

Catalyst

A Newsletter for Students

William Lowe appointed interim president



*Pamela and Interim President
William J. "Bill" Lowe*

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees appointed William J. Lowe as interim president of Metropolitan State University Oct. 31.

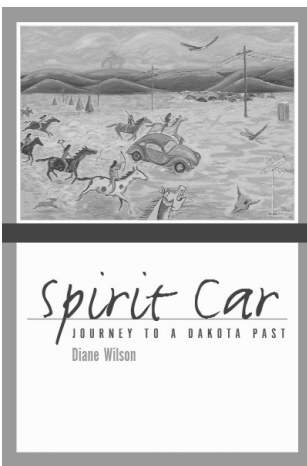
Lowe, who was provost and vice president of Metropolitan State, replaces Wilson G. Bradshaw, who resigned to become president of Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, Fla.

Before becoming chief academic officer at Metropolitan State in 2003, Lowe served as vice president for academic affairs at The College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y.; dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Detroit Mercy; and dean of graduate studies at Chicago State University. A graduate of Michigan State University, Lowe holds a doctorate in modern history from Trinity College in Dublin and is a professor of history.

"Dr. Lowe has extensive administrative experience and a strong commitment to the high-quality programs at Metropolitan State University," said Chancellor James H. McCormick. "I am confident the university will continue to advance under his leadership in this transition."

Under the Board of Trustees' policy, an interim president cannot be considered for the permanent presidency. There will be a search committee chaired by Richard Davenport, president of Minnesota State University, Mankato. The committee expects to recommend a candidate to the chancellor by spring 2008, with the appointment of a new president by the Board of Trustees anticipated by June 30, 2008.

American Indian and Alaska Native Month is celebrated



In recognition of National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month, Metropolitan State University is offering several events. They include:

- **Wednesday, Nov. 14—Dreamcatcher-making workshop** led by Juanita Blackhawk and Natchez Beaulieu for students, staff and faculty; Saint Paul Campus, New Main, Saint Paul Room, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.; limited to the first 25 people who RSVP to lupe.sanchez@metrostate.edu.
- **Thursday, Nov. 15—Diane Wilson**, creative nonfiction writer, speaks about her book *Spirit Car: Journey to a Dakota Past*, Library and Learning Center, Room 309, noon–1 p.m. The book is about cultural identity and heritage, and was published by Borealis Books in August 2006.

Spirit Car was honored with a Minnesota Book Award for Autobiography, Memoir and Creative Nonfiction. Wilson has received a Jerome Travel and Study grant, a research grant from the Minnesota Historical Society, and two residencies at Norcroft Writer's Retreat. She has also been awarded a residency at the Blacklock Nature Center.

- **Wednesday, Nov. 28—The Neeconis Singers** perform in Founders Hall, Auditorium, from noon–1 p.m. This nine-year-old a capella group sings traditional tribal music and composes their own contemporary music. They have performed at the Ordway Theater, Children's Theater, Cedar Riverside Theater and at many colleges. They can be heard in the film, *Dreamkeepers*, produced by Hallmark Entertainment.

MnITcareers.org launched

The Center for Strategic Information Technology and Security (CSITS) has launched its Web site designed specifically for MnSCU IT students and Minnesota employers.

“In one place, students can find out about IT seminars and events—most of which are free to them—look for IT jobs, post their resume and find out about internships and scholarships,” said Bruce Lindberg, executive director of CSITS.

Numerous scholarships are listed at

MnITcareers.org, with more coming in a few weeks. The site is expected to become a major resource in an IT student’s educational and career development as the site community continues to build and more jobs and other features are added.

CSITS is a partner with Metropolitan State, Inver Hills Community College and Minneapolis Community and Technical College. It was formed to benefit Minnesota businesses and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

RN–MSN program to cease taking applications after Nov. 15

Upcoming Career Services events

Thursday, Nov. 15, How Can I Find the Right Major for Me?—Saint Paul Campus, Library 310, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Faculty and staff offer ideas and answer questions.

Monday, Nov. 19, Attention Business Majors!—Minneapolis Campus, MEC 2100; Minnesota Department of Revenue, 4–4:45 p.m.; Ledgent, 4:45–5 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 28, Resume Writing Workshop—Saint Paul Campus, Library 132, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Bring a copy of your resume.

Contact Career Services for more information and to register: 651.793.1528 or career.services@metrostate.edu.

Prospective students interested in the RN–MSN program should apply no later than Nov. 15. After that date, applications will no longer be accepted.

This termination is in response to the raising of educational requirements for nurse practitioner licensure from the master’s level to the doctoral level, which has been proposed to begin in 2015. The nationwide entities that certify and license nurse practitioners are raising the educational requirement—not the legislature, university or Board of Nursing. Although this change has not yet been finalized, it is likely to occur. In order to give students sufficient time to complete their degrees and the university time to convert the master’s program to the higher level, these program changes must be initiated now.

Due to this deadline, RN–MSN students must plan to successfully complete the undergraduate portion of their program by May 2010, apply to the MSN program no later than

January 2010, and complete their master’s course work (MSN) in 2014. When one considers the course requirements and timeline, students applying this year will have just enough time to finish before the doctoral degree requirement takes effect (depending on individual transcripts and transfer courses).

The master’s program will also be affected by this requirement change. The university will accept the last group of nurse practitioner applications on Jan. 15, 2010.* Many other colleges and universities have also begun to terminate their master’s programs for nurse practitioners.

Watch the Web site www.metrostate.edu/cnhs for more details.

* It is uncertain at this time whether the Leadership and Management in Nursing track will continue at the master’s level. However, the RN–MSN program will terminate regardless.

Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice Club meets on third Tuesday

The Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice Club (LECJ Club) invites you to the club meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at the School of Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice, Midway Center. The next meeting is Nov. 27 from 4:30–5:45 p.m. Topics include employment and internship opportunities; team building exercises; speakers from different departments in law enforcement and criminal justice; and conferences within law enforcement and criminal justice.

Because November is Remember the Victims

Month, invited guests are Mary Biermaier, director, Victims/Witness Services; Kissy Mason, Criminal Expungement Clinic (victim/criminal recorded advocate); and John S. Munday, author of the book *Justice for Marlys, A Family’s Twenty-year Search for a Killer*.

Bring questions and ideas regarding the LECJ Club. For information, contact LECJ@metrostate.edu or stop by the School of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice at Midway Center.

Psychology Club to meet at Argosy University Nov. 16

Interested psychology students are invited to the Fifth Annual Career in Psychology and Mental Health Counseling Event, Argosy University, Twin Cities Campus, 1515 Central

Parkway, Eagan, on Friday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

RSVP to Cathi Taylor, AUTCpsych@argosy.edu or call 651-846-3372.

First College offers interdisciplinary courses for spring 2008

Announce your event in the *Catalyst*

The *Catalyst* is Metropolitan State's newsletter for students. Announce your upcoming meetings, dinners or other events. Upcoming copy deadlines are:

Issue Date	Copy Deadline
Nov. 26	Nov. 16
Dec. 10	Dec. 3
Jan. 7	Dec. 27
Jan. 21	Jan. 14
Feb. 4.....	Jan. 28
Feb. 18.....	Feb. 11
March 3	Feb. 25
March 17	March 10

E-mail your articles to darlene.esko@metrostate.edu before 5 p.m. on the deadline date.

First College is offering three interdisciplinary courses for spring 2008.

IDST 321—Human Rights and the Educated Citizen introduces students to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, western and nonwestern conceptions of human rights and the complex nature of human rights issues influenced by individual, cultural and social values. Through community involvement, students learn to connect human rights theories and cases around the globe to the local community and develop an action plan for a local organization of their choice or in their personal environment. The course provides students an opportunity to take concrete action on human rights issues and get involved in “change” or initiating change in the local community.

IDSt 330—Women in Math, Science and Technology allows students to explore the theory,

history and methods of analysis for understanding women's participation in the sciences. The course examines the history of women's participation, including the historical legacies of the philosophy of science; data that describes the current educational and professional climate for women; and the ways in which popular culture images of women in math, science and technology influence women's participation in these fields.

IDSt 401—Interdisciplinary Perspectives in the Arts is designed to give students advanced skills in critical thinking and multicultural perspectives by presenting a series of interdisciplinary topics which build on previous disciplinary study, introduces students to a broader range of ideas and learning strategies, and prepares students for advanced work in graduate or professional studies. See the *Class Schedule* for course topics to be addressed.

Get college credit from life and work experience

New art gallery opens

A new art gallery, possibly the largest art gallery located between Chicago and Seattle, is opening Friday, Nov. 16, from 5–9 p.m. Water and Oil.com is located at 506 Kenny Road (one block north of East Seventh Street and Payne Avenue in Saint Paul). The Gala Opening is Saturday, Nov. 17 from 5–10 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 18, from 2–6 p.m.

You are cordially invited to the gala weekend. Invite your art-loving friends and enjoy an evening of art, hors d'oeuvres and music.

Explore prior learning for college credit by taking the First College course, Metro 100: Getting Credit for What You Know. The knowledge and skills you have learned in your life, work and community are important and may be evaluated as college-level learning.

College-level credit may be used toward general education requirements, elective credit, credit toward the Individualized B.A. focus, and in some cases, toward designated major requirements.

This one-credit course is designed for students who wish to explore the various options to gain credits for learning outside the formal college or university classroom. There are a variety of ways to assess learning from noncredit settings, including:

- prior learning assessment by a Metropolitan

State evaluator;

- theory seminars that build from a student's practical knowledge;
- college-level standardized tests;
- using military experience for credit; and
- earning credit from nationally-approved courses by business and human service agencies.

In order to earn college credit, learning must include both theory and practice, must be current and verifiable, must fit in to a student's degree plan and must be college level.

Several sections of this course are usually offered each semester. For more information, see the Individualized, Interdisciplinary and Lifelong Learning Department offerings in the *Class Schedule*. For more course and registration information, refer to the online *Class Schedule* at www.metrostate.edu/schedule.

Ten scholarships for IT and computer science students available

Ten Midwave Scholarships for Information Technology Excellence and Career Development will be awarded to information technology and computer science students in the metro area. The \$1,000 scholarships will be applied to spring 2008 semester studies. Interested students may visit www.strategicit.org/0_scholarship.shtml for further information and to download the necessary forms. Applications must be received by Nov. 25. Requirements for the award include completion of 12 credits toward a declared major or in a certificate program, a 3.0 GPA and a written essay.

Midwave scholarships will be awarded annually for both spring and fall semesters by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Foundation through the Center for Strategic Information Technology and Security.

Jobs in high-tech fields are expected to grow up to 36 percent by 2014. Midwave Corporation, sponsor of the scholarships and one of the region's fastest growing technology solutions companies, is invested in helping the Minnesota business climate by assisting students in related study programs.

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Internship opportunities

Thanksgiving holiday

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22-23, the copy deadline for the next *Catalyst* is Friday, Nov. 16, instead of Monday, Nov. 19. There are no classes on Nov. 22-23 and offices are closed.

Anyone with disabilities needing accommodations for a Metropolitan State event or who needs a publication in an alternative format, should call disability services at 651-793-1525 or 651-772-7687 (TTY).

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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.

Children's Home Society and Family Services, a nonprofit agency providing adoption, family crisis counseling, education and support services, is seeking a marketing and public relations intern whose responsibilities will include: assisting the public relations manager in drafting and disseminating press releases; PR and publicity coordination; proofreading, writing and editing agency publications and Web copy, and other production duties. The time commitment is three to nine months, minimum of 10-15 hours per week with flexible, daytime scheduling. Application deadline is Dec. 1. Contact Volunteer Services at 651-646-7771 or volunteer@chsfs.org.

The **city of Medina** is accepting applications for an administrative intern beginning December 2007. The position assists the city administrator and all departments in administering projects, public relations and planning. Strong written and oral communication skills are required. Compensation is \$12.50 per hour. A 20-hour

work week is preferred during the school year with more hours possible during winter break and summer months. Submit an application letter and resume via mail or e-mail that includes a summary of qualifications. Send to: City of Medina, c/o City Internship Selection Committee, 2052 County Rd. 24, Medina, MN 55340 or jodi.wunsch@ci.medina.mn.us. Application deadline is Nov. 26.

Perspectives Family Center is seeking an intern to assist the Parenting Time director in conducting intake interviews with parents and upholding policies and procedures with at-risk families. The intern writes objective reports, maintains client files, writes case notes and contacts collateral sources. The student must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program in criminal justice, law, psychology, social work or marriage and family counseling; have completed human development course work; and have knowledge of family dynamics and post divorce issues. Knowledge of chemical health and judicial system is helpful. Work eight hours per week, primarily weekends. Send resume and cover letter to: Laura R. Arne, MA, 3381 Gorham Ave., St. Louis Park, MN 55426 or larne@perspectives-family.org or fax to 952-926-9395.