

## USD Opera to stage children's production in November

The University of South Dakota's Department of Music Opera Workshop will showcase the children's opera, "The Princess and the Pea" with several local performances in November.

Under the direction of Tracelyn Gesteland, D.M.A., professor of voice in the USD Department of Music, the 50-minute opera, which is based on a story by Hans Christian Andersen, will tour various locations in Vermillion, including Nov. 4 at 4 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall on the USD campus. Other scheduled performances include Monday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. at St. Agnes School; Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. at Austin School; and Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 1 and 2 p.m. at Jolley School.

Gesteland said an interest in developing "The Princess and the Pea" for the local stage is to bring opera to elementary school children, many of whom may experience the classical music for the first time. "They will see that opera is fun and entertaining," she added, "and, perhaps, be inspired to get involved in music and the other arts."

The cast, featuring a mix of USD undergraduate and graduate students, is Amanda Rich of South Sioux City, NE, as the Princess; William Darwin of Sioux City, IA, is the Prince; Ryan Landis of Rapid City is Buffo; Kristin Edwards of Aberdeen is the Queen while Cody Perk of Yankton is the Doctor. Susanne Harmon of Sioux Falls is Dragon; Tim Cone of Rapid City is Ogre; Megan Donohoo of Houston, TX is Cook; and Kendra Van Nyhuis of Hull, IA, and Clint Johnson of Harrisburg, are Hilde and Esperanza.

In addition to "The Princess and the Pea," Gesteland, Rick Piersall, professor of voice at USD, and the USD Department of Music will produce the department's first full opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors," this December. The first performance of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Akron (Iowa) Opera House. The cast will feature a mixture of USD students, community members as well as members of the faculty at USD.

For more information about the USD Department of Music, please visit [www.usd.edu/fine-arts/music](http://www.usd.edu/fine-arts/music).

## USD Medical School professor emeritus receives national honor

A clinical professor of laboratory medicine emeritus with the Sanford School of Medicine of The University of South Dakota is the recipient of a prestigious national award.

Alfred E. Hartmann, MD, FCAP, a pathologist from Sioux Falls, has been honored with the College of American Pathologists Laboratory Improvement Program Service Award at a ceremony held in Washington DC at the organization's annual meeting earlier this month.

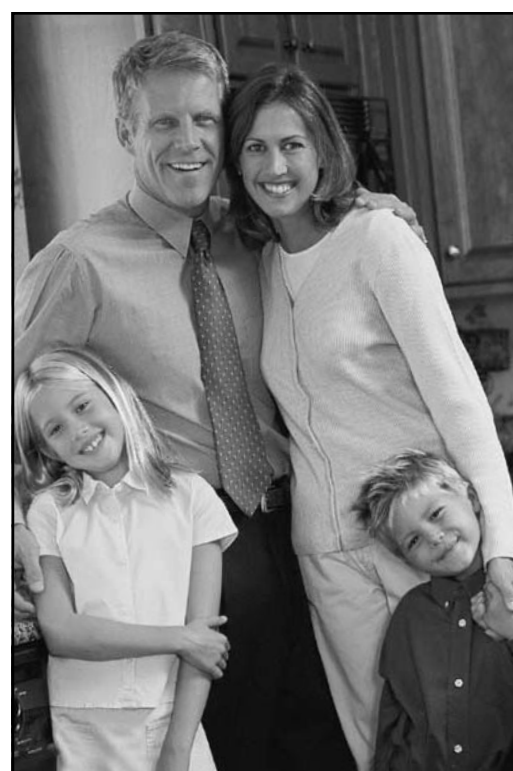
The award, established in 2006, is presented to an individual who has demonstrated exceptional service. Hartmann was honored for his outstanding contributions to the CAP Laboratory Improvement Programs. Hartmann is acknowledged for his many contributions to the College, beginning in 1975, when he was a member of the Product Evaluation Subcommittee.

In subsequent years he went on to chair the Chemistry Resource Committee and the Standards Committee. He further supported the College through service on the Therapeutic Drug Monitoring Resource Committee, the Laboratory Planning and Design Committee, and the Surveys Committee. Hartmann also has served as an inspector on the Inspection and Accreditation Committee for 25 years.

In addition serving as a clinical professor emeritus with the medical school, Hartmann is a pathologist at Physicians Laboratory, Ltd. in Sioux Falls, where he was president for 14 years. He was also the Medical Director of Laboratories at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls. Hartmann has also served on the Board of Directors for the National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards for nine years.

Hartmann earned his B.S. in chemistry and his M.S. in biochemistry at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln before completing his M.D. with distinction at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in Omaha. He completed an internship in straight medicine at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles before his residency in Clinical and Anatomic Pathology at Nebraska Methodist Hospital in Omaha. Hartmann is certified by the American Board of Pathology in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology and is licensed in South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa.

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## September unemployment rate remains higher than last year

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports South Dakota's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2009 is 4.8 percent. The national rate is 9.8 percent.

There were approximately 7,300 more unemployed people in South Dakota in September 2009 than one year ago. The unemployment rate for September 2008 was 3.2 percent.

The over-the-year decrease in workers indicates the recession continues to impact South Dakota's workforce. Industry sectors most impacted include manufacturing; mining, logging and construction; and professional and business services.

"The Department of Labor continues to help laid off workers get back to work through special re-employment services," said State Secretary of Labor Pam Roberts. "We have profiled almost 3,200 unemployment insurance

claimants to offer one-on-one assistance in their job search."

Since April, these efforts have helped 30 percent of the total participants find jobs. The participants receive assistance in locating job openings, identifying training opportunities, writing resumes and cover letters, and practicing interview techniques.

"There are currently 6,824 jobs listed on the Department of Labor's Web site," said Secretary Roberts. "Last year at this time, there were 14,079 jobs listed. The job market has gotten a lot tighter."

The Department of Labor (DOL) has partnered with the state's four technical institutes and the Regional Technical Education Center to provide training choices ranging from short-term training such as truck driving and welding up to 24-month training to become a LPN or energy technician.

"With help of the federal stimulus funds, the Department of Labor has paid for 870 unemployment claimants to receive training," said Secretary Roberts. "Plus, 789 more have received funding to help pay for tuition and other costs. These unemployed workers will learn skills and get better jobs at higher wages when the economy recovers."

More information on the September 2009 labor force statistics for South Dakota and the nation are available on the DOL Web site at <http://dol.sd.gov/lmic/overview.aspx>

An overview of the sub-state labor market, latest data releases and snapshot of South Dakota's economy are available through the Department of Labor's e-Labor Bulletin. The next release date is Oct. 23. This publication and information on workforce services is available at [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org)

## USD, Crazy Horse Memorial enter unique partnership

The announcement came with a blast as The University of South Dakota confirmed earlier this month that Crazy Horse will become a satellite affiliate of USD. During Native Americans' Day on Monday, Oct. 12, USD announced a new educational partnership with Crazy Horse, which coincided with a dynamite blast on the historic carving.

The partnership will include college preparatory classes and introductory freshmen courses at a new \$2.5 million facility that will be built as weather allows. The goal is to offer classes as early as next summer, according to Jack Marsh, executive director of the Freedom Forum's Al Neuharth Media Center at USD, Freedom Forum vice president and a board member of the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation.

"USD will hire special faculty, write curriculum, and teach preparatory and college-level courses primarily to Native American students," Marsh explained. "The Crazy Horse and USD academic partnership will begin as a summer program."

A \$2.5 million donation from Sioux Falls philanthropist T. Denny Sanford will pay for construction costs of a new learning center complete with classrooms and a residence hall. He was at the controls of a D-8 bulldozer on Sept. 27 to break ground for the complex. USD officials hope to launch the program when the complex is completed in mid-2010. The operating costs will be paid with interest earnings from a \$5 million endowment from Donna "Muffy" Christen and her husband, Paul, of Huron. Marsh said the Memorial hopes the facility will be fully operational by 2011.

"It's really another step in a dream coming true," Crazy Horse Memorial president and chief executive Ruth Ziolkowski said. She said her

late husband, sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski, envisioned more than the mountain carving, making a university and medical training center for Native Americans part of the nonprofit memorial's mission.

The couple began awarding American students in 1978, a program that has since awarded more than \$1.2 million. Crazy Horse also has hosted university-accredited classes since 1996.

"The scholarships started the educational component of our overall plan, and now with the residence hall, we can have more young people working here, learning and being productive. And, hopefully, having some fun during the summer," Ruth Ziolkowski said.

She said Crazy Horse will sponsor two distinctive features in the program: scholarships to qualified Native Americans to pay for tuition and books, and paid student internships. Students living on campus in the residence

hall will experience the value of work at the memorial's visitor complex. Learning objectives will be tied to various positions at the Crazy Horse Welcome Center/Studio complex.

According to Laurie Becvar, dean of the Graduate School and Division of Continuing and Distance Education at USD, students in the summer program can enroll in English, math and American Indian Studies culture classes, and earn from 6 credit hours up to 12 college credits from USD.

"This is part of an endeavor to make real a dream for Native American students that involves higher learning and ultimately, attaining a college degree," said Becvar. "Through this partnership, Native American students can prepare for college in a number of ways and actually attain a semester of credit transferable to any college or university and applicable to degrees they intend to earn. Part of the program will involve making applica-

tion to a college or university of their choice."

While partnerships between tribes and academic institutions aren't uncommon throughout the United States, according to Becvar, this is a first-of-its-kind approach in South Dakota, where the dream is to establish a college that celebrates the spirit of Crazy Horse.

"The Ziolkowskis want to share the story of Crazy Horse. The curriculum will embrace his prominence as a warrior, his perseverance and his leadership," Becvar said. "It is our hope that the academic experience will instill in the hearts of students a grand dream and greater vision for themselves."

The University of South Dakota expects to begin recruiting students for the program in January 2010. While the program is designed with external funding for Native American students, all applicants will be considered for the select number of student positions.

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