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20 SABBATICALS APPROVED

Twenty sabbatical leaves have been approved by the President for the following faculty next academic year.

Receiving full-year sabbaticals: **John Early**, English; **Wes Erwin**, School of Counseling and Educational Leadership; **Dennis Jacobs**, Corrick Center for General Education; **Barb Matthees**, Nursing; **Lisa Nawrot** and **Lisa Stewart**, Psychology.

Receiving fall semester sabbaticals: **Jean Kramer**, Library; **Bruce Roberts**, Anthropology & Earth Science; **James Swenson**, School of Business; and **David Wheeler**, Communication Studies, Film Studies and Theatre Art.

Receiving spring semester sabbaticals: **Tim Borchers**, Communication Studies, Film Studies and Theatre Art; **Deanne Borgeson**, School of Teaching and Learning; **Don Clark**, Art & Design; **Derick Dalhouse**, Psychology; **Rhonda Ficek**, Instructional Technology; **Virginia Gregg**, Communication Studies, Film Studies and Theatre Art; **Michael Hughey**, Sociology & Criminal Justice; **SuEllen Shaw**, English; **Brian Wisenden**, Biosciences; and **Vernon Wolff**, Mathematics.

CAMPUS CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF WITH GOAL OF \$150,000

The 2007 Campus Campaign is underway. This is your chance to show campus support for MSUM.

The goal this year is \$150,000 and 100% participation. Every gift to the campaign makes a difference in the lives of MSUM students.

Seventy faculty and staff volunteers across campus are working to deliver your individual packet to you. Watch for your packet and try to make time in your busy schedule to visit with a volunteer about the campaign.

Participation is what makes our campaign so

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successful. The campaign really is about the students and providing more scholarship dollars for them to help finance their education.

Students are so appreciative of the scholarships they receive. For instance, Chelsea Lugert, a Psychology and Mass Communications major, says, "I am really grateful for the scholarship that I received. The funds have aided me more than words can express. Like many college students, I struggle financially while attending school full-time and being employed. The scholarship I received helped to ease my financial struggle and encourages me to keep up my hard work and studying. I deeply appreciate everyone who gives to make scholarships available for students. Caring faculty and staff is one more thing I love about MSUM."

In conjunction with the 2007 Campus Campaign, the **Planetarium is running a campaign** to raise funds to purchase and install new seats in the Planetarium. Each faculty and staff member will receive separate information on this campaign but are invited to make a gift to the Planetarium through the Campus Campaign. Just restrict your gift to the Fund R638.

VP CROCKETT RECOGNIZED WITH MNCSU OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities recognized David Crockett, MSUM's vice president for Administration Affairs, by presenting him with an Outstanding Service Award at the recent Chief Financial and Facilities Officers meeting in Minneapolis.



Crockett The award is reserved for individuals who have demonstrated outstanding contributions toward furthering professionalism in financial management.

The program, which began in 1997, publicly recognizes the significant contributions and outstanding efforts of the system's colleges,

universities and employees. Facilities management awards were added in 1999.

"These award winners have improved services to students and staff at a time we are experiencing increasingly tight budget constraints. In all cases, their work is exemplary, and something that all Minnesotans can take pride in," said Laura M. King, MnSCU's vice chancellor and chief financial officer.

Crockett was one of nine people to receive a MnSCU Outstanding Service Award this year. They were selected from nominations made by presidents and college and university leadership

PLANETARIUM SEAT CAMPAIGN

The Planetarium and the Alumni Foundation have launched a fundraising campaign for new seats in the Planetarium. Faculty and staff will receive information about this fundraising campaign in their campus mailbox soon. Consider your gift to purchase a seat. The existing seats are original from 1972 and are no longer able to be repaired, are uncomfortable, and there are not enough seats for hosting K-12 classes.

This campaign is a part of the 2007 Campus Campaign and you can make your gift to the Campus Campaign in support of the Planetarium Seat Campaign. Just restrict your gift to Fund R638, Planetarium Renovations.

Call the Regional Science Center office at 477-2904 to see the Planetarium, sit in a new seat, and have any questions answered.

MSUM STUDENT GROUP JOINS NATIONAL RECYCLING CONTEST

The Network for Environmentally Educated Dragons (NEED), a new MSUM student group, has enrolled in a national recycling competition called RecycleMania involving more than 200 colleges and universities across the nation.

In its first week of the 10-week competition, the MSUM group collected just over 5,000 pounds of recycled materials on campus, which translates into about .83 lbs. per person.

NEED, chaired by Paul Dustin, a senior Industrial Technology major, is working in cooperation with Minnkota Recycling and the university's physical plant staff in promoting increased awareness of recycling on campus. The competition, now in its sixth year, runs through April 7.

Dustin said that MSUM is the only local college involved in the competition.

Dubbed the musical of the century...

MSUM THEATRE PRESENTS

'CATS' THIS WEEK

MSUM Theatre presents the hit Lord Andrew Lloyd-Webber musical "CATS" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, Feb. 28-March 3 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Hansen Theatre.

Directed and choreographed by Craig Ellingson, the MSUM production will involve more than 70 student actors, dancers, musicians and stagehands. The magnificent stage set is a barnyard, three times larger than life, where the Jellicle Cats have come out to play.



For ticket information, call the MSUM Box Office at 477-2271.

Since opening in London in 1981, the pop-cultural phenomenon has been seen by more than 65 million people worldwide, staged in more than 150 cities in over 40 productions and in 14 languages. It was winner of the London Evening Standard Award and Olivier Award in 1981, and gathered seven coveted Tony Awards on Broadway in 1983.

Dubbed the musical of the century, "CATS" holds the record as the longest running musical ever in London and New York. It's based on a series of poems by T. S. Eliot.

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR TCU'S WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Tri-College NEW (National Education for Women's) Leadership Development Institute will be held May 13-17 at North Dakota State University. The intensive five-day residential program is designed to encourage civic and political participation and to provide public leadership training to women who do not already have extensive leadership experience. There is a particular emphasis on recruiting women from groups that have typically been underrepresented voices in the political process.

*For information and applications visit <http://appserv.mnstate.edu/whitede/conference/> or call Deb White at 477-2041.

*Applications will be accepted until March 26.

Any woman who is interested in politics, leadership, public service, or community service, and has a desire to develop her own leadership skills is encouraged to apply. Approximately 40 college and community women will be accepted. Priority will be given to women who

are at the beginning stages of their leadership development.

At the institute, participants attend workshops on running for office, public speaking, community organizing, public policy advocacy, and working with the media. They meet over twenty women leaders, including state and local officials, women in tribal government, and grassroots activists. Participants apply what they learn to exercises that develop leadership skills. Participants and some women leaders reside on campus throughout the institute, providing opportunities to build strong ties with women who are already experienced public leaders.

There is no cost to participate. Participants will have the option of registering for a three-credit undergraduate course: Seminar in Women's Studies, Sociology Workshop, or Social Work Workshop. Those who choose to register for course credits will have to pay for the course registration expenses. In addition, scholarships are available to cover travel and/or childcare expenses incurred during the five-day institute.

STUDENT ART EXHIBIT OPENS FEB. 26

An MSUM graphic design exhibit will be on display Feb. 26-March 8 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts gallery featuring the works of 20 seniors. The exhibit is in partial fulfillment of students' bachelor of arts degrees.

A reception for the artists will be held from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, March 1 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; or by special arrangement by contacting gallery director Jane Gudmundson, 218.477.2284 or gudmunja@mnstate.edu.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE CAMPUS CAMPAIGN POSSIBLE

Did you know that nearly 80 faculty and staff volunteers are involved in the Campus Campaign? There are also six co-chairs who volunteer their time and commitment to the campaign and faculty and staff volunteers who work to spread the word across campus. Without these dedicated individuals, the campaign just wouldn't be a success.

Several of the volunteers have been involved with the campaign for the last six years.

Thank you to the following co-chairs: Les Bakke, technical support co-chair, Jeremy Carney, College of Education and Human Services co-chair, Jan Fiola, College of Social and Natural Sciences co-chair, Karen Mehnert-Meland, staff co-chair, Sandy Pearce, College of Arts and humanities co-chair, and Marlane Sanderson, College of Business and Industry co-chair.

Thank you to the following volunteers: Jeanne Alm, Ginny Bachman, Rose Bakke, Jim Bense, Darlene Braun, Kim Brosdahl, Rollie Bullock, Allen Carter, Magda Chalikia, Melody Chuang, Don Clark, Layna Cole, Konrad Czynski, Rhonda Denbow, Deanne Drummond, Gary Edverson, Craig Ellingson, Sheri Erickson, Oscar Flores, Peter Geib, Jim Gemar, Denise Gorsline, Steve Grineski, Wayne Gudmundson, Bill Hall, Clare Hauck, Barbara Headrick, Dave Holsen, Sue Humphers-Ginther, Susan Imbarrato, Dennis Jacobs, Rachel Johnson, Jeremy Johnson, Renee Kerzman, Kyle Kopacek, Nancy Kruse, Sara Lamb, Andrew Marry, Barb Matthees, Phyllis May-Machunda, Michael McCord, Mike Michlovic, Kristi Monson, Annette Morrow, Karla Nelson, Larry Nicholson, Gary Nickell, Rich Pemble, Judy Peterson, Susan Peterson, Gloria Riopelle, Kathy Schmidt, Sandi Schuette, Scott Seltveit, Allen Sheets, Carol Sibley, Benji Smith, Amanda Stegmaier, Jerry Stockrahm, Mark Strand, Steven Street, Dorothy Suomala, Marie Swanson, Greg Toutges, Ilene Trittin-Anderson, Rick Walker, Marsha Weber, Kenyon Williams, and Walter Worman.

Students are the real beneficiaries of the money we raise through the Campus Campaign. Film Production major Brian Heald from Butte, Mont., is thankful for the scholarship he received. Brian says, "I returned to school to work on a second degree and am therefore unqualified for any government student loans or financial aid. I am working two jobs and going to school part-time to be able to pursue my dream and be able to pay for it. The scholarship I received has helped me to alleviate the extra costs associated with the film studies program. I am grateful for the scholarship because it allows me to continue my education as a film student."

Be sure to take a moment to consider your gift to the Campus Campaign and return your pledge form today.

MSUM COLLECTING ITEMS FOR YWCA EMERGENCY SHELTERS FEB. 14-28

The MSUM Human Resources office will be collecting items for the YWCA Emergency Shelter Feb. 14-28.

Note: Items donated will be delivered to the YWCA foodshelf on March 1, in order to be counted in the Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign.

TWO MSUM CAMPUS DROP OFF SITES:

*** Human Resources, Owens 210. You may drop off your items in the red barrels situated outside the office.**

*** Career Services, CMU 114 – You may drop off your items in the red barrels situated outside the office.**

If you have questions or would like a "Needs List", stop in at HR, or contact Deb Lewis at lewisd@mnstate.edu or call 2158.

APAC MINUTES (January 23, 2007)

Members present: Midgarden, chairperson, [Blunsom](#), [Brisch](#), [Clark](#), [Crockett](#), [Ellingboe](#), [Enz Finken](#), [Gunaratne](#), [Haak](#), [Aarness](#), [Hammerschmidt](#), [Hill](#), [Jeppson](#), [Parsons](#), [Schwartz](#), [Wheeler](#).

Absent: [Conteh](#), [Frederick](#), [Goodman](#), [Strong](#).

1. Approval of the 12/12/06 APAC Minutes
Schwartz moved. Gunaratne seconded to approve the 12/12/06 APAC minutes.
Motion carried unanimously.

2. Program Changes
Wade Swenson, Ron Williams, Scott Selteit, and David Crockett were present to answer questions for the Technology proposals. Teri Walseth, Charlie Howell, and Michael Parsons were present to answer questions for the Education proposals. Haak Aarness moved. Schwartz seconded to approve the following replication agreements:

Technology Department
Program Replication for the bachelor's degree Operations Management at North Hennepin Community College effective Spring 2008
Program Replication for the bachelor's degree Construction Management at North Hennepin Community College effective January 1, 2008

School of Teaching and Learning
(The Teacher Preparation Committee has approved the following program proposals)
Program Replication for the bachelor's degree Special Education at Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Cambridge, effective Spring 2007

Program Replication for the bachelor's degree Special Education at Century College, White Bear Lake, effective Spring 2007
(The Teacher Preparation Committee and Graduate Studies Committee have approved the following program proposal)
Program Replication for the master's degree Curriculum and Instruction at Wauban effective Fall 2006

Discussion:
Wheeler asked if APAC would be seeing more of these. Midgarden indicated that these would be all for some time. MSUM's NCA liaison told MSUM that a final chapter should be added to the 10-year re-accreditation report. This chapter should be a request for an Institutional Change to the campus

relationship with the Higher Learning Commission. Briefly, the request was that with no prior Commission approval, MSUM could offer selected bachelor's degrees and any master's degree in education on off-campus sites. The replication forms APAC has acted on represent the selected programs listed in the Institutional Change Request.

Gunaratne asked how this would affect the budget. Midgarden explained that enrollment is expected to generate far more tuition and state match dollars than the cost of offering the programs.

We will not replicate with MSCTC since they are so close. Students can finish their AA degree and transfer to MSUM. MSCTC is very supportive.

Jeppson reported that there have been a few glitches with the first round of Bioscience courses at North Hennepin Community College (NHCC), but they are getting things worked out and expect it to run smoothly next time. NHCC envisions that this will be a popular program. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Program Changes **CSIS and Technology Departments**

Andrew Chen and Mike Ruth were present to answer questions.

Gunaratne moved. Brisch seconded to approve a new rubric, GDEV, for a Game Development Program.

Discussion:
Gunaratne asked what type of courses would be offered under this rubric. Ruth responded that it would involve lower level programming classes for game development, game theory, games in education and so on that would lead to a masters program.
This will be a joint program between CSIS and Graphic Communication, with some individual courses in the GDEV rubric.
Motion carried unanimously.

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

Anthropology/Earth Science Department
ANTH 217: The Rise of Civilization (3 crs) effective Spring 2008 in the Middle Cluster, DC 5: History and the Social Sciences (DC)
There were no concerns; approved as announced.

Art and Design Department
(The Graduate Studies Committee has approved the following change)
Art 450/550: Contemporary Art, Design, and Theory (4 crs) effective Fall 2007 (W)
There were no concerns; approved as announced.

Corrick Center for General Education
MDS 215: Interpersonal Communications (3 crs) effective Spring 2007 in the Middle Cluster, DC 7: Human Diversity (DC/W)
There were no concerns; approved as announced.

Chemistry Department
Change course level:
CHEM 200: General Chemistry I (3 crs, 1 lab) to CHEM 150: General Chemistry I (3 crs 1 lab) effective Summer 2007 in the Inner Cluster Electives, DC 4: Natural Science (DC)
There were no concerns; approved as announced.

English Department
ENGL 285: Scriptwriting (3 crs) effective Spring 2007 (W)
There were no concerns; approved as announced.

Honors Program

Stephen Hamrick was present to answer questions.

HON 301: Masterpieces of Literature (3 crs) effective Fall 2007 in the Middle Cluster, DC 6: The Humanities (DC). (Course will retain Liberal Studies Division D1 designation.)

There were no concerns; approved as announced.

HON 318: Issues of the Nuclear Age (2 crs 1 cr) effective Fall 2007 in the Middle Cluster, DC 4: Natural Science (DC)

There were no concerns; approved as announced.

HON 312: Journeys in Literature: Classical & Medieval Masterpieces (3 crs) effective Fall 2007 in the Middle Cluster, DC 6: The Humanities (DC)

There were no concerns; approved as announced.

Schwartz moved. Hill seconded to drop the following courses from the curriculum:

HON 303: Physical Reality (3 crs) effective Spring 2007

HON 308: Aesthetics of Music (3 crs) effective Spring 2007

Motion carried unanimously.

Mathematics Department

Change in course format:

MATH 261: Calculus I (3 crs 1 cr) effective Fall 2007 in the Middle Cluster, DC 3: Mathematical/Symbolic Systems (DC)

Math 262: Calculus II (3 crs 1 cr) effective Spring 2008

There were no concerns; approved as announced.

Music Department

Allen Carter was present to answer questions.

Change course title, description, and prerequisites:

MUS 472: Jazz Arranging II (2 crs) effective Fall 2007

Discussion:

Carter explained that this course is the same in number only; course content has been completely rewritten.

Midgarden indicated that no action would be taken and asked that the course be resubmitted as a new course proposal.

Philosophy Department

Ted Gracyk was present to answer questions.

PHIL 311: Morals and Medicine (3 crs) effective Summer 2007 in the Outer Cluster, DC 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility (DC/W)

There were no concerns; approved as announced.

PHIL 312: Business Ethics (3 crs) effective Summer 2007 in the Outer Cluster, DC 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility (DC/W)

There were no concerns; approved as announced.

PHIL/ART 320: Philosophy and the Arts (3 crs) effective Summer 2007 in the Middle Cluster, DC 6: The Humanities (DC/W)

There were no concerns; approved as announced.

Psychology Department

Gary Nickell and Rochelle Bergstrom were present to answer questions.

Change course description and prerequisites:

PSY 220: Social Behavior (3 crs) effective Fall 2007 in the Middle Cluster, DC 5: History and the Social Sciences (DC)

There were no concerns; approved as announced.

School of Teaching and Learning

(The Teacher Preparation Committee and Graduate Studies Committee have approved the following change)

Teri Walseth was present to answer questions.

Change course prerequisites:

SPED 475/575: Informal Assessment/Teaching (3 crs) effective Spring 07

There were no concerns; approved as announced.

Sociology/Criminal Justice Department

SOC 352: Qualitative Research Methods (3 crs) effective Fall 2007 (W)

There were no concerns; approved as announced.

5. Course Changes

Music Department

Kenyon Williams was present to answer questions.

Schwartz moved. Gunaratne seconded to approve changing MUS 216: World Music Survey (3 crs) to MUS 316: World Music Survey (3 crs) effective Spring 2008 in the Outer Cluster, DC 8: Global Perspectives (DC)

Discussion:

Blunsom indicated that there was some overlap with African American music in AMCS, so other world regions will be substituted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Philosophy Department

Drop Prerequisites:

PHIL/ART 320: Philosophy of the Arts (3 crs) effective Summer 2007

PHIL 355: Existentialism (3 crs) effective Summer 2007

PHIL 357: Social and Political Philosophy (3 crs) effective Summer 2007

There were no concerns; approved as announced.

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

Chemistry Department

Shawn Ellingboe was present to answer questions.

Brisch moved. Hammerschmidt seconded to approve the new course:

CHEM 105: Chemistry in Everyday Life (3 crs) effective Fall 2007 in the Inner Cluster Electives, DC 4: Natural Science (DC)

Motion carried unanimously.

Richard Lahti was present to answer questions.

Brisch moved. Hill seconded to approve the new course:

CHEM 304: The Environment and You (3 crs) effective Fall 2007 in the Outer Cluster, DC 10: People and the Environment (DC/W)

Discussion:

Schwartz expressed concern regarding library resources. Lahti and Schwartz will meet to discuss what is available.

Motion passed with 9 in favor, 1 abstention.

Communication Studies, Film Studies, and Theatre Arts Department

David Wheeler was present to answer questions.

Hill moved. Brisch seconded to approve the new course:

THTR 130: Acting for Everyone (3 crs) effective Fall 2007 in the Middle Cluster, DC 6: The Humanities (DC)

Discussion:

Wheeler explained that this course is not for majors. It is for students interested in acting, but without much background in it.

Wheeler indicated that they would also like Liberal Studies Division E designation. Brisch will bring the course back to the Dragon Core Committee to get approval for Liberal Studies.

Motion carried unanimously.

Honors Program

Stephen Hamrick was present to answer questions.

Brisch moved. Hill seconded to approve the new course:

HON 496: Capstone (3 crs) effective Fall 2007 in the Outer Cluster, DC 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility (DC/W)

Discussion:

The course is set up with core readings that lay out the civic responsibilities, then each student develops a civic awareness reading list. The Dragon Core Committee looks at a course proposal to see if the common core requirements have been

met. This course has met those requirements.

Hamrick indicated that there will probably be more Capstone courses offered in other Dragon Core categories. Blunsom suggested renaming the course so that students would be aware of what Dragon Core category it fit into by the title. Course title amended to read "Capstone in Ethical and Civic Responsibility".

Motion to approve HON 496: Capstone in Ethical and Civic Responsibility carried unanimously.

Music Department

Schwartz moved. Haak Aarness seconded to approve the new course:

MUS 372: Jazz Arranging I (2 crs) effective Fall 2007

Motion carried unanimously.

Philosophy Department

Ted Gracyk was present to answer questions.

Hammerschmidt moved. Brisch seconded to approve the new course:

PHIL 318: Professional Ethics (3 crs) effective Summer 2007 in the Outer Cluster, DC 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility (DC/W)

Discussion:

Gunaratne asked what the difference was between this course and the Business Ethics course. Gracyk explained that Business Ethics deals with corporate ethics and that Professional Ethics deals with ethics in a fiduciary relationship with a client. This course covers the same material as Morals and Medicine, but was developed for students who want to take a course that focuses on ethics in a profession where clients seek out the expert advice of the professional instead of focusing on doctors and nurses.

Blunsom asked if the course could be expanded to cover topics for everyone. Gracyk indicated that Contemporary Moral Issues does that already. Motion passed with 9 in favor, 1 abstention.

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Jo Berg

MARCH CAMPUS EVENTS

* MSUM's Campus Activities Board hosts a "**Battle of the Bands**" competition from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 2 in the student union ballroom. (free)

* MSUM's **Symphony Orchestra** performs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3 at NDSU Festival Hall.

* **Comedian Tim Young**, jetBlue spokesman and veteran of Comedy Central and MTV, is on stage at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 6 in MSUM's student union ballroom. He's performed at more than 400 college campuses. Recently he's been seen as a commentator of E-TV's "50 Most Outrageous Moments" and "50 Wicked Moments." The Campus Activities Board event is free and open to the public.

* Ananda Shastri, MSUM Physics professor, will talk on "**Philosophical Reflections on War and Peace from MSUM's Hiroshima Peace Studies Tour**" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6 in Science Lab Building 118 on campus. It's a feature of the Honors Lecture Series. (free)

* An MSUM **faculty violin recital** featuring Eric

Grossman starts at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 7 in the Beckwith Recital Hall at NDSU It was previously scheduled in Weld Hall. (free)

* MSUM hosts a music industry summit concert from 2 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, March 7 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Hansen Theatre. (For more information, contact Sinon Rowe in the university's music department, 477-2103)

* **Spring break** March 12-16.

* MSUM's **Concert Choir** performs at 8 p.m. Monday, March 19 at Our Redeemer Church in Moorhead. (free)

* A **senior art exhibition** featuring works by several students runs from March 19-31 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Gallery. A public reception is scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, March 22.

* **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. 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.

* **Poet Katrina Vendenberg**, 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. 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. (free)

* **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 Furman University music graduate, Currence has written several songs for multi-platinum recording artist Myo and had one of his songs featured in the blockbuster hit movie "Bourne Identity." His newest solo album is "Hear With You." It's a Campus Activities Board event. (free)

* MSUM's **Faculty Latin Jazz Recital** featuring Toby Curtright starts at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 25 in Weld Hall's Glasrud Auditorium. (free)

*The MSUM Planetarium presents "**Stargazers**" at 2 p.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Mondays from March 25 through May 21. General admission is \$3; children 12 and under, senior citizens and Tri-College students are

\$1.50. Come along on a journey to the stars with University of Illinois astronomer Jim Kaler as he takes a personal look at astronomy. The show begins with a child's curiosity, moves on to the lifestyles of the stars and ends with reflections on the deeper meanings of astronomy in our lives. The Planetarium is located on the MSUM campus in Bridges Hall, room 167 at 11th St. and 8th Ave. S. in Moorhead. Please use the south entrance to Bridges Hall. For more information, call 477-2904.

* **Mentalist and spoon bender** Christopher Carter performs at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 28 in MSUM's student union Underground, a unique program that challenges people to confront reality and use their imagination as a tool to avoid and overcome obstacles. A Campus Activities Board event. (free)

* An MSUM **faculty guitar recital** featuring Dan Phillips starts at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 28 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Hansen Auditorium. (free)

* A Women's History Month Concert starts at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 29 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Fox Recital Hall. (free)

* An MSUM **Percussion Ensemble** concert starts at 8 p.m. Friday, March 30 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Hansen Auditorium.

* MSUM presents its first annual "**American Music Scholarship Concert**" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Hansen Auditorium. A silent auction and reception precedes the event at 7 p.m. with a variety of valuable items up for grabs, including private performances by student and faculty ensembles, private lessons with music faculty, meals and ticket packages and more. Performances that evening will feature the MSUM music department in a gala event showcasing the talents of students and faculty. Tickets are \$6 for MSUM students, faculty and staff; and \$8 for general admission. Call the MSUM box office at 477-2271 for reservations.

MISCELLANEA

* Garrison Keillor has selected **Thom Tamaro's** (English Department) poem "A Church in Italy," for broadcast on his radio program, The Writer's Almanac, for Sunday, March 4. The segment will air locally on KCCM-FM 91.1 and KCCD 90.3 at 1 p.m. The program is also broadcast on **XM Satellite Radio**, on Sunday at 8:01 p.m. The Writer's Almanac is a daily radio program produced by American Public Media (APM). In each program, Keillor presents a list of cultural events and anniversaries, many associated with literature and literary figures, then ends with the poetry reading. APM currently distributes the program for broadcast

to about 320 non-commercial public radio stations around the country. The program audio is also streamed and podcast from and archived on the APM website at writersalmanac.publicradio.org and may be streamed, archived on carrying station websites as well. "A Church in Italy" was first published in The University of Windsor Review (Canada) and has since been reprinted in The Road Within: True Stories of Transformation and the Soul (Traveler's Tales Guides). It also appears in Tamaro's collection "When the Italians Came to My Home Town" (Spoon River Poetry Press). Coincidentally, Tamaro's latest anthology, "To Sing Along the Way: Minnesota Women Poets from Pre-Territorial Days to the Present," co-edited with Minnesota poets Joyce Sutphen and Connie Wanek, is also listed in the Top Ten Best Sellers at Common Good Books, Keillor's St. Paul bookstore. http://garrison.booksense.com/NASApp/store/Index.Jsp;jsessionid=abca8RStgvC2i8wiXpY_q?s=localbestsellers

* **Sherry Lee Short**, Department of Art and Design, presented a paper at the 2007 National College Art Association Conference in New York City. Her paper was titled The Ethics of Contracts with Persons: Life Models in the University Studio. The paper was presented as part of a session titled, Breaking New Ground or Conflict of Interest: An Examination of Contemporary Ethical Practices in the Visual Arts.

* The Fargo Film Festival has just announced that five projects associated with **MSUM Film Studies** have been selected to screen at this year's festival. The five films are: "**They Walk Among Us**," a comedy/mockumentary that deals with zombie rights issues (filmmakers: Gaib Wimmer, Amber Hagle, John Pavlik); "**Restoring Hope**," a video documentary piece that promotes local Habitat for Humanity efforts (filmmakers: Elijah Larson, Gaib Wimmer, Brian Heald, Andy Halling); "**A Message**," a music video (filmmakers: Dan Bruns, James Keltgen, Kylee Unterseher) "**Senior Moments**," a comedy about a group of older men trying to save a local hangout spot from unscrupulous developers (filmmaker: Tony Tilton); and "**The Death of Poe**," a dramatic feature dealing with the last days of Edgar Allen Poe (associate producer: **Tom Brandau**, Film Studies professor). MSUM Film Studies students and faculty are involved in other aspects of this year's festival as well including serving as judges, sitting on the festival board and managing the second screening venue. This will be the third year running that Film Studies has been responsible for managing that venue. The 2007 Fargo Film Festival takes place March 7-10. For more information go to:

Fargofilmfestival.com

* **Cecilia Mafla-Bustamante**, Languages & Cultures, participated in the New Faculty Panel earlier this month, organized by the Preparing Future Faculty Program in the Graduate Studies of Arizona State University. She represented the Comprehensive University, and the other speakers represented Community Colleges, Private Liberal Arts colleges, and Research I universities. The title of her presentation was "Preparing for Tenure of Promotion." About 80 doctoral candidates attended the panel.

VACANCIES

* **Assistant Professor Of Philosophy**

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* **Assistant Professor of English - Amended**

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* **Instructor or Assistant Professor of Counseling & Student Affairs**

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* **Communication Studies Instructor**

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CLASSIFIEDS

* A completely furnished two-bedroom apartment is available as a sabbatical residence (duration of stay starting at one month) in Glyfada (Athens), Greece. It is located about one mile from the coast, near bus transportation to Athens or the subway. More detailed information and pictures can be found at <http://myweb.cablene.net/chalikiahinsz/GlyfadaApartment>. Interested individuals can contact Magda Chalikia (701-2328236). *Please notice that the previous add had an incorrect email address*. The right one is magdachalikia@yahoo.com.

* For Sale: Steelcase Executive desk with woodgrain top and glass for offer. Call Steve or Cheryl at 233-0709.

CANDLELIGHT CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING SATURDAY AT SCIENCE CENTER

MSUM's Regional Science Center and the Buffalo River State Park will host an evening of candlelight cross-country skiing Saturday, March 3 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Buffalo River Site.

Skiers should bring their own skis. A Minnesota ski pass is required and can be purchased that evening. A daily ski pass is \$5 and a season ski pass is \$15.

The trails are in good skiing condition. If you don't

want to ski, you can also snowshoe or hike on the ridge. A hot beverage and a fire will await skiers after they are done skiing. For more information on the trails, call 498-2124.

In case of poor weather or snow conditions, the event will be canceled.

Meet at the Regional Science Center's interpretive center or at Buffalo River State Park's warming house located in the park's picnic grounds.

The Science Center and Park are located 15 miles east of Moorhead, just off Highway 10.

WATCH THE DRAGON WOMEN WEDNESDAY IN NORTHERN SUN CONFERENCE PLAYOFFS

Come watch the Dragon Women's Basketball team in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference playoffs. Start time is 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28 in Nemzek Fieldhouse. Tickets for the conference game are \$6 for adults, \$2 MSUM students, \$3 all other students, and free admission for children 5 and under.

BLOOD DRIVE HERE MARCH 6-7

The Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) will be sponsoring their second annual blood drive with United Blood Services. This event will be held Tuesday, March 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, March 7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Nemzek #113. For an appointment call Lonnie Carlson at 477-2622. The sign-up deadline is March 1. Register for a trip to Las Vegas (donors 21 or older).

UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PERFORMS MARCH 3 AT NDSU

The University Symphony Orchestra presents its "Made in America" concert Saturday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Festival Concert Hall, NDSU. This American music program features The Simon Rowe Jazz Trio with special guest vocalist Stephanie Nakasian. The New Biographical Encyclopedia of Jazz (Oxford Press) calls Nakasian "... one of the important jazz singers in the world today." The concert also includes orchestral works by Chadwick, Ives, Copland, and Daugherty.

Under the artistic leadership of Music Director and MSUM Professor Kirk Moss, the University Symphony Orchestra brings together students from MSUM, NDSU and Fargo-Moorhead community members to present outstanding music, familiar and seldom heard, in an informative context.



SITE VISIT NEXT WEEK!

What has MSUM done to prepare for the visit?

MSUM's self-study steering committee, co-chaired by Dr. Judy Strong and Dr. Deb White, has been working for two years with five teams made up of over 60 faculty, staff, administrators, and students. They have been investigating, collecting, compiling, and studying everything about the university and campus community. They held several open forums to solicit feedback. The result is a 200-page Self-Study Report which has been sent to the visiting team and is available online at www.mnstate.edu/ncavisit. The steering committee is currently organizing documents for the visiting team's resource room, as well as preparing the campus community for the visit.

How will MSUM benefit from the visit?

Besides gaining re-accreditation, the self-study and site visit provides MSUM with an opportunity for critical self-analysis leading to improvement in quality and performance. Through this process, the self-study committees have identified several specific areas that MSUM can improve and the visiting team will offer a list of recommendations following its visit.

What will happen during the visit? How might people on our campus be involved?

The visit team will meet with a variety of campus groups and individuals while they are here. You may be asked to meet with the team, so please keep your schedule open from March 5-7. The team will likely hold a series of informal meetings with faculty, staff, and students as well. At the conclusion of their visit—sometime before noon on Wednesday, March 7—the team will meet with President Barden to discuss their findings. The campus community will be invited to a celebration event on the afternoon of March 7.

What will happen after the visit?

Based on the team's report, the HLC may re-accredit MSUM for 10 years with no stipulations. Or, the HLC may request that MSUM file a progress report on a specific area of interest. Or, the HLC may request a focus visit in a few years to discuss at more length any area of concern. MSUM faculty, staff, and students will all be asked to help implement suggestions that have been made during the self-study process or the team visit. In any case, we will continue to use what we have learned through the self-study process to inform future decisions regarding MSUM.

What can I do to prepare for the re-accreditation visit?

- Know the university mission: "We develop knowledge, talent, and skills for a lifetime of learning, service, and citizenship." Know how your position helps the university achieve its mission.
- Know how your department/office and its division engage in planning.
- If you are in an academic department, you should know how your program assesses student learning, what it has learned through assessment, and what changes have been made as a result of assessment.

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