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## MSUM BALANCES BUDGET IN FACE OF STATE'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

MSUM's state budget allocation this year, \$27.5 million, is about \$4 million short of what had been expected.

But with an extra \$3 million in income from this year's 15% tuition increase along with other budget reductions, including 10 percent across-the-board cuts in many operating budgets, the university will start the new year with a balanced budget.

"But that means we'll have no money in our instruction reserve account, no money in our strategic initiatives account, and we won't be filling about 22 FTE in positions due to unfilled vacancies and reductions in temporary faculty positions," President Barden said. "We're down to the very basics, and that's without considering another potential rescission in our budget by the governor this fall if the state's economy doesn't turn around."

MSUM's state appropriation is expected to be \$27.5 million this year and tuition and fee income about \$24 million, adding up to \$51.5 million.

"We've increased class size in some cases, scheduling fewer sections but with more seats available," Barden said. "We've also cut our equipment and facilities maintenance budgets."

A few more potential budgetary problems may be on the horizon: all campus unions are negotiating new contracts this year; higher medical insurance costs seem inevitable; and natural gas prices are predicted to soar.

"We'll have to have more focused conversations on campus this year to take a closer look at our financial situation," Barden said. "But let's look at the good side of this. A new school year is beginning, we're ready, and our enrollment is holding steady."

## CROCKETT NAMED INTERIM DRAGON AD

David Crockett will serve as interim athletic director for Minnesota State University Moorhead pending a national search that's expected to begin this fall.

Crockett, the university's vice president for administrative affairs, will replace Katy Wilson, who resigned this spring after 10 years as the Dragon AD to pursue a law degree at the University of North Dakota.



Crockett, a former high school quarterback, will continue his vice presidential responsibilities while overseeing the university's 16-sport intercollegiate athletic program.

"I'd like to keep the momentum going because we've got a great story to tell in Dragon athletics," Crockett said. "I believe we'll have some very talented applicants for the position once the search begins."

Crockett will chair the AD search committee, which will be organized this fall once the students return. It will be composed of about 12 campus and community members. A new AD is expected to be on board sometime next year.

## TWO ADDED, ONE PROMOTED AT MSUM ALUMNI FOUNDATION OFFICE

The Minnesota State University Moorhead Alumni Foundation office has added two new people to its staff: Lori Gudmunsen, alumni development associate; and Kris Benson, administrative assistant. Carrie Stenseth, meanwhile, has been promoted to donor research and planned giving development assistant.



Gudmunsen



Benson



Stenseth

The goal of the MSUM Alumni Foundation is to develop relationships, promote the university and provide funding to advance academic excellence.

Gudmunsen, a 2000 MSUM mass communications graduate from Williston, will oversee the university's phonathon and senior class gifts and organize special events for recent graduates. An anchor at KSAX-TV in Alexandria before taking the job at MSUM, she's pursuing a graduate degree in communications at NDSU.

Benson, a recent MSUM English graduate from Fargo, worked four years at the St. Paul Pioneer Press and the past year at Microsoft Business Solutions before joining the Alumni Foundation staff.

Stenseth a 1993 MSUM mass communications graduate from Wilton, N.D., has worked as a development administrative assistant at MSUM for two years. She'll now focus more on donor research and planned giving. She came to the university from Northwest Technical College where she worked in the registrar's office and in customized training. She's pursuing a master's degree in Counseling and Student Affairs at MSUM.

## **ALUMNI FOUNDATION WEB SITE GETS FACE-LIFT**

Do you want to keep in contact with your MSU Moorhead friends by e-mail? Or target your hiring search to MSU Moorhead graduates? How about giving the Alumni Foundation your event ideas?

If you have recently logged onto the Alumni Foundation web site, you've seen that all of these options and more are available to you. Mike Opoien, an MSUM graphic design major, was recently hired to make these enhancements possible.

The website features a modern design with up-to-date information and the e-mail address book service allows you to reconnect and stay in touch with former MSUM classmates. The new career resources and mentoring page allows alumni to advertise employment openings, internships, and offer on-line career advice.

An online alumni event questionnaire allows you to offer activity and location suggestions for alumni events. The Alumni Foundation wants you to tell us what you think! Fill-out our on-line questionnaire and your event may be planned in our area.

## **HUCK FINISHES 1,000-MILE CANCER TREK**

MSUM student Nick Huck finished his 1,000-mile trek from western Montana to Moorhead earlier this month. Huck, 22, scheduled the walk to raise money for cancer research as a way to honor the memory of his mother, Valerie Huck, who died of cancer in 2000.

Huck's journey started May 27 in Missoula, MT, where his mother was raised. She was buried in Moorhead. He walked up to 40 miles a day, collecting donations and kind deeds from people along the way. He raised about \$5,000 in donations.

## **FOUR CAMPUSES FORM ONE COLLEGE**

As of July 1, Fergus Falls Community College and three Northwest Technical College campuses at Detroit Lakes, Moorhead and Wadena have joined to form one new institution: Minnesota State Community and Technical College.

Through the programs available on each campus, the new college serves higher education needs for the region, including liberal arts and degrees for transfer, vocational, technical and health education, customized training and lifelong learning opportunities.

## **MISCELLANEA**

\* **Margaret Sankey**, History, made presentations at four conferences: "British Rights vs. State Security: The Defense of Britain against the Jacobite Rebellion of 1715," at the Society for Military History in Knoxville this spring; "Transported Traitors: Jacobites of the 1715 and Their Part in the 1718 Transportation Act" at the Eighteenth Century Scottish Studies Society in Charleston, S.C. this spring; "Whigs Love a Parade: Public Spectacle and the 1715 Jacobite Prisoners," at the Northwest Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies in Seattle; "Challenging Indenture: Jacobite Prisoners of the 1715 and British Deportation Policies," at the Northern Great Plains Historical Conference in Minneapolis. She

was also recently notified that her 2002 article, "Elite Society and the Decline of Scottish Jacobitism 1716-1745", written with her dissertation director Dr. Daniel Szechi, was awarded the Walter Love Prize by the North American British Studies Association (NACBS) for the best article in British history written in 2002. The award will be given at the NACBS conference in Portland in October, where she will also present a paper.

\* **Sarah Smedman**, Elementary and Early Childhood Education, was named "Alum of the Month" in June at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth. She graduated from there in 1953, and taught at St. Scholastica for several years, including chairing the English department. The award recognized St. Scholastica alumni who provide role models to current St. Scholastica students and inspiration to alumni. Smedman is the author of "Bridges for the Young: The Fiction of Katherine Paterson," published earlier this year.

\* **Jim Kaplan**, Languages and Cultures, attended a Summer Seminar put on by MnSCU's Center for Teaching and Learning, "Engaging Students Through Technology" at Century College in White Bear Lake on July 10. After the seminar Jim attended CTL's Summer Steering Committee Meeting.

\* **Robert Duncan**, an MSUM mass communications senior, was selected as a recipient of this year's Robert L. Carothers Distinguished Writers Award, which recognizes demonstrated excellence in writing. The awards are made possible through the personal contributions of the friends and colleagues of Carothers, a poet and scholar. A former president of Southwest State who served as chancellor of the Minnesota State Universities from 1986-1991, he's currently president of the university of Rhode Island. Duncan received \$100 as part of the award.

\* **Jerry Stockrahm**, Mathematics, was recently elected president of the Clay-Wilkin Chapter of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association.

\* **Anna Pearson**, a mass communications major from Farmington, Minn., was among 15 recipients of this year's Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarships, which range from \$500 to \$1,000. The scholarship was created in 1987 and provides financial assistance to racial minority union members and their families pursuing degrees at MNSCU campuses. Nellie Stone Johnson is a long-time union member and advocate for civil, human and worker rights.

\* Playhouse 412 Community Theatre in Detroit Lakes presented "The King and I" earlier this month. This Rodgers and Hammerstein musical follows Anna Leonowens as she moves to Siam in the mid-1800's to teach the King's children. **Craig Ellingson** (Speech and Theater) directed the show. Musical director was **Katherine Ellingson** (Music). Featured performers included **Janet Haak Aarness** (Academic Support Programs) as Anna, and **Shawn Dunkirk** (Biology, and Associate Dean-CSNS) as Lady Thiang. Spring 2003 Theater graduates Jared Kolles (Lun Tha) and Natasha Woitzel (Tuptim) also appeared. Making the show a family affair, Matthew Ellingson, Kate and Daniel Haak Aarness, and Jennifer Dunkirk were also in the cast. Mark Everson, MA, School Psychology (1995), was the technical director and sound/lights designer for the production.