for Companions for Children.

Beth Odahlen, Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning director, and **Joshua Sandy**, student, presented at the National Resource Center on the First Year Experience 34th annual conference in February. The presentation, "Navigating University Transition through the utilization of Peer Leaders," regarded the use of peer leaders in Minot State University's Transitions

program.

ShaunAnne Tangney, professor of English, edited the book, "The Wild That Attracts Us: New Critical Essays on Robinson Jeffers," which is forthcoming in May from the University of New Mexico Press.

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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