

MSUM WILL GRADUATE 460 DURING WINTER COMMENCEMENT FRIDAY

MSU Moorhead will award degrees to more than 460 graduates during its winter commencement program at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21 at Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse.

Commencement speaker is State Representative Brita Sailer (DFL-Park Rapids), a 1975 MSUM art graduate now serving her second term in the Minnesota House representing District 2B.



Sailer worked for 20 years as a freelance artist in her pottery and painting studio and served on a variety of local and regional boards before being elected Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation

District supervisor.

One of the legislature's leading authorities on energy and environmental issues, Sailer came to the House with more than 17 years of experience working with solid waste and recycling projects. In 2007, she led the Minnesota Legislature to pass a nation-leading law making it easier for consumers to recycle electronic waste.

A reception for graduates, faculty, parents and guests will follow the recessional.

MSUM JOURNALISM STUDENTS WIN REGIONAL EMMY, NATIONAL AWARDS

Fourteen students in an MSUM broadcast documentary class won an Emmy from the Upper Midwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for a documentary broadcast on Prairie Public Television titled "Walk into the Wild."

Students Candace Thornberg, Walhalla, N.D., and Jan Roger Banken, an exchange student from Norway, co-directed the project. Thornberg



also produced and narrated the program, and Banken served as chief editor. All of the students wrote, reported, photographed and edited material for the project. Mass communications Professor Martin Grindeland served as faculty advisor. He also teaches television news photography and coaches students in television news photography for Campus News on Prairie Public Television.

"I am so happy for the students who worked hard on this project. Now they can say they're Emmy award-winning student journalists," Grindeland said.

Mark Strand, chair of the department of mass communications, said, "Our students have distinguished themselves at regional and national level journalism contests over and over again this year. We won five Eric Sevareid Awards from the Northwest Broadcast News Association, 14 regional awards and five national awards from the Society of Professional Journalists, and now, an Emmy from the National Television Academy."

National SPJ winners

Earlier this year, MSUM had four national winners in the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) Mark of Excellence Contest. Only one other university in the country had four national winners. Six universities had two national winners each. In the SPJ contest, this marks the third year in a row that MSUM produced a national winner in television news or sports photography. MSUM is the only school in the country to achieve this distinction.

SPJ received 3,300 entries in 39 categories from 12 regions, including work in newspapers, magazines, photography, radio, television and

online. Winners in each category advanced to the national competition.

MSUM's national winners were:

Candace Thornberg, Walhalla, N.D., for "Fatal Plane Crash" in the television breaking news reporting category. She graduated in May and is a producer/reporter at the Fox affiliate KVRRTV in Fargo.

Carrie Snyder, Fargo, N.D., for "Something Fierce" in the online feature reporting category. She graduated in 2006 and is the director of graphic design for the FM RedHawks.

Enrico Meyer, Melrose, for "Student Sandbaggers" in the television news photography category. He graduated in 2006 and is a photojournalist at the NBC affiliate WIS TV in Columbia, S.C.

The staff of Horizonlines.org (Vol. 5) in the best all-around independent online student publication.

"I am absolutely thrilled that our students won these national awards," said Regene Radniecki, an assistant professor of mass communications who also supervises Horizonlines.org. "We are trying to stay on the cutting edge of online journalism and, to me, these awards confirm that we are succeeding."

Regional SPJ winners

Finally, MSUM mass communication students won eight first place awards, the most of any school in the region, in the Region 6 (Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota) Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Contest. First place winners advanced to the national SPJ competition.

"It is wonderful to see our students get this kind of recognition for their work," said Grindeland.

MSUM'S 2007 COMBINED CHARITIES CAMPAIGN COLLECTS \$57,305

The MSUM Minnesota State Employees Combined Charities 2007 Campaign donation total is \$57,305.00 (95.5% of this year's \$60,000 goal).

This campaign's success is due to MSUM employees who care and stand ready to help others in need and would not have been possible without the dedication of 63 MSUM volunteers who cared and contributed not only money, but also their time, creativity and energy.

The following volunteers deserve our appreciation and thanks for a job well done: **Jeanne Alm**, Information Technology; **Jan Atchison**, CSIS; **Rose Bakke**, Alumni/Foundation; **Jane Bergland**, Nursing; **Dieter Berninger**, AMCS; **Darlene Braun**, Chemistry; **Ellen Brisch**, Biosciences; **Kim Brosdahl**, Housing; **Ken Brown**, Art & Design; **Henry Chan**, History;

Rinita Dalan, Anthropology; **Ron Duval**, Bookstore; **Laura Fasick**, English; **Jan Fiola**, Sociology; **Oscar Flores**, Economics; **John Gaffrey**, CSIS; **Jarilyn Gess**, Corrick Center; **Erin Gillett**, EECE; **Steve Grineski**, Foundations;

Jane Gudmundson, Art & Design; **John Hall**, Languages; **Carol Halverson**, SLHS; **Doug Hamilton**, Public Relations; **Dawn Hammerschmidt**, HPE; **Paul Harris**, History; **Barb Headrick**, Political Science; **Shelly Heng**, English; **Theresa Hest**, CSFT; **Janet Hohenstein**, Payroll; **Chang-Seong Hong**, Philosophy; **Sheryl Jones**, Mathematics; **Terry Kroke**, Library; **Sara Lamb**, Financial Aid; **Kathy Lee**, Printing Services; **Karen Lester**, Health Center; **Deb Lewis** - Campaign Coordinator, Human Resources; **Deb Lien**, Regional Science Center; **Steve Lucero**, Housing; **Terrie Manno**, Music; **Karen Mehnert-Meland**, CMU & Campaign Co-chair; **Linda Motzko**, College of Arts & Humanities; **Judy Mrosla**, Continuing Education; **Courtney Neuschwander**, Human Resources Assistant; **Larry Nicholson**, Building Services; **Teri Nyhus**, Security; **Darel Paulson**, Instruction Media; **Tom Pearce**, School of Business; **Amy Phillips**, Social Work; **Peg Potter**, Psychology & Campaign Co-chair; **Deb Radke**, Anthropology; **Gloria Riopelle**, Athletics; **Peggy Rittenhouse**, EECE; **George Sanderson**, School of Business; **Kathy Schmidt**, CMU; **Cliff Schuette**, Counseling Center/Career Services & Campaign Co-chair; **Sandi Schuette**, Counseling Center; **Andrea Scott**, Athletics; **Ananda Shastri**, Physics; **Steven Street**, Special Education; **Ivy Thompson**, Records; **Greg Toutges**, Disability Services; **Teri Walseth**, College of Education & Human Services and **Ron Williams**, Technology.

Combined charities



Their contribution of time made it possible for state employees to reach the lives of thousands

living in Minnesota and North Dakota, aiding the communities in which we live and work.

Additionally, MSUM now has a total of 38 United Way of Cass/Clay Key Club Members who individually contributed more than \$500.



KENNEDY CENTER THEATRE FESTIVAL RECOGNIZES MSUM THEATRE ARTS

MSUM Theatre Arts announced this week that their production of **CATS** has been selected by the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival as one of the finest collegiate costume designs in our region. MSUM's costume designer, Ricky Greenwell, will have his designs showcased at the regional festival in Omaha in January.

2007 MSUM COMBINED CHARITIES CAMPAIGN PRIZE WINNERS

Two hundred fifty-nine (259) MSUM employees donated to this year's campaign. The following contributors' names were drawn to receive prizes:

Reserved Parking for 1 month (January 1, 08 – February 1, 08): Patrick Hundley, Alumni/ Foundation

Reserved Parking for 1 month (January 9, 08 – February 8, 08): Karen Danbom, EECE

Straw Hat Performance Gift Certificate (2 tickets): Dieter Berninger, American Multicultural Studies

Straw Hat Performance Gift Certificate (2 tickets): Deb DeMinck, Counseling & Personal Growth

Performing Arts Gift Certificate (2 tickets): Craig Jasperse, Chemistry

Performing Arts Gift Certificate (2 tickets): Ed Choate, Human Resources

University Theatre Performance Gift Certificate (2 tickets): Dan Kirk, Administration & Facilities

University Theatre Performance Gift Certificate (2 tickets): Jody Mattern, Mass Communications

CMU Gift Card (\$20): Elizabeth Severn, English

CMU Gift Card (\$20.00): Layne Anderson, Student Union & Activities

CMU Gift Card (\$10): Sara Lamb, Financial Aid

Bookstore Gift Card (\$20.00): Mary Thron, Languages

Bookstore Gift Card (\$20.00): Sherry Estrem, Student Affairs

Bookstore Gift Card (\$10.00): Casey Fawbush, Business Office

MSUM T-shirt: Wes Erwin, Counseling & Student Affairs

MSUM T-shirt: Tom Pearce, School of Business

MSUM T-shirt: Lacey Saga, Pre-School

MSUM T-shirt: Barb Worman, School of Teaching & Learning

MSUM T-shirt: Keenan Spiess, Athletics

MSUM Tote Bag: Gabrielle Smith, Building Services

MSUM Tote Bag: Henry Chan, History

MSUM Glass Mug: Kathleen Paulson, Continuing Studies

MSUM Glass Mug: Cindy Sogn, Parking

MSUM Glass Mug, Russel Colson, Anthropology & Earth Science

MSUM Glass Mug: Amy Phillips, Social Work

MSUM Stocking Hat: Larry Nicholson, Building Services

MSUM Stocking Hat: Trygve Olson, Art & Design

REMINDER: JUDY STRONG RETIREMENT SOCIAL THURSDAY

Judy Strong's retirement social will be on Thursday, Dec. 20 in the Ballroom from 1 to 3 p.m. with a program at 2 p.m. Everyone welcome.

14 FROM NAMED TO PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORY SEARCH COMMITTEE

Fourteen members have been officially selected to serve on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee in search of the next president of MSUM.

AFSCME - **Sheryl Jones**

IFO - Professor **Ellen Brisch**, Professor **Oscar Flores**, Professor **Wendy Frappier**, Professor Ted Gracyk

MAPE - **JoDee Haugrud**

MMA - **Steve Lucero**

MSUAASF - **Janet Haak Aarness**

MSUAASF/Administrative - **Sylvia Barnier**

Administrative Council - Dean **Ronald Jeppson**

Student Senate - **Alexander Ellsworth, Laura Zeiher**

Community Members - **Michael Redlinger, Jo Burdick**

The first meeting of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee (SAC) has been scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 20 from 11a.m. to 2 p.m. at the CMU, Rm 101.

THANKS TO MSUM, BRECKENRIDGE GETS 90 NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The media center at Breckenridge Elementary-Middle School recently received 90 children's books thanks to MSUM. The expanded selection is the result of efforts made by Michelle Bullis, Breckenridge, who nominated the district to receive the books.

The opportunity was available to Bullis through the Comstock Reading Aloud Initiative sponsored by MSUM.

Bullis, a senior at MSUM, served on the Read Aloud Committee and nominated Breckenridge to receive a share of the books which were previewed. The books were divvied up by age appropriateness.

"The Elementary Media Center received 66 books and the Early Childhood and Family Education Department received 30 books," said Verna Cripe, teacher. "They're all picture books published in 2006. We had an open house last

week for teachers to peruse the new books. The children are very excited."

She said the big increase in stock sparked fresh interest in the children who have now put their names in for books they want to read.

During last year, the committee made up of students, faculty and community members, read more than 500 children's books published in 2006. The award is named for the Comstock family, an important pioneer family in Moorhead.

ATTENTION EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES STUDENTS!

The Dean of the College of Education and Human services is seeking students to participate on the CEHS Student Advisory Council. This is a great opportunity to be actively involved at the college level. You will represent your department or program, and gain valuable experience that will look good on your resume.

CEHS Departments and Programs include:
School of Teaching and Learning
Health and Physical Education
Nursing and Health
Social Work
Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

The CEHS Student Advisory Council meets approximately monthly, and participates in occasional special projects.

If you are interested, contact the CEHS Dean's Office at: 477.2096 or neillma@mnstate.edu.

APAC MINUTES – NOVEMBER 27, 2007

Members present: Jeppson, chairperson, Brisch, Clark, Conteh, Ellingboe, Haak Aarness, Hill, Schwartz, Williams.

Absent: Blunsom, Crockett, Enz Finken, Goodman, Hammerschmidt, Hamrick, Midgarden, Strong, Walseth, Wheeler (on sabbatical).

1. Approval of the 10-23-07 APAC Minutes Hill moved. Brisch seconded to approve the 10-23-07 APAC minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Sociology and Criminal Justice Department Deb White was present to answer questions.

SOC 351: Quantitative Methods (3 crs) effective Spring 2008 (W)
There were no concerns; approved as announced.

3. New Course Proposals – University Writing Committee approval or Dragon Core Committee approval designated by (W) or (DC).

Biosciences Department

Ellen Brisch was present to answer questions.
Schwartz moved. Clark seconded to approve the following new course:
BIOL 346: An ecological Perspective (3 crs) in the Outer Cluster, DC 10: People and the Environment effective Spring 2008 (course will retain LS Div B designation) (DC)
Motion carried unanimously.

Health and Physical Education Department
Chris Huot was present to answer questions.
Hill moved. Brisch seconded to approve the following new course:
HLTH 225: Professional Rescuer CPR/AED and Basic First Aid (2 crs) effective Spring 2008
Motion carried unanimously.

4. Program Changes
Legal Studies Program
Paul Kramer was present to answer questions.
Haak Aarness moved. Conteh seconded to approve adding PHIL 318: Professional Ethics (3 crs) to the required core requirements as the designated writing-intensive course for Legal Studies and reduce the restricted electives from 24 credits to 21 credits (no change to total credits) effective Spring 2008
Motion carried unanimously.

5. Policies
SuEllen Shaw was present to answer questions.
Schwartz moved. Ellingboe seconded to approve minor changes to the Writing-Intensive Guidelines effective Fall 2007.
Guidelines:
To meet the Writing-Intensive course requirements, the course syllabus should:
indicate how writing serves the goals of the course;
indicate which Written Communication competencies of the Dragon Core curriculum are addressed and developed; the course should develop at least four of those competencies;
assign a minimum of 16 pages (4800 to 5000 words) per student of formal, polished writing in multiple assignments that span the semester, rather than one long paper handed in at the end of the term;
include at least one assignment that requires drafting and revision;

include informal writing-to-learn assignments or activities;
indicate that how the quality of student writing will affect the course grade.
Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.
Jo Berg

NEW LIBRARY TITLES

The Livingston Lord Library is pleased to announce the arrival of the following new books on its shelves:

Philosophy. Psychology. Religion.

Feminist interpretations of Maurice Merleau-Ponty. B2430 .M3764 F46 2006
Kant, Immanuel. Critique of pure reason. B2778 .E5 S65 2007
Malpas, J. E. Heidegger's topology : being, place, world. B3279 .H49 M272 2006
Ismael, Jenann. The situated self. BD450 .I597 2007
Ruggiero, Vincent Ryan. Beyond feelings : a guide to critical thinking. 8th ed. BF441 .R85 2008
Counseling children & adolescents. 3rd ed. BF637 .C6 C636 2004
Weston, Anthony. Creative problem-solving in ethics. BJ37 .W47 2007
Smart, Ninian. Worldviews : crosscultural explorations of human beliefs. 3rd ed. BL80.2 .S62 2000
Teresa, Mother. Mother Teresa : come be my light : the private writings of the "Saint of Calcutta". BX4406.5 .Z8 T46 2007

History of Great Britain. History of Russia.

Baker, Kenneth. George III : a life in caricature. OVERSIZE DA506 .A2 B35 2007
Rounding, Virginia. Catherine the Great : love, sex and power. DK170 .R68 2007

History of North America. History of the United States.

Fear-Segal, Jacqueline. White man's club : schools, race, and the struggle of Indian acculturation. E97 .F43 2007
Color-line to borderlands : the matrix of American ethnic studies. E184 .A1 C54 2001
Daniels, Roger. Coming to America : a history of immigration and ethnicity in American life. 2nd ed. E184 .A1 D26 2002
Yang, Philip Q. Ethnic studies : issues and approaches. E184 .A1 E845 2000

History of individual states and regions.

Alton, Bonnie Jean. Wisconsin Dells. F587 .W8 A45 2007
Meldahl, Keith Heyer. Hard road west : history & geology along the Gold Rush trail. F593 .M479 2007

Sports and recreation.

Schwarzenegger, Arnold. The new encyclopedia of modern bodybuilding. GV546.5 .S383 1999
Melnick, Ralph. Senda Berenson : the unlikely founder

of women's basketball. GV884 .B47 M45 2007

Social sciences.

Statistics.

Ayres, Ian. Super crunchers : why thinking-by-numbers is the new way to be smart. HA29 .A88 2007

Economic theory.

Veblen, Thorstein. The theory of the leisure class ; with an introduction by C. Wright Mills. HB831 .V4 1991

Economic history and conditions.

World resources : a report by the World Resources Institute and the International Institute for Environment and Development. REF. HC59 .W667

World hunger. (The reference shelf series.) HC79 .F3 W65 2007

Commerce.

Jackson, Acy L. How to prepare your curriculum vitae. Rev. ed. HF5383 .J24 2003

Social and public welfare. Criminology.

Evidence-based social work : a guide for the perplexed. HV40 .E94 2005

Counseling the adolescent : individual, family, and school interventions. 5th ed. HV1431 .C68 2007

Youth at risk : a prevention resource for counselors, teachers, and parents. 5th ed. HV1431 .Y68 2007

Altschiller, Donald. Hate crimes : a reference handbook. 2nd ed. HV6773.52 .A47 2005

Gottschalk, Marie. The prison and the gallows : the politics of mass incarceration in America. HV9471 .G67 2006

Political science.

Fung, Archon. Full disclosure : the perils and promise of transparency. JC598 .F86 2007

A republic divided. JK275 .R47 2007

The executive branch. JK501 .E94 2005

The legislative branch. JK1021 .L44 2004

Nation-building. (Opposing viewpoints series). JZ6300 .N382 2007

Law.

Wheeler, Anne Marie. The counselor and the law : a guide to legal and ethical practice. 5th ed. KF2910 .P75 W48 2007

Education.

Learning objects and instructional design. LB1028.38 .L428 2007

Greater expectations : a new vision for learning as a nation goes to college : national panel report. LB2301 .G74 2002

Music.

Kimball, Carol. Song : a guide to art song style and literature. Rev. ed. MT120 .K56 2005

Art.

Laughton, Bruce. Honoré Daumier. OVERSIZE N6853 .D3 L39 1996

Dvorak, Robert Regis. Selling art 101 : the art of creative selling. N8600 .D867 2004

Language and literature.

VOA Special English word book : a list of words used in Special English programs on radio, television, and the

Internet. REF. PE2835 .V63 2007

Lipton, James. Inside Inside. PN1992.77 .I557 L57 2007

Kenney, Dave. Twin Cities picture show : a century of moviegoing. PN1993.5 .U753 K46 2007

Castilian writers, 1200-1400. REF. PQ6058 .C36 2007

Daems, Jim. Seventeenth-century literature and culture. PR421 .D34 2006

Murray, Les A. The biplane houses. PR9619.3 .M83 B54 2007

Wilson, Edmund. Literary essays and reviews of the 1920s & 30s. PS3545 .I6245 A6 2007

Wilson, Edmund. Literary essays and reviews of the 1930s & 40s. PS3545 .I6245 A6 2007b

Asimov, Isaac. The best mysteries of Isaac Asimov. PS3551 .S5 A6 1986

Hass, Robert. Time and materials : poems, 1997-2005. PS3558 .A725 T56 2007

Johnson, Denis. Tree of smoke. PS3560 .O3745 T74 2007

Wilson, August. Radio golf. PS3573 .I45677 R33 2007b

Tranströmer, Tomas. The great enigma : new collected poems. PT9876.3 .R3 A2 2006

Sciences.

Science (general).

Dyson, Freeman J. Infinite in all directions : Gifford lectures given at Aberdeen, Scotland, April-November 1985. Q175.3 .D97 2004

Mathematics.

Rash, Michael. Linux firewalls : attack detection and response with iptables, psad, and fwswort. QA76.9 .A25 R36 2007

Astronomy.

Freeman, Kenneth C. In search of dark matter. QB791.3 .F74 2006

Salaris, Maurizio. Evolution of stars and stellar populations. QB806 .S25 2005

Medicine.

Decision-making in nursing : thoughtful approaches for practice. RT42 .D433 2008

Silvestri, Linda Anne. Strategies for alternate item formats on the NCLEX-RN exam. RT55 .S488 2007

Clark, Carolyn Chambers. Classroom skills for nurse educators. RT71 .C538 2008

Technology.

Bolter, J. David. Windows and mirrors : interaction design, digital art, and the myth of transparency. TK5103.7 .B65 2003

Books about libraries.

Sauers, Michael P. XHTML and CSS essentials for library Web design. Z674.75 .W67 S38 2006

Suggestions for new materials are welcomed and encouraged. Direct them to Larry Schwartz, Collection Development Librarian for the LLL, at x2353 or schwartz@mnstate.edu or use the "Request this title" function of the library's Books in Print database. Lists of recent acquisitions can be viewed online at <http://www.mnstate.edu/schwartz/newbooks.html>. 100907.

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY JANUARY WORKSHOPS

What: PowerPoint 2007

When: January 7, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m

Where: Library 222.

Introduction to new features in PowerPoint 2007: Or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Ribbon

If you've used PowerPoint before you'll notice a new way to do the same things you already know. If you are taking this workshop to familiarize yourself with the program, then you'll discover new and improved methods to enhance your work and make document creation and editing easier.

What it does better:

- Adds live previews of presentations and image styles
- Introduces smaller, less corruptible files
- Improves document security
- Integrates with other applications
- Creates presentations quickly and easily by re-using custom layouts
- Uses Document Themes help you create a consistent look and feel
- Allows you to modify shapes, text, and graphics with new tools and effects that grab attention

This 1.5 hour workshop will introduce the new features and get you started in creating your own PowerPoint presentations.

What: Introduction to Moodle™ at MSUM

When: January 8, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m

Where: Library 222 (LIT Center) .

DESCRIPTION:

Moodle is another instructional management system (similar to WebCT, D2L, etc.) Some MSUM instructors have already begun teaching with Moodle and this session provides information for others interested in exploring this alternative to D2L.

Moodle is an open source software package (meaning it's free and we can add functionality to the application if we choose). It's design is based on social constructionist pedagogy -- Moodle students are actively involved in constructing their own knowledge. Moodle is a web-based application, so you only need a web browser to use it.

Come to this hour-long workshop and learn more about Moodle including:

- How to get started in Moodle
- How other Universities are effectively using

Moodle

- How Moodle compares to D2L
- Who to contact when you are ready to 'Pilot' this instructional management system

What: What is LodeStar?

When: January 9, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Where: Library 222 (LIT Center)

LodeStar™ is the world's easiest eLearning authoring tool. Instructors can choose from a wide variety of templates, fill in their content, and export to the web or to an online course. MnSCU has purchased a statewide license for the software. Email its@mnstate.edu for the directions and code key to download to your office computer.

Here's a sampling of Learning Objects created with LodeStar - http://www.lodestarlearning.com/c_lr.html

Bring your text, images, ideas and put together a simple project.

What: PROTECT YOURSELF: Intellectual Property Rights and Web-Based Course Content

When: January 15, 11:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m.

Where: Library 208

PROTECT YOURSELF: Intellectual Property Rights and Web-Based Course Content

A Roundtable discussion with MSUM's Political Science Professor: Dr. Barbara Headrick

This presentation provides a discussion of intellectual property issues -- Questions involving course content and intellectual property, an overview of the MnSCU policy, a review of current MSUM policy, and suggestions for protecting your intellectual property.

MSUM HOSTS THREE REAL ESTATE PRE-LICENSE TRAINING SESSIONS

MSUM will host three Minnesota Real Estate Pre-Licensure Training sessions in January.

Each of the three-day sessions, running from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, are approved for 30 hours of real estate pre-license education by the Minnesota

Commissioner of Commerce.

Cost is \$280 for each three-day session.
Reciprocity with North Dakota residents applies.

Session dates:

- * Real Estate I: Jan. 11-13.
- * Real Estate II: Jan. 18-20.
- * Real Estate III: Jan. 25-27.

For details or to register, contact Kathleen Paulson at MSUM's Continuing Studies office, 477-5051, or e-mail her at paulsonk@mnstate.edu.

A Web site explaining the training sessions is at:
www.mnstate.edu/continue

EARLY ED NEEDS MITTENS, SHOVELS

Do your family traditions include giving and sharing with others? If so, the Early Education Center could use donations of mittens and child snow shovels. Monetary gifts are tax deductible.

FUCHS TO RETIRE AFTER 30 YEARS

Jerry Fuchs, Information Technology, is retiring after 30 years with the university. A retirement party is scheduled from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2 in the Library Porch with a program at 2 p.m.

MISCELLANEA

* **Cecilia Mafía-Bustamante**, Languages and Cultures, has published the following article: "Investigando una muerte, se descubre otra vida: La ironía en Body Time de Gabriela Alemán." *Letras del Ecuador* 192 (2007): 15-21.

* **Yahya Frederickson**, Corrick Center for General Education, was a visiting author at University Wisconsin-Barron County, in Rice Lake, Wis., on Dec. 6. As part of UW-BC's "Sustainable Literature Reading Series," Frederickson lectured on the craft and gave a public reading of his poetry.

CLASSIFIEDS

* For Sale: Full size Maytag refrigerator, in good condition, freezer on top, \$150. Very slightly used Kenmore water softener, in excellent condition \$175. Must be prepared to haul out of basement. Phone 287-8534 or 477-2096.

VACANCIES

Assistant Professor Of Mass Communications

<http://www.mnstate.edu/vacancy/0830P-MassComm.pdf>

DRAGONS AFTER DARK MAKE 53 BLANKETS FOR VETERANS

At the Dec. 7 Dragons After Dark program, MSU students made 53 fleece blankets for veterans at the VA Hospital here in Fargo. The Dragons After Dark planning committee worked with Dave Bellefeuille, Higher Education Veterans Programs housed here at MSUM, to connect with the VA.

During the same program, our students raised money and canned food items for Churches United here in Moorhead. It was a part of the year-long Hall Olympics program sponsored by Residential Life. Students raised \$123 and 175 food items.

The goal of the Dragons After Dark program is to provide an opportunity for students to socialize and build community, which the university hopes will contribute to a decrease in high-risk behavior and an increase in campus engagement and involvement.

Becky Boyle Jones wrote a Strategic Initiative Grant that partially funded the start-up of the Dragons After Dark program in fall of 2007. At that time, President Barden allocated a match to that grant. To insure the success of the program, a number of professionals within the Student Affairs division came together to provide leadership in the development, promotion, and planning of each event. The following MSUAASF employees are collaborating on this project and bringing their individual expertise to the project: **Becky Boyle Jones**—judicial affairs officer, **Layne Anderson**—assistant director of CMU event services, **Lynn Peterson**—coordinator of Sexual Assault Services, **Beverly Lahlum**—assistant director of Campus Activities, **Veronica Michael**—coordinator of Orientation and Transitions, and **Nina Johnson**—Housing and Residential Life area director.