

MSUM'S BUDGET ABOUT THE SAME AS LAST YEAR, BUT WITH LITTLE LEEWAY FOR INNOVATION

MSUM's budget for this academic year, FY 2008, is expected to reach \$62.5 million, with \$29.4 million coming from state appropriations and a projected \$32 million from tuition, according to university budget officer Jean Hollaar. Another \$800,000 comes from other revenue.

Last year MSUM's budget for instruction and instruction support was about \$60 million.

State appropriations to MSUM are up \$566,800 from last year. And this year's tuition increase of 4% is expected to bring in an additional \$2.2 million. Together they basically cover inflationary costs.

With an expected \$1.2 million in estimated contract settlement costs for union employee salaries (projected to average about 3.25%) and about an 8% increase for employee health insurance, totaling \$275,000, the university will have about the same amount of spending power as last year.

"From my perspective of balancing the budget, it looks fine," Hollaar said. "But for the vice presidents and deans, it doesn't allow much more wiggle room to fund new or innovative programs."

MSUM's Work Plan Initiative budget, which funds most of those new efforts, is fixed at 1% of the general fund budget. It will increase from \$590,000 last year to \$617,500 this year.

(This year's Work Plan Initiative process is completed: see <http://www.mnstate.edu/president/StrategicPlanning/FY2008FundedInitiatives.htm>)

Note that state appropriations to MSUM are just under 50% of the university's instruction and instruction support budget, reflecting a growing trend to fund higher education with tuition income.

This year MSUM students will pay \$5,585 for tuition and fees, up \$267 from last year.

MSUM PROF NAMED ONE OF 19 BUSH LEADERSHIP FELLOWS

Phyllis May-Machunda, a professor and chair of American multicultural studies at Minnesota State University Moorhead, was named one of 19 Bush Leadership Fellows for 2007.

She will use the fellowship to complete her Ph.D. dissertation in folklore and ethnomusicology at Indiana University. Her goal is to develop and direct a regional multicultural resource center at MSU Moorhead. The center will collaborate with local communities of color and local primary, secondary and higher education institutions in creating school and curriculum reforms.



The fellowships support full-time study in academic or self-designed educational programs. The goal is to help individuals at mid-career prepare for greater leadership responsibilities and make greater contributions to their communities.

Twelve Twin Cities-area residents, three South Dakotans, a woman from North Dakota and two residents of Wisconsin were also named 2007 Bush Leadership fellows.

The 2007 fellowships will support study in a wide range of fields including social enterprise, urban American Indian public affairs, immigrant business development, sustainable agriculture, anti-racism practices and the criminal justice system. The fellows include a police officer, a nurse practitioner, nonprofit human services and arts administrators, teachers, social workers and a Minnesota state legislator.

The Foundation was established in 1953 by 3M executive Archibald Bush and his wife, Edyth.

MSUM NAMES NEW ARTS & HUMANITIES DEAN ASSISTANT

Rebecca Sundet-Schoenwald has been named the new assistant to the dean of MSU Moorhead's College of Arts and Humanities.



In her new position, she'll be a liaison between the office of the dean and the MSUM Alumni Foundation, the university's News and Media department and the Grants Office.

She'll also work with departments and programs in the

College of Arts and Humanities in support of their goals.

Sundet-Schoenwald, a Minot native, served seven years as executive director of the Fargo-Moorhead Opera Company, from 1999 to 2006, where she became part of an effort that tripled the budget and elevated the company's status as one of the best small opera companies in the nation.

Later she served as project manager for local artist Marjorie Schlossman on her Roberts Street Chaplet Project, a collaboration with six regional architects that received a lot of national attention.

Sundet-Schoenwald earned a degree in flute performance from Brandon University in Manitoba and a master's degree in music and flute performance from Ithaca (N.Y.) College. She has previous experience in corporate marketing and communications and worked as a journalist for the Minot Daily News.

She and her husband Bruce Schoenwald, an attorney in Moorhead, have a teenage son and live in Fargo.

**Among a growing list of regional, national awards...
MSUM HORIZONLINES.ORG WINS
FIRST IN SPJ AWARDS PROGRAM**

Horizonlines.org, a general interest online magazine produced by students at Minnesota State University Moorhead, won first place for online magazines and first place for online feature writing in the Society of Professional Journalists' national Mark of Excellence Award program honoring the best in student journalism.



National winners will be honored at the 2007 SPJ Convention & National Journalism Conference Oct. 4-7 in Washington, D.C.

Horizonlines.org won first place in "Best All-Around Independent Online Student Publication" and recent MSUM graduate Carrie Snyder won first place in "Online Feature Reporting" for an article she wrote called "Something Fierce."

The magazine was also an EPpy Award finalist for "Best College Newspaper Internet Service." The EPpy Awards are sponsored by Editor and Publisher and MediaWeek.

The magazine, now in its 6th edition, is produced by students in a capstone course for online journalism taught by Regene Radniecki.

The awards received this year were for the 5th edition of the magazine released last year, titled "Digital Storytelling." In that edition, students traveled the rail lines through the rural Midwest, walked the streets of small-town Fargo and big-city Las Vegas and entered the little shops and buildings in between. It covered children dancing, independent wrestling matches, drag shows and a variety of churches with differing styles of worship.

It even had its first staff foreign correspondent reporting from the streets of France.

It's been a series of wins for the online magazine, which debuted in 2003. That year Horizonlines, focusing on poetry, received an honorable mention in the journalism category in the Best of Web juried competition sponsored by the Visual Communication Division of The Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

The third edition, focusing on "Art in 3D," received a regional first place for the magazine, first place for online feature writing, first place for photo illustration, and both the magazine and the feature story were SPJ's Mark of Excellence national finalists. The fourth edition, "Collecting," also won the SPJ regional first place for online magazines and took first, second and third place for online feature writing.

NURSING FACULTY INVITES YOUR INPUT

The MSUM nursing faculty is conducting a self-study of the graduate nursing program in preparation for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accreditation visit scheduled for October 10-12, 2007. CCNE is an accrediting agency formed in 1996 and fully approved by the U.S. Department of Education to review baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs.

The self-study process requires that all interested parties be given an opportunity to provide input. To comply with this provision, you are invited to submit to CCNE any comments you would like to make regarding the quality and curriculum of our educational programs. Written and signed third-party comments will be accepted by CCNE until September 10, 2007. Please submit comments directly to:

Sarah Jameson
CCNE Accreditation Assistant
Commission on Collegiate nursing Education
One Dupont Circle, NW, /Suite 530
Washington, DC 20036-1120

If you have any questions about the accreditation or the process of the self-study, please don't hesitate to contact Jane Giedt at 4699.

STAFF TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP AUG. 1 & 2

The third annual Staff Technology Workshop will be held August 1st and 2nd. Staff members can get an introduction to new products and improve their skills on old favorites. Some new sessions offered this year include: What's New in Word 2007; What's New in Access 2007; What's New in PowerPoint 2007; SharePoint Designer (What's new when FrontPage goes away); What's New in Adobe Acrobat 8.

The Office 2007 products will be supported on campus (<http://www.mnstate.edu/it/vista/office2007.htm>) and this is a great opportunity to find out about their new look and features.

Online registration has officially closed, but you may contact Nicole at 477-2135 to check for open sessions.

IMPACT OF TCU INSTITUTIONS OVER \$1 BILLION

The combined economic impact of the three Tri-College University institutions, including secondary effects, is estimated at \$1.22 billion, according to a study by Impact DataSource of Austin, Texas.

Impact DataSource, an economic consulting and research firm, compiled data from Concordia College, Minnesota State University Moorhead, and North Dakota State University, for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, the most recent year for which all data is available.

Direct expenditures for the year were \$388.9 million. Expenditures include a combined \$302 million in wages and salaries for faculty, staff, student employees and student financial aid. The three institutions directly employed 3,934 people, including full-time and part-time faculty, staff and administrators, as well as student workers and temporary staff. Overall, the institutions supported more than 11,000 area jobs with salaries of \$848 million.

The campuses also provided a major draw of economic activity to the area through their numerous activities. The universities reported a total of 352,969 out-of-town visitors (including many attending multi-day events) throughout the year. Activities included academic conferences, camps, theater and arts events, as well as sporting events. Spending by visitors resulted in \$73.3 million in economic activity from expenditures such as food, lodging, and shopping in local stores.

Nineteen major capital improvement projects also fueled our local economy. Campus projects had, or will have, a \$124 million economic impact on the Fargo-Moorhead area from revenues for construction companies, suppliers and other area business, with an estimated 510 direct jobs and 919 indirect jobs created.

Other data reported include:

- \$34,897,313 - Local property taxes collected on residential property.
- \$27,599,984 - Taxable sales at the institutions, such as ticket sales and book store sales.
- \$11,250,000 - Spending on lodging by out-of-town visitors.
- \$4,089,401 - Local sales tax generated.

The report from Impact DataSource shows a 100 percent increase in the Tri-College institutions' economic impact since the study conducted in 1989, and an increase of approximately \$300 million in economic impact since the 2000 study.

Impact DataSource's model calculated the total economic impact including direct, indirect and induced economic impacts effects. The three institutions' operating expenditures, employees and their salaries, students and visitors provide direct economic activity. In addition, these activities ripple through the area's economy supporting indirect benefits including sales in local businesses and organizations, as well as indirect jobs and salaries. The study was conducted with a grant from the Greater Fargo-Moorhead Economic Development Corporation.

Tri-College University was founded in 1970 and it is a consortium between Concordia College, Minnesota State University Moorhead and North Dakota State University. The three institutions have a combined enrollment in excess of 27,000 full- and part-time students, of which more than 17,000 come from outside the Fargo-Moorhead metro area.

The complete report on the economic impact of the Tri-College University institutions can be found online at www.tri-college.org.

TRAUTWEIN ONE OF 58 IN NATION AWARDED \$7,500 POST-GRAD NCAA SCHOLARSHIPS

Jessica Trautwein, a two-sport letterwinner (track and basketball) at MSUM, has earned one of 58 post-graduate scholarships valued at \$7,500 each offered to 29 male and 29 female student-athletes in all three NCAA divisions who participated in spring sports this year.



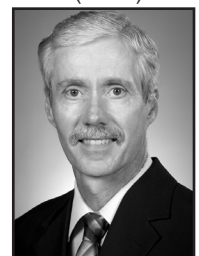
Trautwein also added another finishing touch to her splendid Dragon athletic career with first team ESPN The Magazine College Division Academic All-American honors. A native of Fargo and a math education major, Trautwein graduated in May with a 4.0 grade point average.

To qualify for an NCAA postgraduate scholarship, a student-athlete must have an overall grade-point average of 3.200 (on a 4.000 scale) or its equivalent and must have performed with distinction as a member of the varsity team in the sport in which the student-athlete was nominated. The student-athlete also must intend to continue academic work beyond the baccalaureate degree as a full-time or part-time graduate student.

Nomination forms are sent to faculty athletics representatives for all sports in the fall. Selections are made three times each academic year. The application must be submitted during the appropriate seasonal category for the sport to the NCAA National Office. Candidates are screened by seven regional selection committees, and the award recipients are selected by the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.

RANDY SMITH INDUCTED INTO NSIC HALL OF FAME

The Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) has announced their 2007 Hall of Fame Inductees. Among them is **Randy Smith**, a long-time member of MSUM's Health and Physical Education department who served as the head women's cross country and track and field coach from 1979 to 1994.



Founded in 1986, the Northern Intercollegiate Conference (NIC, former men's

conference) Hall of Fame was established to recognize and honor those who made significant contributions to the conference, to create favorable publicity and public relations for the league and to help preserve the history of the NIC, its member institutions, student-athletes, and other significant individuals affiliated with the league.

During his 15 years as coach here, Smith guided the Dragons to four conference and four District 13 cross country team titles. His teams finished in the top 10 three times at the national championships and earned two All-Americans. In track and field the conference team title was awarded to the Dragons nine straight years and his teams had eight top 10 finishes in the indoor and outdoor national championships. He coached 10 student-athletes to national champion status 20 times and 12 others were runner-ups. He produced four consecutive national relay titles with the 1982 two-mile relay squad establishing a NAIA National Record. He garnered numerous NSIC cross country, indoor and outdoor coach of the year honors and was recently inducted into the MSUM Hall of Fame. Randy competed at the University of Kansas where he was a seven-time All American in the high jump utilizing the straddle technique. Following his 1974 NCAA and USA Track and Field champion titles he was ranked 3rd in the U.S. and 10th in the world. In 1991 he was inducted into the University of Kansas Athletic Hall of Fame.

MISCELLANEA

* Plains Art Museum will open "Melting Lead, Melding Cultures: Recent Paintings by **Zhimin Guan**" on Thursday, Aug. 9. The Museum will host a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 16 with a gallery talk by the artist, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and music by the Matt Patnode Jazz Quartet. Members and a guest get in free. Non-member cost is \$10. The exhibition runs through Oct. 14 in the Jane L. Stern Gallery. Guan is an MSUM Art professor. The museum is located at 704 First Ave. N. in Fargo.

* MSUM has been awarded a **\$5,000 grant by the Qwest Foundation**. The project adds a professional development aspect for classroom science teachers to an existing College for Kids class called MotoTechs. College for Kids is a hands-on summer enrichment program for children ages 8 -14. Through the grant, K-12 teachers will learn how to teach simple electrical circuits and motors using hands-on activities with students in the MotoTechs classroom.

* **Theodore Gracyk**, Philosophy, has been named to the Top 100 Open Courseware Projects list. The list was selected by the Online Education Database. Gracyk was selected for his course Art/Phil 320, Philosophy and the Arts. The full list of 100 courses can be seen at <http://oedb.org/library/features/top-100-open-courseware-projects>

CLASSIFIEDS

* **2-bedroom apartment for rent** with lots of amenities (location: 5170 Amber Valley Parkway, Fargo, 58104). Monthly rent is \$770 and is available from 3rd Aug 07. We will pay the entire rent for the month of August 07. Here are some details about the apartment that might be useful to you: Apartment is on an elevator-accessible 3rd floor of a very well

maintained apartment building (Established: 2003) and provides a nice open field (south-eastern) view. Comes with 2 car remote-operated garages at no additional cost! It is very close to I-94 and takes approx. 12-14 min drive to reach MSUM. Other features and amenities • 9 foot vaulted-ceilings • washer & dryer furnished • built-in microwave • community room • controlled access entries • elevator /vending • well equipped fitness center • gazebo picnic area • heat & water paid• 12x7 ft. deck• on-site rental office • 24-hour emergency maintenance. Contact Ashish Gupta by email (gupta@mnstate.edu) or phone (701-526-3802) if you are interested or need more information.

VACANCIES

Instructor Of Math

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Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice



More than 100 former Dragons convened at the Lynx National Golf Course in Sauk Centre July 14 for the first Dragon Alumni Golf Tournament. Organized by Bob Jones, an NAIA All-American quarterback and three-year starter for MSU Moorhead, the tournament included Dragon football lettermen and coaches from five decades. A second tournament is already scheduled for next July. Pictured above: Dragon head football coach Damon Tomeo, tournament director and former All-American quarterback Bob Jones and former head coach and athletic director Ross Fortier.

