

Baldwin puts experience in journalism to use in the classroom

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Chuck Baldwin has 35 years of experience as a journalist.

For the past six years he's been sharing that experience with students as the journalist-in-residence at the University of South Dakota's Al Neuharth Media Center.

"I teach classes, I serve on committees when necessary, I advise (student newspaper) The Volante, I work with the Freedom Forum diversity programs and in other areas," Baldwin said. "I've been known to go clean off bird poop from benches outside. I do a little bit of everything."

USD officials wanted someone who had recent professional journalistic experience to both advise students and work with various Freedom Forum programs.

Besides his newspaper work, Baldwin already had taught at the University of Sioux Falls and worked with the Freedom Forum.

"(The Neuharth Center job) seemed like a perfect

match," he said.

Baldwin grew up in the St. Louis area, earning a bachelor's degree in history at the University of Missouri, and a master's in journalism from South Dakota State University.

"I'd always planned on being a history teacher," he said. "I worked for my high school paper and college paper, and started doing some freelance work for local papers in the St. Louis area, and just kept on with it."

Baldwin also does a number of presentations through the College Media Advisors group.

"It's made up of advisors from all over the country who advise college publications or college broadcasters," he said. "I had been chair of their diversity committee, and the associate chair of the First Amendment committee."

"Through those I've developed several programs," he said. "Also, when I first got to South Dakota through the (South Dakota Newspaper Association), I gave workshops around the state

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for our editors here concerning editorials and editorial pages."

Baldwin said his favorite part of presenting and his favorite part of the classroom environment are the same.

"I like seeing the light bulb go on when students get something," he said. "I think after 35 years as a journalist I've got a little bit of something to offer. I've got some experience they're going to run into in their careers, and I can give them a little heads-up about what that's going to be like."

Some of the more memorable experiences from Baldwin's career in journalism were his trips to

Kosovo and Southeast Asia, but he added that the people he has met are what sticks in his mind the most.

"I'm not talking about the famous people, the high-level politicians or anything like that," he said. "I'm talking about the average folks. When I was in Seattle, I interviewed a Japanese-American woman who had been interned in one of our concentration camps in World War II about her experiences there. People like that. Everyday folks who have had interesting lives or interesting stories to tell."

When he's not at the university, Baldwin enjoys hunting and reading. He and his wife Tina also are



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historical re-enactors, specializing in the fur trade era.

"We enjoy that a lot," he said. "There are some rendezvous here in South Dakota. We started doing it when we were living in Wyoming, continued when we lived in Iowa and Wisconsin, so we've done it all over, really."

Baldwin said he's happy with where his career has led him.

"I really like being where I am and doing what I'm doing. I really enjoy it," he said. "I've had a great career as a journalist, and now I'm having a great, fun career teaching others how to be journalists. It's really rewarding."

Hyperion opponents file appeal to S.D. High Court

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Several organizations opposed to a proposed \$10 billion oil refinery in southeastern South Dakota say they are taking their case to the South Dakota Supreme Court.

Save Union County, the Sierra Club and Citizens Opposed to Oil Pollution

filed paperwork Monday appealing the decision by Circuit Court Judge Mark Barnett to uphold the air quality permit for Hyperion Resources, according to a story published Thursday on The Argus Leader website (<http://argusne.ws/wiG3un>).

"The issues that we raised are the ones we feel the

circuit court did not adequately address. We tried to reduce the number of items the court has to consider," said Ed Cable, spokesman for Save Union County.

Barnett had ruled in February that the state Board of Minerals and Environment did not make any mistakes in

issuing an air quality permit to Hyperion Resources.

Barnett also upheld the board's decision to extend the deadline for starting construction on the project until March 2013.

Hyperion is also expected to appeal one aspect of the permit they have challenged in the past, said Hyperion

spokesman Eric Williams. He said the company will file an appeal sometime this week challenging whether a limit on carbon monoxide emissions from the refinery's large process heaters is technically achievable.



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