

**7th MSUM prof in 20 years...
CARNEGIE FOUNDATION NAMES ELLEN
BRISCH MINNESOTA'S
PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR**

For a lecture on chemistry, Ellen Brisch might wear a T-shirt illustrated with the periodic table; to explain the skeletal system, she might sing Alan Sherman's parody "I See Bones"; for a particularly difficult topic, she might turn her classroom into a stage for one of her productions, like "The Great Gastrulation Play," where she puts students in the roles of specific molecules and cells to explain their interactions.

It's all meant to grab the attention of students, remove some of the "fear factors" from science and explore the details about biology.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has named the Minnesota State University Moorhead bioscience professor as its Minnesota Professor of the Year.

Brisch is one of 46 winners selected from 384 faculty members nominated by colleges and universities across the country. The announcement will be made today (Thursday, Nov. 15) at a noon luncheon in Washington, D.C.

The Carnegie awards, established in 1981 by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, are recognized as among the most prestigious distinctions honoring professors.

For Brisch, who joined MSUM's faculty in 1999, it is her second national award in two years. She

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was among 17 college professors selected as "Outstanding Advisors" by the National Academic Advising Association last year.

Brisch is the seventh MSUM professor to win the Carnegie Foundation teaching award in the past 20 years. Professor Emeritus Delmar Hansen, retired MSUM theatre director, received it in 1987; Evelyn Lynch, a former MSUM elementary and early childhood education professor and president of St. Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn.,

won in 1992; David Mason, a former MSUM English professor now teaching at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, won in 1994; Andrew Conteh, a current MSUM political science professor, won in 1999; Jim Bartruff, a former MSUM theatre director and now director of theatre at Emporia (Kan.) State University, won in 2001; and Mark Wallert, a current MSUM bioscience professor, won it in 2005.

A biology graduate at Oberlin College who earned her doctorate in physiology and cell biology from the University of Kansas, Brisch

spent three and a half years as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Utah before coming to MSUM.

"She is my role model, my mentor and friend," says MSUM biology major Kristine Knoll, who earlier this year was awarded one of the nation's 317 prized Goldwater Scholarships. "And I can't imagine anyone else having so many biology T-shirts. She makes it fun by correlating them with her lectures."

Described as a "renaissance professor" by her dean, Brisch grew up in a family of educators. "I learned early on that a career in education is not



Minnesota Professor of the Year Ellen Brisch

just a job, but a way of life,” she said.

A developmental biologist, her research focuses on mitochondria and their impact on disease and on how environmental toxins affect human health. She not only involves students in her own research, but in scores of other campus biology projects as part of what she considers invaluable undergraduate experience.

But teaching is her primary focus, having taught and developed dozens of MSUM courses, from developmental biology to issues in human biology to the biology of women and an honors class on the history of science. She’s also taught a biology course for non-majors every semester she’s been on campus, sharing her fascination with science.

And there’s a reason she won a national Outstanding Advisor award last year. She’s currently a faculty advisor to more than 80 students, including majors in biology, pre-medicine, pre-optometry, health and medical sciences, along with several with undeclared academic interests.

One of her former advisees, Ashley Marek, a former journalism major and editor of MSUM’s student newspaper, The Advocate, credits Brisch with giving her the support she needed to switch her major to pre-medicine. Now attending the University of North Dakota School of Medicine, she said: “Despite the skepticism of even my closest friends, Dr. Brisch never questioned my abilities or goals. I’m confident that had it not been for her guidance, I would not be attending medical school now.”

Outside of the classroom and laboratory, Brisch has been tirelessly involved in the university community:

* For the past four years she’s chaired MSUM’s Dragon Core committee, which guided a major campus transition to an innovative new general education curriculum called Dragon Core.

* She’s been faculty advisor for the biology honors society Beta Beta Beta and the women’s lacrosse team.

* She’s a member of the campus TOCAR program (Training Our Campus Against Racism) and the Women’s Studies committee.

* She helped found Safe Zone, a program offering training and support to members of the campus community struggling with gender issues.

* She’s been successful in participating in a variety of projects, individually and collaboratively, which has garnered more than \$400,000 in funding for campus research supplies and equipment.

*She serves on the executive boards of the IFO and APAC.

“Getting students to their next step requires a full range of support, both in and outside of the classroom.” Brisch said. “Besides making lectures and labs compelling and interesting, it involves giving advice, remembering names, providing a consoling shoulder or some tough love, or simply writing letters of recommendation or giving a hello or smile in the hallways. They’re all just pieces of the package to help inspire students to find and reach their goals.”



Ellen Brisch

Bette Midgarden, MSUM’s vice president for academic affairs, who nominated Brisch for the Professor of the Year award, said: “Dr. Brisch is an outstanding teacher, whose colleagues and students praise her knowledge, enthusiasm, classroom demeanor, and ability to reach every student in every classroom and laboratory. Her unflagging enthusiasm is equally evident when she mentors

undergraduate research in bioscience, works within the wider university community to strengthen and improve the curriculum, or directs her energies to student advising. Every day, Ellen comes to MSUM committed to helping students better prepare themselves for whatever life will hand them; she is an inspiration to all.”

On a lighter note, Brisch is also a national certified beer judge, and has been a regular adjudicator at local and regional homebrew competitions.

Brisch will join the other state Professors of the Year winners at a noon luncheon at the Willard InterContinental in Washington, D.C., today. An evening reception at the Folger Shakespeare Library will follow from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

EMPLOYEE FLU SHOT CLINIC THURSDAY

Can you afford to have the flu? Not likely. When you have the flu, your life is put on hold for several days. Protect yourself and others by getting a flu shot this year. Flu shots will be available with no out-of-pocket cost to all state employees who present their State of MN Advantage Health Plan member ID card.

Flu shots will be available for MSUM employees from **7 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Owens Hall C, room 207 on Thursday, Nov. 15.**

Please bring your State of Minnesota Advantage Health Plan member ID card with you to the clinic.

Flu shot clinics are considered worksite activities and are designed for the convenience of state employees. Family members can receive their flu shots through their regular health care provider. The state is offering worksite flu shots to employees to make it easier for them to receive the shot without taking time from work to do.

By getting a flu shot, you help your workplace and your home stay healthy throughout the flu season. Don't let the flu stop you, get your flu shot and put the flu out of business!

For more information on getting your flu shot, call Deb at 2158.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT

MSUM's 2007 Combined Charities Campaign is in the final stages. The goal this year is \$60,000, and we have yet to break \$50,000.

Win a FREE MSUM parking spot while donating to MSUM's Combined Charities Campaign.

Wouldn't it be nice to have a parking spot (every day in January 2008 for staff, 1/07/08-2/08/08 for faculty) near your building of employment? A spot that would be exclusively yours for the entire month! Note: All who have donated to the 2007 campaign will be eligible for this prize.

Donate today to a charitable organization during MSUM's Combined Charities Campaign and your name will be entered in a drawing to be held in December.

Call Deb Lewis (2158), Karen Mehnert-Meland, (2447), Peg Potter (2805) or Cliff Schuette (2835) for more information.



BIOSCIENCES STUDENT WINS \$2,000 MINNESOTA HIGH TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Bodini Herath, a sophomore MSUM biosciences student, was recently selected as a recipient of a 2007 Minnesota High Technology Foundation scholarship. Bodini is one of two MnSCU students who received the \$2,000 award.



The Minnesota High Technology Foundation (MHTF) is a nonprofit corporation founded in 1985 to promote and support excellence in science, math and technology education. The Foundation educates Minnesotans about the importance of a strong technology-based economy through outreach.

Bodini is pursuing a biology degree with an emphasis in ecology and evolutionary biology. She has been involved in research examining the effects of fish and dragonfly larvae on macro-invertebrate assemblages of Minnesota wetlands and this past summer began a project using DNA to examine the genetics of dragonflies.

Prairie pothole wetlands contribute to the economy of Minnesota in several ways by providing environments that support bird hunting, fishing, and by providing a living lab for researchers and students. Bodini presented the results of her work at a meeting of the Entomological Society of America last March and she has previously published work on Sri Lankan birds and butterflies.

Her career goals are directly aligned with the rich educational system in Minnesota as she plans to pursue a doctoral degree in the molecular biology of insects and teach at the college level. She is particularly interested in how a better understanding of the environment and biodiversity.

The awards were presented on Nov. 1, honoring companies, innovations and individuals that positively impact Minnesota's technology-based economy.

MSUM LECTURE FEATURES MINNESOTA BOOK AWARD WINNER JANE PEJSA

Jane Pejsa, author of "Matriarch of Conspiracy, Ruth von Kleist 1867-1945," a Minnesota Book Award winner for Best Biography, will talk about the creative writing process at 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 15 in Livingston Lord Library room 103.

She is the author of four major non-fiction books, including two other biographies—"Gratia Countryman: her Life, her Loves and her Library" and "Romanoff Prince of Rogues, The Life and Times of a Hollywood Icon"—both finalists for the Minnesota Book Award. Pejsa's first book, "The Molineux Affair," a true crime saga, was an Edgar Allen Poe Award finalist.

Her most recent book, "The Final Encounter: Rommel, Patton, and Zhukov," was released in April 2007. In the foreword to "The Final Encounter," Dr. Manfred Rommel, son of the Field Marshal and Lord Mayor Emeritus of Stuttgart, Germany, writes: "With Jane Pejsa's book describing a discussion among three World War II generals in the other world, the reader enters a field beyond human experience. Everybody goes to this world; nobody comes back."

Pejsa's lecture, sponsored by Livingston Lord Library, is free and open to the public.

DRAGON BASKETBALL PLAYERS SWAP PRACTICE TOGS FOR WORKCLOTHES

Dragon men's basketball players and coaches swapped practice gear for work clothes recently to join the Habitat for Humanity effort in Moorhead. Head coach Stu Engen, assistants Jason Beschta and Luke Herbert and players offered a day of community service to the project to revitalize a local project. MSU Moorhead officially opens the 2007-08 season at Concordia College November 20.

INFO MEETING ON DISCOVERING PARIS TOUR SET THURSDAY

There will be an information meeting on Thursday, Nov. 15 at 4 p.m. in CMU 214 for the Discovering Paris program. MSUM's Office of International Programs is organizing this Spring Break trip to Paris from Feb. 29 to March 9, 2008. Students, faculty, staff and community people are welcome. One or two credits are available. For further information contact Jim Kaplan, Department of Languages and Cultures, kaplan@mnstate.edu.

GIANT BOOK SALE CONTINUES

The Library sponsored giant book sale continues in the Circulation Lobby on Friday, November 16 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Books remaining include noteworthy authors and series titles such as

- Gary Paulsen

- Jerry Spinelli
- Mary Stolz
- Todd Strasser

Proceeds from this sale will support the Great Plains Reading Review, the Library's Comstock Reading Aloud Initiative and the Library's general book fund. For further information, contact Carol H. Sibley at sibley@mnstate.edu.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

To: All Faculty

From: Roland Barden

I have approved the recommendations of the Academic Policy Advisory Council as reported in the APAC minutes of September 11 and September 25, 2007. The Deans' Council has reviewed the recommendations and the MSUM FA waived its right to meet and confer on all items [11/1/07 meeting].

ATHLETIC TRAINING MAJOR NAMED STUDENT LEADER

The MSUM Student Organization Advisory Committee presented Amanda Reichel, nominated by MSUM Athletic Training Students Association, with the Student Leader of the Month Award for November.

The purpose of the Student Leader of the Month Award is to recognize one extraordinary student leader each month during the academic year that has significantly contributed in some way to their student organization or the campus community and deserves to be recognized.



Also nominated for the Student Leader of the Month Award for November include: Stephanie Morse, nominated by Delta Zeta, and Mindy Bach, nominated by NSSLHA/Collegiate SERTOMA.

If you would like to nominate someone you know to be the Student Leader of the Month for December/January, visit www.mnstate.edu/osa.

All nominations for December/January are due by Friday, Nov. 16th. What a great way to honor someone who you think does a fantastic job!

NEW LIBRARY TITLES

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

Philosophy. Psychology. Religion.

Kendall, Stuart. Georges Bataille. B2430 .B33954 K46 2007

Kagan, Jerome. The preservation of two infant temperaments into adolescence. BF723 .T53 K3 2007
Schuller, Robert A. Walking in your own shoes : discover God's direction for your life. POPULAR READING BV4740 .S325 2007

Alternate sciences of history.

If I only knew then-- : learning from our mistakes / Charles Grodin and friends and friends of friends. POPULAR READING CT220 .I4 2007
Hutchison, Kay Bailey. Leading ladies : American trailblazers. POPULAR READING CT3260 .H88 2007

History of Europe.

Ward, Geoffrey C. The war : an intimate history, 1941-1945. OVERSIZE D769 .W345 2007
Schelvis, Jules. Sobibor : a history of a Nazi death camp. D805 .P7 S313 2007

History of the United States.

Colonial America : an encyclopedia of social, political, cultural, and economic history. REF. E162 .C68 2006
Loewen, James W. Lies my teacher told me : everything your American history textbook got wrong. E175.85 .L64 1995
Blight, David W. A slave no more : two men who escaped to freedom : including their own narratives of emancipation. POPULAR READING E450 .W325 B58 2007
Mendell, David. Obama : from promise to power. E901.1 .O23 M46 2007

History of Central and South America.

Casas, Bartolomé de las, 1474-1566. Brevisíma relación de la destrucción de las Indias ; edición crítica, estudio preliminar y notas de José Miguel Martínez Torrejón. F1411 .C316 2006

Geography. Sports.

Goode, J. Paul. Goode's world atlas. REF. G1019 .G67
Eisen, Rich. Total access : a journey to the center of the NFL universe. POPULAR READING GV955.5 .N35 E57 2007

Social sciences.

Industries. Labor.

Smith, Lacey T. Get it! : street-smart negotiation at work : how emotions get you what you want. HD58.6 .S62 2005
The little data book on private sector development. REF. HC59.3 .L58
Maxwell, Nan L. The working life : the labor market for workers in low-skilled jobs. HD5724 .M339 2006
Mezrich, Ben. Rigged : the true story of an Ivy League kid who changed the world of oil, from Wall Street to Dubai. POPULAR READING HD9570 .D34 M49 2007

Commerce.

Gitomer, Jeffrey H. Jeffrey Gitomer's little black book of connections : 6.5 assets for networking your way to rich relationships. HF5386 .G485 2006

Dunning, Donna. TLC at work : training, leading, coaching all types for star performance. HF5549.5 .C35 D86 2004

Finance.

The little data book on external debt. REF. HG3891.5 .L58

Sociology (general).

Body/embodyment : symbolic interaction and the sociology of the body. HM636 .B584 2006
Adler, Patricia A. Wheeling and dealing : an ethnography of an upper-level drug dealing and smuggling community. 2nd ed. HV5831.C2 A635 1993

Criminology.

April 16th : Virginia Tech remembers. HV6534 .B53 A67 2007

Education.

Marzano, Robert J. The art and science of teaching : a comprehensive framework for effective instruction. LB1025.3 .M3387 2007
Lynch, Robert G. Enriching children, enriching the nation : public investment in high-quality prekindergarten. LB1139.25 .L96 2007
Kozol, Jonathan. Letters to a young teacher. LB1776.2 .K69 2007
Master the Praxis I : PPST exam. 10th ed. LB2367.75 .P74 2007
Multiple literacies in the 21st century : the twenty-eighth yearbook : a peer reviewed publication of the College Reading Association 2006. LB2395 .C62 2006
International perspectives on education. LC189.8 .I56 2007
Nathanson, Bob. The college athlete's guide to academic success : tips from peers and profs. LC2581 .N38 2007

Music.

Lloyd Webber, Andrew. Divas. OVERSIZE M1507 .L76 D58 2007
Art song in English : 50 songs by 21 American and British composers. High voice. OVERSIZE M1619 .A79 2006
Art song in English : 50 songs by 21 American and British composers. Low voice. OVERSIZE M1619 .A792 2006

Art.

Ingnot, Joanna. WARM : a feminist art collective in Minnesota. N6530 .M6 I54 2007
Kelley, Caffyn. Art and survival : Patricia Johanson's environmental projects. N7650 .J65 K46 2005
After the revolution : women who transformed contemporary art. N8354 .A48 2007
Global feminisms : new directions in contemporary art. OVERSIZE N8354 .G56 2007
Hobbs, Robert Carleton. Alice Aycock : sculpture and projects. OVERSIZE NB237 .A94 H63 2005
National Design Triennial (3rd : New York, N.Y.). Design life now. OVERSIZE NK1411 .N49 .N38 2006
Rogers, Phil. Phil Rogers : potter. NK4210 .R542 A4 2007

Language and literature.

Exploring communication ethics : interviews with influential scholars in the field. P94 .E97 2007
Sikov, Ed. Dark victory : the life of Bette Davis. POPULAR READING PN2287 .D32 S55 2007
O'Meara, Sheri. Media tales : stories of Minnesota TV, radio, publications, and personalities. PN4739 .M6 O43 2007
2041 : twelve stories about the future by top science fiction writers. PN6120.95 .S33 T83 1994

Herriman, George. Krazy & Ignatz 1939-1940 : a brick stuffed with moombins. OVERSIZE PN6728 .K7 H47 2007

Eco, Umberto. Turning back the clock : hot wars and media populism. POPULAR READING PQ4865 .C6 A62613 2007

Defoe, Daniel. The fortunes and misfortunes of the famous Moll Flanders & c . PR3404 .F65 1989

Bennett, Ronan. Zugzwang : a novel. POPULAR READING PR6052 .E5315 Z457 2007

The theatre of Martin McDonagh : a world of savage stories. PR6063 .C377 Z89 2006

Hill, Lawrence. Someone knows my name. POPULAR READING PR9199.3 .H479 B66 2007

Morena, Gita Dorothy. The wisdom of Oz : reflections of a Jungian sandplay therapist. PS3503 .A923 W635 2001

Baldacci, David. Stone cold. POPULAR READING PS3552 .A446 S76 2007

Card, Orson Scott. A war of gifts : an Ender story. POPULAR READING PS3553 .A655 W37 2007

Cornwell, Patricia Daniels. Book of the dead. POPULAR READING PS3553 .O692 B65 2007

Frank, Dorothea Benton. The Christmas Pearl. POPULAR READING PS3556 .R3338 C5 2007

Graham, Heather. The last Noel. POPULAR READING PS3557 .R198 L39 2007

Mills, Kyle. Darkness falls. POPULAR READING PS3563 .I42322 D37 2007

Potok, Chaim. The chosen. PS3566 .O69 C54 1982

Rebeck, Theresa. Theresa Rebeck : collected plays. PS3568 .E2697 A19 1999

Steel, Danielle. Amazing grace. POPULAR READING PS3569 .T33828 A43 2007

Woodiwiss, Kathleen E. Everlasting. POPULAR READING PS3573 .O625 E9 2007

Church, James. Hidden moon : an Inspector O novel. POPULAR READING PS3603 .H88 H53 2007

Science.

Mathematics.

Mayne, Roger. Introduction to Windows and graphics programming with Visual C++.NET. QA76.73 .C153 M3284 2005

Chemistry.

Jones, Chris J. D- and f-block chemistry. QD172 .T6 J66 2002

Jackson, Richard A. Mechanisms in organic reactions. QD502.5 .J33 2004

Botany.

Checklist of the plants of the Guiana shield (Venezuela: Amazonas, Bolivar, Delta Amacuro; Guyana, Surinam, French Guiana). QK266.8 .C49 2007

Physiology.

Froböse, Gabriele. Lust and love : is it more than chemistry?. QP251 .F7613 2006

Medicine.

Lee, Ilchi. Human technology : a toolkit for authentic living. RA782 .L377 2005

Children with disabilities. 6th ed. RJ135 .B38 2007

Densmore, Ann E. Helping children with autism become more

social : 76 ways to use narrative play. RJ506 .A9 D454 2007

Rhoads, Jacqueline. Davis's guide to clinical nursing skills. RT41 .R485 2008

Cox's clinical applications of nursing diagnosis : adult, child, women's, mental health, gerontic, and home health considerations. 5th ed. RT48.6 .C6 2007

Directory of accredited baccalaureate & masters's degree programs in nursing. REF. RT71 .D57

Macnee, Carol L. Understanding nursing research : using research in evidence-based practice. 2nd ed. RT81.5 .M235 2008

O'Brien, Mary Elizabeth. Spirituality in nursing : standing on holy ground. 3rd ed. RT85.2 .O37 2008

Arnold, Elizabeth. Interpersonal relationships : professional communication skills for nurses. 5th ed. RT86.3 .A76 2007

AACN essentials of progressive care nursing. RT120 .P76 A22 2007

Crafts.

Faust, Chris. Nocturnes. EXTRA OVERSIZE TR610 .F39 2007

Katzen, Mollie. The vegetable dishes I can't live without. POPULAR READING TX801 .K3775 2007

The Herb Society of America's essential guide to growing and cooking with herbs. TX819 .H4 H4545 2007

Military science.

Brady, James. Why Marines fight. POPULAR READING VE23 .B63 2007

Graphic design.

Wörgötter, Michael. Type selector : the user-friendly font swatch. Z250 .W67 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 www.mnstate.edu/schwartz/newbooks.html. 083007.

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* **Dave Weinrich**, Regional Science Center, was one of over 300 planetarium professionals who recently attended the Triple Conjunction planetarium conference in Wheeling, West Virginia. Weinrich presented a paper entitled "The Astronomical League: Amateurs United" and a poster paper discussing the 2007 International Planetarium Society Council meeting, at which he represented the Great Lakes Planetarium Association.

* **Steve Grineski**, Foundations of Education, presented a paper at the 19th Annual National Dropout Prevention Network Conference held in Louisville, Kentucky. The paper was titled "A service learning partnership between teacher education

students and students from an alternative high school.”

* **Cecilia Mafla-Bustamante**, Languages and Cultures, attended the ATA (American Translators Association) 48th Annual Conference in San Francisco from Oct. 31 to Nov. 4. More than 1,800 members from many countries attended this event. Presenters discussed a variety of topics including language technology, literary translation, legal translation and interpreting, medical translation and interpreting, language service providers, and training & pedagogy. Since Mafla teaches Spanish-English translation, this conference enriched her knowledge of translation studies and training.

VACANCIES

* **Judicial Affairs Officer**

<http://www.mnstate.edu/vacancy/0821P-Judicial%20Officer.pdf>

* **Instructor or Assistant Professor, Corrick Center for General Education Mathematics**

<http://www.mnstate.edu/vacancy/0823P-CorrickCenter.pdf>

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Pre-Recorder Webinars and Discussion

How to Use Simulations to Bring Your eLearning to Life: Tuesday, Nov. 20, noon – 1 p.m., Library 208

How to Keep Your Online Learners Engaged: Case Studies: Tuesday, Nov. 27, noon – 1 p.m., Library 208

For more information and online registration go to: www.mnstate.edu/inststech/calendar/events.htm

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

NOVEMBER MONDAY WORKSHOPS:

Wimba

Monday, Nov. 19, noon – 1 p.m.
LI 114E

Google Docs

Monday, Nov. 26, noon – 1 p.m.
LI 222

For more information and online registration go to: <http://www.mnstate.edu/inststech/calendar/events.htm>

TCU INITIATES ONLINE STUDENT RIDE BOARD TO SAVE ENERGY

Tri-College University students seeking a ride or wanting to offer a ride for other area students may now access information by the use of the online

ride board now offered through the TCU website at <http://www.tri-college.org>.

Tri-College University, a cooperative initiative between Minnesota State University Moorhead, Concordia College and North Dakota State University, recognizes the problem some students and families face in trying to get transportation home for the weekends or holidays. The rising cost of gasoline has caused a barrier for many students who cannot afford to go home to visit family and friends.

Students may access the Tri-College University Ride Board directly at <http://www.tri-college.org/rideboard.php>. Any questions or comments, contact Sonia Mayo Hohnadel at the TCU office, 701.231.8170 or by e-mail at sonia.hohnadel@ndsu.edu.

UPPER CLASS SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN

Applications are now available for Upper Class Scholarships at www.mnstate.edu/finaid/upperclassscholarship.cfm

* Currently enrolled MSUM students pursuing their first undergraduate degree, who have completed at least 12 MSUM credits by the end of the current fall semester 2007. **Deadline: Feb. 1, 2008**

* Minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher by the end of fall semester 2007.

*Must enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.

*Not graduating at the end of Spring 2008 or Summer 2008. This is for the Fall and/or Spring semesters of 2008-2009.

*One faculty recommendation (form is attached to application), along with the application and required essay.

Students who receive a continuing MSUM scholarship for 2008-2009 are not eligible to apply.

MSUM CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRESENTS 'IMAGINATION' SATURDAY AFTERNOON

MSUM Theatre presents its annual family program, this year featuring the production "Imagination" at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Hansen Theatre. Filled with vivid masked characters, large creatures, puppets, thrilling circus acts and stomp-like music, it's a treat for the entire family. For tickets, contact the MSUM box office at 477-2271.