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'PASS/FAIL' ANTHOLOGY LOOKS AT CLASSROOM FAILURES AND TRIUMPHS

* "Once I returned to find bullet holes riddling my classroom door—not the best way to start a Monday morning."

* "A pretty cheerleader approached me after class, smiled and said, 'I didn't write my paper for today, because I had to go to the tanning bed.'"

* "He took the pen out of my hand...and to the right of the column, wrote, 'Suicide.'"

Those are a few anecdotes from a new collection of classroom stories, "Pass/Fail," recently published in paperback by Kurt Kleidon, a 24-year-old graduate student in Minnesota State University Moorhead's master of fine arts program, and his mother Rose A.O. Kleidon, a retired English professor at the University of (Ohio) Akron.

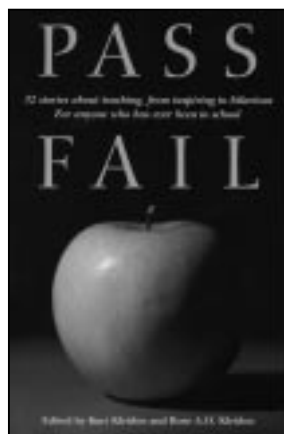


The 32 stories in the book were winners of the 2001 Red Sky Writing Competition, a national contest that asked teachers to write about their everyday failures, triumphs, despairs and rewards. It includes fiction, non-fiction and poetry about teaching high school and college.

The stories were selected for the anthology by a jury of English professors at the University of Akron.

The book offers an inside look at the complex relationships between teachers and students. Among the authors, the oldest started teaching in 1937, the youngest in 2000.

The 224-page book (\$14.95) is available at local bookstores (including the MSUM Bookstore) and through major on-line book sellers.



RHYTHM AND BRASS THIS WEEK

"Rhythm and Brass," an eclectic sextet performing everything from 16th century motets to Pink Floyd and John Coltrane, is on stage at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Hansen Theatre as a feature of the university's Performing Arts Series. It's music unbound by time, geography or culture. For ticket information, call the MSUM box office at 236-2271.

NEW MAJOR IN GEOSCIENCES

The department of Anthropology and Earth Science will be offering a new major in Geosciences with three emphases (geology, geoarchaeology and geographical sciences) and a teaching major (earth science teaching). As part of this new major, the following changes will take effect starting summer semester 2002:

- 1) Geology (Geol) and Geography (Geog) courses have been renamed with the common rubric Geos.
- 2) Earth Science Today, Geol 101, changes both name and number (becomes Geos 170) with little or no change in content.
- 3) Courses to look for next fall semester include:
 - a) Geos 305, Oceanography (3), and
 - b) Geos 410, Geography of Eastern Europe and Russia
 - c) Geos 415, Reading Geochemical Fingerprints (3)

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT
PLANS BOOK DISCUSSION
ON POSTMAN'S 'TECHNOPOLY'**

The Faculty Development Committee is sponsoring a discussion of Neil Postman's book, "Technopoly" from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 9 from in the Library Porch.

Media and cultural critic Postman, chair and professor in the department of Communication and Culture at New York University, outlines in this book how contemporary American culture is being transformed by its use of technology. Postman argues that technology reaches all aspects of our society, including culture, education, intelligence, politics, and art.

The discussion will assess Postman's arguments, reflect on the solutions he offers, and discuss ways that educators can resist the harmful effects of technology's influence on our students and our culture. Mark your calendars and begin reading "Technopoly". For more information about the discussion or for assistance in ordering the book, contact Tim Borchers at borchers@mnstate.edu or 236-2656.

JURIED ART ON DISPLAY THROUGH MARCH 20

An MSU Moorhead juried student art exhibition will be on display in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts gallery through March 20.

The juror is Rusty Freeman, former curator at the Cheekwood Museum of Art, Nashville, Tenn., and currently vice president of Collections and Public Programs, Plains Art Museum, Fargo.

Fifty-five works by thirty-nine students were selected for this exhibit.

A public reception for the exhibit will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, March 7, with an awards ceremony at 5 p.m.

MSUM gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. For special showings, contact Jane Gudmundson at 218-236-2284 or e-mail gudmunja@mnstate.edu

JAZZ UP YOUR THURSDAY NIGHT!

Ever enjoyed jazz? Ever wondered how great jazz artists achieve what they do? Then attend the free panel discussion with Tom Strait and John Tesch (both of MSUM's Music department) at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 7th in Fox Recital Hall in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts. This panel takes place one hour before the performance by Rhythm and Brass and will

double your enjoyment of their show. But come even if you don't have Rhythm and Brass tickets!

TO ALL FACULTY: OFFICIAL NOTICE

I have approved the recommendations of the Academic Policy Advisory Council as reported in the minutes of January 22, 2002. The Deans' Council has reviewed the recommendations and MSUM FA waived its right to meet and confer. The following items were discussed at the February 14, 2002, IFO Meet and Confer:

1. The assessment and reevaluation of Liberal Studies courses every six years.

2. Tuition Waiver for Students in University Performance Classes

President Roland Barden,

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STRATEGIC BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 7, 2001

Present: Rose Bakke, Judy Strong (ex officio), Nancy Kruse, Wil Shynkaruk, David Crockett, Brittney Goodman, Judy Peterson, Abbas Pezeshk, Carol Dobitz, Bryan Kotta.

Absent: Manoj Athavale, Cliff Schuette, George Davis, and Terri Olson.

It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the November 30, 2001 minutes.

Crockett handed out the Strategic Planning Components.

The RFP for Strategic Initiative Grants (SIG) will indicate changes for the Grants process.

Proposals from FY 2002 that were approved but not funded will remain on the table and funded as the dollars become available.

The SI Grants with tails will have to find matching dollars from internal reallocations or through external matching. The authors of the proposals will need to inform SBC how they will accomplish getting the matching funds.

Further discussion was held on ideas for reallocations for funding of SIG tails.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. Next meeting December 14, at 2 p.m. MA 268

Rose Bakke, Secretary

ALASKAN EDUCATOR?

The Bering Strait School District (BSSD) in Unalakleet, Alaska, is seeking qualified teachers and

administrators for the 2002-2003 school year. A representative, Tom Briscoe, will be in Fargo from 3/8-10/02 to interview prospective candidates. To schedule an interview in advance contact: Tom Briscoe, 38545 US Hwy 169, Onamia, MN. 56359, 320-532-3971, tomb_55@yahoo.com Areas needed are: Principal, Sec. Ed. (Math, Science, Lang. Arts, Voc. Ed.), El. Ed., SPED, and Counseling. Teaching couples welcome. For further information, visit our website at: www.bssd.org or attend Mr. Briscoe's presentation on 3/10/02 at the Best Western Doublewood Inn from 1 – 3 p.m. in Executive Suite II.

OBITUARY: HERBERT ABRAHAM

Herbert Abraham, 97, who taught education here from 1964-1972 and was instrumental in the development of MSUM's international studies and student teaching abroad programs, died last month in suburban Boston. Before joining the faculty here, he served as a chief executive in the Paris headquarters of UNESCO for 10 years. He was considered one of the nation's leading authorities on international education.

CAMPUS CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS

The 2002 Campus Campaign visits will be starting soon. Please support your colleagues and co-workers as they strive to make MSUM a better place for faculty, staff, and students alike. The following faculty and staff members are volunteering their time:

Kathy Abraham, Jeanne Alm, Kathy Antonelli, Beth Anderson, Les Bakke, Rose Bakke, Jim Bartruff, Jo Berg, Randal Berquist, Dieter Berninger, Darlene Braun, Peggy Bremer, Alan Breuer, Bruce Briggs, Ellen Brisch, Kim Brosdahl, Layna Cole, James Danielson, Lee Dexter, Craig Ellingson, Kathleen Enz Finken, Oscar Flores-Ibarra, Jill Frederickson, John Gaffrey, Shawn Ginther, Theodore Gracyk, Steve Grineski, Wayne Gudmundson, John Hall, Doug Hamilton, Bruce Hanson, Paul Harris, Clare Hauck, Dave "Boom Boom" Holsen, Jeanette Jensen, Rachel Johnson, Yvonne Johnson, Kyle Kopacek, Nancy Kruse, Sara Leigh, Deb Lewis, Rebecca Lindell, Karen Mehnert-Meland, Veronica Michael, Kristi Monson, Ruth Morton, Larry Nicholson, David Olday, Carl Oltvedt, Denise Peck, Sandra Pearce, Richard Pemble, Rodney Rothlisberger, Derald Rothmann, Charles Ruzicka, Kim Samson, George Sanderson, Marlane Sanderson, Cliff Schuette, Sandra Schuette, Andrea Scott, John Sherman, Carol Sibley, Amanda Stegmaier, Lisa Stewart, Mark Strand, Steven Street, Rand Swenson, Wade Swenson, Ryan Sylvester, Thomas Tammaro, John Tandberg, Catherine Tesch, Greg Toutges, Barbara Vallenga, Mark Wallert, Teri Walseth, Laurie Wigtil, Vernon

Wolff, Diane Wolter, Walt Worman and Carolyn Zehren.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

High Drama In The House

Why would the colleges and universities hope that a vetoed bill cutting \$23.5 million would be forced into law with an override vote?

That drama played out last week as lawmakers passed a short-term fix in the budget and instructed Governor Ventura on how to reduce state spending. The reason it was important to clarify the budget solution for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is that without legislation the Governor would have unilaterally cut budgets. Ventura's original recommendation was cut the colleges and universities \$32 million. The bill ultimately forced into law by the House and Senate vote to override.

No Hiring Freeze

Part of the budget balancing solution was to impose a hiring freeze on all state agencies to generate an estimated \$40 million savings. The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities were excluded from this potential cut with an amendment to exempt the system. Freeze Contracting for Professional and Technical Services State government is ready to implode over a section in the budget balancing bill that prohibits contracting for professional and technical services and also prohibits renewing existing contracts. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities were caught in this section with the rest of state government. There are over 7,600 contracts in the system and nearly 5,000 of them are for less than \$1,000. Only 73 contracts are over \$50,000. Amendments to remove the state colleges and universities have been drafted and will be presented to lawmakers next week. The law gives the commissioner of administration authority to approve individual contracts by granting a waiver.

Employee Contract Ratification Still Uncertain

House members made some progress last week on ratification of state employee contracts. A bill (HF 3575) authored by Representative David Bishop (R - Rochester) described the conditions for same-sex domestic partner benefits. The language sets the criteria including legal obligations, financial relationship, and a form of certification necessary for obtaining the benefits. The measure narrowly passed a crucial committee vote (10 - 8) and was sent to the next committee where it is expected to be heard next week. The bill ratifies the labor agreements and would need to be compared to the Senate version that is

FULBRIGHT OFFERS LECTURING/ RESEARCH GRANTS IN 140 COUNTRIES

The Fulbright Scholar Program is offering lecturing/research awards in some 140 countries for the 2003-2004 academic year. The competition opens March 1.

Opportunities are available not only for college and university faculty and administrators, but also for professionals from business and government, as well as artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers, independent scholars and many others. There are awards in 37 different disciplines and professional fields, as well as in a variety of subdisciplines such as gender studies and peace studies.

Traditional Fulbright awards are available from two months to an academic year or longer. A new short-term grants program - the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program— offers two-to-six-week grants in a variety of disciplines and fields.

While foreign language skills are needed in some countries, most Fulbright lecturing assignments are in English. Some 80 percent of the awards are for lecturing. Application deadlines for 2003-2004 awards are:

May 1 for Fulbright Distinguished Chair awards in Europe, Canada and Russia

- August 1 for Fulbright traditional lecturing and research grants worldwide
- November 1 for the summer German Studies Seminar and for spring/summer seminars in Germany, Korea and Japan for academic and international education administrators
- Fulbright Senior Specialists Program – rolling deadline

For information, contact the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) at 3007 Tilden Street, NW, Suite 5L, Washington, DC 20008-3009. Telephone: 202.686.7877; E-mail: <mailto:apprequest@cies.iie.org>. Information and an online application are also available on the Web at <http://www.cies.org/>.

MISCELLANEA

* **Alan Davis**, English, has written an article about trends in the arts with a focus on the idea of home and on contemporary family dynamics. It appears in the spring issue of *The Hudson Review*.

* **Brian Wisenden**, Biology, published a paper entitled "Brood defense and optimal brood size in convict cichlids *Cichlasoma* (*Archocentrus*)

ningrofasciatum, a species with biparental care" in the *Journal of Aquaculture & Aquatic Sciences* (2001) 9:303-320, based on data collected in Costa Rica in the early 1990s.

* **Shawn Dunkirk**, associate dean, College of Social and Natural Sciences, traveled to Miltona, Minn., recently to conduct science outreach activities with all of the 4-6th graders, 95 students. The visit involved a number of chemistry demonstrations and hands-on activities where students learned about plastics, recycling and made a polymer.

* **Stephen Giedosh, Steven Street and Linda Svobodny**, Special Education, attended the Minnesota Council for Exceptional Children Conference (MCEC) in Minneapolis on February 25 & 26. They accompanied a delegation of 12 MSUM Student CEC members to the conference. The MSUM student delegation was the largest of all Minnesota universities represented. A state grant from the MCEC and the MN CFL helped to support the student attendance at the conference. The students assisted with registration and exhibits.

* **Shawn Dunkirk and Linda Winkler**, Physics and Astronomy, traveled to Verndale, Minn., recently to give talks to all of the physics and chemistry students and the 5-6th grade students. The activities involved discussions of careers in physics and chemistry, preparation for college and demonstrations and hands-on activities for all classes. For the elementary students there was a chemistry/physics demonstration show given by Dunkirk and Winkler, ending in a hands-on activity.

* The Western Regional Science Olympiad competition was held on MSUM campus recently. One hundred students from Bemidji, Moorhead, Osakis, Norman County West, Bertha Hewitt and Hill City brought middle and high school students to compete in events in math, science and technology. Medals were awarded in each event and the top teams received trophies and the right to advance to state competition at St. Thomas on March 2 and March 9. The winning middle school team was Moorhead with Norman County West in second place. The winning high school team was Moorhead, with 2nd going to Norman County West, third to Osakis and fourth place to Bemidji High School. Several faculty served as event supervisors: **Alison Wallace, Michael Benton, Michelle Malott, Brian Wisenden and Chris Chastain** (Biology); **Karl Leonard, Russ Colson and Paul Sando** (Anthropology and Earth Science); **Don Krogstad, Gary Edvenson and Joe Provost** (Chemistry); **Steve Lindaas, Linda Winkler and Walt Worman** (Physics and Astronomy); **Ron Williams** (Technology); **Tim Harms** (Mathematics); and **Dennis Jacobs and Margaret Klindworth** (New Center). **Shawn Dunkirk** (CSNS) is the regional Science Olympiad director. The students in the middle and senior science and math methods classes played a

great part in helping organize and run several of the events, as did students from Biology, Chemistry and Physics and Astronomy.

* The 3rd annual "World of Change" day of workshops for area middle and high school teachers of Mathematics and Science were held here this week. Eighty-two teachers attended this conference, coming from 46 different schools, public and private, in Northwestern and Central Minnesota and Southeast to Central North Dakota. Melvin George, president Emeritus from St. Olaf College and the University of Missouri, gave a luncheon lecture titled, "To Teach," for the teacher and faculty participants and a public lecture titled, "What We've Learned About Learning." Several faculty members organized and delivered workshops for the teachers: **Ellen Brisch, Michelle Malott, Mark Wallert, Brian Wisenden** and **Alison Wallace** (Biology); **Karl Leonard** (Anthropology and Earth Science); **Don Krogstad, Joe Provost** and **Gary Edverson** (Chemistry); **Ananda Shastri** and **Steve Lindaas** (Physics and Astronomy) and **Vernon Wolff** and **Tim Peil** (Mathematics). **Shawn Dunkirk** (CSNS) was the coordinator for this day-long event.

* Last week **Mark Wallert** (Biology) visited the 7th grade class of Mr. Chris Nellerhoe and lead hands-on activities in biotechnology.

* **Joseph Provost** (Chemistry) and senior biotechnology students Justin Voog and Sarah Olmschenk, recently traveled to Alexandria to talk with high school science students. At Alexandria High School the group talked to 7 different chemistry classes about Cancer and Careers in Biotechnology. The students talked with the nearly 300 students about preparation for college. Also as part of that trip the group visited New Testament High school and conducted Biotechnology activities with all science students in grades 9-12.

* **Ellen Brisch**, Biology, presented a seminar at the 2nd Annual MN Yeast Meeting hosted by UMTC recently. Title: Cell Cycle Coordinated Mitochondrial Dynamics. Two students (Aaron Sykes and Damian Holznagel) went with her and presented a poster: Examining the Role of the Actin Cytoskeleton in Mitochondrial Morphology and Inheritance. She also presented a seminar at St. John's University Feb 14, titled: Microtubule and Mitochondrial Dynamics. One of her students, Mario Fernandez, accompanied her as she presented part of his research findings.

CMU SPRING BREAK HOURS

Comstock Memorial Union hours Monday-Friday, March 11-15;

Affinity Plus Credit Union	9:30am-3pm
Career Svices	8am-4:30pm
CMU Building Hours	7am-4:30pm
Etcetera Shop	10am-2pm
Main Office	8am-4:30pm
Student Support Services	8am-4:30pm

Subs & Sweets	8am-2pm
CMU Hours Sunday, March 17;	
CMU Building Hours	3pm-12am
Copies Plus	5-9pm
Etcetera Shop	4-10pm
Rec & Outing Center	4-11pm
Subs & Sweets	4-9pm

Calendar of Events

March

* The MSUM Planetarium features the show "**Space Bus,**" an imaginary trip through the solar system set in the year 2077, at 2 p.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Mondays March 3-11. The Planetarium is located on 11th Street South in Bridges Hall 167. Admission is \$3, or \$1.50 for children 12 and under, senior citizens and Tri-College Students. Call (218) 236-3982 for group shows.

* **A juried student art exhibition** will be on display through March 21 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts gallery. (free)

* The MSUM **Wind Ensemble** performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 3 in the Weld Hall Glasrud Auditorium. (free)

* **Poet B.H. Fairchild**, author of "The Art of the Lathe," will read from his work at 8 p.m. Monday, March 4 in King Hall Auditorium as a feature of the Tom McGrath Visiting Writers Series. He'll also talk on the writer's craft at 4 p.m. that day, also in King Hall. He lives in Claremont, Calif., where he teaches at Claremont Graduate University and Warren Wilson College. (free)

* The MSUM **Orchestra** performs at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 6 in the Weld Hall Glasrud Auditorium. (free)

* "**Rhythm and Brass,**" an eclectic sextet performing everything from 16th century motets to Pink Floyd and John Coltrane, is on stage at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Hansen Theatre as a feature of the university's Performing Arts Series. It's music unbound by time, geography or culture. For ticket information, call the MSUM box office at (218) 236-2271.

* **Spring break:** March 11-15.

* History professor Steven Hoffbeck will talk on "**Haymaking, Memory and History**" at 3:30 p.m. March 20 as a feature of MSUM's Deans' Lecture Series in MSUM's Center for Business 109. (free)

* The MSUM **Concert Choir & Chamber Singers** perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 21 at Our Redeemer Church in Moorhead. (free)

* "**Hispanicamerica,**" will be on display March 25-April 18 at the MSUM Roland Dille Center for the Arts Gallery. It will include more than 100 masks from Latin America. (free)

April

* The MSUM Planetarium features “**Galaxies**,” a voyage through the Milky Way and beyond showing Sundays at 2 p.m. and Mondays at 7 p.m. April 1 through May 20. The Planetarium is located on 11th Street South in Bridges Hall 167. Admission is \$3, or \$1.50 for children 12 and under, senior citizens and Tri-College Students. Call 236-3982 for group shows.

* **Poet David Mason**, author of “The Country I Remember” and “Buried Houses,” will read from his work at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 4 in MSUM’s Center for Business 109 as a feature of the Tom McGrath Visiting Writers Series. He’ll also present the university’s annual Glasrud Lecture at 4 p.m. that day, also in Center for Business 109. Mason, who taught at MSUM from 1989 to 1998, now teaches at Colorado College. (free)

* MSUM’s annual **Student Academic Conference** will be held on Wednesday, April 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Comstock Memorial Union (free and open to the public). The conference showcases MSUM student presentations from almost every major on campus. To see what is being presented, visit the conference visitors page:

<http://www.mnstate.edu/acadconf/2002/visitors.html>

* An exhibition, “**Masks: The Hidden Face of Hispanicamerica**” will be on display through April 18 at the MSUM Roland Dille Center for the Arts Gallery. It will include more than 100 masks from Latin America. (free)

* An MSUM Jazz Concert is on stage at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 4 in the Weld Hall Glasrud Auditorium. (free)

* **The Guthrie Theatre presents Eugene O’Neill’s “Ah, Wilderness”** at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 5 and at a 2 p.m. matinee Saturday, April 6 in the MSUM Roland Dille Center for the Arts Hansen Auditorium as a feature of the university’s Performing Arts Series. The play is set in a small Connecticut town on July 4, 1906, a time before America’s coming of age, when “family life was the only life.” This is the landscape O’Neill paints his classic story on. For ticket information, contact the MSUM box office at 236-2271.

* MSUM hosts its annual **Latino Unity Conference** Thursday and Friday, April 11 and 12, in the student union. For details, call 236-2721.

* The MSUM **Jazz Guitar Ensemble** performs at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 11 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Fox Recital Hall. (free)

* **Poet Marilyn Chin**, author of “Dwarf Bamboo” and “Rhapsody in Plain Yellow,” will read from her work at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 18 in MSUM’s King Hall Auditorium as a feature of the Tom McGrath Visiting Writers Series. She’ll also talk on the writers craft at 4 p.m. that day in the university’s Library Porch. She teaches at San Diego State University.

(free)

* An MSUM **Jazz Concert** is on stage at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 18 in the Weld Hall Glasrud Auditorium. (free)

* MSUM Theatre presents the comedy “**Fuddy Meers**” by David Lindsay-Abaire at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 19-20, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 25-27 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Gaede Stage. The play revolves around an amnesiac who wakes up every morning as a blank slate, on which her husband and son must imprint the facts of her life. They then drive to the home of her mother, who has had a stroke that left her aphasic (her attempt to say “funny mirrors” provides the play’s title). For tickets, contact the MSUM box office at 218-236-2271. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$6 for students (MSUM students are admitted free)

* An MSUM **New Music concert** starts at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 20 in the Weld Hall Glasrud Auditorium. (free)

* MSUM’s annual **honors convocation** starts at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 21 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Hansen Theatre.

* The MSUM **Concert Band** performs at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 24 in the Weld Hall Glasrud Auditorium. (free)

* MSUM **Choirs** perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 25 at Our Redeemer Church in Moorhead. (free)

* **SnowFire**, MSUM’s vocal jazz ensemble, performs at 8 p.m. Friday, April 26 in the Weld Hall Glasrud Auditorium. (free)

* **A student art exhibition** will be on display April 22-May 10 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts gallery. (free)

* The MSUM **Wind Ensemble** performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28 in the Weld Hall Glasrud Auditorium. (free)

May

* MSUM’s annual **spring commencement** starts at 2 p.m. Friday, May 10 at Nemzek Fieldhouse. Commencement speaker is MSUM alum Greg Harness, U.S. Senate Librarian.