

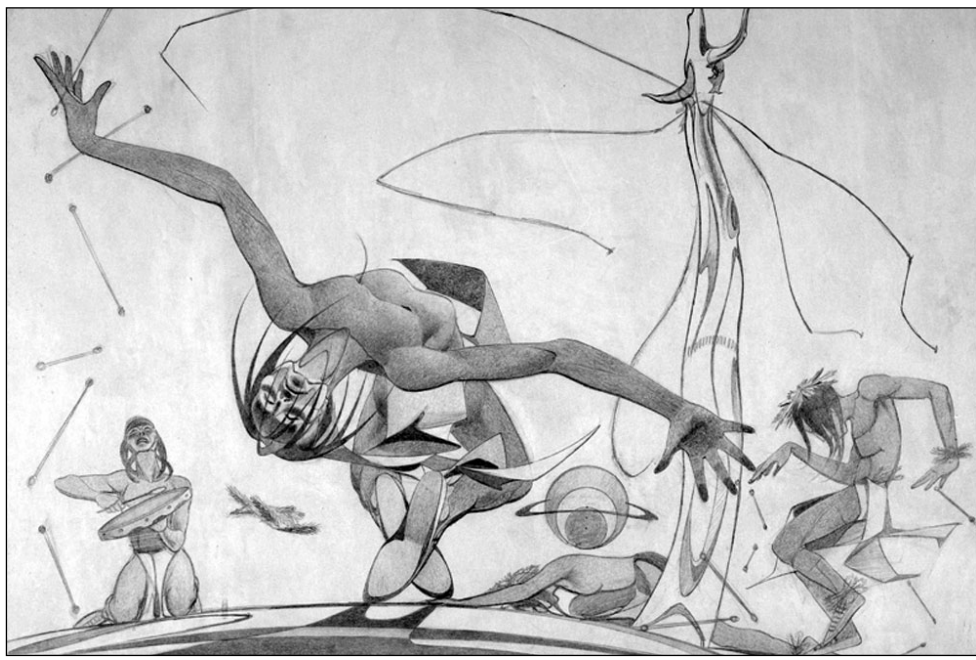
## Original Oscar Howe drawings displayed as USD gallery re-opens

The Oscar Howe Gallery at The University of South Dakota re-opened on Monday, Nov. 30 featuring a drawing exhibition by Oscar Howe (Yanktonai Dakota, 1915-1983), a celebrated Native American artist and former faculty member of the USD Department of Art.

The drawings in the exhibition showcase Howe's wide-ranging talent to draw uninhibited lines freely. These lines convey movement and energy, and tell stories of Dakota culture. Some of the drawings are abstract linear compositions while others are preliminary sketches for future casein paintings on paper such as the drawing of internationally recognized potter Maria Martinez (San Ildefonso Pueblo, 1881-1980).

"The drawings in the exhibition give the viewer a real sense of Oscar's skill and creativity with graphite pencils and paper," said Eddie Welch, director of the University Art Galleries and curator of the exhibition. "Drawing, making lines – first in the prairie dirt with sticks as a young boy and later as a professional artist – was the core of art-making for Howe."

All but one of the drawings is on public display for the first time, including "Dakota Duck Hunt," the sketch for the painting by the same title for which Howe won the grand prize at the second-annual Philbrook Art Competition in Tulsa, OK, in 1947. "This drawing has incredible historical value given Oscar used his prize money to fly his soon-to-be wife, Heidi, to the United States from Germany after the war," Welch said. The



Created in 1956, "Sioux Sun Dance" is a pencil on paper drawing from Oscar Howe and part of the Howe Collection at University Art Galleries at USD.

drawing recently received art conservation treatment from the Midwest Art Conservation Center in Minneapolis, Minn.

While the Howe Gallery was closed for three weeks, Welch organized the gallery by painting the walls and rearranging exhibits to give the location a new look. Also during this time, Welch and Sarah Hanson, curator of photographs, worked to digitally photograph Howe's paintings and drawings in the USD collection.

"The digital documentation of Howe's

paintings and drawings in the USD collection is a significant development toward advancing future research on Howe, and to better promote the university's collection which is the largest in the world," stated Welch.

Located on the first floor of the east wing of Old Main, the Oscar Howe Gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. Special off-hours tours are also available by contacting Welch at eddie.welch@usd.edu or (605) 677-3177.

### CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

#### American Legion Auxiliary celebrates 90 years of service

ALA Wallace Unit #1 began a year long celebration of Service Not Self with a proclamation signed by Mayor Dan Christopherson designating Nov. 10 as American Legion Auxiliary Day in Vermillion. The proclamation was presented to the Auxiliary at their regular business meeting and reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the American

Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization with over 850,000 members in more than 9,500 communities worldwide and was chartered by Congress November 10, 1919; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary is a non-profit organization committed to advancing the mission of serving veterans, their families and their communities; and

WHEREAS, the members of the American Legion Auxiliary have dedicated millions

of volunteer hours to serving American veterans, educating children and working in their community, all the while working to uphold the ideals of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, beginning November 10, 2009, the American Legion Auxiliary celebrates its 90th year of Service Not Self, for Veterans, God and Country; and

WHEREAS, the observance of American Legion Auxiliary Day provides an opportunity to recognize Auxiliary members in our com-

munity for their many contributions to our city;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Daniel D. Christopherson, Mayor of the City of Vermillion, do hereby proclaim November 10 as AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DAY. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.

For more information on the American Legion Auxiliary or membership, please contact Evelyn Hermanson at 624-4063.

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The program was presented to all local high school students Monday, thanks to a \$25,000 sponsorship from the Walmart Foundation.

"We want students to understand the importance of ethics, not only in the workplace when they have a full-time job, but also in life, with their families and their friends and different situations that might happen to them," said Kayla Bickett, Junior Achievement district director from Sioux Falls.

Monday's program came about to meet a goal set by the state board of Junior Achievement to work with high school students.

"Excelling through Ethics was a really good choice for us because it allowed us to come into the high school for a one-hour, one-time event, and work with our students to let them know how to make the right decision and do the right thing, even when people aren't looking," Bickett said.

According to a 2009 survey conducted by JA Worldwide and Deloitte, "Nearly half (49 percent) of [teens] who say they are ethically prepared for the workplace believe that lying to parents and guardians is acceptable, and 61 percent

have done so in the past year."

The initiative behind JA Excelling through Ethics is to teach students about ethics; what ethics means, why ethics is important and how ethics can be used for decision-making.

"Everybody has these tough situations that they must encounter," Bickett said, "and we just want our students to do the right thing. We think that will carry on in their futures if they have this education."

Junior Achievement developed the materials presented to Vermillion students by the volunteers. The volunteers underwent a brief review process in advance of Monday's event to become familiar with the content of the program.

"This is the second year of the program being presented in South Dakota communities, so we used a lot of feedback from our past volunteers on things we can change and do better," Bickett said. "We think we have a great curriculum this year, and we heard this (Monday) morning that it worked really well and it got the students engaged."

Junior Achievement is presenting the ethics program to schools in 13 communities

across South Dakota.

"We have a two-week blitz that goes across South Dakota, starting today (Monday)," Bickett said. "So during these two week period, we will be holding 12 events across the state, and in April, we will hold one large event."

The volunteers who presented the ethics program at VHS represent a wide cross-section of the Vermillion community. Presenters included professionals, educators, administrators, business people and law enforcement.

"Everybody has a different background, a different story and different experiences, so if we have people from different areas of the community, they all can bring in their personal experiences and things that have happened to them," Bickett said.

She understands that some

people may wonder why a school district's teachers weren't called on to present the ethics program.

"We really think it is important for our community members to be role models for our students," Bickett said. "Sometimes we find that students hear things from their parents, and they hear things from their teachers, and they may be some people from the community who says the exact same thing that they've heard twice before, but that time it sinks in because it's a new face, a new person giving them ideas."

"Plus, this allows students to know that there are people from the community that are interested in their education, and value what they are learning," she said. "They know that other people care about them, too."

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## University Theatre to hold auditions for *A Chorus Line*

The University of South Dakota Department of Theatre is holding open auditions for *A Chorus Line*, Dec. 10-12 at the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Taking place over three days, the auditions will test the singing, dancing, and acting skills of the individuals taking part, in a sense, mirroring the plot of the musical itself. *A Chorus Line*, one of the most successful and highly acclaimed musicals of all time, follows 17 dancers as they audition for eight spots in a chorus line. Winner of nine Tony awards in addition to the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, *A Chorus Line* is a loving and thrilling salute to the Broadway gypsy.

Patricia Downey, coordinator of the musical theatre program and director of *A Chorus Line*, will conduct auditions over the course of three days. Dance auditions occur Thursday, Dec. 10. Actors can learn the dance audition phrase

from 5 to 5:30 p.m. in the Dance Studio while the auditions occur from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Knutson Theatre. Vocal auditions follow the dance auditions from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Thursday and from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11 in the Knutson Theatre. Interested parties should reserve a specific audition time by signing up on the theatre calboard located in the east hallway of Fine Arts or by contacting Patricia Downey at 677-6495 or patricia.downey@usd.edu.

For the singing auditions, actors are asked to prepare 16 bars from two different songs, one a ballad and one an up-tempo number. Callbacks will be held in the morning on Saturday, Dec. 12.

*A Chorus Line* will hit the stage Feb. 26, 27, March 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. Ticket information may be found at [www.usd.edu/theatre](http://www.usd.edu/theatre) or by contacting the Theatre Department at 677-5418.



Rose Hervagault, community supports instructor, is presented with the November employee of the month award by her supervisor, Shannon Buum, and Gerald Tracy, SESDAC, Inc. executive director.

## Hervagault receives SESDAC, Inc. employee of the month

Rose Hervagault, Community Supports Instructor, was selected as the SESDAC, Inc. November 2009 Employee of the Month. Rose has been employed at SESDAC, Inc. since June 2007.

Rose was nominated for the award by her fellow co-workers, based on her dedication to her job and the people she supports.

Co-workers had the following compliments written in their nominations for Rose, "Rose is quick to redirect, a

great teacher, calm, composed, compassionate, patient, flexible, and a pleasure to work with."

Rose currently resides in Vermillion.

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