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The ADVOCATE

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Site development continues

Planning process includes input

By CHRIS FLYNN
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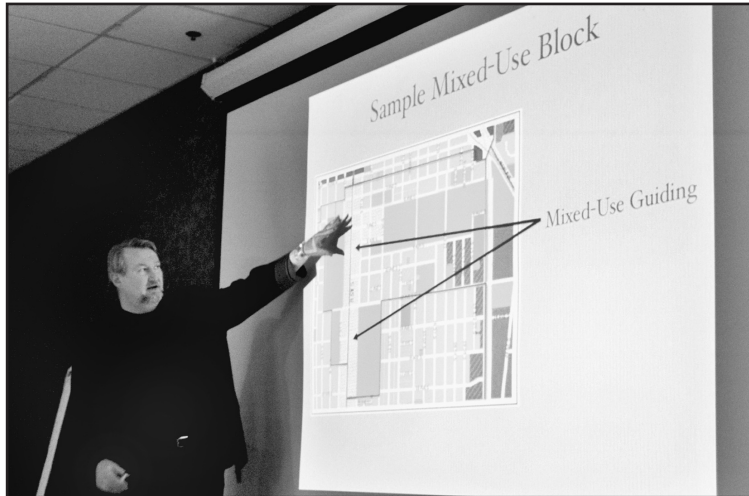
DSU Planning consultants met with 21 members of a neighborhood planning working group Dec. 12 at the Hjerkomst Center to discuss the options of four sites under consideration for redevelopment.

A few members of the city of Moorhead staff, along with a half-dozen citizens, also observed the presentation and discussion.

The meeting was part of

phase two of the neighborhood planning process, which explores redevelopment options and policy recommendations for four sites in Moorhead. The concept plans, designed by DSU, are based on the recommendations of an executive group and a working group from a Nov. 16 meeting. The working group consists of neighborhood homeowners, students, tenants, landlords and university and college representatives.

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LEE MORRIS / THE ADVOCATE

John Shardlow, DSU Planning president, explains the concept of a mixed-use block Dec. 12. His firm is working with MSUM and Concordia College to redevelop four sites near the schools.



JENNIFER HILBRANDS / THE ADVOCATE

Jon Heyerman, the university's head electrician, is responsible for repairing every malfunctioning clock on campus. He keeps his watch in time with the clocks, so he may check them as he walks through different buildings. He stocks extra clocks in a room on Bridges' second floor.

All in good time

Electrician takes care of every campus clock

By LEE MORRIS
Editor

A wall with nine clocks faces him, and he uses his aged fingers to turn one over and set it ahead one hour.

"A lot of the older clocks here still had tubes in them," he said. "Like vacuum tubes, you know, that used to be in radios and TVs. I'm still finding some of them around."

For eight years Jon Heyerman has been the man who resets the hands that have stopped, the timekeeper for campus. His own wristwatch, silver like the kind his father sold, is synchronized to the clocks he

maintains.

"Every week there's something, it seems like, going to heck," said Heyerman, the head electrician, who wears a buttoned-up blue shirt and a baseball hat he got when his daughter was married in Alaska.

Any clock he finds off pace in the university he takes to a room on Bridges' second floor, where about 80 motionless instruments of time line four wooden shelves. Of the school's clocks, Heyerman has inventoried and prolonged

the life of 279. Others he has never seen.

"People are pretty appreciative if you get their clocks fixed right away," said the only man who works on clocks at the university. He was not trained

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University electrician

watch is in synch with the clocks, so he may inspect them as he walks through different buildings.

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Families prepare for troop return

National Guard re-integration the first of ten at state colleges

By LEE MORRIS
Editor

Before their family members return from war, they readied themselves Saturday to help the soldiers re-adapt to daily life.

The families of soldiers mingled among 30 or so Minnesota National Guard members and other citizen helpers in the main lounge of the CMU, prepping for the homecoming of 2,600 Minnesota troops in February or March, 500 of which are from the 2-136 Combined Arms Battalion in Moorhead.

"It's the largest single contingency ever to return from the war at one time to Minnesota, and we need to help them prepare to re-integrate," said Steve Frantz, one of the citizens, who works in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities office of the chancellor.

This family re-integration academy was the first of ten in the state that will help the families of soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan learn how to help their loved ones re-adjust from war to citizenry. There will be 30-, 60- and 90-day re-integration programs for the soldiers themselves this spring.

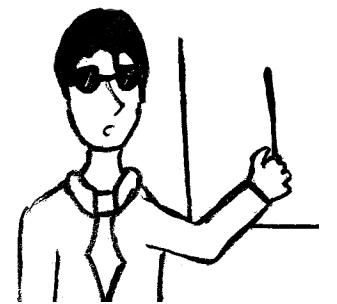
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MnSCU has boost in nursing grads

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities produced a 74 percent increase in the number of nursing graduates. MnSCU leads the way in addressing the shortage of nurses. Innovative programs and strategic partnerships with the health care industry to address a shortage of nurses have helped produce a 74 percent increase in the number of new nursing graduates from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities in the past five years.

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"Dressed up like frickin' Reagan."

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McKeever acquires new position

Laurie McKeever has been named an assistant director of admissions at MSUM. An NDSU business administration graduate, she served as enrollment manager for the past eight years at the Minnesota State Community and Technical College Moorhead campus. Her responsibilities at MSUM will focus on the university's campus visitation and outreach programs. McKeever is replacing Veronica Michael, a former admissions assistant director, who's been named the university's new student success coordinator. She and her husband, Brian, a nurse at MeritCare Hospital, have a son, Jacob, 6, and live in Fargo.

Corps of Engineers workshop Jan. 18

"Doing Business with The Corps of Engineers," a workshop sponsored by MSUM's Small Business Development Center and the Procurement Technical Assistance Center, will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 18 at the AmericInn Lodge and Event Center in Moorhead. Presenting the information will be Tom Koopmeiners, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Deputy for Small Business. Topics will range from upcoming projects and understanding the general and technical specifications to pre-bid specifications and working with subcontractors. The cost is \$40, which includes course materials, refreshments and lunch. Pre-registration online is required for a reserved spot by Monday.

Scholarships now available online

The office of scholarship and financial aid announces upper-class scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year. Students must be currently enrolled at MSUM, be pursuing their first undergraduate degree, have completed at least 12 MSUM credits by fall 2006, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher and enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours per subsequent semester. One faculty recommendation is needed, along with the application and required essay. Students who will graduate in spring or summer 2007 and students who receive continuing MSUM scholarships for 2007-2008 are ineligible to apply.

Applications are available online at www.mnstate.edu/finaid/upperscholar.htm. The deadline to apply is Feb. 1.

AA meets at noon on Wednesdays

A relatively new Alcoholics Anonymous group is starting on campus. Meetings are at noon Wednesdays in Hendrix.

Student proposals due Jan. 29

The college of social and natural sciences invites proposals for funding to support student research. Members of the student advisory board will review applications and make the final determination of grant recipients. Up to \$3,000 will be available for applicants. Proposals not funded in the fall 2006 review can be revised and submitted again for this call. The deadline for this round of proposals is Jan. 29. Information about the application process is available from departments in the college or from the dean's office.

Paris trip requires confirmations

The office of international programs extends a welcome back to all students and faculty and announces the unforgettable spring break trip to Paris, March 9 through 18. This fully guided excursion is open to all students, faculty and community members. Interested students, who have not yet signed up, need to turn in their applications immediately in order to reserve plane tickets and accommodations. The next informational meeting is scheduled at 4 p.m. Jan. 18 in CMU 207. Students who would like more information can stop by the office of international programs or visit www.mnstate.edu/intl/discoveringparis.cfm.

Forum renews mass comm support

The Forum Communications Foundation will continue and increase its support of MSUM's mass communications department with a new gift that will span four years. The philanthropic arm of Forum Communications Company has pledged \$160,000 to continue educational projects that began with a multiyear pledge of \$100,000 in 2002. The new Forum Foundation gift will also jump-start a project to provide valuable career experience for mass communications students. The department will use some of the funds to develop an in-house business reporting and marketing communications agency for student interns. The agency will assist the MSUM Small Business Development Center and other small business and non-profit clients with marketing communications and business writing.

Parking lots return to original locations

Parking Coordinator Cindy Sogn announced on Dec. 20 that W-4 reserved lot has been moved back to the area that was previously used for construction staging. The lot to the north of W-4 will once again be A-3 commuter lot, so it will be able to offer more commuter spaces on the north end of campus. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during the construction on Hagen Hall.

Early Education Center has openings

The Early Education Center has openings for children three-and-a-half to six years of age for Spring Semester 2007. For more information, please contact the director at (218) 477-2214.

Conference accepts applications

The purpose of the Student Academic Conference is to showcase the work and talent of MSUM students through presentations, posters and creative works at a one-day conference held annually at MSUM in the CMU. Please encourage students who are enrolled in the current academic year to submit presentation applications. Applications are due Feb. 9 and can be found online at www.mnstate.edu/acadconf. This year's conference date is April 11. If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Conteh at (218) 477-4009 or conteh@mnstate.edu.

Course helps students transition

The Senior Year Experience class is a half semester, one credit class meeting on Monday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. starting Jan. 22. Please register soon, as it will fill quickly. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Boser at (218) 477-2120 or boseran@mnstate.edu.

NSEP scholarship deadline is Jan. 26

The National Security Education Program David L. Boren Scholarships provide opportunities to students studying in nontraditional sites (including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America and the Caribbean). Recipients may be awarded up to \$10,000 for each semester. Recipients are also required to provide service to a particular government agency for a specific amount of time. The scholarship deadline of Jan. 26 provides sufficient time for a required interview process before submission to NSEP. For more information visit www.mnstate.edu/intl.

MLK address set for Jan. 18

Lissa Jones, executive director of African American Family Services in Minneapolis, will deliver an address on "Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.: I Have a Dream, The 21st Century" at 1 p.m. Jan. 18 in the CMU Ballroom. Free and open to the public, it's in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The mission of African American Family Services is to help the African-American individual, family and community reach a greater state of well-being through the delivery of community-based, culturally specific chemical health, mental health and family preservation services.

Holocaust survivor speaks at NDSU

David Faber, survivor of eight Nazi concentration camps, nationally acclaimed speaker and author of "Because of Romek: A Holocaust Survivor's Memoir" will speak in Fargo later this month. Faber witnessed the Nazi murders of his parents, brother Romek, and five of his six sisters. When he was liberated in 1945 from Bergen-Belsen, he was 18 and weighed just 72 pounds. Faber will speak to public school students and make three, free public appearances, from 7 to 9 p.m. on Jan. 24 and Jan. 26 and from 1 to 3 p.m. Jan 27. All lectures will be in NDSU's Reineke Festival Hall. Signed copies of Faber's book will be available after the lecture. Call Shane Martin at (701) 446-3605 for more information.

Rainbow fund boosts GLBT

The MSUM Rainbow Scholarship Fund recognizes student affirmation of gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender (GLBT) identity and/or encourages services and leadership to the GLBT community. It emerged out of a commitment to help create a more supportive environment for GLBT students at MSUM. An endowment was established for the scholarship in 1999 with an initial contribution from vice president of student affairs, Warren Wiese. With the support from MSUM alumni, faculty and staff through payroll deductions and one-time contributions, as well as gifts from Fargo-Moorhead community members, the fund began to grow. For additional information about the Rainbow Scholarship, or interest in providing additional funding support for the fund, contact wiese@mnstate.edu.

FEATURES

Sex carries common risk

Hendrix Peer Educators get ready to inform campus about HPV virus

By ANN TIEGS

Staff Writer

Casually clad in college clothes, Julie Swanberg*, 22, sits alone in a classroom at MSUM. Surrounded by green office chairs and computer screens, she fidgets in her chair and nervously pulls her hands in and out of the cuffs of her sweatshirt.

Swanberg's story is one of pleasure turned to pain. She never expected cancer to be part of her college career. At 19 and a college sophomore, she was diagnosed with cervical cancer, a condition caused by human papillomavirus, or HPV.

She had never heard of human papillomavirus. Yet, the majority of adult Americans carry the virus and have no symptoms. In Swanberg's case, like thousands of others, HPV turned into cervical cancer.

The cancer call came after two abnormal pap tests. "They called me at work and told me that I could possibly have cervical cancer," Swanberg said.

As she spoke, tears filled her eyes. The mere mention of the word "cancer" caused a wave of panic, tears and fear to crash through Swanberg, her family and her boyfriend.

Swanberg's life slid from that of a carefree college student to "cornered by cancer" in one short phone call. College students seldom expect consensual sexual encounters to be life threatening.

Every year cervical cancer kills approximately 4,000 women in the U.S., and 290,000 worldwide. Early detection of cervical cancer is possible by routine pap smears. Many are uninformed about this virulent virus and how it works. A preventable vaccine now exists, but implementation is slowed by government red-tape, non-coverage by insurance companies, lack of knowledge and fear.

Some social conservatives hesitate to condone this vaccine, lest it cause young women to seek out more sex

than they might without it. Startling statistics illustrate HPV's rampant spread.

About 20 million people in the U.S. are now infected with this virus and an additional 6.2 million are infected each year. HPV is the most common sexually transmitted virus in this country, and it is estimated that by age 50 most women and men will have been infected with HPV.

Young adults (late teens to early 20s) are most at risk for HPV infection. Death from cervical cancer is the most serious consequence in women. The only absolute way to avoid HPV and the possibility of most cervical cancers is sexual abstinence. Abstinence will not be practiced by all; therefore, it is important to know what factors increase the risk.

According to the Mayo Clinic, many sexual partners, early sexual activity, other STDs and smoking are all risk factors for being infected with HPV and cervical cancer. Having multiple sexual partners means increasing the risk of HPV infection many times over. Early sexual activity is defined as before age 18.

Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases go hand-in-hand with HPV. People who have other STDs will likely be infected with HPV. Smoking is also a risk factor.

"The nicotine condenses four times greater in the cervical mucous than anywhere else in the body," June Franzen, nurse practitioner at Hendrix Health Center said.

If risks don't scare you, and abstinence isn't in your dictionary, then arm yourself with knowledge of prevention to minimize the risk of being infected.

Know your partner. Avoid sexual contact with those who have had many sexual partners. At the same time, be aware that it only takes one time with one person to spread HPV. Swanberg said: "I've only been with one person. So, even if you were a virgin and you slept with only one person, you have no idea



PHOTOS BY HEATHER GRUENHAGEN / ADVOCATE PHOTO EDITOR

Seniors Nichole Marthaler, a mass communications/art major, and Matthew Bakko, a social work/political science major, work as peer educators at Hendrix. They are part of the team that is planning the upcoming HPV campaign. Students can expect to see awareness posters by late January.

how fast you can get something like this." According to Swanberg, her boyfriend had had only one sexual encounter with one other person and had used protection. "So," she said, "even if you use protection, you can still get this."

Condoms can provide 70 percent protection if used correctly, consistently and from start to finish each time you have sex. However, protection is not complete because HPV can be spread by skin-to-skin contact with any area of the body infected by HPV and not covered by the condom. Even sex plays such as body rubbing can transmit this virus.

There may be no visible signs or symptoms and HPV can hide in the body for years. Besides behavior modifications, there is also a vaccine available for prevention.

Gardasil, manufactured by Merck and recently approved by the Federal Drug Administration, is the vaccine now available for the prevention of HPV. It targets four types of HPV, two of which cause 70 percent of cervical cancers. The target population for this vaccine is girls and women ages 9 to 26.

Vaccination before sexual contact begins provides almost 100 percent protection against the four types of HPV. It is not recommended for pregnant women or those who already have cervical cancer. Also, the vaccine carries a greater risk for those with yeast allergies.

A series of three inoculations is given over a six-month period with a total cost of \$408. Despite the cost, implementation of this vaccine is moving slowly forward.

After FDA approval, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted

to add this vaccine to the Vaccines for Children program. Their recommendation is for routine vaccination of females 11 to 12 with catch-up vaccinations for females 13 to 26 who have not been previously vaccinated.

This recommendation is an important step, as the VFC provides free vaccines to children up to age 18 that are on Medicaid or are uninsured. It allows equal protection to all, rather than only to those who can afford it.

After the Center for Disease Control has completed negotiations for the purchase of the vaccine and states figure it into their budgets, it will be available at public health care facilities. Coverage for Gardasil is already offered by some major health insurers, such as Blue Cross Blue Shield. Other insurers will follow as the vaccine becomes a part of mainstream care. Even after the vaccine is available, some will not receive it because of conflicting moral issues.

Social conservatives worry that inoculating children may encourage underage sex. They still stand by their theory that abstinence should be the main protection and they don't want the vaccine made mandatory.

Joel Palefsky, a University of California San Francisco professor and HPV expert, said, "There is no evidence to suggest that the risk of HPV is a factor in someone's decision whether or not to have sex."

Those who are underage will be protected at their parents' discretion, but those 18 and older can choose to protect themselves. Knowledge of HPV is the first step toward protection.

HPV is spread by sexual contact, and continuous infection

with HPV is the main cause of cervical cancer. Cervical cancer could be the first cancer eliminated by implementing inoculation with Gardasil.

Protection will be greatest when a high percentage of the population is vaccinated. Behavior modifications can reduce the risk of infections, but 100 percent prevention by vaccination is the key. For those with the highest risk of infection, late teens to early 20s, must become knowledgeable about this virus.

Knowledge of HPV and the vaccine to prevent it are the keys to protecting young women from the possibility of cervical cancer. Hendrix Health Center Peer Educator Interns will campaign for HPV awareness in late January.

Gardasil is already available in the Fargo-Moorhead area. Hendrix Health Care Center is one place the vaccine is available. Franzen said Gardasil is available on a special order basis. Cost of the vaccine does not allow keeping it in inventory.

When a patient requests the vaccine, it will be ordered and available in one to two days.

She added, "Oh, and one more thing ... this injection is given intramuscularly, usually in the arm, not in the genital area."

*Name changed.



Gardasil is the HPV prevention vaccine for women ages 9 to 26. The vaccine, a series of three inoculations, is available at Hendrix.

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If they attend, student input could shape redevelopment

As the city of Moorhead and consultant firm DSU Planning progress on redeveloping four sites around the MSUM and Concordia College campuses, students should remember one thing: If students attend the meetings, their interests will be represented much better.

For one thing, the city and DSU are taking no backward steps. Once the time for input is passed, they can point to old meetings as failed opportunities for people who wanted to share their opinions but were unaware of meetings in the first place, which seems to be their attitude.

Secondly, only two MSUM students sit on the working group, and other than university President Roland Barden, no one else is solely representative of MSUM.

At the last meeting, the firm excluded the public from discussion by telling them to wait till the end of the working group meetings before they speak. But it must be assumed that the firm will take public input into consideration before making decisions, and students could make an impact on how the redevelopment of the four sites continues. One of the sites, the Halliday property, is three blocks from MSUM and has been considered for student parking or housing, as well as the more likely option of housing in general.

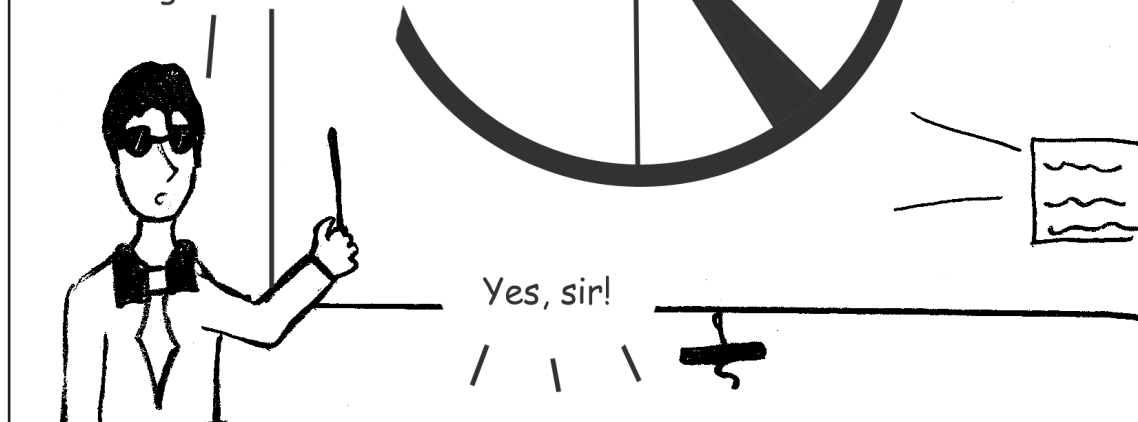
The city has pre-sold the Town and Country Flowers site, five blocks from Concordia, to a developer. The firm insists they are taking everything slowly, that they are gathering input from residents and that no final decisions have been made. Perhaps people still have input for this site although it is pre-sold, but such a selling does not make it seem like everything is being taken slowly, and not all decisions are being made from input gathered at the meetings.

It is only a hope that more students being present at meetings could shape the future of these sites. But there is no possibility of students shaping important decisions if they do not attend, decisions that affect the future of the campus area and future students.

The next meetings are at 4 and 7 p.m. at the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead. The Advocate emphasizes that the public is welcome.

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This pie chart shows we severely lack students at our meetings. But their opinions are vital for the success of this project. I want them brought to me.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Play review imprecise

Thank you to The Advocate for sending a reporter out to review a local independent theatre troupe's production, "Wintertime" at Theatre B. I encourage both The Advocate and the individual reporter to do more research into the mechanics of writing a play review.

The reviewer touched lightly on plot and themes, both areas ripe for more discussion in a play review. The unique setting and staging of the play were not covered at all, such as the slamming door on wheels, running into birch trees, the existence of the trees themselves and the second act staging with all the characters facing away from the

audience for a time. Not only might a reviewer cover such details, but delve into why the playwright and director made the choices they did.

The reviewer's notes about accents require clarification. The delightful Dr. Francisco Cabello's accent, for example, is not perfectly French, but perfectly Spanish, as Dr. Cabello (the actor) is a native of Spain. Perhaps Maria's French accent sounded off to the reviewer because it is, in fact, an Italian accent. There are no French characters in this production.

I encourage members of the MSUM community to attend the show and draw your own conclusions (www.theatreb.org). Dragons are well repre-

sented, with a student, a former student and a staff member (myself) among the cast.

I also urge The Advocate staff to continue to attend productions and review them, while stretching their own boundaries as they learn about writing this type of article, reviewing accurately and insightfully, and posting headlines that more precisely match the content of the review.

Thank you again for your support of independent theatre in Fargo-Moorhead.

Janet Haak Aarness
Director of
Support Programs,
Academic Affairs

Award shows lose suspense

In 1998 I remember dressing up in my favorite pajamas, pouring a glass of chocolate milk and sitting down cross-legged to watch the Academy Awards. I was in awe of the glitz and glamour of the dresses, the humility of the winners and, more obviously, the losers and the humor of the hosts. Much to the annoyance of my mother, I cheered wildly every time "Titanic" won an award, which was pretty often.

It has been said that the Oscars are the most prestigious award available a filmmaker could win, and I believed it right down to the million-dollar diamond necklace hanging around Celine Dion's neck.

What made watching the awards more amazing to me was the surprise and mystery of who would win. Until the second the announcer said, "And the Oscar goes to," I could never tell.

Sadly, reality has since been much harsher.

While the Academy Awards



Kellie Meehlhause
A&E Editor

may be the highest honor in an actor or actress' life, it has since lost its mysterious element, falling into the pack as just another award show in the midst of many. In fact, none of the movie award shows maintain the "who's gonna win" surprise because, essentially, the same award almost always goes to the same person.

Take last year's award season for example. Reese Witherspoon's performance in "Walk the Line" was nominated for an award 19 separate times, and she won 18 of them. Now, I'm not saying that her performance was bad because it wasn't. It just seems redundant that she kept winning while other notable actresses, such as Keira Knightley or Charlize Theron, did not.

It is time that the award committees begin to give out awards to many different people, not just the one who happens to be popularly promoted (must award

shows really come down to who has the best PR campaign?). Audiences, both at the events and watching on television, love surprises, not repetition. It keeps us coming back for more and clawing at the edges of our seats more fervently than the presenters pry open the envelopes.

Thus, if I have to watch Helen Mirren win her millionth award for "The Queen," I will be forced to change the channel to a "Desperate Housewives" rerun. And that is saying something.

Who should win?
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King's lessons, dreams resonate for us

On Jan. 15, 1929, an American was born who would forever change the course of this nation. His birth name was Michael Luther King, but he would become better known throughout the world as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The annual commemoration of his legacy seeks to remind each generation about the important lessons that Dr. King Jr. sought to instill upon us all.

King was among those people who believed in the principle of nonviolent civil disobedience as a means to undermine the injustices that flourished in society. During his lifetime he campaigned against racial segregation, Jim Crow laws, the Vietnam War,



Edward T.J. Brown
Columnist

poverty, voter disenfranchisement and efforts to undermine the right of workers to unionize.

Yes, progress has been made, and it is so sweeping and unprecedented that we often take for granted the numerous social, spiritual, cultural, political and legal ways that the centuries of struggle and sacrifice on behalf of civil rights changed all our lives for the better. This is a major reason why we remember the birth of King in January and

why we celebrate Black History Month in February.

Every generation must learn it anew, not simply as an exercise in history or in political correctness, but because these issues are still very much at the forefront of our civic debate and the outcome of these issues will determine how much freedom, justice and opportunity we shall all have in our republic.

There is an expanded black middle class, but they tend to have noticeably less capital than the white middle class. In certain communities de facto segregation has replaced de jure segregation.

The criminal justice system

is bound to respect both procedural and substantive due process rights, but a large number of young black men sit in prison cells or are on parole.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 is renewed with bipartisan support, but citizens still face barriers to exercising their political rights from election days not being on a holiday, to insecure electronic voting machines, to the exclusion of third political parties and the creation of legislative districts that are not competitive.

Take this month to remember the life and legacy of Dr. King and his message of using nonviolent civil disobedience to undermine injustice and to promote civil rights.

Yes, dramatic progress has

been achieved. Yet, progress does not make the civil rights movement irrelevant; it only means that we are ready to take further steps toward transforming the American dream into a viable reality for us all. It is not a reality for us all, but it is a less cloudy dream.

Let us work together to make the American dream, the dream that Dr. King spoke passionately about and died for, a reality.

Are you making change happen?
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Football coach choice subject to debate

I'm not much of a football fan, but the recent hiring of Damon Tomeo as the head MSUM football coach blitzed me pretty hard.

He was the interim coach for a team that posted a record of 6 wins and 5 losses. That's great when considering previous MSUM football seasons.

There's nothing wrong with raising the bar.

Tomeo, however, ran on the field every time one of his players scored, characteristics of a novice, a rookie, a neophyte, someone who isn't seasoned.

The most qualified candidate for the position was Richard Wilson. Wilson held assistant coaching positions at The Citadel, Arkansas, Clemson, Eastern Michigan, Oklahoma State and Minnesota—all division one schools.



Brandon K. Watson
Columnist

Currently, Wilson is the head football coach at Minneapolis North High School, where he came subsequent to being the wide receivers coach for the Minnesota Gophers of the Big Ten Conference. You remember the Gophers, right? The team that the fledgling NDSU football squad almost upset last season?

And if you're wondering, yes, Wilson is black, the same color of the players who Tomeo was sprinting after in the end zone.

It's interesting that in college sports, for the most part, black college athletes can provide their services, yet can't be

coached by someone black, someone like Wilson.

While administrative assistant jobs dominate Tomeo's resume, Wilson has coached players in the NFL. Tomeo has mailed letters to recruits.

He gets a few points for being the assistant director of recruiting at the University of Arizona and having a few assistant coaching positions, but he isn't worthy of being the head coach here for the next four years.

Tomeo was hired because he's white, and it's a lot easier for the Moorhead community to accept him over some big-shot black coach. Wilson would've cleaned house. You know, recruited nationwide and benched the locals, who shouldn't be playing as much as they do. Sure, hiring a head

coach is difficult, but if the candidate has a track record, then it's worth canning the interim and taking a chance.

Tomeo isn't a better coach than Wilson, but politics make a difference. Alfonso Scandrett Jr., the last black to hold a lead position in the MSUM athletic department, was kicked to the curb. That said, it's easy to figure out how someone like Tomeo benefited.

It'll be interesting to see what Tomeo will be able to pull off next season. He turned 30 recently, and the days of young age exonerating him from inexperience are growing short.

The MSUM athletic department wouldn't have been able to satisfy Richard Wilson and his financial demands for scholarship money, cynics say.

I disagree.

If the coach is winning, funds will be found to continue the

success.

Wilson was going to win. More than six games. Wilson's resume, alone, commands respect. I'm not sure Tomeo can match that.

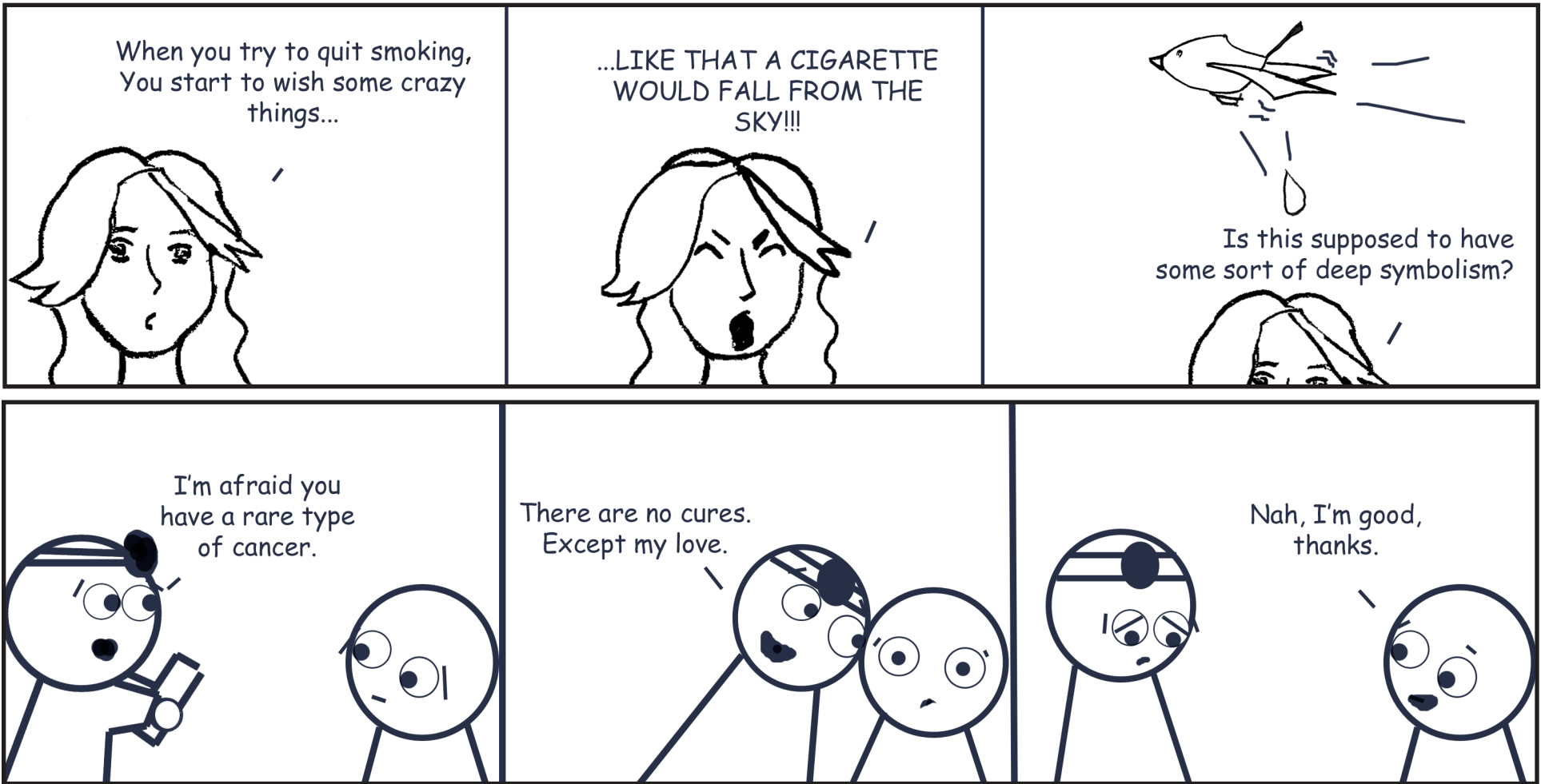
If a D-1 flunky with scattered coaching stints can go 6-5, including four consecutive losses, what do you think a veteran like Wilson would've done for this program?

The most qualified applicant—Wilson—should have received the job. Diversity is something MSUM needs more of. Especially when it can benefit the university.

As for Tomeo, the growing pains should be over next season.

Maybe he'll stop running around.

Which coach would you hire?
E-mail Watson
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One-hit wonders get second coming

Singer, pianist Marty Henne will perform 'Songs You Know' in Hansen

Advocate staff reports

Take the vocal style of Mel Torme, add the sophistication of Bobby Short and throw in the storytelling skills and warmth of Bill Cosby.

Mix them all together, and what do you get? Singer Marty Henne.

MSUM will have the opportunity to experience Henne's mixture of music, jokes and storytelling through his show "Songs You Know By People You Don't" at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 11 in the Hansen Theatre.

This event is offered as a feature of the university's Cheryl Nelson Lossett Performing Arts Series.

The series, which is now in its 41st season, strives to present culturally diverse and stylistically expansive programming. It operates with the added goal of educating and building audiences for the performing arts.

"Songs You Know" is a tribute to songwriters who had

only one or two hits in their careers and never found success again. Songs featured include "How High the Moon" by Morgan Lewis and the infamous "As Time Goes By" from Casablanca.

Henne performs "The Great American Songbook" with individual shows dedicated to the greats like the Gershwins, Rodgers and Hart, Johnny Mercer and Cole Porter among others, to more contemporary writers like Burt Bacharach and Hal David.

But it's not just the great music that Henne performs that makes his shows so entertaining and special. Each show is filled with stories and insights about the writers and the times they lived and worked in, all told with unique humor, joy and warmth.

From nightclubs to country clubs, from corporate events to private parties and aboard the most sophisticated cruise ships in the world, Henne has

become a favorite among listeners who love good music and great entertainment.

Admission is \$6 for students, \$12 for adults, \$11 for seniors and \$7 for those younger than 17 years of age.

For more information or to order tickets, contact the box office at (218) 477-2271.

To learn more about Henne or his shows, visit his Web site, www.marty-henne.com.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Plains Museum extends "Black Is A Color" exhibit, hours for Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

Advocate staff reports

Galleries at the Plains Art Museum will be open on Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

This year, the museum has also extended the stay of the exhibition "Black Is A Color: African-American Art from the Corcoran Gallery of Art" through Monday.

The exhibition features paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints and photographs made since the 1960s whose palettes are predominantly black and white, punctuated with intense color.

Organized and circulated by the Corcoran Gallery of Art, "Black Is A Color" is made possible by the ExxonMobil Foundation. It is also supported locally by Microsoft and the Fargo Moorhead Area Foundation.

The Corcoran Gallery of Art is the largest and oldest privately supported cultural institution in Washington, D.C. The museum's main focus is American art.

"Black Is A Color" probes the ongoing dialogue about African-American art and identity.

The featured works address

issues that have historically occupied these artists: racial and cultural heritage and identity, history, protest and spirituality.

Many of them, whether representational or abstract, pose recurring questions that cut across several themes: Is there such a thing as black art? If so, what is it? And must it obviously reflect African-American identity?

In his 1967 pamphlet titled "Black is a Color," artist Raymond Saunders argued that African-American artists should be able to express themselves without being

restricted to representational art that celebrates black identity.

"Racial hang-ups are extraneous to art," he wrote. "Can't we get clear of these degrading limitations and recognize the wider reality of art, where color is the means and not the end?"

"Black Is A Color" provides an opportunity to consider individual works of art within a variety of contexts and from a number of different perspectives.

Prior to its display at Plains, this exhibit toured in three other museums over the course

of four years: the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., February to April 2003; Taft Museum of Art, Cincinnati, Ohio, September to November 2005; and Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, Ala., January to April 2006.

Although galleries are normally closed on Mondays, they will be open on the following selected Monday holidays: Martin Luther King Jr. Day in January, President's Day in February and Columbus Day in October.

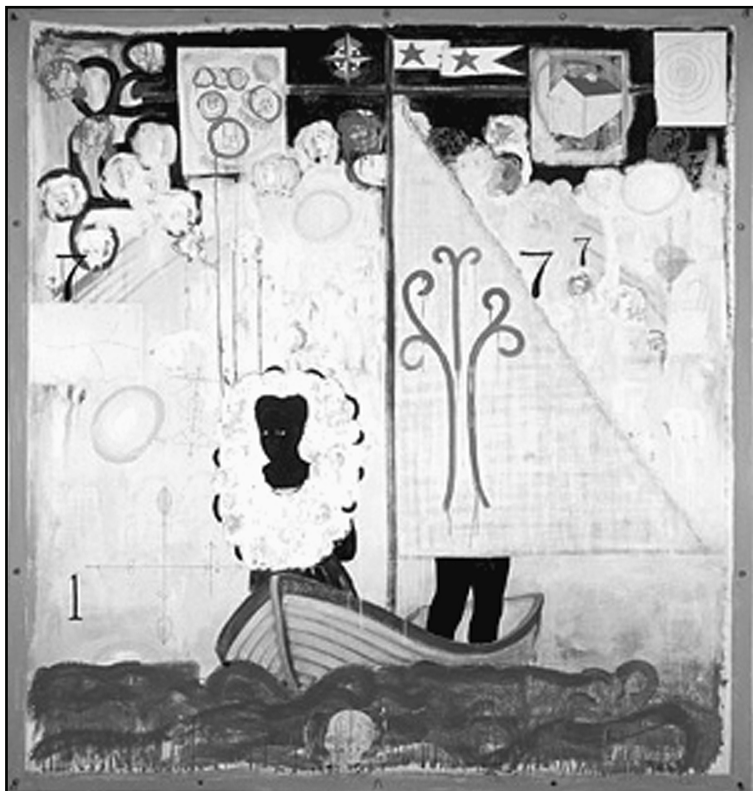
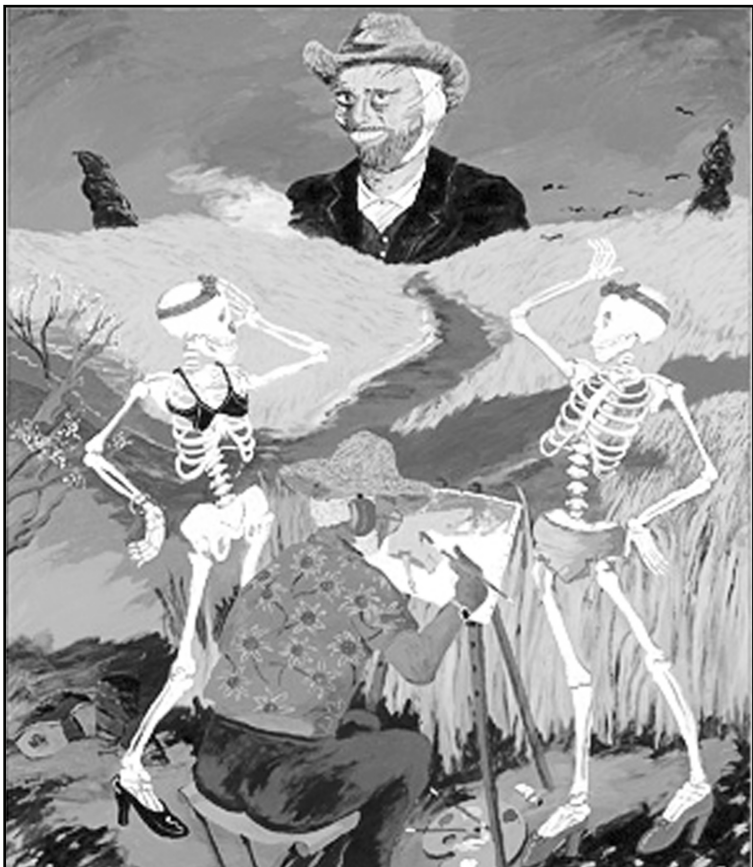
The Store and Cafe Muse by Mosaic Foods are always open on Mondays.

Plains Art Museum is accredited by the American Association of Museums. Exhibitions and events at the museum are made possible, in part, by major funding from members of the Plains Art Museum, The McKnight Foundation and the Minnesota Arts Board.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Cafe Muse is open 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Members, students with IDs and youths have free admission. Admission for seniors and educators with ID is \$4 while adults are \$5.

More information is available at (701) 232-3821 or at www.plainsart.org.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Two paintings featured in the Plains Art Museum's "Black Is A Color" exhibit. It will be on display through Monday.

McGrath Writers Series announces spring schedule

Advocate staff reports

Students will be introduced to visiting writers and get to say goodbye to an old mentor as a part of the Tom McGrath Visting Writers Series this spring.

All featured writers will give a talk on the Writer's Craft at 4 p.m. in the Center for Business 109. The actual readings will take place at 8 p.m. in the same room.

Poet Katrina Vandenberg kicks off the series' spring schedule on March 22.

A 1999-2000 Fulbright fellow in the Netherlands, Vandenberg's first book, "Atlas," was a finalist for the Minnesota Book Award. Her poems have appeared in numerous magazines, such as

"The American Scholar" and "The Iowa Review."

Currently living in St. Paul, she is writer-in-residence at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design.

Tom Hansen is next on April 5. His first collection, "Falling to Earth," was selected from more than 900 manuscripts as the winner of the BOA Editions' 4th annual A. Poulin Jr. Poetry Prize.

He taught writing and literature classes for 35 years at Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D., before retiring to the Black Hills, where he currently lives.

Richard Hoffman finishes off the year on April 12. He is the author of the award-winning "Half of House: A Memoir,"

and the forthcoming "Gold Star Road."

Hoffman has received several awards, most recently a Massachusetts Cultural Council Fellowship in fiction. He currently teaches at Emerson College in Boston and in the Stonecast MFA Program at the University of Southern Maine.

On April 26, the series gives students the opportunity to celebrate English professor Mark Vinz's career and retirement from MSUM.

A special limited edition chapbook of his poetry titled "North of North" is being published to honor Vinz's influential work as poet, editor, teacher and mentor.

All proceeds from the sale of

the book will go to the MSUM Foundation to establish a scholarship fund for student

writers in his name.

Every reading is free and open to the public.

Artsy Alternatives

Lecture

At 7 p.m. Thursday at the Plains Art Museum in Fargo, Concordia College professor Peter Schultz will give a presentation on "The Origin of the Artist: The Invention of the 'Sculptor' in Classical Greece." A discussion will follow. The event is co-sponsored by Philosophy for All Fargo-Moorhead and the Plains Art Museum. The event is free and open to the public.

Lecture

At 7 p.m. Thursday in NDSU Memorial Union's Century Theatre, Sister Dianna Ortiz will speak about torture and the current policies on torture in prisons throughout the world. Ortiz is a torture survivor, founder of the Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition International and author of "The Blindfold's Eyes." The event is free and open to the public.

Theatre

The Tin Roof Theatre Company presents a production of Sam Shepard's Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Buried Child" at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 11-13, 18-20 and 25-27 at the Main Avenue Theatre in Fargo. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and \$10 for seniors on Thursday nights only. For more information call (701) 306-5843.

Artist Reception

From 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, NDSU's Reineke Visual Arts Gallery will hold a reception in honor of the alumni exhibit. The exhibit will be on display through Feb. 1. For more information call (701) 231-9564.

Artist Forum

From 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, painter Marjorie Schlossman will speak about "The Roberts Street Chapel and Chaplets Projects" at NDSU Downtown. This event is a part of The Artists' Den, a speakers' forum to present an understanding of how the visual artist works and to understand the opportunities of visual art careers. Sponsored by the Fargo Moorhead Visual Artists, the event is free and open to the public.

Artist Reception

The Hjemkomst Center will host a reception from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday for the exhibit, "A Woman's Perspective on Mind, Body, Spirit." Music, readings, entertainment and refreshments highlight the reception for literary, performing and visual art.

Paintball Event

From 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Moorhead Armory, the Army National Guard presents an indoor paintball event and 30-foot rock climbing wall for all students 16 years and older. Military weapons and vehicles will also be on display, and pizza and pop will be provided. Admission is \$6. For more information call (218) 770-0679.

Cultural Event

At 4 p.m. Sunday at the First Lutheran Church in Fargo, the Swedish Cultural Heritage Society of the Red River Valley hosts a traditional celebration of undecorating the Christmas tree with Peter Hedlund, a nyckelharapist from Sweden. Coffee and Scandinavian goodies will be served. Guests are asked to bring a plate to share. The event is open to the public with a freewill offering. For more information call (701) 280-1063.

Lecture

As a part of the "In Our Family" exhibit currently on display at the Hjemkomst Center, Kristen Behrens of the YMCA will present a lecture on multi-cultural/multi-racial families at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Hjemkomst Center. The event is free and open to the public. The "In Our Family" exhibit will be on display through March 31.

Music Recital

A faculty violin recital featuring Eric Grossman starts at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Glasrud Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.



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Right: Lauren Baalman, Jalaigh Mathis, Barbie Brooks swimming the breaststroke in the outdoor 50-meter pool at a practice where they did 60 100s. Left: Danielle Lauderbaugh doing a breaststroke turn in the 50-meter pool during the set of 60 100s during a swim meet in Florida over the holiday break.

Swimmers ditch home for warm waters

By KATIE DIIRO

Staff Writer

Winter break is for seeing relatives, relaxing, perhaps giving and receiving gifts and swimming 54 miles.

Well, that is what the MSUM women's swimming and diving team had in store for them this winter break. The women parted ways after finals for a few short days only to reunite not in the chilly weather of Moorhead, but in the sunlight of Fort Myers, Fla.

The team had been saving up their pennies for the trip by fundraising, teaching swimming lessons or pulling it out of their own pockets. The trip cost around \$800 per swimmer but was well worth every cent.

This was the second year the 10-year-old team has been on a training trip. Head coach Todd Peters said, "The training trip allows us to accomplish far more than we ever could by staying in Moorhead. It is so much easier to be motivated and work hard when it is sunny and 80 degrees and you are swimming outdoors and breathing in fresh air. The entire team is put into a focused environment with no distractions where they can work together towards a common goal."

The workouts were not easy as the team pushed through sets that were harder than any

achieved in past years. A typical day for the team began at 6:30 a.m. with a light breakfast and a drive to the facility at Florida Gulf Coast University, about twenty minutes from the hotel. Upon arrival, the team was led by Peters on a run as long as three miles through the campus. The first practice took place shortly afterward in an outdoor 50-meter pool. This pool is more than twice the size of the pool at MSUM. After this grueling practice the women did dry-land activities on the pool deck working on legs, arms, and abs. The morning session ended around 11 a.m. in time for the team to return to the hotel, eat lunch, lay out in the sun and take a nap only to return to practice at 4:00.

The evening practice was in a 25-yard pool, the same as MSUM, but just as trying as the morning practice. Once finished at this practice, an evening team activity might occur, but most swimmers were extremely tired and went to bed quickly, anticipating a comparably difficult schedule the next day.

The team did get a few practices off and time to spend outside of the aquatic center. Senior Ashley Oliverius said: "It was great to not spend all our time in the pool. After swimming 6-miles a day for a few days, it was awesome to spend some time lying around at the beach. We all had a

blast!" The team spent virtually all their time together as all activities were done as a team. Most notable was a New Year's Eve party that upheld the no alcohol policy of the school and the team proving that with the right mixture of people, alcohol doesn't need to be the factor producing entertainment.

Smiles and laughter were common on the trip, but one day was slightly more irritating than others. The pH level of the pool was off slightly, which resulted in most of the team developing chemical burns on their bodies. The athletic trainer had her work cut out for her, and some different ointments were purchased to reduce the rashes. One practice was cut short due to this, but the team was back in the pool the next day for a meet.

One stipulation of taking a training trip is to participate in a swim meet. The meet was an hour-and-a-half away in Sarasota, Fla. The team competed against top-ranked Division III Kenyon College as well as a team from their conference: University of North Dakota. Ranked 15th in the nation, MSUM held their own against the teams in their first meet at an outdoor pool. Crysta Johnson said, "The meet with Kenyon and UND was a lot of fun. It was a great opportunity to get to know swimmers from other schools and to practice and compete

with them."

Overall, the time spent in Fort Myers can only be described as quality. The women have already physically and mentally benefited from going to Florida. The team resumes meets at indoor

pools this Friday in Morris, Minn. Saturday is the team's final home meet, which will include a parent and senior recognition.

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The Dragon men's basketball team struggled a little bit with a five-game losing streak over the break, only to return to their winning ways with a 89-65 win over Trinity College on Tuesday. The men travel to Upper Iowa on Friday.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Parasailing, snorkeling, sun

Women's team capitalizes on vacation to play abroad

By LUKE HAGEN

Staff Writer

Question: What could possess the women's Dragon basketball team to want to clean up the mess left after WeFest?

Answer: A trip to Hawaii.

The women's basketball team traveled to Honolulu, to compete in the Hoop N Surf Classic in December.

Head coach Karla Nelson started planning the trip a year-and-a-half ago when a former coach in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference told her that her team had participated in the Hoop N Surf.

"She told me that if I ever got a chance to take the trip, do it. So, I looked it up and said, 'Let's do it,'" Nelson said.

Junior center Jessica Fesenmaier said that when the team learned that they were going to Hawaii, it was total excitement.

When Nelson started to plan, she realized how much fundraising was going to be necessary. The team took part in numerous things to help raise money for the trip such as working Fargodome concessions, working Rib Fest and helping at a team camp where high school and junior high teams came to MSUM and practiced with the Dragon girls.

"The worst part of the fundraising was cleaning up after WeFest," Nelson said. "Oh, that was nasty."

Fesenmaier agreed that it was not a pleasant trip to the WeFest clean-up.

The flight to Hawaii was about nine hours straight from Minneapolis, which was too long for Nelson's taste.

It was both Nelson and Fesenmaier's first trip to Hawaii, and when they got

to the islands, they were both amazed.

"When we got there, it was very beautiful. The culture difference is such an extreme from where we come from," Nelson said.

The Dragons played their first game against Glenville State. The team from West Virginia was undefeated and ranked seventh on the national polls just a day after they arrived. The game was a close fought battle that went into overtime. The Dragons ended up winning 72-71.

"I think it was the biggest win in school history. I don't think we've ever beaten a higher-ranked team," Nelson said.

The next day, the Dragons crushed a Chaminade team from Hawaii, 87-50.

Fesenmaier led the Dragons in scoring for both games, and made the All-Tournament team.

"I got excited about it, but everyone played great out there, it wasn't just me," Fesenmaier said.

After the two games, the team got to spend their remaining time doing vacation things. They got to see Pearl Harbor, attend a luau, go parasailing, snorkeling and take a surfing lesson, all of the warm weather activities that you cannot do during this time of year in Minnesota.

"They were all very warm people, very friendly, and they always wanted to make you feel right at home," Nelson said.

After five days were up, the girls headed back on a flight to Minnesota. Fesenmaier said that none of the girls wanted to leave the 70-degree weather, especially to come back to 30 degrees.

"It was a great trip. Everyone got to play in the games and the girls got to do things that they may never get to do in their life again," Nelson said.

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Since the last issue of the Advocate, the women's basketball team won conference games against Minnesota State-Crookston (70-57) and Bemidji State (83-78). MSUM lost at home to St. Cloud State 97-88 on Dec. 16 before taking off to the Hoop N Surf classic. The Dragons opened the new year with a pair of Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference wins at home against Northern State (56-40) and the University of Mary (68-57). Boosted by a four-game winning streak, the Dragons climbed to 29th place on the latest USA TODAY/ ESPN Division II poll released Tuesday. MSUM, 10-4 overall and 4-1 in the NSIC, faces conference road tests at Upper Iowa on Friday and Winona State on Saturday.



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SOLDIERS, FROM FRONT



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The families of soldiers learned how to help re-integrate their loved ones Saturday in the CMU.

“(Soldiers) are going to come home with a warrior mentality,” said Col. Kevin Gerdes, who served in Iraq in 2005, addressing the families before they broke

off into workshops on subjects like the emotional effects of war and ways to reconnect soldiers with their children.

“A warrior lives on the edge

of death every day,” Gerdes said as he stood next to Mickey, his wife. “You give orders or you receive orders, and there is no room for gray because it

might get you killed.”

Upon leaving the battleground, some soldiers get depressed, others frustrated or angry while some adjust very well—but there is no telling who will succeed and who will suffer, said Capt. Aaron Krenz, a 1996 alumnus who helped coordinate this event.

“We’re primarily trying to provide them some training and resources so the families have some idea of what previous families have gone through,” said Krenz, who served in Iraq from December 2004 till November 2005. He left behind a wife and a nine-month-old daughter, requiring adjustments for him and his wife upon his return. “The support shouldn’t end when that soldier gets home,” he said.

Though MSUM is the first campus to host a re-integration for families, nine more will follow at other Minnesota campuses. MSUM is one of

four to host the soldier re-integration programs this spring.

Chaplain John Morris told the families the finish line is not as close as they think. “The challenge after they get home is huge,” he said. Morris sheds credit on Minnesota Adjutant Gen. Larry Shellito, who was absent Saturday, for starting this process of re-integrating soldiers and their families. Shellito is an MSUM alumnus who served in Vietnam.

Frantz said the day was not political. It doesn’t matter if you’re for or against the war, he said. “It’s about serving people.”

About 120 family members came Saturday. One Guard member, dressed in green camouflage, as were they all, noted he hoped that people take pictures of the families, so those overseas may see them and know someone is taking care of them.

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CONCEPTS, FROM FRONT

The four sites are the Halliday property, Town and Country Flowers, a mixed-use block along Eighth Street and a power plant site.

The concept information sheets, available on the city of Moorhead’s Web site, show three alternatives for each site, except the mixed-use block site, which has two alternatives. According to the study, the concepts provide baseline ideas in regards to density and types of uses. This includes commercial, residential and park.

John Shardlow, DSU president, showed examples from the Minneapolis-St. Paul area of what certain concepts would look like. “It’s not apples to apples, but it does show what’s possible,” Shardlow said.

Mixed-use

Based on worksheets filled out by the working group at the end of the meeting, Brendon Slotterback, a DSU planner, said, “The mixed-use block concept invoked strong responses.”

Mixed-use blocks are a mix

of retail, housing and office space. Slotterback said many residents were opposed to a full-block development, although not all. “There were varying opinions on viability of retail along Eighth Street.

“Some said it would not work, or should be located elsewhere, while others were excited about the connection to downtown and increased commercial options,” he said.

From the feedback summary on the Moorhead Web site, a working group member said, “I don’t think MSUM and Concordia have the population to support mixed-use off of Eighth Street.”

According to the concept plan, the benefits of the mixed-use blocks are that it could potentially provide student housing close to campus. It could also provide commercial services within walking distance of the campuses.

Some consensus

Shardlow said the goal of the meeting was to arrive at a consensus among the groups.

Lisa Vatnsdal, neighborhood services manager for Moorhead, said, “There was general consensus about the Town and Country Flowers site and the Halliday property.” Most members favored variations of a townhouse concept for the Town and Country Flowers site.

Since the Town and Country Flowers site is privately owned, developers may use the property as they wish but within compliance of zoning codes.

Vatnsdal said developers may seek public assistance, and that would give the city some influence over the site. “There are often costs that are difficult for developers to recover, such demolition of pre-existing structures, environmental cleanup and relocation of existing residents or businesses.”

Zoning at the Town and Country Flowers site only allows for medium- or low-density housing, which would not provide significant student housing.

A background report prepared by DSU said, “There

is substantial demand among students to live near campus.” Slotterback said, “Interviews with rental management companies in Moorhead suggest that new rental projects have been popular among students.” Slotterback also said the sources do not provide exact measurements, but it does suggest a demand.

Members of the working group favored the medium- or low-density housing for the Halliday property, which would favor owner-occupied housing. Another possible benefit of these concepts is it could provide for “married student” housing. The other alternative was a high-density residential plan. This would provide 20 apartment units and could reduce the conversion of single-family homes into rental units, which has been a major concern among neighborhood residents.

Student housing?

The mixed-use block and the Halliday property with a high-density plan are the only con-

cepts that provide significant student housing. Figures gathered by DSU show that “even if a sizable minority (of students) can afford market-rate rents for a new project, there could be a demand for perhaps several hundred new market rate units near campus.”

The concern over high-density housing is how parking would be accommodated. A member of the working group said on the feedback summary, “If you have students in the housing, they don’t use garages (at least in my neighborhood) and there will be four cars outside.”

Shardlow expressed several times during the meeting that the concepts are possibilities for the areas and that “nothing has legs at this point.” Parking, housing and performance standard code recommendations will be discussed at the next meeting on Jan. 25 at the Hjemkomst Center. The executive group meets at 4 p.m. and the working group at 7 p.m. The public is welcome.

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CLOCKS, FROM FRONT

The 62-year-old said although he is not thinking of retiring, when he does he will remember how hard daylight savings time made his job. “Got to change so many clocks out that week,” he said.

The clocks are mostly white with glass convexes covering sans-serif numerals. A company called Simplex supplies them and has a service contract with the school; Heyerman often sends the clocks to a branch shop in Fargo for repairs.

“I think they’ll be putting in an atomic clock system,” Heyerman said. “They’re just doing it as they remodel different buildings.”

The new clocks are made by Primex, which uses GPS satellite to ensure all the clocks are set the same. Primex clocks stick out of the wall farther

than the Simplex ones and are made mostly of plastic. They need no servicing and can be thrown away if they quit working, Heyerman said.

The Simplex clocks receive signals from a master clock in the Heating Plant. Every hour the master clock checks the others.

If a clock is off during the checking, the second hand will freeze while the minute hand hurries to catch up—and at the hour the clocks all click, in time once more.

At 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., the master clock resets the hour hands. “This one’ll be screwed up until six o’clock today,” Heyerman said about the clock in his fingers, as he faced the wall with nine clocks. “I fooled it.”

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