

USD faculty recognized at Coyote Senior Day

On Saturday, Nov. 7, faculty representatives were chosen by each senior football player to accompany them during pre-game festivities. The 18 seniors chose their faculty member based on the relationships they've built with that professor over their years at the University of South Dakota.

The seniors were brought on to the field prior to the game with their parents and professor where they posed for pictures. The memories of this class will be held in those pictures and a look back at the people who impacted their lives.

The professors who were honored were: Todd Mechling, Michelle O'Malley, Marilyn Jensen, Candace Walton, Robert Swan, Timothy Mirtz, Gregory Huckabee, Holly Straub, Larry Tentinger, Miglena Sternadori, Robert Allen, Lila Rucker, Joseph Vitt, Melanie Wood, and Steve Feimer.



Pictured are Mychal Bogan, Abe Booker IV, Candace Walton (faculty), Wayne Curry, and Michelle O'Malley (faculty). (Photo by Abraham Booker III)

Candace Walton, Contemporary Media and Journalism professor, takes a special interest in this group of seniors because they were freshmen when she started teaching at USD. She said, "I've had the privilege of watching these students grow into wonderful young men."

The faculty was very excited and humbled to be chosen by their students. "The senior football players are a family and to be a part of these students' lives is in and of itself an honor," said Michelle O'Malley, Contemporary Media and Journalism professor.

Senior defensive end Abe

Booker IV, decided to choose Ms. O'Malley because of the extra effort that was put into his education and for her helping him make critical decisions on important career moves. Booker said, "She really cares about getting me prepared for my life after graduation and really wants to see me succeed."

Senior offensive lineman Jacob Arthur said he chose his faculty member, Todd Mechling, because "I had many classes with Todd and I have learned a great deal from him. I am pleased to be able to honor someone who has spent so much time with me."

This is the first year that the athletic department and the football team has recognized faculty who have made a significant contribution to the student-athletes' classroom experiences. Both the senior players and the faculty believe that the day was a success.



Doug Ganschow receives his Employee of the Month award from Richard Van Den Hul, vice president of finance and administration at USD.

Doug Ganschow is November Employee of the Month at USD

As a farmer, Doug Ganschow knows that the "key" to having a successful annual harvest is being able to adapt to several different jobs around the farm. As a locksmith at The University of South Dakota, Ganschow knows that the "key" to finishing jobs in facilities management also depend on being able to do multiple tasks at multiple times, reasons why he was named November Career Services Employee of the Month.

"Doug has that quality as a lead worker to do that extra to help anyone in need, be it shop personnel in his daily work or to help department heads with re-keying entire buildings," said Ganschow's supervisor, Arden Junker. "Doug's work quality and quantity reflect on the many jobs that he and his workers complete with professionalism in their daily job duties."

Ganschow has had a variety of duties from plumber to the HVAC shop since beginning as a full-time USD employee in 1991. He's also had to deal with a variety of issues as locksmith for the University, a position he's held since 2001.

"Usually it's dealing with

broken doors but there are several things on a daily basis," he described. "It depends on the day and it depends on the challenge, but it's been a fun place to work all these years."

What's been more challenging for Ganschow this fall, is farming. While his soybean crop is finally out of the fields, he's had to wait just a little bit longer to harvest his corn crop.

"My brother and I farm together," he mentioned. "I've farmed all my life. It's peaceful and something I'm able to do with family, so I enjoy it."

A native of rural Wakonda, he and his brother farm 400 acres. He continues to reside in Wakonda with his wife, Pam, and their son and daughter.

In noting his value to USD's Facilities Management Department, Junker summarized in his nomination that Ganschow works directly with the key shop, paint shop and residential life maintenance and that, "we all need to remember each time we greet Doug that he is one of the 'key' men at USD and facilities management."

'Enclosed & Exposed' student exhibit to be on display at USD

Three students from The University of South Dakota will present their Bachelor of Fine Arts graduation exhibition, "Enclosed & Exposed," Monday, Nov. 30 through Friday, Dec. 4 at the John A. Day Gallery in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts.

"Enclosed & Exposed" features works by Madison Zimmermann, Katherine Case and Susanne Green. Their unique collaboration of graphic design, printmaking and painting will be the featured display at the John A. Day Gallery with a reception for the artists scheduled for Dec. 4 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Zimmermann of Rapid City, S.D., specialized in the area of graphic design during her studies as a fine arts major. Inspired by the skateboarding culture, her work composed of hand drawn illustrations provides the graphics for a line of skateboard apparel and equipment. Zimmerman's post graduation plans are still undecided.

Case from Sioux City, Iowa, specialized in the

area of printmaking as a fine arts major. Using a variety of printmaking methods, Case chose to focus her recent work on the art of mezzotint. Much of her work stems from her upbringing in theatre and the division between reality and illusion. Following graduation, Case plans to move to Boston, Mass.

Green from Gauting, Germany, specialized in the area of painting as an art education major. Her work reflects on the functions and characteristics of shells, membranes and clusters. Her use of vibrant colors creates a mood of a new environment for the depicted animalcules and other microorganisms. Green's post graduate plans include teaching art in the Sioux Falls area.

"Enclosed & Exposed" is open to the public Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about the exhibit, contact Cory Knedler, chair of the department of art, at (605) 677-5637 or cknedler@usd.edu.

CAE at USD seeks support for national day of service event

The University of South Dakota's Center for Academic Engagement (CAE), in cooperation with Students Enhancing Resources for Vermillion Enrichment (SERVE), is challenging the community to make Martin Luther King Jr. Day a day on, not a day off.

CAE received a grant to conduct service-learning projects on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which is Monday, Jan. 18, 2010. Designed to help college campuses across the country become more active on this national day of service, the \$2,500 grant was awarded through the North Carolina Campus Compact.

Students, faculty and staff from USD along with community members participating in the national day of service meet in the morning to learn more about the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. After being divided into groups, volunteers work together to complete community service challenges. Challenges range from door-to-door canned food collections to purchasing paint to help community organizations renovate their interiors. A celebration with local entertainment and photographs from the challenges are also part of the day's program.

While the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday is the signature event, the \$2,500 grant is also meant to assist with service opportunities during

the spring semester. Throughout this multi-community project, the goal is to engage 500 people in service by the end of April.

"The projects will be a great opportunity for everyone to come together, meet new people, and provide service to community projects in honor of Dr. King," said Jacquie Lonning, coordinator of academic engagement at USD. "Our hope is to keep that spirit of service going throughout the year and have multiple events involving the USD and Vermillion communities working together through service."

CAE and SERVE have teamed up with the USD Office of Institutional Diversity and the Campus Diversity Enhancement Group to plan the "day on, not a day off" event. In addition to planning projects or providing support for projects, volunteers are needed for community fundraising opportunities. Individuals interested in providing any assistance for the national day of service can e-mail sdmlkday@gmail.com or call (605) 677-6338.

USD med school aids with launch of rural research, education initiative

The Freeman Regional Health System, Rural Medical Clinics, P.A., and the Department of Family Medicine of the Sanford School of Medicine of The University of South Dakota have agreed to work cooperatively through an initiative focused on rural research and health professions education.

The goals of the Rural Research and Education Initiative are to:

- Stimulate the development of research projects of mutual interest.
- Expand professional education and training for students, faculty and staff.

- Provide regular communication between the collaborating institutions.

The Initiative's office will be located in Freeman, and coordinated by medical school staff member, John Koch, Ph.D. Leadership from the health system will

be provided by Daniel L. Gran, chief executive officer. Kenneth Kirton, M.D., will serve as the Rural Medical Clinics' representative. H. Bruce Vogt, M.D, chair of the family medicine department, will represent the medical school.

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