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## Happy New Year

**Left: Members of the Dragon Dance Troupe perform the Lam Thai dance Feb. 6 during the Chinese New Year Celebration. Above: Sarah Tiedeman, 16, breaks bricks with her head during the event sponsored by MSUM's Chinese Club. Tiedeman, a red belt, is with the Red River Traditional Tae Kwon Do group.**

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## INS increases regulations

### Middle East students targeted

By ERIN BELISLE

Staff Writer

Most people remember their freshman year Student Orientation Counselors — probably from all the questions asked in order to break the ice.

This year, some MSUM international students will probably never forget their Immigration and Naturalization Service officer.

On Feb. 4, students at MSUM defined by the United States INS to be from "Group 2" and "Group 3," those originally from the countries of Afghanistan, Lebanon, Morocco and Pakistan, among many others whose countries are not represented at MSUM, were required go to the INS office in Minneapolis for what it calls Special Registration.

The INS Web site defines Special Registration as "a sys-

tem that will let the government keep track of non-immigrants that come to the U.S.

every year.

These special procedures also require additional in-person interviews at an INS office and notifications



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to INS of changes of address, employment or school."

It sounds as if it's a fairly simple, straightforward procedure — as easy as Dragon Days for an MSUM freshman.

But this registration process isn't anything like what the average college student goes through during orientation.

"It has been quite tiring," said "Sam," one of 33 students

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## Tri-college students receive tax forms from NDSU

By AMY DALRYMPLE

Editor

MSUM students who took tri-college classes last year should disregard "bogus" tax forms from NDSU.

University officials are warning students who took classes at NDSU about IRS forms they shouldn't have received.

Registrar John Tandberg said the confusion was caused

by NDSU's counting procedure, which includes tri-college students in their enrollment even though they pay tuition to MSUM or Concordia.

As a result, these tri-college students are registered at two universities. Some MSUM students have received two 1098-T forms saying they paid tuition to NDSU in addition to MSUM.

Financial aid director

Carolyn Zehren said although there is a line on the 1098-T form that says the tuition is waived, nowhere does the form actually say the student paid a net amount of zero to NDSU.

"It is very confusing at the least," Zehren said.

If recipients claim both tuition payments on their income taxes, they could be accused of tax fraud if audit-

ed, Tandberg said.

"It wouldn't fool an accountant, but it could easily fool a student or a parent," Tandberg said.

Tax preparer Jennifer Spiesz said anyone caught filing double 1098-T forms would have to pay back the difference, plus interest and a possible fee.

NDSU controller Gary Wawers said this is the first

year the confusion with tax forms has occurred because NDSU only recently began including tri-college students in their headcount.

Although Tandberg suspects NDSU officials may count tri-college students because they're "seeking some sort of numerical nirvana of 12,000," Wawers said the university

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## Athletic director Wilson resigns

By JOE WHETHAM

Sports Editor

Katy Wilson fought back tears in a press conference Feb. 5 after announcing plans to step down June 30 to pursue a law degree at UND after 10 years as MSUM athletic director.

Wilson said she made the decision to pursue education law and abandon athletic administration last summer.

"This past summer, I made the decision that I don't want to be in athletic administration strictly in my 50s and 60s," said Wilson, who was hired as women's assistant athletic director in 1986. "Before I got any older, I thought I should follow my dreams — and that was to attend law school."

Beginning next fall, Wilson said she would take a one-year sabbatical from MSUM, focusing strictly on law school. In her second and third years at UND, Wilson said she would regain faculty status and work part-time to develop a sports administration master's program at MSUM, with the support of the university's administration.

"We're going to try to achieve a sports administration major program at this institution, hopefully at a master's level, and link it with our [education] administration program," Wilson said. "By the time you reach years two and three of [law school], you're only in class three days a week, so there's going to be a lot of running up and down the interstate for me."

With projected MSUM financial cutbacks and the current Minnesota hiring freeze for state employees, finding a replacement for Wilson will be a lengthy process, President Roland Barden said.

"We'll start to form a group of people from our campus, our students, staff and faculty, but also some of our strong athletic supporters," Barden said. "We'll get a group together so we can start talking about this."

Wilson grounded talk of Sylvia Barnier, hired last year as assistant athletic director and senior women's administrator, taking over as athletic director.

"I really have no idea which direction [athletic administration] is going," Barnier said. "I wish I could know, but I can't



JOE WHETHAM/THE ADVOCATE

**Katy Wilson responds to questions Feb. 5 after announcing her plans to leave MSUM June 30.**

foresee anything. I don't waste my time thinking about it."

Barnier said Wilson didn't hire her with intentions of filling the role of athletic director after June 30.

"It's an easy assumption to make," Barnier said "but I'm happy with where I'm at."

Hired in 1993 as joint direc-

☐ WILSON, back page



## Phi Sigma Kappa plans dance party

Phi Sigma Kappa will present their annual Founder's Day and Valentine's Day dance party Saturday night at Playmakers Pavilion.

The event is offered to students 18 and older. Tickets are available from members of Phi Sigma Kappa and at The Compass.

## Security education deadline nears

Friday is the deadline for the National Security Education Program, which offers scholarships for study in Africa, East Asia and Pacific, Eastern and Southern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Near East and South Asia.

Students interested must be able to take classes in that country's language.

More information about the program is available in Frick 151 or call 236-2956.

## Student teaching session offered

The Field Experiences Office is offering sessions to help students with the application process for student teachers. The application is online at [www.mnstate.edu/fieldexp](http://www.mnstate.edu/fieldexp).

Sessions will be at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 20, Feb. 26, March 3 and March 4 in Lommen 107-109.

## 2003 conference deadline nears

Presentation applications for the student academic conference are due today (Thursday).

To apply online visit the conference Web page at: <http://www.mnstate.edu/acadconf>.

The student academic conference is a one-day conference that features presentations by MSUM students.

This year's conference will be April 9 in the CMU.

## President's Ball set to end week

The Campus Activities Board and Cooperative Planning Team invite students to end DragonFrost with the President's Ball, which will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday in the CMU ballroom.

This year's ball will feature the music of Davis?.

Admission is \$3 for a single or \$5 per couple.

MSUM students should bring their IDs. MSUM students may bring non-MSUM student dates. Refreshments will be served.

## Spring intramural sign up begins

Registration sheets for the following activities will be outside the intramural office for the next few weeks: water polo tournament, six-on-six volleyball, indoor soccer, softball and three-on-three basketball.

For more information, call the athletic department at 236-2622.

## Potential art fest seeks local talent

The MSUM theme year committee is interested in having a student arts festival from noon to 6 p.m. April 24 on the campus mall.

The theme for this event is "Celebrating Diversity through Arts & Humanities." An "Evening of Multicultural Arts" is also scheduled for 7:30 that night in the Center for Arts.

Any ideas that involve arts, culture or creativity are welcomed. The activity must help share or demonstrate cultural or artistic ideas, such as through music, poetry, drama, painting or cooking.

Send ideas to [artsfair@mnstate.edu](mailto:artsfair@mnstate.edu).

## Toothpick event set for next week

The 29th annual Toothpick Engineering Contest, sponsored by MSUM and the F-M Engineers Club, is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 20 in the CMU ballroom.

The object of the event is to build a model span bridge by gluing together roughly 500 round wooden toothpicks.

The bridges should be strong enough and built to support nine-inch metal weights while clearing a 56-centimeter span. During the contest, weights are stacked on top of each model, and the one that supports the heaviest load before collapsing wins the contest.

Any student who would like to enter the contest, or receive detailed rules, should call Ron Williams at 236-2480.

# Campus assault reported Monday

By SARAH OLSONAWSKI

Features Editor

Campus Security received a simple assault report Monday. The incident occurred between an unknown male and a female student around 9:30 to 9:45 p.m. Sunday between the library and Ballard.

The unknown male grabbed the female student's arm before a group of five to six students walked out of the south library door and scared him away, Mike Pehler, director of security, said.

Pehler said anyone in this situation should call Campus Security or Moorhead police as soon as possible.

Although the female student waited until Monday to report the incident, Pehler said this

didn't make much of a difference in this case.

It would've only helped to be able to talk to people immediately to see if anyone else knew anything, Pehler said.

"Even if you don't call immediately, try to jot down what the person looks like. It makes it easier to put out a warning like this," Pehler said.

The woman's report included all of the essential details.

The perpetrator is described as a young male, early 20s, 5'7" to 5'9" tall, about 180 pounds, black, clean shaven, wearing a du-rag, a red coat, black leather gloves, black jeans, and black and white tennis type shoes, possibly Adidas.

The case is still under investigation.

Olsonawski can be reached at [sjo1250@hotmail.com](mailto:sjo1250@hotmail.com).

## Nobel Peace Prize forum sponsored

Diplomats and dignitaries from around the world will be among the featured speakers at the 15th annual Nobel Peace Prize forum at 1 p.m. Friday at Concordia College.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan selected Shashi Tharoor to speak on his behalf.

Richard Holbrooke, a former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, and former vice president Walter Mondale will also speak. Call 299-4366 for more information.

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**A forum open to all students will be held February 14, from 1-2:30 pm in the CMU Main Lounge to answer any questions.**





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Rally participants lined up following the presentations to sign an anti-war petition. MSUM senior Neal Peterson, one of the organizers, said about 150 people signed the petition, which they will send to Washington.

# Rallying opposition

Students crowded into the union Feb. 5 in protest of a possible war with Iraq.

Students Justin Voog and Neal Peterson and professors Christine Smith and Philip Mouch spoke to the crowd.

"It seems obvious, even trite, that you can't attain peace by going to war," said Mouch, a philosophy professor.

Peterson said the main goal was to increase awareness on campus and in the community.

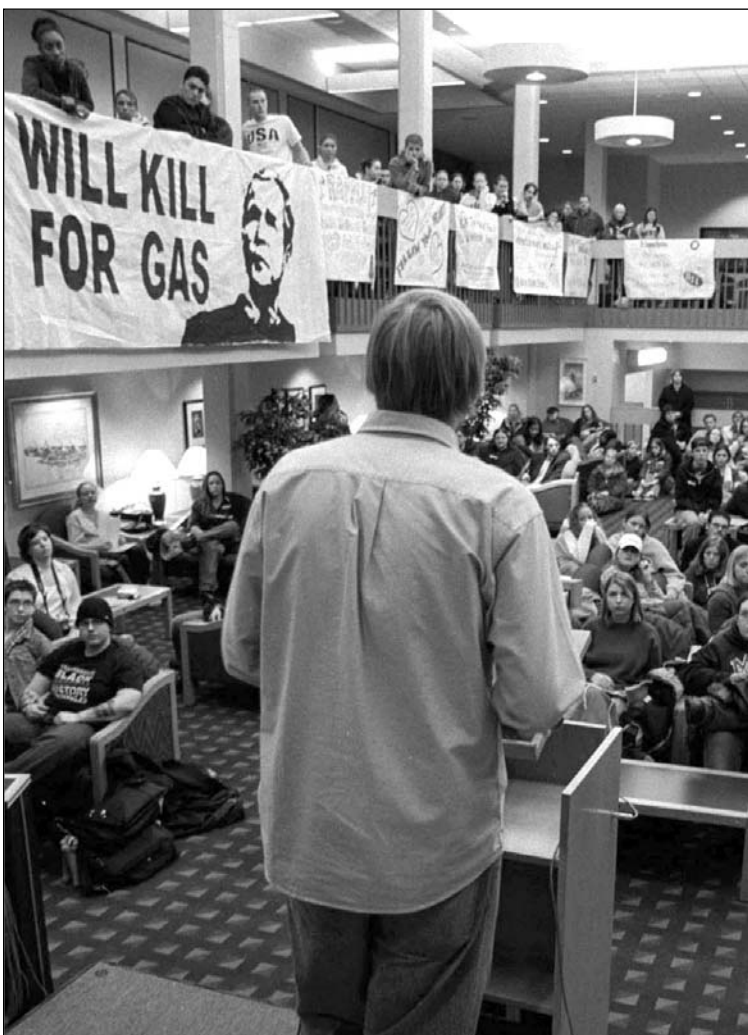
The event was originally planned by student senate, but senators withdrew their

support in the Jan. 30 meeting.

Peter Hartje, student senate president, said the organization made the decision in part because they want to support students who had to leave with the military.

"It's not really the student senate's position to take up those causes when we should be worrying about the budget and tuition."

In order to reserve the space in the union, an organization called Proponent Organization of Wind-Energy Research officially sponsored the rally.



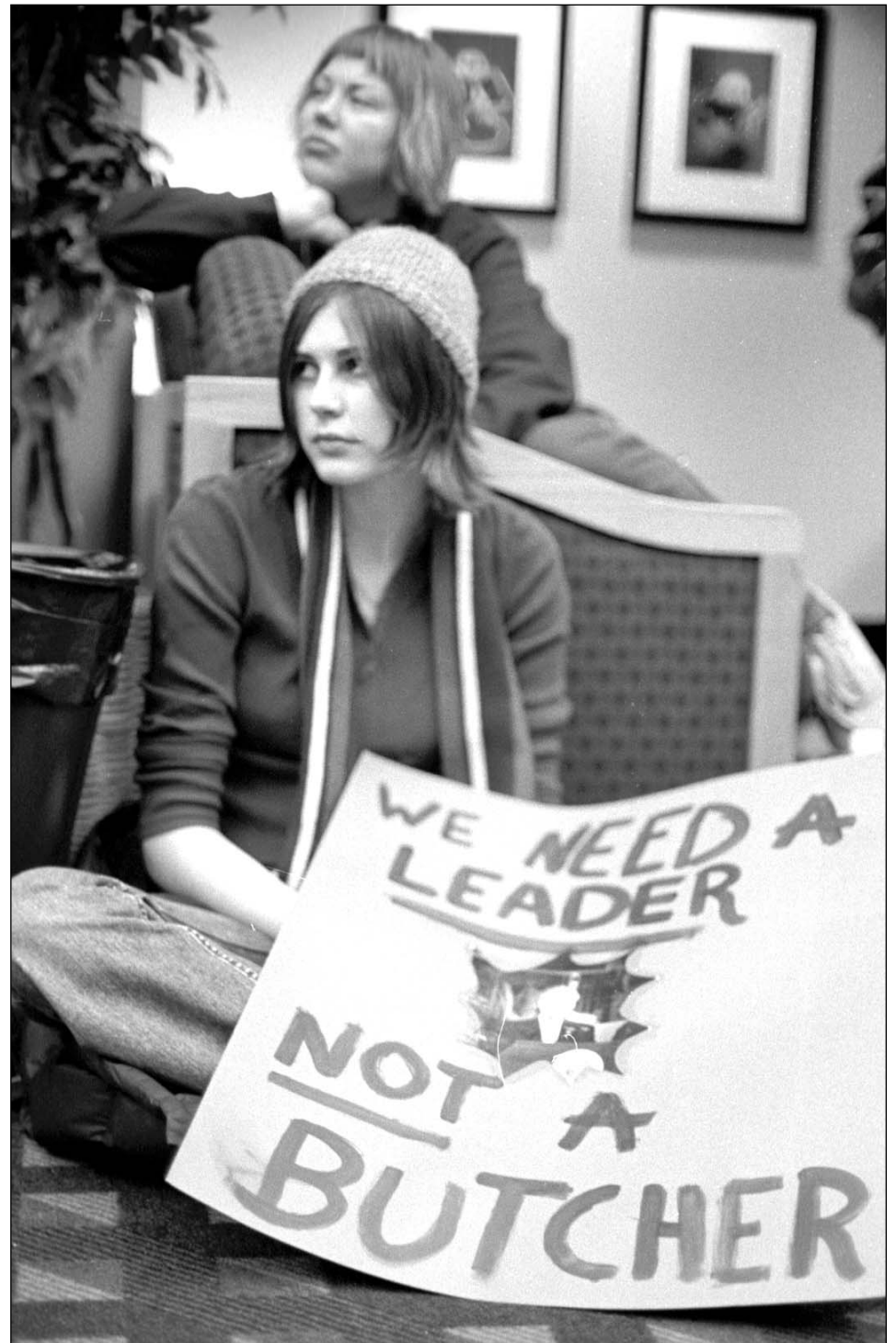
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Peterson addresses the student body. "A war with Iraq is not an option," he said.



Organizers were pleased with the rally's turnout. "We would have been happy if even two people showed up," Peterson said.

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Freshmen Sabrina Hornung (front) and Amber Schulz participate in the anti-war rally Feb. 5.



MINDY NIEMELA/THE ADVOCATE

Student senate vice president Justin Voog was the first speaker at the anti-war rally. "You have the potential to change the political process," Voog said. "What is growing is a massive anti-war mission."





# Too bad they don't make one for your heart.

Are you leaving the most important part of your body exposed? Just because they say it's safe doesn't mean sex can't be dangerous emotionally. While you're saying "I love you," your partner may be thinking "I love it." For some different ideas on love, sex and relationships, see the feature article "Sex and the Search for Intimacy" on the Web at [www.EveryStudent.com](http://www.EveryStudent.com).

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wants an accurate number of the students its serving.

"They're students who are actually taking classes on the campus here," Wawers said.

The 1098-T form from NDSU is helpful to MSUM students who may have taken a tri-college class that required an extra course fee, Wawers said. In these cases, that student would be eligible to get a tax credit from a payment to NDSU.

During 2002, 188 MSUM took classes at NDSU for spring semester, 111 during the summer and 245 during the fall, Tandberg said.

Carole Stalheim, Concordia's registrar, said about 20 students are affected on that campus.

Another difficulty that both MSUM and Concordia officials have faced is confusion with the National Student Loan Clearing House, Stalheim said.

Students are eligible to receive financial aid from only one campus, so each student registered at both MSUM and NDSU needs to be cross-referenced.

Zehren said the financial aid office has to verify about 300 names a semester to confirm that no one is dually registered. That process takes MSUM's office the equivalent of at least three full-time work days, she said. This process could also hold up a student's financial aid so the disbursement would be delayed, Zehren said.

When NDSU's procedure creates more work for MSUM's administration, "it becomes a bit of an irritant," Tandberg said.

Wawers said he and other NDSU officials plan to work with the two Moorhead universities to reduce future problems.

"In all cases I can see it [the tax form] is not useful to the student, but it was intended to provide service and there were no harmful intentions on our part," Wawers said.

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# Love is in the air

## Campus Crusade surveys students about love opinion

BY DANIELLE MACMURCHY

Staff Writer

Once again, Cupid's bow and arrow are drawn, aiming for the next lucky couple to strike with love. While love is on the minds of many MSUM students, Campus Crusade for Christ took a love survey to obtain the general consensus of love on campus.

The first mention of love turned many students' thoughts back to their first crushes. Some recall their first crush during seventh, or eighth, grade gym class. While they appeared to hate square dancing with the cootie-infested boys or girls, deep down they were thrilled with the idea. Freshman Danielle Peterson reminisces about her first sweetheart, Joey. "I even carved his name on my wall," Peterson said.

On the other hand, many students' first crush occurred as young as 4-years-old. These were the days when boys would eat glue to impress the girls, while girls would bat their eyes and play the bashful role. Sophomore Josh Asplin recalled the first girl he admired. "Her name was Meredith," Asplin said. "She could run so fast!"

The fascination with the opposite sex begins at a young age and what a child

once loved about a girl or boy now seems ridiculous. Now that the playground days have come and gone, college students' views on love finally seem to be maturing — looking at more crucial traits than the swiftness of his or her feet on the playground.

Most students on campus have a predictable definition of true love. Some viewed love as two people understanding and caring for each other, while others took the less romantic perspective, describing love as being able to put up with the opposite sex without becoming annoyed. One definition of love comes from a well-known passage often read at weddings:

"Love is patient, love is kind, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

Most students on campus said they long for this type of perfect love. Since the days of the playground to the current college scene, students have searched for a love that never fails. Looking at the current divorce rate causes the campus to believe love does fail and it cannot be perfect.

Sophomore Laura Bengston notices this lack of love. "We try to love in this way, but there are obstacles because we are humans," Bengston said.

Some MSUM students claim to have found this flawless love. "This perfect love cannot come from man because we are consumed with ourselves," sophomore Jessica Print said. "Only God has the patience to love us in such a way that this passage refers to."

Every February, love consumes students more than any other time of the year. As college students, these individuals, as well as the entire campus, have shifted from a childish search for the cutest boy or girl in class, to the reality of marriage and the search for a love that never fails.



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## 'Singled Out' provides Valentines for two students

BY SAMANTHA MILLER

Staff Writer

Still searching for a Valentine? Look no further, as MSUM's Future Business Leaders of America would like to help you out. Tonight (Thursday) at 7 in the Weld auditorium, the organization will host their version of "Singled Out." The cost is \$2 at the door and \$1 in advance.

The FBLA have already picked one guy and one girl who will get to find their "match" from a pool of eligible guys and girls. The pool is open to anyone who wishes to take part. The selected guy and girl will then ask the pool questions, with the people having correct answers advancing. The person from the pool whose responses match those of the people trying to find a date win. The winners will receive free dinner and a movie for Friday night, as a Valentine's Day date. However, anyone who attends the event is eligible for door prizes.

FBLA advertising representa-

tive Jeff Johnson said he hopes the event will go well. He said that they are raising funds for a spring state conference and a summer national conference. At these conferences, the students will have chances to participate in workshops, hear speakers and compete with other schools in certain tests. A portion of the night's profits will also go to the local YWCA.

The idea came to the group from various sources. One member had done a similar program in her high school and another member had seen something like it done at NDSU. Johnson said that they will "try and see how it goes."

MSUM student Christina Werk thinks this is a neat concept for an organization's fundraiser. She said that the idea of the game is a good one, but while she said she would go to watch, she would not want to participate.

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## Ageism and its effects on older adult sexuality

BY GINA RONHOVDE

Staff Writer

MSUM students may be surprised to learn that barriers to sexual fulfillment for older people are more likely to be social than physical.

"Sexuality is a basic instinctual drive throughout our lives, but it is also socially constructed by the culture in which we live. Our society is replete with myths and stereotypes about sexuality and intimacy among older people," MSUM sociology professor Sue Humphers-Ginther said.

The MSUM Women's Studies Program is hosting a lecture at 1 p.m. Friday in the Women's Center in MA 171. Humphers-Ginther will lead a discussion titled "Won't You Be My

Valentine? Changing Norms about Sexuality and Intimacy in Later Life," as part of the Spring 2003 Women's Studies Colloquium Series.

According to Humphers-Ginther, society does not expect older people to be interested in sex. In fact, many young people believe that sexual activity should diminish after middle age and is unusual among older people.

"With youth, sexual activity is expected among college-age individuals, but among older persons, it is referred to in derogatory terms," Humphers-Ginther said.

Humphers-Ginther will discuss how people structure sexual perceptions and experi-

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## Date from hell prevails in contest

### Dakota Speed Date attempts to find love, and relationships for local students

**Editor's note: The Advocate requested submissions of your worst date stories. Graduate student Eric Singer sent in the winning story. Tuesday, Singer and three other students will get a chance to find love with Dakota Speed Date. Here is Singer's winning story:**

tunes of the day. Regrettably, some of the songs I chose made reference to sizeable back ends; something I later discovered that this girl had issues about. Strike one.

For dinner, I chose an Italian restaurant in the neighborhood that

boasted an accordion player. Nothing quite captures the essence of love like an accordion player on his knees serenading a high school sophomore. Alas, once he began playing the only thing that was redder than my date's face was my lap. I had reached over the table to tip the musician and caught the edge of my plate, sending the spaghetti into flight and turning me into the landing pad.

Instinctively, the accordion player grabbed a napkin and my pant leg like I was a two-year-old and he was my grandmother. He started scrubbing just centimeters shy of what defines me as a man. Strike two.

Despite the previous events, the ability to turn the incident into a joke proved valuable. While at my house watching a film, I made a bold effort to kiss her. She returned the advance. Just as things began heating up, the spaghetti that made its way into my stomach decided against remaining there. In mid French kiss, I gave my date a spaghetti makeover. Strike three.

Thankfully, we would eventually speak — though I never kissed her again; nor did I kiss many others after the story disseminated through the school.



Eric Singer



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## Campus needs to support its foreign students

Some of our fellow MSUM students have been treated like criminals recently in the interest of national security.

International students — particularly Middle Eastern males — are now required to go through a grueling interrogation process in order to study in the land of the free.

Immigration's Special Registration procedure mandates students who fit a certain profile to travel to the INS office to be photographed, fingerprinted and interviewed.

Under the new regulations, an international student needs to notify the INS office within 10 days of a change in address, employment or school status. Failure to comply may warrant that person "out of status" and thus deportable.

While increased security concerns are justified by 9/11 and the threat of terrorism, the new procedure doesn't do much to improve foreign relations. The new hassles are even influencing international students at MSUM to consider leaving the country.

No one as an individual can alleviate the threat of terrorism. But as a campus we can make an effort to make international students feel safe and welcome.

Recently a group of MSUM students from Pakistan and Saudi Arabia had to make a day-long trip during the school week to Minneapolis to take care of their registration duties.

This process also involved preparing in advance written documents, such as proof of residence, documentation from the university, passport and other forms of identification.

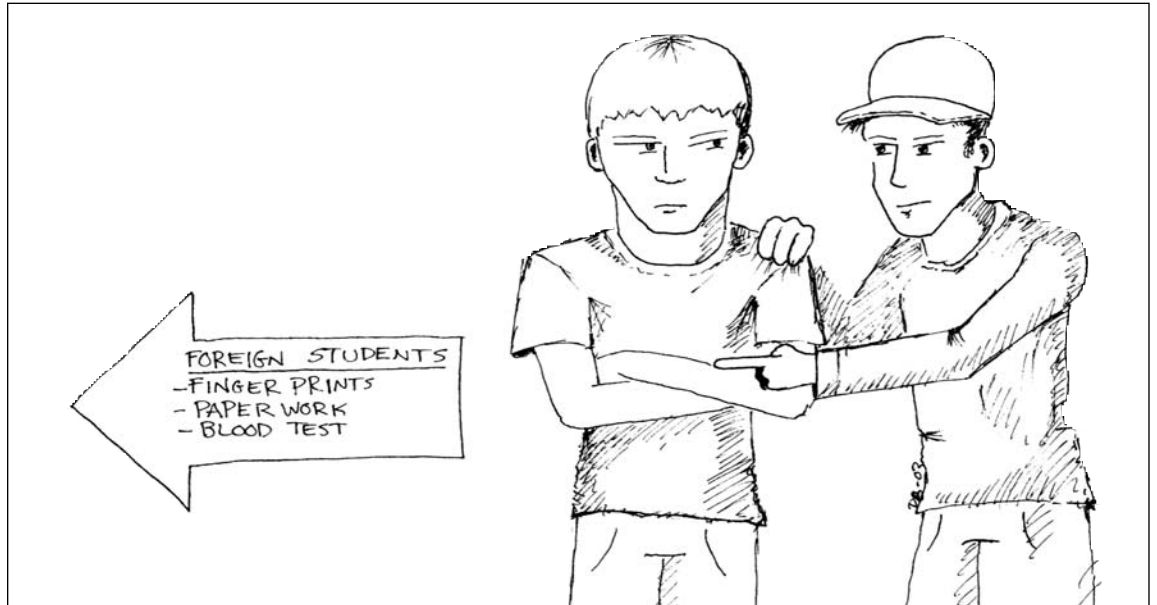
In these situations, professors should be understanding with international students who have to miss class to either prepare for or attend the registration.

International students make a valuable contribution to the MSUM community. Foreign students can open many students' eyes to new foods, sports, religion or world affairs.

Many class discussions are more interesting and educational when someone from a different culture or background can contribute an alternate perspective.

To encourage this group of students to stay at MSUM and complete their education, we need to encourage them and not let them feel alienated.

If international students decide to study elsewhere to avoid the new stipulations, we at MSUM are the ones who will suffer.



## Respect those protecting your freedom to protest

### Your turn

Recently, I have seen some brochures around campus proposing anti-war rallies, and arguing that even our troops don't support military action overseas. I am concerned that this generation is going to make the same mistake our parents did in the late 1970s. Upon returning from the Vietnam conflict our veterans found an ungrateful nation. They thought they were protecting America. Instead, America was turning their backs on the veterans.

I've sat in many classes at MSUM and heard people talking about friends and loved ones being "called up" to serve their National Guard duty. The students have numerous concerns about a potential war with Iraq or North Korea, and rightly so. I served more than seven years with the United States Marine Corps, and have been in armed conflict. Seeing all these men and women leave gives me a whole host of emotions; emotions that I have not thought possible at any one time.

I feel joy that the men and women of North Dakota and Minnesota are able to leave the area and experience opportunities and cultures that they would never be able to experience here. They will grow emotionally and spiritually. They will discover a new meaning to responsibility, dependability, and maturity. They will discover the true meaning of teamwork. All of this has clear benefits to "civilian life."

I feel sorrow because of the reality that some of our neighbors and loved ones may not return. I feel sorrow for the welcome home they may not receive. And I ask my fellow Americans — those who are anti-war — at a funeral for a veteran, would you shame your loved one or neighbor because he or she was fighting in a war you didn't agree with? Or, would you honor him or her for not dying in vain?

I feel concern for the fact that

you may not recognize your friend or loved one when they return. Not because of a deformity, or the gore of chemical and biological warfare. You will not recognize them because they will more than likely have changed into a different person. Personal experience isn't the only indicator of likely change. Divorce rate statistics for returning veterans provide external proof.

I remember before I left for the Marines my friends and I partied a lot. It seemed that partying was our only mission in life. Later, after seeing one of my new friends lie in pieces on the ground in service to his country, or after pulling the trigger of a weapon aimed at an enemy, partying didn't seem important anymore.

Returning home after a few years overseas, I noticed my friends' lives were still centered on the good life. I still like to have a good time, but not to the degree that my friends and I were accustomed to.

Just imagine experiencing new things for a significant amount of time and coming home to see your friends spent the same amount of time completely idle. We didn't have so much in common anymore and drifted apart.

Most importantly, I feel respect. Our sons, daughters, siblings, loved ones, and neighbors are going to do something they may or may not agree with. They are doing these things unconditionally to maintain our freedoms. They fight because our elected leaders tell them that war is necessary. They fight to allow their friends back home to continue the eternal chase for the next good time. They fight to stop those whose goal is to make every country on earth pray to their god, and suppress women, or perform human rights violations and acts of extreme injustice.

Even if you don't think certain wars are necessary, we can't afford to have our troops determining what wars they will fight and what wars they won't. If that is the case we won't have a military we can rely on. The military is like the windshield on your car. You take it for granted until a fat grasshopper hits it. Then thank God for the windshield. I also feel respect because these men and women are going through hell in training to get ready for war, just in case there is a war.

In regards to the anti-war rallies popping up, I am not anti anti-war. I think wanna-be hippies set up some of these rallies. Our parents discovered the sit-in and the marches in the 60s and 70s. They were pioneers exercising their right to assemble and to free speech. They did these protests because it was the best thing they could come up with. The protests never solved anything, but they did create awareness.

Do we feel competent enough with our knowledge to tell others that war is bad or wrong in this case? Congress doesn't even think it knows everything it is supposed to. Would you feel hypocritical if, in conducting this military campaign, evidence were uncovered of an interrupted plot to bomb Fargo?

I am not in any position to tell anyone what to do, but I don't think we should be protesting war. Protesting doesn't show any loyalty to those who are protecting us, our military. I think we should be demanding answers instead. Attack the president with your protests, not the military. You can't make a decision unless you have all the information.

Finally, I recommend you rent the movie "Born on the Fourth of July," directed by Oliver Stone and starring Tom Cruise. This movie explains things much better than I can.

Jeremiah Bohn  
MSUM freshman

## Stop stalling, start textbook rental

### Letters to the editor

By now, every student has heard of the possibility of renting textbooks instead of purchasing them. Most of the students have had the opportunity to fill out the online survey. Questions four, five, and six were rather amusing.

Question four asks, "What do you usually do with your textbooks at the end of the semester?" The three options were: Keep them all, Keep some and sell some and Sell all of them. No one should pick the last option because no one can possibly sell all of them. Since I have started school in 2000, I have been stuck with a few textbooks because the bookstore would not buy them back.

If I could sell all of them back, I would have. I am sure this is common for most of the students.

Question five asks, "If you resell your textbooks, how much money do you usually receive?" To give a complete answer, you would have to refer to my answer to question four. My average is around \$350 each semester. Since the bookstore gives 55 percent back on the books they are willing to take back, I get about \$100-120 back. This is less than one-third.

Question six asks, "Would you favor renting textbooks if your net textbook cost is reduced?" This question is a waste of time and

space. No one would choose to spend more money if they did not have to.

I hope the administrators will quit wasting their time and effort with committees, studies and surveys and just implement the program. Since the administrator to instructor ratio is high (as evidenced by the recent loss of the Dragon Den and the Library Lounge) there is ample personnel to get it done — hopefully in time for the summer session. As an added bonus, it would be a major selling point to potential students — unlike parking at MSUM, but that is another letter.

David Helfter  
MSUM junior

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# Financial aid proves elusive in time of need

Well, let me tell you I have been having a heck of a ride on the University form filling out train over the last couple of weeks.



**ADAM QUESNELL**

Advocate columnist

*"I always pay careful attention to the state of my meal ticket ... I mean my financial aid."*

I, like a vast number of students attending college, depend on financial aid to live. It is the lifeblood of my existence. Oh sweet, sweet financial aid. Well to be honest, it's all money I'm going to have to pay back later in spades (I believe I already owe the government my first-born son). I always pay careful attention to the state of my meal ticket ... I mean my financial

aid. But this year was exceptional because I had the fortune of getting a big break by becoming an RA. I was excited. I was so happy to be working with new students and to be making connections that will last a lifetime.

I quit after the first month. My resignation had nothing to do with my residents. It wasn't because they tried to frame me for murder or because they tied me up and socked it to me with tazers (after all, I'm partial to a good taze), it was because I just didn't feel I could give my residents what they deserved.

Also, the job requires a lot of paperwork. I hate paperwork with an all-consuming, undying passion.

Which brings me back to my original topic: financial aid. Now, because I quit being an RA I had to go to the financial aid office and fill out a new loan application to usurp the rest of my fall aid eligibility that I need to replace the

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‘No bill,’ I said. ‘Check.’ I repeated that phrase for 10 minutes as I walked out of the union and into the financial aid office.

RA pay off aid. No big deal. I fill out an application. I ask the person in the office if I'll need to fill out another application for spring because I won't have the RA dough then either, “Nope, we'll make the adjustment,” she says. I go home and more than likely take a nap resting assured that my financial security is built on a solid foundation.

Did I mention that Gov. Pawlenty declared February Financial Aid Awareness Month? Don't say I never gave you the hard news.

Now, months pass and Jan. 28, or as many of you call it, Check Time, or perhaps, Drunk Day, rolls around. The 28th marks the dispersal of aid overage checks. I went to the union early to stand in line. A line that became chaos the instant the doors opened.

My palms were ringing with sweat in eager anticipation of what that brown MSUM check might have in store for me. When I finally reached the counter I handed the worker my student ID and he began rifling through the big box of checks (or as I call it, “The Promised Land”).

I saw him thumb past a check, a check with a bill attached to it, another check, and then he stopped on the last piece of paper in the “Q” section, merely a bill. He handed it to me stating my balance.

“No bill,” I said, “Check.” I repeated that phrase for 10 minutes as I walked out of the union and into the financial aid office.

I understand that these kinds of things happen all the time but today was not the best day. I asked the people in the office if they could make an adjustment to my loan amount because there hasn't been any money dispersed (the money dispersal stipulations were explained to me in detail last fall). The person helping me said no.

She called someone else and apparently the voice on the other end of the phone said no. So she handed me a new application. The whole time I hoped that Ed McMahon might pop out stating that it was all a big hoax as he handed me my oversized novelty check.

But alas I know I must just fill out the application. It doesn't take too long I suppose. Y'all come back now, ya hear!

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# People should be aware of political environment

I'm giving up on people. Well, OK, I'm not giving up on people in general. I still maintain a little hope that chronic litterbugs can turn into earth-lovin' tree-huggers.



**BRITTA TRYGSTAD**

Advocate columnist

*"Generally, politics confuse everyone."*

Nope. After years of lobbying my peers, I'm going to stop influencing people to learn about the world

around them.

The final straw came about two weeks ago when I tried to explain to an acquaintance the difference between the political left and right. As he sat there, dumbfounded with large political words such as liberal and conservative, I thought to myself, “Why should I be explaining these terms to a 23-year-old guy?”

Afterwards, I became more aware of people's tendencies to dismiss politics, world issues, even what is happening in their own city. Sometimes, unless it directly hits them over the head and screams, “Hey, this deals with you!” people tend not to care.

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Generally, politics confuse everyone. That's why it's not a bad idea to enroll in at least one political science class. MSUM offers a wonderful course called “sense of politics” where you learn the functions of all sorts of political systems. Not only will you come out with a better

understanding of politics, but also you'll be able to cross a liberal studies requirement off your list.

If you are reading this, one could assume you have this magnificent power to read. Use it. Pick up a newspaper (besides the one you're reading) and find out what's happening in the world.

If that seems too difficult, log on to one of hundreds of computers we have on campus and discover what the World Wide Web has to offer. It takes five minutes to read the headlines. That could be five minutes you waste playing online games.

OK, so I realize every other professor on campus, at one time or

another, has preached the same thing to his or her students. However, it is important for people, especially students, to stay in tune with what's happening throughout the world. Every event can potentially influence your life.

Most importantly, become aware of what's happening in your own community. If you live on campus, attend a few hall council meetings. If you live off campus, go to a few city council meetings. You don't need to become an active member of your community; it's just wise to know what's going on.

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# Aid those students excelling in both academics, athletics

It is my personally feeble opinion that all athletic teams carry a double vision of education rooted in both the eagle-eye vision of post-game career decisions while enlisting themselves in the gift-of-the-moment's present and hidden curriculum. The financial jurors pinning the athletes to a poster-

board are slaying the university's currency's position, detracting from the attractiveness of the already contentious submission of applications throughout the nation to this relatively small university's population.

It seems to be true to me, a wannabe athlete, that the school

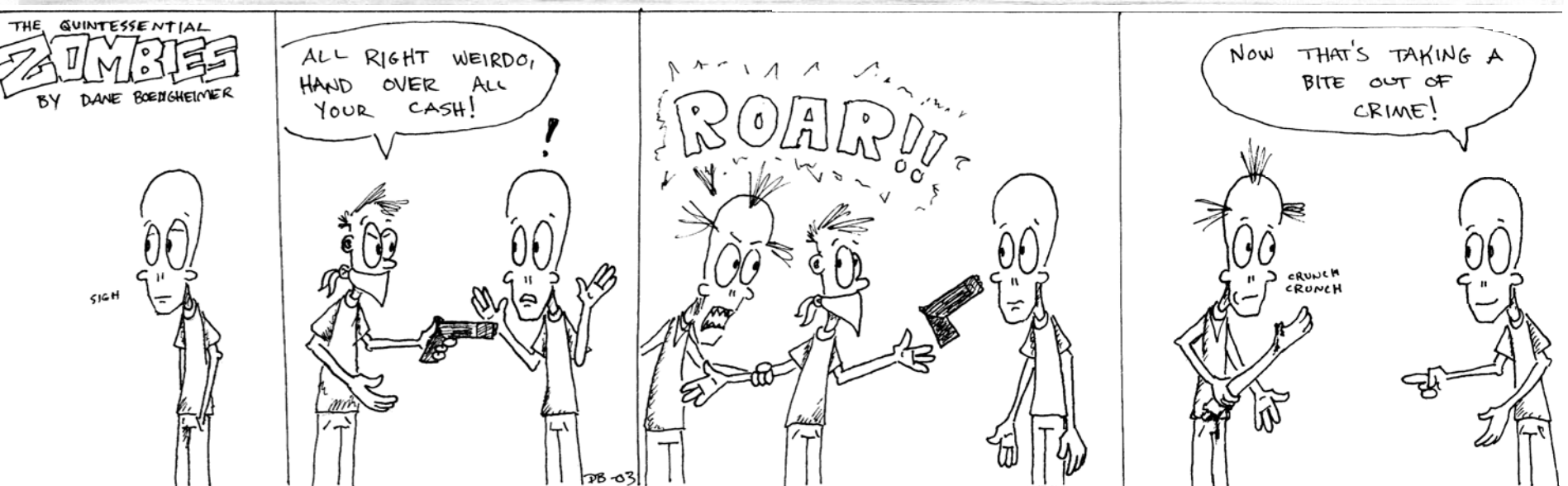
Your turn  
roundly increased the tuition around 10 percent this past year, and I'm wondering if that will come back around to the job shop

so they can hire some traveling tutors. Talented doesn't necessarily lean toward privileged in every way, shape and form just because they get to shine at times during the year in the Dragon uniform.

Representing school athletically and scholastically, we should assist those who need help and

herald those who excel at both athletics and academics. They are our school ambassadors, our spoken spirit and our home team.

Dan Kennedy  
MSUM senior







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Katherine and Craig Ellingson rehearse scenes from "I Do! I Do!" a musical comedy about married life.



The production takes place on a one-set stage with a piano accompanying the voices of the Ellingsons. The only other music is provided by a saxophone and violin. "We had to learn how to play the instruments so we could play for eight measures during the performance," Craig Ellingson said.

## I do, I do

Real-life husband and wife present musical version of married life

By KATIE NAGEL

Staff Writer

In honor of Valentine's Day, the MSUM theater department will celebrate with the production "I Do! I Do!"

Tony Award-winning Harvey Schmidt and Tom Jones' "I Do! I Do!" is a musical comedy ride through the ups and downs of love and marriage.

Agnes and Michael, portrayed by real-life couple Katherine and Craig Ellingson, laugh, cry and rant through 50 years of the life-altering events shared in marriage from the birth of a child to an affair to a divorce.

"This play is a great example of a working relationship," said Craig Ellingson.

Agnes and Michael remain the only characters in the musical; however, a cameo appearance by their son Matthew is scheduled.

"There isn't supposed to be a third actor, but our director worked our son in to play a part," said Katherine Ellingson.

The production takes place on a one-set stage with a piano accompanying the voices of the Ellingsons. The only other music is provided by a saxophone and violin.

"We had to learn how to play the instruments so we could play for eight measures during the performance," Craig Ellingson said.

Students are involved in all aspects of behind the scenes work. Adam Pankow, a tri-college senior, is the director.

"I will be graduating in May," said Pankow. "Directing the musical is my senior project."

When asked about the rigorous rehearsal schedule, Pankow replied, "It's been crazy. All of our rehearsals have been hit and miss."

"We learned our lines in the car over Christmas break," Katherine Ellingson laughed.

Both with theatrical and musical backgrounds, the Ellingsons have been married for 11 years and are both professors at MSUM. Katherine Ellingson teaches in the music department while pursuing a doctorate in music and Craig Ellingson teaches in the theater department.

Audiences will laugh and feel moments of empathy and relief as the couple grows and learns from each other's love.

The Ellingson team said, "This performance is for people who are married, thinking of getting married, tired of being married or have heard of being married."

"I think many students could see their parents in Agnes and Michael," Craig Ellingson said.

"I Do! I Do!" runs Friday and Saturday in the Hansen Theatre of the Roland Dille Center for the Arts.

A dinner is planned at 6 p.m. before the performance at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at the box office. Tickets are \$50 per couple with dinner or \$15 per person for just the show.

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## Trio of four hopes to hit it big

By BRITTA TRYGSTAD

Staff Writer

From the Talking Heads to Joni Mitchell, Fargo-Moorhead's newest quartet, Cat Sank Trio, makes everything sound folk.

"We do all sorts of stuff acoustically and in three parts. So, it sounds folk, even if it's not," said Terry Ruud, guitarist and vocalist.

Ruud, Crystal Jensen (vocals and penny whistle), and Steve Marquart (vocals and guitar) are graduate students in MSUM's master of fine arts program.

Ruud and drummer Mike Semanko were in a country band called Back Behind the Barn Boys for nearly 10 years.

All the members of Cat Sank Trio have participated in various bands throughout their lives.

Their name is derived from the punch line of a bilingual joke and Jensen's love for cats.

They remained Cat Sank Trio after Semanko's arrival.

After forming their group last fall, Cat Sank Trio spent the winter working on original songs and recording demos. Ruud, who spent some time as a songwriter in Nashville, Tenn., said the group hopes to have enough original songs to

make an album.

They describe their sound as fun yet nostalgic. "We try to be joking around and poignant at the same time," said Ruud.

"They do a variety of stuff and it doesn't come off as traditional whiny folk music," said local poet Kevin Zepper.

Last fall, Cat Sank Trio opened for Zepper. "They were a difficult act to follow," said Zepper.

Hoping to become regulars on the local circuit, the group will play various venues throughout spring 2003.

Tonight (Thursday) at 7:30, Zepper will open for Cat Sank Trio at Atomic Coffee, Moorhead. The event is free and open to the public.

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Cat Sank Trio members (from left) Steve Marquart, Crystal Jensen, Mike Semanko and Terry Ruud pose during practice.





Senior Karla Frederick as Maggie Cutler and junior Tanner Dahlin as Bert Jefferson practice a scene from "The Man Who Came to Dinner." The show, which is free for students with a student ID, runs Wednesday through Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. on the Gaede stage.

JASON PROCHNOW/  
PHOTO EDITOR

# An invitation to dinner

## Satirical comedy 'The Man Who Came to Dinner' hits MSUM stage

By **TERI FINNEMAN**

News Editor

Cold weather and comedic romance will come together next week as the MSUM theater department performs "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

Director David Wheeler said the play by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman is a classic American screwball comedy set in the 1930s.

"It's a play filled with oddball people," Wheeler said. "The real comedy comes from the nature of the characters and the odd interactions they have."

Wheeler said the story takes place in the home of a Midwestern family. Radio critic Sheridan Whiteside slips on a patch of ice outside of the Stanley home and spends the rest of the winter cooped up with the family and causing trouble.

"He takes over the house and makes everybody's lives miserable," Wheeler said. "He gets in the way and interferes and ultimately puts it back together again with his own plots."

The story also focuses on the relationship of characters Maggie Cutler and Bert Jefferson. Wheeler said the plot is classic: boy meets girl, boy loses girl and boy gets girl in the end.

"We were looking for a play that had a lot of great roles for people to play and this is one that would do well with our audience," Wheeler said. "I saw a production of it [before] and I laughed my head off."

Wheeler said rehearsal began early in the semester and quite a few students have been involved with the production. The cast is comprised of 23 students and another 30 to 40 students helped with scenery, costumes, lighting and props.

"Most of the people in the department, one way or another, are participating in the production," Wheeler said.

Senior Karla Frederick, who plays leading lady Maggie, said she hasn't had the opportunity to do a comedy before with the format required by "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

"It's a very outlandish, farce-type of comedy," Frederick said. "Maggie is your typical ingénue. I've been a leading lady,

but not a comic leading lady and that was a plus. This is a very strong woman and my own personality reflects that."

Frederick said her character is a sweet, fun-loving girl who works as a secretary for an ambitious, angry man and who follows her heart throughout the show.

"She has a big heart, but she's very strong and forceful in her ways. In a sense, she spoke to me," Frederick laughed. "It was a nice opportunity to show myself on the stage through this character."

Junior Tanner Dahlin plays Bert Jefferson and said his first experience with the play was as a child watching his sister perform.

"I thought it was pretty funny and I was little and didn't catch a lot of the jokes," Dahlin said. "[This was] my first opportunity to work with Dr. Wheeler since I've been here and it's just an opportunity to get in front of an audience. I take every chance I can."

Dahlin said the play is a chance for other MSUM students to see what the theater department has been working on and to be entertained at the same time.

"My character isn't very intelligent, but still, two hot chicks like him," Dahlin laughed. "He's naïve in the ways of con-ning. He just can't understand it."

Wheeler said there are references in the play to famous people from the time. The play is based on the life of critic Alexander Woolcott and also features personalities based on Harpo Marx and Noel Coward.

"I think we're doing this play pretty close to the original conception of it," Wheeler said. "Some of the actors are taking some liberty with their characters and I'm content with that."

Performances for "The Man Who Came to Dinner" will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Feb. 22 at Gaede Stage. MSUM students may attend the show for free with their student ID. For tickets and more information, call the box office at 236-2271.

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Courtesy KMSC

## Honors festival gives kids chance to perform

By **NAOMI GILL**

Staff Writer

High school students from the area performed in the Hansen Theatre Saturday for the largest audience some of them have ever had as part of the MSUM Honors Choir and Band Festival.

The festival has been a good recruiting tool for the music department, said Charles Ruzicka, professor of music at MSUM.

About seven of this semester's concert choir members were once in the honors choir. Recruiting is not the emphasis of the program, however. "We don't brow-beat them or anything," Ruzicka said. "If

they come, then we're glad to have them."

The focus is on giving kids a chance to perform and giving the audience the best show possible.

To participate in the choir or band, students had to audition. The process began in October when the directors, Charles Ruzicka for the choir, John Tesch for the brass section of the band and Catherine Tesch for the woodwinds, went to area schools to hear the 10th through 12th graders perform live.

The centers for the auditions were in larger cities like Moorhead and Detroit Lakes, Minn. Many of the students were from smaller area schools like Evansville,

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Fargo-Moorhead events and performances

### 2.14

MSUM Viennese Ball, 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Avalon Ballroom, \$35

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### 2.15

Lost for Cause, Sunny Travels, Dirty Moon Frank and Messing with Texas, 9:30 p.m., Ralph's Corner, Moorhead, \$4

## Hot Wax

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# GOT ART?

Submissions will not be returned.

Minn., and Hawley, Minn. Most years around 500 students audition, about 40 percent of students are accepted.

Music for the performances was sent to the chosen students before Christmas, so they could practice before arriving. On Friday, the students arrived at MSUM, the local school systems provided their transportation.

Rehearsals started Friday afternoon and continued Saturday, when the concert was held at 4 p.m.

The band and choir united to sing the final number, "America the Beautiful."

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ences throughout their lives, how cultural norms shape them, and how social networks approve or disapprove of social networks.

"These perceptions and experiences shape the historical and social context of lives. The discussion will explore past and current stereotypes and myths about the elderly with regard to sexuality and intimacy, and the implications of these myths for older people," Humphers-Ginther said.

Humphers-Ginther said society's false expectations for older adults are partially based on associations of romance and attractiveness with youth. Some of these myths and stereotypes include: that older people do not have sexual desires; that older people are too frail to engage in intimate relationships even if they wanted to; that since older people are physically unattractive, they are therefore sexually undesirable, and that if older people do indicate a desire to engage in intimate relations, they are regarded as perverse.

"In general, our society regards the idea of older people engaging in sex to be shameful and disgusting," Humphers-Ginther said.

According to Deb White, MSUM assistant professor of sociology and criminal justice, the Women's Studies Colloquium Series was designed to provide a forum for MSUM faculty to present scholarly work in the field of women's studies. A call for proposals went out in May 2002 in campus publications inviting those affiliated with women's studies faculty, women's studies minors and all other members of the university community interested in questions of gender and sexuality to submit proposals.

MSUM reference librarian Brittney Goodman is one of the members of the women's studies committee who helped sponsor this event. Goodman said she encourages all students to attend because the lecture series this spring involves more research and academic data than other campus events.

"Our goal is to increase awareness on campus not only for women's issues and sexuality, but for everyone," Goodman said.

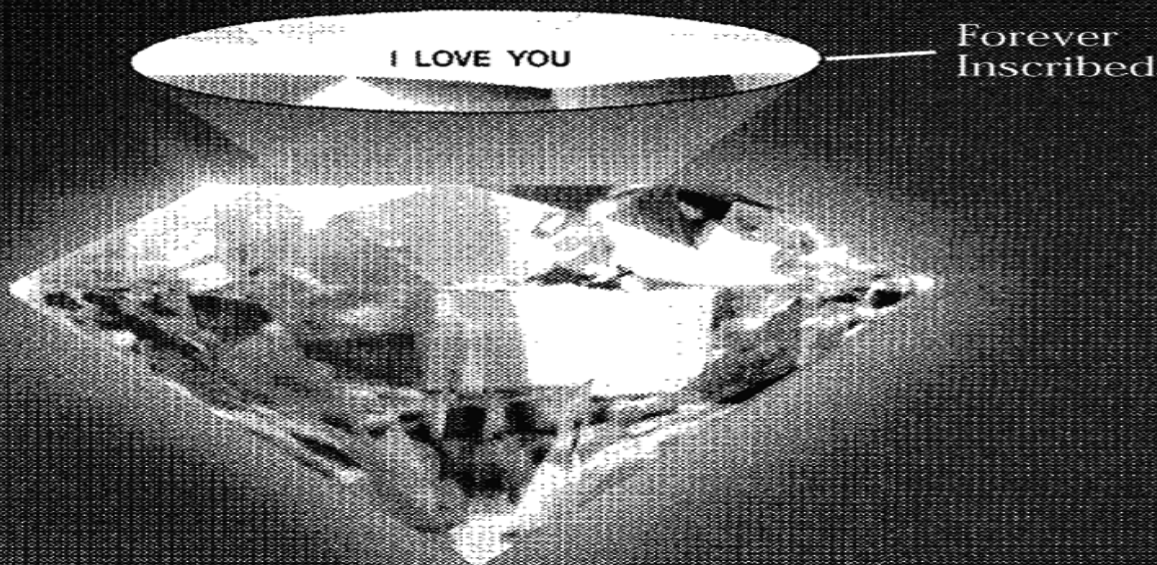
Humphers-Ginther said MSUM students might enjoy this lecture particularly since they tend to associate sex and love with youth.

"People can expect to learn that love, intimacy, and sexuality are important throughout life including later life. They can also expect to learn that the myths and stereotypes above are, in fact, myths and stereotypes, and that breaking down these myths and misconceptions can benefit all of us as we age," Humphers-Ginther said.

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## NEWS & NOTES



Doerr



Klukas

Senior **Katie Doerr** was voted NSIC women's basketball player of the week Monday after helping the Dragons earn a weekend sweep against the University of Minnesota-Duluth and Bemidji (Minn.) State University. Doerr, who notched her 11th double-double of the season against Bemidji State, averaged 17.5 points and 8.5 rebounds per game in the Dragons' two home victories. Junior forward **Liz Klukas** contributed to the Dragons' sweep, tallying 14 points and 13 rebounds against Bemidji State.

The MSUM men's lacrosse team is scheduled to play St. Cloud (Minn.) State University at 9:45 p.m. Saturday at Augsburg College in Minneapolis.

Notes by **Joe Whetham/** sports editor

### Rounding the bend



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Senior **Charane Wilson** works a turn during her heat of the 200 meters Saturday at the Bison Open. Wilson set a lifetime best in the event, finishing in 25.53 seconds.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Prophetic sweep

### MSUM topples Duluth, Bemidji for seventh win in last eight contests

By **HAYDEN GOETHE**

Staff Writer

"It'll be a 'W,'" senior forward Katie Doerr proclaimed before Saturday's game against the NSIC's top team, the University of Minnesota-Duluth.



**MSUM 80  
DULUTH 67**

Paced by senior **Katie Doerr's** 15 points and six rebounds, the Dragons defeated nationally ranked Minnesota-Duluth on Saturday at home. The Dragons have won six consecutive NSIC games.



time around, the Dragons set the pace. A Kit Mitchell 3-pointer capped a 25-10 run by the Dragons to open up the game.

Junior center **Liz Klukas** scored nine points during that span, providing a spark early on for the Dragons to turn to.

Klukas and Sophomore **Lindsay Hartmann** continued to pace the team in the first half, helping the Dragons to a 39-27 halftime lead. Hartmann scored all eight of her points in the first half, and snagged six boards in the game.

The second half was poor, at best, for MSUM.

Doerr scored 15 points, compiled six rebounds and five assists, helping ensure the Dragons' 80-67 victory over the Bulldogs at Nemzek.

First, though, was a Friday night contest with Bemidji (Minn.) State University.

The Beavers were a team not to be taken lightly.

Earlier this season, at Bemidji, the Dragons nearly lost a contest to the Beavers, needing free throws from sophomores **Jackie Doerr** and **Dana Weibel** to win the game. This



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Junior forward **Janna Davis** posts up a Minnesota-Duluth defender during the Dragons' 80-67 victory last Saturday at home.

Bemidji State managed to pull within one, but could never acquire the lead.

The Beavers countered the Dragons' post play by running guard-heavy sets, making it tough on the bigger Dragon defenders to keep up with their smaller, quicker guards.

"We kind of played lackadaisically in the second half," Katie Doerr said. "We weren't working together."

Bemidji State's **Amber Thomas** sunk a 3-pointer to shrink the Dragons' lead to

49-48 midway in the second half. After that, Katie Doerr ensured a Dragon win, scoring 10 points to seal the victory.

"I'm not feeling the best," Katie Doerr said. "I just worked my butt off. I'm glad we won."

The Dragons welcomed the Bulldogs on Saturday in a battle of NSIC heavyweights. Duluth was 10-2 in conference

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Dragons fall in homestand

## MSUM drops from fifth to seventh in NSIC play

By **DUSTIN MONKE**

Staff Writer

The MSUM men's basketball squad is reeling after dropping back to back home losses for the first time since January 2001 last weekend.

Friday night the Dragons suffered another huge defeat to Bemidji (Minn.) State University 91-68 and on Saturday they fell to the University of Minnesota-Duluth 82-72 in a heated overtime battle.

The losses dropped MSUM (13-7, 6-6 NSIC) to seventh in conference play and is now four games out of first place with only six games remaining in the regular season.

The Dragons are now forced to make a hard push in the next three weeks in order to get a home bid in the NSIC tournament.

In the loss to Bemidji State, (11-11, 7-6 NSIC) the Dragons were overwhelmed by a variety of frustrations, losing a battle on the boards 43-24 and having to deal with a strong full-court press that all but shut down the Dragons' half-court offense.

"When the defense is pressing, you're



**MINN.-DULUTH 82,  
MSUM 72 (OT)**

After starting the season on a 7-0 run, the Dragons have dropped three of their last four NSIC games. Saturday they shot 37 percent in an overtime loss to last year's NSIC champions Minnesota-Duluth. Senior guard **Jared Bledsoe** scored a team-high 16 points.

pretty much going full court against them," senior forward **Jake Kruse** said. "It's hard to have a half-court game against a team like that because you're going three-on-two all the time."

After starting out slow and trailing by as much as 10 in the first half, MSUM was able to battle back and cut Bemidji State's lead to 40-34 by halftime.

The Beavers beefed up their game in the

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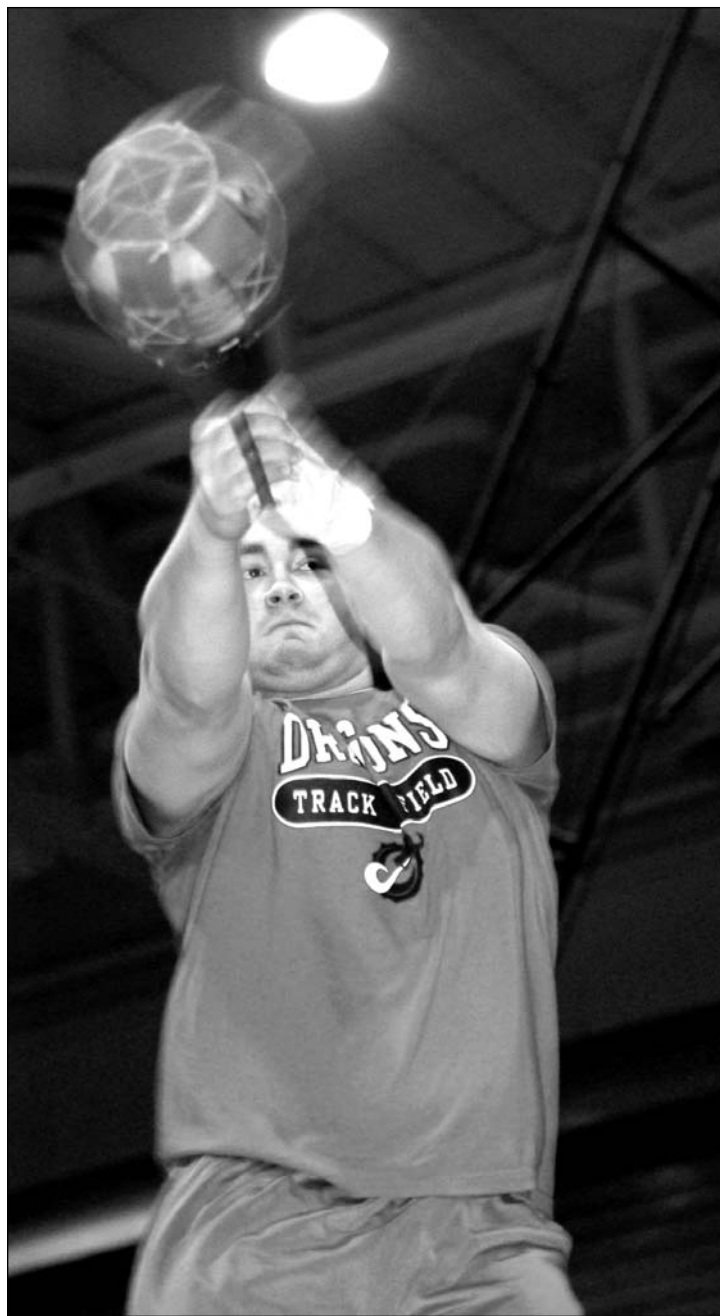
Senior guard **Kyle Staloch** looks for an outlet pass during the Dragons' 82-72 loss to UMD on Saturday.

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TRACK AND FIELD

# Dragons thrive in weekend meets



PHOTOS BY JASON PROCHNOW/PHOTO EDITOR

Above: Junior thrower Phil Berg prepares to release during the weight throw in the Bison Open last Saturday. Above right: Senior Mary Richardson competes in the 55 meters at the Bison Open.

## Salter latest to join MSUM national-qualifying list

By JOE WHETHAM

Sports Editor

Last Friday and Saturday, the men's and women's track and field teams were hard not to notice.

In a pair of area meets, multiple Dragons qualified for nationals, won events and set personal bests.

Add Tanya Salter, a 6-foot-tall junior, to the hefty list of MSUM national qualifiers.

The Fargo North graduate cleared 5 feet, 5 3/4 inches in the high jump at the Concordia Pentathlon on Friday, earning a No. 17 national ranking.

She placed third in the pentathlon with 2,859 points and ranks No. 1 in both the high jump and pentathlon at the conference level.

"[Salter] jumped 5-5 3/4, qualified provisionally and she did it in a place where they didn't allow spikes," said MSUM head coach Keith Barnier of Concordia's Olson Forum.

"No one wants to jump there. Getting her on the national's list is a big hurdle, but now she did it and hopefully it will give her confidence to clear the next height."

On Saturday, senior Chris Nulle continued his reign in the weight throw at the prestigious Bison Open.

His throw of 58-4 — nearly three feet less than his No. 1 mark of 61-0 3/4 — was good enough for first. He also provisionally qualified in the shot put with a heave of 52-2, which ranks No. 11.



In five meets this season, Nulle is undefeated in the weight throw. A national title is his to lose, Barnier said.

"They'll have to take [a national title] from him," Barnier said. "He's consistent at a high level."

On the men's side at the Bison Open, junior Phil Berg placed seventh in the weight throw with a mark of 48-9 1/2. Senior Troy Larson was fourth in the long jump with a mark of 22-8. Freshman Nick Kobi and senior Matt Willprecht placed sixth and seventh in the triple jumps with distances of 44-2 and 43-1, respectively.

On the women's side, senior Mary Richardson continued her assault in short sprints, winning the 200 meters in a personal best time of 25.48. She also took fourth in the 55 (7.39).

Senior Charane Wilson placed second in the 200 — in a personal best time of 25.53 — and took third in the 400 (59.95).

"They're a two-woman gang," Barnier said of Wilson and

Richardson. "They're not afraid of anybody."

Freshman Erin Gravalin took seventh in the 1,000 with a time of 3:34.87.

Freshman Kristan Anderson nearly qualified provisionally for nationals (37-8 3/4) with a fifth-place jump of 37-2 1/2.

Junior Belinda Eastlack, ranked fourth nationally in the weight throw (58-2 1/4), won the same event with a toss of 55-3 3/4. Senior Megan Salic — ranked 12th in the weight throw (53-4 1/4) — placed third in the both the weight (49-5 1/2) and the shot put (39-10).

Saturday, the Dragons will get their first look at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, which is favored to win the NSIC championships Feb. 27-28.

"UMD should win," Barnier said. "They've been the stable power for years. We're going to have to steal [the NSIC title] from them."

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WRESTLING — NSIC DUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Sterner, Dragons prevail in title

## No. 16 MSUM capsize Wolves for seventh NSIC championship

By JOE WHETHAM

Sports Editor

John Sterner is relatively humble, but his team's performance Feb. 5 was anything but.

With victories in six of 10 matches against No. 19 Northern State University, Aberdeen, S.D., Sterner and the Dragons solidified their seventh NSIC championship with a 25-12 victory at Nemzek.

"It was a good way to start the cap of the end of the year," said Sterner, whose 15-year career at MSUM will end with this season. "We defeated a good NSU team."

The Dragons, ranked No. 16 in Division II, finished 10-5 overall in dual matches and 3-0 in NSIC duals.

Although they've won three of their last four contests, including a dramatic 16-15 victory against 11th-ranked Minnesota State, Mankato on Feb. 1, the Dragons have no nationally ranked individuals.

"In a way, I don't mind that," Sterner said. "That way we have to fight for



**MSUM 25, NORTHERN STATE 12**

John Sterner and the Dragons earned their seventh NSIC championships Feb. 5, ripping the Wolves at Nemzek.

respect. It's good for the team."

Senior Mitch Jackson, a 141-pounder who has a 4-1 record in his last five matches, earned one of two Dragon pins against the Wolves.

Sophomore Josh Jansen notched the Dragons' second pin at 157, toppling Brandon Braun in 1 minute, 57 seconds.

Junior Desmond Radunz, also 4-1 in his last five matches, earned a 7-1 decision at 125 and senior Nate Hanson's 10-7 decision at 165 gave the Dragons an early 18-3 lead.

Ryan Kopiasz' bout at 184 was MSUM's question-mark match, Sterner said.

But Kopiasz, once ranked



GLENN TORNELL/MSUM NEWS SERVICE

**MSUM head wrestling coach John Sterner keeps a close eye on his team during the NSIC dual championships Feb. 5 at home.**

nationally, squashed any anxiety with a victory, topping Northern State's Joey Krause in two overtimes.

"It could've gone either way," Sterner said. "Ryan coming up with that one was really important."

### MSUM 22, St. Cloud 19

It was déjà vu for Jansen last Friday.

Down 19-18 after nine matches, Jansen's 157-pound match was the decid-

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play at the time, sitting atop the conference standings.

The Dragons' 80-67 victory helped knock the Bulldogs off their perch.

Kim Toewe, a senior post player and the team's leading scorer, left the game after playing just 17 minutes due to an ankle injury.

While Duluth is a capable team without her, the Dragons' path to success was made a lot easier.

The Dragons held the upper hand at halftime a 41-33, and the second half wasn't much different.

The Dragons shot 58 percent from the floor en route to a 13-point win. Duluth shot at a 33 percent clip in the second half played largely without Toewe.

Weibel and Jackie Doerr matched Katie Doerr's total with 15 points and Klukas had 14 points and six rebounds.

Hartmann, the team's long-distance ace, posted her third consecutive double-digit output with 12 points.

The brightest spot of the game, arguably, was the Dragons' clean play. The Dragons' youthfulness has led to an average of nearly 19 turnovers a game this season.

But on Saturday night, the Dragons turned the ball over just 12 times, a testament to the play of point guards Jackie Doerr and freshman Brietta Bowerman.


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at MSUM under Group 3 who wishes to remain anonymous, as registration is traumatizing. "I was told two days prior [about Special Registration]," said Sam. "I lost a lot of sleep from worrying about bad things that might happen."

Kim Gillette, MSUM's international student adviser, said "Students were concerned about going through with registration," she said. "Some think the government is setting them up for detainment in camps like the ones the government sent Japanese people to after Pearl Harbor."

Registration included giving out usual where-about information, taking digital photographs, having fingerprints filed and in-person interviews. Having to go through the process, Sam said it "makes us feel like criminals." Sam, along with most of the other international students at MSUM, comes from "a very good, well-off family."

Although international students singled out by the government are suspicious of its motives, Gillette is trying to make students feel safe on campus.

"Students here, doing what they're supposed to be doing - they've got nothing to worry about," said Gillette.

"I came here for grad school," said Sam, who is currently pursuing a third undergraduate degree. The first two were completed in Sam's home country.

But, he continued: "Now I'm planning on going to Europe or Canada for grad school."

Sam isn't the only one changing plans. "Students are already telling me they're going to get their degree and go home," said Gillette. "They're not expressing the interest in grad school that they were saying a year ago." Gillette also said current students' brothers and sisters are no longer considering applying to American colleges either.

But, Gillette also pointed out that she cannot accurately estimate MSUM's international program future numbers, saying "we have the advantage of in-state tuition [for all students], so we might not feel the effects as much."

According to the Institute of International Education, international student enrollment in the U.S. rose 6.4 percent between 2001 and 2002, which matched the previous year's rise as the highest growth rate since 1980.

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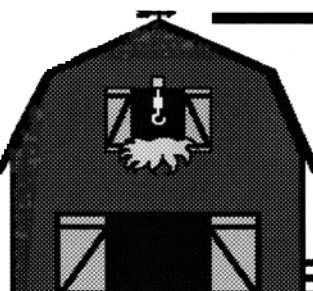
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ing factor for the second consecutive week. On Feb. 1, the Dragons were down 15-13 to Mankato entering Jansen's match.

In both contests, Jansen delivered.

Although he said Saturday's match didn't produce the same pressure-filled situation, Jansen earned an 11-1 major decision for a closely contested victory.

"It didn't seem as big of a deal," Jansen said. "I felt more confident because I had beat him before. St. Cloud wasn't as good of a team and we started off with their strengths instead of ours."

St. Cloud won four of the first five matches, with Kopiasz earning a major decision at 184.

"[Kopiasz' match] was pretty pivotal," assistant coach Ashkan Morvari said. "Those guys had gone back and forth before."

Radunz sparked a three-match winning streak at 125 with a 15-second pin, the sec-

ond fastest pin in school history.

Aaron Roddis holds the MSUM school record with a five-second pin in 1994, Sterner said.

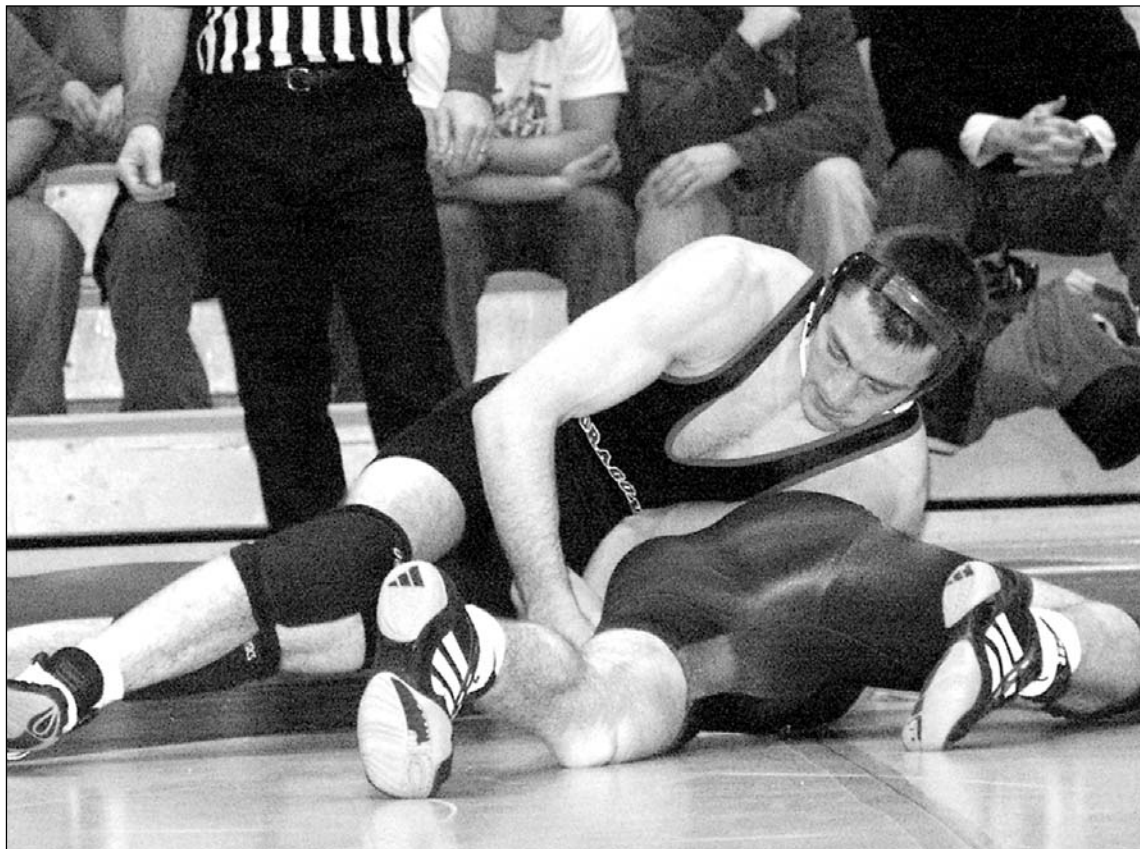
"[Radunz] stepped in and pinned his guy in 15 seconds," Morvari said. "That really got the ball rolling."

Last Saturday, the Dragons placed third in the North Country Classic at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn., with 94.5 points.

Ranked Nos. 1 and 2 in Division III, Augsburg College, Minneapolis, and Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, placed first and second respectively in the 20-plus-team field.

Up next for the Dragons is the NSIC individual championships Saturday in Morris, Minn. Last year, four Dragons won individual titles, including sophomore Josh Jansen, who's the only returning individual MSUM champion.

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Senior 141-pounder Mitch Jackson works on pinning Northern State's Brian Englund on Feb 5.

## □ MEN'S HOOPS, from 12

second half, both offensively and defensively.

Bemidji State was able to cruise to a 14-6 run four minutes into the half.

They kept the Dragons at bay for the remainder of the game, shutting down MSUM's offense.

"We struggled a little bit with the press," senior forward Marlon Samuel said. "Most of the time we got it out and we just didn't execute at the end."

Samuel helped guide the

Dragons with 13 points and six rebounds.

Even in the loss, freshman Alan Hoepfer came off the bench to make a solid impact with 10 points and six rebounds, as well as hitting 2 of 4 from beyond the arch.

Hoepfer was one of only three Dragons in double figures, along with Samuel and senior guard Jared Bledsoe, who netted 22 points on 7 of 17 shooting.

The Beavers were led by guard

Aaron Kallhoff, who shot 9 of 11 from the field and 8 of 9 from the charity stripe, finishing with a career-high 27 points.

The Saturday night contest vs. Minnesota-Duluth (13-9, 9-4 NSIC) not only proved a tough test for the Dragons, but one of the most entertaining games the Dragons have treated fans to all season.

The Dragons' main objective was shutting down 6-foot-9, pre-season all-NSIC player of the

year Jason Schneeweis.

"He's hard to move under the block," Kruse said.

Senior guard Kyle Staloch added, "You have to sell out a few guys if they get him the ball in the post."

But for everything the Dragons tried throwing at him, Schneeweis had an answer. The center tortured the Dragons' big men, shooting 8 of 12 from the field for a game-high 23 points, eight rebounds and six blocks.

"He's just too much of a load to handle for one person," head coach Stu Engen said. "I thought we were pretty accurate with limiting his touches."

Neck and neck throughout the whole game, the Dragons took their first lead, 30-28, with 2:32 remaining in the first half off a Bledsoe layup.

Bledsoe led the Dragons in scoring with 16 points.

The Bulldogs took a 33-30 lead into the half and built on that lead early in the second half, increasing their lead to

40-30 before Hoepfer was able to nail two 3-pointers and get the Dragons back within two.

Although the majority of the second half had the Bulldogs leading on the scoreboard, MSUM was proving it could play stronger and get back into the game.

Kruse, who had been battling Schneeweis in the block all night, finally got the ball to roll his way as he sank a layup with 28 seconds left in regulation.

Kruse finished with 11 points and four boards.

Duluth got the ball back and tried to set up senior guard Marcus Jackson, whose shot was partially blocked, sending it to overtime, which belonged entirely to the Bulldogs.

"We just didn't shoot the ball very well," Engen said. "I thought we had great looks for shooters, but we're struggling getting the ball to them."

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## □ WILSON, from front

tor of the men's and women's athletic programs, Wilson assumed a dual role as athletic director and senior women's administrator.

"But nowadays, schools have a director of athletics and a senior women's administrator," she said. "It used to be with me being a woman, before the new rules applied, I could fill both roles."

As a member of the NCAA Division II Management Council since 2000, Wilson began the process of hiring Barnier last year, taking advantage of a pilot program designed to support the National Association of College Women Athletic Administrators.

"I had heard about this diversity program and I also knew on the docket was to pass mandating senior women administrators at institutions," Wilson said. "I knew at the time that I was going to go forward with [law school] ... so I wrote the grant."

"... I got [Barnier's salary] paid for. Next year, I've got it partially paid for, so the school could slowly phase in that position. Now, they'll only have to worry about replacing me."

As MSUM's first official director of athletics, Wilson was thrust into an immediate era of change.

Within a year of her hire, she guided MSUM through a difficult transition from NAIA to NCAA Division II.

In the mid-90s, she successfully resolved Title IX complaints and increased MSUM's athletic staff from eight to 27 full-time employees.

"It's been 10 years of peaks

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It's been 10 years of peaks and valleys.  
Katy Wilson  
MSUM athletic director

and valleys," Wilson said. "When I took over, and I was young and dumb. I didn't realize the number of programs we were offering to the student-athletes were basically barebones."

"We were down to seven or eight full-time employees and a host of part-time people. ... That might be fine for junior-high level athletics, but certainly not at collegiate-level athletics."

Wilson said she accomplished three of four athletic challenges at MSUM: staffing, facilities and operating budgets — but fell short with scholarship revenue.

Although operational budgets are solid, Wilson said the next athletic director needs external support and increasing scholarship dollars should be priority No. 1 during the next 10 years.

"I think the next person really needs to gain community support, gain alumni support and try to get our scholarship dollars up," Wilson said. "We're trying to deliver Division II programming in which we need \$900,000 to be competitive, but we're sitting at \$200,000."

Larry Scott, MSUM's sports information director, said Wilson was always respectful and professional, but often wasn't given the support a man

would've received in her position.

"I know it's a really difficult and draining job for anybody, but I think we all understand that it's probably more difficult for a woman," said Scott, who has been sports information director at MSUM since 1969. "I give her high marks for how she handled some really serious challenges for us."

During her career, base athletic scholarships tripled and she managed the \$7 million, three-year renovation of Nemzek.

At one point, Wilson, who described herself as Nemzek's building manager, said she had 26 subcontractors working on various sections of the field-house.

"... When I got here, [MSUM] was a lovely university, but the athletic facilities were terrible," she said. "They had fallen into such a state of despair. I started to get a laundry list of everything I wanted to change in the facilities and we've done all of that and a heck of lot more."

Asked whether she would re-enter the university scene after law school, Wilson said she would consider acting as a university attorney at another school.

But with an expanding collegiate organization, and experience with multiple national committees, Wilson said the NCAA might be adding to their legal staff in the near future.

"I just think there's going to be lots and lots of opportunity," she said.

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