

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD NEWSLETTER

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Meet the new Athletic Director  
Doug Peters at 11 a.m. Tuesday  
in the student union atrium.

## CELEBRATION OF NATIONS: FRIDAY

Entertainment, food, culture, and fashions from around the world will be showcased in Celebration of Nations from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 23 in the student union ballroom.

Admission is \$1 for adults. Children 12 and under are free. All food tickets are 50 cents. Eight dollars should provide a good meal. Students and community members representing a variety of countries will exhibit items from their homeland, cook their unique foods, and share their culture.



Tickets are available at the door and are available at International Programs (151 Flora Frick, MSUM) the week of the event.

The event is sponsored by MSUM's Office of International Programs and the International Student Club.

## POET READS FOR MCGRATH SERIES THIS THURSDAY

Poet Katrina Vandenberg, a writer-in-residence at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, will read from her work at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 22 and present a talk on the writer's craft at 4 p.m., both in MSUM's Center for Business 109, as a feature of the university's Tom McGrath Visiting Writers Series.



Vandenberg

Her first book, "Atlas," a collection of poems, was a finalist for the 2004 Minnesota Book Award. She has received fellowships from the Fulbright, Bush and McKnight Foundations and lives in St. Paul.

## COMIC, VISUAL POET HEADLINES ARTS SERIES TUESDAY

Doctor Professor Tomas Kubinek—clown, visual poet, vaudevillian, comic and charming huckster—presents his one-man show of absurd stories and feats of nonsense at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday,



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March 20 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Hansen Theatre as a feature of MSUM's Cheryl Nelson Lossett Performing Arts Series. For tickets, call the MSUM Box Office at 477-2271.

## MSUM PROF SHARES NSF GRANT TO FIND CHEAPER METHOD TO SEPARATE OXYGEN FROM AIR

The National Science Foundation has awarded a \$144,586 grant to MSUM chemistry professor Asoka Marasinghe and Dr. Richard Lyon of EERGC Corporation in Irvine, Calif., to fund a research project aimed at finding a less expensive way to separate oxygen from air.

Oxygen is the third most widely used chemical in the world, with an annual worldwide market of more than \$9 billion. Primarily used in the steel industry to produce high temperatures in furnaces, it also has applications in wastewater treatment, paper manufacturing, lake and river revitalization and in the health industry.

"But it is very expensive to produce, primarily because of cost of electricity in the process" says Marasinghe. "Our goal is to find a cheaper way to separate oxygen from air, focusing on basically two chemical reactions: one to absorb oxygen in a compound, and the other to release it."

Oxygen is also used in the process of converting coal into liquid fuel. And finding a cheaper source of oxygen, Marasinghe said, would make a tremendous impact on the coal industry, the environment and the economy.

They'll conduct their research at MSUM's chemistry department beginning next month. The two met accidentally at an American Chemical Society meeting in Fargo.

## UNIVERSITY'S NEWLY RENOVATED NURSING DEPARTMENT HOSTS OPEN HOUSE FRIDAY

An open house to celebrate MSUM's newly remodeled Nursing department in Murray Commons will run from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 23.

The campus and the public are invited to attend.

Motivational speaker Ann Dolence, a certified recreation therapist working in the area of psychiatric treatment, will give a presentation on "Celebrating the Art of Nursing" at 1 p.m. and again at 3 p.m. For the past 12 years she's owned her own professional speaking and training

business, The Leisure Connection.

To help raise scholarship funds for nursing majors, artwork donated by university and local artisans will be on sale. The Dakota Medical Foundation will match the money raised that day up to \$20,000. Over the last five years, the Foundation has given the university's Nursing program more than \$74,000 in grants.

If you purchase a piece of art and donate it to the Nursing department, your gift will be acknowledged with a plaque that will be placed adjacent to where the artwork will be on permanent display.

The Nursing renovation project involved more than 8,000 square feet of space in Murray Commons. It included three large group classrooms, three small group classrooms, a library/conference room, 11 offices, a reception and work area, and lounge. An accessible entrance and ramp was added on the east side of the building as well.

### **WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER TALKS AT MSUM ON 'UNCOMMON FACTS ABOUT COMMON BIRDS' THIS TUESDAY**

Award winning author, naturalist and wildlife photographer Stan Tekiela presents a talk on "Uncommon Facts About Common Birds" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20 in MSUM's Science Lab Building 118. It's free and open to the public.

A professional naturalist for more than 20 years, he's the author of "Nature Smart," "Birds of Minnesota Field Guide," "Smart Mushrooming," "Fascinating Loons" and dozens of other nature guides. He lives in the Twin Cities.

The event is sponsored in part by the Comstock Foundation Visiting Artist Program in collaboration with MSUM's Science Center and mass communications department.

### **MSUM NAMES VALLEY CITY'S DOUG PETERS DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS**

MSUM has appointed Doug Peters to the Director of Athletics position. MSUM President Dr. Roland Barden made the announcement last week.



Athletic Director at Valley City State University since 2004, Peters will begin his new duties July 1.

**An open house and press conference with the new athletic director will be held Tuesday, March 20 in the CMU atrium. It's open the entire campus.**

A former student-athlete and assistant coach at Bemidji State University, Peters received an undergraduate degree in 1998 and added a master's degree in 2000. Peters was a two-year basketball letterman and captain at Bemidji State and an honorable mention All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference selection. He transferred to BSU after two years at Eastern Wyoming College.

In addition to his coaching duties at Bemidji State, Peters served as Director of Development and Beaver Pride Coordinator for the Beaver athletic department, and his responsibilities included athletic fundraising and capital projects, major gifts, annual giving, corporate sponsorships, advertising and donor relations.

During his three years at Valley City, State Peters was responsible for all aspects of the organization and administration of the intercollegiate athletic program, including day-to-day operations, budget management, hiring, supervision and development of personnel, management of athletic facilities, event management, marketing and promotion, student-athlete development and participation and fund-raising.

"Having been on the hiring side of the process, I appreciate President Barden and the search committee's commitment to finding the right person and then going above and beyond to seal the deal," said Peters.

"It has been a big week for MSU Moorhead, with student-athletes competing at national championships in wrestling and track and field, the women's basketball team playing in the NCAA DII regional basketball tournament, and the glowing things the Higher Learning Commission publicly said during their visit. I am looking forward to contributing to that standard of excellence."

"Today is bittersweet. On one hand I am excited beyond words to have the opportunity to be a part of MSUM and Dragon Athletics, at the same time I am sad to leave all of the great progress and people at Valley City State University."

### **WOODLANDS & HIGH PLAINS POWWOW THIS SATURDAY AT NEMZEK FIELDHOUSE**

The 18th annual Woodlands and High Plains Powwow will be held at MSUM's Alex Nemzek Hall this Saturday. The intercampus powwow is sponsored by Concordia, MSUM, and North Dakota State.



The general admission fee is \$2, kids ages 6 to 12 are \$1, and children under 6 are free. Students with current campus I.D. card are also admitted free.

Grand entries are scheduled at 1 and 7 p.m. Dancer registration is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A free traditional meal will be served at 5 p.m. Vendors and crafters may begin setting up after 10 a.m.

The one-day powwow will be "traditional," meaning that the emphasis will be on celebration rather than competition. The event is expected to attract spectators, dancers, and drum groups from throughout the Midwest.

This year's Head Woman Dancer will be Sarah Crawford; the Head Male Dancer will be Errol Geniusz.

Both are MSUM students. Sarah is from the Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Tribe and Errol is from the Sokoagon Chippewa Tribe, Wisconsin.

Last year the powwow was one of the best attended cultural events in the Fargo-Moorhead area, with about 2,000 people filling an auditorium to see about 200 dancers dressed in colorful and authentic regalia.

For more information about the powwow or to join the planning committee, contact: Jody Steile, MSUM, 477-2674; or Mary John, (218) 287-5433.

### **R & B SOUL ARTIST CURRENCE PERFORMS AT 11 A.M. FRIDAY**

**Rudy Currence, a young R&B soul artist** whose first solo CD "More Than You'll Ever Know" is a testament to his skill as a singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, is on stage at 11 a.m. Friday, March 23 in MSUM's Comstock Memorial Union main lounge. Son of a pastor, raised singing gospel music and a



*Currence*

Furman University music graduate, Currence has written several songs for multi-platinum recording artist Mya for her recent CD release and had a song included on the soundtrack for Tom Cruise's *Minority Report*. His newest solo album is "Hear With You," was released last year. It's a Campus Activities Board event. (free)

### **UPCOMING CAMPUS MUSIC EVENTS**

MSUM has the following music events scheduled in March; all are free and open to the public.

\* **MSUM Concert Choir**, conducted by Paul Nesheim, will perform Monday, March 19 at 8 p.m. at Our Redeemer Church, 1000 14th St. S., Moorhead.

\* A faculty **Latin jazz recital** featuring Toby Curtright will be presented Sunday, March 25 at 3 p.m. in Weld Hall Glasrud Auditorium. Also featured will be the Tri-College Salsa Band, including Tom Strait, trumpet; Russ Peterson, sax; Nat Dickey, trombone; Simon Rowe, piano; Toby Curtright, bass; Allen Carter, drums; Kenyon Williams and Tom Christianson, percussion; Jay Beech and Sarah Morken, vocals.

\* A **faculty guitar recital** featuring Dan Phillips will be held Wednesday, March 28 at 8 p.m. in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Hansen Auditorium.

\* A **Women's History Month concert** will be held Thursday, March 29 at 8 p.m. in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Fox Recital Hall. For more information, contact Laurie Blunsom, 218.477.4606.

\* The MSUM **Percussion Ensemble** will be in concert Friday, March 30 at 8 p.m. in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Hansen Auditorium.

### **23 MSUM STUDENTS ON EUROSFRING**

Twenty-three MSUM students, accompanied by Jill Frederick, English, departed for the Eurospring program March 15. Students are:

Aase, Kelley, a sr. social studies major from Mount Bethel, PA  
Berntson, Casey, a sr. social studies major from Lake

Park, MN  
Buth, Tracy, a sr. history major from Moorhead  
Dempsey, Kelly, a jr. elementary education major from Plymouth, MN  
Dombeck, Joseph, a jr. psychology major from Moorhead  
Dornbusch, Justin, a jr. history major from Perham, MN  
Dosch, John, a jr. English major from Bismarck, ND  
Edmonds, John, a sr. mass communications major from Sioux Falls, SD  
Feirer, Molly, a sr. English literature and languages major from Minneapolis  
Feland, Karla, a sr. special education major from West Fargo, ND  
Haerter, David, a jr. chemistry education major from West Fargo, ND  
Hogue, Katelyn, a so. health service administration major from Moorhead  
Klemetson, Katie, a so. undecided major from Flom, MN  
Kvasnicka, Lexi, a sr. psychology major from Aberdeen, SD  
Lendt, Nancy, a so. East Asian studies major from Nicollet, MN  
Margerum, Douglas, a sr. social studies education major from Pembina, ND  
Merrill, Mackenzie, a jr. graphic communication major from Palmer, AK  
Naboulsi, Danielle, a jr. mass communication and sociology major from Beaverton, OR  
Perish, Cassandra, a so. history major from Clarissa, MN  
Reiser, Amanda, a so. mass communications major from Hazen, ND  
Robischon, Lindsay, a jr. criminal justice/sociology major from Sauk Centre, MN  
Suleiman, Natalie, a jr. history major from Naytahwaush, MN  
Wessel, Megan, a jr. elementary education major from Sauk Centre, MN

The jet-lagged students were greeted at Gatwick Airport in London with red noses to wear in celebration of Red Nose Day, a UK-wide fundraising event organized by Comic Relief every two years culminating in a night of extraordinary comedy and moving documentary films. It's the biggest TV fundraising event in the UK calendar. On Red Nose Day—this year, it falls on Friday, March 16—everyone in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland is encouraged to cast inhibitions aside, put on a Red Nose, and do something a bit silly to raise money - celebrities included. For instance, one year people were encouraged to wear their underwear on the outside of their clothes. On that day, you saw business men and women dressed in their well-tailored suits, carrying their briefcases and to all intents looking very respectable. However, they wore boxer shorts, briefs, thongs, etc., over the top of their clothes!

Red Nose Day unites the entire nation in trying to make a difference to the lives of thousands of individuals facing terrible injustice or living in abject poverty.

Comic Relief was set up by comedians and uses comedy and laughter to get serious messages across, while making sure that everyone who gets involved can

have fun at the same time. Over the years, more than two thousand celebrities have given their time and talent to Comic Relief, from Lenny Henry, Billy Connolly, John Cleese and Jerry Springer to Johnny Depp, Ali G (aka Borat), Davina McCall, Robbie Williams, Steve Coogan, Paul Whitehouse, Whoopi Goldberg and Woody Allen.

Comic Relief was launched live on BBC ONE on Christmas Day 1985 from a refugee camp in Safawa, Sudan, in response to the African famine. As well as doing something about that very real and direct emergency, they were determined to help tackle broader needs of poor and disadvantaged people in Africa and the UK.

They began with a few live events, drawing support from across the comedy community until the first Red Nose Day, in 1988, which instituted the unique union of comedy and charity on national television. This first big night of television was presented by Lenny Henry, Griff Rhys Jones and Jonathan Ross, and raised more than £15 million! In 2005, Red Nose Day raised £65 million.

For more information, check out the following websites: [www.comicrelief.com](http://www.comicrelief.com) and [www.rednoseday.com/](http://www.rednoseday.com/)

#### **LARRY AND MARCELLA MACLEOD TO CO-CHAIR 2007 DRAGON FIRE WALK FOR ATHLETICS**

Former Dragon athletic director, baseball and basketball coach Larry MacLeod and his wife Marcella have been chosen to be honorary co-chairs for the 2007 Dragon Fire Walk for Athletics. Larry was a fixture at Alex Nemzek during the 1950s and 60s, serving as AD for nearly 20 years.

Larry was the head basketball coach from 1954 through the 1966-67



*Marcella & Larry MacLeod*

season. His most memorable season was '64-'65 when his team posted a 21-4 mark on their way to a conference championship and a birth in the NCAA regional tournament where they were defeated by the University of North Dakota in the finals. Larry served in the military during World War II and was involved in D-Day and Iwo Jima. Larry married Marcella in 1952. Marcella was involved in the antique business in the Fargo-Moorhead area for a number of years. The Macleods have been ardent supporters of all events at MSUM from attending theatre to cheering on Dragon athletic teams.

#### **\$125,000 GOAL SET FOR THIS YEAR'S DRAGON FIRE WALK FOR ATHLETICS**

A \$125,000 goal has been set for the second annual Dragon Fire Walk for Athletics. Last year's record one day athletic fundraising event, brought together over 700 donors and 60 corporate partners, raising over \$100,000. "We hope to exceed the over \$9,000 worth of prizes

given away last year," said Greg Peterson, President of Dragon Fire. There will be special prize packages for student walkers as well as corporate teams. President Barden has approved three 3-credit tuition waivers to be awarded in a drawing for students raising at least \$200 for the walk. There will be a special dinner event with Pres. Barden for the winning corporate team. There will be drawings for special prizes for team captains of teams raising more than \$2000 and individual walkers raising more than \$200. There will also be many door prizes for all walkers. "You can make a huge difference in Dragon athletics, win some great prizes and have the time of your life at the walk," said Peterson.

#### **NEW THIS YEAR: 5 & 10K RUN**

New to this year's Dragon Fire Walk for Athletics will be a 5 & 10K run which will start and finish at Nemzek fieldhouse. The run will start at 9 a.m. and will finish just prior to the walk. The cost of competing in the run will be \$25 in advance and \$35 the day of the walk. Each runner will receive a long sleeve T-shirt and be eligible for the prize drawings after the walk. "We look at this as a great way to warm up for the Fargo Marathon," said Larry Nicholson, member of the Dragon Fire Walk steering committee. "With the addition of the 5 & 10K runs we will have something for everyone," said Wade Swenson, another committee member. Get out your running or walking shoes and mark April 21 on your calendar because you can help make this day something special.

#### **SPRING IT CONFERENCE U-CONNECT: WEB 2.0 TOOLS AND STRATEGIES, MAY 14**

Plan to attend the Spring Instructional Technology Conference, u-Connect: Web 2.0 Tools and Strategies, at the MSUM Center for Business on May 14, 2007. More information will be available soon at [www.mnstate.edu/ITAdvisory/Conf2007.html](http://www.mnstate.edu/ITAdvisory/Conf2007.html)

#### **MSUM STUDENT SENATE HOSTS DIVERSITY WEEK MARCH 19-23**

The Student Senate is sponsoring its first Diversity Week March 19-23 in Comstock Memorial Union.

The week will be filled with student and faculty speakers, movies and events focusing on religion, struggles with disabilities, cultural diversity, gender and more.

For a list of all events, go to [www.mnstate.edu/campuslife/diversityweek/](http://www.mnstate.edu/campuslife/diversityweek/)

Student senator Alex Ellsworth, founder of the first Diversity Week, has been planning the event since the start of the school year. "I believe that understanding diversity is imperative for a well-rounded college education," he said. "We hope it will become an annual event on campus."

The Student Senate is the officially recognized voice of MSUM students.

**SUMMER, FALL REGISTRATION PROCEDURES  
Summer registration opens March 19. Fall  
registration windows start opening March 26. A  
limited number of Fall schedules will be printed  
and distributed to faculty and staff.**

The look of web registration is changing. The screen look is a little different for faculty and staff than the screens for students.

This link requires a LOGIN to eservices.  
<https://webproc.mnscu.edu/eservices/login.html?campusid=072>

Please note that the tabs you are familiar with are gone. Select "Class Management" on the left menu to find class lists, faculty override, and grade entry functions.

This website is set up to do class searches and does not require a LOGIN. <https://webproc.mnscu.edu/registration/search/basic.html?campusid=072>

There are new search functions. Students can "shop" around the schedule and select courses to put in their "Course Cart" during the planning process. This does not "Register" them in the class until they follow through with that process.

### **STUDENT ART EXHIBIT RUNS MARCH 19-31**

A student art exhibit will be on display March 19-31 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts gallery featuring the work of 21 graduating seniors. The exhibit is in partial fulfillment of students' bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees.

A reception for the artists will be held from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, March 22 in the gallery. It's free and open to the public.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

### **MSUM HOSTS REGIONAL HISTORY DAY THURSDAY**

MSUM will host the West Central Regional History Day Thursday, March 22 from 4 to 9 p.m. in the Comstock Memorial Union Ballroom. It's free and open to the public.

History Day is a co-curricular program that encourages young people to explore an historical subject related to an annual theme, which this year is "Triumph and Tragedy." Students make history come alive as their research leads to imaginative exhibits, original performances, media presentations and papers in junior and senior divisions in seven categories.

The university expects 135 students from schools in Fergus Falls, Hawley, Moorhead, Menahga, Minnewaska and Wheaton to participate in the West Central Regional History Day.

The program's goal is to promote the study of history by engaging students and teachers in the excitement of historical inquiry and creative presentation.

Students in grades six through 12 participate in regional History Day fairs, where historians, educators

and professionals in related fields evaluate their work. Students may advance to the statewide History Day April 21 at the University of Minnesota. Top entries in each category in the Minnesota History Day are eligible to participate in the National History Day contest in June in Washington, D.C.

Last year, more than 30,000 Minnesota students participated in History Day, while more than 700,000 students participated nationwide in 2005.

For more information on National History Day, visit [www.nationalhistoryday.org](http://www.nationalhistoryday.org).

### **150 STUDENTS TO COMPETE IN ECONOMIC EDUCATION CHALLENGE MONDAY, TUESDAY**

On March 19 and 20 (Monday and Tuesday) the MSUM Center for Economic Education will host the 8th Annual Economics Challenge for high school students from Minnesota and North Dakota. About 150 students representing 20 regional schools will participate in the event.

School teams will compete in knowledge of microeconomics, macroeconomics and international economics. Winners will receive trophies, cash prizes and the chance to advance to regional, state and national Economics Challenge competitions.

The MSUM event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, March 19 and Tuesday, March 20.

### **APAC MINUTES (February 20, 2007)**

Members present: Midgarden, chairperson, Blunsom, Brisch, Clark, Enz Finken, Frederick, Gunaratne, Haak Aarness, Hammerschmidt, Hill, Parsons, Schwartz, Wheeler.

Absent: Conteh, Crockett, Ellingboe, Goodman, Jeppson, Strong.

1. Approval of the 02-13-07 APAC Minutes  
Schwartz moved. Hill seconded to approve the 2-13-07 APAC minutes  
Motion carried unanimously.

2. NCA Accreditation – Deb White  
Deb White gave a presentation about the upcoming NCA accreditation visit on March 5-7, 2007.

3. Minor Changes – Dragon Core Committee approval or University Writing Committee approval designated by (DC) or (W).

Counseling and Student Affairs

Wes Erwin was present to answer questions.

Change course title and description:

CNSA 650: Organization and Administration of Guidance Services (3 crs) effective Fall 2007

There were no concerns; approved as announced.

Languages Department

John Hall was present to answer questions.

Change in prerequisites:

SPAN 102: Beginning Spanish II (3 crs) effective Fall 2007

SPAN 201: Intermediate Spanish I (3 crs) effective Fall 2007

SPAN 202: Intermediate Spanish II (3 crs) effective Fall 2007

SPAN 211: Intermediate Spanish Conversation I (3 crs) effective Fall 2007

SPAN 212: Intermediate Spanish Conversation II (3 crs) effective Fall 2007

SPAN 301: Spanish Grammar & Composition I (3 crs) effective Fall 2007

SPAN 302: Spanish Grammar & Composition II (3 crs) effective Fall 2007

SPAN 311: Advanced Spanish Conversation I (3 crs) effective Fall 2007

There were no concerns; approved as announced.

#### 4. New Course Proposals

Counseling and Student Affairs

Wes Erwin and Duane Halbur were present to answer questions.

Hill moved. Frederick seconded to approve the following new course:

CNSA 655: Counseling, Children, Adolescents, and Their Families (3 crs) effective Summer 2007

Discussion:

Erwin stated that in the last accreditation review, it was suggested that they drop SW 530, add this new class and update CNSA 650.

Halbur explained that the new course teaches counseling skills specific to the K-12 setting. The social work course deals with family counseling; however school counselors do not get involved in family counseling. If family counseling is needed, they will be referred out to other agencies.

Frederick asked why multiple choice exams were given at the graduate level. Halbur indicated that the exams are geared to find out if students have knowledge of appropriate intervention skills for each level of students, privacy laws, when to refer a student, and theorists. Internships will evaluate whether students can do this in the field. Erwin explained that the national exams are multiple choice so they also want students to be familiar with this format in order to help them pass the nationals. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 5. Program Changes

Counseling and Student Affairs

Haak Aarness moved. Clark seconded to approve dropping SW 530: General Practice: Family (3 crs) from the School Counseling Program effective Fall 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 6. Policies

##### **Dragon Core Assessment Committee policy effective Spring 2007**

Jean Sando was present to answer questions.

Frederick moved. Gunaratne seconded to approve the

Dragon Core Assessment Committee policy effective Spring 2007.

Discussion:

Members of this committee are appointed through the university appointment process and the committee reports to the vice president for academic affairs. The Dragon Core Assessment Committee (DCAC) is also closely tied to the Dragon Core Committee (DCC)

Gunaratne asked if the DCAC reported directly to APAC. Midgarden indicated that DCAC collects and analyzes data and reports findings directly to DCC. The DCC will then decide what to do with the information and data and submit any proposed curriculum revisions to the APAC for action.

Wheeler asked about using "expected" in #9. Sando responded that the way the competencies are written, students as a whole are expected to meet the goals of the competency area.

Frederick asked what the difference was between intense assessment and monitoring assessment. Sando indicated the DCAC is just getting started and they are assessing every area at this time to create a baseline, freshman, sophomores, juniors, etc., so this is creating a very intense mode of assessment. Once all of the Dragon Core is in place, they won't have to do as much formative assessment and will be able to move into a monitoring phase. Frederick suggested a term more related to activity such as "concentrated" to replace intense.

Blunsom asked if this process will provide assessment of individual courses. Sando stated that the courses are all grouped together in the competency area and no course is being assessed individually. It is important for all faculty to participate so the data collected in a competency area is spread out over the curriculum and not generalized based on only a small portion of the courses actually being offered.

This is not about assessing faculty teaching. The assessment data is collected at the end of the course only in order to assess outcomes of student learning, measured against competencies.

Gunaratne asked if this would cause incompetent students to withdraw. Midgarden stated that what is important is that students be placed appropriately when they come in. Hopefully, this data can be used to inform feeder schools where students are doing well and where they are not doing well.

Blunsom wondered how the DCC will insure that course content is adhering to the competencies over time. Midgarden responded that the Dragon Core is not a content-based program and there will be different content over different disciplines.

Blunsom pointed out that there is no oversight to make sure a faculty person is actually teaching the outcomes that they said they would in their initial proposals.

Brisch moved. Frederick seconded to table the proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Upper-Level Writing Requirement designation procedure effective Spring 2007**

SuEllen Shaw, Dawn Hammerschmidt, and Jill Frederick were present to answer questions.

Schwartz moved. Haak Aarness seconded to approve the Upper-Level Writing Requirement designation procedure effective Spring 2007

#### **Discussion:**

Gracyk pointed to an inconsistency with the policy approved at the 3/7/06 APAC. One bullet appears to indicate they have to take a specific Writing-Intensive (W-I) course, but the other bullet implies they can take any W-I course in the major. There was no disagreement about the intent, rather how the policy is written. Midgarden indicated that this would be clarified and brought back to the next APAC.

Hill asked if a department could provide a list of W-I courses that a student could choose from. Shaw indicated that a specific course must be designated. One course can be designated for all tracks in a major, or each track can designate their own course. If students change tracks after already taking their W-I course, the department can complete a course substitution form so that the student doesn't have to take an additional W-I course.

Gunaratne asked if the existing upper-level writing course could be designated by the department as the new writing requirement.

Shaw indicated it could if it has gone through the University Writing Committee to receive W-I status. No courses will be grandfathered in as W-I. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Satisfactory Academic Progress policy effective Fall 2006**

Janet Haak Aarness was present to answer questions. Hill moved. Schwartz seconded to approve the revised Satisfactory Academic Progress policy effective Fall 2006 Discussion:

Haak Aarness explained that the change in policy was mandated by MnSCU, but students can appeal for situations out of their control.

Midgarden indicated there used to be two policies, one for students receiving federal financial aid and one for students paying for their own tuition. These students were not penalized for withdrawing from a course, but now MnSCU is requiring that we use the federal financial aid policy for all students.

Haak Aarness stated that the probation program is run at the end of the term so that the new semester enrollment doesn't count in the students' attempted credits. Incompletes do count against a student.

Hammerschmidt asked how much responsibility is on the advisor for students on probation. Haak Aarness indicated that it is the student's responsibility, they are

notified by letter, a general notice is sent out on student dragonews, and students will see their holds when they attempt to register. Advisors are sent a list of all their advisees who are on probation so that they can remind students during advising sessions.

Bair stated that probation does not show up on the transcript.

Some members expressed the opinion that a negative vote would send a signal to the Office of the Chancellor. Motion defeated with 5 in favor, 5 opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Jo Berg

### **MISCELLANEA**

\* **Rhonda Ficek**, Instructional Technology, and **Joann Segovia**, Accounting, published "Instructional Technologies that Support Learning Preferences of Today's Students" in the November-December 2006 issue of Educational Technology.

\* **John Benson**, School of Teaching and Learning, presented a paper entitled "Cutting Off Hope or Bringing Light? Tanzanians Talk about the Impact of Education on Their Lives" at the Comparative and International Education Society Annual Meeting in Baltimore on Feb. 25. In addition, he recently had a paper of his published by HakiElimu, a Tanzanian non-governmental organization that publishes and disseminates research about education in Tanzania. The paper was published in both Swahili and English, and in English is entitled, "A Complete Education?: Observations about the State of Primary Education in Tanzania in 2005." Both of these papers are about research done during seven months spent during his sabbatical in Tanzania.

\* **Gina Monson**, Admission, moderated sessions on college readiness, preparing for successful transitions beyond high school and statewide English language learner developments at the annual MN ACT annual conference in Minneapolis Feb. 15-16. Keynote presentations included Alice Seagren, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Education; Superintendent William Green JD, PhD, from Minneapolis Public Schools; Philip L. Davis, president of Minneapolis Community and Technical College; and state demographer Tom Gillasp. Over 250 high school and post-secondary educators, counselors and administrators attended. Monson is Secretary of the MN ACT Executive Advisory Council.

\* Biosciences research students Paul Decker, Josh Lunski, Tracy Mastel and Sarah Skolness—working with faculty member **Linda Fuselier**, Bioscience—published their work on sex differences in a migratory dragonfly in a national journal. Their paper appears in the March 2007 issue of Journal of Freshwater Ecology and is entitled "Sex differences and size at emergence are not linked to biased sex ratios in the common green darner, *Anax junius* (Odonata: Aeshnidae)". The group is continuing their research on sex-specific antipredator response by dragonfly larvae and will present their results at an international meeting this March.

\* The MSUM Concert Choir, led by music faculty member **Paul Nesheim**, will be touring the state

of Minnesota March 10-14. The choir will perform concerts in Alexandria, Richfield and Duluth, and will also make stops at Blaine, Barnum and Brainerd high schools. Works to be performed include J.S. Bach's second motet, "Der Geist hilft unsrer Schwachheit auf", Benjamin Britten's "Hymn to St. Cecilia", and the popular "Water Night" by Eric Whitacre. The choir will perform its home concert on Monday, March 19 at 8 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Moorhead. \* On February 23 and 24, **Paul Nesheim**, Music, appeared as the guest conductor for the Viking Choral Festival presented by the Lawrence University Conservatory of Music in Appleton, Wis. Nesheim conducted a massed choir of five of Wisconsin's finest high school choirs that performed at the close of the festival concert, which also included individual performances from each of the choirs.

#### **VACANCIES**

##### **\* School Psychology Instructor**

<http://www.mnstate.edu/vacancy/unclassified/0741F-Psychology.pdf>

##### **\* Early Education Center - Teacher**

<http://www.mnstate.edu/vacancy/unclassified/0740P-EarlyEdTeacher.pdf>

##### **\* Assistant Professor of General Education in the Corrick Center;**

##### **First Year English/Composition; Speech Communications**

<http://www.mnstate.edu/vacancy/unclassified/0736P-CorrickCtr.pdf>

#### **CLASSIFIEDS**

\* Concordia faculty on sabbatical during 2007/08 academic year. Our house will be available from approximately June 15, 2007 - July 30, 2008. This home is located only three blocks from the MSUM campus and would be an ideal location for someone with a year-long contract or a new faculty hire who wanted to wait a year before purchasing a home in the F/M area. We are currently asking \$1,400 a month, but are completely willing to negotiate rent, utilities, etc. For more information about the house (and pictures), please see: <http://www.sabbaticalhomes.com/> (type "Moorhead" into the search box)

\* Whitney piano by Kimball. \$700 or best offer. Call 477-2252 or 280-0859 after 5pm.

#### **BASIC FIREFIGHTING CERTIFICATE CLASS BEING OFFERED**

The MSUM Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society is sponsoring a Basic Firefighting certification class that's open to MSUM students, faculty, and staff.

Cost is \$5. The training is important for people who will be seeking employment in conservation or other land management positions.

The instructor is coming from North Dakota Forestry Service. The MSUM chapter doing all of this in conjunction with the NDSU Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

#### Schedule:

Fri. March 23: 4-9 p.m.

Sat. March 24: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Sun. March 25: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Fri. March 30: 4 p.m.-9 p.m.

Sat. March 31: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (includes field work)

Sun. April 1: to be determined; keep open for 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., but it is likely (weather permitting) the class will finish on Saturday, March 31.

For more information or to sign up, go to: [wildlife@mnstate.edu](mailto:wildlife@mnstate.edu).

Required materials that you will need to have are:

\* work gloves, boots appropriate for field work, field clothes, and a backpack that will hold 45lbs.

To complete certification, you must pass a "pack test" where you walk for 3 miles carrying a 45-lb. pack in less than 45 minutes.

Location is Stevens Hall 229 on the NDSU campus.

#### **CAMPUS CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

The 2007 Campus Campaign so far has raised \$71,373.50 in donations.

Return your pledge form now to be a part of the 2007 Campus Campaign. There is still time to make your gift count.

Students like Megan Eckman, an Art and English major, really appreciate the help a scholarship provides. Megan says, "I have always known that secondary education is important and I as I got older I realized just how much an education would cost. I am so thankful that there are people who know how valuable a college education is and are willing to help future generations achieve their dreams through scholarships."

#### **PREVIEW DAY: MARCH 30**

On Friday, March 30, MSUM we will be hosting prospective students plus their families at Preview Day in the Science Lab & Center for Business buildings. We are anticipating another large group of students including juniors, seniors, and transfers. Our guests will arrive around 8:30 a.m. for the morning session and again at 12:30 p.m. for the afternoon session.

Preview Day will include a welcome presentation with university facts, figures and admission criteria, campus and residence hall tours, financial aid information, an academic showcase, and an Expo/ Reception in the Center for Business Atrium that includes departments and student services tables. Spread the word to family, friends, neighbors and others.