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NDSU Celebrates National Day on Writing

On October 20, 2011, NDSU will participate in the National Day on Writing, an annual event organized by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE): <http://www.ncte.org/dayonwriting>. Designed to “draw attention to the remarkable variety of writing we engage in,” the day has traditionally been declared a national observance by the U.S. Senate.

The celebration at NDSU includes the following events:

8:00am-5:00pm, “Rotating Story,” Facebook and Thundar’s Den, Memorial Union

The Department of English will sponsor an “exquisite corpse,” or rotating story, on the NDSU Facebook page, with a new story started every hour by students in first-year English classes. Members of the NDSU community are invited to contribute to the story by accessing the NDSU Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/ndsu.fargo>. The campus community is also invited to view the story projected on a wall in Thundar’s Den, lower level of the Memorial Union. For more information, please contact Brandi Fuglsby, Lecturer in English: brandi.fuglsby@ndsu.edu.

9:00am-3:00pm, “Resources for Writers,” Lobby, Memorial Union

The Center for Writers and the NDSU Library will staff a table in the lobby of the Memorial Union from 9am-3pm. The campus community will be able to learn about the services offered by both the Center and the Library and to have fun with word games and writing activities. For more information, please contact Mary Pull, Director of the Center for Writers: mary.pull@ndsu.edu, or Char Myhre, Senior Reference Librarian: char.myhre@ndsu.edu.

12:00pm-1:00pm, “Writing a Dissertation and Planning a Thesis Defense,” Arikara Room, Memorial Union

The Graduate School will sponsor a presentation titled “Writing a Dissertation and Planning a Thesis Defense” given by Jill Nelson, Ph.D., Associate Professor in the School of Education. Held in the Arikara Room of the Memorial Union from 12:00pm-1:00pm, the talk will address the fact that completing a thesis is an important piece of one’s graduate education yet can be very confusing. Graduate students and advisors are invited to come learn general tips for more successfully navigating this process. Topics include selecting an advisor and committee, communicating with your committee, general expectations for the disquisition, and how to make the most of the experience.  Resources for students and faculty members will be available. For more information, please contact Karen P. Peirce, Ph.D., Graduate Writing Coordinator: karen.peirce@ndsu.edu, or Sonya Goergen, Graduate School Marketing, Public Relations and Recruitment Coordinator: sonya.goergen@ndsu.edu.