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The ADVOCATE

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Student senate blocks checks

By ALICIA STRNAD
Editor

Student senate has stopped a plan to get students their financial aid overage checks without waiting in line.

The business office said that for spring semester overage checks would be either directly deposited or mailed to students' local address, getting checks to students sooner.

"We don't want to wait until the 10th day of the semester," MSUM comptroller Mark Rice said. "We want to get kids their money right away."

Student senate responded by passing a motion recommending that checks be physically given to students as in previous years. The body also recommended further revisiting of the plan to mail checks.

Student senate president Billy Holmes said senate was concerned that many students don't update their local address, so checks would be mailed to the wrong address.

"We don't want federal funds going through the mail that may or may not be getting to them (students)," Holmes said.

Senate also expressed concerns that students would have to wait longer for checks to be forwarded from outdated addresses or that the checks might be intercepted by identity thieves.

"I don't like waiting in line any more than anyone else," said Holmes, "but I'd be upset if my overage got lost."

Rice said the university will abide by what student senate says for now, but he doesn't know why students wouldn't update their local addresses. "Why would student senate feel we have all these bad addresses?" he asked.

Holmes, who said his local address on file with the university is incorrect, said, "We as students are extremely temporary in residence. I forward all my mail, but I don't know what my local address is going to be next month."

Students who have already signed up for direct deposit will get their overages deposited Jan. 24. To get direct deposit, fill out the form at www.mnstate.edu/busoff and bring it to the business office with a voided check by Jan. 15. **Strnad can be reached at aliciawithay@cableone.net**

Sculpting some Christmas spirit



JAY PICKTHORN / ADVOCATE PHOTO EDITOR

Senior Adam Voigt cautiously assembles a house made entirely with Play-Doh and garnished with candy Tuesday afternoon in the CMU. The creation was part of "Tuesdays Suck," an event sponsored by Campus Activities Board.



In the stars

Planetarium show confronts the science and religion of the star of Bethlehem

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Don't change

Stopping overage mailing shows lack of faith in students, postal service

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Orientation Web site gets makeover

By LEE MORRIS
Staff Writer

The new student orientation office is reinvigorating its Web site to tailor it to future freshmen's needs.

Special projects coordinator Nick Gaines said the current Web site fails to impart the information incoming freshmen desire. Gaines, a junior, said the new site, which he hopes to launch late next week, bears the guidance freshmen seek.

The site will furnish one of nine orientation ambassadors, all MSUM students, to each freshman "type": new, transfer, international, gateway, multicultural, Corrick Center, non-traditional, commuter and undeclared freshmen.

This enhances a freshman's experience beyond the current site's capabilities, which lacks an opportunity for freshmen to interact with their student orientation counselors.

The new site permits students to e-mail their questions about MSUM to their orientation ambassador, a volunteer designated to assuage freshman fears.



CARY KNUDSON / THE ADVOCATE

Student Orientation Counselor senior Travis Maier (right) informs a new Dragon of upcoming events during Dragon Orientation last fall. The Web site new students turn to for orientation is getting a new look organizers hope will help give a clearer picture of campus.

Gaines said when he was considering colleges he received information about MSUM in the mail. He said, "I said 'Oh, this is a pretty diverse campus,' and then when I get here, it's not."

Gaines, a black man, said part of the new site's aim is to show the diversity of campus in a white community, including cultural, ethnic, disability, age and sex diversity, not only racial.

Gaines said, "On the old Web site there are no pictures of minorities except for minority SOCs," of which there are three, including Gaines. The goal, however, is to utilize a

diverse array of orientation ambassadors to avoid misleading pictures.

Gaines said, "A big problem I have on this campus is diversity," and the new site is a chance to downgrade the discomfort of minority freshmen.

Gaines conceived the idea for upgrading the site in late October and he pursued it after implementing research and focus groups. The site will advance in three phases, finalizing in Feb. 2006, which seems lengthy but allows Gaines to evaluate the plan after the spring and fall orientations.

Junior Myriah Morth recalls

her orientation as "overwhelming." Morth said, "It was my first experience and it was like 'Whoa, you're scary,'" as her SOC showed "too much enthusiasm."

Junior Katie Hutchings said of her orientation, "It felt as though you were going to summer camp, you were 10-years-old and going to summer camp."

Morth said, "You're moving away from home and you're coming to school and you're bombarded with insanity."

Gaines said, "It's not just changing the look of the Web site, it's changing the concept." Gaines said an SOC's job usually ends with orientation but the orientation ambassador's job persists. He admitted the ambassadors will "try to keep things positive" instead of focusing on the detrimental, such as redirecting parking problems to the benefits of MAT buses, Doyle Cabs and carpooling.

Gaines said, "We're trying to form relationships."

The orientation Web site is www.mnstate.edu/orientation.

Lee can be reached



Flamenco lobster

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Concert tonight to help R.A.C.C.

MSUM housing and Loop-hole Records will hold Rock Against Rape and Abuse at 6 p.m. tonight (Thursday) in the CMU Ballroom.

The bands featured will be: Burnt Sienna, Cut and Run, Me and You Crew, Castro and the Decomposeurs.

Admittance is \$2 with a student ID or \$3 without an ID.

Raffle tickets will be sold to win various prizes.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center.

Bookstore buyback begins today

The Bookstore Customer Appreciation Days will be held today from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The bookstore will also buy-back books today (Thursday), Friday and Dec. 12-15.

Library to make changes to catalog

PALS, the online catalog at the Livingston Lord Library, will be transformed into MnPALS.

Many areas of library service will be affected and some services will be slowed temporarily. The implementation of the new system is expected to be completed by the end of January 2006.

For more information please contact Pam Werre at werrepa@mnstate.edu or Jean Kramer at kramer@mnstate.edu.

Summer Brazil trip has open seats

Students, faculty, staff and community members are invited to participate in a tour May 19 through June 1.

The group will travel into the culture by visiting the Tijuca forest, beaches, historic neighborhoods, Rocinha slum, a health clinic, beautiful churches, markets, live music, the Olodum drum group, the capoeira, Afro-Brazilian religions and more.

The trip cost is estimated at \$3,300, which includes hotels, most meals, all entry fees, transportation, health insurance, airport tax, tips for guides.

Other expenses include some meals, US passport; \$97 and a Brazilian visa; \$120. Students have the option of enrolling for 1-3 credits.

Financial aid is available. For more information please contact Jan Fiola, Sociology, 102 Lommen, 477-2584 or fiola@mnstate.edu.

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"I don't have to go to class, why should the basketball team?"

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Religion meets science

MSUM planetarium gives "Star of Bethlehem" show

By **BARBIE PORTER**

Features Editor

The night sky forms twinkling stars above the audience as the lights dim in the MSUM planetarium. A quick reminder of the joy of the holiday season amidst the miserable weather appears in a short film on the white screen before the presentation, "Star of Bethlehem," begins.

The star of Bethlehem, which led the wise men to the manger where baby Jesus lay is the centerpiece for the planetarium's presentation now through Dec. 19.

"This time of year a lot of people wonder what the star of Bethlehem might have been," David Weinrich, planetarium coordinator, said. "You might think it'd be really easy to find the answer.

"After all, all you have to do is run the planetarium back to Christmas day in 018, but unfortunately it's not that simple. No one knows for sure when Jesus was born. The Bible doesn't say Dec. 25. People didn't start keeping time according to the birth of Christ until several hundred years later."

The star of Bethlehem show begins by looking at the winter sky, which Weinrich says is the same sky people saw thousands of years ago, regardless of the time of the year that Christ might have been born.

"The stars last for billions of years in many cases," Weinrich said.

Then the presentation goes into a little bit of detective work by examining the clues of history through scripture and events which occurred in



PHOTOS BY BARBIE PORTER / THE ADVOCATE
Artwork portraying historical and biblical events is shown during the presentation.

the sky during Christ's birth. Finally the presentation looks at the astronomical possibilities, such as a nova, comet or conjunction of planets to explain the star, which is only mentioned in the Bible.

"It's (star of Bethlehem) not a specific star like we think of today, it probably wasn't that," Weinrich said. "We can't say that we see the star of Bethlehem every year. The star may have been a natural phenomenon."

The presentation allows the viewer to gather and disseminate the information and draw their own conclusions.

Weinrich finds the music to be the most interesting aspect of the show. "It's an intricate part of the show and the way it connects it is interesting,"

Weinrich said.

The program was purchased from Michigan State University years ago and has become a yearly program implemented by the planetarium, which gives five presentations a year.

Weinrich became interested in astronomy as he grew up under the dark country skies of southeastern Minnesota. "I remember watching some of the first space flights and the landing on the moon of course," Weinrich recalls. "I became interested in astronomy as a young teenager."

Weinrich says a deep knowledge of astronomy isn't needed to enjoy the show, just a sense of curiosity and wonder of the night sky.

Freshman Eric Berget, came



The audience reads through pamphlets provided by the planetarium as they await the show.

to the show to fulfill a class requirement.

He said he was surprised at the small size of the planetarium.

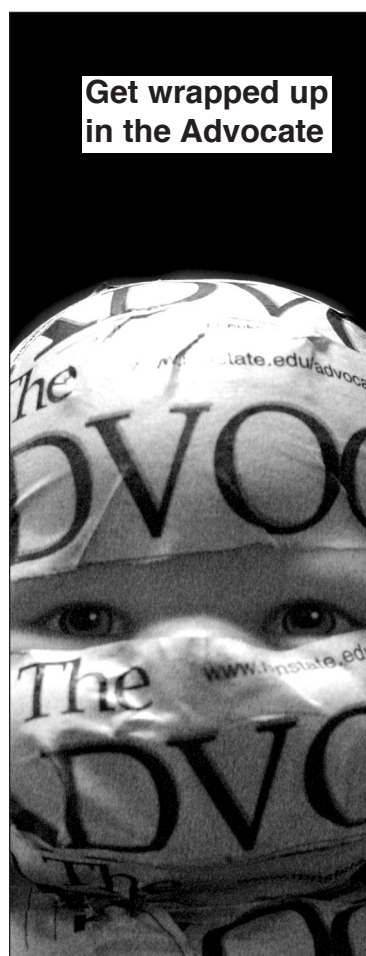
It was his first time in it, but he felt the show was good. "I learned a lot of stuff that I didn't know," he said.

The planetarium will continue to show "Star of Bethlehem" at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays; and at 7 p.m.

Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays from through Dec. 19.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for students, senior citizens and children 12 and under. The planetarium is in Bridges 167.

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Student senate needs to trust fellow Dragons

It's tough being in charge around here.

The people in the business office were trying to do a good deed. "Let's direct deposit or mail everybody's overage checks," they said. "That way, students don't have to trek out of their way, wait in line and show their ID to get their money. That should make their lives easier."

They just wanted to be helpful, to make the world a little brighter and the mailbox a little more wonderful. What's going to be the problem with that.

Then student senate got wind of the business office's plan and decided to stop it. It could be that student senate genuinely thought that they were helping. They genuinely thought many students have the wrong address in their university files. They were actually worried that somebody's check might be intercepted by the evil identity thieves.

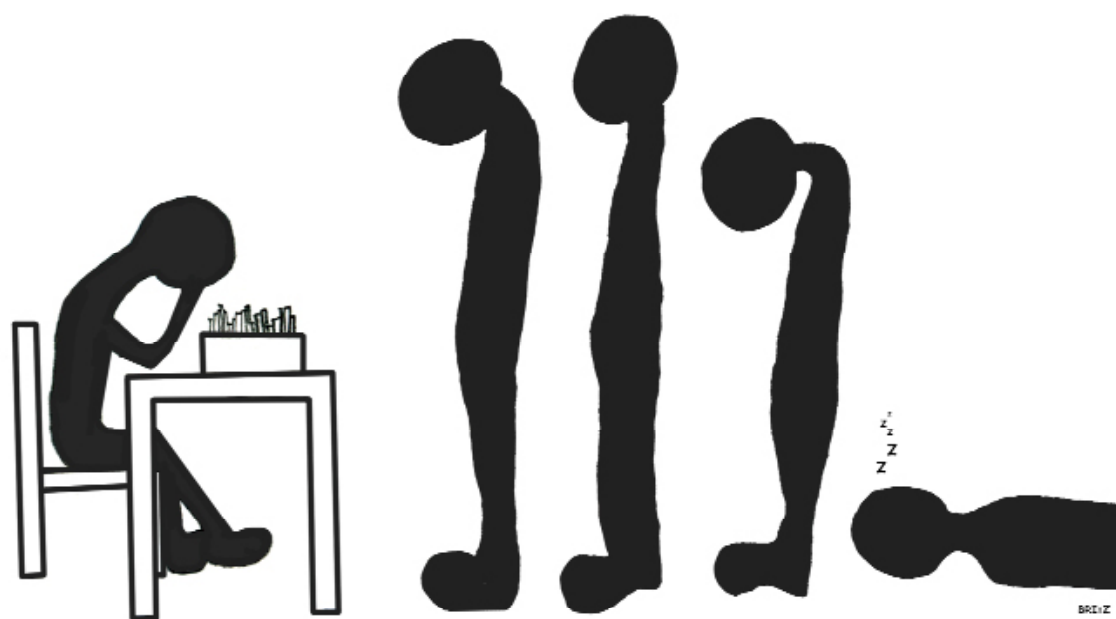
But student senate needs to have a little faith and trust.

If you're old enough to go to college, you're old enough to keep your personal information updated on a Web site. Take two minutes between classes one day, log into registration and check that your information is correct. If it isn't, fix it. It doesn't require a phone call or even walking across campus, just a few mouse clicks and keystrokes. If you can't take a few moments to do this when you move, you can wait for your money.

If keeping your address updated each time you move seems like too much work, then go for direct deposit. Fill out the direct deposit form (available at www.mnstate.edu/busoff) and bring it to the business office with a voided check. Once you're signed up, you don't have to re-register again unless you get a new bank account.

Student senate needs to give us a little credit. Students can be responsible for their financial aid overages. If there's one thing students will work to make sure they get, it's those semesterly checks. Senate also needs to give the U.S. Postal Service a little credit that the mail is safe. Millions of people send confidential information, checks, packages and more through the mail everyday without getting their identity stolen.

Besides, you know what they say: Neither rain, nor sleet, nor lightning flash shall keep a Dragon from a buttload of student loan cash.



December madness calls for relaxation, apologies

Ah, December. Below-zero temperatures, ice, snow and cars that won't start. What's not to love? Exactly. But for me the month of December means one thing: stress.

It's only Dec. 5 and I am stuck in the Advocate office frantically trying to make up for a semester's worth of papers and projects. It seems as soon as Dec. 1 reared its ugly head I have been one big ball of stress and it probably won't stop until the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve. Even after the semester is over there is the added stress of holiday shopping and finding time to spend with everyone.

I know, I know, a lot of this stress is my own fault. I didn't have to sit at home this weekend and watch crappy chick flicks. I didn't have to go shopping when I was supposed to be writing my ethics speech and I definitely didn't need to be searching Facebook instead of working on my o-comm Web site. But it's too late now so I just have to suck it up.

The point is, in the midst of a job, school, an internship and having bronchitis, I've somehow lost control of my personal life. All of these things have taken over and I haven't had time to just sit down and relax. I came to this realization this weekend while trying to avoid my homework. It was there, on my couch on a Saturday night with nothing to do, that I made an important decision.

I'm no longer going to sweat the small stuff.

Ask anyone who knows me and they'll probably tell you that is impossible. I am a worrywart. I admit it. I have trouble just letting go of things and I'm always busy. All in all, I am not the most easygoing person in the world.

My little sister even bought me a tattoo for my birthday to try and loosen me up. Guess what? I haven't gotten it yet. I know exactly what I want, where I want it and how I want it to look. But of course I can't help but worry. What if they screw up? What if it is too big? What if I hate it?

It never ends.

Give me any situation and I will pretty much worry myself into a tizzy over it. Sadly I think worrying is one of my greatest talents.

As a result I lose sight of what is really important. From now on I won't see December as my most stressful month of the year. I won't see projects and tests but a wonderful time to spend with my friends and family.

I will no longer blow off girls' night in favor of homework. I will no longer blow off mug night at Mick's Office with my guy friends because I am too stressed from work. Instead I

will take every opportunity to spend time with the people who make me happiest.

With that in mind I owe a few apologies. I apologize on behalf of myself and the month of December for my behavior.

Carmel: I'm sorry that you had to resort to asking me if I was alive. Yes, I am alive and I will be seeing you soon.

Boys: (Cole, Cory, Ace, D. Boe, Pickett and the crew) I'm sorry I have missed out on so many fun times with you guys lately. I will see you all this weekend. I

My little sister even bought me a tattoo for my birthday to try and loosen me up.

miss you!

Parents: I'm sorry I haven't been home in about a month, with the exception of Thanksgiving. Home is only a couple miles away and yes, I still know how to get there.

Sister: I'm sorry I haven't gotten my tattoo. I will make an appointment over Christmas break and you better be there to hold my hand!

I think that pretty much covers it. If I have forgotten anyone, ignored your phone calls or you are questioning whether or not I am alive, I'm sorry. I care about you all and come Jan. 1, 2006, I will be a new, improved and worry-free Ashley. I promise.

Want to watch me get a tattoo?
E-mail Ashley
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Opinion Editor

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Technology sucks: live in a cave, be a man

Dear MSUM Students, I am writing this column on a piece of bark that I found outside the cave where I have recently taken up residence. After scrawling this message I will attach it to my friendly squirrel companion and he will run it to The Advocate office where my editors will use their machines to give this message to you.

I have decided that you are all slaves, slaves I tell you, to technology. With your cell phones and your laptops and your wireless this and cordless that. I'm sick of it.

It all came to a head last week when I received an e-mail advertising a device that could enhance the size of one's penis. It was then that I took a stand against all of those people out there who con-



Adam Quesnell
Columnist

stantly try to play god via technology. If God wanted us to have computers on the sides of our heads that allow us to communicate with each other than by-gum Adam and Eve would have had cell-phones growing out of their heads.

Last week I placed my cell phone, my Powerbook, my iPod, my headphones and my alarm clock in my briefcase, which I then threw into the mighty waters of the Red River. I then went to my apartment and much to my roommate's chagrin, proceeded

to cast my stereo, my television, and my Texas Instruments graphing calculator off of my balcony onto the hard man-made concrete below. I felt ecstatic as I watched the vile pieces of technology explode all over the rear parking lot of my building.

I then tore off my shirt, jumped off the balcony (no big deal, it's only one floor up) and ran into some sparse woods by the river where for two days I feasted on a deer that I killed with my own two hands (okay, it was already sick and dying when I came across it, but I smothered it like a man). I slept under the rotting animal carcass for warmth, but after a series of serious vomit sessions and painful bowel movements, I decided that I must seek better

shelter. I wandered out of town as far north as my legs could take my shivering shirtless form.

Late into the evening I stumbled upon a small cave by moonlight, which I have now made my permanent residence. The cave sits in someone's back yard but I told the Johnsons that if they called the police and said I was staying there, then their children may encounter some sort of "accident" (hey, this is survival we're talking about here).

I have been living in the cave now for three days and I couldn't be happier. I have everything a man of the earth needs to sustain his life; a stream runs behind the woods where I live, supplying me with fresh clean water. Plenty of rabbits and other small game animals inhabit Mrs. Johnson's garden and provide sustenance when I can stick one with the

spear I made out of a broom I found in the Johnson's garage one night after they went to bed. I also have the carnival of horror and mayhem that is the human brain to keep me entertained.

I am living the life of a lion or some other kingly animal and I couldn't be happier.

I suggest that everyone, in one act of defiance for technology, throw down your mechanical shackles and join in my simplistic life.

You can't actually "join" in with me though. In fact, if I see anyone in the Johnson's yard who looks like they might be a fellow technological outcast I will destroy them with my broom spear and devour their heart to gain the powers of their soul.

Do you live in a cave?
E-mail Adam
at quesnead@mnstate.edu.

First Amendment rights apply at MSUM too

A lot of recent Advocate print has dealt with the infamous Human Life Alliance insert. While the insert placed by a national organization is certainly noteworthy, it is not the only pro-life action that spurs opposition on our campus. Students and faculty may not be aware of the vandalism, theft and censorship that MSUM pro-life activists endure.

MSUM Collegians for Life posters are regularly ripped down and damaged. Flyers that announce CFL LifeWeek events are often hung and torn down within the same day. Last year's holiday poster, which featured a six-month-old boy flanked with the phrase "Sometimes the best gifts are unexpected," was promptly



Alexa Orts
Columnist

destroyed.

Veritas, an independent life issues publication created, printed and distributed by individual students is stolen by the stack from free press racks on campus. Some issues are found in nearby trashcans. Others are crumpled and torn.

In addition Veritas recently finished a month-long tango with MSUM administration. One office threatened Veritas with a

fine and disposal of any new issues. It claimed that Veritas had not been approved of and should therefore be banned from campus. But MSUM is located in America, the home of the First Amendment. After failing to produce an alleged censorial policy the administration dropped its threat. The fourth issue of Veritas is now on campus.

Public universities were created to encourage the free and unhindered exchange of ideas. But, at MSUM, it appears that many people deem certain ideas more equal than others. It appears that all views should be respected, as long as the powers that be agree with them.

When I speak of the powers

that be, I speak not just of the MSUM administration. The office I mentioned realized that it was making a mistake and halted its threatening actions. Each MSUM student and faculty member has his or her own power as well—the power to respect.

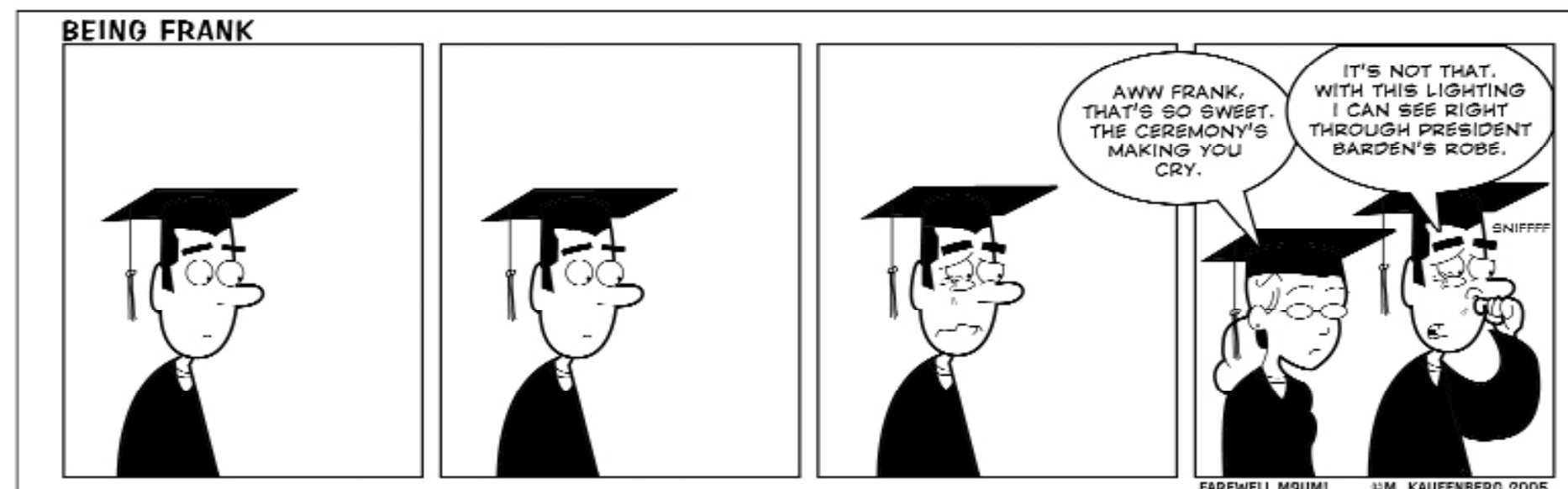
The pro-life movement is changing and growing. The youth of today are more pro-life than their parents. New life-affirming organizations are taking fresh approaches. Feminists for Life, a progressive group chaired by Patricia Heaton of "Everybody Loves Raymond," encourages expectant parents to "refuse to choose between women and children." A group of women who chose and regret their abortions have formed Silent No More. SNM is devoted to spreading knowledge about the physical

and emotional devastation abortion brings to women, men and their families. The Atheist and Agnostic Pro-Life League brings a secular argument to the table.

Pro-life presence on the MSUM campus isn't a fad. The collegiate groups and individuals that support life have plans to continue their activism.

Each student can hold his or her own viewpoint on abortion. But it takes a certain amount of effort to make an informed decision when one side is being censored.

What's your opinion on Abortion?
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Professor narrates lobster tale

Humanities professor becomes the voice of Yadu for children's CD

By **LINDSEY YOUNG**
Managing Editor

Juanita is a lobster who dreams of a life outside of the sea and is also the star of the third installment in the children's musical CD collection, *Stories in Music*.

The CDs feature music played by the London Philharmonic under the direction of Stephen Simon, a man who has worked for many years with music for children, and a story told by the narrator Yadu.

If the voice of Yadu sounds familiar to MSUM students, it's probably because they've heard it before—in the classroom.

"Juanita the Spanish Lobster" is the third children's CD narrated by MSUM humanities professor Konrad Czynski, aka Yadu.

Czynski and Simon have

worked together for about 10 years creating music for children. Long-time friends, they, along with Simon's wife, Bonnie, began holding concerts for children at the Kennedy Center in Washington. They staged orchestrations accompanied by stories for children. "They go together," Czynski said about music and story. "There was never narration alone. It was always conceived with music."

Simon, at the time, was the conductor of the Washington Symphony Orchestra. When he retired, they moved their repertoire from the stage to the studio. Orchestrations are recorded and then Czynski records his narration.

The story of the flamenco-dancing Juanita is enhanced with music by British composer David Haslam.

It's spirited music, lively and

exciting," Czynski said. The animated music is the reason children are drawn to the songs in the series.

Making that connection with children is important, Czynski said.

"They (the series) stimulate the imagination and encourage listening to music that is out of the ordinary, something they would not casually encounter in radio or TV."

The flamenco and bel canto (a style of operatic singing, literally beautiful singing) music and the fun story are just a part of the CD. There are edu-

cational tracks that tell the story behind the story, composer notes, a 23-page booklet and a comical reprise done a la Elvis Presley.

Sharing the power of music with children is what the *Stories in Music* series is all about.

"Juanita" is the third CD in the series. The first two, "Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel" and "Casey at the Bat" were released earlier this year. A fourth CD featuring Paul Dukas' "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" is set to be released next year. Future releases also include

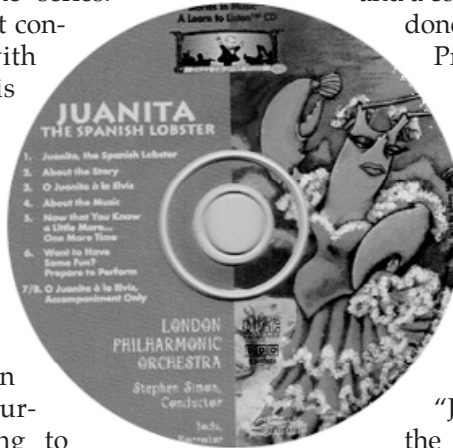
"The King who Loved Music" about the composer Handel and King George.

The friendship that created the *Stories in Music* series is also for Czynski's stage name, Yadu.

"When (Simon and Bonnie's) son was a toddler, we were all still in New York and he was learning to speak. I said, 'I'm Konrad.' He didn't quite pronounce it," Czynski laughed. "He said 'Yadu.' They started calling me Yadu."

The *Stories in Music* series as narrated by Yadu, including new release "Juanita the Spanish Lobster," will be available at Zanzbroz, Barnes & Nobles and the MSUM Bookstore.

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Museum hosts artsy Christmas sale

By **ALYSSA SCHAFER**
Staff Writer

As millions of Americans shop-'til-they-drop this holiday season, it seems that everyone could use a break from the noisy chaos of department stores.

This much-needed break may be provided by the Plains Art Museum, which is offering an opportunity for shoppers to listen to relaxing music while their gifts are wrapped for free. The museum is holding its annual holiday store sale and concert

series through Dec. 24.

The sale features a variety of items, ranging from museum posters and art books to hand-made beadwork and soapstone sculptures. In conjunction with the sale is the annual Noon Holiday Concert Series, which features local musicians and vocalists.

Sue Petry, public information manager for the museum, said the Noon Holiday Concert Series had humble beginnings, but over the past seven years it has become quite successful. This year, Petry expects over 1,000 people to participate. She hopes this event will help make the holidays less stressful for shoppers.

"People are so hurried during the holiday season. So

we promised them that if they came early and got some

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The audience enjoys a relaxing break from hectic holiday shopping during a noon concert at the Plains Art Museum.

Student plays honored

ADVOCATE STAFF REPORTS

The KCACTF Region V has just announced the invited student-written plays to this year's regional festival, and MSUM is well represented.

MSUM students represent three of the 10 invited pieces—the highest percentage of any participating program in an eight-state region.

The MSUM one-act plays invited are: "The Scissors" by Timothy R. Lane and "Labyrinth" by Adam Ross Quesnell.

The 10-minute MSUM play invited is "Parachutes" by Quesnell.

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shopping done, especially for the really hard-to-buy-for people, they would be able to relax during the music while their gifts were wrapped (for free.)

Petry said the concert series features some of the area's best musicians, many of whom have an enthusiastic local following. Petry pointed out that the Noon Holiday Concert Series showcases the museum's high regard for all forms of art.

"The Plains Art Museum has long had an interest in all the art forms. (It) is a non-profit, fine art museum that is one of only 700 museums in the nation accredited by the American Association of Museums," Petry said. "The mission of the museum is to bring people and art together,

which it does by presenting high quality exhibitions of regional, national and international art of all media."

Petry said the programs at the Plains Art Museum are

made possible by the generosity of its members and donors and from the proceeds of The Store and Café Muse.

The Noon Holiday Concert Series performances take

place at noon in the Landfield Atrium on the main floor of the museum each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

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Theatre B extends run of holiday comedy

ADVOCATE STAFF REPORTS

Theatre B continues its third season with "The Santaland Diaries," a hilarious comedy for adults starring B's own Scott Horvik.

"The Santaland Diaries," a one man show by David Sedaris, is a side-splitting, irreverent essay that details an out-of-work actor's bizarre experiences as he struggles to maintain his dignity as a Macy's Christmas elf.

"The Santaland Diaries" is now extended. It will run Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 8 - 17. Performances will be held at the Main Avenue Theatre, located at 716 Main in Fargo.

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Farewell to thee, Dragons

I am writing my final column this week and it pains me to write it.

It pains me for three reasons:

One, with this being the last issue of The Advocate for the semester, this means I will not be covering any more Dragons athletics.

I will greatly miss watching the Dragons battle their hearts out on the field, courts or mats.

Secondly, since this is the last issue of 2005, I will no longer be the sports editor for this fine publication.

No more will I get to sit in the press box with my Advocate press pass and cheer on our mighty Dragons.

And finally, in exactly eight days I will walk across the stage and receive my diploma from this great university.

It is this final part that pains me the most because I have yet to find a job after graduation.

I have searched near and far, yet nothing has come up positive.

I had a job interview for the Crookston Daily Times for sports editor. But after a long week's wait, I found out that the job went to someone from Concordia because the paper "wanted to go in another direction."

I have an interview in Devils Lake for a sports writer position, so I'll keep my fingers crossed and hope for the best.

I know that I will find a job sooner or later, hopefully sooner, but I hate the idea of being tossed into the real world with little money and no job and told to go make a living for myself.

If only the real world was not this hard.

Now back to MSUM sports: In my time as sports editor I witnessed the Dragon football team winning a game, now hopefully next year they can double that.

I also had the opportunity to watch senior Cedrick Hensley slam a few balls during men's basketball games.

And now that my time as sports editor is up, I wish only the best for all our coaches and athletes in the future.

Being sports editor has given me a sense of school spirit that I didn't have before.

GO DRAGONS!!!!!!!

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Jeremy Chura
Sports Editor

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bulldogs end Dragons winning-streak

By J. CHURA/ S. HARTMAN

Sports Editor/ Staff Writer



LIZZIE CHINANDER / THE ADVOCATE

Senior Marcus Ebow drives the lane during Saturday's game against the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Ebow scored 15 points for the Dragons, who lost 79-70 to the Bulldogs.

The MSUM men's basketball team lost its first game of the season 79-70 to the University of Minnesota Duluth in front of 649 fans at Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse Saturday.

"They were competitive and they played hard," head coach Stu Engen said of the Dragons. "We showed up to play, but we got out-played."

Bryan Foss led the Bulldogs with 25 points and 12 rebounds. Foss went 8-for-8 from the free throw line.

John Emerson added 16 points for the Bulldogs while Sean Seaman had 15 points and seven assists.

Emerson went 4-for-8 from the 3-point arc.

John Vaudreuil netted 11 points going 7 of 11 from the line for the Bulldogs.

Senior Cedrick Hensley led the Dragons with 22 points and seven rebounds. Hensley made six shots from 3-point range.

"They tried to isolate our posts," Hensley said. "We just take this as a learning experience."

"Hensley had a pretty solid night," Engen said. "He's our go to guy down the stretch."

Senior Marcus Ebow added 15 points while sophomore Blake Strouth had eight points,

four assists and five rebounds for the Dragons.

Sophomore Lee Isaacson tallied seven points and five rebounds for the Dragons.

"They (the Bulldogs) did a good job defensively against Strouth," Engen said.

"Other teams could take away either our match-up zone or our man-to-man; they (UMD) took care of both," Engen said.

On Tuesday the Dragons (6-1) traveled to Grand Forks, N.D., to play the University of North Dakota at the Betty Englestad Arena.

The game was not over when this edition went to press.

But Engen was expecting the Sioux to be tough.

"At any time they can have five guys that can come onto the court and make 3-pointers," Engen said.

The Sioux were 7-2 going into the game.

On Sunday the Dragons will host the Concordia Cobbers at 7:30 p.m.

Then on Dec. 18, the Dragons will host Minnesota State University Mankato at 3 p.m. at Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse.

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SWIMMING & DIVING

MSUM dominates Dragon/Cobber Open

By LINDSEY YOUNG

Managing Editor

The swimming and diving team held nothing back this weekend as they soundly beat out teams from across Minnesota, North Dakota and Michigan with a two-day final score of 1,138 points at the Dragon/Cobber Open.

"If you go into it assuming everyone is going to swim their best time, you get a pretty good idea," head coach Todd Peters said. "I knew we were going to be great."

On Friday the Dragons didn't see any first-place times, but swimmers placed high in many events to boost MSUM's overall score.

In the 200-yard medley relay MSUM scored second and third place behind UND. Sophomores Barbie Brooks and Lynne Zieske, junior Jenna Nace and freshman Kristine Loge finished less than two seconds after UND at 1 minute, 57.18 seconds. The team of freshman Sharon Redlich, senior Melissa Erickson, freshman Krystle Ross and sophomore Gretchen Andersen placed third at 2:00.06



LIZZIE CHINANDER / THE ADVOCATE

Senior Melissa Erickson competes in the breaststroke during Saturday's Dragons/Cobber Open; Erickson placed fifth.

Other high scores on Friday included freshman Lauren Baalman with a second place finish in the 200-yard butterfly, sophomore Danielle Lauderbaugh also placing second in the 1,650-yard freestyle and a third place time for Loge, Ross, junior Crysta Johnson and sophomore Amanda Bateman in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

The second day of competition was a little bit stiffer, but the Dragons were able to take

the top times in two events. Baalman finished with a time of 2:00.24 in the 200-yard freestyle, breaking the previous pool record. In the 100-yard freestyle Johnson scored the fastest time, finishing at 55.93.

Junior diver Sarah Chaussee nabbed a second place score for MSUM in both 1 and 3-meter diving.

MSUM also took second place in the 400-yard medley relay with the team of Brooks, Erickson, Nace and Johnson.

Baalman, Johnson, Bateman and Loge took second in the 400-yard freestyle relay and Nace took second in the 100-yard butterfly.

Not necessarily scoring the fastest time in every race, but having many strong swimmers that place in scoring position in nearly every event is what makes the MSUM swimming and diving team excellent contenders for the North Central Conference meet in February.

"We're proving to be the deepest team," Peters said. "If we can pull things together our depth will help us."

Peters considers the invitational excellent practice for what to expect at conference.

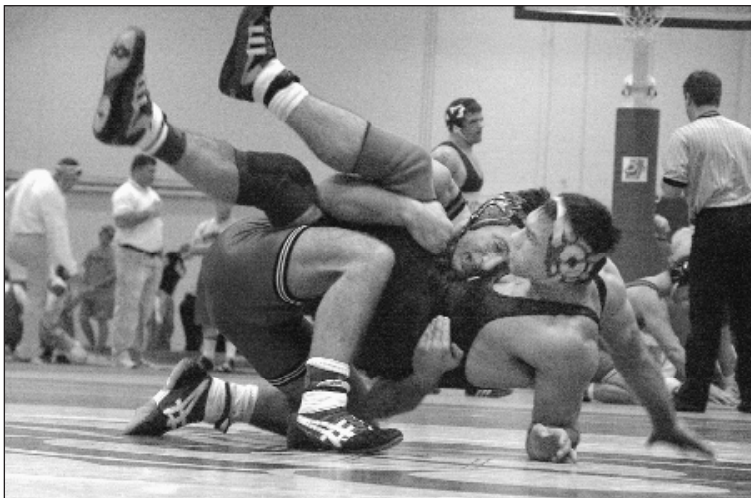
"We got nothing but praise for the meet, it went really well," Peters said.

The MSUM swimming and diving team will be away at Concordia this Friday.

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WRESTLING

Wrestlers crush Itasca, place high in Open



LIZZIE CHINANDER/ THE ADVOCATE

Junior Kyle Trout competes in the 157-pound weight class during the Dragon Open Saturday at Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse. Trout won his weight class the night before against Itasca CC.

UP NEXT:
At Limestone Duals, Jan. 3, Gaffney, S.C.

Advocate staff reports

On Friday the MSUM wrestling team defeated Itasca Community College 46-3 in their third dual of the season.

Senior Dave Burgard won by forfeit in the 125-pound weight class along with sophomore Troy McFarland in the 133-pound weight class.

Freshman Kelly Janke won 21-5 over Dominick Horne in the 141-pound weight class.

Sophomore Shane Walton won by forfeit in the 149-pound class.

Freshman Logan Lunde won 13-2 over Jon Brown in the 157-pound weight class.

Junior Kyle Trout defeated Justin Jones 6-2 in the 165-pound class.

In the 175-pound class junior Skip Toops defeated Jason Basker 16-2.

Senior Tony Soderberg pinned Jordan Christiansen in 51 seconds in the 184-pound weight class.

Freshman Josiah Bush won by forfeit in the 197-pound weight class.

In the heavyweight division Chris Miller of Itasca defeated junior Joseph Facchini 7-1.

The Dragons are now 2-1 overall in duals.

On Saturday the Dragons hosted the Dragon Open.

Burgard finished fourth to Tarr Aric of Mary 4-3.

McFarland came in second to Shane Hase of Jamestown.

Freshman Steve Carlon finished fourth in the 133-pound weight class to Zach Hansen of Augsburg at 3:43.

Walton took first in the 141-pound weight class by pin-

ning Josh Hansen of Augsburg at 1:56.

Sophomore Brandon Kok placed third in the 149-pound weight class over PJ Mack of Concordia 3-1 in overtime.

Senior Danny Meyer came in second to Jeremy Anderson of Augsburg at 3:42 in the 157-pound class.

Junior Nate Baker claimed the 165-pound championship over Ryan Valek of Augsburg 7-1.

Sophomore Rockie Stavn placed third in the 174-pound weight class falling to Aaron Young of Itasca at 2:40.

Senior Chris Tuchscherer lost 1-0 to Andre Neumann of Augsburg in the heavyweight championship match.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Dragons split weekend games

By JEREMY CHURA

Sports Editor

The MSUM women's basketball team split their two games over the past weekend.

On Thursday the Dragons defeated the University of Minnesota-Morris 87-48 in nonconference play. Then on Saturday the Dragons fell 83-76 to the University of Minnesota Duluth in nonconference action.

Sophomore Jessica Trautwein and freshman Hayley Schanilec both tallied 14 points for the Dragons against Morris.

Sophomore Allison Swenson added 13 points for the Dragons while freshman Chris

Falzon had 11 points.

Falzon also had three steals. Freshman Meghan Rettke led the Dragons with nine rebounds.

Tynell Kocer led Morris with 13 points while Coresa Leighty had a team high six rebounds.

Swenson's career high 30 points in Saturday's game against the Bulldogs was not enough for the Dragons.

Sophomore Melissa Sexton added 13 points for the Dragons while Trautwein had nine rebounds.

Swenson also added eight rebounds going 12-for-16 from the field and netting 6 of 7 from the line.

Lindsey Dietz led the

Bulldogs with 22 points and 10 rebounds while Justine Axtell had 18 points and nine rebounds.

Katie Winkelman added 16 points and seven rebounds for the Bulldogs.

The Dragons (4-3) hosted the University of North Dakota last night.

The game was not over when this paper went to print.

On Dec. 13 the Dragons will travel to North Dakota State for a 7 p.m. game against the Bison at the Bison Sports Arena.

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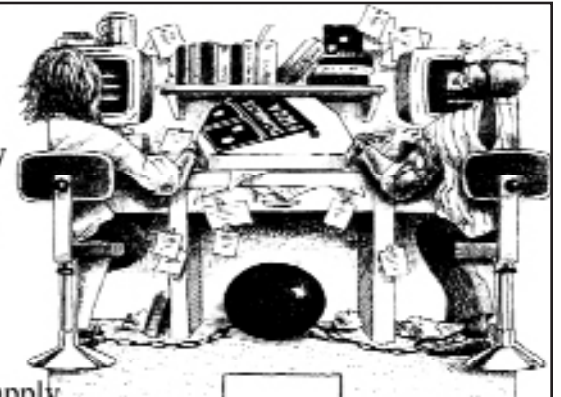
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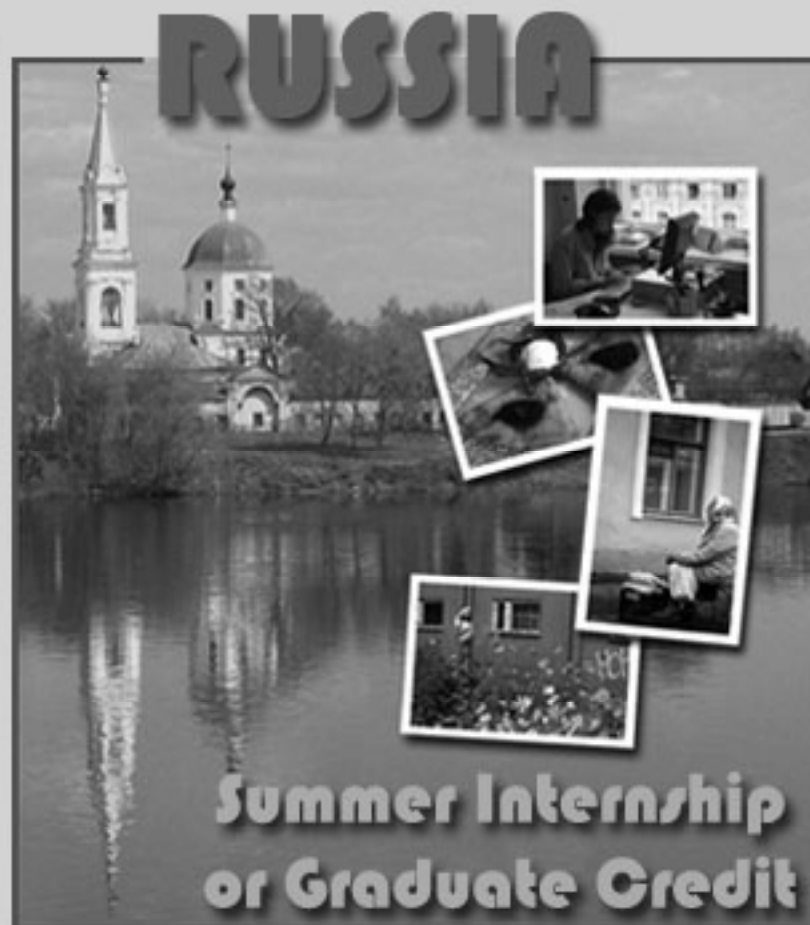
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