

USD Department of Theatre showcases student talent

The University of South Dakota Department of Theatre will present an end-of-term departmental showcase that features scenes, songs, dances and designs that are the result of student work in the classroom fall semester. The showcase will be performed in Aalfs Auditorium in Slagle Hall, Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

The evening will include a variety of dance styles – from Fosse and swing to waltz and clogging; samples of Greek tragedy that utilize masks in character development for scenes from Agamemnon, Electra, and Antigone; and musical theatre solo and group numbers from shows such as “Annie Get Your Gun,” “La Cage Aux Folles,” and “She Loves Me.”

Songs from these shows are performed by six, senior, theatre majors who are specializing in musical theatre and who are preparing to share their talents with agents, casting directors and other industry professionals in a

showcase that will be performed in New York City spring semester. The work of student designers in costumes, lighting, and scenery will also be featured through a video presentation.

Dr. Raimondo Genna directs the showcase which includes project work from the courses of Patricia Downey (Jazz, Tap, Ballroom, and Musical Theatre Styles Dance), Chaya Gordon-Bland (Acting Period Styles), Matt Nesmith (New York Showcase), Anthony Pellicchia (Lighting), and Tim Case (Advanced Rendering and Scene Painting). Additional technical and design support is provided by professors Scott Mollman and Linda Scribner, while Karl Graber serves as accompanist.

The Department of Theatre invites you to celebrate student talent as it brings the classroom to the stage in the beautifully renovated Aalfs Auditorium. For further information contact Eric Hagen, chairperson, Department of Theatre at (605) 677-5736.

■ GLENN

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Glenn, already in the USD Hall of Fame, played for the Coyotes from 1967-70 under coach Joe Salem, and later was a backfield coach in 1974. After a stop at Northern Arizona, Glenn served as head coach at Doane College (1976-79), Northern Colorado (1989-99), Montana (2000-02) and Wyoming (2003-08).

He won a pair of Division II national titles at Northern Colorado in 1996 and 1997, and won a Division I-AA, now FCS, championship at Montana in 2001.

When USD came calling after former coach Ed Meierkort was fired on Nov. 22, Glenn said he looked inward and decided he was ready to roam the sidelines again.

“I realized, ‘OK, they want me. I’ve got the energy, the background and the experience, I can still coach,’” he said. “I realized it was a calling.”

Seeking a coach that would meet four standards, leadership, discipline, academic priorities and conference championships, Saylor – the second-year athletic director – found his man right away.

“I couldn’t believe the passion for the S-D that he has, with his love for this program and this university as a whole,” Saylor said. “It just bled right through him. You could feel it, you could feel the energy.

“It’s something special.”

Among those in attendance Monday was Wes Beschoner, the USD offensive coordinator who served as interim head coach since Meierkort’s firing. No stranger to Glenn, Beschoner said his newest boss is unquestionably the man to lead the Coyotes further in the FCS ranks.

“I’ve known him for a long time, and he’s been great,” Beschoner said. “He’s helped me along the way, and he’ll help this university. There’s no question he’s an energetic guy. You can feel it echo off his body.”

“That’s a pretty special feeling,” he added, with a wide smile.

How that energetic attitude will translate on Saturdays for the Coyotes – who join the Missouri Valley Football Conference next season and are playoff eligible for the first time – is still to be determined. Yet, Glenn was not shy about the challenges that lay ahead.

Chief among those obstacles is not only recruiting against the likes of South Dakota State, North Dakota State and Northern Iowa, but beating those teams.

“My gut feeling to start out with is, when we were here, we could go in the ring and touch gloves with North Dakota State, South Dakota State and Northern Iowa, and win our fair share,” Glenn said. “I don’t see any reason why we can’t.”

“We’ve got the same amount of scholarships they do, so we’ll touch gloves and fight as hard as we can for 12 rounds.”

Take it slow on ice and snow, AAA advises

With the threat of ice and snow once again in the forecast for parts of South Dakota, AAA reminds motorists that driving during wintry conditions can be treacherous. Take it easy on slick roadways, allow extra time to get where you’re going and drive slowly.

Dress in layers. Heavy coats and gloves offer warmth outside but after the vehicle warms up, they should be taken off to allow you full head and arm movement.

Before driving, remove any snow or ice on your vehicle’s windows, lights, brake lights and signals.

South Dakotans often have to

drive on ice and snow during the winter season. Here are some good reminders from AAA:

- Drive well below the posted speed limit and leave plenty of room between you and the car in front of you.

- Watch for black ice. Roads that seem dry may actually be slippery and dangerous. Take it slow when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges and shady areas – all are hot spots for that hard-to-detect black ice.

- Be aware of what’s going on well ahead of you. The way other vehicles are behaving will alert you to problems more quickly and give you a split-second of

added time to react safely.

- The faster you’re going, the longer it will take to stop. When accelerating on snow or ice, do so slowly to avoid slipping and sliding.

- Brake early, brake slowly and never slam on the brakes. With anti-lock brakes (ABS), press the pedal down firmly and hold it. If you don’t have ABS, gently pump the pedal. Either way, leave yourself lots of room to stop.

- Don’t use cruise control when driving on ice and snow, and avoid sudden steering maneuvers.

- Give snowplows and sand trucks a wide berth – stay well

behind these vehicles and don’t attempt to pass them.

Make sure your vehicle is road-worthy. Check the battery, tires, wiper blades, fluids, lights, belts and hoses.

Carry a winter emergency road kit: ice scraper, snow brush, cell phone with charger cord, booster cables, flashlight with extra batteries, warm clothing and blankets, a first aid kit, paper towels, candy bars, simple tools (screwdrivers, pliers and the like), reflective triangles and clay-based kitty litter or sand to throw in front of the power wheels if you’re stuck on an icy incline and can’t get traction.

Noem to speak at USD Commencement

Congresswoman Kristi Noem (R-SD) is the keynote speaker for the 36th Winter Commencement ceremony at the University of South Dakota on Saturday, Dec. 17. More than 470 students will receive degrees during the ceremony, which begins at 10 a.m. at the DakotaDome on the USD campus.

A native of Hamlin County in northeast South Dakota, Noem was elected to the United States House of Representatives on Nov. 2, 2010 after serving in the South Dakota House of Representatives. Win the U.S. House, Noem serves on the Agriculture, Education and Workforce, and Natural Resources Committees. While a member of the state house, Noem



NOEM

represented South Dakota’s 6th District and was Assistant Majority Leader before taking a run at Congress.

Prior to her career in state and national politics, Noem was an experienced rancher, farmer, and hunting lodge owner and operator. She grew up

on a farm where she learned the value of hard work caring for cattle and horses, and helping with planting and the harvest. Her work on the farm and ranch didn’t go

unnoticed. In 1997, Noem received the South Dakota Outstanding Young Farmer award and six years later she was honored with the South Dakota Young Leader award.

In addition to her work in the state and U.S. House, Noem’s service includes the South Dakota State Farm Agency State Committee, the Commission for Agriculture in the 21st Century, the South Dakota Soybean Association, and numerous other boards and committees, including as Hamlin County 4-H Leaders Association president. She and her husband, Bryon, still call Hamlin County home along with their three children, Cassidy, Kennedy and Booker.

■ OCCUPY

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accomplished this by being a hard worker, she is in the minority, as most college students graduate more than \$20,000 in debt.

“We’re not just fighting this for you and

me,” Emanuel said. “We’re fighting it for people like (the girl in the picture), too, who have to work too hard in order to barely get by, while some Americans, some people just generally in this world ... because of their position, because of their luck, because of who they might have been born to, they get ahead without condition of work.”

Heisey acknowledged that capitalism “has helped the world in very real ways,” but said the system is outdated.

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“If we (pastors) are doing what we hope our parishioners are doing, advent for Christmas is a time for prayer and devotion and preparation,” she said. “It’s a time of waiting and watching and part of that is having to get comfortable with being uncomfortable – sort of not getting the cart before the horse.”

“We look for the indwelling of Christ on a daily basis. I think during Advent before Christmas and during Lent before Easter, those are our four weeks or six weeks to do those things,” Boese said, “so that on Christmas and on Easter, we can really experience anew again this God who comes to dwell with us, this God who is faithful to us even through

death and into resurrection.”

She describes Christmas and Easter as the two bookend “big deals” in the church year.

“I think we overlook Easter because we don’t have the big Christmas tree, and we don’t pull out all of the lights, and we aren’t in the darkness of winter at the time Easter arrives,” Boese said. “I think most clergy would say they both are equally important.”

She said one way she personally prepares for the arrival of Christmas is to remind herself and others of the arrival of this special season.

“Advent is a season in itself, and it’s a season of waiting and preparation. I think it’s too easy for us to look at the consumer side of Christmas, and then we sort of miss the boat. We don’t take the time to prepare and wait and watch,” Boese said. “Preparing doesn’t necessarily mean having all of your Christmas shopping done my

the Saturday after Black Friday.

I think we sort of lose that in this culture. I think we really need to slow down our Christmas ... Christmas decorations have already been up in some stores since September, and so by the time the day after Christmas hits, we’re tired of it and we put everything out on the front curb.”

“The time that we ‘enter’ Christmas is on Christmas Day, so I think we kind of have that tippy-turvy in our society,” she said. “We celebrate Christmas before Christmas is actually here, when in fact this is our time to wait, and watch and listen to the longings of our heart.”

When Christmas arrives a little more than two weeks from today, Boese hopes everyone receives one single, important message: “God is faithful and Jesus does come.”

The time leading up to that

“We want a better system, which distributes the fruits of our labors more fairly, more equally, and with a human person in mind,” he said. “We want to feel that we matter, that we make a difference. We want a meaningful future for ourselves, for our children and our children’s children.”

Music was provided by USD student Jimmy Bloomquist.

day, this Advent season being experienced by the Christian church, offers powerful experiences.

“I think any time we really slow down enough to recognize God’s presence in our midst, we are changed by it. I think our broken pieces are mended a little bit in that moment, and we’re made whole again – not just ourselves, but the whole Christian community,” Boese said. “If we happen to miss people throughout the rest of the year, we often see them on Christmas and Easter. What a blessing it is to have the community united again. I think it can’t not succeed. When God’s people are together, there God is in the midst of us.”

– Look in future issues of the Vermillion Plain Talk to find stories where local church leaders give their views on the holiday season.

USD Employee HOLIDAY HOOP-LA

USD Athletics is hosting employee appreciation during:

COYOTE WOMEN vs. NORTHERN COLORADO
Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.



COYOTE MEN vs. CANISIUS
Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m.

ONE COMPLIMENTARY TICKET FOR EACH GAME.

Purchase additional family member tickets for 50% OFF (Adults \$5, Youth \$3)

The 2011 Employee Appreciation Offer includes:

- Raffle drawings during the games
- Drawings for Vermillion Bucks (Vermillion Chamber & Development Company)
- Special discount (25% Off) for USD Fleece Jacket at on-site Barnes & Noble
- Photos with Santa Claus and Charlie



To obtain your **EMPLOYEE GAME TICKETS**, bring your USD employee ID to the athletic ticket office in the DakotaDome.

For more ticket information, please call **605-677-5959**.

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