

Catalyst

A Newsletter for Students

Community faculty member Earl Joseph loved teaching



Earl C. Joseph

Earl C. Joseph, Minneapolis, futurist, computer scientist and teacher, died Feb. 23 of an aneurism. He was 80 years young.

Joseph taught for Metropolitan State more than 30 years, including an independent study this spring semester, Future Trends for Computers and Technology. He was one of three people who founded Minnesota Futurists in the 1960s, a group that has met every Saturday for many years, according to his son-in-law Brian Leer. He also founded the journal, *Futurics*, and was the author and editor of other futurist publications.

In addition to teaching for Metropolitan State, he taught for Walden University the past 15 years and was adjunct faculty for the University of Minnesota and the University of St. Thomas. He was with Sperry Univac from its beginning, working there for 32 years until 1983 as a staff scientist and traveling around the world, particularly to France and India. As a computer design engineer, he designed and patented computers. He also served for a time as futurist-

in-residence for the Science Museum of Minnesota. He founded and was president of Anticipated Scientists, Inc., in the early 1980s. The group served as a futurist for companies and governments around the world.

Three years ago he moved from Saint Paul to a senior residence in the Kenwood area of Minneapolis. His futurist meetings continued and he started a computer lab there, teaching the residents. He continued lecturing there and as a guest lecturer in other places.

Joseph earned a B.A. in mathematics from the University of Minnesota in 1951. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Alma, who died about 12 years ago. He is survived by his friend, Mildred Balk of Minneapolis; sons Earl Joseph of Saint Paul and Vincent Joseph of Newport News, Va.; daughters Rebecca Sabino of Smithfield, Va., and Renee Leer of Minneapolis; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Arrangements for services are pending.

WE to honor Metropolitan State woman

As a part of Women's History Month, WE (Women Empowered) will honor one of the university's women who has made an impact at Metropolitan State. The winner will be announced Friday, March 23, at the Second Annual Women Empowered Seminar, "Generations of Women Moving History Forward."

For this year's award, nominate a woman student, staff or faculty member who you believe has continued to work toward accomplishing the

theme of Generations of Women Moving History Forward. Explain why the person you are nominating is deserving of the award.

The winner will be notified a week before the event, so please include her e-mail address. Nominations are due by Friday, March 16, to we-info@lists.metrostate.edu or andersdo@go.metrostate.edu.

Note: If you are a WE officer, you are not eligible for the award.

2007 Student Screenplay Awards—call for entries

The Screenwriting Program at Metropolitan State University announces a call for entries for the fifth annual Student Screenplay Awards. This competition is open to all Metropolitan State students who are enrolled or were enrolled summer 2006 or fall 2006. Short screenplays of up to 12 pages are eligible. Three winners will be

selected, and each will receive \$200 in cash and merchandise prizes. The deadline for entries is March 30.

For guidelines and an entry form, contact James Byrne, coordinator, screenwriting program, at james.byrne@metrostate.edu, or call him at 612-659-7157.

March is National Women's History Month

Future of FallFest Focus Group to meet

Metropolitan State's version of homecoming (FallFest) has enjoyed an attendance hovering between 500–600 annually. However, Student Life is wondering if there is something better or different that the university should be doing.

To solicit your feedback, the Student Life and Leadership Development Office is hosting a student focus group on Thursday, March 8, from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Library and Learning Center, Room 310, on the future of FallFest. Explain what you think "homecoming" should look like at Metropolitan State. Or, if there should be one at all.

If you would like to provide comments but cannot attend the focus group, e-mail student.activities@metrostate.edu with your input.

In recognition of Women's History Month, Metropolitan State University offers the following events, all on the Saint Paul Campus. All are free and open to the public.

Monday, March 5—*Standing on My Sisters' Shoulders*, a film that tells the story of three African-American women in 1965 who walked into the US House of Representatives to seek their civil rights, shows from 4–5:45 p.m. in the Library and Learning Center, Ecolab Room 302.

Wednesday, March 7—Women's History Month Annual Potluck, Minnesota Working Women, will feature dolls of the world; Founders Hall Reception Area, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. RSVP your potluck item or \$10 to Ping Wang at 651-793-1784 or ping.wang@metrostate.edu by March 2. (*Open to faculty, staff and student workers.*)

Thursday, March 8—"Women's Moral Education in the 19th Century," a brown-bag session with speaker Carolyn Whitson, associate professor, language/literature; Library and Learning Center, noon–1 p.m.

Monday, March 12—*Señorita Extraviada*, a movie telling the story of the more than 350 kidnapped, raped and murdered young women of Mexico, shows at 4–5:45 p.m. in the Ecolab Room 302 of the Library.

Wednesday, March 14—"From Pink Dresses

to Tomboys: Who defines female?" is a panel discussion including Sidney Smith, GLBT student services coordinator, Ann Hodson and Sue Stirling, students, from 4:45–5:45 p.m. in the Library and Learning Center, Room 307.

Friday, March 23—"Moving Forward and Making Change," the second annual Women Empowered seminar with guest speaker, Honorable Pamela Alexander, judge, is from 5–8 p.m. in the Great Hall.

Monday, March 26—*1970, Half the People*, a documentary movie about the second wave of the Women's Movement in the US, shows from 4–5:45 p.m. in the Ecolab Room 302 of the Library.

Wednesday, March 28—An Evening of Music and Poetry with Desdmona, a spoken word warrior who has distinguished herself with her poetry and hip-hop delivery, takes place in the Educated Palate of New Main from 7–9 p.m.

Friday, March 30—Sandy Johnson, health consultant, hosts a brown-bag session, "Did You Know? Answers to questions about women's health!" from noon–1 p.m. in Ecolab Room 302 of the Library.

RSVP your attendance for any of these events to lupe.sanchez@metrostate.edu or call 651-793-1270.

Spring brown bag reading schedule announced

Ray McCoy to speak

Ray McCoy, associate vice president, student affairs, will present "Disabilities and the Law" at the A.C.C.E.S.S. student organization event on March 15, Saint Paul Campus, Library and Learning Center, Room 218, from 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Everyone is welcome; refreshments will be served.

The Communications, Writing and the Arts Department invites you to participate in the spring schedule of creative writing brown bag readings. Join your colleagues for a midweek literary respite in the Saint Paul Room on the top floor of New Main on Wednesdays, March 14 and April 11 from noon–12:30 p.m. (*Note: these dates were rescheduled from those announced earlier.*)

Bring a poem or brief prose excerpt to read aloud on the following themes:

March 14: Clothing

April 11: Stone

Bring your lunch if you wish and enjoy an informal half hour of reading and listening pleasure! Everyone is welcome; no reservations are necessary. For more information, contact Alison McGhee, associate professor, at alison.mcghee@metrostate.edu or call her at 651-999-5951.

Universitywide civic engagement audit underway

The Metropolitan State community is encouraged to participate in the civic engagement audit as part of the Engaged Campus Initiative. Surveys will be sent via e-mail to all staff, faculty and administrators.

As a result of this audit, we will be able to describe our university/community partnerships in detail, and this will have very important

implications for the university. This is a unique opportunity for the university to take a lead in the nation in determining Metropolitan State's civic engagement participation. Help make this audit a success. If you have any questions, contact Susan Shumer at susan.shumer@metrostate.edu or at 651.793.1292.

Minnesota Sesquicentennial Fellows seek students

Internship information session

Interested in learning more about Metropolitan State's academic internship program? Attend an information session, Wednesday, April 11, Saint Paul Campus, Library and Learning Center, Room 301, from 11 a.m.–noon. For information call 651-793-1285 or e-mail cbl.center@metrostate.edu. There is no fee but preregistration is required.

The Minnesota Sesquicentennial Commission is recruiting undergraduate and graduate students to work as Minnesota Sesquicentennial Fellows starting immediately and throughout the next two years (February 2008–February 2009). Students should be interested in one or more of the following fields:

- history;
- public administration;
- public affairs;
- arts and humanities;
- community and economic development;
- planning; and
- journalism and communications.

Fellows will work under the supervision of commission staff; work will be wide-ranging with

organizations and communities throughout Minnesota. There may be stipends available or credit. Work hours are flexible.

The Sesquicentennial Office is in the James J. Hill House on Summit Avenue in Saint Paul. Some work may also be in the field, throughout Minnesota, so students outside the Twin Cities metropolitan area should also apply.

Contact Jane Leonard, sesquicentennial executive director, with any questions and/or send your letter of interest and resume to minntwin@comcast.net. You can learn more about the Minnesota Sesquicentennial at www.mn150years.org.

Library to collect/recycle crayons

Dayton's Bluff Branch of the Saint Paul Public Library is collecting old, unwanted crayons in a recycling drive. Throughout March and most of April, this library branch invites people of all ages to celebrate Earth Day by bringing in their unwanted crayons. The drive ends April 22 when the library will deliver the crayons to a facility in

Wayzata that recycles them into new crayons. Crayons are a petroleum-based product and can take years to biodegrade in a landfill. The goal is to collect 50 or more pounds of crayons by Earth Day, April 22. Drop off your crayons at the Dayton's Bluff Branch Library at Metropolitan State. For more information, call 651-793-1699.

Spring play opens March 30

Explore Dayton's Bluff

Dayton's Bluff Take a Hike meets Saturday, March 3, at 10:30 a.m. in the Indian Mounds Park at Earl Street and Mounds Ave. Come explore the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary and historic Swede Hollow at relaxed pace. Call 651-772-2075 or e-mail garry@daytonsbuff.org for more information.

Dayton's Bluff Take a Hike meets the first Saturday of each month starting at the same time and place since 1990.

Metropolitan State University Theater is producing *Cat's Paw* by William Mastrosimone. The play opens at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 30, at the Metropolitan State Minneapolis Campus in the Whitney Stagedoor Theater.

What constitutes terrorism? *Cat's Paw* is about an unusual terrorist. He is brilliant, articulate and obsessed with saving the world's water supply, and with it, the final destruction of humankind by pollution. Eventually a television news reporter is brought to his lair where a cat and mouse game ensues, leading to a shocking and violent conclusion. *Cat's Paw* originally premiered at the Seattle Repertory Theatre where *The Weekly Standard* of Seattle called it "entertaining, informative, thoughtful and scary." This play, written before 9/11, remains a topical and highly relevant play about today's explosive

world situation.

Preview is March 29. Weekend performances are March 30–31 and April 6–7 at 7:30 p.m. There is also a matinee March 31 at 2 p.m. The Whitney Stagedoor Theater is located in the Whitney Fine Arts Center on the Metropolitan State and Minneapolis Community and Technical College (MCTC) campus off Loring Park at 1424 Yale Place. The parking ramp is at 15th Street and Hennepin Avenue.

Metropolitan State and MCTC students are admitted free of charge. General admission is \$5. Reservations are encouraged as space is limited. Call 651-793-1550 to make a reservation.

Cat's Paw is produced by Theater Underground and the Metropolitan State Theater Program, Gail Smogard, theater program director.

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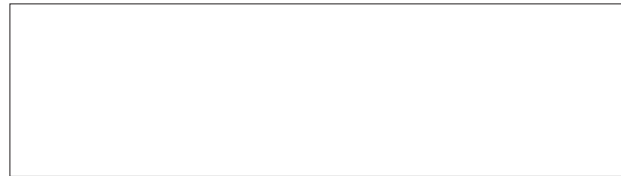


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Internship opportunities

Alumna honored

Theresa "Teri" G. Gavin (2002) was selected as the Business and Professional Women/Minnesota Young Careerist representative of 2007 during the winter board of director's meeting Feb. 24 at the Sheraton Minneapolis West in Minnetonka.

Judging was based on the candidates' career achievements and ability to project an image that reflects the role of today's young work force in society. She will represent Minnesota at the national contest in July.

Anyone with disabilities needing accommodations for a Metropolitan State event or who needs a publication in an alternative format, should call disability services at 651-793-1540 or 651-772-7687 (TTY).

Complete internship descriptions are posted on the bulletin boards in the Center for Community-Based Learning, 678 East Seventh Street; and second floor, St. John's Hall. Copies may also be obtained by contacting the center at 651-793-1285 or cbl.center@metrostate.edu. For ongoing internships check the Web at www.metrostate.edu/ccbl/ and click on Internship Links.

MnSCU Chancellor's Office seeks a financial reporting intern to assist in the accumulation of data, preparation of financial statements as well as work with other institution's staff and independent auditors. Salary is \$14 an hour. A resume is due by the March 16 application deadline.

City of Saint Paul Technology and Communication Office seeks an intern to assist the city Web coordinator. This 10–20 hours per week internship pays \$10 an hour. A cover letter, resume and Web work examples are required.

American Cancer Society needs community relations interns. Opportunities exist in the Twin

Cities, Rochester, St. Cloud and Duluth. A cover letter and resume are required.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation seeks an intern to work on a variety of projects and events related to grant-making initiatives. This full-time internship begins June 1 and pays \$12 an hour. Application deadline is March 15.

Fargo Electronics in Eden Prairie offers a software engineer internship. A competitive wage in a progressive work environment is offered. A resume is required.

The National Marrow Donor Program seeks a business system analysis intern to work with their team on multiple projects. A cover letter, resume and salary requirements are requested.

Suburban World Theater, Uptown, needs a public relations/marketing intern. A flexible schedule is offered. A resume is required.

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