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An award-winning newspaper published weekly for the Minnesota State University Moorhead community

Federal funding approved for safety improvements

By BRONSON LEMER

Editor

The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives recently passed the Omnibus Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2005. The bill includes \$150,000 for safety improvements at MSUM.

U.S. Senator Mark Dayton

Over the Red

made the announcement Nov. 20.

The funding will help update water mains on campus. By updating the water mains, the campus will be able to support water suppression systems in several academic buildings, said Todd Stugelmayer, physical plant manager.

"We're going to hook up as

much as we can with the funds we have now," Stugelmayer said. "The intention is to get every building

> updated." Construction on the water mains will begin in the spring, and Stugelmayer hopes to have the construction completed by summer.

Construction will take place

along 6th Avenue between 11th and 17th Street and between 6th and 9th Avenues on 9th Street.

Stugelmayer also hopes to eventually update the water main that runs down the center of campus.

Erin Utzinger, deputy press secretary for Dayton, said MSUM officials came to Dayton with concerns about updating campus fire-detection and sprinkler systems.

"Senator Dayton worked with the college to help make these funds available," Utzinger said.

The bill is a massive appropriation bill and includes

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Film studies major becomes a reality

If you want to

stay regional-

we're it.

Students shouldn't

have to go somewhere

else to study film.

By DANIELLE MACMURCHY

A & E Editor

With his eyes set on creating a film studies major, former professor Ted Larson started teaching film classes at MSUM 38 years ago.

On Sept. 13, 2004, four years after his death, Larson's dream became a reality. The Minnesota State Colleges and

Universities board approved film studies as a major, beginning spring 2005.

Film professor Rusty Casselton said the addition of the major is long overdue.

exciting," very "It's Casselton said. "There's been a lot of interest."

Rusty Casselton film studies professor Not long after the board approved the major, more than 70 students had declared film stud-

ies as their major. Junior Josh Schirmer said he enrolled

at MSUM hoping to pursue a major in film studies. Since the major has been approved, he said his career goals will be more achievable.

"Majoring in (film studies) will make it easier for me to get certain jobs and get my masters," Schirmer said.

The new major offers students the opportunity to focus their study through two emphases—film production or film history and criticism. Casselton said students focusing on film production have many options, including working in the commercial and entertainment film industries.

ism, publishing or academia.

The 120-credit major requires 10 core classes covering subjects ranging from video production and film history to film theory and a senior seminar.

Casselton said the newly offered major will attract many students to MSUM.

"You've got to give students a really good reason to come this far north," Casselton said.

> Casselton said there is no film major comparable to MSUM's in the region.

> "If you want to stay regional-we're it," Casselton said. "Students shouldn't have to go somewhere else to study film."

> Other film study majors throughout the country focus nearly all of the stu-

dents' studies on film. Casselton said MSUM's major is unique because it offers students a background in a variety of other subjects. Many film majors pursue graduate school to study film more intensely.

During their time in the film program, students are involved in campus film festivals, the local Fargo Film Festival and supporting community production projects. Students also attend local, regional and national conventions.

Casselton said the film department has



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Above: Warren Diederich, Industrial Builders Inc., and Senator Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., cut the ribbon during the the Main Avenue bridge opening ceremony Nov. 24. Below: People wander around the new Main Avenue bridge before the dedication ceremony. Nearly 1,000 people attended the ceremony the day before Thanksgiving.



Students with film history and criticism emphasis can seek careers in journal-

added about \$80,000 of new equipment. He hopes the new facilities will attract more than 100 new students by next fall.

> MacMurchy can be reached at db mac@hotmail.com.

Support International hosts benefit

By DANIELLE MACMURCHY

A & E Editor

Community bands will join MSUM's Support International for its annual fundraiser for African school children at 9 p.m. Saturday at Ralph's Corner Bar, Moorhead. The benefit will feature local bands Quadrophonic, Scatter Brain, Left to Burn and Transfer Interrupted. A \$5 donation is request-

ed for this 21-and-over event. All the proceeds for the concert will go to St. Joseph's Primary School in Igoji, Kenya.

A group of MSUM students from Support International traveled to Africa this past summer and witnessed the needs of the school.

primary "Because schools are now free, there's an abundance of students, which is good, but they don't have the resources to provide a good education," MSUM senior Genna Carlson said.

school The enrolls

approximately 550 students, including 15 students with physical disabilities.

Due to the large number of students and lack of funding, St. Joseph's has struggled to provide a sufficient education. The school needs two new classrooms, a staff conference room, basic repairing of existing classrooms, wheelchair access and provision water to restrooms and kitchen.

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11.29 Property vandalism in Science Lab.

Commencement roses for sale

Dragon Ambassadors are taking orders for commencement roses, a great way to say "thank you" to friends and family for their help and support.

To purchase a rose, send a form, along with \$5 to the admissions office-attention Dragon Ambassadors.

Dragon Ambassadors will then send a personalized invitation to the recipient saying a "special gift" is waiting for them at commencement.

For more information, contact Jeremy Johnson in admissions at johnso@ mnstate.edu or 477-2564.



Visit our Web site at www.mnstate.edu/advocate to take the Advocate poll.

Last week's poll

Do you think Campus Security should patrol the residence halls? Yes: 53%

No: 47% 36 total votes

Give a gift with the Angel Tree

The Non-Traditional Student Association and Volunteer Visions have an "Angel Tree" set up in Student Support Services, CMU 222.

Choose an angel tag, purchase a gift and bring the unwrapped gift to the office. Call Kathy Scott at 477-2174 for more information.

Get student organization news

To sign up for the student organization listserv, send an majordomo e-mail to @mnstate.edu. Leave the subject line blank and in the body of the message, type "substudent_organizascribe tions.

To post an announcement, e-mail osa@mnstate.edu. The office of student activities reviews all requests.

New York theater trip planned

Students interested in going on MSUM's annual New York theater trip should contact Craig Ellingson at ellngson@mnstate.edu.

The trip will be from March 15 -20, 2005 and is open to all majors.

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Organization grants available

Due to a generous donation to the made Alumni Foundation by Travelodge, a grant for student organizations is now available.

To apply, visit the office of student activities' Web site, www.mnstate.edu/osa, for an application.

Applications are due by Dec. 10. Applicants are eligible to receive one grant per year, with a maximum of \$250.

For questions, call the office of student activities at 477-2970

Hispanic Honor Society welcomes new members

Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society welcomes Heather Fleckenstein, Angela Harmon, Rosario Weckler, Jaclyn Nottestad, Tyler Aman. Krissanne Kvernen, Leah Kroger, Rachel Temple, Jamie Jondahl, Kayla Klemetson, Kelsey Geurts, Emily Aurand, Abby Larson, Becky Johnson, Jessica Snead, Juliana Hofsommer and Amy Lewis.

Art and design holiday sale

Drawing and illustration students and faculty will be holding a holiday sale in conjunction with the Ceramics Guild from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today (Thursday) and Friday in the CMU.

For more information, call 477-2310.

MSUM student receives international scholarship

Bradley Meier, an East Asian studies/biology major from Fargo has received a \$5,000 Gillman International Scholarship to study at Nankai University in China.

He is one of six Minnesota students to receive the scholarship.

Submit questions for Advo advice column

The Advocate will introduce their new advice column next semester and we need your questions.

The advice columnist will answer any questions regarding anything from local interests to relationship advice. Please email any and all questions to the Advocate at advocate@mnstate.edu.

Scholarships available for upperclassmen

Currently enrolled MSUM students with at least 15 MSUM credits can now apply for an upperclass scholarship.

To be eligible, students must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher, carry a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester and must not be graduating at the end of spring or summer 2005.

Drop off your application, required essay and one faculty recommendation to Owens 107 by Feb. 1, 2005.

SCEC helps needy children

Help the Student Council for Exceptional Children provide a happy holiday for the community of Moorhead by donating toys, clothing, non-perishable food items and gifts for parents. There will be boxes located in the Early Ed and Special Ed offices on the second floor of Lommen.

Résumé workshop for non-teaching majors offered

Non-teaching majors can attend the Career Services Résumé Workshop from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday in CMU 208

A specialist will be on hand to demonstrate how to compile a well-written résumé. No fees or pre-registration is necessary.

Surveys for report needed

A technical report writing class is researching the feasibility of adding American Sign Language as a liberal studies requirement option.

Please take a moment to fill the out survey at appserv.mnstate.edu/survey.

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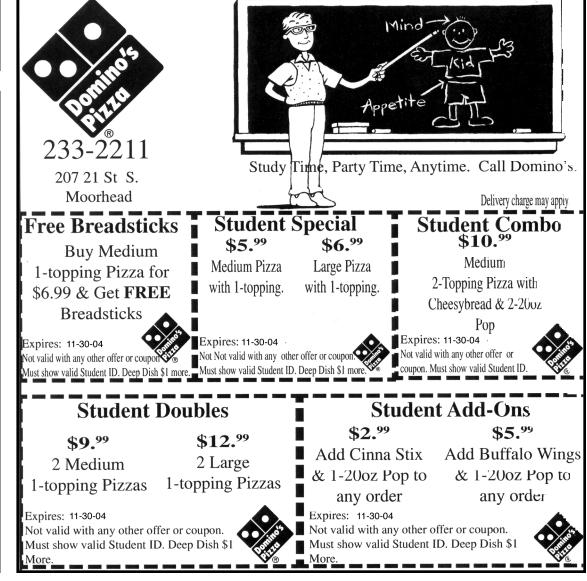
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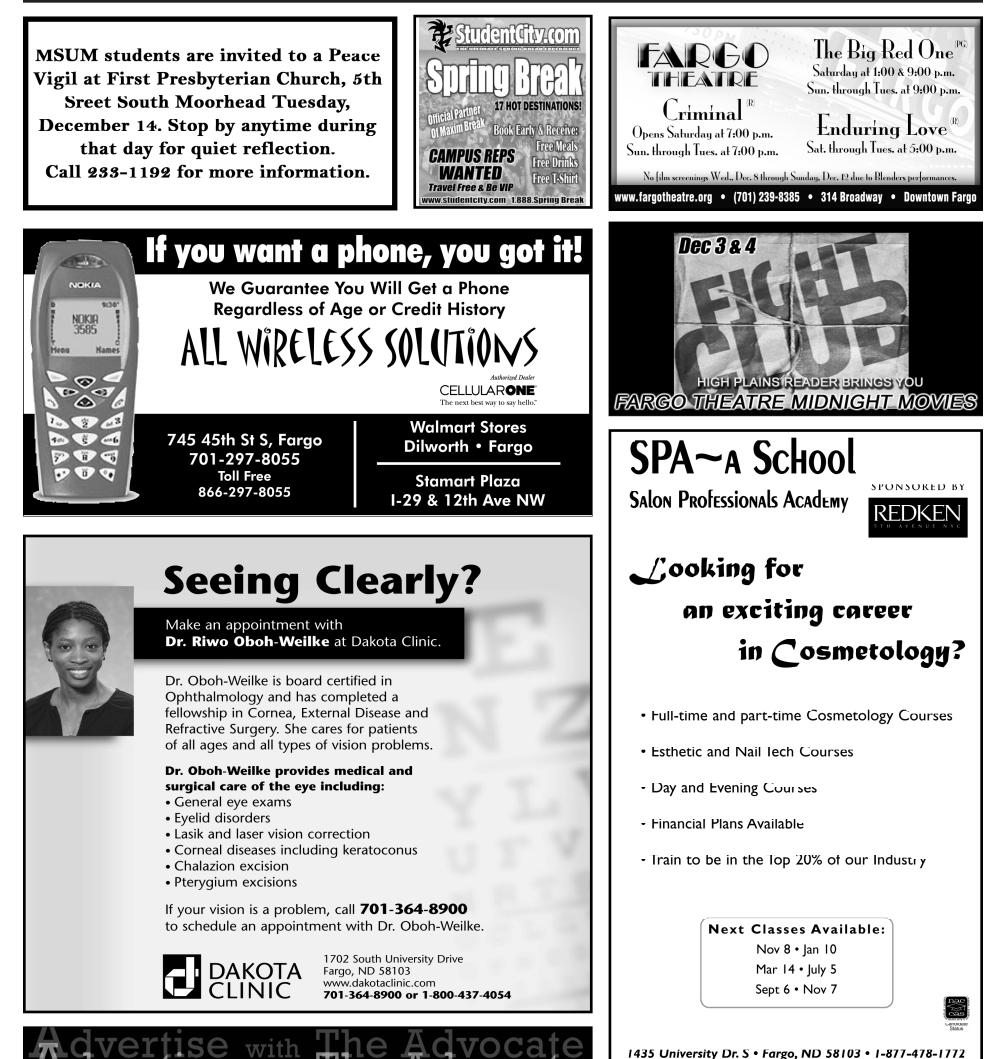
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Main Avenue bridge breathes hope into F-M downtowns

Fargo-Moorhead residents have plenty to be thankful for this holiday season.

On Nov. 24th the Main Avenue bridge reopened connecting Fargo and Moorhead after an 18-month construction project.

Nearly 1,000 people attended the dedication ceremony Nov. 24. Among them were Moorhead mayor Mark Voxland, Fargo mayor Bruce Furness, North Dakota Representative Earl Pomeroy and North Dakota Senator Byron Dorgan.

The group showed excitement about the bridge, which should bring the two states and two cities closer.

The reopening of the bridge provides residents with a relief to the strain of re-routing around the construction.

Even more importantly, the bridge serves as a focal point for downtown developers and will kick-start development deals on both sides of the river.

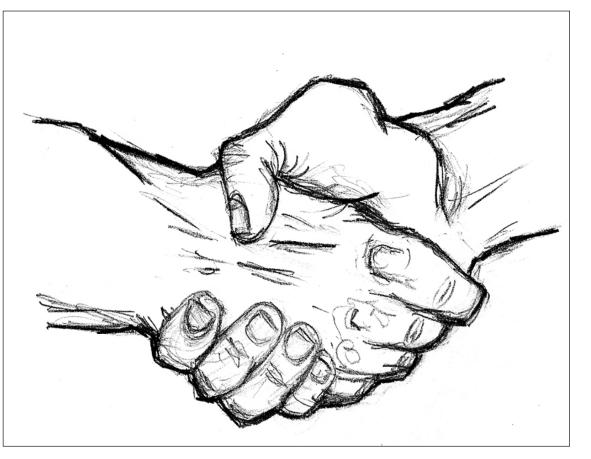
By linking two unique downtowns with a bridge that's equally unique, city planners are creating a place where people want to hang out.

This prospect alone is enough to get excited about.

Downtown Fargo is quickly becoming the place to be. New businesses are popping up all along Broadway and surrounding streets. From retail stores such as the new a.k.a. clothing store to eateries such as the Hotel Donaldson and Monte's, new businesses are shifting the attention away from 13th Avenue and back to downtown.

Moorhead is a little behind the times, but new developments along 4th Street are paving the way toward creating a place to shop and seek entertainment on this side of the river.

Main Avenue's new bridge will help fuel these developments and draw people from one downtown to the other.



Letters to the Editor

Photograph misleading Pictured RA disagrees with security story

My name is Ashley, and I'm a assistant resident in Holmquist. I was in the picture on the back page of last week's Advocate in the article "Home secure home."

First, I was not told what this article was about, nor was I asked if I minded being in the picture, and that I did not appreciate.

By my being in the picture, I feel that it implicated that I agreed with this issue, which I do not.

Second, the article was very one-sided, which would be fine if it was an editorial, but it was not. It was the front page article. The author of this article clearly did not do her research thoroughly. She did not interview one person from residential life. She obviously has no idea what resident assistants do. A comment was made in there that RAs are not "24/7." We are 24/7.

If a resident has a problem at ANY TIME during the day, they know that we are here for them to talk to. We are constantly on alert about what is

going on not only on each of our floors, but also about what is going on in the building. We always have at least one RA who is on duty from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. the next day Monday through Friday, and there are two RAs on-duty on weekends the whole time.

Third, there was a comment that was made that stated, "hopefully (having Campus Security present) would bring less drinking within the dorms."

PETERSON, page 10

A desire for change Security story represents student concern

The issue of security in residence halls has caused quite the stir among housing and university members. People are interpreting the article "Home secure home" any way that makes them look innocent.

Some housing members have approached me and said that the article was misleading and the quotes that I had given are not factual.

day. The RAs job is NOT to be been having this many rapes walking around our building's all day and all night. They do a great job at what they do. We just need to draw the line. A security officer's job is to be securing our campus 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

What kind of training do our

the entire time and nothing is being done?

They shouldn't be so proud of the fact that they are being reported more. I have been doing some research, and of all of the campuses in the state of Minnesota (not just state universities), MSUM ranks as the second highest campus for rapes, with only the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities beating them.

The new bridge, which is wider, taller and higher than the 1936 bridge it replaced, will provide a unique link connecting the two cities the Red River separates. The bridge complements the two cities and creates a new attraction downtown: the Red River.

The Red River is a dominant and often underappreciated aspect of this community. The bridge draws out the river's beauty and splendor. It brings people to the water and makes them appreciate the river that sometimes causes anguish and despair.

It's a great bridge over a great river.

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Also that I stated that I do not think RAs are doing their jobs.

They told me that I did not represent the views of all students, just a very small percentage of them. So, let me set some things straight:

First, I never once stated that the RAs are not doing their jobs, I simply stated that it is hard for them to be securing our "homes" 24 hours a RAs have to handle an assault? To confront violent individuals? Or to handle a rape?

Second, not one of my quotes was non-factual. The statistics I had pointed out about rapes going up on our campus is taken directly from the Campus Security crime report.

People in housing have told me that the rapes aren't going up, they are just being reported more. Wow, what a great point to make. So we have

If it is being reported more here at MSUM, I am sure it is being reported more statewide.

Lastly, representing the views of residents. After the article was written, a great number of students have approached me and thanked me for what I have written.

WELLE, page 10

Brown column lacks example, proof

Browns editorial Racism Prominent in F-M Area, I failed to read one instance of racism in his article thats directly pointed at

In response to Edward Fargo/Moorhead. If you're going to have headlines like that you should back them up with some supporting evidence. Don't ramble on for three columns and not give

examples to what you and your peers are experiencing around town.

Greg Boose MSUM Graduate Student

Christmas carols plague radio waves

Turkey Day has come and gone. Christmas is on the way, and we're all stuck somewhere between get-it-whileyou-can sales and that big glass ball dropping in NYC.

Now, I don't want to sound like I'm not in

the holiday spirit. I honestly like Christmas shopping and the occasional fruit cake.

But something about this joyous season gets me every year and makes me feel a little less joyful. It isn't the lines at the mall or the extra calories I'll consume with all of the holiday dishes and deserts.

Getting bombarded with Christmas carols and holiday pop songs every time I enter a



public building is one of the few things that makes me want to speed through the Christmas season right on into the New Year.

I don't hate Christmas songs; I don't even mind them ... the week before Christmas. Holiday tunes are great on Christmas Eve. I just wasn't in the mood to hear "Jingle Bell Rock" while shopping for jellied cranberries with my mom the day before Thanksgiving.

It seems like every time I turn on the radio I am exposed to another musician's rendition of some holiday classic.

There are more than three weeks to go before Christmas, and I haven't been this

happy about the portable CD player and cassette adapter in my car since this time last year.

A few questions came to mind while I was eating breakfast the other day at a local restaurant. I was trying to block out an upbeat version of "Silent Night" at 9 a.m., and thought, Is there a good reason that music people actually like is being ignored in favor of computer generated bells and chimes?

Is there some kind of scien- special tific evidence that Christmas carols relieve holiday stress? Probably

not. According to several people I've spoken with about the matter, it's actually just the opposite.

Unfortunately, I can't prove the relationship between Christmas music and increased stress

levels because these conversations were basically disgruntled venting with no scientific discussion.

Another possibility is that corporations have put subliminal messages in these songs to convince consumers that they need to buy pine tree-shaped cookie cutters,

holiday-flavored sodas and other merchandise that will fill the clear-

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Whatever the reason for this musical phenomenon, I plan to minimize my chances of overhearing Britney Spears belt out "Santa Baby" by keeping my favorite CDs handy and bringing friends with when I go shopping or

eat out so our conversations can drown out that extra "holiday cheer" traveling America's radio waves.

Have you heard enough Christmas music to last ' til next year? E-mail Cassie at cassie_with_a_y@hotmail.com.

Imperfect' holiday touches perfection

People speak of pictureperfect holidays.

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but just like Santa, there is no perfect holiday. Inevitably, something will burn, someone will be early and someone will be a downer.

Each of us sometimes sets holiday standards that are impossible to achieve. Some holiday events bring out the humbug instead of the humble.

But just before you hurl the lime Jell-o mold at your uncle who guffaws at his own farts, consider how fortunate you



really are.

Traditionally, I spent holidays with my family. But instead of traveling home this year, I spent Thanksgiving in Dilworth. My roommates and I hosted several people who also didn't travel to be with their families.

Most of our guests only met

threshold. Some I hadn't met until then

either. We each came from our own diverse traditions and viewpoints. gaffaws at his

Similarly though, it was our need to feel warm, loved and together with others. Whether we were a hippie, gay, Democrat or Republican we piled our plates and passed the pies— eight of them actually.

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I am uplifted to see people put aside those differences and commune over similarities and the bounty of the holidays.

Our only hope of peace is to come together-differences aside-and be satisfied by progress instead of demanding instant perfection.

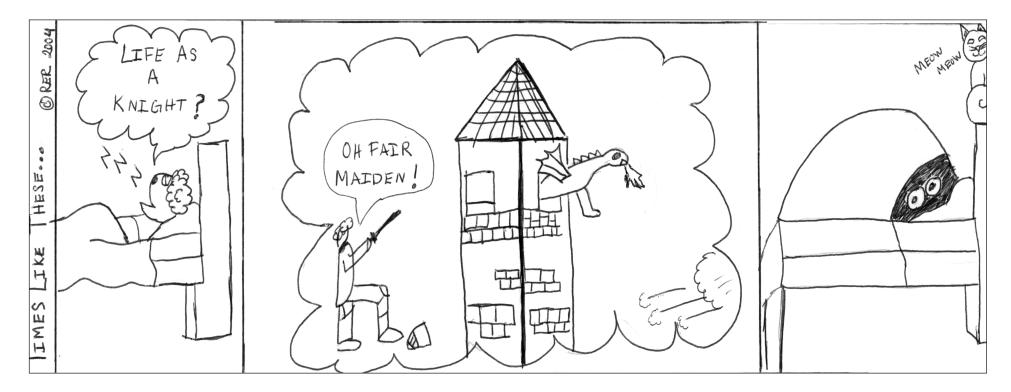
As Sheryl Crow sings, "It's not having what you want. It's wanting what you've got."

This year I had the best Thanksgiving I can remember. It is okay to fanatasize about a succulent trimmed turkey, punctual guests, flambovant dessert and festive conversation, all of which Martha Stewart wishes were served in prison.

But if your holidays don't live up to your ideals, I hope you find contentment and pleasantry, and when the smoke clears, you smile.

> Did you bake four pies on Thanksgiving? Billy did. E-mail Billy at holmeswi@mnstate.edu.





Arts and Ente A Saintly Story

Little Country Theater brings history to life in 'Saint Joan'

By KELLIE MEEHLHAUSE

Staff Writer

Today, Joan of Arc is considered one of France's greatest heroines.

Beginning today (Thursday), the Little Country Theater, located on the NDSU campus, will present a rendition of her life in George Bernard Shaw's "Saint Joan."

"This is not really a heavy piece of theater," director Matt Burkholder said.

"It's a fun show with a lot of humor. It also has a lot to say about female roles back then."

Focusing on the last few years of Joan's life, "Saint Joan" begins when, as a young girl, Joan sees visions and hears voices that she believes are coming directly from God.

Accepting the voices as God's direction for her life, Joan convinces the French Dauphin to allow her to lead an army against the English. Her attack is successful, driving the enemy armies from France and crowning the Dauphin as King of France.

However, Joan's journey is not without difficulty. Throughout the play, she is ridiculed for dressing like a man, for her supposed inability to lead the French troops because of her gender and especially for her undying belief that God speaks to her.

In spite of her effect on the war, she is eventually captured by the English, condemned as a heretic and burned at the stake.

While directing this production, Burkholder focused mainly on the gender roles in "Saint Joan," especially feminism and Joan's effect on it.

"We're doing a more feminist version of the play while still maintaining a lot of the fun of the story," Burkholder said.

One way Burkholder accomplished this was through cross-gender casting. The cast is made up of 14 actors playing 22 roles, meaning some actors portray more than one character. Throughout the play, the audience will see females performing as males, and vice versa.

According to Burkholder, this is seen particularly



JOY MACMURCHY/THE ADVOCATE

Jeanne Lisbeth Woolwine (left), Dallas Carlson (center) and Michelle Carlene Roth, who plays Joan, perform in Little Country Theatre's "Saint Joan." The show, about France's greatest heroines, Saint Joan of Arc, plays at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday) through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday at NDSU.

in roles that were not open to women during Joan of Arc's time, like the bishops.

Furthermore, Burkholder played around with the setting and music of the play to make it appeal more to the twenty-first century audience.

"You hear a lot of contemporary music mixed with music of the Gothic era during the play," Burkholder said.

"Saint Joan" starts at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday)

through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday in NDSU's Walsh Studio Theatre .

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$4 for NDSU students, and \$8 for non-NDSU students.

Meehlhause can be reached at larisa5656@yahoo.com.

MSUM choirs and orchestra perform seasonal concert



MSUM's concert choir, chamber singers and symphony orchestra come together to present their Winter Concert at 8 p.m. tonight in Our Redeemer Lutheran Church 1000 14th St. South in Moorhead.

The performance will feature Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria," a work made up of 12 movements. The concert choir and chamber singers' performance will include a female duet and two female soloists, Stephanie Dunkirk and Monica Johnson.

About 75 students make up the three groups. Music professor Charles Ruzicka said he encourages all students to join an ensemble. Students of all majors are welcome.

While director Kirk Moss prepared the symphony orchestra, Ruzicka will direct all three ensembles. Ruzicka said the seasonal concert will

"The combination of the orchestra and the choir is quite refreshing," Ruzicka said. "We're hoping people will bring their friends and relatives."

Admission to the concert is free.

12.2.04 rtainment

Boys of the Lough entertain MSUM with Celtic sounds

By HEATHER BLODGETT

Staff Writer

Looking for a new way to celebrate the holiday season this year? How about a Celtic holiday concert?

The Boys of the Lough, a traditional Celtic band, will perform in Hanson Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Saturday with a pre-performance talk at 6:30 p.m. in Fox Recital.

The Boys perform original songs and have been recognized around the world for their arrangements. They use only acoustic instruments, such as the flute and fiddle, to achieve their traditional Irish and Scottish sound.

Though their roster has varied throughout their 37-year history, they have managed to perform in 54 U.S. cities, make 18 albums and received two Grammy nominations.

The Scotland-based band likes to make the audience feel welcome and included in the program. As part of their holiday concert, which is only performed in December, they do not predetermine the songs they will perform. They ask for the house lights not to be dimmed too dark because they like to get to know the audience and decide which songs would be best.

"The format of the event should be fun for the audience. It will be more casual, as the band wants to be able to



Traditional Celtic band The Boys of the Lough bring their holiday music to MSUM at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Fox Recital Hall. The Scotland-based band has produced 18 albums and received two Grammy awards.

see the audience and interact with them." said Amber Gamradt, MSUM Cheryl Nelson Losset Performing Arts Series liaison.

"It is a fun, family-oriented event, and the music is something that everyone can enjoy."

Gamradt said the seasonal entertainment "will be a nice break for the stu-

dents before finals."

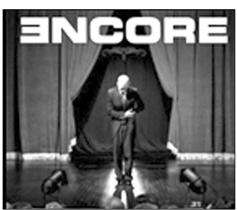
This will be the first time the Boys of the Lough has performed in this area, so it will be something new for the community to experience.

For more information, log on to mnstate.edu/perform.

Blodgett can be reached at lovenibs@hotmail.com.



By BARBIE PORTER



Top 10 Songs of 2004

- 1 Skinny Puppy, Use Less
- 2 Goat Horn, Fortress Doomed
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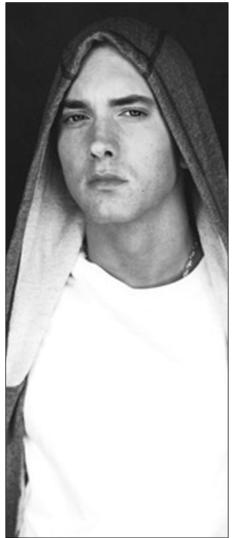
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Documentary Photography Class will exhibit their work in the foyer of the Center for the Arts, Wednesday



Staff Writer

The definition of 'encore' is a further response according to the demand. It's also the title of Eminem's new CD. After listening to it, I won't ever ask for an encore again. I swear.

Back in the day, Eminem rapped about things that appealed to the intellect as well as to the rebellious teen.

"Encore" is a definite regression from the "Slim Shady Show." His words have become repetitive, as have his themes.

Throughout the entire LP, there are two themes: Ja Rule beef and Eminem's ex-wife and groupies.

Many of the songs seem so similar that one could play them back-to-back and the only thing separating them would be the beat.

And if that isn't bad enough, he seems to think he has a talent for freestyling. I don't think that is one of his assets. Take "Big Weenie," for example. The chorus is tight, but the verses are pointless babbling. Track after track of meaningless dribble left me disenchanted.

But on the other hand, there are about five good songs on the LP, plus the bonus disk. And Em's humor does sprout in his infamous skits about his manager Paul.

And that right there is worth at least \$7! Going once, going twice...

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ON THE MAT with DAVE BURGARD

Golden oldie Burgard gives Dragons one-of-a-kind athlete

By CASEY MOEN

Staff Writer

He's just begun his first season at MSUM and he's already being considered a leader.

At age 33, Dave Burgard still has two years of eligibility left and yet he's two months older than his coach.

This semester he carried 20 credits and got ready for the wrestling season.

And don't forget about the wife and two kids at home.

Burgard might not be an ordinary Dragon athlete, but the former high school wrestling head coach and current 125-pound junior on the Dragon wrestling team said he always pushed his wrestlers not to settle for ordinary.

"As a coach I've always told my wrestlers to fulfill their dreams and not hold back," Burgard said. "The one thing that's always bothered me was that I had two years of eligibility."

And that's why when the opportunity arose, the former Fargo North wrestling head coach was quick to seize it.

He had already started taking classes through Valley City (N.D.) State University's online program when he received the bad news.

After his third year as head coach, Fargo North had decided to supplant Burgard for a coach with teaching experience.

Burgard had been splitting time between his head coaching duties and his job drafting at a local business. He said that although he liked coaching at North, it was difficult to manage his schedule as a head coach and fulfill his duties at work.

"It's kind of tough being a head coach and not being part of the school system. It's just hard to have a professional job and get things done around



MSUM junior Dave Burgard, a former Fargo North coach who joined the wrestling team while finishing his degree, will compete Saturday in his first dual since 1991.

the school," he said.

"It's conflicting." Burgard said he knew he had a decision to make. He didn't want to find a coaching job somewhere else and end up in the same situation there.

Ultimately, he decided to enroll at MSUM and pursue a teaching degree. He chose MSUM for the education department's solid reputation.

"The wrestling part came later," he said.

With an old friend coaching the Dragons, Burgard's decision wasn't difficult.

Before he had presided over the wrestling mats at North, he was an assistant under Keenan Spiess.

Spiess, MSUM's wrestling coach, was head coach of the Spartans before moving to MSUM and eventually assuming the same role for the Dragons.

Concordia ends MSUM's season at Regionals

"He's a helluva hard worker. He's really impressing the team with his work ethic," Spiess said.

Burgard still has conflicts. Although they are now a result of finding time to balance his school and work schedule, and still find time for his family.

Not to mention keeping his body in wrestling shape.

Although he's taking tons of credits and continuing to work 20 hours each week, he still finds time to spend with his wife and children.

"I'm not taking 20 credits again. I've got to make sure the kids are taken care of. It's tough on them."

Burgard said he's gotten plenty of encouragement from his teammates, something he wasn't so sure about when he first enrolled at MSUM.

"I didn't want to take a role

away from someone on the team. Right now, I don't want to step on anyone's toes. That's just not me," he said.

Burgard said he worried that not everyone would understand why he wanted to come back. Or believe that he could. "That's what a lot of people were saying," Spiess said. "He's going to get hurt, he's going to get hurt.'

"Like anybody, he gets his bumps and bruises. He doesn't complain. He just puts ice on it and keeps coming to practice."

Burgard said that besides the time away from his two daughters and the maneuvering he must do to find time to spend with his wife, who works nights, his transition back to college and athletic competition has been smooth.

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WRESTLING D-I teams hold off Dragons By CASEY MOEN

Staff Writer

The Dragon wrestling team competed against NCAA Division I and Division II opponents at the Kauffman-Brand Open at Nebraska-Omaha on Nov. 20.

Among the Division I schools competing were Oklahoma State, University of Iowa,

University of Minnesota and NDSU.

Dragon head coach Кеепап Spiess said although the Dragons didn't have any wrestlers place, it was a good experience and gave the Dragons a chance to compete against some of the

Open MSUM will host the first-ever Dragon open on Saturday at 9 a.m. at Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse. The Dragons will compete against wrestlers from across the Upper Midwest.

Dragon

nation's best wrestlers.

The Dragons also got a feel for the national tournament atmosphere since Nebraska-Omaha will host the Division II national tournament on Mar. 11-12, 2005.

"We went down there and wrestled some good competition," Spiess said. "I think it's good for the team to see where we're going to be for nationals."

More than 700 wrestlers competed at the event. Spiess said host Nebraska-Omaha, N e b r a s k a - K e a r n e y , Augustana and Fort Hays State were among the quality Division II schools that participated in the tournament.

Dragon seniors Josh Jansen and Eric Hagemann both wrestled NDSU opponents.

The Bison's Collin Kelley won a 3-2 decision over Jansen in the second round of consolation in the 157-pound bracket.

Adam Dahlstrom won a 5-2 decision over Hagemann in

By CASEY MOEN

Staff Writer

For the third time this season, Concordia-St. Paul defeated MSUM. This time though, it meant the end of the Dragons' 23-win season.

Sixth-ranked Concordia-St. Paul defeated the Dragons 29-31, 32-30, 30-20, 30-24, eliminating them from the North Central Region tournament.

The Dragons didn't go out without a fight. MSUM defeated the tournament's host team in the opening game of its match at the Gangelhoff Center.

Concordia-St. Paul (30-2), which at one point this season won 50 consecutive games against NSIC opponents, was forced to come from behind to beat the Dragons (23-8).

"I was really proud of the way we played," MSUM coach Tammy Blake-Kath said. "We played great."

The Golden Bears battled back, winning a tight Game 2.

"Had we won that (second) game, I really think we would've won the match," Blake-Kath said. "After the first match, they didn't know what hit them."

After being swept by the Golden Bears in two previous encounters, Blake-Kath said the Dragons kept each game of the playoff match competitive.

"There were just a few lapses where they pulled ahead by four or five points," she said.

The coach said those few lapses were too much to overcome against a team that was ranked as high as No. 4 in the NCAA Division II national polls during the regular season.

The Dragons' last match played out similar to their season. MSUM had opened its schedule with 16 straight victories, a school record for most consecutive wins to start a season.

Their first two losses came at the hands of Division I NDSU and in their first meeting against Concordia-St. Paul. But the Dragons recovered in time to string together another winning streak of six consecutive matches.

It was that lapse toward the end of the season that tarnished an otherwise successful year, Blake-Kath said.

"If you look at it, we just had a week or

10 days where we didn't play so well. But other than that it was a very good season," she said.

Blake-Kath pointed to the fact that the Dragons were ranked nationally this season for the first time in school history and their No. 3 seed in the regional poll earlier in the season was the highest in school history. The Dragons were ranked as high as No. 15 in the Division II poll this season.

Blake-Kath credited assistant coach Katy Peterson for helping the Dragons climb as far as they did. Peterson filled in as head coach while Blake-Kath took a leave of absence for part of the regular season.

"She did an outstanding job with that. She filled in nicely in my absence," Blake-Kath said.

Junior outside hitter Sigourney Schaffer headed a string of Dragon award winners. Schaffer was named all-North Central Region first team, only the second Dragon to ever receive that honor.

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the second round of consolation in the 174-pound weight class.

Oklahoma State wrestlers dominated the tournament, winning six of 10 weight classes.

"Our conditioning was good," Spiess said. "It was just some things we need to work on that Division I teams are already doing."

The Dragons will host the first-ever Dragon Open at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Spiess said he expects between 12 and 15 teams to compete, including Minnesota, NDSU and Augsburg.

On Dec. 8, MSUM heads across town to dual Concordia. The next day, the Dragons host NCAA Divison I opponent Princeton at Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Metro State ends five-game MSUM streak

By DUSTIN MONKE

Sports Editor

MSUM got through the month of November nearly untouched.

After winning five consecutive games to begin the season, the Dragons dropped a close one to Metro State College of Denver on Nov. 27. The Roadrunners (4-0) survived the battle of unbeatens with a 62-52 victory in their own tournament at the Auraria Events Center.

Metro State went on a ninepoint run and took control of the back-and-forth contest midway through the second half.

MSUM's Dana Weibel, who had a team-high 14 points, hit a jumper to cut the Roadrunner lead to 54-50 with just over five minutes remaining in the game, but a 3-pointer by Metro State senior Natasha Morlock seconds later put the game out of reach.

Morlock led all scorers with points, grabbed 11 16 rebounds and dished out a game-high seven assists.

"I firmly believe we should be 6-0." MSUM coach Karla Nelson said. "But, we've had our moments where we've played well and our moments where we haven't."

Sophomore center Jessica Fesenmaier played strong for the Dragons (5-1), scoring 10 points and grabbing six rebounds.

Starting out strong

The Dragons went on a strong run to begin the year,

victories over Chadron State and South Dakota Tech at the Four Points Classic at the Gangelhoff Center in St. Paul. MSUM earned an 82-58 victory over Chadron State in its season opener on Nov. 19.

Four Dragons scored in double figures. Fesenmaier led the way with 17 points and five rebounds.

Freshman Jessica Trautwein came off the bench to get 15 points and seven rebounds in her Dragon debut.

Dragons stop Hardrockers

Fesenmaier again led a balanced Dragon attack, scoring 16 points and pulling in 11 rebounds as MSUM got past South Dakota Tech 88-76.

Five Dragons hit double figures in the game. Thon had 14 points, six rebounds and three assists while Weibel, senior Jackie Doerr and freshman Allison Swenson each scored 13 points.

Senior Megan Barnes had 21 points and senior Cori Leis scored 19 points for the Hardrockers, who held a 41-36 advantage at halftime.

The Dragons quickly gained the upper hand in the second half, but a three-point play by Hardrocker freshman Melanie Vedvei cut MSUM's lead to 76-73 with three minutes remaining in the game.

Senior center Jenny Thon's presence inside kept the Dragons ahead and eventually gave them the win

Balance paces MSUM

MSUM never trailed and kept it that way en route to a 101-36 victory over visiting kicking off their season with Augsburg at in their home



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MSUM senior guard Dana Weibel leads the team in scoring with 16 points per game.

opener at Alex Nemzek

Weibel led the Dragons with

21 points while sophomore

Lindsey Anderson scored a

career-high 19 points. The

Dragons deep bench scored 56

"We've had the opportunity

to play freshman in some

quality minutes," Nelson said.

Weibel, Doerr lead MSUM

Weibel scored 23 points and

Doerr added 17 points and six

assists as MSUM defeated

Valley City State 70-55 at Alex

Nemzek Fieldhouse on Nov.

MSUM made quick work of

their NAIA opponent, trailing

Valley City State sophomore

Loni Hall got the best of the

Dragons, scoring 20 points

only twice in the first half.

Fieldhouse on Nov. 23.

points.

and grabbing 10 rebounds.

Doerr the key for Dragons

Doerr turned in another strong performance in the Dragons 66-38 victory over Fort Lewis College in the first game of the Metro State Tournament on Nov. 26.

The senior point guard led all scorers with 18 points, hitting 6 of 6 from the free-throw line. MSUM hit the boards hard, outrebounding Fort Lewis 53-32.

"I still think we're capable of more," Nelson said, referring to the Dragons' rebounding. 'We're doing a good job boxing out, but we're not releasing to go get the ball."

Monke can be reached at newenglandtigers@yahoo.com. while Diiro paced nearly a second behind her at 1:05.04. MSUM freshman Jenna Nace captured first place in the 100-meter butterfly with

a time of 1:09.64. Nace also took second place in the 400-meter individual

medley with a time of 5:41.60. Freshman Barbie Brooks

finished second in the 100meter backstroke with a time of 1:15.47.

Junior Melissa Erickson took second in the 100-meter breaststroke at 1:22.53.

On the diving boards, sophomore Sarah Chaussee beefed up her contention for nationals with second place finishes in both the 1- and 3meter dives.

In the relay competition, an MSUM team comprised of Erickson, Nace, Diiro and freshman Julie Carlson took second in the 200-meter medley relay with a time of 2:14.26.South Dakota edged the Dragons by less than two seconds. MSUM now prepares for its home meet, the Dragon/Cobber Invitational, on Friday and Saturday at Alex Nemzek swimming pool. Friday's events are scheduled to start at 6 p.m. while Saturday's events kick off at 9 a.m.

MSUM drops two on the road, win pair at home

MEN'S BASKETBALL

By DUSTIN MONKE

Sports Editor

Last second heroics by seniors Chris Anderson and Ben Aalto propelled MSUM to a strong start in men's basketball last week.

The seniors boosted the Dragons with a pair of buzzer-beating 3-pointers in a 76-75 double overtime victory over Colorado State-Pueblo on Saturday.

Aalto nailed a buzzer-beater as time expired to tie the game 60-60 at the end of regulation.

Anderson kept the Dragons alive in the first overtime, knocking down a three to tie the game 68-68 and force double overtime. "We didn't give up," said Anderson, who finished with team-highs of 25 points and 14 rebounds.

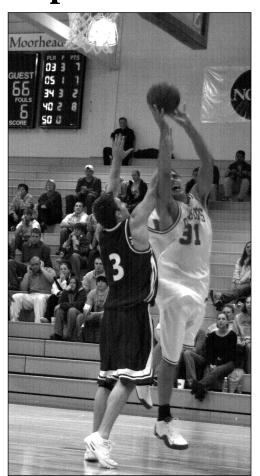
The Mavericks were paced by junior center Andy Classick, who finished with game-highs of 19 points and nine rebounds.

Anderson led MSUM with 13 points. Senior Eddie Small and freshman Kyle Nelson each had 10 points.

Bahl leads Mines over MSUM

Stephen Bahl led Colorado Mines with 24 points, seven rebounds and seven assists en route to a 73-51 victory over the Dragons. Anderson again paced MSUM with 14 points.

The Dragons shot 33 percent from the field while Mines hit 42 percent of their shots. MSUM shot 3 of 17 from threepoint range. Anderson hit two of MSUM's 3-pointers.



Dragons win four at **USD** Invite

SWIMMING & DIVING

By DUSTIN MONKE Sports Editor

The MSUM swimming and

diving squad is proving they

can be competitive—and even

beat the best-with every

It was evident after the

Dragons easily defeated Metro State College of Denver

and were edged by the

University of South Dakota in

a double dual at Vermillion,

MSUM swimmers won four

individual events and placed

second or third in a range of

Senior Betsy Smith and

freshman Crysta Johnson

placed first and second.

respectively, in the 200-meter

narrowly

Johnson with a time of 2 min-

utes, 24.08 seconds. Johnson

Sophomore Katie Diiro took

home first place in the 50-

meter freestyle with a time of

Diiro edged South Dakota

freshman Jenny Kohlbrand

Johnson and Diiro also took

Johnson swam a 1:04.16

first and second in the 100-

by two-tenths of a second.

finished in 2:24.70.

meter freestyle.

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opportunity they get.

S.D., on Nov. 20.

others.

freestyle.

Smith

28.95.

It took the senior forward a while to get started. Anderson shot 0-for-1 in the first half. But once Anderson got on a roll. things started to click for the Dragons.

"When we needed to make a play, we made a play," MSUM coach Stu Engen said.

MSUM dominated the boards, grabbing a season-high 63 rebounds. The Timberwolves had 24 rebounds, but only three on the offensive glass.

"We're starting to get accustomed to the new players," Engen said. "They're starting to come together."

Before winning two in a row last week, the Dragons were playing sluggish, losing two games at the Colorado School of Mines Classic in Golden, Colo.

Mavericks pounce on mistakes

Turnovers and poor rebounding got the best of MSUM as they fell to Mesa State College 80-60 at the Colorado Mines Classic on Nov. 19.

Dragons get back on track

Senior Ben Aalto proved to the Dragon coaching staff he wanted to be kept in the starting lineup, scoring 22 points as the Dragons defeated Valley City State 83-73 on Nov. 23.

Aalto, coming off the bench for the second straight game, hit a 3-pointer with 3:40 remaining in the game to give the Dragons a 74-69 lead and some breathing room.

The lead stuck thanks to Anderson, who scored six of his 15 points in the final two and a half minutes of the game.

Anderson was sent to the line twice and hit all four free throws to push MSUM over the top.

Small put together another complete game, narrowly missing a triple double with 14 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists.

Junior Brandon Beta led the Vikings with 16 points while senior Kevin Faulkner added 15 points.

MSUM used its height advantage to

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Senior Chris Anderson goes up over Valley City State freshman Brady Ernst. Anderson is averaging 16 points a game.

block 15 shots. Small led MSUM with four blocked shots. Nelson, senior Deandre Buchanan and freshman Lee Issacson each had three blocks.

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WELLE, from 4 –

Students have told me stories about why they don't feel safe, and one has even written down her reasons for not feeling safe and given it to me.

So, I believe that the majority of students agree that something needs to be done.

We all need to speak out for how we feel if we want something to be done, even if I am still "misrepresenting" the majority of students.

Statistics don't lie. If a rape happens once a year, that is still one time too many. If you would like to see reports from any campus security at any university go to: www.ope.ed.gov/security.

If any students would like to express their concerns with me, I would love to hear it.

> **Adrian Welle MSUM Sophomore**

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PETERSON, from 4

This is so not true. Students who drink on campus are one of two types: the smart type that is quiet about it and no one except them ever knows they are doing it, or the notso-smart types who are really obvious about it and get busted by the RAs.

The students know when the RAs come around, and they are usually quiet then. Having Campus Security patrol around would not make a bit of difference as far as that goes.

As far as the comment about how MSUM seems to be more of a party school than it used to be, all I have to say is that drinking occurs at every college campus across the United States, and frankly, while I know that drinking is a serious problem here, I would not classify MSUM as a huge party school.

I transferred here from another school in Minnesota that I feel is way more of a

party school than MSUM. However, yes, drinking is a problem on every college campus across the United States, and having Campus Security patrol the buildings is not going to change this.

Drinking is something that college kids do, right, wrong or otherwise. As RAs, all we can do about it is document it as we come across it and hope that people will learn to do their drinking off campus.

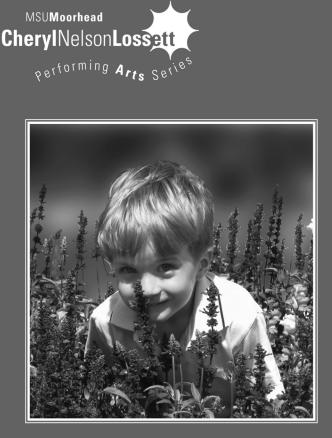
Again, I do not agree with having Campus Security walking around the halls because it is not going to change anything.

Whether it is an RA or a Campus Security officer walking around, students are going to do what they want, and there is not a whole lot we can do about it.

> **Ashley Peterson MSUM junior**

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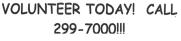
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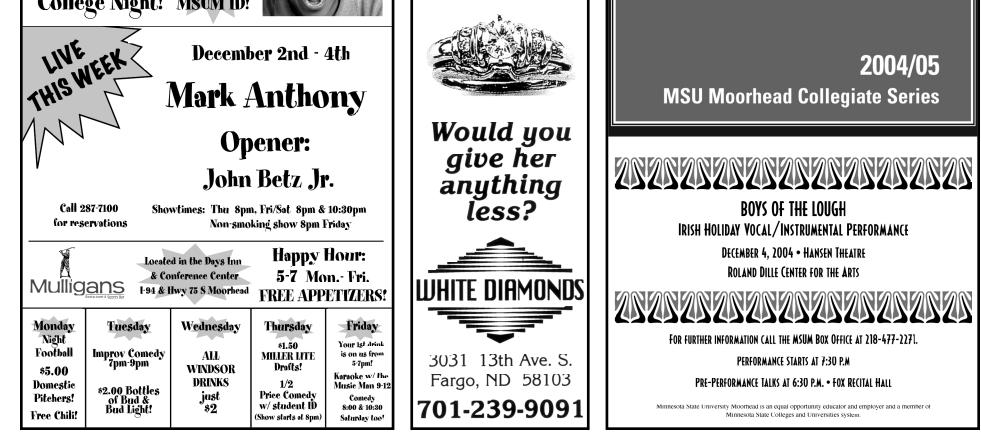
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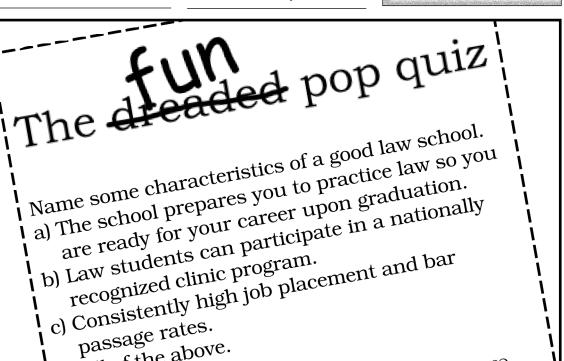
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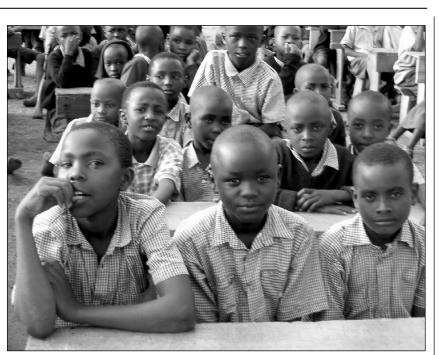
SUPPORT, from front

After visiting Tanzania and Kenya, Carlson observed the contrast of African students to American students.

"Since we are in an education institution, we don't value it as much," Carlson said. "They would give anything to be in as high as educational as we are.'

Support International is an on-campus organization, advised by anthropology professor Bruce Roberts, that raises money for the underprivileged in the community, and internationally. The organization meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday in the CMU.

For more information, visit their Web site at www.mnstate.edu/sprtintl.



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MSUM's Support International organization will host a benefit Saturday to raise money for this Kenvan school.

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BURGARD, from 8

"The college stuff has come back a lot better than I thought it would. MSUM is great with helping students. There's always somebody that will help you if you need it."

There is one situation that Burgard admits might make him feel a little strange.

The Dragons have a dual meet scheduled with Concordia for Wednesday. The Cobbers will more than likely be starting 125-pound Kevin "Smokey" McBride, a freshman from Eagan, Minn.

McBride's original high school was Fargo North. and his coaches while at Fargo North were Spiess and Burgard.

"This is something where I'm going to have to close my eyes and wrestle," Burgard said.

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Burgard said he's been in touch with McBride since he transferred after his sophomore year.

Most recently, the two spoke at the Bison Open on Nov. 13.

"I think he feels a little bit weird about it. (But) it'll be fun," Burgard said. "I've never wrestled anybody I've coached before. That'll be my first match that will count toward my eligibility."

Burgard said he tries to remember his last dual meet.

He thinks it was against Bismarck State College. He admits it's impossible for him to remember.

It wasn't just a month or a year ago, after all. It was in 1991.

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FUNDS, from front —

funds for several businesses and organizations.

President Bush is expected to sign the bill into law soon. "I am pleased that MSUM will now have the funding necessary to make important safety improvements on campus," Dayton said during the announcement. "These improvements are critical to providing our students with a safe learning environment."

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