



CONTINUES

Minnesota State University Moorhead Newsletter • www.mnstate.edu

MTV'S THEO PRESENTS COMEDY SHOW, CRIBS SPOOF USING STUDENT ROOMS

Theo Von of MTV Road Rules will recreate some of the show's comedy at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15 in the Comstock Memorial Student Union ballroom, including his own spoof of MTV's Cribz using the rooms of selected MSUM students.



It's a free Campus Activities Board event.

Theo and a film crew will arrive on campus Tuesday, Sept. 14 when they'll tape the guided tour of six MSUM student rooms, a spoof of MTV's Cribz show that offers a peek into celebrity homes. He'll show the tapes during his stand-up comedy routine the following evening.

The Campus Activities Board will set up a registration table Sept. 7-10 in Comstock Memorial Union mail lounge where students can register to have their rooms filmed by Theo. Four students who live in the campus residence halls and two who live off-campus will be selected for the Cribz spoof.

XUHONG SHANG'S ABSTRACTS SHOWING AT CAMPUS GALLERY

Internationally renowned abstract painter Xuhong Shang will exhibit his work here Sept. 13-29 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts gallery.



An artist's reception will be held from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14 in the gallery. It's free and open to the public.

Born in Shanghai, Shang has practiced as a painter and installation artist for the past 15 years. He has exhibited extensively throughout Asia, Europe and the United States and is now an associate professor of art and painting at Kansas State University.

"Mountain," Shang's newest painting series, features the juxtaposition of Western geometry and Chinese landscape tradition. While creating pictorial tension, the bold geometric element brings forth a sharp contrast to the nostalgia evoked by the

landscape and a balance between rationality and imagination.

Shang has received numerous awards, including a National Endowment for the Arts/Southern Art Federation Regional Visual Arts Fellowship; has had his work published in books and catalogs; and delivers workshops and lectures across the country.

TWO DEPARTMENTS CHANGE NAMES

* Speech/Theatre changed to **Communication Studies, Film Studies & Theatre Arts.**

* American Multicultural Studies & the Humanities changed to **American Multicultural Studies.**

9/11 AFTER EFFECTS PROGRAM FRIDAY, SEPT. 10 ON MALL

"9/11: The After Effects," a free public program focusing on the repercussions following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10 on the Minnesota State University Moorhead campus mall (the library porch in case of rain).

Speakers will include:

- * Mass Communications Prof. Camilla Wilson on "9/11 & Media Coverage."
- * Philosophy Prof. Randy Cagle on "Cosmopolitan in the Face of Terrorism: A Philosophical Assessment."
- * Biology Prof. Joseph Provost on "Bioterrorism: A New Light on an Old Terror."
- * Students Mostafa Bashir and Nigar Jahangirzada on "The Consequences of 9/11 on Muslim Community."



ERICKSON STOPS BY MSUM TO PUBLICIZE PART-TIME STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP EFFORT

Robert Erickson, former trustee for the Minnesota State College and University system, stopped by the campus last week during his 2,200-mile bike tour of Minnesota aimed at publicizing the financial need of part-time college students.

The 58-year-old Erickson said that part-time students are particularly vulnerable to rising tuition, which has increased about 12 percent this year and 13 percent last year in the state system.



Erickson, now a member of the MnSCU Foundation board of directors, raised \$79,000

for scholarships during his first bike tour in 2002 and \$127,000 last year.

Lori Cantrell, a paraprofessional at Fargo South High School, is the first part-time MSUM student to receive a scholarship as a result of Erickson's campaign. She's seeking a professional career in special education.

TAMMARO KICKS OFF MCGRATH SERIES WITH LAUNCH OF POETRY COLLECTION

MSUM Prof. Thom Tammaro will kick off the Tom McGrath Visiting Writing Series with the official launch of his new collection of poems, "**Holding on for Dear Life**" at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16 in the Livingston Lord Library porch.

Published by Spoon River Poetry Press, the collection is dedicated to Tammaro's father and covers a spectrum of meditations on life, family, work, love and death as he experienced them growing up in a working-class family in the heart of the steel valley of western Pennsylvania.



A widely published poet and editor, Tammaro has received three Minnesota Book Awards and a Critics Choice Award from the San Francisco Review of Books for his literary anthologies. His previous collections of poems include "When the Italians Came to My Home Town" and "Minnesota Suite."

Tammaro has received a Jerome Foundation Writing and Travel Fellowship to Italy, a Loft-McKnight Award in Poetry, and two fellowships in poetry from the Minnesota State Arts Board. He 's a professor of Multidisciplinary Studies here and teaches in the English department and the MFA in Creative Writing program.

MSUM CREATES DOROTHY DODDS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN EARLY CHILDHOOD ED

For her many years of service to education, and tireless energy for children's' causes, last week MSUM initiated an endowed scholarship in honor of Dorothy Dodds.

The Dorothy Dodds Endowed Scholarship will provide annual scholarships for students majoring in Early Childhood Education.



EECE chair Peggy Rittenhouse, Education Dean Dorothy Suomala, Dorothy Dodds and Karen Danbom from the EECE faculty.

A native of Lisbon, N.D., Dodds' family moved to Moorhead in 1940, and the next year she graduated from Moorhead High. She then graduated from MSUM with a degree in elementary education in 1945.

Dodds taught in the Campus School from 1949 until 1971, when the school closed. She then taught in the university's Education department until her retirement in 1986. In 1999, MSUM presented Dorothy with its highest honor, the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

A strong advocate for children, Dodds has served in a number of organizations and committees expressing her professional concern for a safe, healthy, and stimulating home and school environment for all children. She has been an active member of the Moorhead Healthy Initiative, Clay County Historical Society, Moorhead Citizens Advisory Committee, Lake Agassiz Library Board and the YWCA Board. She has also been an active member in her church.

During her retirement, Dodds continues to give of her time and talents, especially in matters relating to the care and welfare of children.

SPEECH/LANGUAGE/HEARING SCIENCES REACCREDITED

The Speech/Language/Hearing Sciences department is pleased to announce that the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) has reaccredited their graduate program in Speech Language Pathology. The graduate program was required to meet both academic and clinical standards established by the ASHA. Accreditation ensures that MSUM will appear on all published

lists of accredited programs during the eight-year accreditation period from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2012, including the Online Guide to Graduate Education in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

Graduating from an accredited program in Speech Language Pathology is required to become a certified member of ASHA. Accreditation of MSUM's program will allow the department to continue to attract students interested in pursuit of an advanced degree in the Speech Language Pathology.

APAC AGENDA: SEPT. 14 MEETING

The Academic Policy Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 3 p.m. in the Comstock Room, CMU 101.

Introduction of members

1. 2004/2005 APAC Meeting Schedule

If there are no agenda items for a particular meeting, it will be cancelled

2. Meetings may be added during spring semester

3. APAC Website: <http://www.mnstate.edu/acadaff>

The website has links to the APAC manual, committee membership, meeting schedule, submission deadlines, forms, agendas & minutes.

4. Role of the Academic Policy Advisory Committee

5. Items that will be discussed during AY 2004/2005:

- Bulletin 2003-2005 Deadlines
- 3-and 4-Credit Course Mix Task Force Report
- Student Writing Proficiency – Freshman Composition Sequence
- Liberal Studies

CHINESE CLUB HOSTS SEPT. 22 MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

A traditional Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival, an annual celebration of the harvest season and an occasion for families to get together to enjoy the bright full moon, will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22 in the campus Dragon Den (Flora Frick Hall 152).

A cultural program will feature Chinese folk dances, Chinese music, a martial arts demonstration, a Chinese costume show, and door prizes.

Participants will also learn about the traditional Chinese folk art of paper cutting and paper folding. Information about MSUM's China tour, the East

Asian studies major/minor, and study abroad and internship opportunities in China will be provided. Snacks and drinks will be served.

It's free and open to the public.

The Mid-Autumn Festival is sponsored by the MSUM Chinese Club.

For more information, contact John Arnold, 287.0231 or ou_qiang261@hotmail.com; or Jenny Lin, 477.2913 or linjj@mnsate.edu or linjj@mnstat.edu.

MSUM HOSTS 29TH ANNUAL FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP OCT. 2

"Stirring the Melting Pot" is the theme for MSUM's Family History Workshop XXIX on Saturday, Oct. 2.

This year's workshop focuses on multiple avenues for approaching family history research. It features a variety of classes for beginning and experienced genealogists.

Megan Smolenyak, author of the "Honoring Our Ancestors" web site, lead researcher for the PBS *Ancestors* and *They Came to America* series, and contributing editor for *Heritage Quest*, *Ancestry.com*, is this year's featured genealogist. She'll present four workshop sessions: Reverse Genealogy Techniques for Orphan Heirloom Rescue, Jump-Starting Your Eastern European Research, Maximizing Your Mileage from the Ellis Island Database, and Real World DNA Testing. She'll also talk on "Remembering Our Ancestors" at the noon luncheon.

The workshop schedule includes several "how to" sessions. Topics include: getting started; DNA testing; Ellis Island databases; using family photos as part of your research; using small town newspapers in research; computer and Internet resources for research; copyright issues; *Bygdebøker* research; doing Colonial U.S. genealogy; using LDS Family History Center resources; plus Danish, Eastern European, German, Irish, Norwegian and Swedish research.

The workshop runs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The luncheon program features Smolenyak's address and presentation of the family history photo contest and research awards. An exhibit hall with booths for more than 20 organizations and vendors is open throughout most of the day.

Workshop cost is \$27, which includes the noon luncheon for those whose pre-registration and payment is received by Sept. 24. Walk-in attendees

are welcome, but luncheon may not be available with registration paid on the day of the workshop.

For more information about the workshop, the presenters, the family history research and photo contest awards and pre-registration materials visit www.mnstate.edu/heritage/xxix.htm, the *Stirring the Melting Pot* web site, or contact Continuing Studies, 477-2182.

The Family History Workshop is sponsored by the Heritage Education Commission of Minnesota State University Moorhead.

SUNSHINE COAST U REP HERE SEPT. 16

A representative from the University of the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Australia, will visit MSUM Thursday, Sept. 16.

Hosted by the International Programs Office, Jane Batzloff will conduct an informational presentation and Q&A session about USC, Australia's newest university. **MSUM has an affordable student exchange agreement with Sunshine Coast**, and regularly sends students from all majors, offering semester and year-long programs.

All students are welcome, in particular students applying for or interested in study abroad to USC. The meeting will be in Maclean 268 at 2 p.m., with cookies and punch for all.

SCIENCE CENTER VOLUNTEER MEETING

MSUM's Regional Science Center will hold its annual Volunteer Information Open House Thursday, Sept. 9 from 6-8 p.m. in the Center for Business atrium, located off of 10th Street South on the MSUM campus.

The open house will feature displays and information about volunteer opportunities for the 2004-05 school year. Volunteers are needed to work with bird banding, bird feeder census, observational astronomy, natural history interpretation, and nature photography. Refreshments will be served. Free parking is available in the lots next to the Center for Business.

For more information, call the Regional Science Center at 477-2904.

WOMEN'S STUDIES COLLOQUIUM SERIES CALL FOR PAPERS AND PROPOSALS

The Women's Studies Colloquium series consists of monthly lectures in which MSUM faculty present their research related to women and gender. Sponsored by the Women's Studies Program, it is an opportunity for faculty to share their research

with Women's Studies students and all other members of the university community interested in questions of gender and sexuality. Anyone working on an article, conference paper, or other scholarly endeavor involving gender issues should consider presenting.

We welcome proposals from all MSUM faculty who would like to present a Women's Studies colloquium in 2004-05. Proposals should be submitted by September 15 for Fall semester presentations and by December 19 for Spring semester presentations.

For further information or to submit a proposal, contact Prof. Laurie Blunsom at blunsom@mnstate.edu

ADVANCED MATH TESTING OFFERED FOR SIXTH- TWELFTH GRADERS

The Minnesota Talented Youth Math Program is offering an advanced mathematics program for students in west central Minnesota and east central North Dakota. Sponsored by MSUM, it's a program for students in Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse and Wilkin Counties in Minnesota, and Cass County in North Dakota.

The program provides a challenging experience for students who display a high aptitude and interest in mathematics. Local school districts and parents refer students for entrance testing. This year, students in grades six through twelve can participate by taking Beginning/Intermediate Algebra, Geometry, Advanced Algebra/Precalculus, and Calculus I. The program offers six years of mathematics beginning with Beginning/Intermediate Algebra in year one, Geometry in year two, Advanced Algebra/Precalculus in year three, followed by Calculus I, II and III in years four, five and six.

High school credit is granted for Algebra, Geometry and Precalculus courses; university credit is granted for the Calculus courses.

Students may start as early as grade six, but may enter later with the first course or any of the other succeeding courses after prerequisites have been met. The program will be offered in Moorhead, Detroit Lakes and Alexandria.

Beginning/Intermediate Algebra classes will meet once a week on Mondays beginning Sept. 27. Geometry, Advanced Algebra/Precalculus will meet once a week on Mondays beginning October 4.

Qualification tests will be given this fall on the following dates:

- Saturday, September 11 at 10 a.m. in Moorhead, MSUM campus, Bridges Hall room 269
- Monday, September 13 at 4 p.m. in Moorhead, MSUM campus, MacLean Hall room 167
- Wednesday, September 15 at 4 p.m. in Detroit Lakes, Detroit Lakes Middle School, room 140
- Wednesday, September 15 at 4 p.m. in Alexandria, Discovery Middle School room D244

For more information, contact Tim Harms, regional coordinator, 477.4016 or harms@mnstate.edu.

MISCELLANEA

* **Wayne Chen**, Mathematics, presented the research paper, "Parasite Population Dynamics in Malaria" at the 2004 joint meeting of the International Biometric Society and the Institute of Mathematical Statistics (WNAS/IMS) held June 27-30 at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. The paper is a joint work of Wayne Chen of MSUM, Christine McLaren of University of California, Irvine, Gary Brittenham of Columbia University, and Somchai Looareesuwan at Mahidol University, Thailand. The research in this paper was partially supported by a Faculty Research Grant and by the Dean's Discretionary Fund.

* **Brian Wisenden**, Biology, made two presentations at the biannual EEEF meeting (Ecology, Ethology and Evolution of Fishes) hosted by Holar University College and convened in Saudarkrokur, Iceland, Aug. 17-21. He gave a poster presentation entitled "Female spawning strategies in a lekking pupfish (*Cyprinodon bovinus*)". Co-authors on the poster were Murray Itzkowitz, John Leiser and Jennifer Gagliardi, all from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. The bovinus pupfish is highly endangered and occurs in only two desert springs in southern Texas. These data resulted from Wisenden's fieldwork conducted on one of these populations located near Fort Stockton. The second presentation was a talk entitled "Skeletal calcification and antipredator competence of larvae, and alloparental care in convict cichlids, *Archocentrus nigrofasciatus*." Co-authors on the talk were MSUM Biology majors Anusha Mishra and Bree Hamann, and MSUM faculty **Stephen Lindaas** (Physics and Astronomy) and **Ellen Brisch** (Biology). Convict cichlids protect their young for six weeks after the eggs hatch. Sometimes they adopt extra young from neighboring families but only if the adopted young are smaller and weaker than their own young. There is nothing altruistic about this adoption behavior because when a predator attacks, the adopted young are easy prey and are eaten first, sparing the adopter's young. Size-selective adoption ends after the host young reach 8mm in length. In this study, the anatomical mechanism was established for

differences in escape behavior of the young and parental adoption behavior. The rate of skeletal calcification increases abruptly when the young reach 8mm, and speed of escape behavior also increases rapidly at 8mm. Therefore skeletal calcification of the young determines size-selective adoption behavior by parents.

* **Anna Amar**, Art and Design, participated in a NDSU-led field course called "Volcanoes: Inside and Out - a Natural History Field Experience to Iceland" from July 24th to August 8th. Each participant contributed a research paper for the field guide. Amar's research paper was devoted to the subject of landscape painting with the title "Visual Representation of the Icelandic Landscape: A Few 20th-Century Examples."

VACANCIES

* **Director Of Instructional Resources**

www.mnstate.edu/vacancy/unclassified/0449X.pdf

CLASSIFIEDS

* **Two bedroom apartment for rent** available immediately. This is a heat paid, smoke free building with balconies and air conditioning close to campus and near the Security building for \$445 per month. Tenant pays electricity. Off street parking behind well kept building. For more information, contact Susan Rostvedt Johnson at 477-2084 or 237-3161.



ALUMNI FOUNDATION GETS US BANK GIFT

The MSUM Alumni Foundation has received a \$2,500 gift from U.S. Bank for the 2004 Corporate Campaign. This gift will be used for student academic scholarships. Accepting the check from MSUM were (from left to right) Warren Wiese, Vice President of Student Affairs, David Crockett, Vice President of Administrative Affairs, Bette Midgarden, Vice President of Academic Affairs. Presenting the check from U.S. Bank were Ron Robson, President and Randy Salzwedel, Vice President.