

## RESEARCH PARK BILL SIGNED BY GOVERNOR DAUGAARD



Legislative leaders joined representatives of the South Dakota Board of Regents and Gov. Dennis Daugaard March 2 to commemorate the signing of Senate Bill 188. Senate Bill 188 authorizes the establishment and operation of research parks on land controlled by the state's public university system. The new law aims to encourage research park development, assuring entrepreneurs of a framework for cooperation among state agencies. On hand for the bill signing were (from left): Sen. Russell Olson of Wentworth, the bill's Senate sponsor; Jack Warner, the regents' executive director and CEO; Gov. Daugaard; Rep. David Lust of Rapid City, the bill's House sponsor; Rep. Brian Gosch of Rapid City; and James Abbott, president of The University of South Dakota.

# Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Irish music and native art

"The Good People" with Chris Hoover and artist Mary Black Bonnet Artichoker are headlining this year's St. Patrick's Day Celebration at Washington Street Arts Center, 202 Washington Street in Vermillion, on Saturday, March 17 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Bruce Gray, Cindy Gehm and Rebecca Gehm's dynamic family trio, "The Good People," play and sing a wide range of music, from old-time folk to popular songs. These musicians have performed at a number of venues in the area, including Gayville Hall. For this event they'll collaborate with Irish balladeer Chris Hoover for the first half, then play a variety of music for the second half of the evening. Grace Freeman and her troupe of lively Irish Dancers will also perform.

The evening will also feature Black Bonnet Artichoker's "Ole Ni's Taku he?" (What do you See?), a multi-media exhibit of photography, sculpture and painting. Currently a Vermillion resident, Black Bonnet Artichoker is an enrolled member of the Sicangu Nation at Rosebud. At the 21st Annual Sand Painters Open show in Valentine, NE, she received the Douglas Ballard Memorial Award for Outstanding Photography for her photograph, "Hihanni Waste" (Good Morning).

Those attending will enjoy an Irish dinner of potato soup, beef stew, soda bread, desserts, and a variety of beverages, including Irish



This photo by Black Bonnet Artichoker of a foggy landscape is representative of her work that will be on display at the Washington Streets Art Center March 17.

brews, wine, and soda. The open to the public, and tickets will be available at the door: Adult VAAC members \$8, non-members \$12; \$5 for children ages 11-18, free for children 10 &

under. There will be door prize drawings for new and current VAAC members. Sponsors are Carey's Bar, Jones' Foods, Hy-Vee, Wal-Mart and Vermillion Area Arts Council.

## 'Kleinprints' on display through March at University Art Gallery

Starting today, University Art Galleries at the University of South Dakota presents the exhibition, "Kleinprints: Prints from Eastern Europe" in the John A. Day Gallery in the Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts.

The exhibit, which features engravings, mezzotints and stone lithographs made by contemporary printmakers living in Czechoslovakia, Ukraine, Russia and former East Germany, will be on display through March 26.

According to the owner of Kleinprints, Henry Klein, cities in Eastern Europe have had a long and distinguished tradition in the graphic arts dating back to the 15th century when the first book was printed in Bohemia. Many of the prints in this exhibition include homages to Renaissance artists Albrecht Durer and Jan Van Eyck, but also include themes that reflect the socio-political histories of the Eastern European countries over the past 30 years. Since 1987, Klein has curated exhibitions, wrote articles and catalogs, and lectured about contemporary central and Eastern European art. Kleinprints is located in Los Angeles.

A reception for Klein and the exhibition is scheduled from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 23. It is free and open to the public. There will also be a reception for the exhibition, "Imagined Realities," on March 23 from 5-7:30 p.m. for ceramicist Travis Hinton in Gallery 110. In this exhibition, Hinton presents his work that is a reaction to pop culture entertainment's creation of altered realities. Hinton received his B.F.A. in ceramics and art education from the University of South Dakota and also received his M.F.A. in ceramics from the University of Kansas. He is currently a ceramic artist and art educator in Sioux Falls.

For more information about upcoming exhibitions, -email Alison Erasmus, director of the University Art Galleries at Alison.Erasmus@usd.edu or call at 677-3177.

To see more photographs of exhibitions and gallery events, "Like" the University Art Galleries Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/University-Art-Galleries-University-of-South-Dakota/192268047504339 or visit the UAG Web site at www.usd.edu/uag.

## THIS WEEK IN S.D. NATIONAL GUARD HISTORY

By CW5 Duke Doering (Ret.)  
SDNG Historian

In recognition of the South Dakota National Guard's 150 years of service to the state and nation from 1862-2012, the SDNG will be publishing significant dates in the history of the organization all year long for the media's use in your publications or broadcasts.

For more information on these events, please contact the SDNG Historian, CW5 Duke Doering at (605) 737-6581, or e-mail duke.doering@us.army.mil.

**March 6, 1945**  
On this date in South Dakota National Guard history, Lt. Col. Kenneth R. Scurr, of Pierre, commander of the 147th Field Artillery left the South Pacific and returned home after four years of war in World War II. Scurr had joined the 147th Field Artillery at the time of its organization in 1921, when he was a first lieutenant.

When he left the battalion on March 5, 1945, the last original officer of the 147th Field Artillery was gone. Scurr recalled of his departure, "It was with a mingled feeling of pride, anticipation of getting home after an absence of more than four years at war, and regret to be leaving the outfit with which I have served continuously for over 24 years."

While in the South Pacific he served in Australia, New Guinea, Dutch East Indies, Bismarck Archipelago and the Philippine Islands. He turned the command over to Maj. Clifford D. Nelson from Sioux Falls.

**March 7, 1991**  
On this date in South Dakota National Guard history, the 740th Transportation Company, of Aberdeen and Milbank, during Operation Desert Storm in Iraq, prepared for the next day's task of transporting 40 truckloads of

MREs (Meals, Ready to Eat) and water into Kuwait.

On Feb. 26, Kuwait City had been liberated. The convoy went through Kuwait City and over the "Highway of Death," where coalition forces caught Iraqi forces leaving Kuwait City. North of the city, they encountered the oil field fires as shown by U.S. news media. During the day, the sky was black with smoke from the fires, and at night the horizon came ablaze like candles on a birthday cake.

**March 8, 1943**  
On this date in South Dakota National Guard history during World War II, from the moment the 109th Combat Engineer Battalion arrived in Tunisia, North Africa, early in 1943, the checking, laying and lifting of mine fields had been the most important element of their mission.

On March 8, Cpl. Donald R. Muth, of Lead, was wounded when he tripped a "Bouncing Baby" mine. Muth fortunately escaped the full blast and survived. A few days later, near Rohia, eight South Dakota guardsmen were injured when a mine field exploded. They included Byrin Kruse, John Graf, and Forest M. Hale, all of old Company D, Hot Springs. They all survived.

**March 10, 1953**  
On this date in South Dakota

National Guard history, the birth of the 100th Ordnance Company took place in Mitchell, and Capt. James Zard, Warrant Officer Charles Summers, 1st Sgt. Ellis Egan, Sgt. 1st Class Arnold Bullis, Sgt. 1st Class Clarence Kapsch, Sgt. 1st Class Robert Rew, and Privates Warren Crowley, Ronald Nicholson, Lloyd Puepke, Faye Stumm and Richard Tracy were sworn in at their first drill.

Federal recognition of the 100th Ordnance Company was obtained when 10 percent of the authorized strength of the unit was met. This provided a cadre for the unit.

Later in the year, several military technicians that had been working at the Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS) in Rapid City transferred to Mitchell as soon as the new shop was completed. They included 1st Lt. Howard Nelson, Master Sgt. Robert Rothlisberger, Master Sgt. Clair Oleson, Master Sgt. George Drew, Staff Sgt. Francis Schaefer, and Staff Sgt. William Mahrt.

These soldiers had all just recently returned from Alaska, where they had recently completed their federal activation tour with the 196th Regimental Combat Team. The unit was reorganized on Nov. 1, 1956, and became the 665th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company.

## OBITUARIES

### Gilbert French

Gilbert M. French, 84, of Vermillion, SD passed away Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at the Sanford Vermillion Care Center. Gil was born January 3, 1928 in Buffalo, NY to Robert and Grace (Morse) French. He attended school in the area, serving in the military in 1946 - 1947 before he received his bachelor's degree from the University of Maine in 1952 and both his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin (1954 and 1956 respectively).

Gil married Janet Reimers on Aug. 29, 1956 in Oshkosh, WI, she passed away in 2001.

He was a professor at the University of California, Berkeley from 1957 until 1967. He came to USD in 1967 as a Full Professor and the Chair of the Psychology Department. He served as Chair for a total of 20 years, from 1967 until 1986 and again from 1990-1991. He

retired in 1993. He was a member of numerous organizations including the USD Emeritus Club, the American Psychological Association, Sigma XI, and the American Philatelic Association as he was an avid stamp collector.

He is survived by his three daughters, Katherine (Craig) Rasmussen of Vermillion, Claudia (James Allen) French of Fairbanks, AK and Andrea (Dakota Skye Eagle) French of

Iowa City, IA; and six grandchildren, Rachel Phillips, Rebekah LaMie, Renee LaMie, Nicholas Rasmussen, Kai Allen and Maya French.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Friday, March 16 at the United Church of Christ in Vermillion.

Memorials may be directed to USD Foundation or Dakota Hospital Foundation in Vermillion. hansenfuneralhome.com.

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