

# South Dakota Supreme Court to hold Term of Court at USD

The state of South Dakota's highest court will be in session for three days at The University of South Dakota School of Law. The South Dakota Supreme Court will hear oral arguments during March 2010 Term of Court at law school courtroom, March 22-24.

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear three cases each day throughout the course of the three-day term, with afternoon sessions reserved for written appellate briefs. Booklets with schedules and a synopsis of each case, along with biographical information on the Justices and a short summary of the appellate procedure, will be available at the School of Law for persons attending any of the court's sessions.

Oral arguments to be heard include Zahrbock v. Star Brite Inn, 9 a.m., March 22; State v. Sound Sleeper, 10 a.m., March 22; Perdue Inc. v. Rounds, 11 a.m., March 22; State v. Danielson, 9 a.m., March 23; American Family v. Robnik, 10 a.m., March 23; Reinfeld v. Hutcheson, 11 a.m., March 23; Lawrence County v. Miller, 9 a.m., March 24; State v. Julio Juarez Ralios, 10 a.m., March 24; Unruh v. DeSmet Insurance, 11 a.m., March 24. A complete summary of the cases is available at

www.sdjudicial.com/sc/currenttermofcourt.aspx.

"The Supreme Court's annual visit provides our students with a great educational experience to see the appellate process in action. It's also an extraordinary opportunity for us to 'welcome home' five alumni leaders of the School of Law," said Barry Vickrey, dean of the School of Law, who noted that all five members of the South Dakota Supreme Court, Chief Justice David Gilbertson ('75) and Justices John Konenkamp ('74), Steven Zinter ('75), Judith Meierhenry ('77) and Glen Severson ('75) are graduates of the USD School of Law.

The justices have extended an invitation to the public to attend any of the Court's sessions. To assist with the Supreme Court visit, persons in attendance must abide by proper courtroom etiquette and must enter through the southeast door of the School of Law. The Supreme Court employs security methods to insure the well-being of all who attend its proceedings and all attending the morning court sessions will be requested to pass through a metal detector. Backpacks and book bags should not be brought, and other bags and purses are subject to inspection and search by security personnel.

## USD hosts 26th annual State Science Olympiad

More than a dozen middle school and high school teams will compete in the 26th annual South Dakota Science Olympiad State Tournament at The University of South Dakota on Saturday, March 27.

More than 200 middle school and high school students will compete in several science events. The top teams from each division will be invited to the 2010 National Science Olympiad Tournament in May.

South Dakota schools participating in this year's event at USD include Brook-

ings High School, Deuel Middle and High Schools, Elk Point-Jefferson Middle School, Gayville-Volin Middle and High Schools, Great Plains Lutheran High School (Watertown), Madison Middle School, McLaughlin Middle School, Mickelson Middle School (Brookings), Mitchell Middle and High Schools, Sacred Heart Middle School (Yankton), Spearfish Middle and High Schools, Timber Lake Middle School, Todd County High School, Vermillion Middle School, and Yankton Middle and High School. In

addition to the ongoing competitions, there will be open house activities, including demonstrations by The Outdoor Campus.

All events for the Science Olympiad are determined at the national level. For the state tournament, faculty, staff, and students from USD organize and judge these events. The schedule with a list of events is located on the USD Web site at <http://usd.edu/math/sdscioly>. For a brief description of the events, please visit the national Web site at [www.soinc.org](http://www.soinc.org).

# 2010 Volk Symposium at USD to address corporate ethics

Cynthia Cooper will present her award-winning lecture, "Ethical Leadership for the 21st Century" at The University of South Dakota during the 2010 Arthur A. Volk Accounting Symposium/Ethics Lecture on Tuesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wayne S. Knutson Theater.

Cooper, an internationally-recognized speaker on business ethics, will share the story of how her team unraveled the fraud at WorldCom — the largest fraud in United States history. The author of "Extraordinary Circumstances," a book that discusses her experiences as a corporate executive, Cooper previously served as the chief audit executive for MCI until July 2004. Prior to joining MCI, she worked in public accounting in Atlanta, GA, for PricewaterhouseCoopers and Deloitte & Touche.

In 2002, Cooper was named one of Time Magazine's "Persons of the Year." Two years later, she was inducted into the AICPA Hall of Fame — the first woman to receive this distinction. Cooper is also a past recipient of the American Accounting Association's Accounting Exemplar Award, presented annually for notable contributions to professionalism and ethics in accounting practice or education. She is the first woman to receive this award. Cooper received her undergraduate degree in accounting from Mississippi State University and her master's of accountancy from the University of Alabama.

Made possible by the Volk Symposium Fund and the Beacom Opportunity Fund, "Ethical Leadership for the 21st Century" is free and open to the public. This event is also sponsored by The Uni-

versity of South Dakota Beacom School of Business and USD's chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, the national honors fraternity for financial information professionals.

The Volk Symposium honors the legacy of Arthur A. Volk, who joined the USD faculty in 1948. During his 36-year tenure at USD, he taught every accounting course offered by the school as well as other business courses. The symposium was established as a fund to bring together students, academicians and business leaders for discussion of current topics of interest.



Cynthia Cooper

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**VCDC Committees:** Are you interested in becoming more active with the VCDC and in the Community? Join one of our new committees! We currently have two new committees that we are searching for great volunteers. These committees are the Special Events Committee and the Legislative Affairs Committee. If you love event planning, the Special Events Committee is for you! This committee will work to plan and promote special events that the VCDC hosts such as the Annual Fourth of July Celebration, the Annual Golf Social, and the Annual Banquet. Are you interested in the legislative issues that affect Clay County and local businesses? The Legislative Affairs Committee will work to stay up to date on such issues and keep the VCDC membership informed. If you are interested in either of these committees or would like more information, please contact Carly at [carlyh@vermillionchamber.com](mailto:carlyh@vermillionchamber.com) or at 624-5571.

**This Weeks Happenings!**  
• USD Women's Tennis vs. Appalachian State University in Orlando, FL, Friday, March 12 at 8 a.m.  
• High School Show Choir Competition Saturday, March 13 at Sioux Falls Washington (TBA).  
• Junior Northern Wheelchair Basketball Conference Tournament Saturday, March 13, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and March 14, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Vermillion High School. Ten teams will be competing.  
• Heartland Humane Soci-

ety offers humane education services for classrooms, civic groups and professional groups that include topics such as the function of the humane society in the community, proper animal care, choosing the right pet for your family's lifestyle, and the importance of spaying and neutering to prevent pet overpopulation. A program can be tailored to meet your specific needs as well.

To have a representative from Heartland Humane Society speak to your classroom, civic group or other group, please contact Tasha Anderson at 605-664-4244 or email [hhs@midconetwork.com](mailto:hhs@midconetwork.com).

### Next Weeks Happenings!

- USD Men's Golf Jackrabbit Invitational Monday, March 15 and Tuesday, March 16 in Primm, NV (all day).
- USD Women's SDSU Golf Invite Monday, March 15 and Tuesday, March 16 in Primm, NV (all day).
- Arts Advocacy in South Dakota Monday, March 15. Presented by Pat Boyd, executive director of South Dakotans for the Arts at 7 p.m. in Farber Hall. Free and open to the public.
- Calculus: The Musical! Tuesday, March 16 at 4 p.m. in Farber Hall. Produced by Know Theatre of Cincinnati and hosted by the Department of Mathematics. A comic "review" of the concepts and history of calculus. Free and open to the public.
- Pancake & Wajapi Feed Fund Raiser Tuesday, March 16, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Armory. Event supports the Wawokiya Mentoring Program in TRIO Student Support Service.
- Preservations Wednesdays sponsored by Clay County Historic Preservation Commission & Clay County Historical Society will feature Bill Ranney - Archaeology in Clay County - on Wednesday, March 17 at Vermillion Public Library at 7 p.m. Free and open to the public. For more information contact Jim Wilson, 624-4579.
- St. Patrick's Day Celebration sponsored by The Vermillion Area Arts Council to be held Wednesday, March 17 at the Washington Street Arts Center, 5 to 8 p.m. Live music from the Public Domain Tune Band, hearty Irish stew and

barley soup, breads from Vermillion's finest baker, Larry Smith and a children's art activity table will be featured as well as door prizes and a display of Danny Grindle's organically whimsical prints. Tickets: \$8 for VAAC adult member; \$12 for non-member adults; \$5 for children 11-18 and free for children ages 10 years and under. Tickets available in advance at Nook 'n Cranny.

• International Forum: The Global Warming Hoax? Wednesday, March 17. Dr. Moses Ikiugu (Health Sciences), Dr. Dennis Johnson (Economics) and Dr. Mark Sweeney (Earth Sciences) will discuss current climate change issues at noon in Farber Hall.

• Historics & Flicks Series presents The Journey of August King by John Ehle, Thursday, March 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Community Room of the Vermillion Public Library. A brief discussion facilitated by Jim Zuercher, adjunct faculty and writing specialist at Morningside College will follow. Free and open to public.

• USD Women's Tennis play Cleveland State University at noon and Iowa State University at 4 p.m. in Ames, IA Thursday, March 18.

• National Music Museum Brown Bag Lunch Program Music for Sweet and Cross Flutes, featuring Susanne Skyrn (USD) and Judy Walker (Sioux City), playing music for harpsichord, fortepiano, flute, and recorder at noon on Friday, March 19 in the Arne B. Larson Concert Hall at National Music Museum.

• USD Chamber Orchestra in Concert Friday, March 19 at 8 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall.

• Schmeckfest - A Festival of Tasting in Freeman, March 19 and 20 and March 26 and 27. Advance sale meal tickets only: adults - \$20; children 2-10 - \$8. Serving time: 4 to 7 p.m. Demonstration and display activities open from 1 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 605-925-4542 or [www.schmeckfest.com](http://www.schmeckfest.com).

• Fireman's Ball Saturday, March 20 at the Vermillion Eagle's Club. Music by Clay Creek.

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