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'Malice or an honest mistake?'

Union officials say 'opposite sex couples only' sign misphrased

By **LINDSEY YOUNG**
Managing Editor

An attempt to draw couples to the Couple's Dance at The Underground caused confusion and some anger on campus last Wednesday.

Student Union Director Karen Mehnert-Meland was summoned to the Underground that afternoon to address a sign reading "The Underground Couple's Dance, opposite sex couples only." The sign had been up for less than a day and

some students were already doing double takes at the publicly posted discriminatory remark.

"When I looked at it I was like, whoa," said junior Shandon Collins.

Collins was passing through the CMU with Trista Schwind, another student. The girls were not about to pass by and not take action.

"We needed to find out if this was out of malice or an honest mistake," Schwind said.

Collins noted that many of

the students who pass through the CMU and The Underground are freshmen. Sophomore and Ten Percent Society chairwoman Lea Vogl agreed that any insinuation that the CMU is not a welcoming place could be scary for a GLBT freshman student.

"As a freshman, seeing that, I could become wary of coming in here," said Collins.

Less than 24 hours after the message was written, Mehnert-Meland was notified and immediately removed the

phrase "opposite sex couples only" from the sign.

"This does not represent the CMU," she said. "It's not the message that CMU wants to send."

It was also not the message The Underground wanted to send. The intention was to prevent students from taking advantage of the special admission price. At last year's dance, students came with friends, claiming to be "a couple" in order to get the discount.

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Going back

Professor John Early focuses on retelling his stories in a new novel.

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'Lost Boy' finds home

By **ALEXA ORTS**
Staff Writer

"When we go back we will be strong."

MSUM junior Simon Leek speaks of himself and other Sudanese students who now study at local universities. Nationally recognized as a "Lost Boy of Sudan," Simon was one of 50 young men who found homes in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

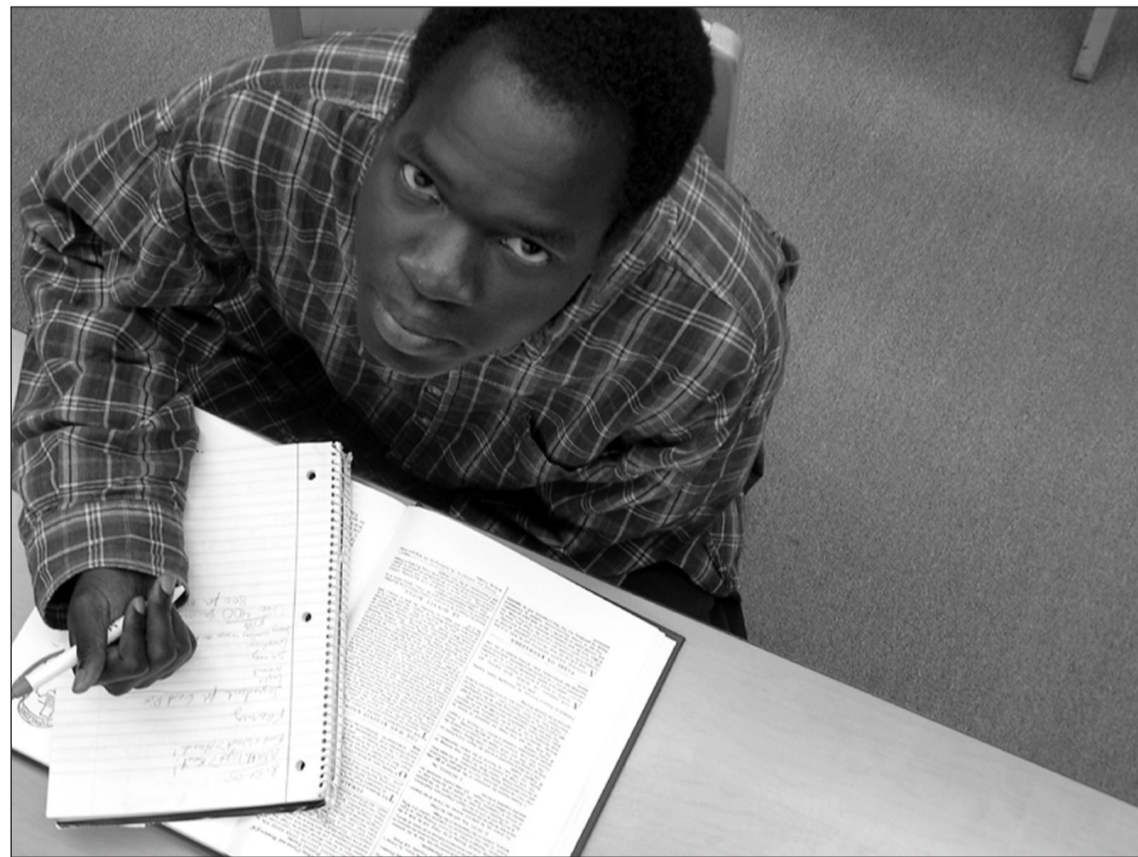
Simon, a quiet-voiced and lanky junior, can be mistaken as shy. But his tone demands attention as his story unravels.

A civil war in Simon's East African homeland broke out in 1983 after the Muslim government based in North Sudan had long denied Southern Christians civic rights. After years of oppression the southerners formed the Sudanese People's Liberation Army. An enraged Islamic government brutally attacked southern villages, raping and murdering civilians by the thousands.

When a battle broke out in Simon's community, he was separated from his parents. His uncle rushed him to a refugee camp in Ethiopia. He attended elementary school there until Ethiopian civil war threatened his safety.

Simon and a group of more than 4,000 boys then marched for three months to Pichalla, a Sudanese town turned refugee camp. The SPLA protected them for nine months.

When Arab forces bombed the camp, Simon and others hid in foxholes to avoid



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MSUM junior Simon Leek is one of the 50 "Lost Boys of Sudan" now living in Fargo-Moorhead.

shrapnel. After nine months, they embarked on a two-month walk to Kenya, where the United Nations gained guardianship over them.

When asked about the long walks and living in refugee camp, Simon responded, "It took us two months to walk to Kenya. We understood the situation we were in. We knew that things were tough."

But he fondly remembered using the effective mosquito nets at night. He mimicked the hand movements he made when using them, chuckling, "You're good to go."

From 1992 to 2000 Simon attended school in Kenya before he left Africa for the United States. He and cousin Santino Ajith, also an MSUM student, lived with foster parents John and Rachel Bearfield in West Fargo.

"They were so good to us," Simon said. "We weren't used to rules and curfews. Rachel made compromises with us. John always fixed our cars."

Simon enjoyed his classmates at West Fargo High School "They were really cool there," he said.

He also credits the friendly West Fargo High School teachers Kathy Scott and Betty Reyerson for being exceptionally supportive. They keep in contact with Simon. After Simon's summer shoulder surgery, they gave him rides to therapy and broke his boredom with local outings.

Simon now carries a full load at MSUM. He plans to obtain a graduate degree in International Human Relations so he can work with the UN. He spends many hours in the library.

"I need to do my masters after I graduate," he said.

Simon will work 20 hours a week at Menard's this semes-

ter. He appreciates his managers and fellow employees. "They are really understanding."

When questioned about his work ethic, Simon said, "No pain, no gain. We didn't come here to have luxury lives."

Simon is a normal college student who points out non-fiction, poetry, R&B and soccer as his favorites. He has never smoked or drank, but is quick to say, "I'm not against it."

Simon confessed, "Whenever I meet a nice girl, I wonder if she is Norwegian."

He attributes this to Norway's outstanding humanitarian aid to Sudan during the war.

Amidst the busyness of the average college life Simon remains religious. He adjusts his work schedule in order to attend the Sudanese Mass at St. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church in Fargo.

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A new attitude

It's time to start acting with more respect, kindness and consideration.

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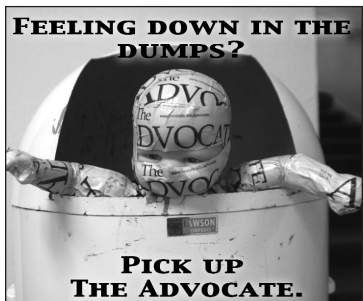
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Yamaha pianos used by MSUM and NDSU will be for sale at a discounted price. The pianos include a full warranty and financing and delivery are available. If interested contact Steve or Cindy at 1-800-817-6265.

Spring break trip to Paris offered

The Office of International Programs is offering a spring break in Paris. Interested students should attend the meeting tonight in the CMU 216 at 7:30 p.m.



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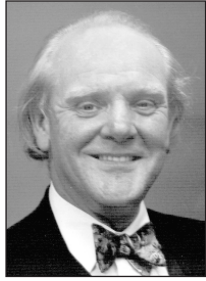
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Oxford Professor to visit MSUM

Allan Chapman, professor at Oxford University in England, will be on campus Wednesday to present a lecture in King auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The lecture is titled, "The Real Charles Darwin."

There will be tea and biscuits following the presentation in the Dragon Den.

Deadline for abroad scholarships near

Application deadlines are approaching for two major study abroad scholarships. Applications are available at the Office of International Programs, Flora Frick 151. The deadline for the students studying in Japan is Oct. 5, and the deadline for students studying in Asia is Oct. 21.



Reineke Art Gallery exhibits on display

NDSU Reineke Visual Arts Gallery will be holding a reception Friday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The exhibit works were created by studio and scholarship recipients.

The work will be on display through Oct. 2.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. The gallery is located at 1301 12th Ave. N., Fargo.

Tamaro to read at the Spirit Room

MSUM English professor Thom Tamaro will read his poetry as well as selections from the anthology he co-edited, "Visiting Frost."

The reading will be 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23 at the Spirit Room Gallery at 111 Broadway. The event is free.

Eurospring 2006 applications ready

The Office of International Programs is accepting applications for Eurospring 2006. Available spots are limited. If you're interested, pick up an application in Flora Frick 151. Applications will be accepted until all spots have been filled.

Music department offers free credits

The MSUM music department is looking for trombone and saxophone musicians to play in the second jazz ensemble.

Non-majors are able to use this credit towards their liberal studies. Tuition for the credit is free. Contact Dr. Curtright at 477-2422 if interested.

MSA invites new members to join

The Muslim Student Association invites everyone to attend their meetings Mondays from 8 to 9 p.m. in CMU 216.

The meetings will include activities, discussions on everything from spiritual matters to global issues and a mix of culture.

Chinese clubs to hold festival

The Chinese clubs will host a mid-autumn festival and open house Monday at 7 p.m. in the Dragon Den (Flora Frick 152).

The entertainment includes Chinese costume show, live music, a folk dance, a Tai Chi sword and martial arts demonstrations. Attendees will receive information about MSUM's East Asian studies programs, available scholarships, the China tour and learn the traditional Chinese folk art of paper cutting and folding.

Food and refreshments will be served, and door prizes will be given away.

Kiss a pig for ADA fundraiser

The American Diabetes Association is holding its first annual "Kiss a Pig," Gala on New Year's Eve.

From now until late December, you may cast your vote (or votes) for the candidate of your choice at a dollar a vote. Voting boxes will be placed in the candidates' places of work, as well as at the ADA office at 1323 23 St. So., Suite C in Fargo. You can mail your votes to the ADA or vote online with a credit card at www.diabetes.org. Candidates include MSUM football coach Chad Eisele and Fargo Mayor Bruce Furness. The winner must kiss a pig.

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"My hand is cold and I'm going to warm it up on my boob and you're just going to have to deal with my hand on my boob."

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Early Writings

MSUM professor, John Early, looks to rewrite his first novel



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John Early is writing his new novel while turning his first novel, "Apostrophe," into a novella.

By **BARBIE PORTER**

Features editor

John Early grew up in a lower-middle-class neighborhood in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Grade school stories and the ever-present hymns of the church choir enticed him to pick up a pen. Early first told his girlfriend that he wanted to write. She encouraged him, as did his family and friends. He was a senior in high school when his interest in writing novels was ignited.

Early knew being an author was a peculiar business, where only a select few made a living doing it. So, he went to college, came under the influences of his favorite authors, Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Cormac McCarthy, and produced his first published piece in the North Dakota Quarterly, titled, "A Market on the Other Side of Town."

"It's written in a 12-page story, but it's all one sentence," Early said. "It's about a small grocery store in north Fargo, by NDSU."

Early picked up a half dozen copies of the magazine and set his sights on writing novels. He never developed a regular writing schedule, dropping stories when he felt the need.

"I've never been a disciplined writer," Early said. "It's a haphazard process."

Although his dedication may have been lax, by the time he chose to attain his doctorate, Early had just finished his third novel. In the early 1990s, he wrote the first draft of "Flesh and Metal" in one summer.

In the novel, the main character is a middle-aged man who loses his wife in a car accident, something Early would face a decade later in his own life.

Early has returned to writing, after a period of mourning stole his drive. Early is reviving his first novel, "Apostrophe," and developing another new novel which has been marinating in his mind waiting for him to bring it to life on the computer screen.

Early was working in South Dakota as an insurance adjuster in 1975. He was driving when he came across an intersection 20 miles from Mitchell, S.D.

"I just started thinking, what if an accident happened out here?" Early said.

Twenty years later, Early wrote, "Flesh and Metal."

"That's the first thing I've

ever written where I just started with a situation and a character and had no idea where it was going," Early said. "I think that probably tells me something, that's probably what I should do again."

Early was at home when he received a call from an agent asking to represent his work. About four months later, the agent found an interested publisher, Carrol & Graff. Kent Carrol called Early, and they spoke for almost 45 minutes.

"It seemed like he had absolutely nothing good to say about the novel," Early said. "In fact, one of the first things he says is, 'I really like the book, except the main character.' I thought, good God, 80 percent of the novel is the main character."

After Carrol & Graff decided to publish his book, the changes Carrol spoke of were never requested.

"I think he was trying to determine whether I was an author he could work with," Early said.

"I find the narrative voice in

'Flesh and Metal' to be quite compelling as it weaves the stories of others into and through the psyche of Jake, the main character," Liz Severn, MSUM English professor, said.

Alan Davis, another of Early's co-workers in the English department, feels Early's characters are believable.

"His characters are real to us and the places where they live and the things they do to make a living are believable," Davis said. "So, we feel grounded as we read, and thus all the more engaged in what happens."

The book was released with little publicity from the publisher. The sales never earned him a royalty check; it didn't circulate into foreign markets, nor did it make it to paperback.

"I thought it would make a wonderful paperback," Early said. "I also thought it would make a wonderful movie, but I seem to be alone in that."

Early admitted the main character was autobiographi-

cal, at the time, because he shared the character's passion for rejuvenating twisted, rusted metal. And in the end because they both shared the pain of losing a spouse.

"My wife died in a car accident in 2003," Early said. "Not long after that, the state of South Dakota sent me a letter. They said they were going to plant a tree in her honor in the state park, which, to my amazement, was not far away from the intersection that I had imagined of the accident in the book."

Early is working on projects while assisting his students. He's taking his first novel, "Apostrophe," and turning it into a novella.

"It needs to be a shorter story, so I'm having a fairly easy time getting rid of stuff that doesn't belong," Early said. "Once you understand what the story needs, it's much easier to do what the story demands of itself."

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Think before speaking to avoid confusion

Everyone has done it at one point or another.

You say something completely and utterly offensive, but you really didn't mean it at all. It sounded good in your head—then it came out of your mouth.

The proper idiom to describe the situation is to "put your foot in your mouth." We're all guilty of it.

I had a friend in high school that did it so often we coined it the "Lori rule." The rule goes as follows: before you speak, think about what you're going to say. If it's not stupid, you can go ahead and say it. If it is, you'd better reconsider.

We've recently been reminded of what happens when someone's innocent mistake becomes a public spectacle. A statement written outside The Underground made the insinuation that same-sex couples were not welcome there. All too often in these cases, no one bothers to get the full story. A simple lapse in judgment becomes full blown drama.

It's really easy to say, "well, they shoulda..." or "weren't they thinking?" But how often do we take the time and imagine what kind of scrutiny or potential embarrassment may arise from an innocent thought? Surely not with every little public interaction.

Maybe the problem starts in our minds. Sometimes a person has tunnel vision, focusing on the task at hand, ignoring everything beyond the scope of what's right in front of them.

Or maybe someone can be so convinced they have no prejudices that they don't think twice about commenting on touchy subjects, like race and affirmative action, homosexuality and marriage, Catholicism and abortion. An honest observation, meant to be void of any biases, can fall upon sensitive ears.

Our minds are focused on the wrong thing. It's instinct for people to think about themselves first. But it should also be instinct to think of others and the results of our actions. Philosophers have said that most "acts of kindness" are done for self-satisfying reasons. The only real acts of kindness are those done selflessly.

This philosophy of acting selflessly needs to be carried through every part of our daily lives. How many times a day do you say "I," "me" or "my"? As 20-somethings stumbling our way into adult life, it's time to understand the scope of the consequences of our actions.

It takes practice. Thinking beyond the borders of our own concerns doesn't come naturally. Eventually we will learn that every action, no matter how small, has a reaction. We sometimes call it "the butterfly effect."

A butterfly flaps his wings in the CMU, and a tornado blows through MacLean.

So let's be adult about this situation and every other situation.

Be kind. Be respectful. Promote altruism. Use the "Lori rule." Take a step back and see yourself through someone else's eyes. Would you think you were a good person?



Letters to the Editor

Greeks teeter for Katrina Campus, community contribute to cause

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a large group of individuals on our campus who recently came together for the purpose of the greater good.

For 48 hours, our Greek organizations here at MSUM—Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Zeta, and Phi Sigma Kappa—teetered and tottered through daytime and nighttime in order to raise money for and awareness of the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

As members of sororities and fraternities, we feel that there can be no greater good than to combine our energy and efforts towards those who are less fortunate or in peril.

Additionally, one of our great responsibilities is to maintain continuous involvement on our campus and within our community. Events, such as the Teeter-A-Thon, allow us to connect with the entire student body.

Regardless and in despite of unfortunate stereotypes, which

so easily attach themselves, the Greek world on our campus is composed of energetic and ambitious student leaders who come from a wide variety of backgrounds and life experiences. Alternatively, a sorority or a fraternity is an excellent opportunity for any student on campus to become involved and grow as an individual.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those hundreds of anonymous individuals whose generous donations will aid in the relief of thousands afflicted by the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Besides the monetary contributions, I would also like to thank those individuals for their words of encouragement throughout the many hours of teetering.

A catastrophe such as Hurricane Katrina is devastating. Not only to the community directly affected, but to all of us around the country, and indeed

around the globe. It's hard to make sense of such a tragedy, if it is even possible to do so.

In attempting to make sense of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Robert F. Kennedy, quoting Aeschylus, said, "Even in our sleep, pain which cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart until, in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom through the awful grace of God."

We may not, in our lifetime, come close to any realization that could make sense of the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina. We can, however, ACT. We can act as fellow members of this community, and in doing so, create a positive impact and a real difference in our lives. This can be the only real control we exert in an uncertain world.

James Cailao
President, Phi Sigma Kappa
Vice President, Student Senate

Steps to a more productive university

I was just thinking this morning, Sept. 10, 2005. My name is Gary, and I am a senior citizen student at MSUM.

What if we unified our diversity—even more, I mean. We are already a university. But think what it might be like if we intensified our unity. What if faculty and students made more deliberate contributions here on campus?

What if the art department gradually painted two of the four walls in otherwise stark classrooms ... to enliven the environment and stimulate learning by painted murals? Faculty might

paint one wall; the students the other one to be really painted ... in an art sense.

The art department maybe should talk with the psychology department about the effect. What type of painting would be enhancing to the subjects taught in a given room, versus what might distract the learning process?

What if the music ensembles worked out on the mall on some nice days to give the campus a little more joy and lighten our step as we moved from building to building? (We might need some long extension cords.) Yes,

how about extending some chords to us outside now and then?

What if we painted a few chairs in most classrooms for visitors and invited them? This might draw in some community citizens; maybe even suggest they come back to college, or come for the first time in their life. College shouldn't scare anyone.

What if anyone reading this made more contributions to this list?

Gary Skorheim
MSUM undergraduate

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Bad spending habits lead to need for cash

I like money. Actually, I love money. I'd go so far as to say that it's my favorite thing.

I love the way two crisp new bills stick to each other as they slide out of the ATM.

I delight in the sight of fluorescent lighting reflecting off the shiny metal of a new coin.

I revel in the scent of a freshly written check, the crisp paper gliding smoothly through my hands.

I am enamored with the springy sturdiness of a newly received credit card, humming gently between my fingers.

But there are two problems with my love of money. The first is that, apparently, money doesn't buy everything. The second is that



Alicia Strnad
Editor

money, as delightful as it is, tends to slip away from me much too quickly.

I suppose I could blame my employers, saying they don't pay me as much as I am worth. Or I could point the finger at gas companies for raising prices, my landlord for charging me too much, the phone company for gouging me on caller ID or the cable company for charging way too much for their Internet service.

But that wouldn't be fair or

truthful. My paychecks are adequate and my expenses are not as bad as they could be. The real reason I'm broke is because I love to spend money frivolously.

As far as I'm concerned, cash is going out of style and I need to spend mine before it's out of vogue. I go on Internet shopping sprees, then spend the next three weeks lugging multiple packages up the stairs to my apartment. I stop in at Wal-Mart for a 98-cent bottle of nail polish remover and leave the store two hours later with a cart laden with \$300 worth of things I don't need, will never use and will surely kick myself in the morning for purchasing.

I go to the grocery store for a quart of milk and leave with four

boxes of oatmeal, eight cans of juice, three boxes of cereal, a gallon of olive oil, six pounds of cheese, a box of dried eggs, three cases of soda, a loaf of bread, three kinds of butter and a cup of yogurt.

You think I'm joking. I'm not. I'm what one would call an "impulse buyer." I go out, see something I mildly like and decide I must have it. I've purchased bonsai kits, stamp sets, art kits, posters, clothes, books, DVDs, CDs, electronic equipment, pets, knick-knacks and kitchen equipment because I thought they were necessary, taken them home, put them on a shelf and forgotten they ever existed. I literally have DVDs that I've owned for three years, moved homes five times and still never watched.

I've tried everything I can think of to stop the spending insanity. I've stopped using cash. I've tried using only cash. I've gone shopping alone. I've gone shopping with others. I've tried to stick to a strict list of what I needed, but nothing's worked. I'm forever doomed to be a cautionary tale: "The Girl Who Wasted All Her Money So She Could Never Save Enough To Buy Anything Nice."

OK, so the title needs work, but I'll live on forever in history through the saga of my financial misdeeds.

Well, that and the fact that I'm the only person under the age of 30 who bought an entire season of "Murder, She Wrote" on DVD.

How do you spend your dough?
E-mail Alicia
at aliciawithay@cablone.net.

Summer in Black Hills brings adventure, lessons learned

For me, it was a summer of divergence. In May, I drove across the long, lonesome stretch of Highway 90 with the destination of Hill City.

I suffered the 10-hour drive with no air conditioning, mind you, to work at the Mt.

Rushmore KOA and Palmer Gulch Resort located a mere five miles from the Mt. Rushmore National Memorial.

When I first pulled into the driveway of the KOA, I remember thinking to myself, "What in the world have I done? Why am I here? Should I turn back around? Am I making a huge mistake by being here all summer?" After swallowing my fears and inhibitions, I walked into the main office where I received my dorm key and was informed that I would be sharing a cabin with 15 other girls. I was used to living by myself, so I knew this was going to be an adventure.

The adventure soon took off. I had roommates from all over the United States living with me, including New York, Alabama,



Sarah Winkle
Columnist

Maine, Ohio, New Jersey, Georgia, Wyoming and even a couple of girls from Russia and Ghana. Needless to say, there were numerous accents and cultural differences in the same household, which proved to be both challenging and exciting.

Each of us were assigned different responsibilities, mine included the waterslide and bike shack. Although these titles seem extremely simple, the job was not. Not only did I learn how to properly reel a fishing pole, fix bicycles and test water treatment levels, I also learned how to be patient and humble.

I remember it was just a few days into my job when I was at the bike shack putting the paddle boats into the stock pond when they seemed to be sinking lower

and lower into the water. I was confused at first but then remembered I forgot to put the plugs in to block out the water!

After I got the nerve, I finally called my boss and told him that the boats had sunk to the bottom of the lake. After much humiliation and good-hearted teasing, I finally retrieved the boats. And that began my summer of learning lessons.

The biggest lesson that I learned while living in the Black Hills was completely non-job related: you and nobody else can choose your destiny. I know that sounds so trivial, but it really is true. I had plenty of time to reflect on my thoughts and what I want to pursue in my life due to the fact that I had very limited access to the Internet and my cell phone had absolutely no reception, but also because I was surrounded by nature day in and day out.

There is something mysterious about sitting on a porch gazing at the mountains and the rising moon that makes a person think

twice about everything they have done up to that very point in their lives and where they want their life to lead. I'm not saying that I spent every waking moment philosophizing about my future. That's far from the truth. Many nights my fellow co-workers and myself would have bonfires behind our cabin, go to nearby towns and gamble or just hit up "our bar" the Mangy Moose.

Towards the end of the summer I was a mix of emotions. I was beginning to tire of the drama of living with 15 other girls and I also had the desire to be back in Minnesota. I loved my managers and their kicked-back attitude at the KOA, yet I yearned for my familiar surroundings and the friends that I had left behind. It's odd how when you are where you want to be, you suddenly want to be where you once were. For example, only a couple of days of adjusting to life back in Minnesota I already had the craving to return to South Dakota and

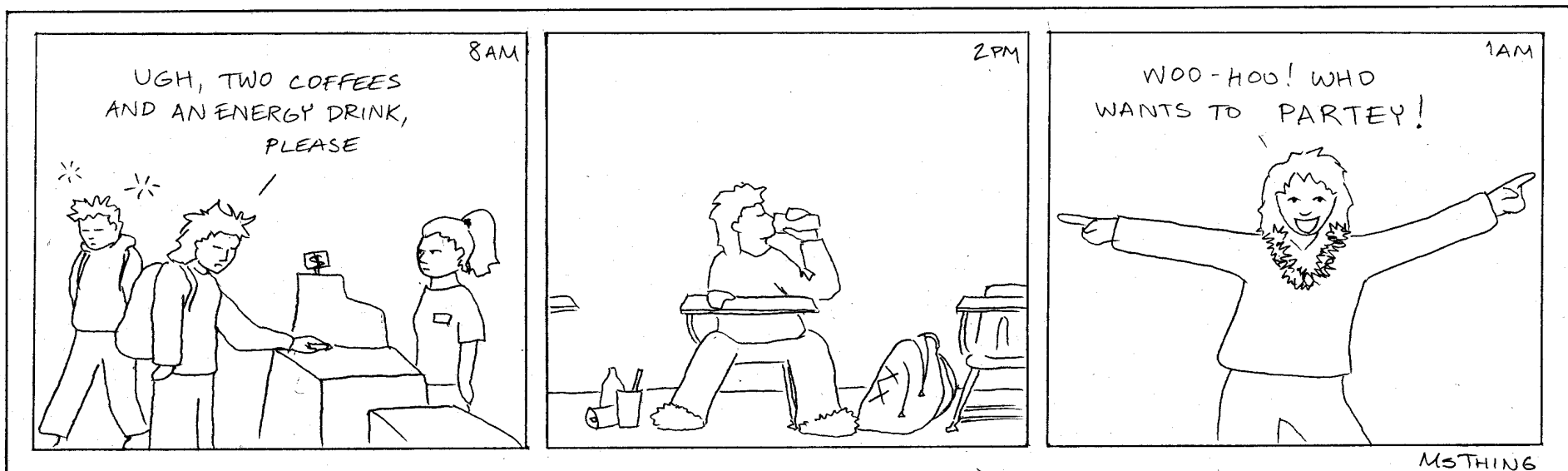
be with my "new friends" that I had sacrificed by returning home to Moorhead.

I think that the biggest lesson that I learned throughout my entire experience is that no matter where you go, or who you meet, the people and the memories will be a part of you for the rest of your life.

Although they may have seemed short-lived, they leave a lasting impression that will help mold you into the person that you are becoming. To be comfortable with who you are transforming into as a maturing adult is sometimes a silent emotional battle that no one can understand but yourself, thus seeming to make your goals that much harder to accomplish. Just remember that no matter how difficult things may seem, in the end, it will all be worth it.

I'm not saying that I spent every waking moment philosophizing about my future. That's far from the truth.

What did you learn this summer?
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Abby Peterson '05

A place of their own

Theatre B opens show in new home

By LINDSEY YOUNG

Managing Editor

After continually moving their spotlight from one venue to the next, Theatre B of Fargo has finally found a place they can call their own.

"We're used to getting used to new places," said David Wintersteen, co-founder of Theatre B. "We're excited about not moving."

Last year they were in three different places. Now, the theater group has taken two empty buildings on Main Avenue in Fargo and is transforming them into a rehearsal space and performance space, thanks to the generous help of Fargo community member Dave Scheer.

"Dave (Scheer) is a supporter of the arts and basically gave this to us for a song," said co-founder Amber Rae Krenzel.

Members of Theatre B hope their new locale will become a part of Fargo nightlife.

"A person can come to Fargo, eat at one of the fine eating establishments downtown, see our show and then have a drink at a nice place, like Monte's," Dave Wintersteen said. "They can have a whole complete evening with a big town feel."

The building, once an empty shell, is slowly starting to resemble a theater. Members, along with Scheer, have been working around the clock, painting, building and planning. The space needs everything from a stage and lighting to bathrooms and places to hang jackets.

Aside from the time and space donated to Theatre B, other theater groups have pitched in by donating items needed to create a proper place for a play. Harwood Prairie Playhouse donated wood to build a stage and seats and will be sharing lighting equipment.

"We've put in a ton of sweat," Dave Wintersteen said.

"We're doing it for the love of our art," Theatre B member Carolyn Wintersteen added.

The work and sweat will all pay off this Friday when Theatre B opens its newest production, "Joined at the Head" by Catherine Butterfield. The play stars Dayna DelVal as Maggie, Jeff Nichol as Jim and Carolyn Wintersteen as Maggy along with six additional ensemble cast members.

"Joined at the Head" tells the story of an author, Maggie, who is traveling the country to promote her latest best seller. She happens to stop in the town where her old flame, Jim, lives and drops in for a visit. She meets Jim's wife, Maggy, who is dying of cancer. The two women come to find they have a lot in common. Maggie's lifestyle has left her with few friends, and during her time with Jim and Maggy, she begins to feel like she is with family.

"In a word, the play is about friendship," Dave Wintersteen said. "It's a funny play, it's a thought provoking play."

Dave Wintersteen, who teaches theater at Concordia, came across the play after a student suggested it.

"This play deals a lot with friendship," he said. "Maggie has no friends."

During the play Maggie finds the value in connections made through friendship and how they can be just as fragile as life is.

Krenzel also felt the theme of friendship was important to the story.

"It's about forming bonds," she said, "no matter how short life is."

"Joined at the Head" opens Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Main Avenue Theatre, 716 Main Ave. in Fargo with shows on Saturday, Sept. 22-24 and Oct. 1. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

For more information about Theatre B, visit www.theatreb.org.

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Maggy (Carolyn Wintersteen) talks about high school memories in Theatre B's production of "Joined at the Head." The theater company is opening their season in their new home on Main Avenue in Fargo.



Members of the ensemble watch as castmates rehearse a scene of Catherine Butterfield's "Joined at the Head."

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Fargo native Weiler returns

By CHRISTINA SCHWARZ
Staff Writer

A Fargo native with a passion for music will return to her roots Friday when Brenda Weiler performs a show at 8 p.m. in NDSU's Reineke Fine Arts Center Beckwith Hall.

The pop/folk singer grew up in Fargo. After graduating from high school, she decided to take a year off from school to explore where her musical talents could lead her.

"I was young and healthy at the time and had the motivation to get a glimpse of the music world," Weiler said. "To my surprise, my passion and motivation led into my career."

When writing her own music, she includes experiences from her own life, her friends and family, along with a fictional sense of story telling. Weiler's music is compounded into calm and awakening tales that guide the listener into a realm of thought and shared empowering bliss. Not only is this shown in her music, but also in her performances on stage.

Despite her accomplishments and acclaim in the music world (she won Minnesota Music Awards for Best Female Vocalist and Best Singer/Songwriter), Weiler says the thing she's most proud of is simply accomplishing her goal of making it in the musical world.

Among the struggles and the steps that took her to where she stands now, Weiler believes taking that first step was the most important and the hardest. She has allowed this to come out in her songs, including "Fly Me Back" and "The Weather I'm In."

Weiler attributes some of her success to her family, who she says have been there to help and guide her.

"I was really amazed that my family was 100 percent support and behind me all the time and are still there," Weiler said.

Weiler is currently working on her seventh album and she said she's looking forward to getting back in the studio and recording her new material.

Tickets for Friday's show are \$12 at the door and \$10 in advance. For more informa-



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FOOTBALL

Dragons fall prey to Coyotes

By JEREMY CHURA

Sports Editor

The University of South Dakota's quarterback, Wes Beschorner, set a school record on Saturday in the No. 16 Coyotes' 56-10 win over the Dragons at the DakotaDome in Vermillion, S.D., in front of 6,166 fans.

"We held them to their lowest total points all season," head coach Chad Eisele said. "I don't know how many things you do right when you lose 56-10."

Beschorner set a school record with 37 career passing touchdowns. He had four passing touchdowns in the game along with a career-best 79-yard touchdown run, his 14th touchdown of the season.

Stefan Logan added 106 rushing yards for the Coyotes in his his ninth straight 100+ game.

The Coyotes are now 3-0 on the season while the Dragons

fell to 0-2. Last season the Coyotes finished 9-2 overall and 4-2 in the North Central Conference.

Senior Roland Sessions III scored the only touchdown for the Dragons on a 13-yard pass from sophomore quarterback Eric Frost with 11 minutes and 26 seconds remaining in the second quarter.

Freshman kicker Riley Rude scored the Dragons other three points on a 27-yard field goal with 5:41 left in the game.

"We played hard," head coach Chad Eisele said. "We just sort of limited ourselves in some areas."

The Coyotes tallied 14 points in the first quarter with Brooks Little and Travis Mlady each scoring touchdowns; Little on a 10-yard pass at the 11:36 mark and Mlady on a 9-yard run with 4:47 remaining in the first quarter.

Mlady also scored again in the second quarter on a 40-yard run at the 8:52 mark in



GRANT GRIFFITH/COURTESY OF THE VOLANTE

Freshman quarterback Eric Schaumburg is brought down by a pack of Coyote defensemen during Saturday's football game at the DakotaDome in Vermillion, S.D. The Coyotes won the game 56-10.

the second quarter.

David Cronin, Desmond Allison and Derek Gearman each added touchdowns for the Coyotes in the second quarter, Cronin scored on a 6-yard pass, Allison on a 3-yard pass and Gearman on a 65-

yard pass.

Beschorner scored the next Coyotes touchdown with 11:09 left in the third quarter on a 79-yard run.

Carter Black scored the final Coyotes touchdown on a 1-yard run with 6:32 left in the

third quarter.

The Coyotes led in rushing yards with 359-yards on 48 carries while the Dragons only had 24 rushing yards on 30 carries.

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VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball dominates competition

By NATHAN LAMPL

Staff Writer

Over the weekend the MSUM volleyball team continued its winning streak with three wins at the North Central Regional Crossover in Aberdeen, S.D.

On Friday the Dragons defeated Minnesota State University Mankato 22-30, 30-27, 26-30, 30-25, 15-10 in Wachs Arena.

Senior Sigourney Schaffer led the Dragons with 21 kills while junior Jesseca White added 15 kills.

Freshman Calla Oftedahl had 21 digs while sophomore Julie Vancura tallied 58 assists and 18 digs.

Mandy Reuter who had 20 kills led the Mavericks while Steph Sandstrom added 18 digs and 57 assists for the Mavericks.

In Game 2, the Dragons beat the No. 16 ranked Augustana (S.D.) 30-26, 28-30, 30-26, 21-

30, 15-11 with Schaffer leading the Dragons in kills with a total of 24.

Junior Becky Anderson added 20 digs for the Dragons while Vancura had 58 assists.

Abby McDonald, who had 21 kills, also added 13 digs to lead the Auggies.

Abby Schmidt added 16 digs while Angie Hummel had 64 assists for the Auggies.

On Sunday, in their final game of the North Central Regional Crossover, the Dragons defeated St. Cloud (Minn.) State University 30-16, 31-29, 30-20, 30-27.

Both White and Schaffer led the Dragons with 15 kills while Oftedahl added 23 digs.

Vancura tallied 53 assists and had 13 digs.

The Huskies were led by Jamie Schlagel, who had 10 kills, while Andrenna Pieper added 15 digs. Sierra Nowak also had 22 assists for the Huskies.

With the three wins at the tournament, the Dragons increase their record to 11-0.

"We were good and with some tough competition it really boosted our confidence," Anderson said.

"We are looking forward to continuing our success with the upcoming games."

On Friday the Dragons kick off the regular season with a trip to Bemidji (Minn.) State University; a team the Dragons are 55-54 against overall.

On Saturday the Dragons will travel to Crookston to play the University of Minnesota-Crookston; who the Dragons have never lost to in their 12 meetings.

The Dragons are currently ranked No. 1 in the NSIC.

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Standout volleyball players help Dragons continue winning streak

Every once in a while, there comes along a team that has the talent to bring home a championship.

Now you may be wondering what team I am talking about.

I can definitely tell you that I am not talking about the football team or the women's soccer team. The team I am referring to is the undefeated Dragon volleyball team.

This year the team has three standout players who deserve some recognition.

First of all there is senior Sigourney Schaffer. Schaffer is currently the MSUM female Athlete of the Week. At last weekend's NSIC/NCC crossover tournament, she was credited with a club high 60 kills.

Next there is freshman Calla Oftedahl. Oftedahl, an Apple



Jeremy Chura
Chura Chat

Valley, Minn., native, was recently named the NSIC Defensive Player of the Week. During the NSIC/NCC Crossover Tournament, Oftedahl was credited with 63 total digs in just three games.

Finally, there is sophomore Julie Vancura. Last week Vancura was named the NSIC Setter of the Week. Vancura averages 13.1 assists a game.

This year's volleyball team has the potential to go all the way and bring a championship to MSUM.

It is sad to see less than 100 at volleyball games. Everyone should make it to a game to support our top team.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Duffers off to slow swing after Cobber Open and Invitational

By JEREMY CHURA

Sports Editor

On Friday, the MSUM women's golf team participated in the Cobber Open where the team finished 11th overall with a score of 383.

Gustavus Adolphus won the open with a score of 327 with Kimbra Kosak of Gustavus

Adolphus tying for first with a score of 80.

Junior Erika Reitmeier shot a 92 for the Dragons while freshman Kasey Maier finished with a 94.

Senior Nicole Voge had a 98 for the event while junior Jessica Burke rounded out the Dragons with a score of 99.

On Saturday and Sunday the

Dragons competed in the Cobber Invitational where the Dragons finished in 13th place with a final score of 751.

Southwest Minnesota State won the event with a score of 642.

Carley Roach of Augustana and Erin Oakland of Southwest Minnesota State both tied for first place with

scores of 155, however, Roach won medalist honors due to the NCAA scorecard playoff.

After Day 1 the Dragons were in 13th place with a score of 385.

Maier ended Day 1 with a final score of 90 while Hochgraber finished with a 95.

Voge finished the day with

96 while Burke rounded out the team with a score of 104.

After Day 2 Hochgraber finished with a score of 177 while Maier ended with 183. Voge had a final score of 188 while Bruke rounded out the Dragons with a score of 203.

On Saturday and Sunday, the Dragons host the Dragon Invite at the Meadows.

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Sophomore running back Bert Smith led the Dragons with 43 rushing yards while Beschorner had 110 for the Coyotes.

Beschorner threw a total of 201 yards on 13 completions for the Coyotes while Frost threw for just 54 yards with seven completions on 11 attempts. Beschorner also threw for two interceptions for the Coyotes.

Junior Mitch Jeppesen and freshman Jeremie Watson both caught the interceptions for the Dragons.

When the Dragons and Coyotes met last fall, the Coyotes defeated the Dragons 51-3 at Vermillion. That was the first meeting between the two teams.

The Dragons will travel to the University of Minnesota-Duluth to take on the Bulldogs on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Griggs Field.

"We need to decide what kind of team we're going to be offensively," Eisele said.

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Upcoming Games

Sept. 16:
Volleyball @ Bemidji State, 7 p.m.

Sept 17:
Football @ University of Minnesota-Duluth, 1 p.m.
Cross Country @ St. Olaf Invitational, at Northfield, 11 a.m.
Volleyball @ University of Minnesota-Crookston, 4 p.m.
Women's soccer vs. Bemidji State, 1 p.m.
Women's golf hosts Dragon Invite at the Meadows Golf Course
Men's club soccer vs. South Dakota State University, 5 p.m.

Sept 18:
Women's soccer vs. University of Minnesota-Crookston, 1 p.m.
Women's golf hosts Dragon Invite at the Meadows Golf Course
Men's club soccer vs. Augustana (S.D.), noon

Sept 21:
Women's soccer vs. Mayville State, 5 p.m.

Corrections

The football photo caption should say Eric Schaumburg.

Also, the cross-country photo caption should have read junior Tim Neshiem competes in the Dragon Open on Friday where he finished 27th in the men's 8K run.

NOTE: If you see any errors, please contact churaje@mnstate.edu.

BRIEFS

Advocate staff reports

Oftedahl named NSIC defensive player of week

Calla Oftedahl was named the latest Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Defensive Player of the Week. Oftedahl, a freshman from Apple Valley, Minn., helped lead the



Dragons to a sweep at the NSIC/NCC Crossover Tournament and was credited with 63 total digs, including 23 in a victory over St. Cloud (Minn.) State University.

At Eastview High School Oftedahl was elected volleyball captian, voted Most Valuable Player and Defensive player of the year. She was also named to the All-Lake Conference team as a senior.

MSUM swimming to hold first practice next week

The MSUM swimming team will hold its first practice on Monday, Sept. 19, at 3:15 p.m. in Nemzek.

Club soccer crushes School of Mines and ties NDSU

On Sunday, the MSUM men's club soccer team defeated South Dakota School of Mines & Technology 8-0.

Andy Gunderson tallied three goals for the Dragons while Ibrahima Diop, Matt Jansen, Andrew Clop, Elvis Soljevic and Brandon Mantei each scored a goal.

The Dragons scored seven of their eight goals in the second half.

Last Wednesday, the Dragons and NDSU battled to a 0-0 tie.

The Dragons (2-1-1) host South Dakota State Saturday at 5 p.m. and Augustana on Sunday at noon.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Soccer starts NSIC play with losses

By **BRIAN HANSEN**
Staff Writer

The MSUM women's soccer team started out its North Sun Intercollegiate Conference play with a 4-1 loss to Southwest Minnesota State University on Saturday at Marshall, Minn.

Freshman Richelle Ross scored the lone Dragons goal on an assist from senior Jaime Duggan at the 8 minute and 38 second mark of the first half.

The Mustangs scored their four unanswered goals in the second half.

Noelle Bergman tallied two goals; one at the 55:15 mark and the other at the 58:58 mark for the Mustangs while Liz Schiesl added two assists.

Alyssa Seckinger and Joelle Dean both added goals for the Mustangs who are now 1-3-1 overall and 1-0-0 in the NSIC. Sophomore Morgan

Landwehr had three saves for the Dragons while Kayla Borstad stopped five shots for the Mustangs.

On Sunday, the Dragons fell to Wayne (Neb.) State University 2-1 in front of 100 people.

Kelly O'Connor scored the first goal for the Wildcats at the 8:52 mark of the first half on a 6-yard shot.

The Dragons came back to tie the game at the 31:12 mark with a goal by freshman Hila Anderson on an assist by junior Danielle Reid. The goal was scored on a 3-yard shot.

With less than 10 minutes left in the game, Anne-Marie Lind had an unassisted goal on an 18-yard shot inside the left post to clinch a Wildcats win, the Wildcats are now 3-3-1 overall and 1-1 in the NSIC.

Landwehr had five saves for the Dragons while Mishaline LeRoy only had one save for

the Wildcats on two shots.

With the two losses over the weekend, the Dragons fell to 0-6 overall and 0-2 in the NSIC.


"We just have to put the ball in the net," head coach Rollie Bullock said. "But overall the team looks really good."

On Saturday, the Dragons will play their first game at home against the No. 3 ranked Bemidji (Minn.) State University Beavers who are currently 3-2-2 overall and 1-1-0 in the NSIC.

Then on Sunday the No. 7 Dragons will host the University of Minnesota-Crookston (1-6-0, 1-1-0 NSIC), who are also ranked No. 3 in the NSIC.


Both games will be played at Alex Nemzek Soccer Field and each game will begin at 1 p.m.

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Trends in enrollment

Developmental classes part of MnSCU study

By SARA HACKING
Copy Editor

Enrollment in developmental courses at MSUM has remained the same in recent years, according to university officials, bucking a trend toward increased enrollment in such courses described by a recently released report from Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

"Getting Prepared: A report on Recent High School Graduates Who Took Developmental/Remedial Courses" found that 42 percent of 2002 Minnesota public high school graduates who enrolled in college within two years took at least one developmental course, compared to 39 percent of 2000 graduates.

Gina Monson, director of admissions, said an increasing number of students are applying to MSUM who need developmental courses, but they are not being accepted.

"It really hasn't impacted MSUM so much because of our admission criteria," she said of the report's findings.

The report cites the increasing number of students who attend college as one possible reason for the increased enrollment in developmental classes.

MSUM's enrollment has remained the same in recent years according to Monson and current admission standards may be a reason for this.

"We have not wavered on our admission criteria even in difficult enrollment times," Monson said. "I've had students angry with me for not admitting them. I try and explain to them that we don't just want to take their money, we want to make sure that they are able to succeed here."

MSUM currently grants automatic enrollment to students who score 21 on the ACT or 1000 on the SAT, as well as to students who rank in the top 50 percent of their high school class who score a minimum of 17 on the ACT or 830 on the SAT.

The addition of ACT and SAT minimum test scores to the top 50 percent placement is a recent increase in admission standards according to Monson.

"We were finding some students, not a large group, who were coming in with low ACTs and they were not prepared for the collegiate level," Monson said.

As stated by Monson, approximately 30 students were not admitted to MSUM this fall semester because of



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Students study algebra in MSUM's Mathematics Learning Center.

the changes.

Students who are accepted to MSUM are only allowed to take developmental courses in math according to Monson.

Barbara Rath, director of the Mathematics Learning Center, said MSUM offers courses in elementary and intermediate

algebra for students who score 23 and below on the ACT math section and are placed beneath college

level on a MnSCU-approved placement test. Those scoring zero to nine are placed in Math 090, those scoring 10-14 are placed in Math 099 and those scoring 15 or higher can take courses for college credit.

Rath said students in developmental courses attend a lecture in addition to a mandatory lab session in the Mathematics Learning Center twice a week where they work with two college instructors and a student peer tutor.

"The idea is to get a lot of one-on-one help," she said.

She said students should not be embarrassed to take developmental math courses.

"They're one of 400 students, so they're definitely not unique," Rath said of the approximate number of students enrolled in such courses.

Students who do not meet MSUM enrollment standards are referred to either the Gateway program offered through Minnesota State Community and Technical College or the Corrick Center for General Education at MSUM according to Monson.

"Our goal is to place students appropriately where they have the most chance to succeed," she said.

Students enrolled through the Gateway program can transfer to MSUM after 24 semester credit hours with a 2.0 GPA, Monson said. Class sizes are smaller and are held on the MSUM campus afternoons and evenings.

"It's really turned into a nice partnership," said Monson. "It allows students a way to get started at MSUM, to get comfortable on our campus."

The Corrick Center for General Education offers a full range of liberal arts classes at college level credits said Dennis Jacobs, director of the program. He said smaller classes, stronger advising, and a different grading system are the only changes from standard MSUM enrollment.

Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA, take a class with a C or above in their major to be admitted to MSUM, according to Jacobs.

"About 700 students this year did not meet our automatic enrollment so you can definitely see there's a need out there," Monson said of the programs.

She said roughly 250 students enter the Gateway program each year and Jacobs said a similar number are admitted into the Corrick Center.

Jacobs said 95 percent of the Corrick Center courses are not developmental, although he believes the university should offer more developmental classes.

Monson said students should be better prepared before they enter college, although she said the university does as much as it can to help students be successful and get off to a good start.

"We need more at that higher level," she said. "We want students here who are prepared for the rigor of the courses."

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The other side of Sept. 11

By ALEXA ORTS
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More than 50 area students and citizens received a Canadian perspective on the attacks of Sept. 11 in the Livingston Lord Library porch on Sept. 9.

George MacLean, director of the Center for Defense and Security Studies at the University of Manitoba, presented "9/11 After Effects: Our Neighbor's Perspective."

MacLean pointed out that Canadians did and still feel vulnerable after the American tragedies.

"It was an attack on a continent, not just the U.S.," MacLean stated.

He added that recent violence in Great Britain increased Canadian apprehension. "Why wouldn't it be us (next)?"

MacLean informed the audience that Canadians put forth great efforts after Sept. 11. Canada sent 2,400 troops, a large portion of its military, to Afghanistan in 2004 where the Canadian military commanded American and NATO forces. MacLean expressed that Canadian military efforts lacked acknowledgement.

"Canada could do a better job about reminding Washington about its participation in the war on terror," he said.

Canadians mourned with Americans after Sept. 11. MacLean displayed a photo of 100,000 Ottowans at a memorial service three days after the attacks.

He noted that Americans and Canadians have similar values.

"There are more Americans who 'think like Canadians' than Canadians," he said. He reminded the crowd that 90 percent of Canadians live within 100 miles of the U.S. border.

MacLean noted that the war in Iraq is a hot issue in Canada. He stated that Canadian political parties disagree on the issue because some support American efforts while others do not.

The speaker discussed the economic links that bind Canada and America. The U.S. and Canada have the largest economic relationship in the world. America conducts 40 percent more commerce with Canada than Mexico, its second largest trading partner. 85 percent of all Canadian trade is transacted with the U.S. 25 percent of all American trade is with Canada. Both countries would suffer from an economic relationship breakdown.

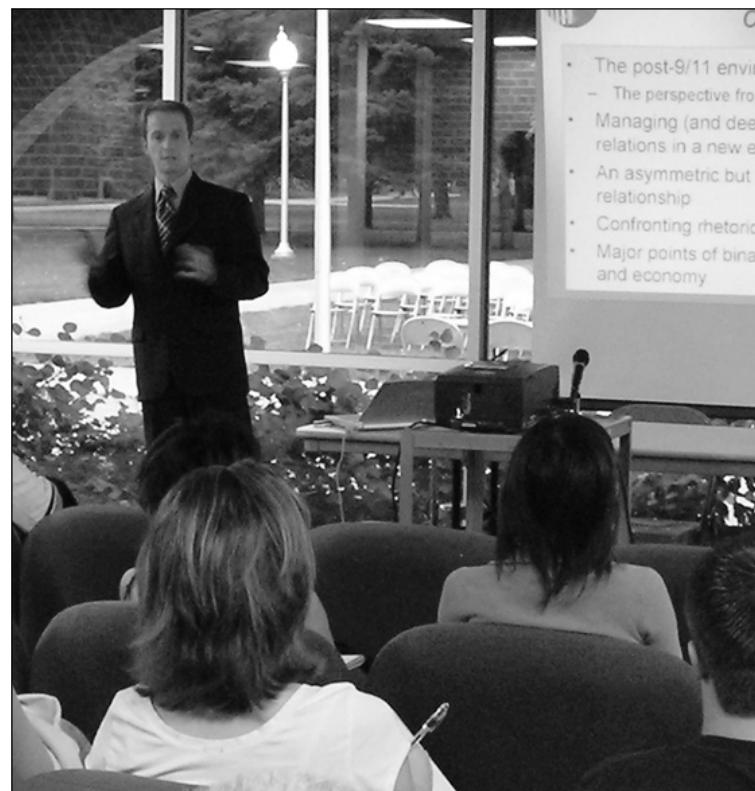
MacLean considered the importance of Canadian-American relations. He explored sensitive subjects, what he termed "irritants," in cross border relations. Oil issues, the 23 percent tariff on Canadian softwood lumber, mad cow disease and concerns over the impending passport requirements comprised the list.

President Roland Barden, Moorhead Mayor Mark Voxland and student senate president Billy Holmes gave personal Sept. 11 reflections before the lecture.

MacLean indicated that there is great support for the fledgling MSUM Canadian Studies program at the University of Manitoba. Select exchange opportunities between MSUM and both the University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg are in planning and may be offered in the fall of 2006.

Professors Andrew Conteh and Paul Sando, members of the Canadian Studies task force, organized the event.

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George MacLean speaks to MSUM students about the effects of Sept. 11 on the Canadian citizens, military and foreign relations.

□ **SIMON**, from front

"God is in control of my life," he said.

Simon still speaks with his parents, who farm in Sudan. A six-year cease-fire has established a temporary peace. By 2011 the country will choose between uniting and separating into different states.

Simon's story is not over. Like many other Sudanese, he

wants to return to his country. He still recognizes his connection with Sudan, saying, "If they are free there, we will be free here. We play a role in this moment."

Leek lives with a definite goal. "All the Sudanese people who came to the U.S. and other developed countries have a duty. We need to use

our time, our opportunities to get educations so we can rebuild Sudan. We can't waste our time and do nothing. We have to go back and build our country. We are the hope of the country. We've got to use what we've been given."

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\$1M machine donated to MSUM

By LEE MORRIS

Staff Writer

The same company that developed the glass for Edison's light bulb has donated a valuable piece of equipment to MSUM.

Corning Inc., a technology company located in New York State, gave an electron microprobe to MSUM. Corning already had two of the scientific machines and did not need three.

MSUM geology professor Russ Colson found out about the extra machine last March while attending a conference at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. He made arrangements to have it delivered from its home in New York to King room 115B.

The electron microprobe generally works by sending a small probe of electrons to strike a sample of rock and give back a chemical analysis of the material. Colson will use the device to study environments on other planets.

"I create conditions inside a high-temperature furnace and create conditions of other planets deep underground," Colson said, speaking of how the apparatus may be used to examine how ores formed on earth and other planets.

The science fiction-loving professor says the device will also help him understand how the earth has changed, because "Any time you look at another planet, you gain information on your planet."

Ellery Frahm, an electron



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Professor Russ Colson works at the electronic microprobe donated to MSUM by Corning Inc.

microprobe research scientist at the University of Minnesota, says there may only be two microprobes in the state, not counting the new addition at MSUM.

Colson says he wants to start a program where undergraduates can use the microprobe for their purposes and the local community may use it for a fee. Colson says area residents will be able to use the machine for \$30 to \$100, which will help recover the \$67,000 cost of bringing the machine to MSUM.

Colson believes the price is worth it because it is valued at about \$250,000 and increases his chance of getting

research funding for his students.

The Monaco-born Raymond Castaing originally conceived the microprobe in 1951 and it has developed over time. Before the microprobe was brought to MSUM, Colson says, there was no way to determine the chemical composition of a material quite as accurately.

Archaeological artifacts such as arrowheads, pottery, ceramics and countless other objects can be analyzed by the microprobe. Biologists can even use it to analyze human hair and teeth.

Frahm says he has used it to "examine archaeological

materials and artifacts, including ancient Syrian ceramics, North American copper bells, bricks from a sunken Civil War blockade-runner, obsidian stone tools and more."

The instrument, however, does have its limits. For instance, Colson said, if one were to try to analyze a staple of the typical college student's diet - that is, pepperoni pizza - the results may not be all that savory.

Colson said, "The microprobe would vaporize the pizza."

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MSUM aims for self-sustaining campus

Campus Initiative seeks ways to promote environmentalism, cost-efficiency

By MATT SOMMERFELD

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Rome wasn't built in a day. The same logic can be applied to the Sustainable Campus Initiative.

With the help of both faculty and students, the University Green Campus Committee is laying the groundwork for developing and promoting sustainable practices to lessen the University's impact on the environment.

"We realize it is a long-term goal, but we made good progress this summer and I am looking forward to the future," committee member Paul Dustin said.

In order to achieve this goal, many programs have been initiated. Perhaps the most involved project will be the creation of a campus wind turbine.

Wind turbines harness wind energy, which is less harmful to the environment. However,

constructing such a structure is no easy task.

First, building a wind turbine would not be cost effective. Right now it is less expensive to simply buy the energy than pay for a wind turbine and use the energy created by it. Also, paying for the turbine could take up to 20 years.

Furthermore, other wind turbines in the area have taken as many as eight years to be constructed. Time must be spent on research for such a lengthy project.

Another complication arises from Moorhead city regulations. In order to sustain the 1.5 megawatts of power needed to power the CMU and the wellness center, the turbine would have to be built at a height that is too high by city regulations and be in close proximity to the buildings. Both demands are not attainable at this point.

"All of this sounds like a

good idea, but it is not feasible at this time," Dustin said. "That is the kind of information we are learning as we research more."

However, there is news with the turbines. North Dakota is one of the top wind producers in the country with its high wind speeds and flat plains.

"North Dakota is for wind what Saudi Arabia is for oil," Dustin said. Along with ample wind production, the government also aids in the production of turbines by granting credits to cities who use them. These credits help improve the cost effectiveness of the turbines.

"It's important to hear from both sides of the argument," Dustin said, "On our committee we have people who argue the environmental side as well as the business side of the initiative."

Other more traditional activities to attain sustainable practices on campus include the

use of recycling in various forms.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of recycling bins labeled throughout campus. They can be found in the CMU, in the academic buildings and in the residence halls.

Another program in the works is the use of recycled products in the bookstore.

Also, the committee has worked with the campus custodians to promote the use of recycling when students move in and out of the dormitories.

"It is really important to educate incoming students about how to recycle on campus," Dustin said.

Students interested in making a difference with the environment can contact the committee on their web site at www.mnstate.edu/sci. People with all kinds of interests and majors are needed.

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□ DANCE, from front —

"I just wanted to avoid that, so that's what I wrote, and I'm so sorry," Underground manager Melissa Fritz said. "I feel really bad."

Usually, when an event is held at The Underground, all advertising has to be approved by CMU directors. However, the Couple's Dance was a last-minute idea and Fritz didn't have time to go through the usual approval process.

While the sign was not meant to be discriminatory and was merely a slip in judgment, the damage was done and before the message was removed, members of student senate, the Women's Center, the Ten Percent Society and The Advocate had been notified. It was at this point that Mehnert-Meland said she decided to turn a negative experience into a positive example.

Last Friday morning, Mehnert-Meland, along with CMU assistant directors Layne Anderson and Jordan Urich, as well as Fritz addressed a group of students including Vogl and Anita Bender from the Women's Center. The group used the opportunity to find ways to learn from the experience.

Mehnert-Meland told those gathered that instead of pretending the issue didn't happen and keeping hushed up about it, they would have an open dialogue where all people felt they had a voice. A member of the Ten Percent Society told Vogl about the phrasing on the sign after a meeting.

"I stood back and said this could be scary. But the possibility that it was this (a mistake) crossed my mind," she said. "People were hurt, but we didn't jump to conclusions."

During the meeting, the group discussed unintentional discrimination and the damage that can be caused by not dealing with it in an open manner.

"All of us are capable of unintentional discrimination. Sometimes the policy is to cover it up, but that's how discrimination becomes invisible," Bender said. "Talking about it is important. This can become a model for the rest of the campus."

Every person involved said they felt that by meeting and discussing the situation, they were able to walk away with a positive outlook instead of hurt feelings.

"I hope that the CMU continues to be an open and inviting place," Mehnert-Meland said.

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