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# The ADVOCATE

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

## Web site to boost up image

### MSUM.com supposed to rival other sites, attract students

By RYAN JACOBS  
Staff Writer

A new initiative directed by MSUM President Roland Barden states MSUM must "raise (its) profile in the region."

This will be achieved through a brand new state-of-the-art Web page called MSUM.com. It is still a work in progress until MSUM unveils it.

This Web page "will serve to generate additional traffic to the university Web site—mnstate.edu," according to Barden's statement.

MSUM.com is a fully functional Web site that is supposed to rival any other college Web site in the nation.

It is an "advertising tool that refocuses the message that Minnesota State University-Moorhead has been stating for the last 118 years: 'We develop knowledge, talent, and skills for a lifetime of learning, service, and citizenship,'" said Doug Hamilton, executive director of university advancement.

"The main reason for this Web site is to showcase the many opportunities that MSUM has to offer and

to expand the joint waiver program with the Minnesota State Colleges and University Systems that there is in-state tuition for everyone," Hamilton said.

Hamilton, who was known as "Captain Midnight" on Dragon radio back when he went to MSUM, stated, "The biggest population cluster that this new Web site (MSUM.com) will target is the Twin Cities area, particularly the northwest part.

"Other parts of the Midwest that MSUM.com has a market share for is in Bismarck, the Red River area, northeast South Dakota and the International student exchange program."

Advertising Marketing, the company hired as an "outside eye," has come up with several marketing ideas.

The account specialists for Advertising Marketing, Norm Robinson and Travis Curtis, are MSUM alumni.

A letter issued by Barden said: "Advertising Marketing recommended changes to the university's visual identity standards."

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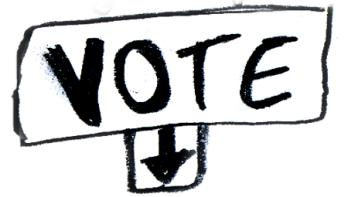
The university's new look displays the motto: "My Education. My way" as part of marketing efforts.



### Fooore!

90-year-old former professor, graduate shoots on or at age 2,600 times

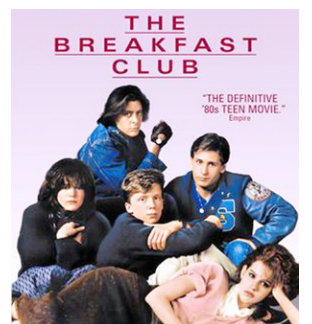
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### That's the ticket

Students should turn out in numbers to vote for the issue that's most relevant

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### Whole lotta Molly

CAB continues safe alternative to college nights with movie series

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### Getting pumped

Volleyball wins three of four, preps for NSIC tourney with new lineup

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HEATHER GRUENHAGEN / ADVOCATE PHOTO EDITOR

Politicians at the forum on Oct. 25 included, left to right, Morrie Lanning, Diane Wray Williams, Leslie Davis, Maureen Reed, Michael Barrett and Ken Lucier.

## Forum airs candidates, issues

By BILL ROHLA  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, voters from all across Minnesota will head to the polls to cast their ballots for the candidates they feel best represent their ideas. On Oct. 25 in the CMU, students received a taste of what some of these candidates had to offer. A candidate forum sponsored by student senate featured Minnesota District 9A House candidates Rep. Morrie Lanning and Diane Wray

Williams, District 9A Senate candidate Sen. Keith Langseth, District 7 U.S. House candidates Mike Barrett and Ken Lucier, lieutenant gubernatorial candidate Maureen Reed and gubernatorial candidate Leslie Davis. The candidates debated and fielded students' questions ranging from a wide array of issues, including everything from education and healthcare to broader topics such as the ongoing Iraq war and gay marriage.

In one instance, a student

asked, "The U.S. is number one in health care cost and number 32 in quality. Why, and what would you do?"

Many of the candidates grew upset over this question and regarded to where the numbers came from. U.S. House candidate republican Mike Barrett said, "First of all, where did the statistics come from that says we (the U.S.) are 32nd? That's got to be false."

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## Speaker takes look at Islam

By SHAILIZA MANANDHAR  
Copyeditor

On Oct. 24, Ahmed Rehab, executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Chicago, shed light on "Islam in the West: Five years after 9/11."

It was the Islamic world and the way it's viewed by the western world in the CMU Ballroom amidst the controversy that hovered around accusations at CAIR for having links with a terror organization.

Rehab, an American-Muslim activist, joined CAIR in August 2004. Since then, he has been working on harnessing a better relationship between Muslims and Americans.

Though he was equally active prior to joining CAIR, he said Sept. 11 came as a calling that inspired him to advocate in this field, which also involves empowering the Muslim community.

Just before the speech, a man was seen distributing a seven-page article in the MSUM area titled "Hamas for Hipsters" by Joe Kaufman. It labeled CAIR as a terrorist organization.

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## Security Report

10.25—10.30

- 10.25** Medical response ambulance to Murray Commons
- 10.25** Lost/stolen property in the Center for the Arts
- 10.26** Found property returned to owner
- 10.26** Found property in Frick
- 10.27** Minor in consumption outside Nemzek
- 10.27** Found property in Frick circle
- 10.27** Found bicycle outside Holmquist
- 10.28** Vandalism in Ballard
- 10.28** Minor in consumption in Lot P
- 10.28** Fire alarm in Nelson
- 10.28** Unsecure door in the Center for Business
- 10.28** Vandalism in Ballard
- 10.28** Minor in consumption on Belsey Boulevard
- 10.29** Alcohol offenses in Lot S
- 10.29** Building access for the Center for the Arts
- 10.29** Bicycle theft in Grantham
- 10.29** Fire alarm sounding in Snarr
- 10.29** 911 hang-up in Annex Building
- 10.29** Motor vehicle accident in Lot X
- 10.29** Alcohol offenses on Main Avenue
- 10.30** 911 hang-up in Nemzek
- 10.30** Lost property in Lommen

**Advocate meetings  
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### Corrections

In the Oct. 26 issue of the Advocate, a photo caption for the Page 5 article "Fourth Hall Olympics off and running" was incorrect.

The caption incorrectly lists the flag as being from fourth floor Grantham, Venezuela. It is actually from third floor Grantham, Turkey.

Also, the Page 8 article "'Samuel's Wish' goes to nationals" should have said that Paul Eckhardt composed four pieces of music in 38 minutes, not Harry Lantto.

### Honors group meets today

The Honors Discussion Group brings together interested faculty and advanced students in engaged discussion of texts chosen by faculty members from across campus.

The interdisciplinary group meets once a month to discuss one text in relation to a theme chosen for that semester. Texts will be available in the Bookstore.

The next meeting, which will be at 7 p.m. today (Thursday) in Weld 201, will focus on "Hegemony or Survival: America's Quest for Global Dominance" by Noam Chomsky.

For further information please e-mail Randy Cagle at [caglera@mnstate.edu](mailto:caglera@mnstate.edu) or Stephen Hamrick at [hamrick@mnstate.edu](mailto:hamrick@mnstate.edu).

### Take trip to Paris on spring break

MSUM's Office of International Programs will present a spring break tour of Paris from March 9 to 18. The program is open to students, faculty and the community.

Every day, participants will enjoy an excursion to the historic and cultural attractions of Paris, and there will be ample time for personal pursuits.

For further information contact Jim Kaplan at (218) 477-2915 or [kaplan@mnstate.edu](mailto:kaplan@mnstate.edu). To be placed on the list, send an e-mail to [stdyabrd@mnstate.edu](mailto:stdyabrd@mnstate.edu).

### Got voting rights? Use them!

Come to the student senate office in CMU 116 and fill out a voter registration card. Student senate will send in your card for you.

### Meals return to Union City

Miss those homestyle meals in Union City? They are back for the winter! They're served Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Meals are \$4.99 plus tax. You can add a 20-ounce fountain soda for just 64 cents. Get a well-rounded meal for less than \$6.

### Relay for Life sign-up held for spring

Relay for Life is coming up again! Make a team with your friends or join an existing team. Sign-up is at 7 p.m. today (Thursday) in Jones 330 at Concordia College.

It is a great way to raise money to fight cancer and it is also an extremely fun time hanging out with friends and also making new friends.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Pat at [schuetpa@mnstate.edu](mailto:schuetpa@mnstate.edu).

### MSUM offers Italian bicycling adventure

The college of education and human services is hosting an Italian bicycling adventure, May 25 to June 2. 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](http://www.mnstate.edu/edhuman/events.cfm). To be added to the list for trip information, e-mail [cehsalumni@mnstate.edu](mailto:cehsalumni@mnstate.edu).

### Panel book discussed Nov. 15

The School of Teaching and Learning will present a panel book discussion, "How am I Teaching?" from noon to 1 p.m. Nov. 15 in CMU 214.

Layna Cole, Erin Gillett, Peggy Rittenhouse, Steve Street and Ann Goldade from the School of Teaching and Learning are the presenters.

This book describes a variety of formats to collect student feedback about teaching and learning. It provides a practical approach for analyzing this feedback to make informed decisions about teaching. Feedback matrices, open-ended questionnaires, teaching behavior inventories and self/colleague analysis forms make up the book.

If you are familiar with Angelo and Cross' book, "Classroom Assessment Techniques," you will enjoy this book.

The first five faculty members who contact Steve Grineski ([grineski@mnstate.edu](mailto:grineski@mnstate.edu)) and agree to attend this event will receive a free copy of this book.

### Honors program seeks new courses

In order to broaden faculty participation in the Honors program and expand course offerings for the 2007-2008 academic year, the Honors Committee invites course proposals from MSUM faculty.

Faculty members interested in teaching in the Honors program can submit an application to the Honors Committee.

Application materials should be e-mailed to Stephen Hamrick at [hamrick@mnstate.edu](mailto:hamrick@mnstate.edu) by Dec. 11.



ANGELA SCHNEIDER / THE ADVOCATE

Jennifer Rausch warms her hands at the mass communication department's "Halloweenie Roast" on the Library porch Tuesday.

### Ms. MSUM crowned tonight in CMU

Join Campus Activities Board, North Suburban Speech and Language Association (NSSLA) and Delta Zeta to witness the crowning of the first Ms. MSUM at 8 p.m. today (Thursday) in CMU 200 (Ballroom).

Cost is \$3. All proceeds benefit NSSLA for speech & hearing!

### Peru tour will be open to community

Students, faculty, staff and community members are invited to participate in a 15-day tour of Peru. The tour includes: Lima and coastal sites, Puerto Maldonado in the Amazon, Cusco, the Inca Trail, Machu Picchu, Lake Titicaca and the Altiplano.

The best current estimate of total trip costs is \$3,750 plus passport fees. Students may register for one to three academic credits and must register for one credit to have the costs be included in their financial aid package.

Participants must be physically fit. There will be a minimum of six hours of meetings in the spring to cover Peruvian history and culture, Spanish conversation, food, currency and other topics.

For this trip there will be a minimum of eight and a maximum of 12 participants, so you should sign up soon.

Informational meetings will be held today (Thursday) at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., and at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday.

All meetings will be in Lommen 102 conference room.

### Student senate will offer rides to polls

On Nov. 7 student senate will offer students who live on-campus bus trips to the polls.

### MCDC 13th annual conference held

The MultiCultural Development Center Diversity Conference, live via satellite, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 15 in CMU 203 at MSUM.

Its title is "Spirituality and Religion in the Workplace: Creating a Compatible Environment for Spiritual and Religious Values and Practices."

Organizations are created and run by people. In any successful institution, faculty and staff as well as students need to be recognized, valued, respected and assured that they are welcome with all of the differences that they bring with them. This includes their religious and spiritual beliefs.

Gone are the days when people are expected to leave their spirituality at the door. Today's organizations and institutions of higher learning understand that, to retain their best talent and achieve high levels of academic excellence, all people must feel they are able to bring their whole self to the organization.

The challenge comes in managing diversity. Interaction between people with different worldviews, specifically spiritual or religious perspectives, can result in polarized opinions that can spill out onto the campus and create chaos in an otherwise harmonious environment.

## ELECTION, FROM FRONT

According to the World Health Organization, the U.S. is ranked 32 in overall health-care.

Many of the candidates went over their proposals for education, which seemed to be the main focus of the forum.

Independence candidate for lieutenant governor, Maureen Reed, stressed the importance of education. In a proposal dubbed the "Hutchinson-Reed proposal," Reed explained the importance of doubling the amount of need-based financial aid for students. That is increasing aid for students from lower income families.

"The reason that it's better than either of these other proposals is because it's double, and we have a way to pay for it," said Reed. American party gubernatorial candidate Leslie Davis believes Minnesota should pay for

students attending state institutions through an initiative

### To find your polling place:

In Minnesota, go to <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>.

In Fargo or West Fargo, go to [www.co.cass.nd.us](http://www.co.cass.nd.us).

titled "The Davis Water-Plan," which plans on raising \$2 billion annually through a 2-cent groundwater tax on commercial and industrial users.

U.S. House candidate Mike Barret proposed what he called "The Student Investment Initiative," which would allow graduates to deduct from taxes the costs of the tuition, books and fees after school.

Barrett emphasizes, though, that he thinks students should still have to pay their way through college.

Constitutionalist party U.S. House candidate Ken Lucier pledged to put "principal over politics and never politics over principal." Lucier is in favor of entitlement programs geared toward students and schools. Democratic District 9A State

Senate incumbent Sen. Keith Langseth talked about how he secured and approved appropriations in the state senate for the new science center as well as many other building projects that are going on around campus.

He is also in favor of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mike Hatch's plan to lower tuition levels back to how they were in 2002, which is about a third of the current cost.

Republican District 9A State House incumbent Rep. Morrie Lanning wants state funding increased in higher education and financial aid.

Democratic District 9A State House candidate Diane Wray Williams wants the state to cover two-thirds of the cost of higher education, which historically, by law, the state used to do.

When referring to incumbent Republican Gov. Tim Pawlenty's plan to give two years' free tuition to students who graduate in the top 25% of their class, Williams said, "If I was a student, and I heard Pawlenty's education plan, I would feel like I was just punched in the gut."

The candidate forum was filled with applause, jeers, scoffs and dirty looks, not unlike other debates.

However, events like these give students a chance to hear direct from the candidates themselves where they stand on the issues and what those issues are.

The forum should help students make informed decisions come election day. The student senate will provide busing to students to the polls on Tuesday.

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## CONTROVERSY, FROM FRONT

When asked about its authenticity, Rehab said, "Kaufman, he is just an amateur blogger, he is not a journalist. If I start listening to such pieces, I won't have a job. ... So, we don't pay attention to such materials.

"We are working with professional, real journalists—we don't focus on bloggers."

Adding more, Becky Boyle Jones, assistant director of campus activities, the group that put on the event, said, "According to the FBI, they (CAIR) are not; I would go with the FBI than some random guy on the Internet."

Rehab said, "The Muslim world is as diverse as the world itself." He added ignorance is one of the main factors behind Americans' line of thought regarding Muslims.

"Americans don't hate Islam, they hate what they think Islam is," he said.

Rehab said, "Mainstream media is not anti-Muslim." He said the media is separated into two divisions: news reporting and news commentary.

"(With news reporting) you got to have citation and you more or less need facts. News reporting more or less depends on the theory of truth," Rehab said.

Whereas news commentary, Rehab said, "has become more of an infotainment. ... You can say whatever you want to say," he said. "But that's not the same media that the true reporters go through every day."

During the speech, Rehab gave The Wall Street Journal's survey as an example. Published in Aug. 24, 2005, by Bret Stephens and Joseph Rago, it concluded: "America's Muslims tend to be role models both as Americans and as



HEATHER GRUENHAGEN / ADVOCATE PHOTO EDITOR

Student senator Scott Haugen pops open a couple of pizza boxes at the candidate forum on Oct. 25. The midterm election is Tuesday, and student senate will bus students to the polls with the Dragon train. Senate is also having a Get Out the Vote parade that will circle the campus on Monday. All students are invited not only to see the parade but to be a part of it also. MSUM President Roland Barden is wearing his traditional Fourth of July garb for the event. Call (218) 477-2150 for more information.

## MARKETING, FROM FRONT

"Those recommendations were delivered in draft form earlier this month. The principal recommendations included use of the full logo, which is comprised of the word mark and the Dragon emblem, and accent colors to enhance the traditional red and white palette. The visual identity changes have since been accepted and are now being used for university communications."

Some visual changes seen around campus are things like the new "Great Day to be a Dragon" sign on 11th Avenue and other guidelines that have been put in place by Barden.

Jayne Washburn, registrar, reaffirmed Hamilton's vision for MSUM.com and also shed light on the number of total students attending MSUM.

"Since the beginning of the 2006-2007 academic year, there has been a decline in the number of students enrolled at Minnesota State University-

Moorhead. The total number of students enrolled is 7,442 which is below the standard set for the school at 7,500," stated Washburn said.

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Muslims."

This survey was based on the rate of crime, rate of paying taxes and the rate of following law.

Rehab said: "Within the news commentary industry, in a few main areas, there are the talking heads, the global talk shows on cable. ... There are the radio stations, and then there are the blogs," where one can find anti-Muslim bigotry. He said it is important to distinguish between these two.

"The majority of Americans are open to engage in dialogue. It's only people like Kaufman, who try to sabotage dialogues, prevent people from knowing the truth," he said.

Rehab added, "Dialogue shatters the mist that silence creates," so dialogue bridges the gap between two communities.

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- You can remember what Michael Jackson looked like before his nose fell off. Or even when he had those freaky eyes in "Thriller" at the end of the video.
- You wore a banana clip in your hair or one of those slap on wrist bands at some point during your youth.
- You rolled up the bottoms of your splatter painted jeans.
- You wore loafers with everything, and you put the laces in those little rolls.
- You had slouch socks, and puff painted your own shirt at least once.
- You owned a doll with 'Xavier Roberts' signed on it's butt.
- You knew what Willis was "talkin' 'bout."
- You know the profound meaning of "Wax on, Wax off."
- You can name half of the members of the elite "Brat Pack."
- You can remember watching Full House and Saved by the Bell for end-less hours!
- You have seen at least 10 episodes of Fraggles Rock.
- You yearned to be a member of The Babysitters Club, and tried to start a club of your own.
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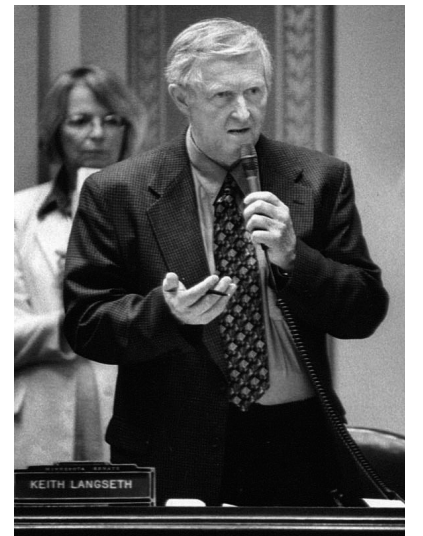
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## 90-year-old alumnus hits golf milestone T. Edison Smith shoots on or below his age for the 2,600th time

By **GLENN TORNELL**  
Special to The Advocate

T. Edison Smith, a 1940 MSUM graduate who taught in the physical education department for 30 years, struck a milestone of sorts when he shot on or below his age for the 2,600th time on Sept. 26.

The 90-year-old Smith did it carding an 83 at the Moorhead Country Club while partnering with his wife Ruth and neighbor Delores Welle.

"Most golfers are lucky to shoot their age once in a lifetime," said Moorhead Country Club pro Larry Murphy.

"Doing it 2,600 times is absolutely amazing. But every time he tees up the ball, T. Edison is likely to shoot his age."

Comedian Bob Hope once explained this unusual golfing feat this way: "I'll shoot my age if I have to live to be 105."

Smith, who retired from the MSUM faculty in 1978, first matched his age in 1984 when he scored a four-under-par 68 at the Moorhead Country Club. He was, of course, 68 years old then.

According to Golf Digest, Frank Bailey of Abilene, Texas, holds the record, matching or beating his age on the golf course 2,623 times, from the age of 71, when he first did it, until age 98, the last time.

Smith, who plays about five times a week in good weather, has a decent shot at breaking that record. Since hitting the 2,600 mark last month, he's already charted five more rounds at or below his age.

Smith, a Wadena, Minn., native, picked up golf in the Air Force when he was sta-

tioned in Hawaii. After finishing his active duty tour, he accepted a job as the baseball coach at MSUM, then took over the golf program, which he coached for 22 years. He piloted his Dragon squad to six conference championships and an appearance in the 1972 national tournament in North Carolina.

During his tenure as a faculty member at MSUM, he also chaired the physical education department and served a few years as athletic director.

Smith says he's played at more than 100 golf courses in his lifetime, including five in Ireland and a round at St. Andrews in Scotland, the home of the British Open.

Throughout his golfing career, Smith has won more than 80 medals, including a title in the Grand Masters division of the Minnesota Golf Association Senior Amateur Championship. He still carries a 12 handicap and has made eight holes-in-one in his career.

The Moorhead Country Club presents an award each year in his name to a junior golfer who has exhibited dedication, determination and sportsmanship.

Smith and his wife Ruth, also an MSUM graduate ('42, social studies and physical education), moved this week from their longtime home on Caddy Drive at the Moorhead Country Club to Green Valley, Ariz., where they've wintered for years. That's where he shot his 2,500th round at or below his age last year.

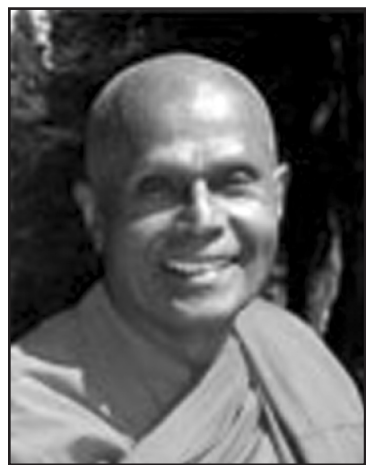


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Smith shot on or below his age for the 2,600th time last month. He has won more than 80 medals and played at more than 100 golf courses throughout his golfing career. He has made eight holes-in-one so far in his career and he still carries a 12 handicap.

## Buddhist monks present teachings and meditation lecture

By **RACHEL JACOBS**  
Staff Writer



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The venerable Henepola Gunaratana, an eminent Buddhist scholar-monk from Sri Lanka, will present a lecture on "Buddhist Meditation Practices" at 3:30 p.m. today (Thursday) in King Hall Auditorium. The lecture is free and open to the public. He will answer questions after his presentation.

Today (Thursday) in King Hall auditorium, a once in a lifetime opportunity will appear when four Buddhist monks present a lecture on "Buddhist Teachings and Meditation" to MSUM and the F-M community.

The monks will be led by the venerable Henepola Gunaratana and the Rev. Maitipe Wimalasara. Gunaratana is the founder of a 400-acre meditation center in West Virginia where about 40 monks live. Visitors can retreat to the center to learn about the monks' enriching religion. Rev. Wimalasara will speak to the audience about the "Teaching of the Buddha."

Both Ari Wijetunga and Konrad Czynski, professors,

came to know that the monks, who come originally from Sri Lanka, were doing a tour of the Midwest and asked if they could come to the F-M area.

Wijetunga said, "Dr. Gunaratana is a great writer and philosopher; he also gives a clear, authentic lecture about the Buddhist philosophy and culture."

Czynski, who teaches a world religion course, said, "MSUM's mission involves cultural and multicultural diversity, so this is an opportunity of a lifetime for us all to encounter and learn from

monks who represent such ancient spiritual tradition."

On Nov. 1 in the Spirit Room, the monks taught a session on meditation.

"These classes for the students are a golden opportunity, and there will never be another chance in the near future," Wijetunga said.

The lecture today is free and open to the public. The monks will answer questions at the end of the presentation.

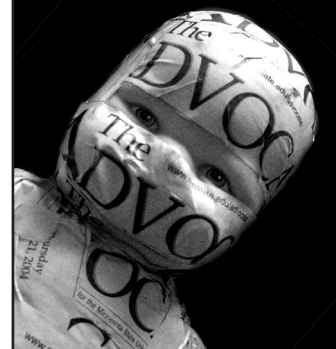
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**Konrad Czynski**  
Humanities and Multicultural professor

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The Advocate

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### In this election, plans for tuition should be focus of student votes

Without massive tuition hikes, students could work less, study more or contribute to school programs. But tuition staggers upward while students struggle and politicians play games with money that could go toward higher education.

This year, incumbent Republican Tim Pawlenty wants to be voted in for governor again, and he has offered a plan for tuition that would give free tuition for two years to students who in high school were in the top 25 percent of their class or had comparable ACT scores. Pawlenty's plan also puts money in the pockets of students who choose to major in math or science beyond two years.

Opposing Pawlenty is the current Minnesota attorney general, Mike Hatch. Hatch came up with a plan that takes money from offshore Minnesota corporations and gives it to students. Hatch says his plan will create enough money, \$300 million, to rollback tuition to 2002 levels.

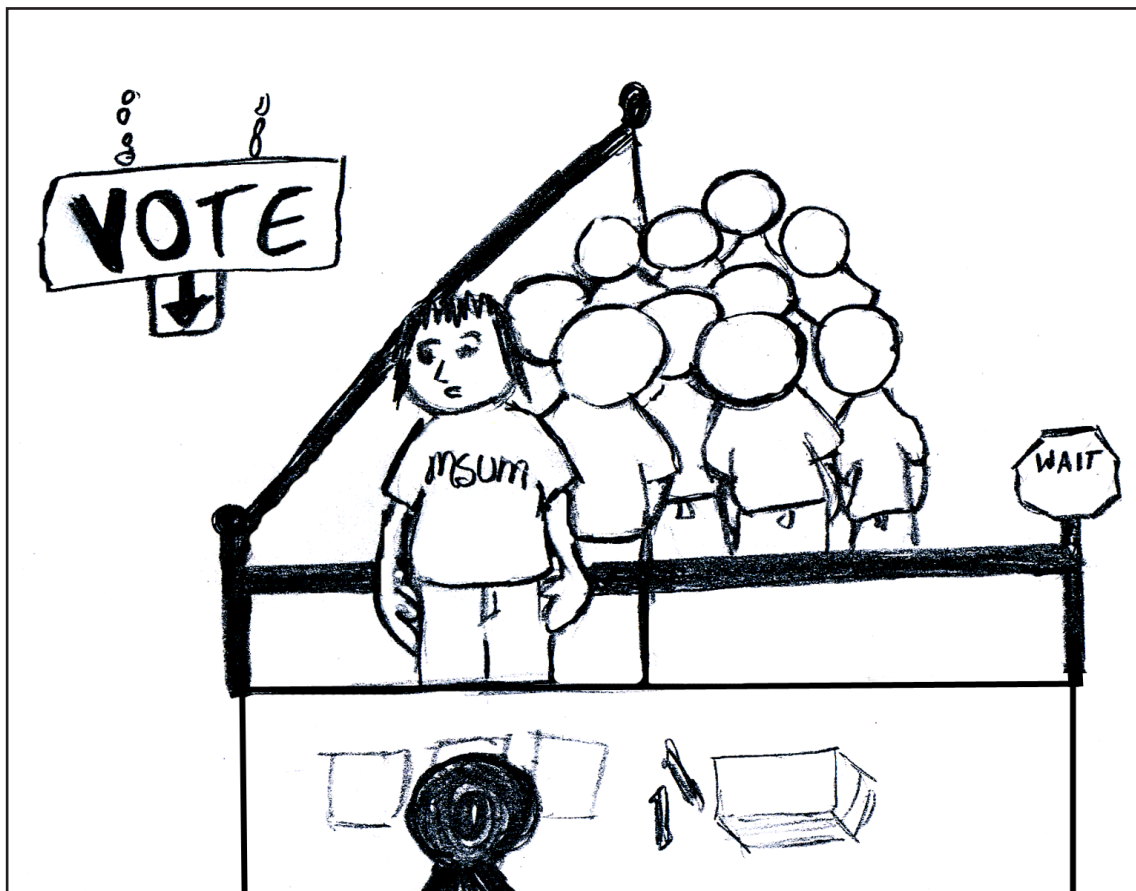
Currently, students here pay \$162 a credit for tuition, excluding those hefty and numerous but often necessary student fees.

With Pawlenty's plan, students could get free tuition, but it's mainly for the students who did best in high school, and everyone needs help. With Hatch, students could pay a relatively nice \$105 a credit, which is what students here paid in 2002.

On this reasoning, we think Hatch's plan succeeds as the more sound of the two. But it should be noted that politicians and campaign promises mix like ... well, politicians and campaign promises.

Even if you disagree with this stance, if you are a student, tuition should be your primary concern in this election. You should vote based on that fact and weigh Pawlenty, who has done well for education during the past four years, against Hatch. Even with other issues that affect everyone, such as the war in Iraq and the larger economy, tuition should draw notice from everyone. But if college students don't vote to say what matters most to them, others aren't going to do it for them. Vote, and do it because of tuition.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

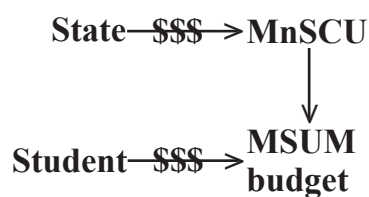
### Your upcoming vote may lower tuition costs, debt

Our campus has seen a rise in tuition of 70.1 percent since 2001, according to information from the Minnesota State Student Association. This is horribly alarming. The Star Tribune reported, "Minnesota college costs are rising higher than the national average."

Students across the state have been working hard to make higher education a main concern for candidates in this election. We succeeded, but we need the help of all students, especially ours, to get out and vote. The student senate will offer "rides to the polls" on Nov. 7 at the Nelson Loop from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The "Dragon Train" will also be circling around campus and going to the polls from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The main complaint student senate receives is that tuition costs are too high. They are, and they will keep on rising until the students drop what they are doing and VOTE!

Here is a quick graph I came up with to simply explain how tuition works:



The school has two forms of funding. One is from the state, and the second comes from students. However, the amount of money the state doesn't provide is the cost students are left to pay. When the state gives money, it first goes to Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU), and they divide it out among the colleges and universities. Before 1999, the state covered

two-thirds of the costs of students. It dropped drastically from 2002 to 2005. Now, the state only pays about 50 percent.

The three gubernatorial (governor) candidates all have higher education on their platforms. This is what they propose to do about it:

Mike Hatch (Democrat): Hatch proposes cutting tuition back to FY 2002 levels (this is roughly one-third). The state would pay the difference. His plan to make this happen is by closing a tax loophole "whereby Minnesota-based companies are avoiding all taxes on offshore revenue," according to a free press article posted on Mike Hatch's Web site. Closing this loophole would raise about \$300 million. The Hatch proposal will affect all students enrolling as well as currently enrolled students.

Tim Pawlenty (Republican): In June, Pawlenty proposed that students who were in the top 25 percent of their high school graduating class, from households earning less than \$150,000, would receive two years of free tuition at Minnesota public post-secondary institutions. Students who went on to pursue degrees in math, science, technology and engineering could receive an additional two years. Students who received financial aid would have that amount deducted from the amount of free tuition. His plan for covering this would come out of future budget surpluses. This would not apply to current students, only students enrolled starting fall 2007.

Peter Hutchinson (Independent): Hutchinson plans to double

the "state financial aid program from \$150 million to \$300 million," according to Russ Stanton, IFO director of government relations. "The state financial aid program steers over half of the financial aid to private college students." This will affect students primarily in private colleges, not public universities. Most of Hutchinson's proposals deal with early childhood education and all-day kindergarten.

The issue of tuition hits home for all students in one way or another. If you are unsure how to vote or where you should go for your precinct, stop by the senate office in the lower level of the CMU and we'll help you out. Again, student senate will offer rides to the polls for students who live on campus or in the neighboring area. Also, if your student organization would like to have a part in the Get Out The Vote effort, student senate is also putting on a voting parade on Monday, Nov. 6 at noon. You can dress up as a character throughout voting history, decorate a car or simply walk. The parade will circle the campus.

The only way to stop a tuition increase is to get out and vote!

Sincerely,  
Leigh Wilson-Mattson  
Student senate president



## College crowd should moderate alcohol use

Most of the freshman I talk with about the required online alcohol awareness course seem to have one thing in common: They hate it.

This illustrates a major disconnect between college students and the administration when it comes to alcohol. It should be addressed if we are serious about tackling the problems of underage drinking and binge drinking. The root cause of binge drinking among college students is that for generations, young Americans have been socialized to view the heavy consumption of alcohol as an intrinsic part of the college experience.

This socialization largely derives from our popular culture, especially advertising



**Edward T.J. Brown**  
Columnist

and films, where binge drinking is treated as part of the liberating paradise that students enter into when they enroll at a college.

From a sociological perspective, the popular culture tends to present alcohol as a harmless magical elixir or the golden key into the proverbial pot of honey.

Until the popular culture changes, or students learn how to more critically examine the values presented to them by the popular culture, no lectures, posters or online

classes about the dangers of binge drinking will have a substantial impact on binge drinking.

The root cause of underage drinking is the fact that the federal government persuaded every state to set their minimum legal drinking age to 21 by 1988, although the process had started with federal legislation in 1984.

Since then, there has been a growing trend to suggest that while the proportion of the American population that does drink has gone down, when young people drink, they tend to do so in an abusive manner.

Much like the national prohibition, this relatively recent example has meant that stu-

dents who are legal adults in every way, except when it comes to alcohol, have to create the equivalent of secret and clandestine speakeasies where moderation does not exist.

The problem with the MSUM alcohol awareness policy is not that it is requiring students to take an online class.

Heck, I have always prompted the idea that "first year experience" should be mandatory for freshmen and that it should cover a wide range of problems involving students, i.e. drugs and alcohol.

The problem seems to be that colleges across the nation prefer promoting abstinence rather than responsibility. This is not a recipe for addressing the social problems that students face when it comes to underage or binge drinking.

Young people need to be socialized in an environment where they are able to think critically about the pop culture messages being marketed at them.

Young people need to be socialized to understand that drinking in itself is not evidence of maturity or coolness. Irrespective of your age, if you are in college and you want to drink and be seen as mature and cool, you need to do so in moderation.

Moderation is what should be a part of any alcohol awareness class that hopes to be seen as credible with college students.

Do you favor moderation?  
E-mail Brown  
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## Vegetarian about more than just meatless diets

I wrote about vegetarianism in my last column, too. Sorry, I know. I didn't have enough space to say everything I wanted to last time, though, so please bear with me here. I promise this is the last time I'll bring it up.

There are a lot of stereotypes and common misconceptions about vegetarians that I want to address. First off, we aren't all hippies running around barefoot throwing rocks at carnivores. Nor are we all fascist psychos smacking steaks out of people's mouths.

Certainly, there are some people within the animal rights community that are entirely overzealous in the way they promote their beliefs.

However, I've met some people who act exactly the same way in regards to eating meat. Some people just suck, regard-



**Ben Sailer**  
Columnist

less of their dietary preference.

However, it is often considered acceptable within our society for people to mock vegetarians. Nearly all portrayals of vegetarians in the media are stereotypical or derogatory in some way.

However, it is not OK for us to retaliate or defend ourselves against any sort of opposition; if we do, we're labeled as Nazis or fascists and are further degraded. It's a frustrating double standard to have to deal with.

Furthermore, a lot of people seem to mistakenly believe

that people quit eating meat just because of an irrational sense of guilt over eating a few poor animals.

Ethical concerns play a big part in why many people make the switch, but it really isn't as simple as that. Besides the inhumane treatment of animals, there are both ecological and political issues to consider.

Factory farming places a huge strain on the environment, producing vast amounts of waste from the excessive numbers of animals being raised. People living around factory farms have been known to get sick.

The fact of the matter is that farming is rapidly becoming more mechanized and thusly less humane and more harmful toward the environment.

To see for yourself what goes

in factory farms, go to [www.meat.org](http://www.meat.org). If you can't handle the sight of blood, gore, or animal suffering, though, you might want to pass.

The political side of the issue comes up when we think that someone, somewhere is actually making a nice profit off the suffering of innocent creatures and environmental destruction. For as long as no one questions them or stands in their way, they will continue to do so. It's sickening.

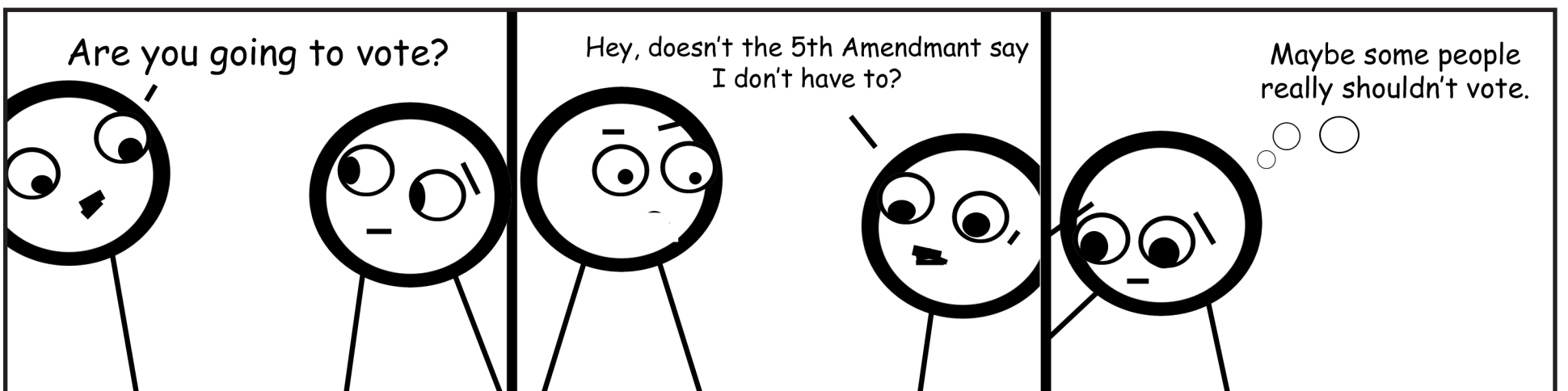
Being a vegetarian doesn't mean eating nothing but tofu and veggie burgers, either.

There exists a wide range of vegetarian alternatives on the market, including mock meat products and beyond. A lot of recipes can easily be adapted to a meatless diet, and most people who go vegetarian find themselves eating a much wider range of food

than before. If you are interested in learning more about the animal rights issue, I would strongly urge you to visit [www.veg-anoutreach.com](http://www.veg-anoutreach.com), [www.vivau-sa.org](http://www.vivau-sa.org), or [www.peta.com](http://www.peta.com) (yeah I know, PETA is insane, but they still have a lot of good information and resources on their Web site).

You don't have to quit eating meat, or even agree with any part of what I have to say. Be respectful to other people and their beliefs, whether they eat meat or not. Thanks for reading and be excellent to one another.

Do you like tofu bacon?  
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## Blast back to the '80s with Molly Ringwald

### CAB presents 'Dragons After Dark' series featuring 1980s teen movies

By **ROBYN ROHDE**  
Section Editor

Actress Molly Ringwald is coming to the MSUM campus. Not in person—but through an '80s-themed movie series, Ringwald will be center stage.

The Campus Activities Board is hosting the movie series as part of a kickoff program "Dragons After Dark."

The movie series kicks off with "The Breakfast Club" showing at 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Friday in CMU 101. "Pretty in Pink" will be shown on Nov. 10 with the series taking a week off before ending with "Sixteen Candles" and "Not Another Teen Movie" on Nov. 10 and Dec. 1, respectively. All showings are free.

Late-night programming, in concept, has been around for a while. According to Becky Boyle Jones, the assistant director of campus activities, the driving purpose behind the creation of late-night pro-

gramming has been to provide alternative opportunities for people who choose not to drink in a high-risk manner or other unsafe activities.

Other campuses have been developing programs for about nine years, but until recently MSUM did not regularly offer anything in comparison with the exception of the Underground on Thursday nights.

"The CMU, as a whole, and all the other entities joined in and decided to do it this fall as a kickoff," Boyle Jones said. Students got a glimpse of Dragons After Dark premiere in a Lights, Camera, Action!-themed soiree held in the CMU during orientation.

"The movie series is all the CAB program, so we are hoping to find funding that can do late-night programming at least one night a week that doesn't have to come out of the CAB budget," said Boyle Jones, who is applying for

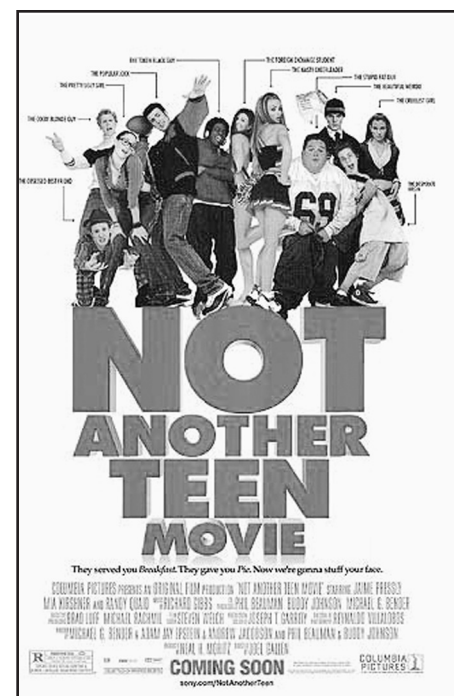
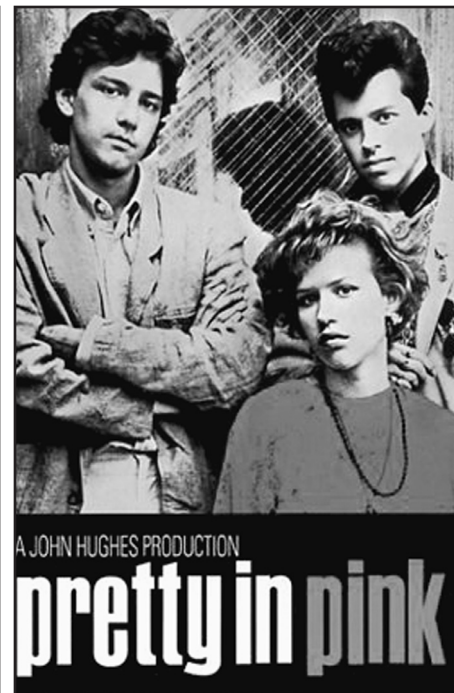
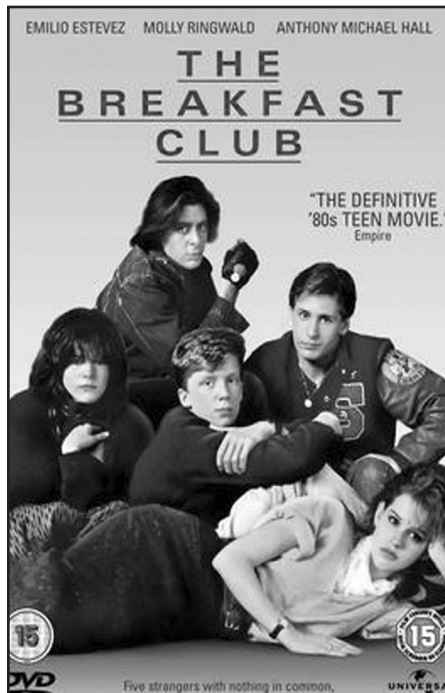
grants and outside funding to aid in the program's future growth.

The budget, raised last spring for a guest speaker, has allocated funds for the movie series and a day of free massages and crafts on Dec. 6 known as "Chillaxin" in the CMU, when CAB decided controversy over the speaker may not be beneficial.

"To get the program, we (CAB) had to be the stepping stone because we program events on campus," CAB marketing coordinator Mikan Lovcik said.

Office of Student Activities graduate assistant Krysten Edwards actually picked the films and is creating icon T-shirts such as I 'heart' Jake Ryan for CAB members to promote the series and encourage other students to dress up in '80s-style garb with the possibility to win sunglasses and other prizes.

Boyle Jones said the films were chosen with the consideration that "most college students have never seen these



CAB is airing four movies starring Molly Ringwald to present students with a safe, fun alternative to college nights.

movies on a big screen."

If the program is a success, she would like to move it to later in the evening and have a showing around 11 p.m., but the additional cost of keeping

the CMU open is an obstacle right now.

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#### Upcoming CAB Events

**Nov. 3**

Dragons After Dark: "The Breakfast Club"  
Shows at 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. in CMU 101.

**Nov. 10**

Dragons After Dark: "Pretty in Pink"  
Shows at 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. in CMU 101.

**Nov. 15**

Sleep-a-Thon for Charity  
8 p.m. in the CMU Underground.

**Nov. 17**

Dragons After Dark: "Sixteen Candles"  
Shows at 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. in CMU 101.

**Dec. 1**

Dragons After Dark: "Not Another Teen Movie"  
Shows at 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. in CMU 101.

**Dec. 5**

Chillaxin in the CMU  
Free massages, crafts, holiday ornaments and more.

## St. Paul author to hold MSUM reading

### Advocate staff reports

Wang Ping, raised in a farming village on a small east China Sea island and author of the acclaimed short story collection "American Visa," will talk on the writer's craft at 4 p.m. and read from her work at 8 p.m. on Wednesday in CMU 101.

This event is a feature of MSUM's Tom McGrath Visiting Writers Series and the last one for fall semester.

After three years of farming in a mountain village, she attended Beijing University. In 1985 she left China to study in the U.S., earning her Ph.D. from New York University.

She is the acclaimed author of the short story collection "American Visa," the novel "Foreign Devil," the poetry collection "Of Flesh & Spirit," the cultural study "Aching for Beauty: Footbinding in China" and most recently "The Magic

Whip," a second collection of poetry.

Wang is also the editor and co-translator of the anthology "New Generation: Poetry from China Today." Her writing has appeared in numerous journals and anthologies, including The Best American Poetry 1993 and 1996.

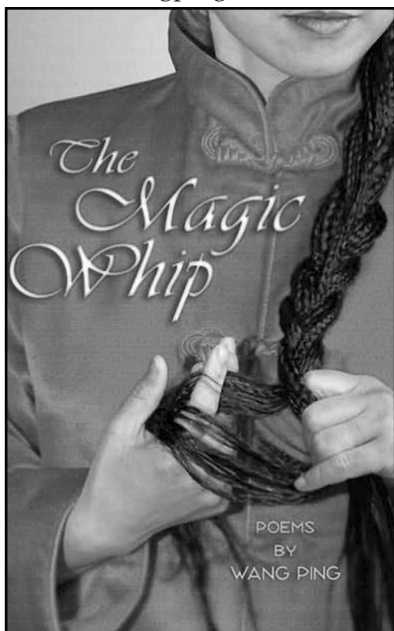
She is a recipient of fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, New York Foundation for the Arts, the Minnesota State Arts Board and in 2003, the Loft Career Initiative and Bush Foundation.

"The Magic Whip" was a 2004 finalist for the Minnesota Book Award and received an honorable mention from the Gustavus Myers Outstanding Book Award, and "Aching for Beauty" was a 2001 Minnesota Book Award finalist and winner of the University of Colorado's Eugene M. Kayden Book

Award for "the best book in the humanities published by an American university press."

She now lives in St. Paul and teaches at Macalester College.

For more information, visit Wang's Web site at [www.wangping.com](http://www.wangping.com).



## KMSC Beat Box

1. "STRAIGHT OUTTA LYNWOOD" BY WEIRD AL YANKOVIC
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3. "THE INFORMATION" BY BECK
4. "EMPIRE" BY KASABIAN
5. "YOUNG MACHETES" BY BLOOD BROTHERS
6. "BLUE COLLAR" BY RHYMEFEST
7. "SUPERSUNNY-SPEEDGRAPHIC" BY BEN FOLDS
8. "TA-DAH" BY SCISSOR SISTERS
9. "S/T" BY CHROME CHILDREN
10. "IN WITH THE OUT CROWD" BY LESS THAN JAKE

## Traveling portrait show brings homeless to life

By **DESIREE MENK**  
Staff Writer

Imagine a home full of life and hope but with despair because the owners can barely afford to pay their bills with the paychecks they work hard to earn.

An older man standing in his tiny kitchen of his tiny, leaky-roofed house, a bathtub that looks as if it came from a horror movie and faces of families with hope that they will get out of poverty are some of the images in the traveling photography exhibit "Portraits of Home: Families in Search of Shelter in Greater Minnesota" coming to MSUM Nov. 6 through 29.

"Portraits of Home" is a collection of photographs taken throughout Minnesota in the winter of 2005 by six photographers.

The exhibit is part of the



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Stormi Grenner submitted a photograph of a grandmother holding her granddaughter in their mobile home.

private, nonprofit organization called Greater Minnesota Housing Fund that advocates for better housing for the poor in the state.

GMHF raises money for low-to-moderate income workers and longterm homeless people for decent, affordable housing through "policymakers, local leaders, concerned citizens,

urban planners and social activists in developing strategies and resources to address the housing challenges of our state," said exhibition coordinator, Julie Delliquanti.

"Oftentimes, statistics, public service announcements, studies and reports do not carry the emotional strength that a photographic image can,"

Delliquanti said.

The six photographers took photographs of people from different locations in Minnesota, mainly rural areas.

One photographer, Stormi Greener from The Star Tribune, took photographs of a few Moorhead families and families in surrounding areas.

"Photographs of poverty need not be desperate or sad, and I felt it was my job to show greater context," Ben Garvin said.

Garvin hopes this project helps people understand what it means to be poor in the state. Also, how poverty "is lived out every day by those among us, and how the line between stability and homelessness is thinner than we might realize."

Carlos Gonzalez, one of the photographers in the exhibit from The Star Tribune, said

he got involved in the exhibit because he thought it would be "interesting to work on it" and to see the outcome of six photographers.

He traveled to small towns in southwest Minnesota and took photos of people he either contacted or randomly saw when driving.

Gonzalez is coming to MSUM to talk about the project, show some work, and meet with photography students Nov. 9.

Other photographers involved include: Brian Peterson from The Star Tribune, Eric Hylden from The Grand Forks Herald and freelancer Cathy ten Broeke.

The exhibit will be displayed Nov. 6 through 29 at MSUM's Roland Dille Center for the Arts Gallery. A free reception is scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m. Nov. 9.

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HEATHER GRUENHAGEN / PHOTO EDITOR

The CMU was overrun Saturday with anime fanatics, gaming enthusiasts and science fiction/fantasy buffs for the biannual ScorchCon Gaming Convention.

The event was hosted by the Gamers' Club, Anime Club and Fantasy Guild. It is held approximately once a semester.

The day's events included Dance Dance Revolution and video game consoles, karaoke, anime showings, caricatures and card games.

Above, Jaycolette Herald-Gordon and Jake Ochsner play a game of Anime Apples to Apples.

Left, Morgan Duff, playing Halo 2 against three other students, dresses as a ninja for ScorchCon's all-day game of Pirates vs. Ninjas.

## Ten Percent Society announces Drag Show

Advocate staff reports

The Ten Percent Society is hosting a drag show Nov. 4 in the CMU Ballroom.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. while the show begins at 8 p.m. The cost is \$5 or \$4 with a canned good.

The group provides social activities, support and educa-

tion to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender students, faculty and staff and straight allies on the campuses of MSUM and NDSU as well as in the Fargo-Moorhead community.

Meetings are held biweekly 8 p.m. Tuesday nights at 116 12th St. S. in Moorhead.

There are also sometimes social nights planned on the

non-meeting Tuesday nights. Other past events include National Coming Out Week in the fall and Campus Pride Week in the spring.

To find out about these opportunities e-mail [tenpercentociety@yahoo.com](mailto:tenpercentociety@yahoo.com) to get added to the e-mail list.

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Fri, Dec 1 - Killswitch Engage/Hatebreed (All Ages)  
Sat, Dec 2 - Skid Row/King's X (Age 21+)  
Thu, Dec 7 - Chris Cagle (All Ages)  
Thu, Dec 14 - Tech N9ne (All Ages)

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FOOTBALL

## Seniors say farewell with win

### Long, Jones break school records in final home game

By ROBYN ROHDE  
Sports Editor

Technical problems put a damper on the Parents' Day announcement, but the seniors left the field with smiles, getting their record second conference win at the final home game of the season defeating the Northern State Wolves 26-15 Saturday.

The victory improves the Dragons' record to 4-5 and secures their best season since finishing 5-5 in 2002.

Dustin Long, a junior transfer from Weber State, broke MSUM's single-season records for completions and passing yards and added three touchdowns against the Wolves.

"We work hard every week to become better as a whole," said Long, who has 194 completions for 2,008 yards and 17 touchdowns on the season. "For things to go right everybody has to do their job; sure, the records are nice, but our main goal is to win the game, that's the only record that counts."

Junior Trent Johnson recovered a mishandled snap by the Wolves to give MSUM the ball at the end of the third quarter. Two plays later, Long connected with Bruce Green for yards out to give the Dragons a 20-0 lead. Green ended with 11 receptions for 141 yards and a pair of scores.

In the two-week absence of leading receiver, freshman Jabari Taylor due to a hip injury, Burt Smith came up



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Dustin Long broke two single-season records Saturday. Radio personality Ed Schultz set the previous record of 304 completions in 1977. The record of 1,957 yards was set by Bob Jones in 1991.

huge with a 22-yard touchdown reception in the third. "We have a great group of receivers, and when we do things correctly, it allows one of our teammates to make a big play," Long said.

MSUM's defense exploited Northern State's freshman quarterback Andrew Wanner, who was sacked five times and intercepted twice.

"No one can ever know what to expect from our defense because one week we are running one type of defense, and the next week we can be doing something completely differ-

ent," sophomore Josh Jones said. Jones' fourth-quarter interception, his eighth of the season, set a new single-season school record.

Traveling to Minnesota-Crookston, MSUM has a shot at its first winning season since finishing 7-4 in 1999. "This will be a large game to see if we can orchestrate two wins in back-to-back weeks," interim head coach Damon Tomeo said of the upcoming game. "Our seniors' class goal was to have a winning record."

MSUM 26, Northern State 15				
MSUM	6	0	6	14-26
NSU	0	0	0	15-15

**Scoring summary**  
MSUM-Green 25 pass from Long (kick failed)  
MSUM-Smith 22 pass from Long (pass failed)  
MSUM-Green 4 pass from Long (Green pass from Long)  
MSUM-Bothun 2 run (kick failed)  
NSU-Johnson 10 pass from Wanner (Turner pass from Wanner)  
NSU-Jark 15 pass from Wanner (Rhodes kick)

TEAM STATISTICS		
	NSU	MSUM
First downs	14	23
Rushes-yards	29-97	37-107
Passing	160	286
Comp-Att-Int	16-32-2	22-36-2
Punts-Avg.	7-37.7	4-35.2
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	15-156	9-76
Time of Possession	22:05	64:39

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
RUSHING: NSU-Ve'e 8-86, Driscoll 10-30, Cahoy 1-5, Wanner 10(-24). MSUM-Gilles 17-73, Mathis 11-21, Bothun 6-12, Long 3-1.  
PASSING: NSU-Wanner 16-32-2-160. MSUM-Long 22-35-1-286, Frost 0-1-1-0.  
RECEIVING: NSU-Johnson 5-66, Jark 5-52, Ve'e 3-12, Cahoy 2-24, Driscoll 1-6. MSUM-Green 11-141, Smith 4-67, Fangman 3-56, Holloway 2-21, Mathis 2-1.

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Left: Quarterback Dustin Long displays his Dragon spirit as he watches the defensive huddle from the sideline. Right: Freshman wide receiver Keith Fangman grabs one of his 3 catches for 56 yards as MSUM gets its second conference win.

## SAAC presents coaches' game

By ROBYN ROHDE  
Sports Editor

The Student Athlete Advisory Committee is hosting the first annual Make-A-Wish Coaches' Competition at 7 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Nemzek Fieldhouse. For a \$1 donation, students receive admission to watch the MSUM fall sports coaches battle it out on the basketball court.

The donation also includes ice cream sundaes and the men's basketball exhibition against Athletes in Action at 8 p.m.

SAAC is responsible for maintaining good communication with teachers, coaches and student athletes but also hosts social and academic events throughout the year.

"This year we are combining the social with another part of what we do, which is service work and fundraising," SAAC president Eric Roseen said. "One of the biggest things SAAC does for fundraising is the Make-A-Wish change drive." SAAC also helps with the Big Brother, Big Sister program as well as shopping for Christmas presents for underprivileged youth.

The whole NCAA chapter of SAAC organizations are in the top five for Make-A-Wish donors. MSUM raised about \$700 last year, which was the least amount in the conference that raised more than \$1,800.

"We decided to up the bar and to push ourselves and the rest of the conference to make a lot more money for Make-A-Wish this year," Roseen said of this year's goal.

Jars that were hand-decorated by most of the teams will be displayed at the coaches game. After that, they will remain available by concession areas, Owens and Nemzek buildings and all around campus for anyone interested in donating. Most of the jars will contain a story about a person affected by Make-A-Wish.

Drew Waters, the conference representative, is in the process of ordering foam fingers with the Dragons emblem and the Make-A-Wish symbol on the back to sell at home events.

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## KICK OFF

**Today:**  
VB at NSIC Tournament

**Friday:**  
VB at NSIC Tournament

**Saturday:**  
FB at Minnesota-Crookston  
1 p.m.

VB at NSIC Tournament  
MBB at NDSU  
7 p.m. (Exhibition)  
CC at NCAA II North Central Regional

**Sunday:**  
WBB vs. Northern Iowa  
3:05 p.m. (Exhibition, West Gym)

**Nov. 8:**  
MBB at Athletics in Action  
8 p.m.

**Nov. 9:**  
FB at Southwest Minnesota State  
7 p.m.  
VB at NCAA II Regionals

**Nov. 10:**  
VB at NCAA II Regionals

**Nov. 11:**  
VB at NCAA II Regionals  
Wrestling at Bison Open  
10 a.m.  
Swim at St. Cloud State Invitational  
10 a.m.

**Nov. 15:**  
VB at NCAA II Nationals

**Nov. 16:**  
VB at NCAA II Regionals

**Nov. 17:**  
VB at NCAA II Regionals  
MBB vs. Chadron State  
8 p.m.  
WBB at Minnesota-Duluth  
6 p.m. (Concordia-St Paul Tournament)

\*\*\*\*\*Home games in **BOLD**

## VOLLEYBALL

## New offense prepares for NSIC

Advocate staff reports

The Lady Dragons had a productive homestead, winning three out of the four matches to end the regular season 16-11 overall and 11-7 in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

Senior Becky Anderson had a club high 20 kills to lead MSUM over conference foe Winona State 29-31, 30-26, 30-28, 19-30, 16-14 on Oct. 21.

"It helped to motivate us to be in front of the home crowd," said Anderson, who remains the only active senior on the team.

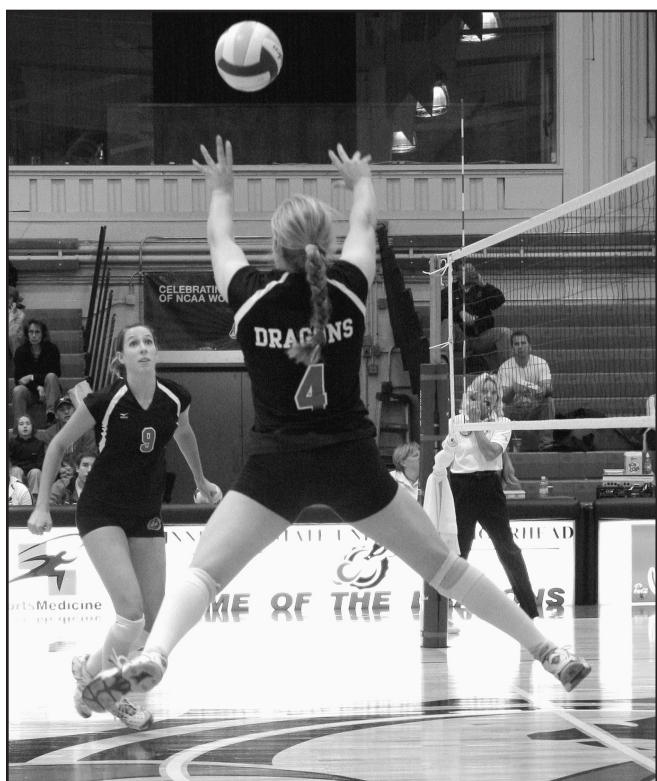
After a progressive knee injury took Jesseca White out of play, MSUM dropped a non-conference game to UND 31-29, 30-23, 30-29 on Oct. 24.

"We have had a lot of injuries that effected us, but it's a good year, and we are well above .500," head coach Tammy Blake-Kath said.

MSUM had a rewarding weekend, sweeping NSIC opponents Bemidji State 30-14, 30-22, 3-24 on Friday and Minnesota-Crookston 30-20, 30-23, 30-23 on Saturday.

The Dragons begin the NSIC tournament today with a new offensive lineup. Anderson was moved to take over White's position and new hitters will enter the starting lineup.

"We have lots of different stuff we can pull out of our sleeve if we get into trouble," Anderson said.



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The Dragons face Northern State in the first round of the NSIC today. A win would force them to play against Concordia-St. Paul.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Returning players demand run for conference title

By CHAD HELGEDALEN

Staff Writer

With winter fast approaching, and the trees being bare of the falling leaves, that can only mean one thing: it's basketball season. One thing that isn't bare is the talent-laden roster for the MSUM women's basketball team.

The Dragons are primed to return to the top of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. After losing star center Jessica Fesenmaier last season to a knee injury in the opening game, the Dragons struggled to fill the void. However, she is back this season, and the team knows that they're ready to compete for a conference title and possibly more.

"Ultimately, we'd like to host the conference tournament again," Fesenmaier said of the team's goal. "Half of the team

has been to regionals before, so we know what it's like. We just need to teach the rest of the girls that it's possible and that it just takes a lot of hard work and dedication."

Another important cog in the Dragon machine is junior forward Allison Swenson. Swenson was voted first team All-NSIC as a sophomore and led the team in scoring, rebounding and field goal percentage last season. Besides her play on the court, Swenson offers the intangible qualities that it takes to be a leader on the court as well as off of it.

"I try to play as hard as I can," Swenson said. "I may not be the most vocal person, but I try to lead by example and work my rear-end off and prove that I can be a winner and this team can be a winner as well. I want to win championships. That's what I want to try and do and so does this

team."

The Dragons return nine letter-winners this fall, including five starters: Fesenmaier, Swenson, senior guard Lindsey Anderson, junior center Jessica Trautwein and sophomore guard Katie Walden. The team also returns junior guard Shelly Soule, junior forward Cydney Froelich, sophomore guard Chris Falzon, sophomore center Meghan Rettke, redshirt freshman center Kaitlin McCarthy and redshirt freshman Lisa Thielen.

With a plethora of returning players, the Dragons also added a nice recruiting class. Minnesota All-State selection Krista Opheim heads the list; along with Heather Donarski and Alison Nash-Gerlach.

Head coach Karla Nelson enters her seventh season at the helm for MSUM. After a successful 24-7 campaign during the 2004-05 season, the

Dragons slipped a bit last season, finishing 15-14. But with the return of Fesenmaier, Nelson says that she's already noticed a difference in this year's team. "Our chemistry is already better than last year. We trust and respect one another and I think that's huge."

The Dragons are picked second in this season's NSIC preseason coaches' poll, finishing behind Northern State. Lofty expectations are nice, but Nelson doesn't put too much credence into what others think may happen.

"A lot of that (polls) is used based off what happened last year and based off the team's roster," Nelson says. "For me and for the team, we've already set our sights on an NSIC championship. Being picked No. 2 is all fine and good, but we have higher goals than that."

It won't take long for MSUM to find out what they're made of. They opened the season yesterday versus Division-1 NDSU in an exhibition game.

Coach Nelson says that it's a great opportunity for her team and a great way to showcase women's basketball in the Fargo-Moorhead area. "We want to go and compete. We still have a good thing here as well. If they win, they were supposed to win. If we win, then great."

It isn't hard to sense the excitement that exudes from Nelson and her players about the upcoming season and she feels there's a good chance that this year's team can be special. "As long as we can remain injury-free, we'll be good."

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