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Economy woes impact students

Alternative loan options change in credit crunch

By **BILL ROHLA**
Staff Writer

The current economic crisis has many people worrying about their mortgages, retirement plans and their credit.

The crisis causes concern for those on Wall Street, but the problems with the economy also impact students, especially those who already are having trouble making ends meet.

Alternative student loans, those not issued by the federal government, are one of the first programs affecting students that is impacted by the credit crunch. As of August 2007, over 33 private lenders have stopped issuing these alternative student loans, according to www.finaid.org.

Students who have taken out federal loans can breathe a sigh of relief, according to Carolyn Zehren, director of financial aid.

MSUM participates in the Federal Direct Student Loan Program (FDSL), which are secure from the financial fallout on Wall Street that has

affected many private lenders.

Zehren explains that the source of funding for the federal loan program comes from the U.S. Department of Education, who is not involved with financial institutions affected by the economic downfall.

"They are in the program for the long haul, our federal loans are secure," Zehren said.

Some alternative loans, which many students turn to after they have reached the limits on their federal loans, will be affected.

One such alternative loan program is the Federal Family Education Loans (FFEL).

Professor of economics, Dr. Vernon Dobis explains the loan is a program in which private lenders loan money to students through their colleges, state or a non-profit guarantee agency.

"It is the private sources of funding that could experience some funding problems," Dobis said.

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CHRIS ERICKSON / THE ADVOCATE

Senior Rachel Sans was crowned queen Oct. 2 at Homecoming coronation in Weld. Senior Kyle Price (not pictured) was crowned king.

Royalty reigns at Homecoming

By **ANNA GEORGE**
Staff Writer

Seniors Kyle Price and Rachael Sans were not expecting to be crowned king and queen during MSUM's 2008 Homecoming week, but both felt honored when they were.

"I am very proud to be queen," Sans said. "I just hope people look at me as a role model and a leader."

"It's a good honor to represent the school," Price said. "Both Rachael and I are great examples of students that

have applied themselves and are doing what the university would say, 'This is what we want everybody to do.'"

Sans is majoring in elementary and early childhood education. Price is majoring in chemical physics.

While Sans and Price are attending classes, both are involved in many organizations, one which nominated each of them onto the Homecoming court.

Sans is involved in Student Orientation Counselors (SOCs), cheerleading and com-

petition, Habitat for Humanity, paraprofessional, as well as the organization that nominated her, Dragon Ambassadors.

Sans said she became involved in Dragon Ambassadors by seeing the banner hanging in the CMU.

She explains that Dragon Ambassadors are the president's assistants.

"We go to activities around campus wearing red blazers and supporting MSUM," she said.

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New alcohol policy takes effect

By **MATT LEINGANG**
Staff Writer

A new policy will allow alcohol to be served at certain non-student and private events on-campus.

MSUM vice president of Student Affairs Warren Wiese explained that the policy will primarily be exercised at alumni, fundraising and private events, including wedding receptions held in the CMU ballroom.

The policy was enacted to generate revenue for the university.

"The campus increases its revenue potential by allowing off-campus entities to come in, use our space and (be able to) serve alcohol," Wiese said.

In the past, private events held on-campus were not permitted to serve alcohol. This deterred certain parties looking to rent the CMU ballroom. Under the old policy, something as simple as a champagne toast could not be made at a wedding.

MSUM became the last state university in Minnesota to alter their alcohol policy. A decision made by MnSCU more than 10 years ago made it legal for campuses to serve alcohol at non-student events. This decision was paralleled by the Moorhead City Council last month.

Students have expressed mixed feelings over the new policy.

"I personally think that if they're old enough it's fine. It's

not like (the school) is trying to promote alcohol," sophomore Kaitlyn Funk said.

Weise said, "Any time that alcohol gets brought into the conversation on-campus there's a wide variety of opinions.. (The policy enables) a specific band of events that support the fundraising and the revenue stream for the institution. It has much more to do with that and complementing those programs and events that would bring that kind of activity to the campus. Also, it shows a responsible use of alcohol in very limited quantities."

MSUM has contracted alcohol purchases, distribution and any liabilities involving the serving of alcohol on campus to the campus food service,

Sodexo.

Currently, Sodexho is taking necessary steps to become compliant with MnSCU and City of Moorhead codes. This includes purchasing a liquor license and insurance.

The first event to employ the policy is not yet scheduled, but is expected to occur sometime in late fall.

"The benefits financially will be good for the institution," Wiese said, "Like learning any new thing, we'll have to take it pretty slow and deliberate at first before we figure out all the details, but I think it will be a good thing for campus to do it this way."

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Eurospring deadline approaching

Eurospring, a 12-credit program consisting of five weeks of study in Oxford, England and three weeks of travel throughout Europe, has a sign-up deadline of Oct. 31. After that date, space at Wycliffe Hall will be released to another group. There are eight spaces left.

For further information, stop by Flora Frick 153 or check out the Web site at www.mnstate.edu/intl (click on study abroad, and then on MSUM programs) or call 477-4389.

Join the theatre trip to New York

MSUM Theatre Arts announces its annual New York Theatre Tour. Running from March 17 to March 22, 2009, the tour will be led by Craig Ellingson. The tour originates in Fargo-Moorhead, but departures from other cities can be arranged.

The cost of the ground portion of the tour will be \$1,450 per person for quad rooms. For more information contact Craig Ellingson at 477-4617 or ellngson@mnstate.edu.

Have a successful college experience

The Academic Resource Office (ARO) is offering College Success Workshops this semester.

All sessions are at 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays in CMU 203.

The Oct. 15 meeting will discuss the topic of exploring majors.

Listen to 80-piece symphony

The 80-piece University Symphony Orchestra celebrates 45 years of orchestra at MSUM with "Incurable Romantics."

The program of Romantic-period works features guest artist Jihye Chang performing Robert Schumann's Piano Concerto.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, in Hansen Theatre.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for seniors and students. Tickets may be purchased at the MSUM Box Office or in advance by calling 477-2271.

Don't forget fall break

Reminder that next Monday and Tuesday are faculty in-service days. No classes.

Don't miss Debate-Watch 2008

The MSUM chapter of Society of Professional Journalists will host a DebateWatch from 8 to 10 p.m. on Oct. 15 in SL 104. This event hopes to bring together people to watch the debate between Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. John McCain.


Afterward, those who have gathered to watch the debate on a big screen will discuss what they saw and heard from the candidates.

Food and refreshments will be provided.

Hop in with Ride-Share

For those looking for a ride home on the weekends or for those who are looking for someone to ride with them and share the cost of gas, Ride-Share has a solution. Ride-Share is an effort to organize car pooling among the area colleges. Check out the tri-college Ride-Share board at www.tri-college.org

Click on the tri-college link: TCU online ride board.



SECURITY UPDATE

Director of Campus Security Michael Parks

Parking lot assault

BY LESLIE WOOD

Staff writer

Comfy couch

At 7:30 a.m. on Oct. 1, an intoxicated male non-student was found by campus security in the CMU lounge.

The male was unsteady on his feet. He was escorted off campus and picked up by the Moorhead Police Department.

Punched out window

At 10:46 p.m. on Oct. 3, two intoxicated males were wrestling in Nelson. During the rough play one male punched their hand through a window.

Campus security recommended he obtain treatment at the hospital. His hand required four stitches.

Tissue issue

At 2 a.m. on Oct. 2, a toilet paper dispenser was torn from the wall of a library bathroom.

The dispenser was placed in the second floor computer lab. No person has been apprehended for the offense.

Underage drinking

At 1:56 a.m. on Oct. 4, an RA in East Snarr called campus security about a drinking violation. Four students were given citations for underage consumption.

Domestic violence in parking lot

At 2:20 a.m. on Oct. 3, a car was parked in the middle of the V2 lot. Campus security investigated and found a domestic fight occurring in the vehicle. Security detained the male and female. The male was arrested for a DUI and domestic assault by the Moorhead Police Department. The female was sent to detox.

Disruptive weekend

During the last weekend there were reports made at 12:30 a.m., 1:30 a.m. and 2:30 a.m. about disruptive drinking and music on 14th Avenue.

Michael Parks requests that students be respectful of students living in the residence halls. Also, that relocation would be safer and less disruptive to the students.


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Pro-life speaker to visit campus

Former pro-choice advocate Karen Shablin talks about abortion

By MATT HOPPER

Staff Writer

Feminists for Life activist Karen Shablin will speak about abortion at MSUM Wednesday.

The lecture, "Abortion: A Betrayal of Feminism," promises to address both the impact of health care policymaking on abortion and the family cap in welfare reform.

Shablin witnessed the implementation of such policies as a Medicaid director for the state of New Jersey.

One past "mistake" in particular heavily underscores her professional lecture. That's because Shablin made the decision to have an abortion earlier in her life.

According to the Feminists for Life Web site, Shablin said, "I can't undo my mistakes over the years—having an abortion, advocating abortion. But I can help others learn from my mistakes. Every life counts."

MSUM's Collegians for Life is sponsoring the lecture. Allison Keller, a member of the group, feels that abortion is a topic that should concern

everyone.

"Whether one believes that abortion should be a choice or not, it should never be the only choice," Keller said. "However many pregnant college students are made to feel like they have no choice but to get an abortion if they want to stay in school. A person should never have to feel coerced into a decision like this."

Adam Isaak, vice-chair of the Campus Freethought Alliance, sees the lecture as an opportunity to open a dialogue about different ideas.

"I think, really, what is most important when dealing with this type of issue is to get people to reflect on it," Isaak said. "The best way to voice your disagreement with any claim is not to stifle the claim from being made but rather to respond to the claim with a more reasonable argument."

Feminists for Life organized the lecture as a part of their

“ Many pregnant college students are made to feel like they have no choice but to get an abortion if they want to stay in school. A person should never have to feel coerced into a decision like this.

Allison Keller
Collegians for Life

College Outreach Program. The program's purpose is to inform pregnant students of their options, and to promote the development of campus-based student service offices for pregnant or parenting students.

Shablin's visit occurs at the midway point of the "40 days of life" pro-life campaign in Fargo, although the campaign is unrelated to the nonsectarian FFL organization.

Protestors flocked to Fargo's Red River Women's Clinic, an abortion center, on Sept. 25. The anti-abortion campaign chose North Dakota's last remaining abortion center in an attempt to "create an abortion free zone and encourage other states to follow suit."

Red River Women's Clinic director Tammi Kromenaker announced their clinic's record numbers last week. If the clinic sees about the 1,238 patients



they had last year, they could surpass the 1,358 record number set in 2003.

Kromenaker cited the economy and the fact that college students can't get subsidized birth control as reasons for the raising abortion numbers.

Karen Shablin's lecture, "Abortion: A Betrayal of Feminism," will be held Oct. 15th at 7:30 pm in CMU 101.

For more information about the Feminists for Life College Outreach Program, visit their Web site at feministsforlife.org.

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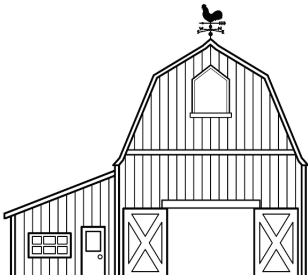
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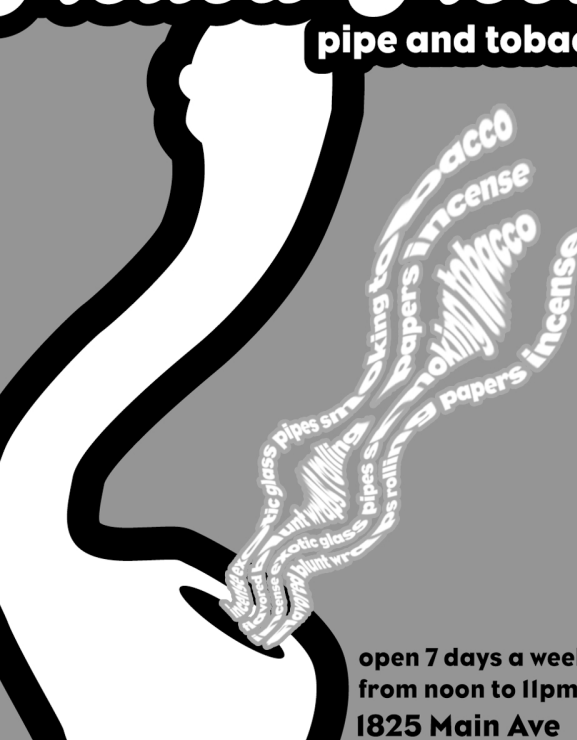
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By **MICHAEL JOHNSON**

Features Editor

"Venus should be coming up soon," Lois Altenburg said.

"There it is," David Weinrich said, looking to the western sky that still glowed from the setting sun.

A large crowd of star seekers squinted their eyes but failed to see the planet until the sky darkened further.

Weinrich, MSUM's planetary director, is also a member of the FM Astronomy Club and has been coming to the Buffalo River State Park since 1984 to watch the night sky.

He has an eye for seeing constellations before anyone else. In fact, he recently won an award for identifying the most obscure systems in the sky among other members of the International Astronomers Club. Weinrich is in the running for president of the club.

What a large group of appreciative viewers at Buffalo River State Park have discovered is that sitting on the outskirts of Fargo-Moorhead offers some of the best viewing of our moon in the world. They attribute this to the non-



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Bernie Altenburg, upper left, and his granddaughter Sophia prepare their telescope for an evening of star-gazing at the Buffalo River State Park. Right: Telescopes, like this Dobsonian, lined the grass prairie.

polluted skies, but the friendly atmosphere doesn't hurt.

On Friday evening, the members of the Fargo-Moorhead Astronomy Club as well as about 50 other stargazers from the area chilled under the cloud-free sky next to the Buffalo River State Park interpretive site as part of the family event, "Our Moon." It turned out to be a perfect evening for looking at the moon, stars, galaxies and cosmos.

Altenburg and her husband

are both members of the FM Astronomy Club and arrived among the field of telescopes with their granddaughter Sophia at dusk.

"What a great night for stargazing," Altenburg said.

First the moon became vis-



ible, then Venus and Jupiter

became clear, as well as others

by the minute. Each telescope

became fixed

on a planet

and everyone

present took

turns looking

at the unique

characteristics

of each. A group of grade

school students stood stupe-

fied at Jupiter's rings and its

three moons shining brightly

through the lens.

Shawn Johnston, secre-

tary and treasurer of the FM

Astronomy Club, demon-

strated the use of his reflector

telescope.

"The telescope is not used

so much for magnifying as

gathering light

to brighten an

image," Johnston

said.

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Johnston, the

magnification

is deter- mined by the

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Sophomore starts MSUM Jewish Club

Rothberg spent nine months studying Judaism in Israel

By KIM EHRLICH

Staff Writer

"People have this place that they go once a week and it's special to them. It brings them a sense of community and common bonds and it unites them and everything. Well, I didn't have that. So I was searching for that," sophomore Eric Rothberg said.

Rothberg, the son of a converted Jewish mother and a Jewish father, found his own path to religion in his early teens.

"I started going and reading up about Judaism and learning Hebrew and it was just so fascinating to me and it gave me so much purpose," Rothberg said. "At the time in my life when I was beginning to get into this, I was just partying with friends. I felt like I didn't have very much direction."

Rothberg started taking the four-hour drive over to Minneapolis-St. Paul to attend synagogue every one or two months. He began studying Hebrew, a language taught to many Jewish children, and exploring the Jewish religion.

Rothberg eventually got connected with the United Synagogue Youth Organization and began taking spiritual trips throughout the city with them. Through USYO he got involved in the Native Program, which allowed him to travel to Israel during his last years in high school.

"This was the time when I would take upon myself to study these people and get involved with it, and it became an addiction, and I couldn't



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Sophomore Eric Rothberg studied Judaism in Israel with 100 other high school graduates for nine months. He started the MSUM Jewish Club to share what he learned from the experience and to help others who may be struggling with faith, the way he once did.

stop studying about different people and languages," Rothberg said.

Rothberg went on the program with 100 other high school graduates and spent nine months in Israel. He took college level courses at Hebrew University in language and culture. He had a hard

time, however, identifying with the other members of his group. While abroad, he spent a lot of the time studying different cultures and how they connected with Judaism.

"I sort of rebelled against

Judaism and the order of the program and the social hierarchy; I thought I would do Judaism in my own sort of way," he said.

He integrated himself into the community and eventually had his bar mitzvah, a Jewish coming of age ceremony. He volunteered teaching English in Yerham, Israel, and helped clean up the city.

When he returned to the U.S., Rothberg decided to attend MSUM to study a variety of things, and not just the singular study of Judaism and Hebrew, a path many others like him choose to focus on.

But instead of keeping what he experienced to himself, Rothberg has decided to help others with what he learned.

"Having been in Israel I would be strong enough to start my own sort of group, helping people find their way where I've been, where I've struggled. How could I make an impact? Maybe this could be my impact here," Rothberg said.

The newly formed Jewish Club will allow Jewish students to participate in events important to the religion. The coming event, Sukkot, involves the building of a hut, meant to represent the 40 years the Israelites spent wandering the desert and how God provided for them.

The first meeting at 2:30 on Friday and will outline a plan to make one of these for the event.

The club and events are open to anyone in the community who wants to join.

Ehrlich can be reached at ehrllichki@mnstate.edu

MSUM Jewish Club

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New policy allows alcohol on campus but only for specific, official events

With the expected \$3.2 million deficit for next year, not many students would argue that increasing fund-raising at MSUM is a bad thing.

The new policy that allows alcohol on campus for events like wedding receptions, alumni celebrations and possible “wine tastings” serves as a new source for money-making events on campus.

The policy does raise the question, however, of whether it sends a mixed message to the student body.

Starting three years ago, after a series of unfortunate incidents on campus, MSUM changed policies to reach out to students who might engage in binge drinking.

The university spent money on research as to just how much this was a problem. Then, more money was spent on developing a one-credit course for incoming freshman on alcohol awareness.

Eliminating the “dry-campus” policy would, no doubt, be a mistake. One compromise could be to allow for tailgating at Dragon football games.

Tailgating at the Fargodome for Bison football games brings out a lot of people. People are drawn to the games because they are allowed to support the team in whatever way they see fit, and in this case, that means tailgating.

Comparing MSUM to Division I NDSU could seem like a stretch, but allowing the practice at MSUM could potentially increase crowds at the Dragons football games, which could increase interest in the school itself.

As it is, students may think they are being treated as though only older adults can make responsible choices towards drinking. Much of our student body is of legal drinking age, will they be allowed to drink at these events if invited?

Will students of legal age be allowed to attend these events and drink, or will that privilege only be extended to former students?

It is understandable that the university would try new options to raise money and fundraisers are definately more attractive than increasing tuition.

However, it’s possible that some students could see the introduction of this policy as a double standard instituted to benefit the administration.

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Opposing Viewpoints

What is your candidate’s stance on the economy?

Al Winmill
for John McCain

John McCain is the better candidate when it comes to the economy.

McCain has the experience needed to get our country out of the economic trouble we’re in, which is one of the greatest concerns of most Americans today. Barack Obama plans to raise taxes on corporations and the oil industry, which seems like a great idea except for one thing: it won’t affect these companies.

They will simply pass the extra burden on to us, as users of their products. The McCain-Palin ticket also supports utilizing our country’s own energy resources, including drilling to access our billions of barrels of oil reserves to cut back on dependence on foreign oil, therefore helping to reduce the cost of fueling our vehicles.

With increased drilling for oil, Americans will see new jobs opening up, which also means increased tax revenue to state and federal governments because people will actually have jobs and spend the money they’re making.

Oil is a huge factor in our economy, considering the amount of fuel used by government agencies, airlines and the transportation industry alone. In addition to supporting drilling the oil in our own backyard, McCain supports clean and safe coal and nuclear energy utilization.

His energy plans are simply better suited to help our country for many years to come. McCain has also vowed to put a stop to proposed taxes on e-mail and text messages, an issue that should be a concern of anyone who uses either of these services.

Although he doesn’t use a Blackberry or write many e-mails, McCain is a strong supporter of e-commerce and the economy of the Internet in America.

Lastly, McCain has never asked for money for earmarks in his career, while Obama has requested \$390 million for earmark projects—a pretty selfish decision considering our economy’s condition during Obama’s short career as a senator.

Heath Butrum
for Barack Obama

The current state of our economy proves we need a change of policy.

For eight years we have watched George W. Bush and John McCain give to the top and tell us prosperity would trickle down. It is now time for us to get the break. Our economy must be revitalized from bottom up.

Barack Obama will cut taxes for middle and working class families. A refundable tax credit will help lower income homes with immediate childcare costs. Strategic tax cuts for companies investing in American jobs, renewable energy and innovations will shift our thinking forward.

Oppositely, John McCain is deeply partisan in economic policy. He claims to be a maverick reformer but his running mate can think of no examples. Under his administration the Bush tax cuts would become permanent, corporate tax rates would be reduced and breaks for those earning over \$2.9 million would increase.

Senator Obama told Wall Street that the days of the robber baron are over. McCain stated recently that he does not regret deregulating Wall Street. He would continue down the path that has led us to our current debacle.

Obama’s administration will strive for a more equal world economy. In exchange for greater market access, other countries must reach environmental and fair labor standards. McCain favors free trade without oversight. As Sen. Byron Dorgan has said, “We need fair trade, not free trade.”

Blind deregulation and sporadic economic policy positions have proven the “maverick” is reckless with our nation’s financial future. He has proposed further deregulation of our health care system and supported George W. Bush’s attempt to hurl Social Security into our turbulent open market.

We must focus on relief for average Americans, build our infrastructure for the future and demand stronger regulation and oversight as is currently being proven in our markets. A vote for Barack Obama will move us forward.

Let’s talk about sex!

The Advocate has teamed up with Hendrix Health to answer students’ questions about sexual issues. Inquiries are published anonymously.

Why doesn’t Hendrix Health promote abstinence as a form of birth control? Well developed programs such as Natural Family Planning and The Creighton Model of Fertility can be just as effective as other forms of birth control.

Thank you for asking a thoughtful question about an important choice that most women sometime in their life will make: what type of birth control to use. Women choose their method of family planning for a variety of reasons including privacy of use, likelihood to comply and effectiveness.

Hendrix Health Center does not promote one specific method of birth control. Rather we offer all options. Natural Family Planning and the Creighton Model, when used correctly and diligently, can be effective methods of family planning.

Using these methods does require training. Hendrix medical staff has information on both NFP and the

Creighton model. If students are interested in either of those methods, they can schedule an appointment at the health center. Students can also go to health topics on the Hendrix Website, click on sexual health and then click on birth control options for more information.

The non-partisan National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy just released research which found that programs that provide information on both abstinence and contraceptives are the most effective in preventing unintended pregnancy.

For more information I would direct you to the following websites:

Natural Family Planning: www.ccli.org

Creighton Model: www.creightonmodel.com

Prevention of teen pregnancy: www.thenational-campaign.org

Carol Grimm,
Director of Health and Wellness MSUM

Correction: In the Oct. 2 issue of the Advocate, a portion of Ron Frannea’s letter to the editor was omitted. The sentence should have stated: “Now the members of the committee have decided to more than halve the request to install 11 smoking containers, and they want them placed on the edges of the university.”

Unlearning: progression to enlightenment

How much thought do you put into the things you believe in, and how did you come to your conclusions? What issues in the world are most important to you, and why? What do you think about politics, religion or for that matter, anything else?

Knowing why you believe in what you do is as important as holding those beliefs at all.

Unfortunately, it seems too many people fail to give adequate consideration to their convictions. There are plenty of reasons why that's the case. Everyone is too busy balancing more immediate obligations like school, work and



Ben Sailer

Columnist

spend any time thinking about anything bigger than ourselves. Sometimes it's just easier to accept what you've always been told.

But what if the people who've most influenced your beliefs your whole life, like your family, neighbors, teachers and so on, didn't get things right themselves?

What if it turns out you don't actually agree with everything you've been taught to be true?

Mark Twain once said: "In

religion and politics people's beliefs and convictions are in almost every case gotten at second-hand, and without examination, from authorities who have not themselves examined the questions at issue but have taken them at second-hand from others."

It's like everyone is playing one big game of "telephone."

However, things rarely ever change for the better on any level without someone first questioning the status quo.

While it would be foolish to suddenly abandon everything you've ever been raised to believe out of a reckless sense of rebellion, personal growth

and positive social progress are only made possible when we let go of our fear of potentially being proven wrong.

By constantly reevaluating our own beliefs, we stand to gain a better understanding not only of ourselves but of the human condition in general, leading us towards a greater level of tolerance, if not even acceptance, of social differences.

You can learn a lot by deconstructing what you think you already know.

Unlearning what you've learned?
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Move on for happiness, peace

As a result of a homework assignment I was left to consider what my favorite saying means to me. Over the years you hear a lot of sayings, but it was rather difficult to narrow it down to just one since there are so many that have influenced me.

For my assignment, however, I chose to go with an adage that I have loved since the first time I watched the timeless movie "Empire Records," "I do not regret the things I've done, but those I did not do."

Unfortunately, I am unable give credit where it is due, but for all intents and purposes I'll just say thank you to the character Mark for making the mistakes that prompted the expression.



Jenny Hilleren

Columnist

We all make errors at times, but I've come to learn that there is no sense in fretting over what is already done.

Why are we so hard on ourselves, insisting on beating ourselves up for a blunder? Rather than stewing over the matter, we should be able to say, "Oh darn, I probably shouldn't do that again."

There's nothing we can do about the past, except learn from it, but there is so much we can do with the present and the future if we learn to

embrace it. Each day we wake up we have the choice to make it a good day or a bad day.

It is no doubt that there will be a lack of control over certain things. There will be days that you forget to tighten the lid on your thermos, and as you're rushing to school it falls and spills all over your lap.

However, rather than letting the scalding coffee ruin your day, tighten the lid next time, and move on.

After all, the astute master turtle, Shifu, from "Kung Fu Panda," said, "Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. But today is a gift, and that is why it's called the present."

Found Happiness?
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Balancing Act

Katie Schroeffer

Columnist



For college students, it's a tough decision whether to have a job on top of our own full-time commitment to college. We never know how much study time will be needed for each of our classes, or if the standard two hours study time per every hour we sit in a classroom will be mandatory. If that's the case, a part time job is not even to be considered.

The pros and cons to holding down a job and college are something that needs to be thoroughly considered, more than just going out and applying at the local McDonald's and working 40 hours a week.

We need to weigh our choices and think about what's best for us in the long run.

So college is money.

Money isn't just handed to most of us, sadly. We need some source of income, especially with the rising prices of tuition.

We could go out and look for a part time job, asking for only a few days a week, but who knows if the one day that you work also happens to be the day before your final exam in history? Jobs can get in the way of our study habits and can even lower our grades.

What can we do to solve this dilemma of job versus studying? We can let our employers know final exam dates and days we especially need off. Or we can try something different.

Giving plasma is an option. Giving plasma twice a week can give a person \$70, and it also helps others. It might not compare to that part time job, but it's better than nothing. Also, there are campus jobs that are flexible with college students' schedules.

Even just writing for the newspaper can add a couple dollars towards a well earned Disney Land vacation.

Trouble balancing?
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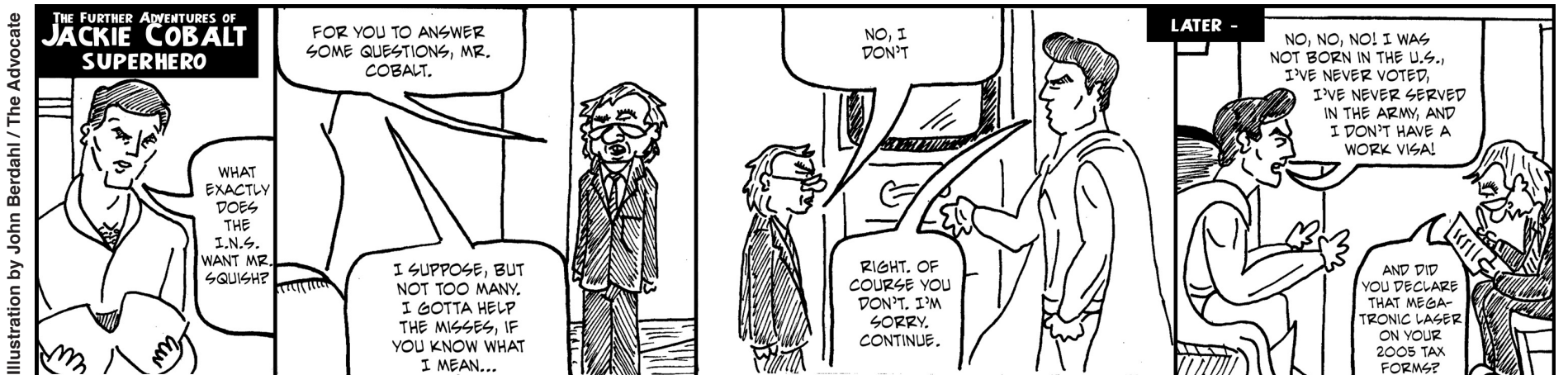


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Fabulous fall fashion

Spice up autumn with this season's hottest trends

Story by Leslie Wood and Heidi Shaffer
Photos by Jenny Christen

As the seasons change, so do the trends. While it might be tempting to go out and buy a new wardrobe, a few simple pieces can add spice to a fall clothing.

The fall's biggest trend is color and it's taking a cue from the leaves' hues.

"For us it's all about style and color," Kim Grott said, owner and manager of One World Imports, a clothing boutique located at 614 Main Ave.

"Colors like purple, yellow and orange are really in

right now," Grott said.

These fall hues are popping up in fashion magazines and stores and can be mixed with metallic pieces for an autumn outfit. Jackets, dresses, shoes and purses are a selection of the items being offered in metallic.

"All of the metallic stuff is popular this year. Hand bags—big chunky handbags—are really hot right now, in metallics as well as faux reptile skins like croc, snake and gator," Grott said.

Feminine looks are appearing in a variety of forms. Lace, ruffles and bows are what this trend is about. To not look too sweet, add skinny jeans, heels and bold jewelry.

"Some of our jewelry is more novelty, with animals or something else unique and different is popular, but not as much of the chunky stuff this year," Grott said.

Jeans in a rainbow of washes, as well as a wide array of cuts pull an outfit together.



Top: Delicate earrings with a ruffled collar create the "feminine" look that appears in stores this fall, like this shirt from Wet Seal.

Above: Scarves of every color and pattern adorn necks around campus for autumn. Try one in a fall-inspired hue like eggplant or burnt orange.

Left: Chunky bags (as pictured, from Forever 21) and fitted jackets are "hot items," according to Kim Grott, owner and manger of One World Imports, a Fargo clothing boutique.



Above: Vests (as pictured from Express) have made a comeback. Pair one with a simple T-shirt in a deep yellow, perfect for a warm autumn day.

Right: Bags, shoes and other accessories come in metallics this season. They make an outfit pop, like this pair from Old Navy.

Below: "Everything from a skinny jean to a wide bell bottom is still popular," Grott said. Skinny jeans (as pictured, from Target) can be worn with a pair of bright ballet flats.

"Designer jeans have become popular even amongst people that are used to a lower-end jean," Grott said. "They're getting used to the comfort and fit of a designer pair. Everything from a skinny jean to a wide bell is still popular. It just depends on your body type."

Scarves were the hot item of the summer and are now working their way into fall.

Scarves can make a basic outfit look more fashionable.

"Scarves are a huge trend this fall," Grott said. "Scarves of every color and style are really popular. You can wear them casually or to dress up."

Casual boots are another staple for the season. Boots can be worn with a plain T-shirt and jeans, or even with tights and a skirt. Ankle

boots, tall boots or suede boots are possible options for this season.

Ballet flats continue their reign as a fashion must this fall. Look for them in the popular fall hues and metallics. An embellishment on the toe of anything from

bows to buckles, brings them up-to-date.

Coats and jackets are a sensible and trendy way to dress for Minnesota weather. Fabrics from leather to canvas work to finish off the perfect fall look.

"Jackets and dress coats

are the hot items really this fall. Fashion jackets as well as fashionable winter coats are in," Grott said.

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Fall fashion must-haves:

- Colors that reflect the changing fall weather

- Scarves of all colors and patters can add flair to a basic outfit

- Chunky hand bags

- Designer jeans, ranging from skinny to wide legs, depending on your body type

- Bold, unique jewelry

- Ankle, tall or suede casual boots

- Ballet flats

- Jackets and dress coats are sensible cold weather choices

Artist inspired by everyday settings

Senior utilizes unlikely sources to produce his unusual pieces

By **AMANDA SARHA**
Staff Writer

Senior Carl Stewart took a job aptitude test when he was in high school. The result told him that he should be a basketball player or a park ranger. So he decided to go to school for art instead.

The career aptitude test did not inspire him to go to school for art but his junior high school teacher did. His teacher was also a successful artist and this gave Stewart hope. Before, he had felt art was an impractical thing to go to school for.

Stewart was accepted and offered a scholarship at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, but the possibil-

ity of losing that scholarship would mean Stewart would not be able to afford tuition.

Now Stewart is in his last year at MSUM for a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. He initially wanted to go into illustration but that program was cut while he was attending orientation, so he decided to go for drawing instead.

He also took an interest in three-dimensional work after taking introduction to sculpture. Now his work goes back and forth between digital painting and sculpture.

"If I want to have depth I don't want it to be assumed, I want it to be real," Stewart said. "A lot of my process is spent working out of my head."

Stewart gets most of his ideas walking around the art department and biking around town. Once he gets an idea he immediately starts working on it.

Currently, he has a few projects going on. He uses The Last Supper painting by Leonardo da Vinci and modifies it by converting it to a digital painting and also painting himself into it, only he is eating unlike the twelve apostles.

"Nobody in that painting is eating, and it really bugs me," Stewart said.

Stewart felt like there was so much controversy over this iconic piece of work that he removed it. He wanted to join the debate only to poke fun at all the controversy.

"I wanted to join the debate with a low-key, terrible argument," Stewart said.

He also enjoys working three-dimensionally because he can engage the viewer.

"I want the piece to engage their space so they can examine the space it is occupying," Stewart said.

His Burn Books for Fuel station is currently being shown at the Upfront Gallery, located at 515 Broadway in Fargo as part of their propaganda show. The station includes a box full of books with a slot at the bottom where one can take a book.

To the right, connected to the box, is a table that holds waivers. After taking a book one must sign the waiver stating they will only use the book to burn for fuel.

"It is probably tied to the rising fuel costs and the economy sort of collapsing. I think

it is really nuts how we are so close to the Great Depression, but everyone is taking it really well," Stewart said.

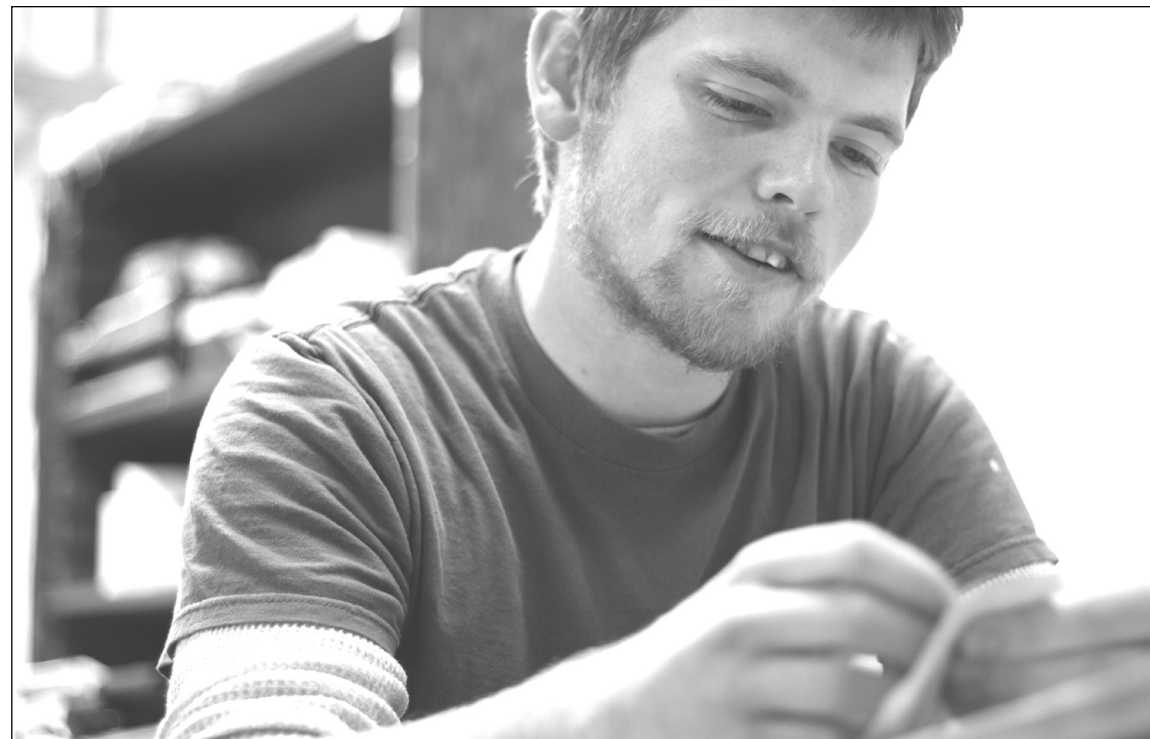
Stewart has quite a few other interesting projects such as a sort of "poor man's" Batman which consists of a suit made from dark grey thermal underwear and a cheaply made utility belt that includes aspirin and butter knives which he has sharpened so they can be used as weapons.

Stewart also has a digital painting that he has done of his mother, which includes a light-up x-ray of her hips.

Although most of his work seems to have a clear purpose, he doesn't want people thinking he is making a concrete statement or passing judgment. He just wants to evoke thoughtfulness in his viewers.

Check out Stewart's work at the Upfront Gallery or at his upcoming BFA exhibition.

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Senior Carl Stewart's work can be seen at the Upfront Gallery or at his upcoming BFA exhibition. He often gets his inspiration for his unique art pieces while walking around the art department or biking around Moorhead.

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Refugee experience inspires memoir

Author visits MSUM to present on the writer's craft

By NICHOLE SEITZ

Staff Writer

Growing up in the Ban Vanai refugee camp in Thailand, Kao Kalia Yang didn't exactly expect to become an author working for the Coffee House Press.

When her family moved to America, she was only six years old. Yang envisioned herself as many things. A writer was not one of them until she attended Columbia University in New York City.

While attending school, Yang really discovered her passion for writing. She graduated with a Master of Fine Arts degree in creative non-fiction writing and didn't seem to waste any time before she released her book, "The Late Homecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir."

What sets Yang apart from other writers today is her unique approach to the craft of writing.

"My childhood in the refugee camps, my coming to America and learning how to grow here and then the restrictions and limitations," Yang said. "The freedoms and inspirations of the stories that ruled my life have allowed for a lyric and whimsical sensibility that I can't separate from my work. I believe I write with an



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Kao Kalia Yang never thought she would become a writer. While attending Columbia University Yang became interested in creative writing and went on to write "The Late homecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir." Yang will be giving a talk on the writer craft at 4 p.m. in CMU 101.

accent, a Hmong accent that is very new to American and world literature."

Her childhood was anything but usual compared to most Americans.

"I grew up hearing stories about worlds and people and creatures that could not inhabit the spaces that held me safe," Yang said. "I was born on an area of land less than a square mile. I grew up sharing that land temporally with over 40,000 people. We couldn't leave because we would be hurt, tortured, killed."

"We waited in the dust of a shifting world, the Hmong refugees from the Secret War

in Laos. Stories were my window to understanding that the place where I was born was not the entire world I could belong to," she said.

"I treasure stories because of this fact. I adored them because they colored my reality. I live in stories; I can write of their power and poignancy because they are precious to me," Yang said.

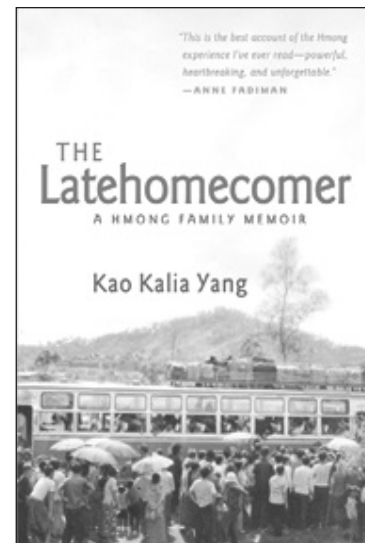
With what can be a traumatic

experience, especially for a child, it seems logical for Yang to want to share her family's story. Her book, which starts with the story of her family being held captive in Laos, also tells of the difficulties of trying to fit in and learn the new language and culture.

Aside from being an author, Yang and her sister have also started a writing agency called

"I live in stories; I can write of their power and poignancy because they are precious to me."

Kao Kalia Yang
Author of "The Late Homecomer; A Hmong Family Memoir."



Words Wanted, LLP.

"Words Wanted is a place where we work actively to see if the human story will have the power to change the human life," Yang said. On the ground, it is translation and interpretation, grants and business proposals; it is whatever people need in terms of finding the words to allow them a fairer sense of the world."

"I want people to know how to tell their stories, because until they do, they will have a hard time being understood," Yang said. "It is hard to progress in a world that doesn't understand. We don't go to the future alone."

At 4 p.m. today Yang will be in CMU 101 for the second installment of The Tom McGrath Visiting Writers Series. At 4 p.m. Yang will be giving a talk on the writer's craft. Yang will also hold a reading and a book signing at 8 p.m. in the same room.

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Release Calendar Films

Oct. 10

"Body of Lies" - R
"City of Ember" - PG
"The Express" - PG
"Quarantine" - R
"Ashes of Time Rexux" - R
"Happy-Go-Lucky" - PG-13

Gaming

Oct. 14

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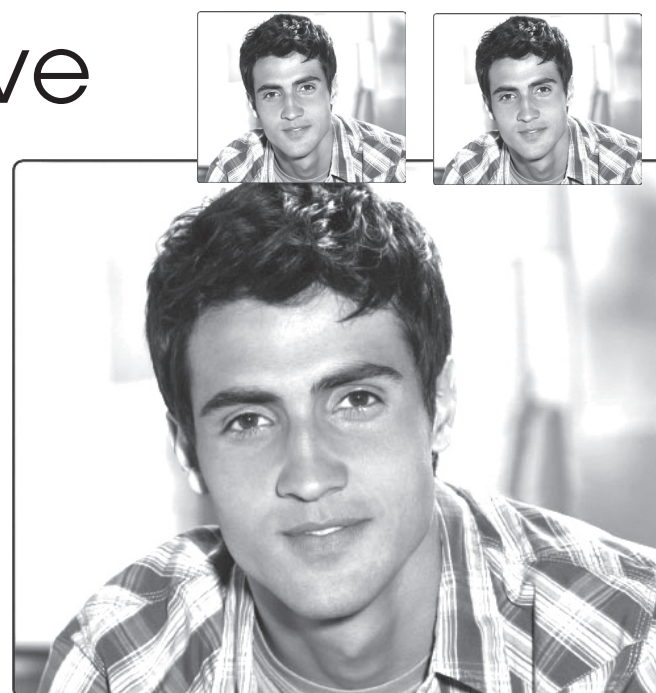
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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Senior achieves goals on and off field

By **LOGAN GROSSMAN**

Staff Writer

The Dragon soccer team are off to a good season, 5-4-1 overall in a tough NSIC, thanks to the effort put forth by the players and coaches involved in the program.

Among this group of individuals, one player stands tall to lift up her teammates and bring down her opponents.

Senior Richelle Ross, an education major, has been working hard to become a teacher.

Ross is not only a soccer star, she also enjoys working with kids, writing and snowboarding, as well as playing guitar, a hobby that was cut

short when she broke her finger in August.

She tries to make her life an enjoyable experience, but out on the soccer field she is a serious competitor.

Ross is one of only four seniors leading the soccer team this year, but that hasn't brought her down. She has shown in the past that she can be a competitor.

There was a sign of what was to come when she earned the Most Valuable Player at E.P. Scarlett High school in her home town of Calgary, Alberta.

As a freshman at MSUM, Ross scored nine points for the Dragons and earned the Most

Improved Player award. She followed that up with eight points in her 2006 season.

It wasn't a free ride for Ross. It required a lot of hard work in order to accomplish what she has and end up where she is.

"I've worked very hard," she said. "My parents really supported me in everything I did, and they taught me that hard work will always pay off in the end."

Soccer is a team sport and Ross is the first to say that.

"As a player, the thing that motivates me the most is my team," Ross said. "I know that if I am a better player for them, then I will contribute, and be a

benefit to our success."

Ross also knows that it is important to perform well on the field and in the classroom.

"In school I am motivated most by my fellow PFY'ers (Professional Fourth Years)," Ross said. "I'm lucky that I get to do what I love, both on the field and in class."

Although Ross is a senior this year, there is still a lot to look forward to. She hopes to accomplish a few more goals and finish college in good academic standing.

"My goals for the rest of the season are to improve the way in which I view the field," she said. "I want to bury my opportunities and really connect with my teammates."

As for school, Ross said that she just wants to survive. As an education major, Ross also hopes to come out as the best possible teacher.

"My goal is really to soak it all in and make sure I know my stuff before I'm out there in the real world," Ross said.

Despite the moderate success the team has experienced, Ross admits that it is definitely a season in the making.

"Everyone really has been pushing themselves," Ross said. "This will be our toughest season yet, and we know it. We're focused on what we have to do to win."

There have been some setbacks for the team in the past, but Ross knows that the team can prevail.

"We have had so many injuries, it's just ridiculous," she said. "Despite that, however, the team is looking great, and we're definitely ready to take on any other team in the conference."

Last year the team made it to the NSIC conference tournament finals.

"We hope to accomplish what we did last year, but we want to take it one step further and finish in first place, not second," she said.

Ross has a knack for the game and has proven this throughout the seasons.

Head coach Rollie Bulock is glad to have Ross on the team and recognizes her as an asset.

"Richelle reads the game well and she loves to score," Bullock said. "We're definitely glad to have her starting at center midfielder for the Dragons this season."

The Dragon soccer team have gotten off to a good start for the season, with a record of 5-4-1, and they hope to continue adding to the victory column.

Ross and the Dragons go back on the road Oct. 11 to take on Northern State and Oct. 12 to play the University of St. Mary.

Ross and Bullock welcome any fan support.

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CHRIS HUBER / THE ADVOCATE

Senior Richelle Ross passes the ball up the field as the team defeated Concordia-St. Paul 3-0 on Saturday. Ross, an education major, has played on the team throughout the past four years.

NOTES FROM NEMZEK

Volleyball loses two on the road

The Dragon volleyball team lost Friday in a five game match against Southwest Minnesota State. The match was lost by just a few points. The Dragons had a total of 70 kills to the Mustang's 84 and again with 81 digs to 86.

Saturday the Dragons lost again, this time in four games to MSU-Mankato. The Dragons

had 37 kills to the Mavericks' 55 and 47 digs to Mankato's 55. Senior Callah Oftedahl led the team with 17 digs, and senior Kelci Guenther led the team with 10 kills.

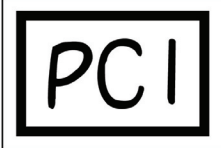
The Dragons come home after two weeks on the road to play Augustana at 7 p.m. on Friday, and Wayne State at 4 p.m. on Saturday, at Nemzek Fieldhouse.

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FOOTBALL

Bulldogs bite the Dragons, taking victory

By ROSS TORGERSON
Staff Writer

The U of M-Duluth Bulldogs showed why they are ranked in the top 10 in the nation Saturday against the Dragons.

The Bulldogs, behind a trio of playmakers and a gritty defense, went on to trounce the Dragons 52-10 and spoil the Oct. 4 Homecoming game at Nemzek Field.

The Dragons refuse to hang their heads despite a disastrous loss, and head coach Damon Tomeo looks forward to the progression of his young players. Tomeo also credits the great work of Duluth head coach Bob Nielson in his ability to develop such a strong program this season.

"The game gives our young guys an idea of where the direction of our program would like to be in their later years," Tomeo said.

The loss puts the Dragons in do-or-die mode as they fall to 1-5 on the season and just 1-4 in the NSIC. The win for the Bulldogs puts them at 6-0 on the season and 5-0 in the NSIC.

Quarterback Ted Schlafke led the Bulldogs, completing 12 of 16 pass attempts for 274 yards and three touchdowns, including a first quarter rushing touchdown.

Two of Schlafke's three touchdown passes went to wide receiver D.J. Winfield, who torched the Dragon secondary with 168 yards on five catches.

Seven different Bulldogs ran the ball on Saturday, but running back Isaac Odom had the bulk of the carries with 12 for 79 yards and three touchdowns.

"Duluth is a good team," sophomore offensive guard



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(Left to right) Senior outside linebacker Bryce Leggings, sophomore defensive lineman Robert Wilhelm, and freshman inside linebacker Jake Larsen chase after sophomore Duluth running back Brad Foss. The Dragons lost the Oct. 4 Homecoming game 52-10.

Nathan Ostby said. "The players take a lot of pride in their team. They come to play every game."

The Dragon offense had difficulties battling the top-ranked Bulldog defense.

"The first half was rough," Ostby said. "We came back in the second half and played harder, trying to learn what we could from the game."

The Bulldogs threw every player the defense had at quarterback Tyler Wegner, who made his first career start in a Dragon uniform.

The Bulldog defense sacked

Wegner seven times and limited him to just 12 completions for 91 yards. Tomeo went with Wegner this past week over former starting quarterback Craig Kutz, who had been struggling running the offense. Despite a lackluster performance from Wegner, coach Tomeo is still leaning towards starting him against the University of Mary next week.

"We're going to evaluate that this week and make a decision later in the week as to who the starter will be against University of Mary,"

said Tomeo.

The inability of the Dragons to form any balance on offense limited them in their attempts to open up the field. Adjustments to the blitz packages that Duluth was throwing at the Dragons were unable to be made and resulted in the offensive line crumbling.

"Our guys got to see a lot of things they haven't seen this season in a live setting," Tomeo said.

The Dragons hit the road next week to take on a University of Mary team, who are 0-2 in their last two games,

losing by a combined score of 61-14 in those two games. The Dragons should be able to put up some big offensive numbers against a weak University of Mary defense next week.

"Our guys are preparing themselves for the multitude of looks that University of Mary is prepared to throw at us next week and we will be ready for that," said Tomeo.

The Dragons play next at 1 p.m. on Oct. 18 at home against MSU-Mankato.

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Art professor talks about upcoming book

Arnar delivers Roland and Beth Dille Distinguished Faculty lecture

By KATIE SCHROEPFER

Staff Writer

Professor Anna Arnar very well may be one of the reasons that students come to MSUM to study art and design. Since 1996, she has earned respect as a full time professor.

Arnar was awarded the Max Nanny prize for her 2006 article on Stephane Mallarmé, whose work "represented a way for me to combine my love of art history, poetry, theory and book history," Arnar said.

Arnar received her master's degree in art history with a minor in French literature and her bachelor's degree in French and art history at St. Olaf College in 1984. She earned her Ph.D. in art history in 2000 from the MSUM.

Arnar was born in Minneapolis but lived in Iceland for three years until she moved back with her family. She moved to Moorhead when her husband got a job at NDSU, so she pursued MSUM.

"That had the serious art program and happily, I was able to teach for them as an

adjunct," Arnar said.

She later was accepted to be a full-time teacher after an opening was available.

This year, Arnar was selected to deliver the Roland and Beth Dille Distinguished Faculty lecture which was held Sept. 30.

Many students and faculty showed up for her lecture titled, "Everything in the World Exists in Order to End Up in a Book," borrowing the phrase from Mallarmé.

The lecture was based on her research on the history of books and on her upcoming publication.

Her parents attended, along with her husband and daughter. President Szymanski also made an appearance to welcome and thank her for her outstanding achievements.

She has been working very hard on her book over the summer breaks.

"It's the only time I have to focus and think," Arnar said.

Her sabbatical leave three years ago helped the ideas of her book come alive.

Arnar's research interests have been the history of French print culture and investigating

the production and design of print media and the dynamics of their circulation and display.

While she has been working on her book and researching the French symbolist poet Stephane Mallarmé, "I seriously neglect my garden and other basic duties," Arnar said.

Her book will discuss Mallarmé and his ideas, but it will also discuss artists like Edouard Manet, Edgar Allen Poe, Charles Baudelaire and her final chapter will discuss Mallarmé's influence on the 20th century art and theory.

She aims to have the book published in the fall of 2009 or spring 2010.

She continues teaching because she is inspired by her students.

"I am surrounded for the most part by bright, creative students," Arnar said. "They often bring fresh perspectives to old problems. I also love my subject matter; I am never bored with it."

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Professor Anna Arnar with her daughter after the Roland Dille Distinguished Faculty lecture.

MOON, FROM 4

This was less than several other scopes that night, but enough to show the craters and mountains of the moons surface.

"It looks like a toe clipping," one young stargazer said of the moon.

Weinrich made an announcement at 8:21 p.m. that the International Space Station (I.S.S.) would be visible soon. The station can be tracked on NASA's Web site. Within seconds it came

over the horizon and slowly moved over the crowd. It seemed slow but according to NASA's Web site, the I.S.S. is actually moving at about 17,000 miles per hour about 250 miles above the earth.

As the station continued over, Altenburg said, "And now its bed time on the I.S.S."

Just like that, the station moved out of the view of the sun and disappeared into the night.

Green lasers began probing the skies pointing out each system. Altenburg began naming off systems to her granddaughter.

"There's Draco the dragon and Vega," Altenburg said.

Sophia's eyes were wide as she followed the laser across the Milky Way.

Andromeda, which looked like a cotton ball through a telescope, was hardly visible at 2.5 million light years away.

To the professional stargazers as well as the first timers, the universe was mesmerizing. They agreed that every look into the eyepiece of a telescope seemed just as exciting as their first.

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ROYALTY, FROM FRONT

The Dragon Ambassadors organization has helped Sans today.

"I feel like I am more out there, I am more willing to be in activities, being involved is very important," Sans said.

Along with Sans, Price is also involved in other organizations: men's varsity basketball, Student Athletic Advisory Committee, Habitat for Humanity, NCAA Leadership Academy and SOCs, who nominated Price onto Homecoming court.

Price became involved with SOCs by example.

"I just knew that after my freshman year I wanted to be a SOC," Price said.

He thinks the process of orientation is a good thing and wanted to help people.

"They are a nice, lively bunch. I felt like I would fit in pretty well with the group of people," he said.

The SOC's have helped Price today with his social skills.

"You are able to lead a small group discussion and it helps in event planning," Price said.

"You're a leader; you're the person with the schedule. That helps a lot with your leadership abilities," Price said.

Sans advised students "to get involved, get involved, get involved. That is one thing I really, really regret as a freshman."

Price also has similar advice about getting involved.

"Get involved but when you get involved do something that is true to yourself, don't try to make yourself anything you're not," he said.

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