

FYI Campus Newsletter

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BSC thespians rollick in ‘The Boys from Syracuse’

Somehow, somewhere, the twain shall meet for two separated twins in “The Boys from Syracuse,” a musical romp of mistaken identity to be presented by BSC Theatre April 5-9 in the Sidney J. Lee Auditorium.

Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday with reserved seat tickets available from the Schafer Hall box office at 224-5511. Employees may request one complimentary ticket. Students may attend at no charge with a student ID.

Staged against the soaring music of Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart, “The Boys from Syracuse” has a long lineage of producing laughter that dates to a first century B.C. work by Plautus. Shakespeare borrowed and adapted Plautus’ plot for “Comedy of Errors,” and, in 1938, Rodgers and Hart produced “The Boys from Syracuse” with such hits as “This Can’t Be Love.” Their show was the first of Shakespeare’s comedies made into a musical.

“It has been a pleasure to shake the dust off this old relic and watch 21st century student actors discover the eternally funny,” said director Dan Rogers, associate professor of speech and theater.

For the complete news release, go to www.bismarckstate.edu/news/spotlight/

ArtsQuest 2006 debuts FilmFocus

BSC adds filmmaking to its month-long ArtsQuest celebration with two Los Angeles filmmakers, and film and video composers Jim Bonney of Chicago and Troy Nies, a BSC alumnus.

The FilmFocus series begins Monday, April 3, with “Waterbuster” at 7 p.m. in the North Dakota Heritage Center. Appearing are director-writer J. Carlos Peinado, a member of Three Affiliated Tribes, and Paul VanDevelder, author of “Coyote Warrior.” Both have depicted the historical, economic, and cultural impact of Garrison Dam on North Dakota tribes.

VanDevelder is an Oregon journalist, freelance writer and film producer. Peinado has a degree in filmmaking from Dartmouth College and worked in New York City as an actor and filmmaker. His documentary work includes “Harry’s House,” a film about the Hopi and Navajo land dispute. Currently living in Vermont, Peinado has also worked in Arizona with Native American publications and organizations.

Three other film events take place April 12 and 13 when BSC hosts producer Bob Dambach of Prairie Public Broadcasting and screenwriter Ron Vossler of Grand Forks for activities associated with two award-winning documentaries on the Germans from Russia.

An afternoon bus trip to Crown Butte cemetery will introduce audiences to “Prairie Crosses, Prairie Voices: Iron Crosses of the Great Plains” on April 12. (For bus reservations, contact Amy Juhala at 224-5760.) Vossler joins Dambach April 13 for “Schmeckfest,” which includes a food event catered by Kroll’s Kitchen. Both screenings begin at 7 p.m. in Sidney J. Lee Auditorium.

Fans of gothic horror can gather April 26 for “The Call of Cthulhu,” a new silent film in a 1920s style by director Andrew Leman and screenwriter Sean Branney set to a haunting score by Troy Nies and other collaborators.

Penned by H.P. Lovecraft in 1926, “The Call of Cthulhu” is the most famous tale by the pioneer of gothic horror and his only story featuring the celebrated monster. The globe-trotting adventure embodies HPL’s nihilistic world view, cosmic perspective, and his sense that mankind is doomed by its own insignificance. Screening begins at 7 p.m. in the auditorium followed by discussion with the filmmakers.

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BSC welcomes new employees

Hope Kramer, cashier/accounts receivable, came to North Dakota in 2004 from Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., where she attended Cheffey State College and studied child development and business. She was director of the Tutor Time Learning Center, a day care, for the past 15 years, and has additional training in computers and CPR. She and her husband Bruce, a native of Velva, have a 13-year-old son and two dogs. Kramer enjoys scrap booking, card making, walking, and volleyball.

Ileen Enzminger, student records assistant, has worked in office support and customer service for 14 years. Enzminger started at Dakota Credit Inc. as a reporter, then spent five years as an administrative assistant for Knife River Corp., a subsidiary of MDU Resources Group, Inc. She has spent the past seven years as a call center agent for Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., and owns Bismarck-Mandan Welcome Wagon. Enzminger is a graduate of Bismarck High School and farmed for 28 years near Streeter with her husband Irvin. They have one daughter. She enjoys biking and sewing.

Sara Vollmer receives Jack Fellowship

Sara Vollmer, Corporate and Continuing Education (CCE) training manager, was named recipient of the Jack Fellowship, a professional development grant from the BSC Foundation. She plans to use the \$25,000 award to pursue a master’s degree in education administration online from the University of South Dakota at Vermillion.

Vollmer says the advanced degree will provide her with new skills to address anticipated growth within CCE as the college begins groundwork for the new National Energy Center.

“Receiving my degree will place me in a position to take on more responsibility and advance within the college,” says Vollmer, who currently coordinates non-credit enrichment programs, workforce training, children’s programs, and conferences.

Vollmer has worked for BSC 10 years, the first two in the Public Information office. She has a BS in agriculture with a communications minor from North Dakota State University. In 2000, Vollmer became a Certified Program Planner through the Learning Resource Network. She also has taught enrichment classes and is certified by eCollege to teach online classes.

A committee appointed by the Foundation selected Vollmer for the fellowship, which helps BSC employees further their education, conduct research, or pursue other growth opportunities. Tom Jack and the late Peg Jack, lead contributors to BSC's Jack Science Center, endowed the \$25,000 fellowship in 1999.

Visiting writer reads in BSC Library April 10

Minnesota poet Joyce Sutphen presents a reading of her poetry Monday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the BSC Library as part of the Visiting Writer Series.

Sutphen's first book of poetry, "Straight Out of View," won the Barnard New Women's Poets Prize from Beacon Press in 1995 and offers imagistic, sparse poems of landscape and allusive meditations.

Her second book, "Coming to the Body," was a finalist for the Minnesota Book Award, and her third work, "Naming the Stars," won the Minnesota Book Award in Poetry. Printed in 2004 by Holy Cow! Press, "Naming the Stars" deals with love and distance on many structural plains.

Sutphen holds a doctorate in renaissance drama and teaches literature and creative writing at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn. Her poems have appeared in American Poetry Review, The Gettysburg Review, Shenandoah, Poetry, Luna, and other journals.

The event is sponsored by the English discipline of the Arts and Communications Department and funded, in part, by a grant from the BSC Foundation.

Faculty exhibit on display through April 14

An exhibit by visual art and other faculty at Bismarck State College runs through April 14 at the library and Schafer Hall.

Held for the third year, the group show in Gannon and Elsa Forde galleries includes a variety of art forms created by seven professors and instructors from four academic disciplines.

The visual art faculty has mounted acrylic paintings and ceramics by Brian Hushagen, paintings by Michelle Lindblom, and jewelry by Barb Jirges. Frank Koch, retired professor of chemistry, has woodcarvings on display.

Pieces from commercial art faculty include photography by Lonnie Bertsch and scratchboard by Jack Kline. Yvette Matthews, associate professor of science, is showing quilts.

Bookstore to sell old texts at reduced prices

The Bismarck State College Bookstore will sell old editions of textbooks at reduced prices April 10-13. Other books, including novels, will also be sold at discounted prices. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Faculty and Staff News

Michael Lenhardt, associate vice president for student affairs, attended the NASPA 88th Annual Convention in Washington, D.C., March 11-15.

Jesse Carman, audiovisual and IVN assistant, traveled to Chicago March 13-15 for the EDUCAUSE Conference. The conference covered advanced networking, security and IT policies in higher education.

John Holtan, assistant professor of power and process plant technology, accompanied students to Loveland, Colo., on the Energy Club trip to tour power companies March 11-16.

Buster Gilliss, athletic director, attended the NDJC state meeting and the NJCAA Region XIII meeting in Minneapolis March 19-20.

Craig Kleven, assistant professor of agribusiness, accompanied 13 students competing in the national competition at the National Postsecondary Agricultural Students Organization Conference. The conference was held in St. Louis March 15-18.

Dr. Wayne Boekes, provost and vice president for academic and student affairs, and **Dr. Jane Schulz**, dean of instruction, traveled to Atlanta March 17-19 for the Community College Baccalaureate Association 6th Annual Conference.

Heather Sheehan, director of student life, accompanied ten students attending the National Student Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C., March 17-21. One of the students, Catherine Klein, is a member of the student leadership team and serves as vice president of communications for the National Student Advocacy Board.

Carla Sivesand, payroll account technician, and **Debbie Van Berkom**, executive assistant to the president and Learning First coordinator, attended the 2006 Innovations Conference March 19-22 in Atlanta, Ga.