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The ADVOCATE

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

PART ONE OF THREE

"Both groups are competing for attention from white people, who are more likely to give credit to black Africans for their accomplishments and achievements."

-Amer Ahmed, Concordia College director of intercultural affairs

Spanning the divide

Social chasm between blacks exists in college

By BRANDON K. WATSON

Staff Writer

The lobby of Knutson Hall was close to empty. Normally, this Concordia College building is swamped with students in transit.

On this particular afternoon only two students were present. Beth Hankel and Arnolda Shiundu sat at a table, socializing, not uncommon considering they're good friends.

What seems uncommon is that Hankel is African American and Shiundu is Kenyan.

African-American students and black African students—enrolled in one of three Tri-College campuses—appear to be socially polarized, which was found through a series of thorough Advocate interviews.

Both groups cite cultural, economic and moral differences as reasons for the social chasm existing.

"As soon as I got on campus it was clear to me that blacks and Africans weren't spending a lot of time together," said Amer Ahmed, director of intercultural affairs at Concordia. "Both groups are



Concordia College students Beth Hankel, left, and Arnolda Shinundu are friends despite the fact that Africans and African-Americans are polarized, both socially and culturally.

competing for attention from white people, who are more likely to give credit to black Africans for their accomplishments and achievements."

Ahmed, who organized a pan-African forum last year at Concordia aimed at creating a better relationship between both groups, says the Fargo-Moorhead area, in general, is more embracing to the needs of international students, espe-

cially those from Africa.

For Chidimma Agbasi, thinking about African-American women, the few times she does, never conjures images of Condoleeza Rice or Oprah Winfrey.

Instead, Agbasi, a 19-year-old Nigerian studying biology at Concordia, visualizes black single mothers rearing hordes of out-of-wedlock children, the numerous fathers nowhere

to be found.

Agbasi admits her perceptions of African-Americans were first formed when watching television years ago in Nigeria. Back then, she viewed movies and music videos associating blacks with drugs, gang activity and poverty, depictions which remained with her when arriving in the U.S.

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FAN urges support

Advocate staff reports

An effort to re-invest in higher education has assembled under the mast of the Friends Action Network, or FAN.

FAN is a network of members composed of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities community. Its goal is to build support for MnSCU, which has an annual statewide economic impact of \$3.5 million, according to its site, www.fan.mnscu.edu.

The network is urging legislators to consider higher education a priority for their 2007 session.

An e-mail sent from MSUM President Roland Barden on Jan. 11 highlighted some of the reasons for FAN.

"Stagnant state support, soaring tuition, and painful budget cuts have made it increasingly difficult to maintain high-quality programs at Minnesota's state

colleges and state universities," Barden said as he addressed faculty and staff.

Barden noted that during the past five years, the 32 institutions in MnSCU have absorbed cuts of nearly \$240 million in state appropriations. Barden also listed a site used for sending a message to state leaders about the importance of higher education at <http://ga0.org/campaign/support>.

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Minnesota STATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Spanish program undergoes changes Dragon Core and new major take role in shaping courses

By KATIE WALKER

Staff Writer

Although students can already major or minor in Spanish, the department's professors are working to get some courses into a higher-level of Dragon Core.

The curriculum currently only offers students a beginning-level course, and professors say one course is not enough to provide proficiency in the Spanish language.

Dragon Core's goal is to increase global understanding, including the understanding of another language, according to Benjamin Smith, Spanish professor.

Smith said MSUM should

have a language requirement to reach the goal of human diversity and global perspective.

Culture courses, like Spanish, could be beneficial to students in recognizing differences and valuing them, according to Kathleen Enz Finken, dean of arts and humanities.

"Some people think you have to take a multicultural studies course to learn diversity," she said, "but culture or history courses are just as valuable."

The population is rising in people who speak Spanish, and both Smith and Enz Finken were surprised to see the low enrollments in classes for the fall 2006 semester.

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Faculty panel book discussion Wed.

There will be a faculty development committee panel discussion about the book "Cooperative Learning for Higher Education Faculty" from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday.

The first two faculty to e-mail Steve Grineski at grineski@mnstate.edu and agree to attend will receive a free copy of the book.

Résumé workshop will be held Tuesday

It's hard to know what exactly to put into your résumé, but career services' specialists can help. Career services is holding a workshop from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 30 in CMU 208.

Learn how to put your skills, education and experience into an effective résumé. Get a great résumé and be on your way to getting a job that's perfect for you.

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"Pee, wash your hands, then order pizza."

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Corrections

In the Jan. 18 Advocate, on page 1, a graphic saying that a student who started here in 2004 and graduates in 2008 will pay \$245 for the Wellness Center should have said that a student will pay \$460.

On page 6, professor Karl Leonard was incorrectly labeled a student.

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.

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 Monday.

The senior year experience course is intended to address issues specific to an MSUM senior's transition from student to professional.

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.

Author to give presentation

The College of Education and Human Services and the Comstock Visiting Scholar Series present Julie Landsman, author of "A White Teacher Talks About Race," at 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Feb. 15 in the CMU. Both presentations are free and open to the public.

If you need disability-related accommodations, please call (218) 477-2096 for more information.

Texas Hold 'Em poker league starts

A ten-week Texas Hold 'Em poker league will meet Tuesday nights from 7 to 10:30 p.m. in the ROC.

It is free to join. Contact Nick Taylor at (701) 770-0605 for more information.



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Deb Hval, office manager of the mass communications department, works in her new office. The mass communications main office has been temporarily relocated to 803 11th St. S.

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 Monday.

Information about the application process is available from departments in the college or from the dean's office.

Meeting for student organizations

There will be a spring student organization assembly at 5 p.m. on Wednesday in the CMU Ballroom. All recognized and pending student organizations are required to have a representative in attendance at the meeting.

Each student can represent multiple organizations. Student organizations without representation risk losing CMU room reservation privileges and access to SABC accounts.

If you have any questions please contact the office of student activities, CMU 229, at (218) 477-2790 or osa@mnstate.edu.

Cheer team puts on camp for youth

The cheer team has one remaining Mini Cheer Camp from 2 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 3. Go to www.mnstate.edu/cheerteam for additional information.

Also, the cheer team will be holding a fundraiser at Pepper's from 6 to 10 p.m. on Feb. 10. Prizes will be given away every hour. Raffle tickets may be purchased from cheer team members for one dollar each. You do not need to be present to win.

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 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.

Study Abroad reps visit MSUM

The office of international programs announces that students interested in studying abroad will have the opportunity to speak directly with representatives from Cultural Experience Abroad (CEA), Australearn and International Studies Abroad (ISA) in February. Denita Acker from CEA will be visiting campus Feb. 1. She will be occupying a table in the Library entry.

Representatives will be available from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All students interested in studying abroad are invited to visit with these representatives during these times.

CMU hires new events services

Braden Kuznia is the new CMU assistant director of event services.

The Argyle, Minn., native will be in charge of scheduling the use of student union facilities to off-campus groups ranging from schools and businesses to civic organizations.

The position is new, part of a restructuring in the CMU administration.

NSEP scholarship deadline tomorrow

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 is Friday. For more information visit www.mnstate.edu/intl.

TOCAR sponsors antiracism training

The TOCAR (Training Our Campuses Against Racism) Initiative is sponsoring a two-and-a-half day in-depth antiracism training to be held in the student union. This training will engage participants in discussions of definitions of racism, particularly understanding institutional and systemic racism, disadvantage, power and to racism.

The training will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 15 and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 16 and 17 in the CMU Comstock room.

The training is free and all meals and materials are provided. If you are interested in attending and would like to register or would like more information, please contact Anita Bender at (218) 477-4973 or tocar@mnstate.edu.

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.

**Advocate meetings
4:30 p.m. Mondays
in CMU 110.**

Professor recalls U.N. service

Andrew Conteh shares thoughts on the organization and campus

By **BEN SAILER**
Staff Writer

Professor Andrew Conteh served as Sierra Leone's U.N. ambassador to the Soviet Union from 1976 to 1980 before coming to MSUM in 1985 to teach political science.

"Modesty does not permit me, or allow me, to evaluate myself," Conteh said; however, he had much to say in regard to the U.N. itself.

"The U.N., in my humble opinion, is a useful organization. But many times its role is not well understood," Conteh said. He then spoke about different areas where the U.N.

has made progress, including peacekeeping, international human rights protection and the eradication of diseases.

"The U.N. has done so much within a very short period of time," he said.

Formed in 1945, the initial purpose of the U.N. was to prevent another war as catastrophic as World War II. It serves to resolve conflicts, protect human rights, ensure that international law is upheld and support social progress.

Today, the U.N. is composed of 192 different countries, or member states. While the U.N. has certainly made great strides toward accomplishing its goals, the organization remains pressured. The U.N. has been criticized in the

past for alleged corruption and ineffectiveness, making the organization a hot-button topic of discussion for some.

While Conteh acknowledged the U.N. is not without its flaws, many of its criticisms are somewhat misplaced. "The U.N. is not perfect. There is no perfect institution whatsoever, and often when you look for the bad, you get it.

"The organization is as successful as the member states want it to be. If it is not in doing, in the eyes of many, the right thing, then they should not blame the organization but blame the member states."

In regard to what people can do on their own to benefit human rights, Conteh stressed the importance of education.

"I think the individual should try to educate themselves, first and foremost, as to what human rights are," Conteh said. "Don't start off with your shouting; you've got to educate yourself first about the issues. Education is power."

When asked what brought him to MSUM, Conteh replied: "You know, that is a question I have always been asked, and I don't think I've ever come up with a good answer. And I don't know whether there is a good answer."

He suggested it was most likely due to his desire to learn more about the U.S., its people

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Andrew Conteh
Political science professor



ADVOCATE FILE PHOTO

Political science professor Andrew Conteh, here in a dated Advocate file photo, served as Sierra Leone's ambassador to the Soviet Union from 1976 to 1980 before coming to MSUM.

and its culture.

"I still consider myself a student of the United States," he said.

"It is never too late to learn, and this learning is helping me to relate better to my students," he said. "I like to instill in my students that learning is a continuous process."

Although he is a college professor, he still feels as though he is here to learn, and coming to MSUM is a part of a greater learning experience for himself. Part of that learning, he said, has included being able to embrace the differences inherent to those who belong

to a different culture.

"It has helped me to not be so critical all the time if I see something that is strange to me, but to look at it and to try to understand why. It teaches me not to rush into making value judgments," Conteh said. He also emphasized the importance of accepting and understanding other people's differences, rather than "trying to cut them down."

"To be different means only one thing; that you are different, or your views are different. That's all," Conteh said. "And if you don't understand this, then you are headed for

trouble."

According to Conteh, differences are not defined by one's appearance but by their cultural and political environment.

"Deep down, people are the same," Conteh said. "We all have an obligation to protect human rights."

Conteh is also known on campus for his involvement with the Student Academic Conference, which will take place this year on April 11.

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Office allocates money for student organizations

Office of student activities now accepting budget requests for spring

By **KATIE WALKER**
Staff Writer

Recognized campus student organizations can submit a budget request for an activity account, which is funded by student fees.

All students pay a fee, which goes into a pool of money and is then dispersed throughout the various organizations, which each requests a budget. The fee is \$3.56 a credit for up to 12 credits, or about \$42 a semester for any student taking 12 credits.

The university has an office specifically for student organizations to use, if and when an organization needs help. It's called the office of student activities and is in CMU 229.

According to Angela Boser, assistant director for leadership and organizations, recognized student organizations have the opportunity to submit an annual budget request

to the student activities budget committee (SABC) every year. The committee then goes over the budget and may need to hold a budget hearing where the organization's members answer questions about their budget.

"We look to see how many students are affected," Boser said. "Some groups only need \$100. Many don't need much money."

There are many considerations to take in when deciding how much money an organization should receive; for instance, programs like club sports have to pay registration fees to larger networks like state competitions or tournaments. "They don't just operate on campus," Boser said.

Once finished, SABC gives its budget recommendation to the student activity fee review committee (SAFRC). SAFRC decides the activity fee for the next year. SABC determines

how much each organization should be allocated for the next fiscal year; these are called activity funds.

Student organizations that may not receive what they expected from SABC or SAFRC have no need to fret. According to Boser, there are many organizations that fundraise. Some even have their own fund in the business office.

"Student organizations can be entirely self-funded, or may also receive activity funds," Boser said.

Advice from Boser to student organizations: "Don't overspend." If an organization overspends, they can wind up in financial debt. Once an organization does so, they lose access to their account.

"They can't access service or supply areas," Boser said. "They'd have to pay out of pocket."

Boser said if an organization goes into debt, once it

reaches a positive balance, it will return out of debt.

"It's like a personal check-book," said Sandy Schob, activities business manager. "The groups can fundraise. They can't spend more than what they're allocated."

Boser said as of Jan. 11 there are no student organizations in debt or on probation.

Probation is when an organization that receives activity funds goes into deficit. Once the debt is settled, the organization is back in business.

According to Boser, in order for a student organization to stay out of harm's way when it comes to finances, it is a good idea to develop a good forecast for spending.

"It's helpful to have a separate treasurer, rather than the president doing it, too," Boser said.

According to Boser, a treasurer would have a spreadsheet, and the good thing is that

they'll always have records from previous years.

"Anyone in the office can help. Ask questions. We're here for help. Use us as a resource," Boser said.

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Network could change funding for universities across the state

With the launching of the Friends Action Network, or FAN, people in the MSUM community have been given a voice that directly addresses the legislators who represent them.

This Minnesota State Colleges and Universities network of faculty, staff, students, community members and alumni is an answer for problems we, as members of the higher education system, face on a constant basis.

The biggest of these problems is the dwindling level of state appropriations that go toward funding higher education.

State appropriations, which pair with tuition to fund MnSCU schools, including MSUM, formerly supplied about two-thirds of the budget for this university. Now, state appropriations fund less than half the budget—and the other half is put on the backs of students under a burgeoning tuition.

A similar correlation could likely be found at all other state universities and colleges in Minnesota.

Minnesota Sen. Keith Langseth, who holds much influence in getting funds for higher education and has been very helpful for MSUM's needs in the past, is only one lawmaker students here can forward a message on to by visiting the Web site <http://ga0.org/campaign/support>.

There, students, faculty and staff can forward a statement, perhaps worded in general terms, but a statement still, about supporting higher education to the Minnesota Legislature.

Sending a message is a type of involvement that members of the MSUM community may disregard just because they read a newspaper article or editorial, or an e-mail from MSUM President Roland Barden.

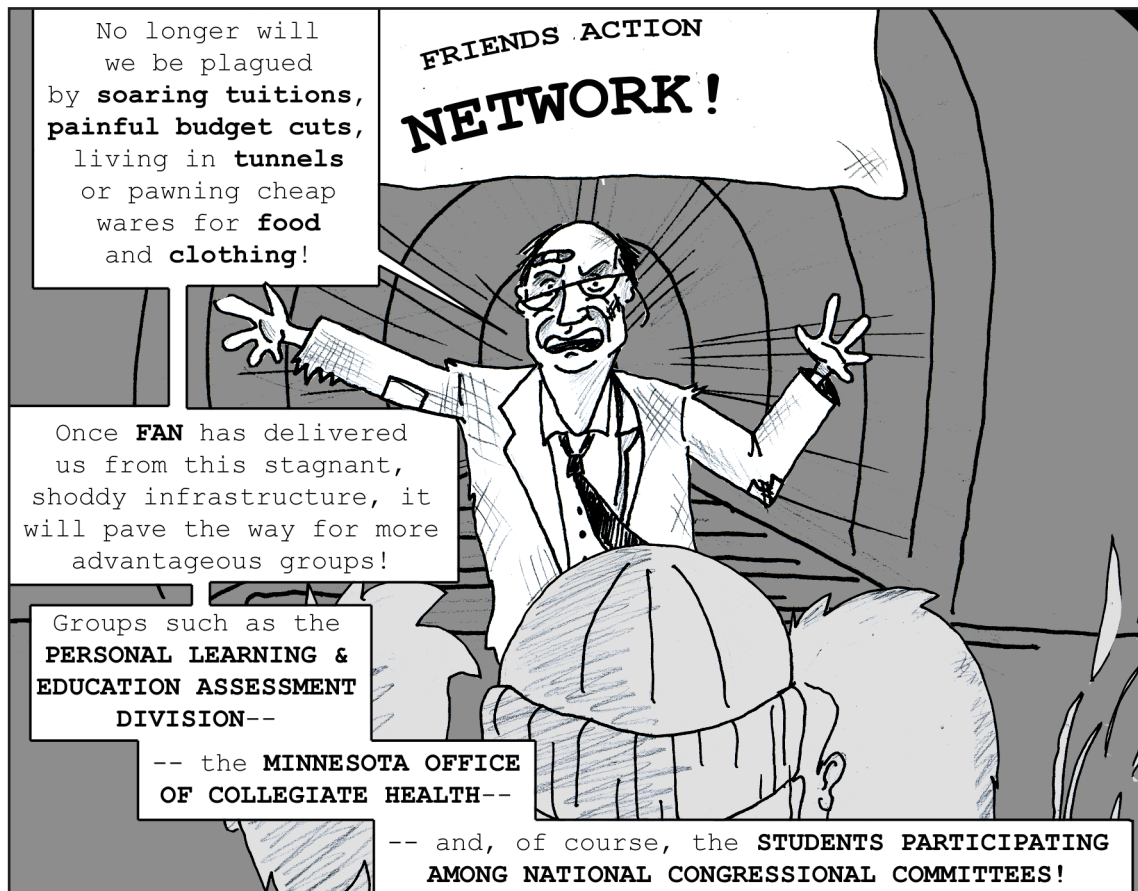
But it will only take 30 seconds to a minute, a short amount of time for so important an action.

With the efforts of FAN, legislators could begin a climb back toward giving higher education the level of state appropriations it deserves.

There is nothing—nothing in the world—that will lower the levels of tuition so quickly as lawmakers taking action to fund MSUM, and schools like MSUM, by giving it their support.

The Web site for FAN, if anyone is interested in taking a larger role in the effort to uphold higher education as a vital role-player, is www.fan.mnscu.edu.

Your involvement could go a long way.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Group requests help Recyclemania aims to lessen waste

Dear students, faculty and staff:

The NEED (Network for Environmentally Educated Dragons) organization of MSUM has entered our university into a 10-week responsive competition of recycling for Jan. 28 through April 7. The competition is called RecycleMania. RecycleMania is a competition among 198 colleges and universities across the United States. NEED feels that it is our duty to bring awareness to students, faculty and staff about the importance of recycling, educate about

sustainability and help you to try to make the conscious effort to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Our goal for this competition is not to win this year, but to implement a better tactic for recycling that will endure throughout our lives. We need active participation by all students, faculty and staff. We need to lower our waste generated by the campus as a whole. We need you to make that conscious effort to put your recyclables into their proper receptacles. As this competition evolves through

the 10-week period, we will have visual graphs available and offer facts, trivia and education about our environment and what you can do to help. Hey, this is your planet too!

For more information about the contest, check out their Web site at www.recyclemania.org. If you are interested in helping NEED out, or are interested in joining NEED, please contact us at need@mnstate.edu.

Environmentally yours,
The members of NEED

Responses show why abortion has complexity

Student group makes list for pro-choice reasons

Abortion is an emotionally charged and often highly personal issue. To illustrate the complexity of this topic, students for choice compiled anonymous comments from MSUM students. Respondents completed the statement, "I am pro-choice because...". What follows is a list of reactions.

I am pro-choice because...

- "My mother had the right to decide to have children or not to have children."

- "Because other people's choices are not mine to judge."

- "It's my body, my right, my choice, my responsibility, my conscience."

- "Because I have the right to decide what to do with my body."

- "It's not about the continuing controversy over when life begins or when you can have sex. It's about our right! It's about our choice!"

- "If we outlaw abortion

we may inadvertently kill hundreds of thousands of women."

- "No one should tell me what I should do with my body and with a child that would change my whole life. It would be as if we were back in pre-birth control times when women had no say in their reproductive decisions."

Sincerely,
MSUM Students for Choice

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Mess in Iraq detracts from other issues

When will the war in Iraq end? This has been a growing question of concern for Americans, and I'm growing impatient.

Maybe I'm just biased toward war in general, unless it's needed. It just seems that America is interested in policing the world and trying to find reasons to do so.

I think back to when the war first started in Iraq. Weapons of mass destruction was the worry, among other reasons; turned out to be nothing more than allegations.

What is the problem now? Exactly—there isn't a clearly stated problem.

America isn't in danger of



Brandon K. Watson
Columnist

being ambushed by some foreign regime, not even North Korea.

With candor, I can admit I've always believed the war in Iraq began to unclog the criticism the Bush Administration was receiving for 9/11.

The Iraqi government isn't suffering so badly they need American soldiers to come in and straighten things out.

The war in Iraq, in my eyes, is also being fought because of the American tradition with war. Every so many years our government

finds a reason to go to war. The only problem is people die for an unjust cause. Wouldn't it make more sense to invest the billions of dollars spent on warfare into the education system or decreasing poverty?

As of Sept. 29, 2006, more than \$379 billion had been allocated by the U.S. Congress

for the Iraq war.

Can you tell me the war needs this much financial attention?

That's a lot of money and it should be spent on something other than bombs and artillery. Think if a quarter of the money spent in Iraq went toward implementing universal health care in the U.S.

I don't mean to keep ranting on, but enough is enough. Twenty years down the line, Americans won't be thankful for the war in Iraq.

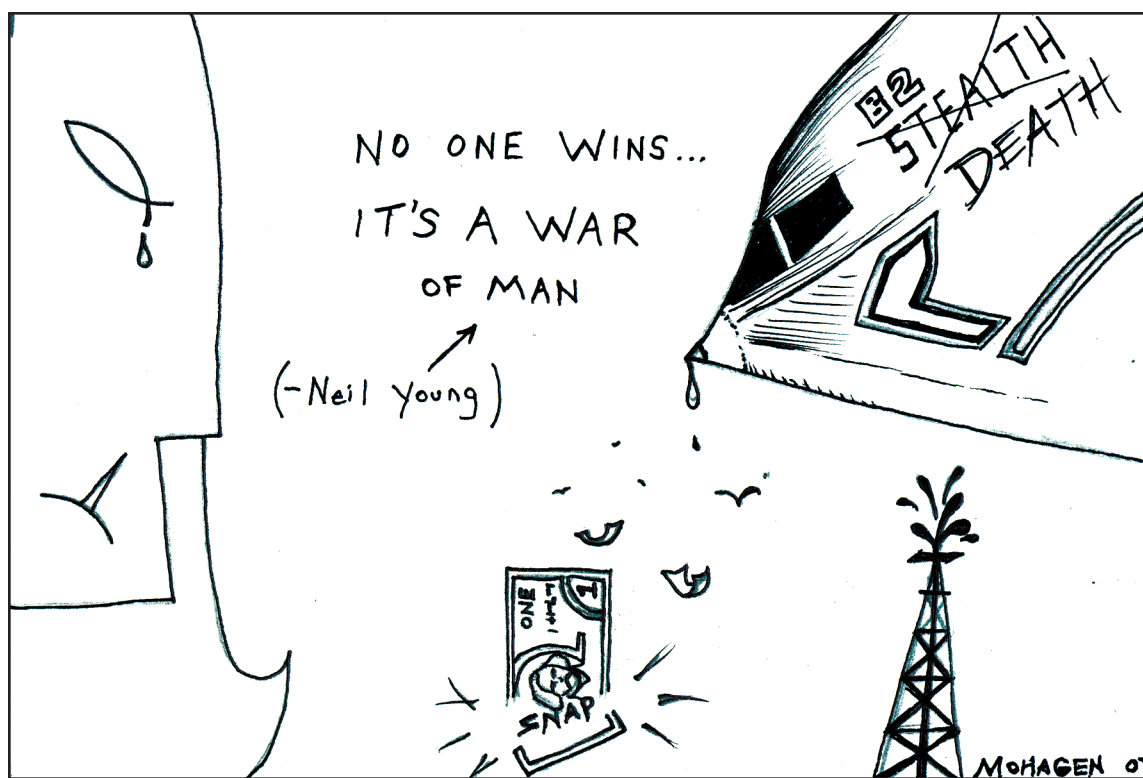
President Bush will be old, wrinkled and withered and some other Bush offspring will be nudging to get into the oval office.

What's even more appalling is that the 2008 presidential election isn't far down the line. Will Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama be able to clean up the mess in Iraq?

Maybe. One thing is for sure: It won't be an easy job.

The next president will have a big mess to clean up. The next president will be blamed for problems stemming from this war. Consequently, other issues in our country will be pushed back.

Are you for the war?
Email Watson
at watsonbr@mnstate.edu.



Other ways to use The Advo

Every Thursday while walking through campus, I'm happy to see the front page of The Advocate covering my schoolmates' faces.

On the other hand, nearly as often I see papers left at desks, lining the floor and, as of Tuesday, used as a paper towel to mop up a spill.

After living with a conservationist for the past year, I have found my mind coming up with ways to, as my fifth grade teacher taught me, reduce, reuse and recycle.

So, here is the result, a top-ten list of ways to use your hopefully well-read Advocate:

1. Use The Advocate to clean your windows to a streak free shine!
2. Have a fowl friend? Use



Heather Gruenhagen
Photo Editor

old Advocates to line the bottom of your bird's cage.

3. When moving day arrives, feel free to use The Advocate to pack up your dishes and other breakable items.

4. Keep vegetables fresh and dry by lining the bottom of the drawers with The Advocate.

5. Place newspapers on the floor as a doormat in your apartment or dorm for wet boots.

6. Use strips of The Advocate to replace the kitty litter in your kitty's box.

7. When your car is parked outside in the winter, place The

Advocate on your windshield so you won't have to clean off ice and snow in the morning.

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Abortion should not divide nation



Edward T.J. Brown
Columnist

On Jan. 22, 1973, the Supreme Court ruled an adult woman had a right to terminate her own pregnancy. Roe v. Wade is celebrated and condemned by millions of Americans who prefer theatrics-of-abortion politics than looking at three major reasons why abortions happen.

Women who face a planned pregnancy are much less likely to have an abortion than women who face an unplanned pregnancy. In the 21st century we have the scientific knowledge to prevent most unplanned pregnancies and reduce the number of abortions. Government cuts in family planning services have resulted in low-income women having more unplanned pregnancies than women from a higher class.

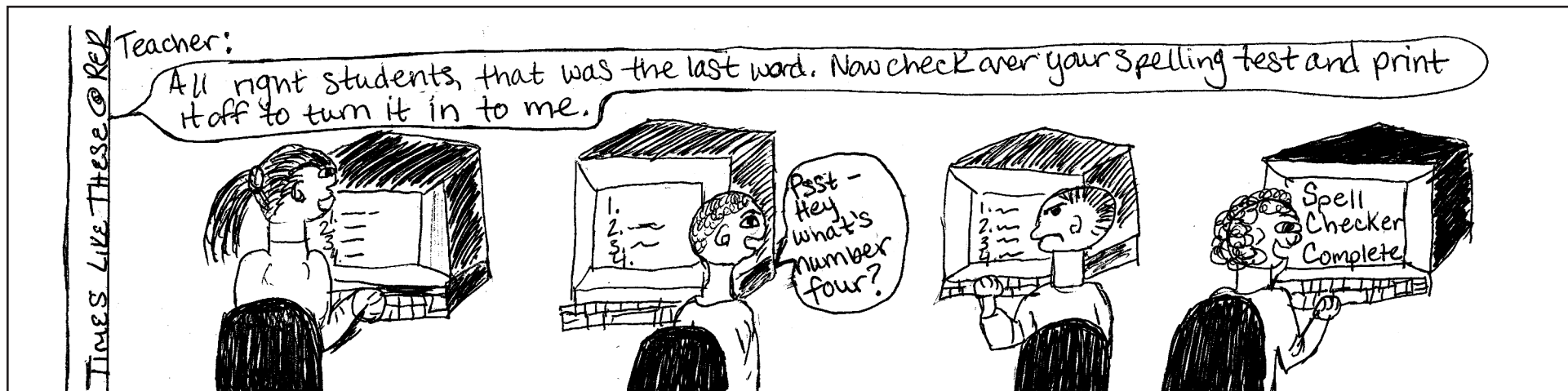
When a woman is pregnant—planned or unplanned—the decision to keep or terminate her baby/fetus is also dependent on class. The Johnson & Johnson commercial tagline of "Having a Baby Changes Everything" is indeed truthful. Raising children to adulthood is incredibly expensive with costs easily exceeding \$400,000 for modest or low-income women. These costs increase substantially if the parent(s) plan on helping their child get a college degree.

In certain developing nations there is tremendous level of pressure put upon women to abort girls. Girls are seen as a burden, and boys, a blessing. In societies where gender violence and discrimination are more accepted, you see gender-selective abortions.

The polarized politics of abortion make for good theatrics but are too detached from the substantive issues behind most abortions: poverty, economics and gender inequality. It is these social problems that encourage women to have abortions and narrow their choices. Ignore these problems and abortion becomes something that bitterly divides us.

So, to all pro-life and pro-choice students reading this, I say to you: Join forces to campaign for the right to education, health care, housing and freedom from all forms of violence, oppression and discrimination. The politics of abortion need not be a never-ending struggle between well-meaning people.

Will you get educated? Email Brown at browne@mnstate.edu.



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- Nikki Eissinger, CAB outreach coordinator

Driving south for social couth

Campus Activities Board plans a trip to the Twin Cities for fun, shopping

By CHARLES ENGLAR
Staff Writer

Campus Activities Board is planning an all-day trip to the Twin Cities on Feb. 10 to give students a break from the rigors of everyday college life.

The trip is open to all students and faculty and will cost \$20 per individual.

The cost includes lunch at Christos, a Greek restaurant, a tour through the Minneapolis Institute of Art and the Underwater Adventures Tour.

Students and faculty will also have a few hours to roam the Mall of America for shopping and sightseeing.

"The purpose is both educational and for entertainment ... This trip is a great chance to travel with fun people to interesting places," Becky Boyle Jones, assistant director of activities and Greek life, said.

A professional staff will be accompanying the students, and since there will be free time, university policy will be in effect.

The cost of the trip is low, and the people at CAB want to make sure that anyone who wants to go has the chance.

"We want to provide an inexpensive way to get to the Cities and have a good time. We want students to experience things they do not get

to do every weekend in Moorhead," Nikki Eissinger, CAB outreach coordinator, said.

CAB will be using Valley Bus Service and a professional driver. The bus will be departing from the north side of CMU at 7 a.m. on Feb. 10 and will be departing from the Mall of America at 8 p.m. that same day.

The anticipated arrival time back in Moorhead is around midnight.

"If you were to take the trip on your own, it would cost much more.

"In addition, Underwater Adventure is ranked the number one shark experience in the world," Boyle Jones said.



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Two places participants will visit on the CAB trip to the Twin Cities are the Minneapolis Institute of Art and Mall of America. The Institute, top left, allows photography and features an encyclopedic collection of more than 100,000 objects spanning 5,000 years of world history. The world-famous Mall, top right, boasts the largest number of store vendors in the U.S. It also houses the Park at MOA (formerly Camp Snoopy) and Underwater World, which participants will also visit along with Christos Greek Restaurant. The trip takes place on Feb. 10 and will last all day, including drives to and from the Twin Cities. The fee for the trip is \$20.

With all the other activities included, \$20 is a very good price.

If there are any additional questions, e-mail Eissinger at essinni@mnstate.edu and

Becky Boyle Jones at boyle@mnstate.edu, or call the CAB office at (218) 477-2262.

"This is directed towards students who cannot usually afford the trip, who don't have

access to a car, or who just want to get off campus for a bit. Everyone is invited, faculty included," Eissinger said.

Englar can be reached at englstr9@aol.com.

Artsy Alternatives

Reading

Corrick Center professor Yahya Frederickson will read from his recent collection of poetry, "Returning to Water" at 8 p.m. today (Thursday) at The Spirit Room. Copies of "Returning to Water" will be available for purchase. This reading is free and open to the public.

Theatre—Final Weekend

The Tin Roof Theatre Company presents a production of Sam Shepard's Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Buried Child" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday 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

MSUM will host a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday in the Center for the Arts Gallery. This event is in honor of sculptor Cedar Marie and drawer Erin Holscher Almazan's duo exhibit now on display.

Talent Show

At 6:30 p.m. Friday at Cheney Middle School in West Fargo, the West Fargo Park District will host local contestants performing in a variety of artistic and creative ways. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for youth 7 to 17 years of age and free for anyone younger than 7 years of age. For more information call (701) 433-5360 or visit www.WF-Parks.org.

Lecture

Holocaust survivor David Faber will give a lecture at 7 p.m. Friday in the NDSU Festival Concert hall. Faber survived eight Nazi concentration camps and witnessed the Nazi murders of his family. Faber's book, "Because of Romek: A Holocaust Survivor's Memoir" is required reading at many schools.

Dancing Lessons

Northern Lights Ballroom Dance Club will host a line waltz lesson and dancing to DJ Lute Simley from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday in the NDSU Student Union Ballroom.

Red Weather calls for submissions

Advocate staff reports

Red Weather, MSUM's campus literary magazine, is considering submissions of short fiction, creative nonfiction, personal essays, drama, poetry and graphics for its spring 2007 issue.

Current MSUM undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff and alumni are invited to submit their best work.

For prose, entrants can submit up to two short stories, creative nonfiction, or personal essays at a 3500-word limit per piece. They can submit up to three flash fiction pieces with a 500-word limit per piece. Plays are also limited to two per entrant.

Students and staff are asked to please review and spell check their work before submitting. All hard copy submissions should be typed, double-spaced and on one side of paper only.

Red Weather will edit prose using standard spelling and punctuation usage, unless edi-

tors are notified to do otherwise.

For poetry, entrants can submit up to five poems in any style. No poem should be more than two pages in length.

Poetry submissions will be printed as submitted.

For graphics, entrants can submit up to five original black and white photos or graphics and artwork.

First place prizes of \$25 will be awarded to best short story and the best poem by an undergraduate, and the best short story and poem by a graduate student.

All entries are by blind submission: the author's name cannot appear on the manuscript. Send entries formatted as a .doc Word document. Include your name, address and phone number in the body of the e-mail. Write "fiction," "poetry," "drama," "nonfiction" or "graphic" in the header. E-mail them to rweather@mnstate.edu.

The deadline for submissions is Feb. 2.

'In Our Family' joins Hjemkomst Center through Mar. 31

Advocate staff reports

Now through Mar. 31 the Heritage Hjemkomst Interpretive Center in Moorhead will be hosting a new exhibit titled "In Our Family: Portraits of All Kinds of Families."

Featuring photographs by Gigi Kaeser and interviews edited by Peggy Gillespie and Rebekah Boyd, "In Our Family" celebrates the diversity of family life in 21st century America.

The exhibit especially highlights single-parent families, living with physical or mental challenges, immigrant families, adoptive, foster, divorced families, gay and lesbian-parented families, step-families, multiracial, multi-generational and many others in the family circle.

Designed for audiences of all ages from early childhood to adults, "In Our Family" challenges stereotypes and helps dismantle prejudice by celebrating and affirming differences of all kinds.

It is the exhibit's hope that the positive and realistic photographs, along with the candid interviews with family members of all ages, will affirm an inclusive and expansive vision of family life today.

In collaboration with area organizations, the Heritage Center will also host a Tuesday night lecture series to accompany this highly praised exhibit. Programming topics will include blended families, homelessness, aging parents and military families, among other subjects.

Viewing information, interviews and other information about "In Our Family" is available at www.familydiv.org.

While the lecture series is free and open to the public, regular admission to the Hjemkomst Center is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and college students, \$4 for children (5-17 years) and free for children younger than 4.

General admission includes the opportunity to view films, participate in a guided tour of the Hopperstad Stave Church Replica, view the Hjemkomst Viking Ship and access to current temporary exhibitions.

"In Our Family" Lecture Series

All lectures will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Heritage Hjemkomst Interpretive Center.

Jan. 30

"Homelessness and Families" Presented by Sara Kearns, YMCA

Feb. 6

"Why We Can't (and Shouldn't) Parent Our Parents" Presented by Carolyn Bradley, author of "Minding Our Elders."

Feb. 13

"More Than Yellow Ribbons" Presented by Penny Dale, Minnesota Extension Service and Moorhead Community Education

Feb. 20

"Orphans to Openness: The Historical Impact of Adoption on Birthparents and Families" Presented by Julie Kloster, Village Family Service Center

Feb. 27

"Immigrant/Refugee Families" Presented by Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota

Mar. 6

"Foster Care Provides Children Participation in Community and Family Life" Presented by Bobbie Geiger and Nancy Horton, PATH ND

Mar. 13

"Teen Decision-Making about Risky Behavior: Parents and Teens Working Together" Presented by Ellie McCann, University of Minnesota Extension

Mar. 20

"Families living with Disabilities" Presented by Bruce and Maryjane Rivard, and Candace Richards, the Arc

Mar. 27

"Unaccompanied Minors Program/Caregiver Grief" Potentially presented by Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota and Hospice of the Red River Valley

The center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call (218) 299-5511.

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WRESTLING

Showing heart on and off mat

After competing in a much-anticipated duel during the week, players spent the weekend lending a hand at a youth wrestling tournament

By **LUKE HAGEN**

Staff Writer

The Dragon wrestlers gave a helping hand and heart on Sunday at the annual Dragon Youth Open.

Boys aged kindergarten to sixth grade from the Fargo-Moorhead area competed in the open at Nemzek. The MSUM wrestlers helped with the fundraiser by refereeing the matches and working scoring tables.

"It really helps out the wrestling team a lot. I also like getting people here to see where our team wrestles. If those little kids wrestle here and get a poster and a trophy, maybe someday they'll want to come here instead of going somewhere else," head coach Keenan Spiess said.

Senior captain Kyle Trout says since he's pursuing a coaching degree, he enjoys helping out at the two or three tournaments the Dragons put on each season.

"I love helping out the little kids. I like seeing them prog-



JON LAMBERT / THE ADVOCATE

Dragon wrestler Nathan Roemer referees for a youth tournament just two days after the team hosted a duel against No. 3 nationally ranked Minnesota State-Mankato. The youth tournament was open to boys in kindergarten to sixth grade as a fundraiser for the varsity team. Players volunteered their time by reffing, running the clock, keeping score, organizing the setup and cleaning up.

ress and get better. It's fun to know I might be helping them turn into future champions," Trout said.

The wrestlers really showed their heart on the mat in their duel against Minnesota State-Mankato. The Dragons

wrestled through every match against the third nationally ranked Mavericks, not giving up one pin.

MSUM kept the duel close but lost eight of 10 matches. Sophomore Tyler Tubbs started off the night with a win for the Dragons at the 174-pound weight class, but MSUM didn't see another head-to-head win all night.

The only other win came from Casey Dschaak when Mankato forfeited at 125 pounds.

The big match of the night was senior captain Nathan Baker, 165, who was ranked No. 1 in the nation against Andy Pickar of Mankato who was ranked No. 2 in the nation.

The score was 3-1 in favor a Pickar with less than 30 seconds remaining in the third period. Baker got an escape with time expiring, but because he had more than one minute riding time, he got an extra point and sent the match into overtime.

Baker didn't take advantage of the overtime, though; he lost the match 6-4, and the team lost the duel 25-9.

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PROFILE

Jones's sticky hands grab All-American honors

By **LUKE HAGEN**

Staff Writer

The last time a first team All-American came from the MSUM football team was in 1999, when Adam Vossen made the elite club. Sophomore starting safety Josh Jones will now join Vossen in its prestigious ranks.

Jones was named to the 2006 Daktronics Division II All-American team this year because of his excellent play on defense. Jones not only set a single-season record for interceptions for the Dragons with 10, but tied a single game record of three in one game versus Concordia College in the Power Bowl to kick off the year.

"After the Concordia game when I had three (interceptions), I told myself I wanted to go for the season record," Jones said.

Another individual award Jones received was being named to Don Hansen's Football Gazette 2006 NCAA

Division II All-Northwest Region First Team.

Jones wasn't the only Dragon that made the All-Northwest first team.

Senior defensive end Mark Majerus also earned the honor.

When MSUM was looking for a more permanent head football coach, Jones was a part of the search committee. He said it was a tough spot to be put in at times because he felt some of the candidates were getting treated unfairly. The decision to hire head coach Damon Tomeo was the right one according to Jones

JOSH JONES

- 165 pound, 5 foot 10 starting safety from Carson, Calif.

- Recruited away from such Division I prospects as Arizona State, Nevada and California after first visit to MSUM.

- Scored on a blocked punt in the endzone and an interception return in his first season with the Dragons.

- Tied for the lead in the NCAA Division II is past season with 10 interceptions.



CARY KNUDSON / THE ADVOCATE

Behind the facemask of a football helmet, Josh Jones is seen in his natural environment. Tying for the lead in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference for interceptions and tying the Dragon record for a single-season record, Jones has now entered the record books again.

because, "It will be for the best of the team. Going from 1-9 to 6-5 was a huge accomplishment," Jones said.

Jones was the sixth leading tackler on the Dragon team (41 total, 25 solo) and even scored a touchdown on a 72-

yard fumble recovery in the homecoming game.

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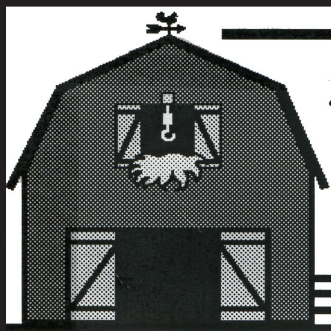
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E-mail supposed to get faster New server should speed things up by end of spring break

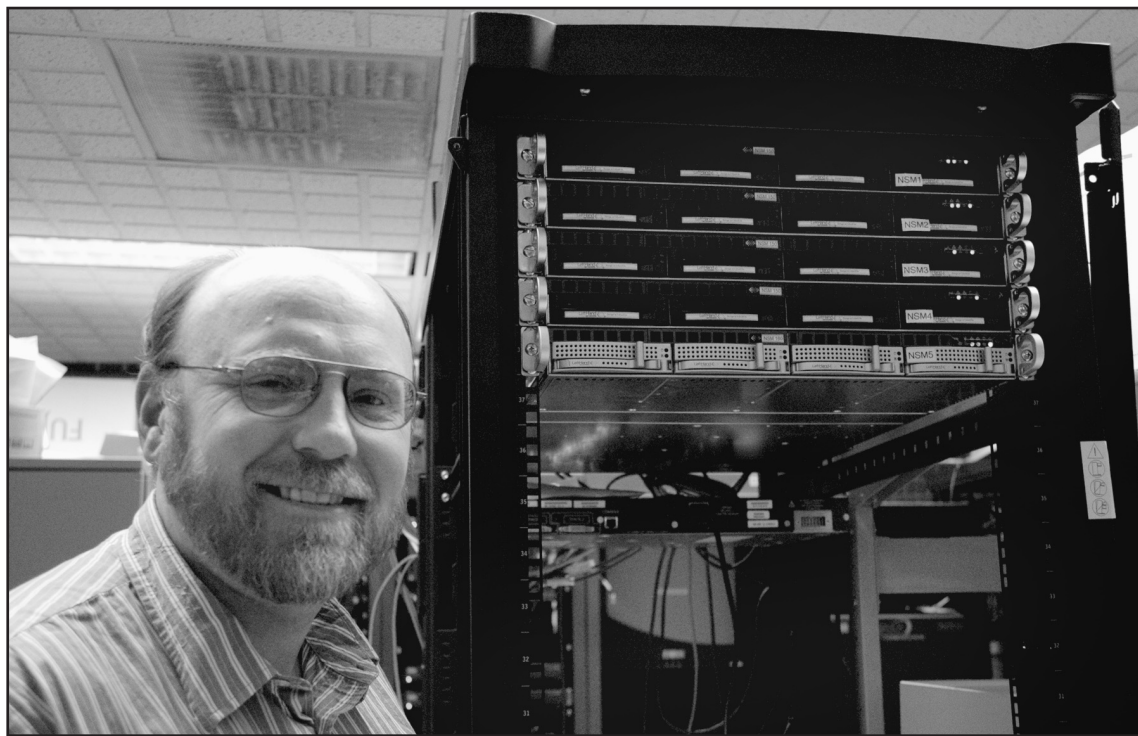
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A new e-mail server installed by the information technology department has improved the system's storage capabilities and overall reliability, according to Bryan Kotta, IT system manager.

The server has doubled the e-mail capacity for students, faculty and staff and should eventually increase the system's speed. The server is called an iSCSI (pronounced "I-scuzy") storage area network or SAN. It was installed in August 2005 and has been tweaked since.

"We set up a whole new e-mail environment," Kotta said. Previously, the university's e-mail files were stored on one server, but the iSCSI SAN holds information in DragonMail inboxes on a stacked group of four storage modules.

"Basically, you have a bunch of disks," Kotta said about how storage works. "Which could be in this computer, could be in another computer, could be anywhere, right? But put them into this format, where they're in a device that has software and also hardware, that controls them in a smarter manner, then that



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Bryan Kotta, information technology system manager, stands next to an iSCSI SAN—or a fairly new e-mail server for campus. Kotta hopes to enhance the e-mail system's speed and cut down on spam.

embellishes what you can do with them."

The new server should increase the speed of DragonMail. "Unless we get inundated with a bunch of other work or things change, the plan is to implement it over spring break. So, when students come back from spring break, people will hopefully have more speed," Kotta said. "It should improve by factors of three or four."

Kotta also hopes to cut down on spam messages by the end of spring break.

Most problems that have arisen from the new server have been attributable to a learning curve for the people who use it, Kotta said. "The more we learn how to use it, it works more smoothly," said Marc Holland, who installed the server with Kotta.

The pair, along with now-graduate Kellan Damm and

student Andy Walker, considered many possibilities before deciding on the iSCSI SAN option.

"We could have stuck with the old way of doing business, but no one liked that," Kotta said. He and Holland considered other systems, including one at St. Cloud State University. Once they decided, they installed the server in three months.

"Not a comfortable situation

to be in," Holland said about the time they had to start up the server. "But we did it."

Kotta said the old system lacked storage capabilities, and to improve it would be cost-prohibitive. The new system cost \$104,000, coming from a university allocation. Kotta said the server should last into the 10-year range.

Holland and Kotta credit their student counterparts in researching much of the project while they mainly set goals. "They were crucial," Kotta said. "If we wouldn't have had student employees there, we wouldn't have got everything done." The IT department is small in staff-to-user ratio, Kotta said, and students like Damm and Walker are integral to its business.

"The key factor here was reliability, more storage and cost-effective," Kotta said about the server. Although one day in late November saw the e-mail stop working due to a problem with the radius server, one of the tools supporting the iSCSI SAN, Kotta said the system is few on failures. "The management of it is just so slick," he said.

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CHASM, FROM FRONT

Both groups, according to interviews conducted, see the media as being influential on their perceptions of each other.

One media outlet constantly mentioned by interviewees was Black Entertainment Television, an American cable network targeted at black audiences in the U.S. BET airs majority hip-hop and R&B videos, many of which feature scantily clad women enthralled by black male rap artists displaying an abundance of wealth.

This is one reason why

Ahmed believes the two groups have tension.

"It's almost a jealously thing," he said. "Some black Africans see African-Americans on television with all this jewelry and wealth and think that all blacks don't live that bad."

Ahmed, who spent eight months in Durban, South Africa, noted that during his time abroad he learned that hip-hop culture was lionized by certain Africans.

Hankel has seen black African men in Fargo-Moorhead who assimilate to the hip-hop cul-

ture. "I think when a lot of African men come to the U.S., they get a thug mentality," she said.

Despite a negative nightclub experience in which three African men spoke to Hankel lewdly, one even touching her indecently, she remains friends with Shiundu and knows all black Africans aren't resentful toward her.

"We need to understand our cultural differences more and communicate more," she said.

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NUMBERS, FROM FRONT

"There's a higher number of people who speak Spanish," Smith said.

The total enrollment in Spanish is about 300 students, according to Smith. There is a decrease in 100- and 200-level classes.

John Hall, Spanish professor, said there was a new Spanish major implemented this year for freshmen that ensures students will graduate much more prepared.

"The new major is a great improvement, but it will be difficult to implement the way things are going," Hall said. "We'll need more (teachers)."

When enrollment is down, fewer classes are offered. According to Enz Finken, it is a difficult process of figuring out how many students will enroll for certain classes and not others.

"Students may express desire to be in a class, but on the first day, where are they?" said Smith regarding the difficulties of adding new classes.

Then, the question pops up about what to do when there are too many students in classes due to the lower amount of classes offered.

According to Hall, it is important to have fewer students in a Spanish class because frequent participation is essential in

order to improve proficiency. "The more students in a class, the less individual attention the students can have," he said.

During fall 2006, Spanish 301 had 30 students in a class that is writing intensive and grading intensive. Smith could have stopped the class at 20, but he let other students in because they had to take it.

"It's going to burn teachers out," Hall said.

According to Enz Finken, the program is more structured, but it will take about two years to get it figured out. She hopes to develop more study abroad opportunities with specific programs.

"Viva español!" or "Long live Spanish," Smith said.

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