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Celebration of Nations explores the cultural differences on campus.

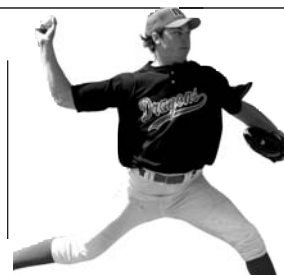
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Ninth-floor Nelson resident assaulted in bathroom

By JOE WHETHAM

Sports Editor

Sophomore Chris Thueringer ignored the loud scream he heard on the ninth floor of Nelson on Sunday morning.

He just figured someone was drunk, so he and his friends continued talking, oblivious to the fact an assault had just

occurred in the bathroom adjacent to his friend's dorm room.

At 2:03 a.m., Moorhead Police and campus security responded to a fifth-degree assault on a female involving two unidentified men.

Mike Pehler, campus security director, said two men grabbed the hair of the victim

and shoved her head against the corner of an aluminum hair sink in the unlocked bathroom.

The incident is still under investigation, Pehler said.

"This is classified as a fifth-degree assault," Pehler said. "It's not a major crime if you look at things from a police level. But it's a major assault

on our campus. It's pretty significant to us."

Pehler said there has been "tons" of speculation regarding the assault, and that he and active student investigator Jeremy Schmitz are trying to sift out fact from rumor.

"We already know people have talked about a lot of things," Pehler said. "We don't

want to release much at this time."

Thueringer said he and his friends left the dorm room to survey the situation.

"Everyone on the floor was in the hallway," he said.

After about 10 minutes, Thueringer said police and

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Senate rejects \$3 computer fee increase

By BRETT ORTLER

Staff Writer

Student senate voted against a proposed \$3 per credit Student Computer Fee Committee increase on account of lack of student support April 10.

The recommendation would have increased the Student Computer Fee by \$3 per credit hour for all MSUM students and opened all previously closed labs to full 35 hour a week student usage.

Peter Hartje, student senate president, said the costs of an education should not be put upon students already in financial peril.

"... The burden of the state was falling on students. I don't think it should be the student's responsibility," Hartje said.

Senator Travis Maier agreed. He said, "A lot of students didn't want a \$3 increase."

However, he held out hope

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MINDY NIEMELA/THE ADVOCATE

Ethnic expo

Members of the Wahpeton (N.D.) Circle of Nations Drum and dance group performed a song in support of troops and veterans of war at the native arts and language expo Monday.

APAC approves credit reduction

By AMY DALRYMPLE

Editor

Academic Policy Advisory Council members recommended Tuesday to lower the credit requirement for a bachelor of arts degree from 128 to 120.

The proposal, which was brought to the committee by President Roland Barden, will now be forwarded to the Inter Faculty Organization.

MSUM has traditionally required 128 credits for a bachelor's degree, even though Minnesota State Colleges and University system requires at least 120.

Reducing the number of required credits met opposition with several faculty members, who said they feared a reduction in quality.

But student senate backed the proposal almost unanimously, said senator and APAC member Kurt Olerud.

Student senate president Peter Hartje said the reduc-

tion would not affect a student's major field of study.

"I think MnSCU has their policy that way for a reason," Hartje said. "This would help counterbalance the tuition increase."

Bette Midgarden, vice president for academic affairs, said an online survey showed that of 630 students, 507 supported the reduction. Of the 123 who voted against it, 71 are seniors.

The credit reduction would apply to free electives and not change liberal studies or major requirements. If approved, it could go into effect this fall, Barden said.

Political science professor and APAC member Andrew Conteh was a vocal supporter of the motion.

"We are not here trying to water down the education," Conteh said. "The message we're trying to send is we care about our students."

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Maier, Schneider run for next student senate president

By BRETT ORTLER

Staff Writer

Politicking is back in style at MSUM — or at least it will be Monday through April 24 when the student senate will hold elections.

A new president, vice-president and treasurer will be elected, as well as a number of senators. The online ballot will also carry one referendum, which aims to redefine the number of candidates who can run before a primary is needed.

Presidential race

The presidential primary is over, and now the student senate presidential election is down to two. The presidential contest pits Travis Maier, a mass communications sophomore, against Kurt Schneider, an archaeology junior.

Both candidates have senate experience.

Maier, a college of business/industry representative and one-year senate member,



Maier

chairs the transportation committee and is a member of the legislative internal and cultural diversity committees.

Maier lauded

his opponent.

"Kurt is a first-rate candidate. I am definitely up against a worthy opponent," Maier said.

He also said he wanted to be known as a concerned everyday student.

"I am not running for power or recognition, but simply to be the voice of the students, Maier said."

Schneider, a senator for his third year, represents the college of natural/social sci-

ences. He has chaired a number of committees, including campus affairs, legislative



Schneider

internal affairs and the election board. He has also been active in the Minnesota State University Student

Association, where he served as the chairman of the federal legislative committee. He also served on a number of committees, among them: liberal studies, honors, student activity committee, Academic Policy Advisory Committee, Student Conduct and the Calendar Committee.

Schneider said that his experience would help him accomplish specific goals as president.

"I have a lot of experience in

on-campus leadership positions. This will allow me to work effectively within the



Wicker

system from day one," Schneider said. "As president I hope to bring two things to campus that will make life ... much better: a

health/wellness center and wireless Internet."

Maier cited increased student involvement as his pre-eminent goal. He said, "The biggest goal that needs to be carried out is recognition of the importance of involvement by all students of this campus, including me. We all need to know that student senate is the avenue of protest for us."

Both candidates stressed that student senate should be

representative of students. Maier said, "I would like to work with students ... so that



Davis

student senate can accurately reflect the views of students in their decisions."

Schneider agreed. He said, "I see senate continuing

this job in the future, looking out for the best interest of the student body."

Other elections

The presidency is not the only executive office for which elections will be held. The offices for treasurer and vice-president are up for grabs as well, with biology junior Shapeera Davis and elemen-

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JASON PROCHNOW/PHOTO EDITOR

Licking cancer

Admissions counselor Jeremy Johnson participates in the Pie Your Professor Help Fight Cancer event last Friday afternoon. Pie throws cost \$1 each.

Volunteers needed to help at powwow

Anyone interested in volunteering at the 14th annual Woodlands and High Plains Powwow at NDSU April 26 should contact Barbara Chromy at 231-7267.

Festival set to display student art

The student art festival will be from noon to 4:30 p.m. April 24 on the campus mall. The event will feature music, dance, theater, poetry, pottery and artistic performances.

Gerontology talk set for Wednesday

The fourth annual Gerontology Colloquium will be from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in Hagen 203A.

The event is free and open to the public with refreshments also served.

Participants will hear from recent graduates of MSUM's gerontology major who successfully applied their major to professional careers in the field of aging.

Participants will gain valuable information about job opportunities available to new graduates.

They will also learn ways in which a major in gerontology can strengthen one's application for professional employment, job-seeking advice, working conditions in institutional vs. community-based settings, as well as in direct-service vs. administrative roles.

MSUM's Alumni Foundation and the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice are sponsoring this year's colloquium.

For more information, contact Sue Humphers-Ginther at 236-2042.

CMU sets Easter weekend hours

The CMU will close early today (Thursday) due to the holiday weekend. Food areas will close at 3 p.m. and The Compass, Copies Plus, the Etcetera Shop and the Rec and Outing Center will close at 4 p.m. The CMU and Hot Heads Hair and Tanning will close at 5 p.m.

Kise will be open for food service all weekend with brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and dinner from 4:45 to 6:15 p.m.

On Friday, the main office, Career Services and student support services will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The CMU will open at 7 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m. Affinity Plus will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Etcetera Shop's hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Subs and Sweets opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 2 p.m., and the Job Shop will be open from 9 a.m. to noon. The ROC will open at noon and close at 4 p.m.

The CMU will be closed Saturday and re-open at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Senior class gift ideas needed

Seniors should watch for posters announcing a meeting to discuss the senior gift. Students pay donate funds until graduation. For more information, contact Laura Owen at owenla@mnstate.edu.

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"You know what wobbles? Your cheeseballs."

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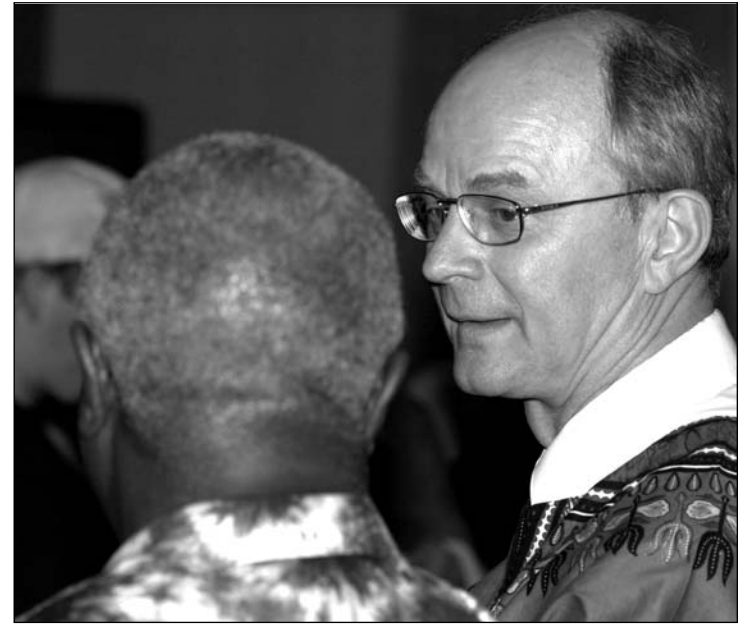
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NEW LOCATION



PETE MONTECUOLLO/THE ADVOCATE

Chinese Club member and MSUM junior Brandon Sherman (left) plays Chinese checkers with freshman Cindy Lee and junior Travis McCollum Friday during the Celebration of Nations.



Professor Andrew Conteh (left) and President Roland Barden enjoy the festivities. Barden is wearing a shirt from the Republic of Cameroon, which was a gift from Dr. Fidelis Achenjeng.

JASON PROCHNOW
PHOTO EDITOR

Celebrate Nations

A record 515 people made their way around the world Friday night all without leaving the CMU Ballroom.

MSUM hosted the annual Celebration of Nations festival, which attracted 100 more participants than the previous year.

It was a night of cultural recognition and celebration. About 15 countries were represented. Each country had food, displays, authentic costumes and dances.

Kim Gillette, assistant director of international programs, said the night was a huge success.

"It was a great night. The students did a fabulous job, I'm very proud of them," Gillette said.

Gillette and two students were in charge of coordinating the event.

"As an international studies major, I think it's pretty cool that they set aside a night to celebrate people's different cultures," said MSUM senior Justin Simpson. "We're pretty closed minded up here [in the Midwest]."

"It's great to enrich people's minds for at least a night," Simpson said.

The event is funded by the student activity fee.



GLENN TORNELL/SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE

Dancers (from left) MSUM senior Anojinie Nagahawatte, Fargo North high school students Divya Agarwal and Mayuree Rao and MSUM junior Pabalu Karunadharm perform the peacock dance. NDSU professor Theja Wijetunga taught the students the Sri Lankan dance and made the costumes.



Brenda Triyono, MSUM sophomore, performs an ethnic Indonesian dance.

PETE MONTECUOLLO
THE ADVOCATE



PETE MONTECUOLLO/THE ADVOCATE

Semiha Tulbek, MSUM junior, serves puacha to NDSU senior Magdalena Woznica. Tulbek is one of two students at MSUM from Turkey. Puacha is a bread filled with either beef and feta cheese or feta cheese only.

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Computer fee serves students

A recent controversial proposal to raise the student computer fee by \$3 per credit has drawn criticism from groups across campus, including a vote against the increased fee by student senate.

The truth is, increasing the fee will help students. In today's world, technology is everchanging. To keep up with computer technology and update software, students need to pay more money in computer fees.

The \$36 increase per semester for a full-time student isn't all that much. All \$36 can purchase is two or three DVDs, a few CDs or maybe a few pizzas. By comparison, the \$36 of thousands of students will help upgrade computers across campus to Photoshop 8, allow music students to use the latest software, replace outdated computers and better prepare graduates.

Some students, along with several student senators, have opposed the raise because they don't believe they will use these improvements. The truth is that many probably won't, but we as students need to support each other.

Most students do not use campus services like the anthropology lab, mass comm darkroom, music practice rooms, art studios, Hendrix and the CMU, but the dollars of all students — those who use those services and those who don't — combine to pay for them. Likewise, the student activity fee everyone pays goes toward organizations that they may not be in.

All these services, combined with cutting-edge technology, attract students to MSUM. With two other colleges in such close proximity, it is important that MSUM keep up to remain competitive.

Whether you use the new technology purchased with the increased computer fee or not, you probably use more of other services than you actually pay for. In these times of financial crisis and budget crunches, all students need to band together and support each other and our programs — even if it means a few extra dollars out of our pockets.

APAC makes right decision

The Academic Policy Advisory Council made the right decision when they supported the drop in credits required for graduation from 128 to 120.

The credit drop won't affect the quality of education at MSUM, but it will cut down on the number of "fluff" courses students take, and it will save students money.

The drop, first proposed by MSUM President Roland Barden, still needs to go through the Inter Faculty Organization and get final approval from President Barden.

All MSUM students should vote in senate elections

Elections for positions in next year's student senate will run Monday through April 24. Students will be able to vote for candidates for student senate president, vice president, treasurer and senators. Also on the ballot is a referendum to redefine the number of candidates who can run before a primary election is needed.

The issue on the ballot and the positions may not seem exciting or even important to many students, but it is imperative that students vote in these elections. The people chosen for each position will have the opportunity to make an impact on how our school functions.

It is the responsibility and duty of each student to make sure that they vote in the senate elections. Choosing people to represent us and make our decisions for us is one of the simplest, yet most important, things we can do to better our campus.

Students can vote online at www.mnstate.edu/stusen.

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Parting is sweet sorrow despite deaf audience

Soon my time here will be up, and I will be transitioning to a new world of milk and honey. I feel it is only fitting to say my final goodbye to the Advocate, its staff and the few people who bothered to seriously read my columns. This will be the final letter to the editor that the Advocate shall receive from me.

My relationship with The Advocate has had its ups and downs since we first made contact way back in 1999. Yet through it all she (The Advocate) has remained a woman in my life that has had the privilege of being one of my mistresses.

The sexy seductress has always given me a small public forum by which I could express my opinions on drug prohibition, racism and sexism, higher education, electoral reform, and the list goes on. You may be asking, why break off such a good thing?

To put it bluntly, most students have not been listening to what I have been saying. I found the

Your turn

attention span of most students to be too low to waste my breath.

Few students cared about the plight of the Afghanistan people until the thugs ruling the nation befriended the thugs who decided to kill a lot of Americans on Sept. 11, 2001. Students who want to liberate Iraq will soon lose interest in nation building, just as the anti-war students will generally lose interest in peace and justice crusade. Students will be complaining when tuition goes up 15 percent, but where were the students when the 2002 election was going on and students could have impacted the state's commitment to higher education?

I am tired of writing to an audience that is largely made up of people with such short attention spans. People who do not care about the world around them until it hits them in the face, and

even then they soon lose interest and move onto other trivial things such as reality television, 9-5 happy hour, what does "TJ" really stand for, and is he really still gay?

People do not participate in the democratic process but routinely complain about the outcome of that process. People do not like the electoral system or some other public policy but seem uninterested in working to reform the system or the policy. People who feel that racism and sexism are no longer problems because we let "those people" have their conferences and committees.

My writings to the student community have fallen on deaf ears, and the only way that I would tolerate writing for such an audience is to get paid for doing it. Given the financial status of the Advocate and the short time I have left here, I think it is best if I just take my leave.

Edward T.J. Brown
MSUM senior

Do Masons control the world?

Now that we're down to the last few weeks of the semester and my final two columns of the year, I



CHRIS RAUSCH

Advocate columnist
"However, I think there's a simple rule we should start living by: no soap, no mints."

figured what better time to engage in a little spring cleaning and sort out all of the crap I've accumulated in the old noggin during the past several months while I still have the opportunity. So kick up your feet, throw on some Sinatra, and smoke 'em if you got 'em — here are some random thoughts for your consideration.

I know I'm probably tempting the fates by taking pot shots at an organization that supposedly controls everything from the workings of our government to the size of my sperm count, but here's my question: the Masonic temple — just what in the hell is this all about? Is it a club? Are they tax exempt? Do they serve treats at their meetings? Do they host singles dances?

I only ask because I find it a pinch unsettling that every third person you meet on the street or interrogate in the frozen food section of the grocery store (restraining order still pending) seems hell-bent on telling you that these people are so shady that they're only a few steps away from wearing the spinal cords of infants as

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decorative jewelry, yet there's scant written documentation on the conspiracy theories.

In fact, it seems as though I've created a neat little oxymoron by including the Masons in an opinion column, as it's impossible to have a view on something you can't really know anything about. And, don't get me wrong, I hold no ill will toward the Masonic community, but I think it's time we set the record straight.

So if there are any Masons reading this (and, for all I know, they could be even as I'm typing it through the tiny cameras installed in my light fixtures), I think it's time for you to either come out and clear the air or get me elected to Congress. Either way, it's a win-win situation for everybody.

From secretive organizations we move in a logical progression to ... mints. It's recently come to my attention that the little dishes of complimentary mints you might see near the cash register at restaurants are in fact breeding grounds for fecal bacteria.

Now, make all the assumptions you want about my actual intentions to write about something concerning poop just for a cheap giggle (and both you and I know

that, inside, you're grinning like an adolescent boy with a palmful of lotion), but I think we actually have the makings of a serious epidemic on our hands and tongues here.

Why, you might ask, has it come to us not even being safe freshening our breath after a nice meal?

It's because old Johnny Everyman at the table next to you snuck off for a number two and neglected to run his hands under some water before moseying back out to finish his meal. And, hey, you can make any argument you want for not scrubbing down, i.e., if I can't even make my own decisions about washing my hands, then the terrorists have truly won. However, I think there's a simple rule we should start living by: no soap, no mints. Simple. Because I think I can speak for everyone with nothing suspicious under their fingernails when I say that the concept of a minty palate is rendered pointless when remnants of your digested Egg McMuffin are part of the equation.

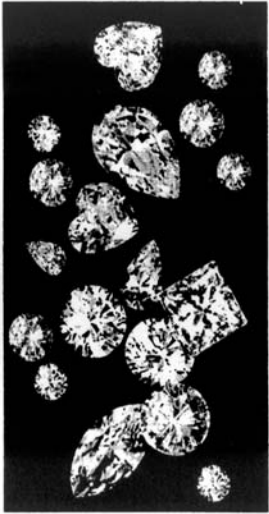
One last thought for the week. To the parking office: take a glance out at the commuter lots on campus. See all of those nice, shiny automobiles standing side by side like brothers in arms with exhaust pipes sticking out of their asses?

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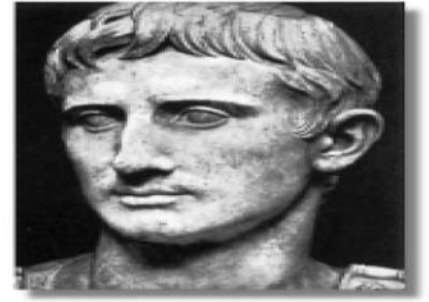
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They conquered everything But death.

Past rulers like Alexander the Great, Tutankhamen and Augustus Caesar all have one thing in common: the past. They're stuck in it. Doesn't it make more sense to follow someone who has conquered death?

Jesus Christ accomplished what no ruler ever could. He paid the penalty for our sin. And by rising bodily from the grave, he conquered death — not only for himself but for us. Listen to what he said: "He who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life." (John 5:24)

Jesus conquered death. Would you like to know what else he's capable of conquering in your life? Read the section called "John" in the Bible, or see the feature article BEYOND BLIND FAITH at www.EveryStudent.com.

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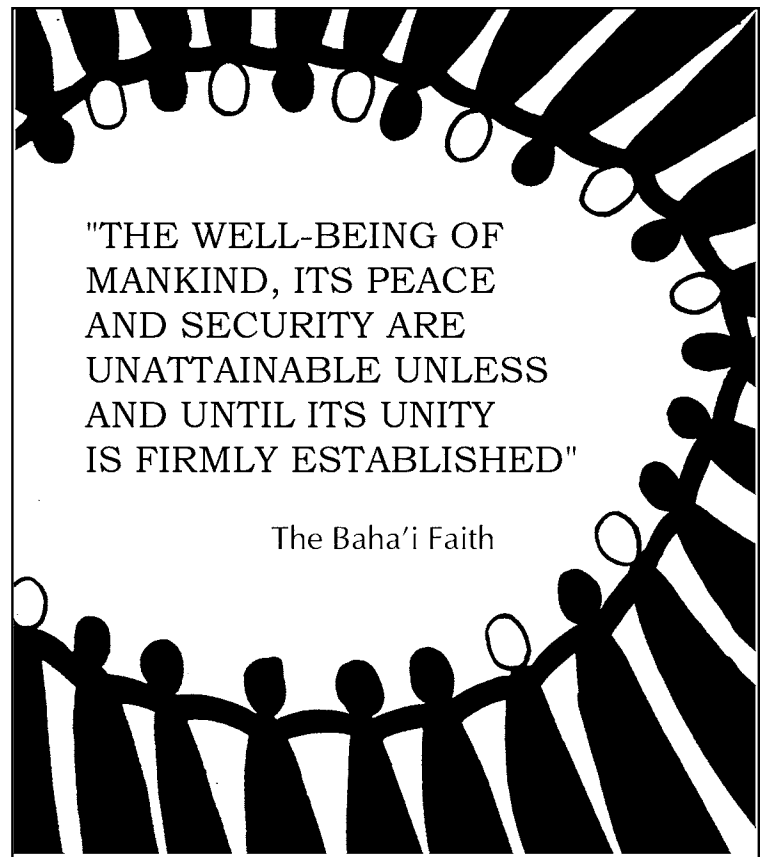
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Arts and Entertainment

Former Journey drummer rocks out at MSUM

By JEREMY CHURA

Staff Writer

Former Journey drummer Steve Smith performed on campus Monday, giving both a free clinic and a concert with MSUM's jazz ensemble and faculty jazz quintet.

Smith's clinic went right to the basics of drumming technique. He showed different drumming techniques and explained which ones work best for different styles.

According to Smith most drummers don't have the right techniques, and dur-

ing his clinic he emphasized this. He said most of the good rock drummers come from the '60s and early '70s, because they grew up with the influence of blues and jazz music. Later drummers learned from those drummers, but they lost the blues- and jazz-influenced techniques. That loss makes Smith uninterested in contemporary music, which he said holds "little musical interest to me," because "it has no depth."

To combat this loss of depth and influence in music, Smith has begun teaching clinics throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Japan and China. He said he hopes that in showing people the importance of blues and jazz in drumming, drummers will improve.

During his clinic he talked a lot about how to hold the drumsticks. He said drummers need to find the balance point on the drumstick. When drummers hold the drumstick palms up, Smith said, "[they] have less weight on the drumstick because you don't have the weight of your wrists." Smith also described the tempo as the movement of space. Faster tempos "move less space," while slow tempos "move more space," because the drumsticks move farther from the drum head during each stroke.

He also talked about hitting the sticks on the drum heads. He advised allowing the sticks to bounce off the heads in a smooth motion instead of impaling the heads with



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Above and left: Steve Smith demonstrates his drumming techniques to a crowd in Hansen Theatre Monday.

the sticks.

During the clinic, Smith answered audience members' questions. One person asked if Smith ever had problems with his hearing, drawing laughter from the crowd. Smith said he did actually have some problems because drummers in the '70s did not really know about the problems that they were prone to, and they did not have the technology that's available today.

Smith performed with the Jazz Ensemble I Monday evening, playing lots of blues, jazz and big band songs. Smith said he was glad to have been in Journey because it was a great experience, but he thanks his jazz background because it "prepared me for anything that came my way." He now spends much of his time playing jazz music with his current project Vital Information. When he performed with the MSUM faculty jazz quintet, they performed two of the group's

songs, "Sideways Blues" and "Soul Principle."

Smith said he cannot explain why he chose the drums as a career, but he began listening to such drummers as Gene Krupa and Cozy Cole when he was a child. He said listening to the drum line from a marching band just clicked with him. Smith stresses the importance of knowing different styles of music for those who want to enter music fields, especially drumming.

Smith has completed a CD/DVD set called "Drumset Technique/History of The U.S. Beat," which teaches how to use the drum set in today's music. The U.S. Beat talks about how the drum set was incorporated into American music. Smith hopes this will help drummers bring depth into their drumming.

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Senior art exhibit explores self identity issues

By LAUREL EIDE

Staff Writer

An exhibit of graduating B.A. and B.S. students from the art department opened Monday. Featured are seniors Jes Schrom, Kelly Wagner, Jeffrey Mapes, Val Schreiber, Mikkal Rolfson, Dara Reinbold and Kathryn Herseth.

Various mediums are used within this show, and a major aspect is the exploration of self. Herseth, an art education major with a ceramics emphasis, explores relationships of different kinds in the pieces she exhibits. "Self Portrait" is a life-sized image of herself that is made up of parts of a plaster body cast, a map, paint and other materials. "Family Portrait" is a series of ceramic forms nestled together with each one representing a person in her family.

Schrom, who will graduate this spring with a B.A. in photography, uses non-traditional materials on which to print her images. In every piece, Schrom shows she is exploring her own identity as a female and her feelings toward others, especially males.

Jane Gudmundson, visual resources manager for the gallery in the Center for the Arts, says Schrom's part of the exhibit is interactive. "Jes's piece 'Place Self Here' is a large scale mobile with 3-D images of mouths and consists of several elements. Viewers are invited to lay on a blanket and look up at the piece while, close by, a series of mannequins stand in line looking on. A hole cut in the chest of each one reveals a miniature version of the large scale mobile." Other pieces by Schrom include "The Virgin Dress" and "16 Years."

This exhibit will be on display until April 24. There will be a public reception today [Thursday] from 4 to 6 p.m. The event is free of charge, and refreshments

will be served; music student Michelle Sletto will provide entertainment. If you cannot make it to the reception, the gallery is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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"Self-Portrait" by Kate Herseth.



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Above: "Downtown Night" by Kelly Wagner. Below: "Culmination" by Kate Herseth.



'Psycho Beach Party' rides the wave at FMCT

By TERI FINNEMAN

News Editor

Psycho-dramatics with a twist of Frankie and Annette will come together tonight (Thursday) with the opening of "Psycho Beach Party" at the Avalon Events Center.

Director Eric Thompson, a 2001 MSUM alumnus, said the show is basically a spoof of the 1960s beach party movies as well as the psychological thrillers of the time.

"The mix of the two is supposed to be kind of awkward, but it combines for really funny results," Thompson said. "One moment you have something really darkly serious, and the next moment, it's really goofy and ... cheesy."

He said the Fargo-Moorhead Community Theatre selected this script to fit its After-Dark series. "It's for more mature audiences, so it starts later," Thompson said. "It's a variance of what they do during the year. They like to have a variety: kids' plays, musicals, darker stuff. It keeps everybody on their toes."

Thompson said he wanted to direct the play because the playwright, Charles Busch, wrote "Psycho Beach Party" in the 1990s.

"It's more of a contemporary play, and I like contemporary plays," Thompson said.

"It's really quick, but it's a lot of fun," Thompson said. "There's a lot there."

MSUM sophomore theater major Cole Flaata received the role of Kanaka, a stereotypical surfer from the 1960s.

"I'm just a drifter, a guy who's basically too cool for his own good," Flaata said. "I was pretty indifferent toward it at first, but I grew to like [playing Kanaka]."

Flaata said this is his first play at FMCT, and he decided to try out when he couldn't find a part in an MSUM production.

"It was basically either come here or do nothing," he said. "This is a really good show, so it was a no-lose situation. I like that it's an opportunity to try a different set of surroundings. It just gives you more experience and more flavor. The more variety, the better."

MSUM freshman Natalie Novacek plays Bettina Barnes, a Hollywood sex kitten.

"She's a movie star hiding out and having a lot of problems with her contract in the studio," Novacek said. "She wants to be legitimate, but basically she makes trash movies. She's very flirtatious and 'all about me.' She's constantly acting. She's not a very real person."

Novacek, a theater major, said this is also her first role at FMCT, but she has previous experience with community theater and acting.

"I did a role at MSUM, but hadn't done any [acting] since, and I was getting really anxious to get back on stage," she said. "So, I decided to come over here and try my luck."

Performances are scheduled for tonight (Thursday), Friday and Saturday and April 24 through 27. The luau begins at 6:30 p.m. with the play following. The cost of the dinner theater is \$32. Tickets are available by calling the FMCT at 235-6778.

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From left: Berdine (Gail Schoenberg), Chicklet Forrest (Audrey Slator) and Marvel Ann (Kristin Helgeson) try to attract men at the beach.

Minnesota Orchestra holds MSUM concert to celebrate centennial

By JOE WHETHAM

Sports Editor

In commemoration of nearly 100 years of touring, the Minnesota Orchestra will launch a five-city Minnesota tour beginning Monday, with a scheduled visit to MSUM on Tuesday.

The 98-member orchestra, which began in 1903 under director Emil Oberhoffer,

will perform at 7:30 p.m. in Hansen Theatre. Laurie Wigtil, MSUM Performing Arts Series director, said the orchestra's 52nd appearance in Moorhead will be incredible.

"I think it's an extremely exciting event to have on our stage," Wigtil said. "It's very rare that we are able to get the full orchestra ... To have a 100-person orchestra on one stage is an absolutely incredible event."

The orchestra's commemoration is in tribute to Minnesotans that have supported the orchestra throughout the last century, said David Hyslop, president of the Minnesota Orchestra Association.

"When the orchestra was founded in 1903, the state of Minnesota was not yet 50 years old, but its determined citizens yearned for classical music," Hyslop said. "We hope to bring the gift of music to the audiences who ... [are] closest to the orchestra's heart and history."

In 1907, the orchestra embarked on its first tour, performing in Moorhead, Grand Forks, N.D. and Duluth, Minn. By 1912, the performances sparked nationwide interest and the orchestra made stops in New

York City and Chicago. In all, the orchestra has performed in 659 cities and 22 countries, including Cuba and the Middle East.

"This is our way of saluting the state," said Minnesota Orchestra historian Mary Ann Feldman. "This is the orchestra that in 1957 made a 45,000-mile tour of the Middle East that ... [included] Baghdad. We are the most toured orchestra in the United States."

Ticket prices range from \$12 to \$22 for adults and \$12 for people ages 17 and under. Admission for MSUM students is \$6.

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NEWS & NOTES



Davis



Doyle

Paced by two third-place individual finishes, the MSUM women's tennis team grabbed third-place honors at the NSIC conference tournament in Winona, Minn., last weekend. Winona State placed first with a point total of 44, edging the University of Minnesota-Duluth. MSUM earned 20 points for third, Southwest State University, Marshall, Minn., took fourth (16), Minnesota, Morris placed fifth (12), and Bemidji (Minn.) State University was sixth (8).

Senior **Annie Rollins** defeated Morris' **Jen Anderson** 6-7 (2), 6-0, 6-3 at No. 2 singles for third place. Senior **Amy Fuoss** placed third at No. 5 singles, defeating **Kelly Kuntz** of Bemidji State 7-6 (4), 6-2.

Rollins and sophomore **Genna Carlson** placed second at No. 2 doubles, losing in the championship match to Winona State's **Karyl Schenck** and **Brea Bruggeman** 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Senior **Keith Knoke** is only 259 points away from a Division II provisional qualifying mark (6,500) in the decathlon.

Last weekend, Knoke won the St. John's decathlon in Collegeville, Minn., with a point total of 6,241. At that meet, Knoke won the shot put (38 feet, 1 1/2 inches), the 110-meter hurdles (15.65) and the discus (122-4).

Knoke, who holds the school record in the pentathlon, won his second straight NSIC indoor pentathlon title Feb. 28 with a point total of 3,520, which was only 24 points shy of the NSIC record of 3,544.

Junior softball standout **Leah Davis** ranks eighth in the NSIC in batting average. She has 21 hits, nine RBI and a home run.

Freshman pitcher **Jenny Doyle** ranks 12th in the NSIC with a 2.49 ERA. She has a record of 4-9, has pitched 11 complete games and has 39 strikeouts.

Notes by **Joe Whetham**/sports editor

SOFTBALL

Dragons finish 2-3 in weekend tourney

By **DUSTIN MONKE**

Staff Writer

The MSUM softball team made the best of a tough weekend as they fought their way to a 2-3 record at the NSIC Cross-Over tournament at Northern State University, Aberdeen, S.D.

The Dragons escaped with wins over Southwest State University, Marshall, Minn., 5-4 in nine innings and Winona State University 2-0. But after winning their first two games, the Dragons dropped three straight to Wayne (Neb.) State University 3-2 in eight innings, Northern State 4-0 and Concordia-St. Paul 7-3.

"I thought we came into the tournament



Halling

expecting to do well," junior catcher Leah Davis said. "No one expected us to beat the No. 3 and 5 seeds in the conference."

In the win over Southwest State, the Dragons used a two-run ninth inning to break up a 3-3 deadlock.

Freshman shortstop Kendra Halling went 3-for-5 with a run and an RBI, and junior designated hitter DaLee Wilkinson batted 2-for-4 with two runs.

Freshman Jenny Doyle (5-12) notched the win from the pitcher's circle, throwing a complete game and striking out four.

Things kept looking good for MSUM when it defeated Winona State for its second straight win of the tournament.

Davis led MSUM as she hit 2-for-3 with a double and a run in the fourth inning. She also had a triple in the sixth inning. The Dragons scored one more run in the seventh inning by sophomore second baseman Kylie Rogalla.

"I was pretty happy," head coach Dina

Kangas said. "We finally are starting to hit the ball a little bit better."

Freshman pitcher Kayla Huiras (2-5) took the victory from the circle, allowing only four hits. The Dragons then began to tumble as they lost three straight games.

MSUM used a two-run fourth inning to take an early lead, but the Wildcats battled back, scoring runs in the sixth and seventh innings to send the game into extra innings.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, the Wildcats scored the decisive run.

The Dragons played tough but couldn't round up a win in their final game of the tournament against Concordia-St. Paul.

Halling, Preston and senior third baseman Jess Steinle each went 2-for-3, but none of them could knock in a run.

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MEN'S LACROSSE — MSUM 14, IOWA STATE 4



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Junior attacker **Skyler Akason** (right) looks for an outlet pass during the Dragons' home match against Iowa State University, Ames, on Saturday. Akason and junior midfielder Zach Bosh each scored four goals in the Dragons' 14-4 victory against the Cyclones. "We played by far the best game of the season," said senior attacker Dave Elliott, who scored three goals in the match.

TRACK AND FIELD

Knoke, Nulle win titles in weekend meets

By **CASEY MOEN**

Staff Writer

The MSUM men's and women's track and field teams started the outdoor season strong with several first-place finishes in the St. Thomas Invitational in St. Paul last weekend.

Dragon throwers did especially well, led by Division II indoor national champion Chris Nulle, who finished first in the hammer throw and second in the shot put.

Senior Megan Salic finished first in the shot put with a heave of 42 feet, 4 3/4 inches, and junior Belinda Eastlack placed first in the hammer throw with a mark of 176-9. Eastlack's hammer-throw mark ranks fifth nationally. Freshman Nick Kobi also finished first in the triple jump with a

distance of 45-5.

Nulle followed a great indoor season with a strong start to the outdoor season by throwing 185-5, which places him 11th nationally, nearly 22 feet behind the nation's No. 1 mark (207-8).

He also threw 51-2 1/4 for second place in the shot put and placed 11th in the discus with a toss of 121-8. Freshman Mark Madison and junior Phil Berg placed 10th and 11th, respectively, behind Nulle in the shot put.

Dealing with the weather was a factor for some athletes at St. Thomas.

"You have to stay out of the wind and the sun," assistant coach Tim McLagan said. "A lot of people had their performances softened by it. But it was a good start."

Senior sprinter and long jumper Troy Larson said he hopes the team will use the weather to its advantage.

"I think we have a better chance of putting up more points outdoors," he said.

Larson finished fourth in the long jump with a distance of 19-6.

He added, "We hope to give Duluth a run for the conference title."

Sophomore Tanya Salter finished third in the high jump with a height of 5-3, and freshman Kristan Anderson triple jumped 35-8 3/4 for a third-place finish. Junior Ann Johnson finished sixth in the hammer throw with a toss of 118-2.

"We go to every meet ready to compete and just do our best," Johnson said. "A couple people have already qualified for nationals."



Knoke

Senior **Keith Knoke** won the decathlon at St. John's decathlon meet last weekend. Knoke, who holds the MSUM school record in the pentathlon (3,520 points), won the event with 6,241 points.

Freshman Micus Davis finished fifth in the 400 meters (50.52 seconds) and was a member of the Dragons' 1,600 relay team that placed fourth in 3:31.00. He said the sprinters should fare better during the outdoor season.

"We're among the best in the conference," Davis said.

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BASEBALL

Dragons take three of four from Winnipeg



JASON PROCHNOW/PHOTO EDITOR

MSUM pitcher Chris Ingersoll hurls a pitch toward the plate during the Dragons' 9-7 victory against Winnipeg's Great Plains Baseball Academy on Saturday.

By HAYDEN GOETHE

Staff Writer

The Dragon baseball club evened its record at 3-3 on the season by taking three of four games with Great Plains Baseball Academy last weekend at Jack Williams Stadium in north Fargo.

Great Plains, an academy in Winnipeg comprised of students from the University of Manitoba and Red River College, played in what was dubbed the Canadian college championship series last season.

While their play may have gotten them far in Canada, the academy struggled with the Dragons over the weekend.

In the first of two games Saturday, Derek Plautz, from Wheaton, N.D., got the win in a 9-7 contest. The MSUM pitching staff played with fire, scattering 16 hits over seven innings.

The second game was also a slugfest, as MSUM defeated Great Plains 12-11. Matt Power got the win for the Dragons.

The Dragons split Sunday's doubleheader, with Great Plains trouncing MSUM 12-0 in the opener and the Dragons edging the Pioneers in the second game 4-3.

Team captain Andy Peeters said he thinks the team is coming around, as the fundamentals such as defense and base running continue to improve.

"We played a lot better defen-



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MSUM first baseman Dustin Switters scoops up a throw as a Great Plains runner sprints by.

sively," Peeters said.

The team managed to keep the errors fairly low, outside of Sunday's opening loss. Dragon manager Dan Geiszler said the loss was mostly due to some players with little experience getting a chance to play.

"It's the beginning of the year," Geiszler said. "We had some guys playing in that game who haven't played much this year.

Luke England and Chris Bachmeier were among the offensive stars last weekend.

The Dragons will face Mayville (N.D.) State University's junior varsity team today (Thursday). Peeters said he expects Mayville to use many of its varsity players, which could make for a tough contest.

Mayville State has won 17

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Science building's floor needs replacing

By AMY DALRYMPLE
Editor

A portion of the new science building's first floor needs to be removed and poured again, but officials say it won't significantly delay completion.

David Crockett, vice president for administrative affairs, said shoring material to support the weight of the concrete poured March 28 was inadequate, causing the floor to sink.

Todd Stugelmayer, physical plant director, said the concrete settled and the floor sunk about four inches.

The options to correct this would be to either pour more concrete on top of the floor or to cut it out and replace it, Stugelmayer said.

But because adding more concrete would make the structure thicker than engineering requirements call for,

□ ELECTION, from front

tary education junior Erica Wicker running unopposed for each, respectively.

Several general senate elections will take place as well, where the competition looks to be fierce. Seventeen students are running for 11 seats, with seats open for majors in arts and humanities, business and industry, education and human services, natural and

□ SECURITY, from front

campus security escorted the victim to the elevator and out of Nelson, where an ambulance was located in the circle driveway of Nelson.

Beth Conner, director of housing and residential life, said Nelson floors don't require bathroom doors to be locked.

"Residents of any floor, in any hall, can choose to have their bathroom doors locked or unlocked," Conner said.

Conner said there is no requirement for floors to lock their bathrooms, but will install locks on bathroom doors for any floor that requests them.

"Unless there is consensus among floor residents, locking doors isn't effective," Conner said.

Conner added that housing has created reminder security signage for both Nelson and Dahl, asking RAs to review policies and proactive measures for residents' security in their halls.

In other security activity this week, a student in Grantham had \$2,000 in cash stolen. The student also lost 300 CDs and a car stereo Saturday, campus security reports said.

The unidentified student's cash was stolen from a safe located in his closet, reports said, and the victim's car keys were taken, leading to the loss of the CDs and stereo.

Pehler said the incident is under investigation.

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the floor will be removed and poured again, Crockett said.

Roer's Construction & Development Inc. will pay for the additional expense, Crockett said.

"Everyone's disappointed it happened, but we do realize with a project, especially of this size, there are a significant number of opportunities for something to go wrong," Crockett said.

The north portion of the building's first floor was successfully poured April 10 with a stronger type of shoring, Crockett said.

Despite the complication, the science building is expected to be open for students for fall 2004.

Roer's Construction of Fargo also built the Neumaier apartment building that opened last fall.

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social science, and those with undeclared/undecided majors.

The elections run to April 24 and can be accessed at www.mnstate.edu/stusen. Contact student senate in CMU 229 or at 236-2150 for more information.

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Parking office recommends to keep permits same price

By LAUREL EIDE
Staff Writer

Friday afternoon's parking forum was met with little reception: four parking committee members were addressed by one guest.

The guest posed a question regarding ticketing in the commuter lots between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Changes will be made to deal with this issue. Beginning Aug. 18, the commuter lots will be monitored from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

While parking may continue to be a problem for some, the

committee is recommending the price of permits does not increase for the coming year.

Cindy Sogn, Parking Coordinator, addressed the issue of inadequate parking.

"The biggest issue is between the hours of 10 and 1 when we have the largest number of vehicles on campus at one time," Sogn said. "There is always parking available in lot K and walking directly from lot K to class could save more time than trolling the lots during the busy times."

"With the exception of these three hours, there seems to

be ample parking available," Sogn said.

Despite this fact, the parking committee still processes about 100 appeals a month, with the number reaching staggering heights during the months of September and October.

Sogn said, "During this time, people who are not used to the university setting do not realize the importance of having regulations set up to try to handle the flow of thousands of students per day."

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□ FEE, from front

that a compromise could be reached.

Supporters of the increase agreed that a compromise could be reached, but that an increase is needed.

Jon Bergeron, Student Computer Fee Committee member, said, "We can raise the fee \$2 and be OK. We will not be able, at that level, to add new software. This is the only way we can offer current technology."

Bergeron said that if an increase were not made, students would suffer. He said, "We will constantly be stuck

with old hardware and software. Our students will be stuck with obsolete technology that will hinder their ability to be competitive in the job market."

Bergeron also said that while a fee increase would further burden students, the money would not likely come from anywhere else.

"Budgets are tight and getting tighter. I don't like having the burden put on me, but if it makes the difference in getting a solid education and increasing the likelihood of employment and gives me the

competitive edge, I will pay for that.

However, Warren Wiese, student computer fee committee member, and student senate adviser, said the issue is still open to debate. He said, "Both the committee and student senate are open to discussion about this."

He said the issue has not yet been decided. When asked if there would necessarily be a fee increase next year, he said, "We don't know yet."

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