

MSUM PLANETARIUM PRESENTS "STAR OF BETHLEHEM NOV. 29 THRU DEC. 20

The MSUM Planetarium presents its traditional season show, "Star of Bethlehem" at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays and at 7 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays from Nov. 29 through Dec. 20.



Was it a comet, a supernova, a triple conjunction of the planet Jupiter with Saturn, or a miracle? Whatever it was, the event reverberated through the centuries and changed millions of lives.

The show will also explore the stars and constellations of the winter night sky.

General admission is \$3; children 12 and under, senior citizens and Tri-College students are \$1.50. The Planetarium is located in Bridges Hall 167. For more information, call 477-2904.

RUSSIAN COMEDIAN ON STAGE HERE NEXT MONDAY

Comedian Daniel Kinno, born and raised in Russia, is on stage at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3 in MSU Moorhead's student union ballroom, a free



public event sponsored by the university's Campus Activities Board.

His brand of comedy combines a deeper look into simple human behavior with a Russian-turned-American wit. He's performed regularly at Los Angeles's most famous comedy clubs, including Hollywood Improv, The Laugh Factory, Ice House, and Sunset Strip's Comedy Store.

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TCU ANNOUNCES COLLABORATIVE GRANT FUNDS FOR THREE CAMPUSES

In an effort to promote new collaborative initiatives, Tri-College University announces the availability of start-up or one-time grant funds for faculty, staff and students at all three local campuses.

"This is the time for people to act on their ideas and dreams of gathering like-minded people from two or all three of the TCU partnering institutions to begin and build a foundation for those concepts," says TCU Provost Tim Flakoll.

Interested faculty, staff and students at each campus shall submit a grant application: detailing their project, need that it fills, level of collaboration and participation between campuses, expected outcomes, and level of funding that they are seeking. Grants awarded will range from \$250 - \$1,000. Availability and level of awards are subject to the availability of funds at TCU. Matching funds are not required for eligibility.

Each grant recipient will be required to provide TCU a report explaining the outcomes of their projects. The Tri-College University administrative office will lead or assist with press releases and efforts to promote the event or activity as deemed appropriate.

To apply for these grant funds, the campus community may access an application from the TCU website at www.tri-college.org, or by calling Sonia Mayo Hohnadel, TCU Communications Coordinator, at 231-8170.

UPCOMING MSUM MUSIC...

MSUM will feature a variety of music events in the coming weeks. All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

* The MSUM **Jazz Ensemble** performs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Hansen Theatre.

* **Jazz Guitar Ensemble** performs Friday, Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Hansen Theatre.

* MSUM **Opera Workshop** presents "A Game of Chance" at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Fox Recital Hall.

“A Game of Chance” is an opera in one act by Seymour Barab and Elixir of Love (Scenes from Act I) by Gaetano Donizetti.

* **Tri-College Jazz Combos** will be in concert Saturday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Hansen Theatre.

* MSUM’s **Wind Ensemble** performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2 in Weld Hall Glasrud Auditorium.

* The **University Symphony Orchestra and Choir** perform Friday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Hansen Theatre. Call the MSUM box office, 477-2271, for tickets.

MSUM’S ‘TWELFTH NIGHT’ SELECTED FOR REGIONAL KENNEDY CENTER SHOWCASE

A regional representative from Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival has nominated a scene from the MSUM production of “Twelfth Night” for the Region V Invited Scene Showcase at the upcoming regional festival in January. This showcase will feature scenes of high quality, of a length less than 10 minutes and utilizing only essential furniture and hand-props, to allow for the sharing of some of the broad range of excellent work across the region.

FILM STUDIES WINS BIG IN ROCHESTER

MSU Moorhead Film Studies was well represented this past weekend (11/9 - 11/10) at the Rochester Short Film Festival (Rochester, Minn). Nineteen film students accompanied by professors Rusty Casselton and Tom Brandau attended the opening night festivities including a gala red carpet reception for the filmmakers and attendees and a post-screening awards ceremony. A total of 18 films were screened at this year’s festival. Ten of those films were projects produced by MSUM Film students, which five won awards including:

“Move Your Feet” by Alex Welgraven, which won \$100 for Best Visuals

“Zelene” by Travis Mattick, which won \$100 for Best Screenplay

“Work” by Justin Ulyyott and Levi Moch, which won \$100 for 3rd. Place (Best Film)

“Buddies” by Ben Stommes, which won \$100 for Best Special Effects AND \$200.00 for 2nd. Place (Best Film)

“Moorheads” by Zach Marion, which won \$100 for Best Student Film AND the Grand Prize of \$500.00 for 1st. Place (Best Film)

Along with winning the Best Student Film category, MSUM film studies also received a \$1000 award to help assist in the activities associated with the program. Rusty Casselton,

chair of the Film Studies department said “ We are very proud of our students... they always represent themselves well on screen and off when they attend these festivals.”

APAC MEETS TUESDAY

The Academic Policy Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, November 27 at 3 p.m. in the Comstock Room, CMU 101.

AGENDA

1. Approval of the 10-23-07 APAC Minutes*
2. Minor Changes – University Writing Committee approval or Dragon Core Committee approval designated by (W) or (DC).

Sociology and Criminal Justice Department*
SOC 351: Quantitative Methods (3 crs) effective Spring 2008 (W)

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

Biosciences Department*

New course proposals:

BIOL 346: An ecological Perspective (3 crs) in the Outer Cluster, DC 10: People and the Environment effective Spring 2008 (DC)

Health and Physical Education Department*

New course proposal:

HLTH 225: Professional Rescuer CPR/AED and Basic First Aid (2 crs) effective Spring 2008

4. Program Changes
Legal Studies Program
Add PHIL 318: Professional Ethics (3 crs) to required core requirements as the designated writing-intensive course for Legal Studies and reduce restricted electives from 24 credits to 21 credits (no change to total credits) effective Spring 2008

5. Policies
Changes to Writing-Intensive Guidelines effective Fall 2007

*indicates item can be viewed electronically at:www.mnstate.edu/acadaff/APAC/2007-2008PAPAC/apacagendasminutes.htm

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* **Brian Wisenden**, Biosciences, recently (Aug 2007) published a paper in the Proceedings of the Royal Society, co-authored, among others, with his MSUM Bioscience undergraduate

research students Shireen Alemadi, Rachel Savaloja and Amber Corwin along with his graduate student Clayton James. The title of the paper is: "Epidermal 'Alarm Substance' Cells Of Fishes Maintained By Non-Alarm Functions: Possible Defence Against Pathogens, Parasites And UVB Radiation." The paper is a major advancement in the field of evolutionary ecology because it provides a mechanism by which natural selection can maintain the alarm substance cells of minnows over evolutionary time. The phenomenon of minnow alarm cells was identified as one of the outstanding enigmas of evolutionary ecology by the pre-eminent evolutionist George C. Williams (1966 *Adaption and Natural Selection*, Princeton U Press; and 1992 *Natural Selection: Domains, Levels, Challenges*, Oxford U Press).

* **Abby Gold**, School of Nursing and Health, in collaboration with Linda Kingery from the Northwest Minnesota Sustainable Development Partnership and Ruth Rasmussen from the University of Minnesota's Centers for Public Health Education and Outreach, received funding for their project titled "Growing Up Healthy in the Red River Valley: Reducing Children's Exposure to Pesticides" from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation. The project focuses on creating community dialogue about pesticide use, training public health workers to educate the community about avoiding pesticide exposure, and increasing the availability of locally grown foods from organic community gardens.

* The Upsilon Sigma chapter of Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society at MSUM, inducted eight new members on Nov. 15. Those inducted were: **Kate Shorma, Deborah Pestka, Stephanie Simonson, Julie Laqua, Amy Kurash, Chesa Schultz, Jen Engquist And Emily Schraw**. These students have been recognized for their devotion and love for the Spanish language and the culture of Spanish speaking cultures, but particularly for their academic success at the university. Students applying for membership in the honor society need to maintain at least a 3.0 GPA although the average among those inducted this year was 3.73. Members of the honor society are also members of the very active MSUM Spanish Club, performing service projects and promoting the best aspects of Hispanic culture in the Fargo-Moorhead community. The induction ceremony was conducted by Upsilon Sigma Chapter President Brian "Flaco" Hansen.

* **Barbara Rath**, director of the Mathematics Learning Center, recently attended the annual conference of the American Mathematical

Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC). The conference was in Minneapolis in early November and featured a selection of over 200 workshops and presentations to improve mathematics education in introductory math courses. The conference theme, "Building a Better Tomorrow," is a tribute to our colleagues from the New Orleans area who continued to co-host the conference though it was moved from New Orleans due to Katrina damage, where the original host hotel has not yet opened for business. Pat McKeague, author of the textbooks used in MSUM's Math Learning Center, delivered the keynote address. AMATYC is the only organization exclusively devoted to providing a national forum for the improvement of the instruction of the mathematics in the first two years of college. Dan Willoughby and Nouredine Benchama from MSCTC, who teach Introductory Algebra at MSUM, also attended.

* **Deb White**, Sociology, and Sarah Sobieraj of Tufts University, published a chapter entitled "Could Civic Engagement Reproduce Political Inequality?" in *Acting Civically: From Urban Neighborhoods to Higher Education*, edited by Susan Ostrander and Kent Portney.

* **Wes Erwin**, Counseling and Student Affairs, attended a five-day Cognitive Therapy Workshop at The Beck Institute for Cognitive Therapy and Research in Philadelphia Nov. 5-9. The president of this institute is Aaron T. Beck, considered one of the founders of the field of Cognitive Therapy.

* **Ted Gracyk**, Philosophy, attended the 65th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Aesthetics, Nov. 7-10 in Los Angeles. He spent that last two years serving the Society as the meeting's program chair. Approximately 175 philosophers, art historians, anthropologists, and other specialists attended. In addition, Gracyk co-chaired the ASA committee that advised the ASA Board of Trustees on the reappointment of the editor of the *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*.

* CMU staff **Karen Mehnert-Meland, Layne Anderson, Braden Kuznia and Jordan Urich**, along with student employees Kara Brungardt and Andrea Moore, attended the 2007 Association of College Unions International Region 10 conference held at South Dakota State University Nov. 1-3. Layne Anderson presented an educational session titled "Dragons After Dark: A Down Home Good Time." Jordan Urich served on the conference planning team.

* **Doris Walker-Dalhouse**, School of Teaching & Learning, attended the board meeting and annual conference of the College Reading Association, Oct. 31 through Nov. 2 in Salt

Lake City, Utah. As co-chair of the membership committee, she and Mary DeKonty Applegate, professor of reading at St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, recruited 64 new members for CRA during 2006-2007, organized a program for new member, and hosted the new member luncheon at the annual conference. This year's luncheon program focused on the availability of mentoring opportunities in CRA and featured Linda Gambrell, president of the International Reading Association and a past president of CRA, as the keynote speaker.

* **Joe Provost**, Chemistry, was panel member at the "Life Sciences Action Summit, Building a Bioscience Industry in North Dakota" Nov 19. The meeting, hosted by the Red River Valley Research Corridor and sponsored by Senator Dorgan, was held to discuss strategies and the next steps for growing the life sciences sector in the FM area. Provost represented MSUM and DragonTech (a company he and **Mark Wallert**, Biosciences, own) on the panel "The Red River Valley as a Bio Hotspot". Provost's presentation was a part of the growing initiative in the valley, which includes both chemistry and biosciences departments through the biochemistry and biotechnology program. Provost outlined DragonTech as a company and the role MSUM is taking to encourage new business and training for our community.

* **Shelton Gunaratne**, mass communications, has suggested that the term cosmopolitan communication better reflects the scope of the field of study currently described as international communication. Gunaratne, an internationally known scholar in the field, has made this suggestion in an essay published in the current issue (Vol. 3, No.3, pp, 267-271) of the Sage Journal Global Media and Communication. The essay is titled "A systems view of 'international' communication, its scope and limitations."

CLASSIFIEDS

*One year old male cat, neutered and declawed (all four paws). Needs a new home due to some family members recently being diagnosed with cat allergies. Please contact Melissa at 218-477-2986 or 218-329-0022, if you can provide a caring and loving home.

VACANCIES

* **Assistant Professor of Art Education**

<http://www.mnstate.edu/vacancy/unclassified/0822P-Art%20Education.pdf>

