

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD NEWSLETTER

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* Student Academic Conference
on Wednesday in CMU!

Lecture Monday, April 16...
DALAN HONORED WITH DILLE
DISTINGUISHED LECTURER AWARD

Rinita Dalan, Anthropology/Earth Science, will deliver this year's annual Dille Distinguished Faculty Lecture on "Native American Landscapes: An Interdisciplinary Perspective" at 7 p.m. Monday, April 16 in the Science Lab 104. A reception follows in the Science Lab atrium.



Dalan

Dalan earned a doctorate in ancient studies at the University of Minnesota and joined the Anthropology/Earth Science department here in 1999. She received the University's Academic Excellence Award for Research Activity in 2003.

Her research interests focus on the application of geophysical methods to archaeological problems, soil magnetism, development of geophysical equipment and software, Native American landscapes, and human-environment interactions. She has worked on sites located across the United States and in Belize.

Since coming to MSUM, Dalan has generated over \$500,000 in grant funding, with sources including the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the National Park Service, among others.

She collaborated with Bartington Instruments (United Kingdom) to develop a downhole magnetic susceptibility sensor for archaeological application that is now commercially available. The device measures variations in magnetic properties of subsurface soils. Instead of digging or excavating, a hole is cored in the soil and then the sensor is lowered down the hole to test for magnetic susceptibility.

Dalan created the Environmental Magnetism and Geophysics Laboratory at MSUM, a state-

of-the-art soil magnetic laboratory dedicated to archaeological applications. Undergraduate students as well as professionals in the public and private sector use the lab.

The Dille Fund for Excellence is a permanent endowment established in 1994 by the MSUM Alumni Foundation, through the generosity of MSUM alumni and friends, to honor the University's former president, Roland Dille and his wife, Beth Dille. The endowment raised nearly \$3.2 million in gifts and pledges in 1994 and supports annual grants and the Dille Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Award.

Each year, the Dille Fund for Excellence Committee and the President select one MSUM faculty member to receive the Dille Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Award, which is one of the highest honors MSUM bestows to its faculty. Honorees receive a \$1,200 honorarium and commemorative desk clock in a brief ceremony before they present the annual Dille Distinguished Faculty Lecture.

For professional achievement....
TASTEFULLY SIMPLE FOUNDER, CEO
TO RECEIVE MSUM'S HARTZ AWARD

Jill Blashack Strahan, founder and CEO of Tastefully Simple, Inc., a national direct sales company based in Alexandria, Minn., has been selected to receive MSUM's 26th annual L.B. Hartz Professional Achievement Award.



Strahan

An awards dinner for the Alexandria Technical College sales and marketing graduate will be held Wednesday, April 18 in the campus student union.

The award is named in honor of the late L.B. Hartz, the founder of Hartz Wholesale Company headquartered in Thief River Falls. It's presented annually by MSUM's College of Business and Industry to an individual who has created economic opportunities for others through innovation, entrepreneurship and community service.

Blashack Strahan (pronounced “bly-zek stray-han”), who established the original national home taste-testing company in 1995, last year was inducted into the Minnesota Business Hall of Fame as an inspiration and empowering mentor to thousands of women across the nation.

Today the company has more than 21,000 independent consultants nationwide and more than 300 employees at its Alexandria headquarters. Last year it earned \$120 million in sales.

Tastefully Simple products are sold only through consultants, who are independent business owners. They offer a product line of more than 50 easy-to-prepare gourmet foods through their taste-testing parties, including seasonings, soups, breads, sauces, snacks, dressings, desserts and beverages. All the products are either open-and-enjoy or made with one or two additional ingredients. Prices range from \$3.99 to \$12.99.

Blashack Strahan grew up on her family farm in rural Villard, Minn., and started Tastefully Simple in a small shed after a successful experience selling food samples at a crafters’ home tour. At the time, she owned a gift-basket business. Using a pool table as a packing station, she bootstrapped the business with her own savings, a silent partner investment and a \$20,000 small business loan.

Today Tastefully Simple ranks near the top of the Inc. 500 list of America’s fastest growing private companies.

Part of that success, she said, is a company culture that’s focused on teamwork, passion and helping people reach their full potential.

MSUM THEATRE PRESENTS TWO CONTEMPORARY PLAYS THIS WEEK

MSUM’s Theatre Arts program will present two plays in April by contemporary playwright Stephen Dietz. More than 60 students have participated in the design, sets, lighting and acting.

Foolin’ Around with Infinity will be presented Wednesday, April 11 and Friday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. on the Gaede Stage.

Foolin’ Around with Infinity is a mad, poetic, comic and terrifying rollercoaster ride through the world of the Nuclear Bomb. Featured are Mac and Jesse, “the keepers of the keys,” who sit day after day in a missile silo awaiting the inevitable call to arm the missiles; Mac’s renegade daughter Luke, who has moved

permanently into a fallout shelter; Mr. Anderson, a mysterious everyman who haunts the characters; and YOU, an audience member who sits on stage and leads everyone through the wild, surprising world of this play. “The time has come to ask questions.

Who is taking stock and who is asleep at the wheel?”

Fiction will be presented Thursday, April 12 and Saturday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. on the Gaede Stage. Linda and Michael Waterman are both successful writers, happily married to each other. They thrive on the give and take of their unusually honest and candid relationship. However, when they decide to share their diaries with each other, the boundaries between past and present, fact and fiction, trust and betrayal begin to break down. No life, as it turns out, is an open book. “A work of uncommon insight—an adult, unsparing and yet often witty look at the intimate relationship between a man and a woman during a time of crisis.” – Michael Kuchwara, Associated Press. “Everything about the play has an elegance and richness our theater sees too seldom. – Howard Kissel, New York Daily News. “A provocative spin on the eternal love triangle.” – Variety

For ticket information, call 477.2271.

ALUM SUE BEMENT TO KEYNOTE STUDENT ACADEMIC CONFERENCE

More than 300 students will present research projects at MSUM’s ninth annual Student Academic Conference Wednesday, April 11 in the student union ballroom.



Bement

The purpose of the afternoon event is to showcase the work and talent of MSUM students through presentations, posters, and creative works.

Keynote speaker this year is MSUM alum Sue Bement, director of the White Earth Early Intervention Program. Her address starts at 11:50 a.m. in the student union ballroom, followed by a student panel at 12:20 p.m. on the importance of student research.

Bement, who holds both master’s and undergraduate degrees from MSUM in Special Education, will talk on “Keeping a Positive Attitude,” focusing on how to keep perspective and a sense of humor in a job that’s often depressing. The former public school teacher is also a member of

the Bureau of Indian Education Advisory Board for Exceptional Education and the Council for Exceptional Children.

Research presentations will run from 1 to 3:50 p.m. throughout the student union. All presentations are free and open to the public.

Details can be found at the conference Web site, www.mnstate.edu/acadconf

TWO MSUM STUDENTS RECEIVE L.B. HARTZ SCHOLARSHIPS

MSUM students Savannah Nelson and Amy Meindl have each received a \$1,000 L.B. Hartz Scholarship that recognizes their outstanding accomplishments, campus and community leadership, and work experience.

Savannah Nelson, Beulah, N.D., is a senior business management major with a pre-optometry emphasis. Her academic accomplishments



Nelson

include being one of eight students awarded an honors apprenticeship scholarship, student advisory board member for the College of Business and Industry, former president of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, and student panelist for the Student Academic Conference. Nelson works in the university's Orientation and Transition Office, and was previously the Admissions Office tour system coordinator. She's also a Dragon Ambassador and has been a peer advisor. Her parents are Delton and Linda Schnaidt.

Amy Meindl, Detroit Lakes, is a senior majoring in management, international business and Spanish. Her academic achievements include Sigma Delta Pi, the national Hispanic Honor Society, National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and Delta Mu Delta. She is a student advisory board member for the College of Arts and Humanities and last summer studied abroad in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Her parents are Kim and Marcia Meindl.



Meindl

Scholarship recipients must be an upper-class student working toward a degree in business administration, finance, management or marketing; have a GPA of 3.5 or higher; and be a Minnesota or North Dakota high school graduate.

The scholarship is funded by the L. B. Hartz Foundation. Hartz was the founder of Hartz

Wholesale Company headquartered in Thief River Falls.

4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday... MSUM'S ANNUAL GLASRUD LECTURE FEATURES RICHARD HOFFMAN, AUTHOR OF MEMOIR "HALF A HOUSE"

Author Richard Hoffman, who teaches at Emerson College and the University of Southern Maine and wrote the award-winning memoir, "Half the House," will present MSUM's annual Glasrud Lecture at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 12 in the university's Center for Business 109 followed at 8 p.m. with a reading of his work in Comstock Memorial Union 101.



Hoffman's memoir depicts his family's struggles to care for two of his brothers who are terminally ill and recounts the horrific abuse he suffered in secret at the age of 10 by his baseball coach. Time magazine called the book "spare and poignant."

His 4 p.m. lecture, titled "The Ninth Letter of the Alphabet," will explore the many possibilities of first-person narration, and various strategies for creating a well-rounded character whose name is "I."

The lecture series honors Clarence "Soc" Glasrud, a Detroit Lakes native who taught in a country school before enrolling at MSUM in 1930 and graduating in 1934. Following a stint in the Army Air Corps during World War II, Glasrud earned both a master's degree and doctorate at Harvard University. He returned to his alma mater in 1947 to teach, eventually serving 23 years as chair of MSUM's English department. He retired in 1977.

Glasrud has since written two comprehensive histories of the university: "The Moorhead Normal School" and "Moorhead State Teachers College."

Hoffman is also the author of the poetry collection "Without Paradise" and the forthcoming "Gold Star Road." He recently received a Massachusetts Cultural Council Fellowship in fiction.

MOORHEAD CAMPUS SCHOOL FOCUS OF UPCOMING TALKS

Steve Grineski, Education, and the author of a new book on the history of the Moorhead Campus School, "Baby Dragons: The Story of Moorhead's Campus School, 1888-1972," will deliver several talks about the Campus School's history in April.

* Thursday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m., Zandbroz Variety

* Friday, April 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Barnes &

Noble, part of the Roundtable Buffet of Regional Authors

*** Tuesday, April 24 at 7 p.m., MSUM's Weld Hall Glasrud Auditorium.** This talk includes a slide presentation showing photographs and original documents from the Moorhead Campus School.

Books will be available for purchase at these talks.

All proceeds from the book sales will fund a scholarship for students at the Red River Area Learning Center (RRALC), Moorhead School District's alternative high school.

For more information or to purchase a book visit www.mnstate.edu/babydragons

HAGEN HALL REDEDICATION APRIL 13

Hagen Hall will be rededicated in a series of events on Friday, April 13. The campus community is invited to attend. Tour the remodeled laboratories, offices, and classrooms of the building from 1-3 p.m. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. in the SLB Atrium entrance to Hagen Hall, followed by a reception in Hagen 104 at 3:45 p.m.

The recent renovation of Hagen Hall is the culmination of an eight-year project to renovate the building and construct an adjoining science laboratory building. The first floor of Hagen Hall is home to the College of Social and Natural Sciences Dean's Office and the Biosciences Department. It also features classrooms, a chemistry lab, and several technology labs. The second floor houses the Technology Department and several computer labs and classrooms. The third floor is home to the Physics and Astronomy Department and contains their labs and teaching spaces. On the fourth floor, faculty from the Biosciences and Chemistry Departments have their offices. The fourth floor also has several labs for Biosciences faculty.

The building is named for Dr. Olaf J. Hagen, a former resident director of Moorhead State College. Dr. Hagen practiced medicine and surgery in Moorhead, was a co-founder of the Fargo Clinic, was active in community affairs, and was for many years a member of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents and a resident director for Moorhead State College.

MSUM JURIED ART EXHIBIT APRIL 9-21

MSUM's annual juried student art exhibit will be on display April 9-21 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts gallery. A public reception will be held from

4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 12, with the awards ceremony scheduled to begin at 4:45 that day.

This year's juror is Howardena Pindell, an abstract painter who mixes different materials, combining photographs, drawings, paper, postcards, thick paint, fabric and video to create arresting collages. Pindell earned a BFA in painting from Boston University's School of Fine and Applied Arts and an MFA from Yale University's School of Art and Architecture. She's received two honorary doctorates, one from Massachusetts College of Art and one from Parson School of Design/The New School University.

Pindell was most recently a visiting professor of art at Yale University's School of Art. Her work is in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, The Museum of Modern Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Yale Art Museum, and Harvard University, among others.

She's also an accomplished writer who has published groundbreaking studies that document the lack of representation of artists of color in the major museums and galleries. She has written numerous articles attacking censorship, racism and violence. A book of her writings, "The Heart of the Question," was published in 1997.

A zealous traveler, she has lived in and traveled throughout Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America and North America. Her work is distinctly personal as she records her own struggles as an African American woman trying to find her sense of self in a society where overt and subtle discrimination conflict with individualism and equality.

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; or by special arrangement by contacting gallery director Jane Gudmundson, 218.477.2284 or gudmunja@mnstate.edu.

In April...

UPCOMING MSU MOORHEAD MUSIC

MSU Moorhead has the following music events scheduled in April; all are free and open to the public.

*** Tri-College Jazz Combos** will be in concert Thursday, April 12 at 8 p.m. in Weld Hall Glasrud Auditorium. Tri-College Combos combine the performing talents of students and faculty from MSUM, Concordia College and NDSU. The students audition across the three campuses and are placed in small groups that explore the skills,

concepts and literature of jazz, commercial and contemporary music. The combos are directed by MSUM faculty Dan Phillips, Toby Curtright and Simon Rowe; Matt Patnode, NDSU; and Russ Peterson, Concordia College.

* MSUM **piano faculty** will present a recital on Wednesday, April 18 at 8 p.m. in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Fox Recital Hall. Performers include Terrie Manno, Judy Dietzler, Judy England, Sue Nagel, and guest violinist Neal Page. The program will feature the music of Edvard Grieg, Maurice Ravel, Darius Milhaud and Richard Faith.

* The **Jazz Ensemble** performs at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 19 in Weld Hall Glasrud Auditorium.

* **Snowfire** performs at 8 p.m. Friday, April 20 in Weld Hall Glasrud Auditorium.

* **New Works by Henry Gwiazda** (...in consciousness) will be presented at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 24 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Gaede Stage.

* An **Opera Workshop** will be presented at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 25 in the Center for the Arts Fox Recital Hall.

* **Festival Choirs** will present a concert Thursday, April 26 at 8 p.m. at Our Redeemer Church, Moorhead.

* A **Jazz Guitar Ensemble** performs at 8 p.m. Friday, April 27 in the Center for the Arts Hansen Auditorium.

* MSUM's **Symphony Orchestra** performs at NDSU Festival Hall Saturday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m.

* **Wind Ensemble** presents a 3 p.m. concert Sunday, April 29 in Weld Hall Glasrud Auditorium.

CAMPUS CAMPAIGN UPDATE

There is still time to make our goal for the Campus Campaign.

So far the campaign has raised \$115,989.

Don't forget about the Planetarium seats when making your Campus Campaign contribution. You can designate your contribution for the Planetarium Seat Campaign. So far more than \$10,000 has been raised for this campaign.

To learn more visit www.mnstate.edu/regsci/planetariumfundraiser.cfm

Cost per planetarium Seat: \$385

Pledge over 26 pay periods: \$15 a check

Pledge over 19 pay periods: \$21 a check

Want to know what is really exciting? With your additional support we may have a financial match for the Planetarium seat campaign! So let's pull together and have a successful Campus Campaign! If you have made your 2007-2008 contribution, thank you for your dedication to the University and our students! We could not do it without you!

PARKING OPEN HEARING APRIL 19

The annual Parking Open Hearing is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 19 in CMU 218. Proposed regulations for the 2007-08 academic year will be available from the Parking Office (Maintenance Building, 8th Ave. and 17th St. S.) beginning April 9. Comments and concerns will be addressed at the hearing.

CAMPUS CLEAN UP DAY APRIL 24

To celebrate Earth Day, the Facilities & Grounds Committee is organizing a campus-wide clean-up day on Tuesday, April 24. The rain date will be April 25. The committee encourages all faculty, staff and students to join in the efforts to help clean up our campus. To volunteer, report to the west side of the Library to receive your work assignment between 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. There will be free pizza and a beverage at noon for all volunteers. Volunteers should bring their own gloves if possible. Anyone with questions should contact Gordy Bergman at 2957 or Kathy Abraham at 2156.

SPRING POKER WALK FOR FITNESS THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Just 30 minutes of moderate exercise per day, (like walking), can: cut your risk of heart disease by 30%; reduce your risk of hypertension, diabetes and colon cancer by 30%; reduce body fat by an average of 18%; and eliminate undue stress.

Therefore, you are encouraged to participate in the 3rd Annual MSUM "Poker" WALK FOR FITNESS, to be held on **THURSDAY, APRIL 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

The objective is to walk to each of the 7 (seven) MSUM departments listed in this memo, draw a card at each, and try to acquire the best poker hand. NOTE: The best 5 out of 7 cards can be used...Jokers are wild! AND, to coincide with Easter, pick a colored egg in the HR office for a chance to draw an additional bonus card!

Prizes will be awarded for the top three hands.

Plus there will be a **GRAND PRIZE DRAWING** for a **MP3 Player** and another drawing for a MSUM Sweatshirt donated by the MSUM Bookstore.

PARTICIPATING DEPARTMENTS

Athletics Department, Nemzek 134
Hendrix Health Center, Transitional Building – C Lot

Bookstore, MacLean 176

Psychology, Bridges 360
English, Weld 216

Communication Studies, Film Studies and Theatre Arts, Center for the Arts 116

Human Resources, Owens 210

NOTE: A beverage will be served in HR at the finale of your walk.

Draw a card at each department...your name and card will be recorded. Keep your card and proceed to the other departments. You do not have to walk to all seven departments at one time, walk on your breaks or lunch hour. Human Resources **MUST** be the last department you walk to--before 4 p.m. You will draw your last card, and submit your best hand. You can also throw your name into the hat for the **GRAND PRIZE DRAWING** to be held at the conclusion of the walk.

This is a great opportunity to familiarize yourself with the MSUM campus and get some exercise to boot!

If you have questions, call Deb Lewis at 2158.

SWINSON NAMED STUDENT LEADER OF THE MONTH

The Student Organization Advisory Committee is pleased to present April Swinson with the Student Leader of the Month Award for April/May. April was nominated by Campus Activities Board.

April is the marketing coordinator for Campus Activities Board. She is a strong leader who always has new ideas to offer. Her upbeat attitude and love for MSUM is contagious. She is organized and completes tasks in a timely manner. She is never afraid to ask questions or ask for help when she needs it. These are just a few of the reasons why April has been awarded the Student Leader of the Month Award for April/May. Congratulations April!



Swinson
awarded the Student Leader of the Month Award for April/May. Congratulations April!

Also nominated for the Student Leader of the Month Award for April/May: Matthew Bakko, nominated by Phi Alpha/Training Our Campuses Against Racism and Chelsea Schultz, nominated by Gamma Phi Beta. Congratulations for being

nominated! If you would like to nominate someone you know to be the Student Leader of the Month for next September, please stop by the Office of Student Activities, CMU 229, to pick up a nomination form or visit online at www.mnstate.edu/osa under Programs and Services/Leadership Programming. All nominations for September are due by Friday, September 7, 2007. What a great way to honor someone who you think does a wonderful job!

CAB SELECTED AS STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE MONTH

Campus Activities Board, or better known as CAB, has been selected as the April/May Student Organization of the Month! This group consists of eight coordinators who have made an outstanding impression throughout the university. Each year CAB coordinates 45-55 programs. This year they have been busy featuring artists in their Acoustic Afternoons program, bringing in comedians, hosting Battle of the Bands, programming UG Unplugged, creating ritzy window displays and many more great events. Do you want to get involved in an organization that is full of enthusiasm and responsible for organizing fun-filled events? Apply today for one of eight coordinator positions for next year. Applications are available online at www.mnstate.edu/cab. If you have any questions, stop by the CAB office in CMU 231 or call (218) 477-2264. Thanks Becky, Monica, Kayla K., Nikki, Blake, Andrea, Kayla R., Char and April for a superb year filled with great campus activities!

MISCELLANEA

* An article by **Jim Kaplan**, Languages and Cultures, has been accepted for publication by the Swedish American Historical Quarterly. The article is entitled "Doing the Work of Memory in Stockholm and San Francisco" and will appear in the October 2007 issue. Jim is a regular contributor to the Quarterly.

* **Kyja Kristjansson-Nelson**, Film Studies, was given a Director's Citation, Honorable Mention, at the 26th Black Maria Film and Video Festival in New Jersey, for her animated film, "Portraits & Testimonies #6: Mae Meier," a documentary portrait of an Icelandic-American women with Alzheimer's. This animated short will also screen April 12 in Toronto at the Images Festival, Canada's largest annual festival dedicated to independent and experimental film and video. Also, Kristjansson's "The Art of Effort" recently screened at the Delta International Film and Video Festival and will play at the Wisconsin Film Festival in Madison on April 14 and 15. "The Art of Effort" is a short documentary on Arab-Israeli children with disabilities, who

are receiving art and music therapy through cooperative work between Bedouin and Jewish communities in the Negev.

* A paper by **Paul Harris**, History, entitled “What Color is Civilization? The 1895 Congress on Africa,” was presented at the meeting of the Nineteenth-Century Studies Association at Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania. He also chaired a session on “Saving the Orient? Twentieth-Century Missionary Encounters in Asia” at the Organization of American Historians convention in Minneapolis.

* **Benjamin Smith**, Languages and Cultures, was invited to Winona State University on March 24 to install the 543rd Chapter of the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, Sigma Delta Pi. Nine students were inducted into the new “Chi Pi” chapter of the Honor Society as well as three professors who were inducted as Honorary Members. Accompanying Dr. Smith was Brian Hansen, vice president of MSUM’s Chapter, Upsilon Sigma. Brian assisted in the logistics of the ceremony and extended a welcome to the new students. Dr. Smith was performing in his role as vice president of the Midwest for Sigma Delta Pi.

VACANCIES

Director Of Campus Security

www.mnstate.edu/vacancy/unclassified/0743P-Director%20of%20Security.pdf