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The ADVOCATE

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

City to rework campus area

Moorhead looks at issues in long-term, four-phase project

By CHRIS FLYNN
Staff Writer

As part of a four-phase Moorhead neighborhood planning project, city officials, college and university faculty, neighborhood residents and college students met to discuss issues concerning central Moorhead on Sept. 26.

About 40 people attended the second public meeting

at the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead for phase one of the planning process. The process is designed to provide understanding on what is the best way to establish a set of expectations for the future support of the quality of the neighborhood.

John Shardlow, a consultant with DSU Planning, the firm hired by the city of Moorhead, presented initial project

research based on information gathered during the first public meeting in June.

One of the ways these issues was identified was by placing green and red stickers on maps, where people had areas of concern or areas they wanted to see preserved.

What was found is neighborhood residents are concerned with single-family owner-occupied homes being con-

verted into rental units. Noise, traffic and parking congestion, tenant safety and property maintenance were also areas of concern.

Research shows 600 rental units converted from single-family homes doubles the number from 2000. Most of the rental units are in the area of Concordia College and MSUM.

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Doors will lock sooner

ID cards will be only way to get into buildings

By KATIE WALKER
Staff Writer

A new locking system started Saturday in campus buildings. Students will need to be sure to carry their ID cards because during certain hours, campus buildings will be locked, and the only way to get in is with a student ID card.

MSUM ID cards will allow access to buildings until 10 p.m. by scanning them. If a person's ID card is beat up and the computer can't read the strip, that person must know their student ID number to get in Nemzek.

If someone needs access to the buildings after lock up, they should make sure their ID is in good condition for the card readers.

Library hours and access will remain the same. According to Holsen, with the exception of Nemzek and The Center for the Arts, doors will be locked at 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 5 p.m. Friday.

"We check schedules. If there's a public event, the building will be open," Holsen said. "If it's just classes (in the building), then students have to use their ID cards."

Holsen made it clear that students still have access to the buildings until 10 p.m.

"We want the buildings open to our students. By doing this, we can keep people who shouldn't be in our buildings out," Holsen said.

According to Holsen, students, staff and faculty should use their better judgement when holding the door open for people.

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False alarm



HEATHER GRUENHAGEN / ADVOCATE PHOTO EDITOR

The Moorhead Fire Department swarms into Frick on Tuesday while a fire alarm rings. Joe Gaughan, assistant chief, said smoke alarms have been going off all summer, and now into the fall, because of dust, which has gotten into the alarms because of construction. There was no fire.

State appropriations dip, hinge on allocation model

By BRANDON K. WATSON
Staff Writer

State appropriations, which a lion's share of MSUM funding used to come from, dropped by about 1 percent, down from last year when the university's appropriations were slightly more than \$29 million.

The decline, effective for this year, is the result of an undeveloped allocation model, which to date hasn't been fully implemented by Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' budget unit.

"The concern, from my point, is that the allocation model conceived 10 years ago hasn't been fully implemented," said Jean Hollaar, MSUM budget officer.

Hollaar noted student enrollment, one factor in determining state appropriation amounts, was down for the fall 2006 semester.

The allocation model, a formula imposed by the state legislature to maintain balanced and fair distributions of appropriations among the 32 MnSCU state colleges and universities, is comprised of seven components, which are funded in accordance to student enrollment.

The question at MSUM, among other campuses within the state, seems to be: When will the allocation model be fully implemented? Attempts to reach MnSCU's budget unit were unsuccessful.

Roland Dille, former MSUM

president, remembers days when the university's budget issues weren't so intricate.

"In 1963, MSUM students paid close to 20 percent of the instructional budget," he said, adding that during his beginning tenure, MSUM persuaded the state legislature to financially support the campus as they did the University of Minnesota system.

Back then, the money granted by the legislature, Dille said, was distributed according to the student population, excluding Southwest Minnesota State University. Although this method sounds similar to the current practice in place, the one difference is there wasn't an allocation model.

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- 10.2 Burglar alarm in Bookstore
- 10.2 Fire at heating plant
- 10.3 Fire alarm in East Snarr
- 10.3 Fire alarm in Hagen

GLBT scholarship reception held

There will be a reception for MSUM's Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) Rainbow Endowed Scholarship from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 11 in CMU 203.

Refreshments will be served.

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Student leader announced

The Student Organization Advisory Committee is pleased to present Lexi Kvasnicka with the Student Leader of the Month Award for September/October.

Lexi was nominated by Psi Chi/Psych Club. Lexi has served as the president of Psi Chi/Psych Club. Lexi is outgoing and full of school spirit. In addition to being involved with Psi Chi/Psych Club, Lexi is involved with Dragon Ambassadors, Peer Advising and is the psychology representative for the Student Advisory Board.

Lexi is also an Honors Program member, the Vice President of Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society and a member of Psi Chi Psychology Honors Society. Lexi's leadership style has been described as a mix of organized dedication and an energized, go-with-the-flow attitude.

Career Services puts on workshops

Nervous about your interviewing skills? Career Services will hold a workshop from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 11 in CMU 208 for all teaching majors. Our specialists will be able to inform you about important things such as proper attire, the hiring process, behavioral based interviewing questions and much more.

Also, Career Services will hold a resume workshop for non-teaching majors from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Oct. 12 in CMU 208. Learn how to portray your skills, experience and education in an effective, attention-getting way.

Focus groups voice opinions of CMU

Everyone is invited to participate in a focus group. Consultant Ken Bedini will facilitate a number of 30- to 45-minute focus groups to gather opinions about the CMU.

We want to hear thoughts about the current building and why students use or do not use the union.

A focus group open to all students, faculty and staff will meet at 9 a.m. Oct. 5 in CMU 205. A second session, open only to faculty and staff, will meet at 1 p.m. Oct. 5 in CMU 205. Your participation makes you eligible for great prizes!

Science Center hosts family event

Local animals will be the topic at campfires on the trails as part of a Fall Fantasy family event at MSUM's Regional Science Center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 5.

The event is free and children must be accompanied by an adult. The MSUM Regional Science Center is 12 miles east of Moorhead off Highway 10, adjacent to Buffalo River State Park.

'Lewis and Clark' the theme of show

The MSUM Planetarium presents "Navigating with Lewis and Clark" at 2 p.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Mondays through Nov. 13.

Almost 200 years ago the Lewis and Clark expedition passed through North Dakota on its way to the Pacific Ocean.

The show traces their journey using maps, photographs and the night sky. General admission is \$3; children 12 and under, senior citizens and Tri-College students are \$1.50. The Planetarium is on the MSUM campus in Bridges 167. Please use the south entrance.

MSUM offers Italian bicycling adventure

The college of education and human services is hosting an Italian bicycling adventure, May 25 to June 2, 2007. This trip is open to anyone who wishes to participate, with daily bicycling routes for all levels of experience and fitness.

Detailed trip information is available at www.mnstate.edu/edhuman/events.cfm. To be added to the list for trip information, e-mail cehsalumni@mnstate.edu.

Department hosts walleye fish fry

The mass communications department is hosting a Walleye Fish Fry & Scholarship Fundraiser from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Oct. 12 at the Moorhead Knights of Columbus.

Cost is \$10. Lots of prizes to give away. You can buy tickets in the mass communications department or contact Mark Strand at (218) 477-2885 or strandm@mnstate.edu.

MnSCU trustee raises funds by ride

Robert Erickson, a former Minnesota State Colleges and Universities trustee, has raised \$31,015 on his fifth annual 2,300-mile bike tour to create scholarships for part-time students. Erickson has raised more than \$290,000 in five years.

Contributions may be made to the foundations of individual Minnesota State Colleges and Universities or to the system's foundation.

To make a contribution, donors may send it directly to one of the institutional foundations or to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Foundation.

Carpenter presents philosophy paper

Michelle Carpenter, philosophy, will present her paper "Plato's Beauty" at the Philosophy Department Colloquium at 3 p.m. Friday in MacLean 268.



The Advocate Coloring Contest (Sept. 21 issue) is won by a tie. Congratulations to students Sarah Engelmeyer and Kim Koenders, whose depictions of MSUM President Roland Barden were fabulous. Above is Koenders' depiction.

TOCAR sponsors antiracism training

The MSUM Training Our Campuses Against Racism Initiative is sponsoring several antiracism trainings throughout the fall and spring semester of this 2006-07 academic year. Below is a description of the various trainings:

Level I: A day-long introductory training that engages participants in discussions of:

- Definitions of racism (particularly individual versus institutional racism).
- Disadvantage, power and other issues related to racism.
- Antiracist/multicultural organizational development.
- Strategies to promote organizational development.

Level I training will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 11 in the CMU Ballroom and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 26 in the CMU Comstock Room.

Level II: In-depth antiracism training builds on the level I training to deepen understandings of institutional and systemic racism and suggests strategies to work for change.

Level II training will be from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 15, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 16 and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 17 in the CMU Comstock Room.

New study outlines MnSCU's returns

According to a new study released Sept. 20, the state's investment in Minnesota State Colleges and Universities returns \$3.5 billion a year to the state's economy.

The system provides \$2.4 billion a year in enhanced productivity; for every state dollar spent on the system, the economic benefits to the state amount to an estimated \$10.87.

Kai speaks Oct. 20 at conference

The Sixth Annual Red River Women's Studies Conference will take place from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 20 in the CMU. The conference brings together scholars and students from campuses throughout the Red River Valley to present their work on women and women's issues.

At this year's conference, papers will be presented by people from MSUM, NDSU, UND, St. Cloud State and Minot State Universities.

Sessions will be dedicated to a diverse mixture of topics, including women in politics, medieval women, women in music, body image and mentoring girls.

The keynote speaker for the conference will be Irene Kai, an award-winning artist, author and activist. She will speak on "What It Means to Be An American," particularly focusing on multiculturalism and the unconscious biases that separate us from one another.

Kai recently published her book, "What Do You See?" and is the award-winning author of "The Golden Mountain: Beyond the American Dream."

Kai has been honored by the U.N. with the selection of her work as the signature image for the International Day of Peace. The keynote presentation will take place at the noon to 2 p.m. luncheon.

Poetry Contest announced

The Heritage Hjemkomst Interpretive Center announces the Pangea Essay and Poetry Contest. Maximum length is one page. Deadline is Oct. 20.

Alcohol program to air on Sunday

University administrators, student discuss policy in 2005 symposium

By ANN TIEGS
Staff Writer

A December 2005 symposium with MSUM administrators and students focused on alcohol, and a taping from that event will air at 5 p.m. Sunday on Prairie Public television, channel 13.

The focus of the second annual "George Sinner Public Policy Symposium" was "Rethinking Public Policy Responses to the Misuse of Alcohol and other Drugs."

Michelle Walter, a junior in social work, was the MSUM student representative.

Walter had served as an MSUM peer health educator and on the "MSUM President's Task Force on Student Alcohol Misuse."

Penny Klein, director of student health services, asked Walter if she would serve as the MSUM student representative, and Walter agreed.

"It was a good symposium because it was so pertinent to what was going on," Walter said. The drinking-related deaths of MSUM students Justin Reinhardt and Patrick Kycia had sharply focused the need to address high-risk drinking.

Symposium participants

were MSUM President Roland Barden, Concordia College President Pamela Jolicoeur, NDSU Vice President of Student Affairs George Wallman, MSUM Assistant to the President Susanne Williams, former North Dakota Governor George Sinner, state and provincial health/medical officers and three student representatives.

Jolicoeur and Williams gave the welcome and opening remarks.

According to the executive summary, Williams said 2003 survey data showed 59 percent of MSUM students binge drink compared to a national average of 46 percent. "Being among the nation's leaders is usually an honor, but this is a national ranking of which none of us should be proud."

MSUM has since responded by creating a course on alcohol for all incoming freshmen.

Karin L. Walton, director of the North Dakota Higher Education Consortium for Substance Abuse Prevention, gave the keynote address.

A moderated panel discussion followed.

Former N.D. Gov. Sinner made closing remarks.

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Flag graveyard



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Flags flutter in the middle of the mall as people pass by as part of Alcohol Awareness Month. Hendrix Peer Educators placed the flags in the center of the mall to symbolize the people who in 2005 lost their lives in alcohol-related crashes. In Minnesota, 201 people died, and 58 and 80 people died in North and South Dakota, respectively.

TEETER-TOTTER, FROM FRONT

In the meantime, Hollaar said MSUM will continue to assertively recruit students within their service region, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, to MSUM, with hopes of augmenting the waning enrollment numbers.

"If our [enrollment] num-

bers continue to go down, other institutions will go up," Hollaar said about the teeter-totter type way which college enrollment fluctuates.

Patrick Hundley, one of the lead officials for the MSUM Alumni Foundation, believes that implementing an alloca-

tion is challenging for MnSCU. "It's very difficult to come up with an appropriate [allocation] model," he said. "If you spend money in one area, you're going to do without in others."

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Alcohol citations increase, but signs show improvement

By BEN SAILER
Staff Writer

According to Campus Security Director Ferman Woodberry, alcohol citations on campus have increased this school year. However, he has taken a more proactive stance against the problem of alcohol amongst students.

"I think you have seen a sharp increase in the number of alcohol citations this year," Woodberry said. "I think the enforcement teams have stepped up more this year than in past years."

Efforts to curb alcohol abuse are beginning to show tangible positive effects for MSUM and the surrounding community.

"When I got here three years ago, it was nothing for me to walk on campus Friday night or early Saturday morning and see empty beer cases strewn all over the place," Woodberry said, noting how this trait has visibly changed. "We're slowly changing the culture."

Moorhead Police Chief Dave Ebinger told a slightly differ-

ent story, stating the number of alcohol citations this year has remained consistent with others. However, he noted it is still early, and actual numbers were not available.

"This has been an awful short time to judge the problem," Ebinger said.

He did state, however, that he was pleased students are taking a more proactive stance against binge drinking, noting MSUM's increased alcohol education efforts as a key factor in this change.

"We're seeing some responsible behavior from students themselves," Ebinger said.

Although MSUM is making some progress, alcohol is likely to remain a problem for the school for some time. According to both Woodberry and Ebinger, it will take years of ongoing efforts to turn around the trend of alcohol abuse among students.

"I'm not ready to declare victory on the problem," Ebinger said.

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State appropriations versus student tuition. As enrollment declines, so do state appropriations. And as appropriations decline, tuition rises inversely.

Year	Appropriation	%	Net tuition	%	Total
2000-01	\$30,602,000	64%	\$17,035,000	36%	\$47,637,000
2001-02	\$31,291,000	63%	\$18,680,000	37%	\$49,971,000
2002-03	\$29,659,000	59%	\$20,990,000	41%	\$50,649,000
2003-04	\$27,591,550	54%	\$23,925,000	46%	\$51,517,000
2004-05	\$26,971,000	49%	\$27,857,000	51%	\$54,828,000
2005-06	\$29,094,000	50%	\$29,056,000	50%	\$58,150,000
2006-07	\$28,868,000	49%	\$30,114,000	51%	\$58,982,000

Source: Jean Hollaar, MSUM Budget Officer

LOCKUP, FROM FRONT

"We hope that everyone uses their cards for themselves," Holsen said.

Last summer, most classes were upgraded with high tech equipment, and according to Holsen, this also provides a measure of security.

There is equipment in Nemzek, and this also provides MSUM's own students with the opportunity to use it.

There will be students scanning IDs and doors at Nemzek Friday from 5 until 10 p.m., Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 3 to 11 p.m.

"When there are games in the building, it will be open, but the weight room will be locked," Holsen said.

MSUM waited to see how the new system worked this weekend, and if lots of peo-

ple complained, then it might have changed.

"Everything went fine," Holsen said.

From now on, students, staff and faculty will be expected to know about the new system and the only thing that will change is that they must keep track of their ID.

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Group attempts to improve environment NEED strives to recycle, raise earth-friendly campus community consciousness

By **BEN SAILER**
Staff Writer

A new student organization for those interested in environmental issues at MSUM is in the process of being formed. Known as the MSUM Network for Environmentally Educated Dragons, formerly Sustainable Campus Initiative, the organization is open to all students who are interested. While the seeds for the organization were initially planted in the fall of 2003, it is now beginning to take a more concrete shape and is in need of student input.

"The purpose of this new group is to allow students to explore how environmental issues and sustainabili-

ty works with their selected major or interest," said NEED officer Paul Dustin, who is joined by Pete and Tracy Sand in heading up the organization. "Protecting the environment can be done on many fronts, (including) education, technology, natural sciences, art, business and so forth."

College campuses consume a great deal of resources and generate a large amount of garbage.

Getting MSUM students involved in answering the question of how the campus can be made more ecologically friendly is one of the group's primary goals.

According to the NEED mission statement, the group is dedicated to "promoting and

developing sustainable practices which lessen the university's impact on the environment," functioning as "a catalyst of change as it strives toward the goal of an environmentally sustainable MSUM."

"I keep hearing about being 'sustainable' or 'environmentally conscious,' but how does one become that way? What are the practical applications? How does it apply to my degree or profession?" Dustin questioned.

According to an SCI newsletter, several steps toward these ends have already been taken across campus, including the placement of recycling containers in all academic buildings. Current projects for the organization include promot-

ing recycled products in the Bookstore and Etcetera Shop, researching renewable energy alternatives and boosting the resident-hall recycling program.

The organization is funded by a \$3 "green fee" all students pay each semester. While the amount of money paid by each student is small, it is important they know where this money is going.

"The monies that are collected go into an account that is governed by the (group). That fund is available for any student group that wants to do something that will help the environment," Dustin said.

That money will then be made available by request to groups of students provided

their goals meet certain criteria set by the committee. According to their Web site, www.mnstate.edu/sci, the fund generates around \$45,000 annually.

The group aims to start small and act locally here at MSUM before expanding into the rest of the community and world at large.

"By developing projects, working with MSUM's faculty, staff and other community leaders, we feel that over time we can develop great ideas that can eventually move from the campus to the outside world," Dustin said.

For more information, visit www.mnstate.edu/sci.

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The rain can't stop education



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Elizabeth Gaddie, right, works on an activity to teach kids about the food chain. Gaddie worked on the project in a group for Methods in Teaching Elementary Science and Environmental Education, an elementary education class, that went outside Tuesday despite the rain.

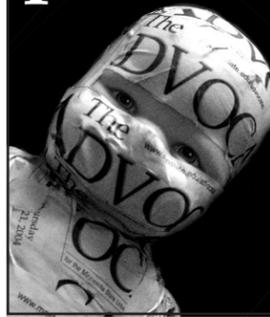
Hot ticket



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A.J. Wilson, student, buys a ticket to "Oedipus and Antigone" on Tuesday in the Center for the Arts. Gail Leikas admits students getting in to see the show that runs at 7:30 p.m. on the Gaede Stage through Saturday.

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Campus recycling gets revamped

Student organization NEED looks to increase recycling



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Nate Buelow, freshman, picks up his papers after printing in the library Tuesday.

By **TENESEE WILSON**

Staff Writer

Network for Environmentally Educated Dragons (NEED), formerly Sustainable Campus Initiative (SCI), has recently increased its recycling rate. This student-based organization, founded in the fall of 2003, recently established a new committee member in order to more effectively seek the help and participation of the entire campus community. In past semesters, there has been a great deal of interest in this expanded recycling program, which is designed to make recycling easy by making bins widely available on campus.

Paul Dustin, co-chair of NEED, said, "We presently have four recycling bins planted for our campus residents and there are also containers on every floor of our resident halls.

"Additionally, residents no longer have to separate their

paper and cans and bottles into separate recycling containers. All recyclable items can be recycled in those containers," Dustin said.

The expanded program allows for the recycling of mixed paper, glass bottles, aluminum cans and plastics at several sites. Bottles, cans and plastics should be emptied and washed out before recycling.

In terms of quantity, paper represents the largest of these recyclable items. So, people are asked to put all paper waste, other than a few excluded types, in the recycling bins rather than in the trash.

The kinds of paper that can be recycled are printed or unprinted white paper, white bond, white copy paper and white writing paper.

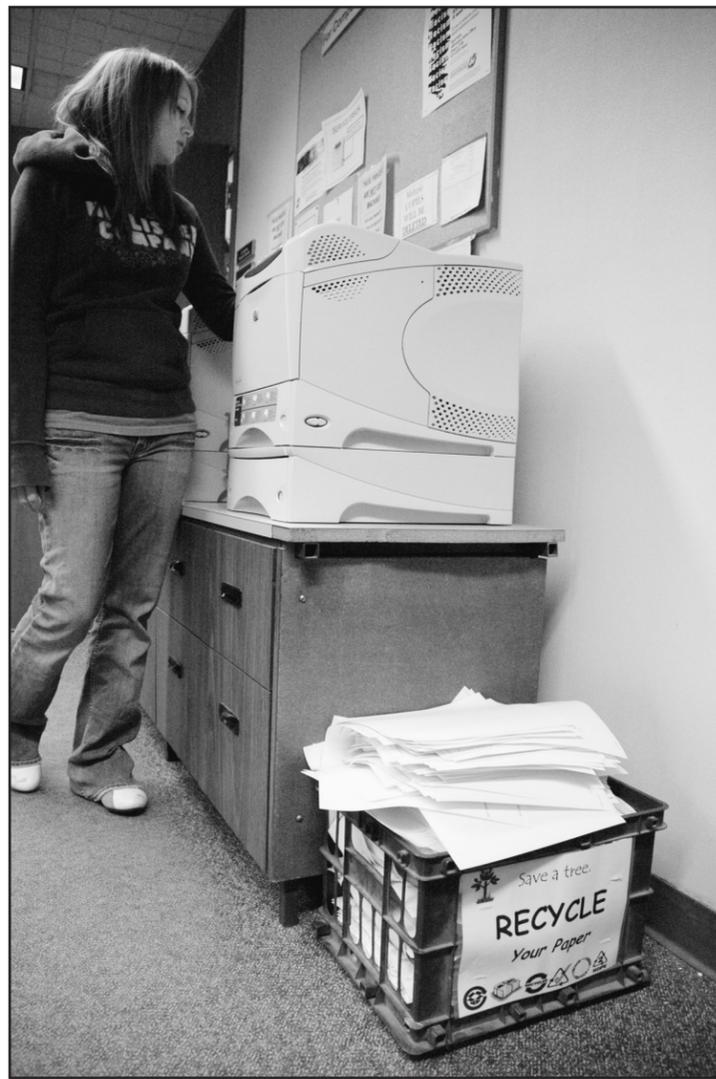
White envelopes, quality computer paper with no groundwood content, laser printed white paper and white adding machine tape can also be recycled.

Newspapers, glossy paper, magazines, catalogs, phone-books, post-it notes and memos, carbonless forms, small pieces of cardboard and file folders with metal bands removed can also be recycled.

Large cardboard boxes should be flattened and placed beside a paper recycling bin. Styrofoam packing materials should be saved for reuse or discarded in the trash.

The only paper products that cannot be placed in the paper recycling bins are hardcover books, carbon paper in which food has been wrapped, coffee cups, juice cartons, paper towels, napkins and paper plates. Even though some of these products might be biodegradable, they are not recyclable because they might be contaminated and could contaminate batches of correctly selected recycled papers.

Les Bakke, information technology director, said, "Several changes are on the way to make recycling more conve-



HEATHER GRUENHAGEN / ADVOCATE PHOTO EDITOR

Tiffany Broden, freshman, stands in front of a recycling bin, one of many that are available in several locations on campus.

"These changes will make it easier for residents to recycle, while enabling the city to divert more waste from our landfill," Bakke said.

Freshman Iskender Pasquali, an international business major, said, "We are thrilled that we finally have the ability to recycle easily. Now, it's up to us to make this program a success."

NEED is asking everyone on campus to participate in this initiative program. It isn't hard to participate, but it does take community awareness to ensure recycling is an ongoing success.

For more information about NEED or if you wish to join, visit their web site at www.mnstate.edu/sci or contact Paul Dustin at (218) 477-2692.

Wilson can be reached at tenesee2k1@yahoo.com.

MSUM tracks only deployed students during semester

By **RYAN JACOBS**

Staff Writer

A recent review of policy at MSUM shows that students in the armed forces reserve or national guard do, to a point, get the support that a person who serves this country deserves.

Les Bakke, the Veteran Resource Center director on campus, said, "MSUM will only track students who get called up for duty within a school semester."

By track, the student will be given their tuition back in accordance with MSUM pol-

icy.

"If a student deploys in between semesters, the school does not track them because it would be the same as if the student transferred or dropped out of school," Bakke said.

Bakke said chemistry professor Joe Provost has a connection with an Army National Guard unit in Iraq. Provost is temporarily accepting donations to send over to this unit, which is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Gregg Parks, an MSUM alumnus.

Colonel Parks, in his e-mail to Provost, said, "One of the best times of the day is when a

soldier receives care packages from home."

This donation box will be in the Science Lab for a limited time, so make donations quickly. A list of acceptable donations can be found in the Veterans Resource Center on the second floor of the library.

There are two Veterans Centers at MSUM. One is in the library, and the other is at the Higher Learning Center, also known as the Wellness Center.

Jayne Washburn, records office, does not keep track of currently deployed students in Operation Iraqi Freedom or

Operation Enduring Freedom.

"This is not an issue (deployed troops) that MSUM doesn't care about. It is instead federal law that dictates how this university (MSUM) handles deployed troops," said Washburn.

In a phone interview with Dave Bellefeuille, the Higher Learning Center's Director of the Veterans Center, he said, "that the Center is working on a program to track deployed troops from MSUM."

"It should be online within the next couple of months," Bellefeuille said. "This program will coincide with the

directives that Bakke has in place at the Veterans Center on campus."

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Scholarship donors merit a thank you from students

The MSUM Alumni Foundation distributes scholarship awards to the most-deserving students, and they are able to do so because generous donors give sums of money to their alma mater to help see students through college. Along with a letter notifying students they have earned a scholarship, the foundation sends notification that students will need to write a thank you letter to the giver of their award.

This is and should be a vital action for any student who receives a scholarship. If a recipient passes up the responsibility to so much as say thank you, then they don't deserve the scholarship.

Most students go through college scrounging for any money they can get. And why? Because we have cars, cell phones, iPods, and many of us have our own apartments or houses. We say we need this money for our education, but we can't even say thank you to someone putting up hundreds or thousands of dollars to help us, when they don't even know us. This is fantastically ridiculous.

A call placed from an Advocate editor to the Alumni Foundation on Monday to find out why he/she had not been notified of whom to send a thank you to resulted in surprise. The donors—both of them—had died. This is the reason there was a wait from last spring, when the scholarship award was first sent, to notify the recipient of the correct donor address. The donors had passed away. They will never hear another thank you from anyone, and the recipient will never get to say it to someone who selflessly put up some much-needed cash.

Please—all students receiving scholarships—when you get your letter of notifications this year, please write the proper thank you to the people who are entitled to it. And if you haven't written a thank you, shame, shame, shame. You should write an extra long letter.

Thank you to all scholarship donors, especially those who give year after year. Thank you to all alumni who are looking out for the students still here. Thank you to everyone who will one day become alumni and give in the name of education.

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Fall leaves bring back the past

There's something about the fall air that makes one nostalgic. I think it's the damp, chilly cold and the smell of dusty leaves. And coincidentally,

last month I had a firsthand encounter with the past.

I regrettably had to quit my RA job due to massive time commitments. I snooped around for an off-campus place within a reasonable distance from campus.

With luck, I found one in the allotted week I had to move out of the dorms and moved in two days after signing the lease.

My new place is fabulous. Like many of the buildings around campus, it's old. Like, 1920s old. Which in itself isn't very amazing. What is amazing is the fact that underneath the house off the basement is a cistern, or a water receptacle, made out of a circle of grayish white bricks. The walls of this cistern are caked with names of people from 1972, back when it was called "the Kranny."



Brittany Knudson
Op/Ed Editor

Upon discovering this space, a friend and I became enamored with the idea of excavating it, (we think someone dug out another room farther back, there's a dip that may be a tunnel) after discovering a 7 oz. can of Olympia beer. The classy slogan is "It's the Water." Some of you may even remember that brand of beer. But it was a mystery to me, so much so that I chose to research it online and discovered that it was one of the best-selling beers in the northwest part of the country back in the day and was brewed from 1975 to 1985, roughly. One of the Web sites I visited called it a "terrible tasting beer." I'll never know firsthand though, sadly, considering it isn't brewed anymore.

Not only does the cistern contain "hieroglyphs" of college students' past, but it also

harbored a lot of junk in the way of papers, old letters, bills and even a tea set. Sifting through the letters and bills made me feel like I was spying into another person's life but still less creepy than stalker feed on Facebook.

I found a copy of a scholarship essay from a girl that detailed her entire life story that sounded suspiciously like she was an illegal immigrant.

I found ugly baby pictures and long-winded essays with bright red A+'s marked on the margins.

I may be a little of a nerd to enjoy discovering junk from the past, but for me it was just as fun to sift through those things as it was as a kid to jump head first into a pile of musty leaves.



Is it really the water?
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mess on campus reflection of us

This is my fifth year as a college student and I have been at MSUM for four of them. I have traveled to other campuses throughout this area as well and what I have learned is that a lot of people like to complain about cigarette butts on campus but NO ONE does anything about it.

OK, yes we have the 10 foot line rule and OK, we have cigarette receptacles, but the butts still end up on the ground, and people like myself and Ms. Slevin still write to The Advocate about this "chronic problems" that MSUM has.

But wait, here's the catch.

People don't really care that much about it; at least not enough to do anything about it.

Yes "The appearance of MSUM campus reflects the students..." but cigarettes really aren't a problem.

Ok, yes, it looks ugly, but what about the numerous cans of empty beer scattered around the dorm buildings? Or the empty 24 pack box of Natural Ice that can be found in many of the parking lots?

People litter, including spitting out their gum into the grass, and scraps of paper, and I have even seen underwear

and gloves that appear in the spring after the snow melts.

Plus, let us not forget the used tampons that are found on the ground periodically (pun intended).

Maybe we should have an online class about littering. That way people couldn't whine about it anymore and we could all feel warm and fuzzy inside because we did something about it. Yeah, that's the answer.

Philip M. Grey
MSUM student

Month a time to recognize others' struggles

October launches various "National Coming Out" events on this and other campuses across the nation. As we take the time to "come out," to celebrate our sexual orientation, to be a straight ally or become frustrated at the slowness of history, it would behoove us to see how life has changed for gay Iraqis since "Operation Iraqi Freedom."

The ruling United Iraqi Alliance is a coalition of mostly Shiite Islamic fundamentalist political parties with such appropriate names as the "Islamic Call Party" or the "Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq."

This coalition and these religious fundamentalist political parties dominate the national parliament and the interior



Edward T.J. Brown
Columnist

ministry.

Thus, for all practical purposes, they are running the government and have already begun to enforce a draconian version of Shari or Islamic law in an effort to cleanse the nation of social undesirables through a party, now de facto government militia called the Badr Brigade.

The primary target of the militia has been to entrap, detain and execute gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Iraqis citizens.

Since the invasion and fall

of the old Hussein dictatorship, Iraqi religious fascists and their supporters have been replacing the Pan Arab Socialist dictatorship with a theocracy similar to the tyranny and brutality seen in Iran.

They have not been just targeting sexual minorities but anyone that is deemed to be immoral; i.e. Iraqis listening to western music, wearing shorts or jeans, drinking alcohol, selling videos, having a Sunni name, forcing children into prostitution and the list goes on.

The death squad is supported by the major cleric in Iraq, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, who issued a specific religious decree calling for the execution of gay Iraqis.

Those people that managed

to avoid the government militia must contend with family members who may feel morally obligated to "honor kill" their gay kin as they would a woman who commits adultery or fornication.

A handful of Iraqi gays have managed to successfully flee Iraq and they have an online presence at iraqilgbtuk.blogspot.com with an archive of pictures, published articles and news reports, and a plea for assistance and advocacy for the human rights of all Iraqi men, women and children.

The tragedy of Sept. 11 was supposed to teach us that maybe we should stop supporting and helping terrorists and fanatics because they might actually get around to launching their terror and tyranny upon us.

Yet, it would seem that we are making the same type of foreign policy mistakes that are not going to make America safe, are not going to spread democracy or human rights and will keep aiding and comforting terrorists and fanatics.



Do you support Freedom?
E-mail Brown
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Internet networking sites pester columnist

Myspace (and to a lesser extent, Facebook) is without question the best and worst thing to ever happen to the Internet.

The social networking time sink is equally capable of bringing people together and bringing all your productivity to a grinding halt.

I'm guilty of wasting entirely too much time on it, and you probably are, too.

The downsides to having a Myspace account are as numerous as they are annoying. One of the most distressing issues I have with the site is the prevalence of viruses being sent through bogus bulletins that cause your page to automatically post SPAM messages to all your friends involuntarily. The virus is then spread to anyone else who views the message and con-



Ben Sailer
Columnist

tinues to be passed around from one person to another. It's hard to imagine how such a thing is even possible.

Only slightly less annoying are people who post about a million surveys a day full of useless information about themselves that no one cares about. Nobody wants to read about your favorite color or whatever else it is you people write in those things.

The same goes for chain letters. Newsflash: chain letters don't work. Stop posting them.

I'm equally tired of getting

friend-requests from completely horrible bands that mistakenly think I'd love to hear their awful music. If I cared about these bands, I would have added them myself.

If you're so desperate for exposure that you need to send unsolicited messages to people begging them to listen to your crappy tunes, chances are, you aren't that good.

Why not spend more time actually improving your band and less time fishing for friends on the Internet?

The absolute worst people on Myspace, however, are all the girls with Web cams who send me about 10 friend requests a day asking me to check out their "hawt" pics.

Most of these "girls" profiles are most likely created by

some overweight "Star Trek" fan living in his mom's basement. Call me crazy, but when I get 10 friend requests from 10 "different" girls in their underwear who all look exactly the same but with different names, I begin to question whether these people actually exist.

I think it's kind of ironic, too, how Myspace seemed to begin going downhill around the same time it was bought out by FOX Network.

I'm not saying there is a definite connection between Myspace selling out to corporate America and the subsequent downfall of the Web site, but it's something to think about.

Despite how horrible Myspace is, I'm completely addicted to it. For all its faults, it's an exceptionally awesome means of keeping in touch

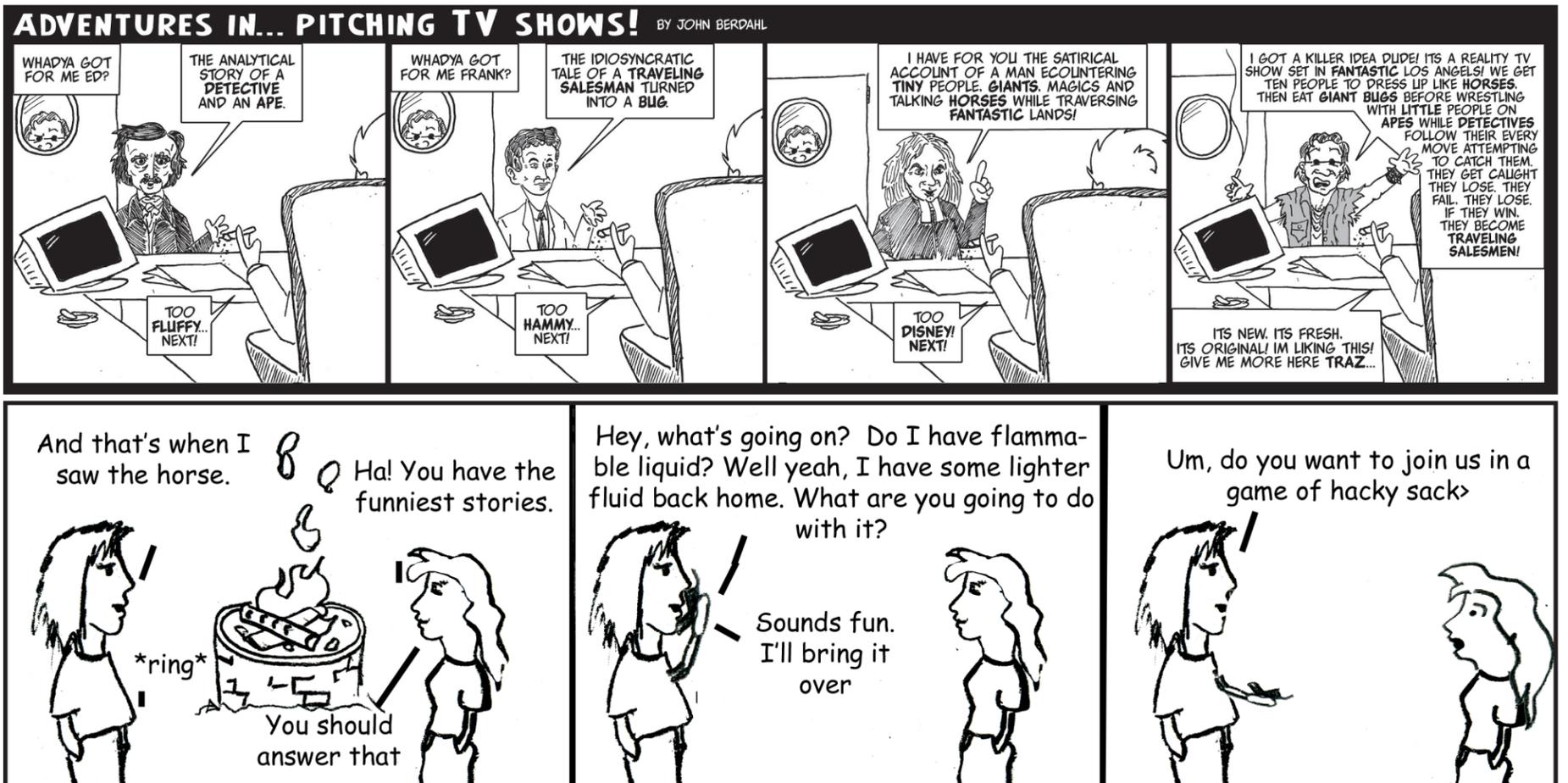
with people.

I liked it better before it was ridden with SPAM, porn and was owned by Rupert Murdoch, but at this point there isn't any turning back.

Now if you'll excuse me, I have new comments to attend to.



Was your friend-request denied?
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A lesson in baseball for theater goers

FMCT brings baseball legend Roger Maris to the stage

By NICK LERUD
Staff Writer

The Fargo-Moorhead Community Theatre has joined together with members of the 61' for 61' Campaign to bring us "Roger Maris on Stage." The play runs at 8 p.m. today (Thursday) through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

This is special not only to this area for bringing Maris much praise but is predicted to be a national hit.

"We are very excited to have the American premiere of it because it is a topic known nationally," FMCT director Charlene Hudgins said.

Roger Maris is a hometown legend from Fargo who played Major League Baseball and was in the record books.

He is most famously known for hitting 61 home runs in 1961, breaking Babe Ruth's 60-hit home-run record in a single season. That same season, he also led the majors in runs batted in, won his second consecutive MVP of the American League and was named the 1961 Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year.

Throughout his career Maris played in seven World Series and seven All-Star games. He hit 275 home runs and won

a Gold Glove Award for his outstanding defensive play. In 1984 the New York Yankees retired his number.

It wasn't until 1998 that Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa passed up his single season home-run record. Barry Bonds now holds the coveted record with 73 in one season, but Maris is still revered as one of the best.

With all of these eye-popping statistics, it is hard for one to imagine that Roger Maris has not yet been voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

"We are hoping that this show makes a push for Roger to make it into the Hall of Fame," Hudgins said.

"Roger Maris on Stage" is conducted through the eyes of Maris and showed what it was like for him during those star-studded years. "It really shows how the press was constantly on him," Hudgins said.

FMCT has been in contact and worked with playwright Edward Nunes-Vaz for three years now and have finally put the finishing touches on to bring it to stage. "The playwright wanted its American premiere to be in Fargo.

"It was tremendously important that we got it here first,"

Hudgins said.

There are still many personal friends of Maris in the area and plenty of his family, fans and people who knew of him at the time.

"I knew going into it, it was going to be a huge deal," said Scott Brusven, who stars as Maris in the play.

"I've gone to the museum over and over to see exactly how he talked, walked, swung his bat and just carried himself, because there are going to be people watching this who knew him personally, and I want it to seem as real as possible."

Roger Maris died Dec. 14, 1985, of lymphoma cancer at the age of 51. In memory of Maris, MeritCare Hospital built the Roger Maris Cancer Center in 1990 with the help of



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Scott Brusven, left, as Roger Maris and Anyd Hanback rehearse a scene from FMCT's production of "Roger Maris on Stage." The show runs at 8 p.m. today (Thursday) through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. For every ticket sold, \$1 will be donated to the Roger Maris Cancer Center at MeritCare Hospital.

many people.

The FMCT will use this production to raise funds for the Roger Maris Cancer Center. For every ticket sold, FMCT will donate \$1 to the center. Anyone who joins the 61' for 61' Campaign's 20 X 12 Club will receive free tickets for the show.

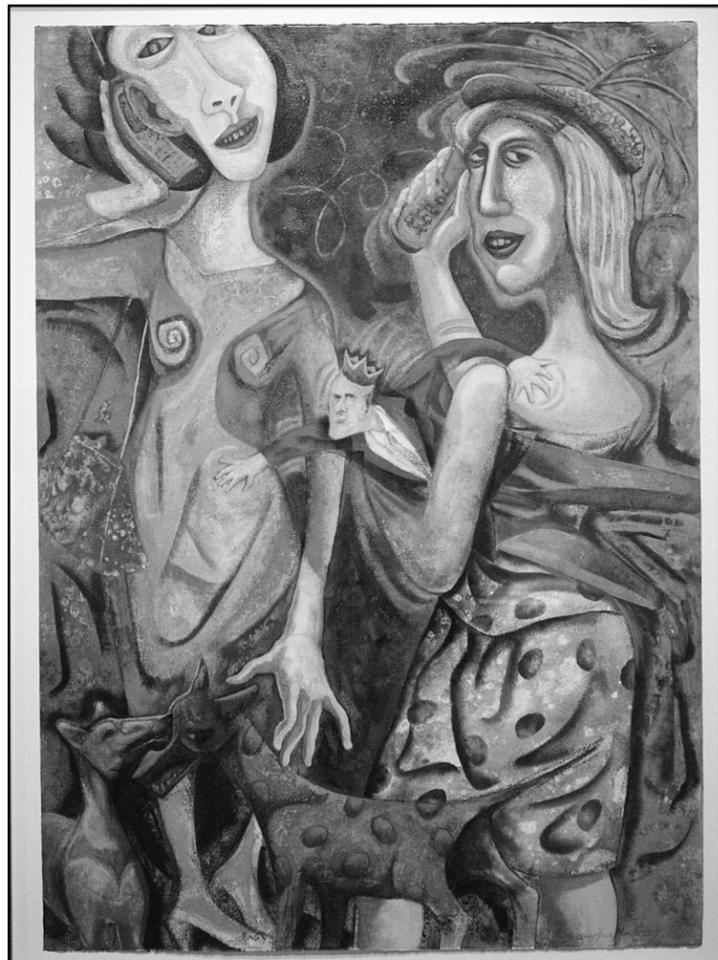
"It has been very rewarding (working with the 61' for 61' Campaign) and a lot of fun,"

Hudgins said.

"We've gone to a lot of extremes to make this work, so we hope it all works out for the best in the end," Brusven said.

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Ooh la la



MATT JOHNSON / THE ADVOCATE

An acrylic painting by Susan Morrissey from the Plains Art Museum exhibition "Art on the Plains 9" on display from now through Jan. 27. This exhibit is intended to access both established and emerging visual artists from North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota, Montana and the Canadian provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Work of all media will be featured, including two- and three-dimensional work.

Artsy Alternatives

Orchestra Concert

The Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Orchestra will perform a selection of cinematic works by John Williams at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Friday and at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Memorial Auditorium at Concordia College. The concerts will be led by Kenneth Freed, assistant conductor of the Minnesota Orchestra, with senior members of the F-M Youth Symphony playing alongside symphony professionals.

McGrath Writing Series

Independent filmmaker and screenwriter Tony Buba will present a 4 p.m. talk on the writer's craft and preside over a screening and discussion of one of his films at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Center for Business 111. This event is a part of the Tom McGrath Visiting Writers Series. Both the talk and screening are free and open to the public.

Public Lecture

Dominic Orlando, a Jerome fellow, will give a lecture titled "The Art & Craft of Dramatic Writing, Presented Artfully by a Crafty Dramatist" at 4 p.m. today (Thursday) in CMU 101. The lecture is sponsored by the New Plays on Campus Program of Playwrights's Center in Minneapolis.

Theater

MSUM Theatre kicks off its season with the classic Greek tragedy "Oedipus/Antigone" by Sophocles at 7:30 p.m. today (Thursday) through Saturday on the Gaede Stage. For ticket information please contact the MSUM box office at (218) 477-2271. Visa, Mastercard and Discover accepted.

Band Performances

To celebrate its 12th birthday, the High Plains Reader will host a series of three band performances today (Thursday). From 6 to 9 p.m., all ages are invited to listen to The Me and You Crew, Quick to Fall and A Message of Bullets. Those 18 and older are invited to the Plains Art Museum from 9 p.m. to midnight to listen to The Blue Fairy Godmothers and Blind Joe and view a live art presentation by El Perdido. Finally, those older than 21 can meet from midnight to 2 a.m. at The Aquarium where DJs Stupid Birthday, Buck Nastee and Toff will perform along with Emcees Robbie Showgun, The Truth and Ivory Dome. All events are free and open to the public unless indicated.

Graduate Reading

The first MSUM Graduate Reading of the semester will be at the Red Raven on Oct. 12. Erik Meyer, Stash Hempeck and Lonna Whiting will read, along with English professor Al Davis.

Lights, celluloid, film fanatics

Student-run organization focuses on cinema and filmmaking in F-M area

By **ROBYN ROHDE**
Section Editor

Are you awake at 4 a.m. watching the remaining minutes of a "Lord of the Rings" marathon while mouthing the words? Do you know what films are coming out six months from now and have your sleeping bag ready to camp outside the theatre? Do you cringe at the sound of the word "movie" and automatically scream "it's film, not movie"? If so, then the Cinethusiast club is for you.

"We are a support group for people addicted to celluloid," board member Josh Dahlman said.

Cinethusiast is a student-run organization that deals with activities related to cinema and filmmaking. "(Cinethusiast) provides opportunities for students to work on films, go to screenings, attend film festivals and also involve themselves in fundraising events," faculty adviser Tom Brandau said. Other student board members include Richard Faber, Staci Woldt, Travis Mattick and Ryan Sailer.

They host meetings at 6:30 p.m. every other Thursday with a permanent location still



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Quinn Callens runs the camera as Ross Mannie and Amber Hagie watch during last year's National Film competition. Students have 48 hours to write, cast, shoot, edit and present a film. This year's competition is Oct. 20-23. It is open to students of all majors.

being determined. In the past the group had always met in Weld but another campus club reserved the spot this fall. "We will change around until we find a decent home," Dahlman said. For now the group has been meeting in the Center for the Arts 33 and will be back in Weld for the spring semester.

The meetings typically start with the offer of snacks, followed by discussion of upcoming events. The club caps the encounter off with a screening

of a 30-minute episode of the MSUM Dragon Studios television show "Underexposures" that runs on Moorhead public access.

"It's not only open to film majors but anyone interested in film," Dahlman said. Students involved in the Tri-College system are also welcomed to get involved.

Another part of the organization is the film events they bring to campus. One of the upcoming events hosted

by the club is a live presentation of the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" Nov. 3 and 4. It will be a huge theatrical screening tied in with a stage show.

"(The company) goes around to different universities in connection with campus organizations to aid in fundraising for film events," Brandau said.

Another event happening that same weekend is the Forx Film Festival in Grand Forks. The deadline for submission is Oct. 13.

The Cinethustians will take part in the National Film Challenge Oct.

20 through 23. The group receives an e-mail at 7 p.m. Friday detailing a specific genre, prop and various other minuscule facts. From there teams have 48 hours to write, cast, shoot, edit and present a film. "It's a true 48 hours, so we burn the midnight oil twice over," Dahlman said.

Prominent members of the film community are invited to a showing of all the films completed in the time frame on Sunday. The film studies program sends only one film to national competition based on the judges' choice.

To find out what other events the Cinethusiast club has in store or for more information e-mail them at film@mnstate.edu.

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Band to play for charity at MSUM

Advocate staff reports

With airtight harmonies that drive introspective lyrics and innovative arrangements, acoustic folk duo "Storyhill" will perform a benefit concert for Churches United for the Homeless at 7 p.m. Oct. 13 on the Gaede Stage.

Throughout the past 15 years, Storyhill has sold more than 50,000 copies of their 12 albums without label support. They continue to tour and manage an online fan base that's 10,000 strong.

When John Hermanson and

Chris Cunningham ended their decade-long partnership as acoustic folk duo Storyhill back in 1997, the two looked forward to writing and playing music on their own—something they'd never really done before.

But somehow, the more success they enjoyed independently, the more they came to appreciate what they missed—Storyhill's creative chemistry, their fans and telling the classic folk stories that never seemed to go out of style. The duo reunited in 2001.

Cunningham and Hermanson

came to the table with fresh ideas and more than enough material to fill their upcoming album, slated for a 2006 release. In the meantime, the two plan to delight new and loyal fans across the nation with their shows.

General admission is \$15; students, \$10. The benefit is being hosted by Blackfriars, the MSUM theatre department's service organization.

Churches United for the Homeless helps homeless individuals and families with temporary housing, food and seeking permanent shelter, job services and training and spiritual assistance. According to Blackfriars adviser Kristin Larson, Churches United is not associated with any particular church, but it is more of a consortium of churches in the area.

"Blackfriars contacted the band and asked if it would work in their schedule while on tour to come play here at MSUM, and the band was really excited to do so. Chris and Johnny both attended St. Olaf college and studied music, so they are sort of local boys making it big with their music," Larson said.

Students will be selling tickets and sharing information about the charity from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today (Thursday) and Friday in the CMU.



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Acoustic folk duo "Storyhill" will perform a benefit concert for Churches United for the Homeless at 7 p.m. Oct. 13 on the Gaede Stage.

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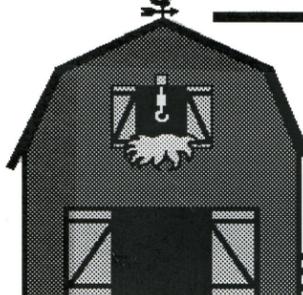
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SOFTBALL

Dragons devour Wolves in fall ball ender

By **ROBYN ROHDE**
Sports Editor

The weather could not have been better as the sun shone down on the Dragon softball team as they swept the Northern State Wolves 6-0 and 11-0 in an off-season doubleheader Sunday.

MSUM is among only a few teams in the area that have a fall ball season. "It's nice to see some different players and other players that are new to see where they're at and what we have," head coach Rhonda Denbow said.

The Dragons defeated conference newcomer University of Mary 7-0 and took a tough 3-0 loss to NDSU during a doubleheader on Sept. 9. "I think it's a huge advantage to get to see them (opponents) early and what you need to work on."

Senior Shauna Swavee got the Dragon bats going with a double just inside the left field line and then advanced to third base after a wild pitch in the third inning. Junior Kelsey Fehl drove Swavee home with an RBI double.

"Most of us were on the team last year so we already have a good team chemistry going,"



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Freshman pitcher Kari Sagehorn is one of only three new players on the team this year.

Fehl said.

The Dragons combined for 28 hits in the games, 17 in the second game alone. Lead batter Meghan Powers combined for a 6-for-9 appearance.

"Meghan has always been a very consistent hitter for us," Denbow said. Mellisa Saylor went 2-for-3 in the second

game along with multiple hits from Holly Kitchen, who went 3-for-4, boosting the Dragon's hitting average. Four separate players went 2-for-4.

"I think the team has a lot of potential, we're really excited about it," Denbow said.

The Wolves tried to start a rally in the final inning of

Game 1, but the Dragons responded with a double play, tagging the runner at third and catching the runner before getting back to second.

"We made plays in the infield, had a couple double plays, and our outfield hit our cuts and just played solid," Denbow said.

The Wolves weren't done, adding a triple to center field to put a runner in scoring position, but that was as close to home plate as they would come because MSUM never let another Northern State player past second base for the remainder of the day.

"They gel really well on the field and off, so I think our communication and defense is going to be good," Denbow said.

Freshman pitcher Kari Sagehorn pitched completely through both games totaling 11 strike outs and only giving up nine hits on the day.

"We won't have a lot of depth because a lot of teams have three pitchers," Denbow said. "If you have two strong pitchers who can go the distance like that, it's kind of exciting."

Julie Vancura and Jeseca White will join the team in the spring as both are active in the volleyball season now. White led the team in hits last year.

The softball spring schedule includes a St. Cloud Dome Tournament the last week in February along with a week-long spring break trip to Orlando to get in 10 games for a tournament there.

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FOOTBALL

Lack of follow through sparks Dragon losing streak

By **NICK LERUD**
Staff Writer

It was a rough game on Saturday as the Dragons fell to the Upper Iowa Peacocks, 36-13. The Peacocks got off to an early start and had the lead at the half, 17-7.

MSUM came out in the second half looking for a comeback to give them their first win in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference play but came up short as they move to 2-3 on the season and 0-3 in the

NSIC. Upper Iowa is new to the conference this year and Saturday's win was their first at the home field.

Quarterback Dustin Long had a solid game passing for the Dragons. Long went 17-28 and had a touchdown pass and one interception. Long put up consistent numbers again but was not able to lead the Dragons to victory.

Freshman running back Enol Gilles had a great day on the ground, racking up 106 yards on eight carries. Gilles put the

Dragons on the scoreboard early in the second quarter with an explosive 71-yard touchdown run. Dante Mathis also chipped in with six carries for 19 yards.

"We moved the ball, we just couldn't finish off our drives," Gilles said.

Freshman wide receiver Jabari Taylor had a big game hauling in 7 catches for 158 yards and a touchdown. Taylor's score came late in the third quarter on an 80-yard pass from Long. The rest of

the receiving core added 10 catches.

On the defensive side of things, sophomore linebacker Zack Cahill had 10.5 total tackles on the day. Senior safety Mitch Jeppesen had 8.5 total tackles and recorded an interception.

It was a long day for the Dragons as they were defeated in just about every major stat category resulting in the loss. But MSUM saw some of their younger talent stepping up and performing well.

"It's exciting for us, it shows we have a lot to come in the future," Gilles said.

"We need to learn how to finish off our drives (by) scoring," Gilles said.

Things don't get any easier this weekend as MSUM travels to the defending NSIC champions, Winona State. "No team is unbeatable, we just beat ourselves," Gilles said. "We are going in there with nothing to lose."

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Dragons diving into record books for anniversary

By **NICK LERUD**
Staff Writer

The MSUM women's swimming and diving team will splash into their season Oct. 7 at Nemzek swimming pool as they host their alumni meet. The Dragons are experienced and look to be strong coming into the season, ready to break records.

It's the 10th anniversary

for the swimming and diving team at MSUM and head coach Todd Peters feels it is going to be one for the record books.

"Since it is our 10th anniversary we would like to qualify 10 athletes for nationals," Peters said.

The Dragons have a pretty hectic schedule having to travel often and far. They will host only four home events

and travel to 12, including the North Central Conference meet Feb. 14 through 17. "We look at all of the meets as a tune-up for the conference meet," Peters said, "which is also where we would likely qualify for nationals."

MSUM is one of the few schools in this region or even this state to have the swimming and diving program in its system. "It hasn't hurt us

yet," Peters said.

This might actually help them out as they can bring in more of the highly talented athletes because of less recruiting competition.

"We have about 15 girls who are capable (of having great years)," Peters said. The Dragons have a whole host of athletes on the roster that could also step up and make their marks at MSUM early in

their careers.

As the Dragons count down the days to the season, coach Peters is feeling good about the season's outlook. "I'm confident this will be one of the best teams we've had," said Peters. "I think we can break every school record with the talent we have."

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11 a.m.
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VB at University of Mary
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2 p.m.
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Hockey essential part of Minn.

My neighbor asks me to keep her up with the sports events and happenings in the world every now and then. I went over to her place last weekend to return the cake pan my girlfriend borrowed and she said, "Do they really play hockey this early in the year? There's not even snow on the ground." People, Minnesota is the state of hockey, recognize it.

Minnesota is probably the largest hockey state in the U.S. (Canada obviously is the world's dominator in hockey.) There are so many different leagues and programs around most dentists smile at the thought of hockey season.

Brian Lee—that's one name people need to know. I bet almost anyone at MSUM who is originally from Moorhead knows exactly who he is. Lee, along with his fellow Moorhead High hockey teammates, went to the Minnesota High School

Luke Hagen
Staff Writer



Hockey Tournament, making it to the championship round two years in a row.

Lee is currently playing for the UND Fighting Sioux, and was drafted in the 2005 NHL Entry Draft by the Ottawa Senators.

Minnesota even has an MVP for hockey. No, I'm not talking about an NHL player. It's called Mr. Hockey. The Mr. Hockey award is given out for the most outstanding senior high school hockey player in the state. (Lee won it in 2005.) All of the past five Mr. Hockey's have been drafted or will be drafted this season.

Here are some fun facts for you non-hockey minds:

1. Eveleth, Minn., is known as

"The Capital of American Hockey."

2. The Carolina Hurricanes won the Stanley Cup last season. No, the lockout was not last year!

3. Erik Johnson is from Bloomington, Minn. He was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2006 NHL draft. There have been only five Americans taken No. 1 overall in the NHL draft.

4. The Minnesota Wild's first game is today (Thursday).

5. The five time National Champs', Minnesota Golden Gophers', first game is Friday. Now support Minnesota, the state of hockey. I know my neighbor already has her Ti-Vo set for Thursday night; she can't miss an episode of "Grey's Anatomy."

Oh, and my reply to her question: "Yes, they play hockey right now, can we come over after Grey's Anatomy to watch the Wild game you recorded?"

GOLF



JON LAMBERT / THE ADVOCATE

Sophomore Kerin Jetto shot a 105 to tie for 27th place in the MSUM Invitational one-day tournament last Friday.

NSIC next for golf

By ROBYN ROHDE

Sports Editor

The lady Dragons placed third at the MSUM Invitational on Friday, a one-day tournament staged at the Moorhead Country Club. Concordia St. Paul won the team title with 343 strokes while the Dragons had a composite score of 373. Junior Erika Hochgraber led the Dragons with a 40-46-86.

Sophomore Kasey Maier was the only other Dragon to finish in the top ten with a score of 47-41-88.

"We do have a very young team," head coach Tracie Bents said. "A majority of our team is sophomores only competing with us." MSUM has a couple of players red shirted to contribute in the spring season.

MSUM will enter the first part of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Championships on Saturday and Sunday at Pebble Creek golf course near Becker, Minn. The tournament will give the team an idea of where they

sit in the conference, but the tournament won't officially conclude until the spring.

"If we shoot our best, we can be pretty competitive with fifth out of eight place," Bents said.

The Dragons will have to work on putting rounds together. "We need to get everyone to shoot together and they are all very capable," Bents said.

One of only two seniors and the No. 1 shooter for the team, Crystal Meagher, will be back for the conference meet after missing last week.

"I expect pretty good scores from Crystal, Erika (Hochgraber) and Kasey (Maier)," Bents said. "They are all possible all-conference players."

MSUM will have eight players competing but only the top five are counted as part of the team total. The other two are individual. "It's still good experience," Bents said.

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LACROSSE

Come on, make a move—I dare you



JON LAMBERT / THE ADVOCATE

Ben Fairbanks fights off an NDSU player during the MSUM lacrosse camp last weekend. SWARM, a pro indoor team from Minneapolis, led the first time camp to help players from MSUM, NDSU and UND. The players worked on individual skills like shooting drills and responding to different angles of attack the first day. Goalkeepers worked on reaction drills. The next day, everyone broke up into teams to scrimmage. MSUM will host the Dragon Invitational on Oct. 21 and 22 with alumni dinner.

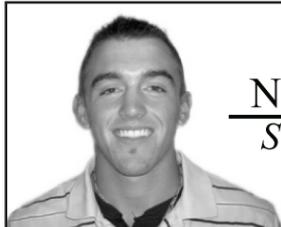
Twins comeback aided by award winning talent

The Minnesota Twins have completed one of the most amazing comebacks in the history of Major League Baseball. Well, I guess you could call it a complete collapse by the Detroit Tigers, but being a Twins fan, we will look at it on the positive side.

On Aug. 7, the Detroit Tigers held a 10.5 game lead on the Twins, who at that point was not even the leader for the American League Wild Card. On Sunday the Twins defeated the Chicago White Sox 5-1, as the Tigers fell to the Kansas City Royals 10-8 in extra innings, making the Twins the A.L. Central Division Champions.

The Twins talented young catcher, Joe Mauer, was crowned A.L. batting champion as he finished the year with a batting average of .347, just a few points ahead of All-Star New York Yankee shortstop, Derek Jeter.

Mauer is a native to the Twin Cities and received a curtain call from a full house of homer-hanky waving fans as they announced his achievement during Sunday's game. What more could you ask for? He is 23 years old, rich, plays professional baseball in his hometown and not only that, he is one of the best. Mauer



Nick Lerud
Staff Writer

was the first catcher to ever win this prestigious award.

Twins ace pitcher Johan Santana should have the A.L. Cy Young award wrapped up and if for some reason he doesn't get it, there should be a huge protest to baseball. Santana finished the year in the whole majors with the most wins, 19, the lowest E.R.A, 2.77, and by far with

the most strikeouts, 245, end of story.

Minnesota's smashing first baseman, Justin Morneau, is a legitimate candidate for the A.L. MVP. The only person he could lose to, with a decent argument, is Derek Jeter and even then I would still be steaming. Morneau hit 34 home runs on the season and came in second in RBI's with 130. He came up clutching many games to score a needed run and is a huge reason why the Twins are even in playoff contention.

The Twins play the Oakland Athletics in the first round, as of Monday it will be Santana

against the A's ace Barry Zito in game one and when the Twins win, they will move to more than likely play the Yankees in a seven game series to go to the World Series.

With Santana leading the way on the mound and a host of Twins swinging hot bats, I believe we will win the Oakland series 4-1 and take care of the Yanks in a 4-2 series. Which brings us to the first World Series appearance for the Twins since they won it in 1991. And I would venture to say that if we make it that far, we are definitely coming home champions.

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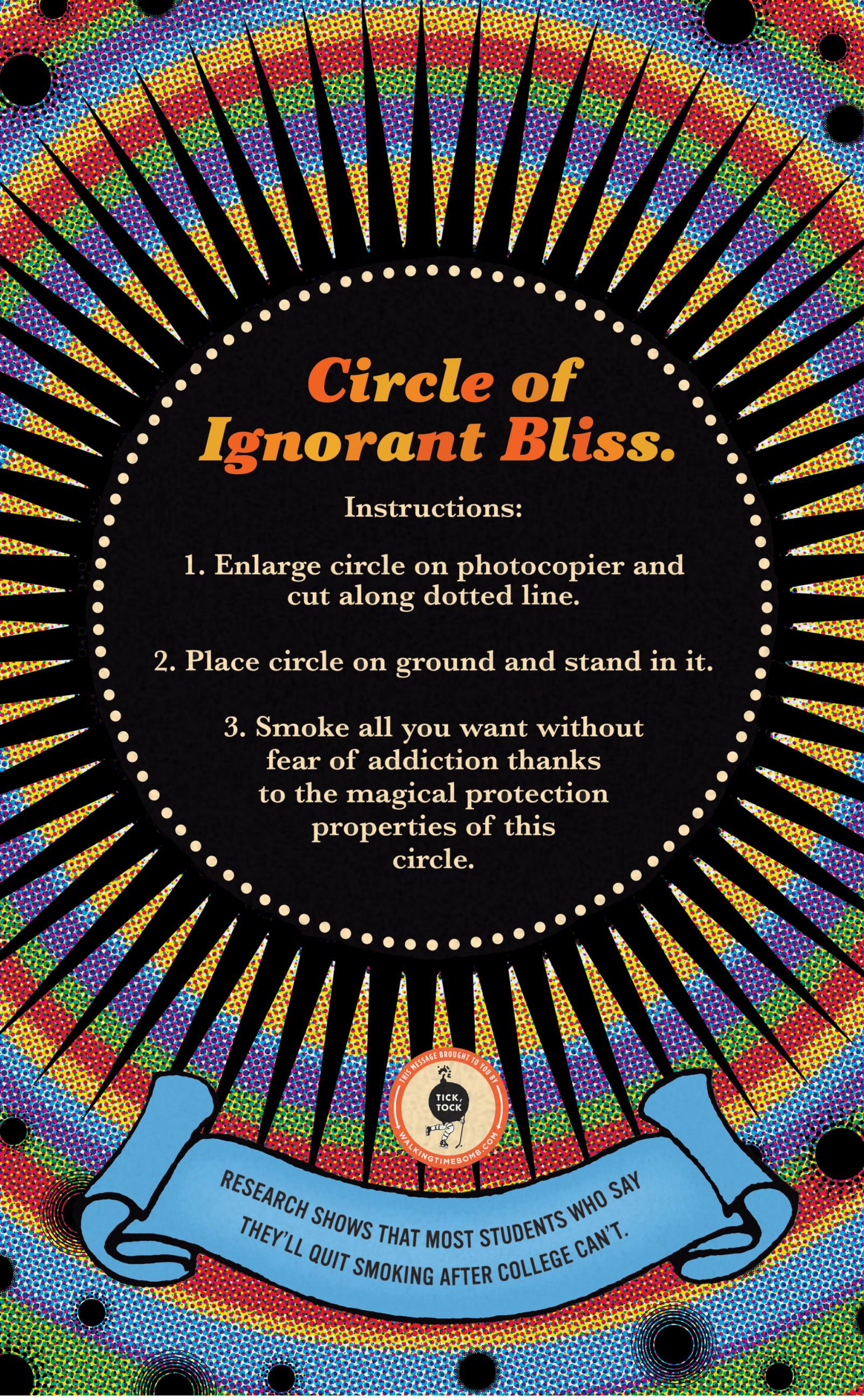
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ELECTION 2006

Green party candidate makes a stop

Governor race heats up as contenders prepare for Nov. 7 general election

By **DUSTIN MOHAGEN**
Staff Writer

If you ask someone who Ken Pentel is, you will likely get a blank stare. Despite his efforts, few people have heard of the Green Party candidate for governor of Minnesota. Pentel was in Moorhead last week as part of his third campaign for the office.

After canvassing the MSUM campus himself, Pentel went to Atomic Coffee in Moorhead. There, two men discussed politics over coffee.

Pentel was with Wade Hannon, an NDSU counseling professor, who is also co-chair of the Green Party in Clay County. Shortly after, Kevin Shores and his family joined them. Shores made an unsuccessful run for mayor of Moorhead last year.

As a minor-party candidate,

Pentel faces many obstacles. Talk began with the most obvious one of them—lack of support. Because the Green Party can't compete financially with the major parties, they rely on volunteers to get the word out. Pentel believes his best hope lies with college students. But the numbers aren't there.

Hannon remarked that students today are different than the politically minded students of the Vietnam era.

"The majority of students today think that getting involved doesn't do any good. They assume more powerlessness than they already have."

Shores added, "When you hand guns to kids based on the draft, they get political fast."

Pentel also sees the existing political system as a barrier. Candidates are given two weeks to come up with the

17,000 signatures needed to get on the ballot.

He also brought up the recent report from the Center of Public Integrity that ranked Minnesota first in per capita spending on lobbying. "The money that lobbyists wield removes citizens from government. Government is commercialized," Pentel said.

Pentel also said certain people in power are keeping his voice from being heard.

"During the last campaign, MPR (Minnesota Public Radio) gave me an hour. I was just in Duluth and they were going to put me on until they got word from the cities not to. They said they didn't consider me a major candidate because I haven't polled at least five percent. But they don't even include me in their polls."

Despite the obstacles he has faced throughout his 27-year

political journey, Pentel continues to stand behind the Green Party values of ecological wisdom, social and economic justice, nonviolence and grassroots democracy.

The major point of his platform involves getting big money out of politics. He would like to see proportional representation and local economies that are not dependent on large corporations. He envisions utilizing Minnesota farms for sustainable food and energy.

Pentel also believes that a shift in lifestyle is needed.

"It's not about me. It's not about the Green Party. It's about us. People can't take the needle of consumption out of their veins until somebody steps up."

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OVERVIEW

DFL-endorsed candidate for lieutenant governor Judi Dutcher visited campus Sept. 7 to discuss a plan to lower college tuition. Dutcher is running with Mike Hatch, the current Minnesota attorney general.

The Hatch team plan comes after incumbent republican Tim Pawlenty visited campus in June to pitch a program for high school students to get free tuition for their first two years if they are in the top 25 percent of their class or have comparable ACT scores.

On the independent ticket, Peter Hutchinson, a former Minneapolis Public Schools superintendent, is pumping his name to try to win in November.

For more on Ken Pentel, Green Party candidate, see the story to the left.

Students neglect scholarship letters

MSUM Alumni Foundation urges recipients to thank donors for gift

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Over the summer, junior Andrew Soucek got a letter in the mail at his home.

It was from the school. It was a reminder saying he had not yet written his letter of gratitude for a scholarship he received.

"At that point," Soucek said in an e-mail interview, "I think it seems pointless to even send one because it's been like five or six months."

But Judy Peterson, the director of major and corporate gifts at MSUM, has something to say to students who have those thoughts: It is never too late to say thank you to scholarship donors.

"They enjoy the letters and it shows the donors how their gift is making a difference with our students," said Peterson in an e-mail interview.

About seven years ago, the MSUM Alumni Foundation started to ask students to write letters of gratitude when they got scholarships.

Peterson said while the letters are not required, they are to show appreciation. "We ask (students) to explain how the scholarship has made a significant difference for them with their college expense."

In the letters students are asked to write about their college experience, major area of study, a little background and what their future plans are.

Peterson said students are

very good about sending the letters, especially upperclassmen. But she said there are still a lot of students who have not yet written their letters because they have only been back on campus for a few months.

Soucek said he put it on his summer to-do list and just forgot. "I do feel kind of bad about it."

Soucek said that while he has not written his letter, he will do it—even though he feels a bit forced since the Alumni Foundation requests a copy of the letter.

"I feel that the students are at the age where they can send a thank you letter back if they want to. I don't like that the school makes you write a thank you letter. It's not a real thank you if someone makes you write it. It seems it's more of a thank you from (MSUM) than it is from me," Soucek said.

Peterson still advises students to write the letters of gratitude. She said when she talks with donors, they say they enjoy getting the letters; it lets them know their gift is being put to good use.

Plus, there is added incentive to say thanks, according to Peterson.

"The donors will often increase their gift when they know the impact their gift has made for an MSUM student."

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Can't it wait till Christmas, Rob?



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WDAY weather forecaster Rob Kupec speaks Sept. 21 in the CMU Ballroom about "the good, the bad and the ugly" of the area's atmospheric elements. Meteorologist Gregory Gust also spoke.

PLANNING, FROM FRONT

Doug Hamilton, who represents MSUM on the working group and the planning project's executive committee, said he thinks there is sense of responsibility that is lacking more than it use to.

The arrangement of absentee landlords all over the university creates other issues.

"The neighbors not getting along, disturbing-the-peace kinds of issues," Hamilton said. "The idea here is the city is concerned that they look very hard at what's happening ... to turn it around, or slow it, or come up with alternatives that better serve the community."

The students in Moorhead are a large part of the population and their viewpoints could shape the outcomes of

To see a meeting map, view www.communitywalk.com/map/20134.

the planning project.

Hamilton said he encourages students to get involved to reflect the size of the group. "It is very useful to get engaged in this kind of civic involvement. It is something that will make a difference."

Leigh Wilson-Mattson, MSUM student senate president, said, "It would be a good opportunity for students simply because their concern is going to be issues that affect this university, that come with this redevelopment."

Wilson-Mattson represents MSUM students on the working group.

Wilson-Mattson said she is

on the working group meetings to ensure students' best interests are served during the planning. "I am there to say, 'Hey, that won't work well for students.' ... I am also there to point out conflicts that are not allowing students to be a part of it."

MSUM President Roland Barden said MSUM wants a good traffic pattern for students who commute.

Barden said they would like 20th Street, which borders the campus on the east, converted into a main street, or have the city tell them where they are going to put main streets. "We need to tell the students, faculty, employees and guests how to get to our campus."

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