

### 23 FACULTY PROMOTED; SIX TENURED

Twenty-three MSUM faculty members have been awarded promotions, 12 to the rank of professor and 11 to associate professor.

**Promoted to professor status:** Karen Danbom, School of Teaching and Learning; Susan Humphers-Ginther, Sociology and Criminal Justice; Helen Klassen, American Multicultural Studies; Donald Clark, Art & Design; Ellen Brisch, Biosciences; Rinita Dalan, Anthropology and Earth Sciences; Deborah White, Sociology and Criminal Justice; Barb Matthees, Nursing; Craig Ellingson, Communication Studies, Film Studies, and Theatre Arts; Joann Segovia, School of Business; Jerome Kuperman, School of Business; and Vinod Lall, School of Business.

**Promoted to associate professor:** Randy Cagle, Philosophy; Chang-Seong Hong, Philosophy; Kirk Moss, Music; Paul Nesheim, Music; Jimmie V. Park, Art & Design; Sheri Erickson, School of Business; Allen Carter, Music; Theresa Hest, Communication Studies, Film Studies, and Theatre Arts; Ok-Hee Lee, School of Teaching and Learning; Ruth Lumb, School of Business; and Tammy Blake-Kath, Athletics.

**Receiving tenure:** Carol Okigbo, Corrick Center; Theresa Hest, Communication Studies, Film Studies and Theatre Arts; Kevin Zepper, Corrick Center; Ruth Lumb, School of Business; Sheri Erickson, School of Business; and Randy Cagle, Philosophy.

### MSUM THROWS ITS 35th ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

MSUM will hold its 35th annual 4th of July celebration at 1 p.m. on the campus mall, beginning a Wednesday afternoon of family entertainment followed by fireworks at dusk over Nemzek Field.

The 4th of July celebration—free and open to the public—features continuous stage entertainment all afternoon, along with children’s games, Dragon

Express and barrel train rides, stagecoach and covered wagon rides, a climbing wall, bingo, music, and a variety of food booths.

Prior to the festivities, MSUM will host a 10K run starting at 8 a.m. at Nemzek’s north gate entrance. Runners should contact Mark Rice at 477-2062, for details and registration.



At 12:30 p.m., the United Patriotic Bodies of Fargo Moorhead hosts an Independence Day Parade, starting at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> Street South, then proceeding to campus along 11<sup>th</sup> Street, turning on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue going east, then to the Opening Ceremonies at 1 p.m. at the MSUM campus flagpole.

Campus mall events begin right after the 1 p.m. opening ceremony, which will include a flag raising and music by the Lake Agassiz Concert Band. The children’s decorated bike parade starts at 1:30 p.m. Kids and parents should assemble at the mall flagpole right after the opening ceremony.

That evening the Lake Agassiz Concert Band performs from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Nemzek Stadium, followed by the Front Fenders from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. and then a patriotic program called “Not Forgotten” runs from 9:30 to 9:45 p.m. The Front Fenders will resume playing until about 10:30 p.m. when the big fireworks show begins.

### CHANCELLOR CONTRACT EXTENDED

Chancellor James H. McCormick may serve until July 31, 2011, under a 12-month contract extension approved Wednesday by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees.

“Once again this year, the information gathered from trustees and constituency groups concerning the chancellor’s performance was overwhelmingly positive,” said Trustee Cheryl Dickson, who chaired the committee that evaluated the chancellor’s performance.

McCormick’s annual salary will be \$340,000, which is the same amount that he earned this year. In addition, he is eligible for a performance bonus of up to \$25,000.

McCormick, 68, was the founding chancellor of the State System of Higher Education for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania before assuming his position July 2, 2001, as head of the Minnesota system.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system comprises 32 state universities and community and technical colleges serving the higher education needs of Minnesota. The system serves about 240,000 students per year in credit-based courses and an additional 135,000 students in non-credit courses.

#### **MSUM PROGRAMS PRESENTED AT BUFFALO RIVER STATE PARK**

MSUM’s Regional Science Center will offer public programs this summer at the Buffalo River State Park. Attendance at Buffalo State Park programs requires the purchase of a vehicle permit. Daily vehicle permits are \$5 per day, and annual permits are \$25. For questions regarding vehicle permits, call the park at 218-498-2124.

Buffalo River State Park is located 16 miles east of Moorhead, off Highway 10.

Birding programs at the MSUM Regional Science Center are free. The Science Center is adjacent to Buffalo River State Park.

All programs, unless otherwise noted, begin at the screened shelter adjacent to the park’s campground restrooms.

Upcoming programs:

#### **Astronomy program**

Saturday, June 30 at 9 p.m. and Saturday, July 21 at 9 p.m.

Participants will find constellations, see the Milky Way, planets, nebulae and star clusters through a telescope, and if lucky, observe some meteors. Bring binoculars and enjoy the prairie night.

#### **Birding program**

Thursday, July 5 at 7 a.m. and Saturday, July 14 at 8 a.m. at the MSU Moorhead Regional Science Center interpretive center.

This program is free since it’s taking place at the Science Center. The Science Center’s participation in the Mapping Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS) bird-banding program is in its eighth year. The program begins with a tour of the bird observatory, an introduction to MAPS, and observing citizen scientists at work as captured birds are identified, aged, sexed, banded and released.

#### **Snake program** Friday, July 6 at 7:30 p.m.

The Western Hognose Snake is a reclusive reptile of Buffalo River State Park. A master of deception and trickery, learn about the habits and haunts of this interesting reptile. Live specimens of local native snakes will be observed.

#### **Prairie Chicken program** Saturday, July 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Learn about the Greater Prairie Chicken through learning stations that include a mounted bird, habitat and management information, and video of chickens booming on the springtime prairies.

#### **Buffalo River? Where are all the Buffalo?**

Saturday, July 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Large numbers of bison have existed in the Red River Valley and were a major natural force on the prairie. Examine pieces of evidence that bison existed at the park, listen to early journal accounts describing the presence of these animals, and look for evidence of how grazing and trampling by bison have impacted the prairie ecosystem.

#### **REQUEST FOR \$271 MILLION IN BUILDING, REMODELING PROJECTS**

##### **APPROVED BY MNSCU TRUSTEES**

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will seek \$271 million from the Legislature next year for construction and remodeling projects across the state. The Board of Trustees recently approved a list of 37 projects that will be submitted for funding.

**Among them: \$13.1 million for Lommen Hall renovations (11<sup>th</sup> on the priority list); funding for MSUM for property acquisition (purchasing Edison School, 28<sup>th</sup> on the priority list); and \$700,000 for Livingston Lord Library renovation design (32<sup>nd</sup> on the priority list).**

The request is for \$271 million in general obligation bond financing with \$76.3 million in debt service financed by the system and its institutions, bringing the total project authorization to \$347.3 million.

The top priority is \$110 million in repair and replacement projects on all 53 campuses, including roof replacements, mechanical and electrical system repairs, and health and safety improvements.

“By funding this top priority, the Legislature will enable the system to protect the public’s investment in 26 million square feet of academic buildings,” said Chancellor James H. McCormick. “While these kinds of expenditures are not glamorous, we are mindful of the need to provide warm, safe and dry facilities for our students, faculty and the public.”

Overall, the system has 839 buildings, which amounts to about one-third of the public’s real estate. Funds also are being sought for 36 other capital improvement projects, which largely would add, replace or remodel classrooms, science labs and applied technology labs.

The 37 projects were winnowed from more than \$500 million in requests submitted by the system’s institutions. In January, teams of representatives from the campuses and system office scored the proposals. The board also conducted public hearings before the chancellor made his recommendations.

#### **WALTERS APPOINTED TO TCU BOARD**

Tri-College University (TCU) announces the appointment of Brian Walters to the TCU Board. Walters replaces board member Ryn Pitts, whose term ends in June.



**Walters**

Walters currently serves as the president of the Greater Fargo Moorhead Economic Development Corporation. Prior to accepting his position in Fargo. He received a bachelor of science from the University of North Dakota and a master of science degree in Economic Development from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Walters serves on the boards of directors for the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony, Northern Lights Council, and the Fargo Country Club, the Fargo-Moorhead Chamber of Commerce

Regional Issues Committee and Education Sub-Committee, the North Dakota Public Finance Authority Advisory Committee, the United Way Campaign Cabinet, and the **Minnesota State University Moorhead School of Business Advisory Board**.

Other TCU Board of Directors are NDSU President Joseph Chapman, **MSUM President Roland Barden** and citizen members Shirley Montgomery, Bruce Furness, Paul Marquart and Douglas Sillers.

The mission of Tri-College University is to assist Concordia College, Minnesota State University Moorhead, and North Dakota State University by promoting cooperative efforts that will enrich the academic environment for the benefit of students, faculty, and the community.

#### **GOVERNOR SIGNS HIGHER ED BILL**

Gov. Tim Pawlenty signed the higher education bill into law this spring. The bill appropriates a budget increase of \$151.8 million to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, which is about 86 percent of the \$177 million increase the system had requested. The new funding will be used to cover inflation, make improvements in technology infrastructure, and improve recruitment and retention of groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education. **This year’s tuition increase at MSUM will be 4%. The state appropriation for the university will be about \$577,000 higher.**

#### **SPOTS STILL OPEN FOR MSUM’S COLLEGE FOR KIDS**

Minnesota State University Moorhead still has openings for some of its classes in the College for Kids summer program.

We have some great new classes, including **Carnegie for Kids, MotoTechs, Architect Your World, Painting Masterpieces, Power Up!**, and **Lights! Camera! Puppets!**, as well classic favorites such as Scuba Diving, Pottery on the Wheel, Create with Clay, WHO-Dunnit, and Learn to be a Magician, among others.

Sixteen classes are offered for kids ages 8-14 during the weeks of July 16-19 and July 23-26. Cost varies depending on the class taken.

For more information, contact MSUM Continuing Studies at 477-5862, e-mail [paulsonk@mnstate.edu](mailto:paulsonk@mnstate.edu), or visit the Web site, [www.mnstate.edu/collegeforkids](http://www.mnstate.edu/collegeforkids)

## **MISCELLANEA**

\* **Gary Nickell**, Psychology, co-authored a paper published in the June 2007 issue of the Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied. The paper, titled "The role of work habits in the motivation of food safety behaviors," was based on collaborative research with Dr. Verlin Hinsz from NDSU and Ernest Park who is now at Cleveland State University.

\* **Russ Colson**, Anthropology and Earth Science, gave an invited presentation earlier this summer for the North Central Region Astronomy League's annual meeting, which was held in Moorhead this year. The title of his presentation was "Exploring Space from a Laboratory: Mysteries and Resources on the Moon."

## **VACANCIES**

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