Office of Student Activities
Unit Annual Report
2007-2008

Personnel
David Swenson – Director
Sara Haugen-Program Advisor
Carol McCannon-Program Advisor
Rita Lambert-Office Coordinator (75%, 9 months)
Corey Phelps-Intramurals/Outdoor Rec/ClubSports Coordinator (70%, 10 month)
Jason Rasinowich-Student Center Tech Coordinator (55%, 9 month)
(see appendix for undergraduate Student Activities staff)

Purpose
The Office of Student Activities coordinates and implements a comprehensive cultural, educational, recreational and social co-curricular program that contributes to the University’s primary mission of undergraduate liberal arts education.

Through our programs we foster an environment which:
• Provides students with extensive opportunities for leadership and citizenship experiences which empower them to take a lead role in the life and mission of the university and surrounding community.
• Challenges individuals to evaluate their personal and societal values and beliefs.
• Celebrates the diversity of our community and the world at large.
• Creates a supportive and enriching atmosphere which cultivates enduring connection to the University.

Through the Student Center, we provide the campus with a gathering place that enhances community life, supports cultural and social activities, and complements the academic experience.

Function
1. To help plan, support and supervise student initiated educational, cultural, recreational and social programs of a co-curricular nature, enhancing the liberal arts academic program and benefiting students, faculty, staff, and area citizens.

2. To provide students with opportunities to develop interpersonal and leadership skills, to experience and gain appreciation for cultural and individual differences, and to learn to work in an interdependent community.

3. To provide comprehensive training and technical support for the Campus Activities Council (CAC), UMM’s primary activities planning organization. To coordinate grant writing, fundraising activities, and audience development.

4. To provide budget and programming support and leadership training for UMM’s student organizations. To support and work with the Campus Assembly Student Services Committee.
5. To provide guidance, assistance and administrative support for the Chancellor’s Activities Fee Review Committee in the annual allocation and expenditure of student activity fees.

6. To coordinate a comprehensive New Student and Parent Orientation Program.

7. To facilitate the development and maintenance of activities, services, and facilities within the Student Center, that serves as the center of community life for the campus.

8. To assure competent internal administration, supervision, and management of Student Activities and, in collaboration with the University’s web calendar coordinator, maintenance of the campus public events calendar.

9. To enhance the professional growth and performance of staff through participation in and contributions to relevant professional organizations and attendance at professional conferences.

Evaluation & Narrative

A. Staffing & Office management
The Student Activities Staff faced several challenges and opportunities this year. Jason Rasinowich was hired as the new Technical Manager. A recent graduate of the Mankato State University Theatre Department, Jason was extremely competent and made several very progressive changes in both management and use of tech equipment. On going budget pressures at UMM led to the lay off of Rita Lambert the Student Activities Office Manager at the end of the 2007-08 year. Additionally Corey Phelps who had served as the Intramurals, Recreation and Club Sports Coordinator for the last three years resigned at the end of June in order to move with his family to another State.

B. Programs, activities, and initiatives
Campus Activities Council (CAC) Highlights
CAC’s Welcome Weekend continued to be a popular series of programs at the beginning of the year. Continuing the tradition of pooling effort the committee chairs all worked together to pull these programs together and start the year off with a bang. Highlights for this year included a Casino Night, a showing of “Casino Royale” on the Mall and collaboration programs with the Residence Hall Association and Meinigans Theatre group. With an interest in acting more as a coordinating body and doing less direct programming the Coordinating Board of CAC implemented the Saturday Nights at Seven program that they had begun the previous year. Working with all student organizations CAC attempted to make sure that there were major programs every Saturday night of the year. On the whole this collaboration succeeded, although there were a few Saturdays that ended up empty.

CAC Concerts hosted a variety of events - from Dance Funk to Alternative, to Comedy. The Welcome Weekend concert on the Mall featuring “Mouthful of Bees” and “The Hopefuls” was a tremendous hit and drew in well more than 300 students. Concerts again co-sponsored the HomeKUMMing Concert (Dance Band) and March Music Madness (Mel Gibson and the Pants) with KUMM, both events were immensely successful. Concerts had worked very hard to secure increased funding for a large event in the Spring, after several offers to different bands were
rejected or fell through the committee ended up choosing comedian Brian Posehn. The event was a success with close to 400 people in attendance. Even a Blizzard delivering thirteen inches of snow the night before did not prevent the event from succeeding. Concerts looks forward to continuing to bring large name bands and comedians in the future.

Performing Arts The 2007-08 UMM Performing Arts Series continued its long tradition of presenting high quality, professional music, dance and theater events to the campus and surrounding communities. Over 3700 people attended the five evening Series performances, their associated educational activities and the annual three-day Jazz Festival. This year’s series highlight for many was the sell out performance by the Vienna Boys’ Choir, which was held at the Morris Area Concert Hall. Excluding a special event like the Vienna Boys’ Choir, dance is consistently the highest audience draw of the three disciplines presented on the Series, especially among UMM students and this was evident in the attendance of both the Koresh Dance Company and Lily Cai Dance Theatre. Theatre Sans Fil’s Hansel and Gretel was an incredible, multi-disciplinary event; unfortunately, attendance was adversely affected by a winter storm. Jazz Fest had waiting lists for both high school clinic registrations and tickets for two of the evening performances. The Series was awarded two presenters grants: $5000 from the Minnesota State Arts Board – one of only 12 awarded state wide - and $2700 from Arts Midwest for the appearance by the Koresh Dance Company.

CAC Convocations planned a reduced number of events by co-sponsoring the Neal Conan Performing Arts multi-media show and co-sponsored the World Touch Cultural Heritage week keynote of Sherman Alexi. Both co-sponsorships capitalized on already popular traditions and with the pooling of AFRC money the events were both high profile and well-attended. CAC continued to support the Soup and Substance program in partnership with Community Service and Volunteerism (See Soup and Substance section).

CAC Films With the hiatus from the Classic Film Festival, the 07-80 CAC Films supported 19 on-campus films. A vibrant group of 8-10 regular members picked a diverse list of films for fall semester that included “Sandlot” for New Student orientation, two foreign films, the controversial “Fast Food nation and a classic horror/black and white “The Tingler”. Co-sponsorship was the theme for Spring semester. Four films were co-sponsored by Women’s Resource Center, BSU, Asian Student Association and MPIRG. The foreign film “Turtles” can fly was the “sleeper” of the series and the study day film “Robinhood Men in Tights capped off the year with a great attendance. The Committee chose not to show a Homecoming film due to low attendance in the last 3 years. “Rocky Horror Picture Show” continues to play to a packed house with lots of crowd participation.

The UMMys were billed as part of the CAC Fall Film Series and collaboration with Disability Services allowed UMM to purchase and show the film “King Gimp” which is now housed in Briggs Library.

Many student groups continue to show films that are not part of the CAC Film Series. The Committee works diligently to contact ALL student organizations regarding co-sponsorships and
to include diverse films in their series. Unfortunately, many student organizations do not make programming decisions in the timely manner necessary to be included in the series format.

**CAC Homecoming and Traditions**  The campus-wide homecoming task force in partnership with CAC HAT unanimously supported the “Red Carpet Theme” for 07, which was coordinated to tie in with a similar New Student Orientation theme. The sale of the Homecoming Hoodies was an overwhelming success…with many faculty and staff purchasing these one-of-a-kind clothing items. The first-ever Homecoming Johnny Holm Concert drew an attendance of 250…disappointing, but those who were there had a great time and word spread that it was worth attending. The first-ever UMM Powder Puff game packed Big Cat Stadium. The celebratory mood was unfortunately halted when the rope snapped during the much-anticipated Tug of War (taking place in Big Cat Stadium for the first time). Minor injuries were sustained, but nothing major. Freak Accident! Plans are already underway to continue this tradition with more safety measures in place. Tara Connolly and Nate Giles were elected 07Ambassadors. Pep Fest in the PE Center was enthusiastically well-attended. A 30 mile per hour wind threatened the cancellation of the bonfire; the diligence of the Morris Fire Department and UMM staff kept the situation under control. The annual CAC Great Pancake Break, co-hosted with Sodexho fed approximately 500 students at the close of fall semester and once again highlighted the culinary talents of many UMM staff and faculty who cooked, served, cleaned and entertained.

**Community Service and Volunteerism**
CSV continued its support of student groups whose missions include civic engagement including Big Friend Little Friend, TREC, MPIRG, Habitat for Humanity and Students Today Leaders Forever. A new partner was added this year with the creation of “theme floors” in the residence halls. CSV teamed up with the Community Service Floor in Independence Hall which produced many participants in Welcome Weekend service projects, partners in Adopt-a-Grandparent activities, volunteers for the free movie day at the Morris Theatre during the holiday celebrations, maintenance of the pocket garden and Habitat for Humanity teams. The campus-wide Toys for Tots Drive once again collected over $1100 in toys for Stevens County children and teens. The annual mitten tree co-sponsored by the Newman Center collected enough items to donate to Sam’s House and the Salvation Army. Other opportunities for students to become engaged in the community included seed collection for the Stevens County Wetlands, prairie restoration; volunteering at the West Wind Village; Meals on Wheels delivery and collaboration with local churches on varied projects. The Adopt-a-Grandparent program continues to attract UMM students. In collaboration with a new facility in Morris (Legacy Living, an adult “drop in” operation), students were able to meet with their senior partner and participate in activities in this beautifully renovated building in the heart of downtown Morris. Sean Olson of the Habitat for Humanity student organization was selected to receive the CSV Student Service Award. The 3rd Annual Live Locks of Love event drew a record seven participants, two of which had donated in previous years.

**Intramurals and Recreation**
The Intramural program has continued to grow, meeting the needs of the student, faculty and staff population in the 2007-2008 academic year. All of the leagues and events held in the past were continued this year including softball, flag football, basketball, volleyball, racquetball, kickball, dodgeball, broomball, hockey, men’s softball, women’s softball and coed indoor soccer.
leagues as well as the bowling tournament, cribbage tournament and Tinman Triathlon. In addition, we started a new intramural league of team handball. We continued to see growth in numbers across the board this year once again. We had a number of students participate in more than one event throughout the year. A total of 56% of the student body (777 students) participated in the Intramural Program. There were 1636 students, faculty and staff enrolled in one or more Intramural activities for the 2007-2008 school year. 43% of the students who participated in Intramurals this year were in more than one league or event throughout the year.

Breakdowns of the demographics in the Intramural Program are listed below.

Of the people participating in the Intramural Program:

- 2 event participants – 157
- 3 event participants – 83
- 4 event participants – 41
- 5 event participants – 26
- 6 event participants – 14
- 7 event participants – 7
- 8 event participants – 5
- 2 or more event participants total - 333

Campus of Difference Initiative

Multicultural Student Leadership Retreat

47 students, faculty, and staff participated in the 10th annual retreat. This collaborative program was generously funded by a number of campus offices and programs. The event was held at the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center in Fergus Falls, MN and received rave, i.e. "life changing," reviews from those attending. Participants this year had particularly moving experiences and were able to talk about a number of important issues going on, on campus.

Students rated many aspects of the event on a scale from 1 to 6 where 1 was most valuable and 6 was least valuable. The following results were recorded in the survey of participants:
- I believe that the retreat content was valuable 1.82
- The retreat provided me with new knowledge and useful information 2.22
- The retreat explored the realities of prejudice, bigotry, privilege and racism 1.82
- I would recommend the retreat to other UMM students 1.65

Soup and Substance

Soup and Substance tackled two areas in 07-08 in response to requests from two student organizations. The Circle of Nations Indian Association helped sponsor a S & S discussion around the topic of Suicide Prevention and Awareness as part of their efforts to address this topic among Native populations. The CNIA leadership led discussion with input from students, staff and faculty regarding UMM’s efforts and programs, along with sharing of personal stories. Twenty eight people attended. Although the usual “drop in” format encourages participation, this topic was more difficult to manage with people coming and going. Spring Semester’s topic “Sexual Assault—the definition and legal aspects” was led by a student involved in peer health efforts. Charlie Glasrud attended and provided legal expertise, while Bridgette Joos and Jennifer Lund provided information on UMM policies and programs. Twenty people attended.
C. Student Organizations

Student Leadership/Student Organization Development

The annual Student org leader retreat continues to be a successful program. The program was slightly retooled this year and once more included lunch for all participants. The MCSA officers assisted in the facilitation of the program, leading breakout discussion groups and reviews of those breakouts with all of the participants.

Attendance continued to be strong at the annual Student Leaders Recognition Banquet in April. Recognition of graduating leaders continues to be one of the highlights of the event. Outstanding Student Leader awards were given to Ian Jentz, Latrice Milton, Julie Fox, Kim Ukura and Sarah Vig. Tammy Berberi received the faculty/staff awards for significant contributions that support, encourage, and facilitate student leadership at UMM. CAC Performing Arts, Black Student Union and the Circle of Nations Indian Association received the Outstanding Organization Awards.

Student group highlights

Active programming by student organizations continues to be a hallmark of the UMM student experience.

- The Asian Student Association continued to have tremendous success with its talent show. This event has become a true campus tradition.
- Circle of Nations Indian Association’s annual Peace Run during World Touch Cultural Heritage Week drew 80+ participants; the group’s annual Pow Wow included numerous visiting drum groups and dancers from the Upper Midwest.
- E-Quality’s Annual Drag Show continues to fill Edson to standing room only.
- BSU continued to hold a strong programming presence with several well-attended dances throughout the year, and inspired significant discussion on campus with a speaker talking about the portrayal of African American Women in the media.
- Rugby was revitalized by a group of first year students who were interested in not just playing here on campus but with in the intercollegiate club sport circuit. They played several games against other schools this year and hope to even host a tournament at UMM in the 2008-09 year.
- Paint ball became a popular new group receiving significant funding for supplies and equipment. The newly formed club participated in several tournaments around the state and hopes to host a tournament at UMM in the future.

Student Services Committee

Though the Student Services Committee itself had a relatively low pressure year, a sub-committee on the first year experience, was charged by the Chancellor to evaluate the experience of first year students at UMM and submit a report with recommendations for the future. The Sub-committee was augmented by several additional faculty, staff and students for this task and spent the fall semester researching and writing a report that was released to the campus in February.

Activity Fee Review Committee (AFRC), Assistance to Student Groups fund and budget support

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Membership continued to be a challenge for AFRC this year. In the end there were a firm seven students on the committee. After the initial training session for members the group began its outreach to student organizations and worked to help them prepare their budgets. On the whole most groups were prepared and submitted good quality budgets on time. The overall process ran relatively smoothly and for the first time in years there were no appeals to the AFRC process. ASG continued to be managed in periodic hearings through out the year (three each semester) and nearly all of the funds were allocated for the year.

**Student Center**

Work was completed on the remodel of the TMC by early Fall. The new furniture and color scheme were tremendously popular with students, faculty and staff. The addition of the small stage to the TMC space also resulted the space’s use as a programming venue. Open mic nights were held in the space each month which served the event very well. Even the Jazz Ensembles held a performance there before the end of the year.

**New Student Orientation**

2007-08 was the first year of the new three day Orientation schedule. Though there was great concern about orientation being too short and too busy, the new schedule seemed to allow for greater access to University resources and staff. The Sunday move in time was extended and resulted in a much more relaxing experience for the students and their families as they moved into the halls.

Student's satisfaction surveys were administered in mid September. Satisfaction was measured on a 5-point scale with 5 being excellent and 1 being unsatisfactory. Overall, the evaluations were consistent with previous years. Highlights were:

- Overall satisfaction with Orientation: 4.06
- Orientation Group Leader: 4.43
- Satisfaction with Decision to attend UMM: 4.57

Student leadership and enthusiasm sustains UMM's orientation program. A diverse group of Orientation Group Leaders (OGLs) once again had a very positive experience and passed their enthusiasm and campus know-how on to new students. The Orientation Task Force assisted the Student Activities Staff in bringing the program to fruition. A 2-3 hour orientation is held in January for students entering UMM mid-year. The session allows new students to connect with a few of the Orientation Group Leaders as well as some of the faculty and staff members in an informative, question/answer session. Introductory tours are included in both the Library and Computing Services. Brenda Boever, Academic Advising, worked with Student Activities to coordinate the Spring Orientation session.

**New Student Registration**

New Student Registration faced challenges from blizzards to tornados to an new math placement test. The first session was canceled due to a late April blizzard which produced 13 inches of snow the night before. After discussion between all of the key offices involved in the administration of these sessions it was decided not to add another session, but to just boost the number of students in each of the remaining four sessions. Even through the Blizzard there were nine stalwart students who persevered to the storm to make it to campus and small core of

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faculty and staff assisted them in the registration process. A new online math placement test proved to be far more challenging and after two attempts to use this new system failed, we returned to the older written test. We are hopeful that the glitches of this system will be worked out so that it can be used next year.

V. Major Changes Recommended/Plans for 2008-09
There will be several issues to be addressed for 2008-09. Based on priorities established by the Student Center Committee, the first major change for the Student Center will be a new paint job. All interior public spaces will be repainted to match the new color scheme in the TMC. The next priority if there is adequate funding, is to convert the former WRC and QRC into the Dressing rooms they were originally intended to be. With the layoff of the Officer Manager position there are going to be several staffing changes as well. Dave Swenson and Sara Haugen will be working more closely with the student office assistants to help coordinate this transition. This combined with the new EFS financial system is expected to produce some challenges that will change much of how Student Activities has traditionally operated.
Appendix A.
Student Staff and Student Organization Leaders

Student Activities Office:
Meghan Bero – Office Assistant
Erin Denman – Office Assistant
Brittany Jablonsky – Office Assistant
Katelyn Kuenn – Office Assistant
Adrienne White – Office Assistant
Sarah Skogstad – Office Assistant
Alex Bible – Bookkeeper
Audrey Respet – AFRC Chair
Latrice Robinson – MSLR Student Assistant
Caleb Nelson – Office of Community Service and Volunteerism
Erin Denman – Commission on Women Student Assistant

Tech Crew
Lydea Aurentz
Anthony Castaneda
Alex Clark
Rachael Gilman
Elizabeth Karges
Anthony Menz
Andrew Peterson
Alisha Saulnier
Ted Snyder
Michael Turpin

Student Center Summer Staff
Sarah Skogstad– Office Assistant
Alex Carlson – Information Center
Sarah Skogstad – Information Center
Lydia Aurentz – Student Center Tech.
Mike Turpin- Student Center Tech
Andrew Peterson – Student Center Tech.
Sarah Skogstad – Orientation/Registration

Student Organizations:
Campus Activities Council
Dan Kennedy – Concerts
Kristen Backman – Concerts
Doug Williams – Convocations
Ingrid Avendano – Convocations
Teri Johnson – Films
Huck Brock – Films
Amanda Ochsner – Performing Arts
Brittany Jablonsky – Performing Arts
Lydia Carlson – Performing Arts
Sara Steigauf – Homecoming & Traditions
Blair Elliot – Homecoming & Traditions

Student Center:
Information Center
Alexander Andersen
Britney Appier
Emily Ashworth
Collen Borgendale
Terri Bryant
Alex Carlson
Brittany Crocker
Ruth Hamberg
Jossie Hiltner
Ashley Janssen
Amanda Jasken
Monica Jeremiah
Kristi Kerwald
Eliza Kraker
Leah Lapic
Shilo Parisian
Megan Seaton
Colin Stemper
Colin Struss
Colin Smith
Sarah Tolbert
Megan Wood
Laura Woltjer
KUMM Radio
KT Engdahl– Station Manager
Martin Powers– Music Director
Adam Thurber– News Director
Ryan Klawitter– Publicity Director
Nic Wachlarowicz– Program Director
Jake Thebault-Spieker– Online Director
Tessa Carter – President
Adam Thurber– Summer Broadcast Coordinator
Anthony Menz– Training Director

Morris Campus Student Association
Eagan Heath – President
LeAnn Hedquist – Vice President for Academic Affairs
Adam Olson– Vice President for Student Services
Shanon Juhnke – Vice President for Finance & Operations

University Register
Andrew Swan – Editor-in-Chief
Calla Bjorklund – Feature Editor
Owen Kinsky – Sports Editor
Michael Voeller – Photo Editor
Ashley Gaschk – News Editor
Jason Floren – Circulation Manager
Skatje Myers – Online Editor
Alex Murphy – Head Copy Editor
Jenessa Peterson – Arts and Entertainment Editor
Jacob Thebault-Spieker– Variety Editor
Elijah Mayfield – Managing Editor

AFRC
Audrey Respet – Committee Chair
Maria Brun – Committee Vice Chair
Bekah Deutl– Second Year
Ashley Johnson – Second Year
Noe Lopez – First Year
Chris Vinderslev – First Year
Brittany Appier – First Year
Doug Williams – First Year
Appendix B  
Grant & Technology Funding

1a. Grants awarded for 2007-2008 events:
Performing Arts Series:
$ 5000       Minnesota State Arts Board Series Presenters Grant
$ 2700       Arts Midwest

Dungeons and Dragons Club
$ 750        Wizards of the Coast “Expand your Role” Grant

2b. Technology Fee Awards for 2007-2008
Student Activities – Tech Operations
$193.44       Three Mini Lights
4,107.50      Six Color Scrollers
  75.90        Eight Gobo holders
  204.50       Five Micro PAR Lights
  721.75       Cyc Light
  388.50       Custom UMM Logo Gobo

Office of Student Activities
$500.00       One Dell Optiplex 755
3,732.36      2 32” LCD TVs, plus installation
  209.00       Digital Camera

Info Desk
$1,119.58     One All-in-One Printer/Scanner/Copier
  269.25       One Digital Scale

University Register
$9,620.00     5 Apple Intel iMacs 24”
2,919.18      12 Copies of Creative Suite 3, and other software updates
  680.61       HP Business InkJet Printer
  641.97       Digital SLR Camera
  563.85       3 19” LCD Monitors
  59.98        2 Digital Voice Recorders
  169.99       Uninterrupted Power Supply

Peer Health Educators
$494.80       Laser Printer, plus Network Connection Fee

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### KUMM

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### Computer Science Club

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