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Dorm prices to increase



BEN SAILER / THE ADVOCATE

Freshman Allen Kempf, a resident of Ballard, will live on campus again next year, but feels the increase in costs will deter other students from living in dorms.

Costs will go up \$200 for next school year

By **BEN SAILER**
Assistant Editor

Students living on-campus next fall can expect an increase in residence hall and meal plan prices. The cost to live in a dorm room is set to go up by 5.5 percent, while meal plan rates are going to rise by 4.6 percent. This equals a price increase from about \$403 a month currently to \$425 a month for the 2009-10 school year for a double room, minus food. Despite these cost increases, room and board rates at MSUM remain the fifth-least expensive of any four-year university within MnSCU. However, as dorm prices go up, they become

less competitive with rental properties in the community. "You can get a pretty decent apartment for that cost," freshman Allen Kempf said. A variety of factors have been cited as contributing to these increases, including rising fuel and heating expenses, expanded employee services and debt incurred in the recent Kise redesign process — a tab students will be helping to pay off for the next two decades. Front desk hours in the residence halls were also extended this year, which adds convenience for residents, but also means more work **DORM COSTS, BACK PAGE**

Housing price increases for 2009-2010 school year



Dorm costs for a double-occupancy room will increase by \$200 next year, a 5.5 percent increase.

International students tend to transfer

By **DHAIRYATA BANIIYA** and **ANUPAMA ARYAL**
Staff Writers

Each semester, a number of international students transfer from MSUM to other universities in different states. Greg Wymer, director of international affairs said, "During the last fall, among 173 freshmen, 25 transferred after completion of their first semester, among which most were Nepali students." By the end of this semester, many international students plan to transfer and some have already completed the process. The university is planning several policy changes to cut down on the number of international students transferring out. Until this semester, all international students paid in-state tuition fee. **INTERNATIONAL, BACK PAGE**

585 students participate in conference

By **BEN SAILER**
Assistant Editor

The 11th Annual Student Academic Conference came and went this past Tuesday with a record-setting level of participation. At the conference, 585 students delivered 325 presentations throughout the CMU, the highest number of presenters since the event's inception in 1998. Students from an extensive array of backgrounds and disciplines displayed their work and research findings to their peers and faculty members. "The Student Academic Conference is about providing opportunities across the board for all of our students to present their research work," said Andrew Conteh, conference coordinator and political science professor. "It is a conference that is rather inclusive; it is not about a specific discipline." **CONFERENCE, PAGE 10**

Preparation key to finding job in recession

By **MICHAEL SMITH**
Staff Writer

As the school year winds down, the pressure for graduating seniors rises. With the slumping economy this year brings a set of unfamiliar challenges. MSUM has about 7,600 students participating in 165 majors and 16 pre-professional areas of study. On average, 1,000 members

of the student body graduate each year, said Cliff Schuette, director of counseling and personal growth center. Preparation is key, according to Schuette. "If you are a graduating senior, you should have been in (the Career Services office) in September, redoing your resume and visiting job fairs," he said. Normally, the job search for

an MSUM graduate can take from four to six months. "The process of resume building, filling out applications and overall job hunting has become the same work load as a three-credit class, and most students don't have the time," Schuette said. The recession is part of the problem. "But another part is that the older people in the workplace are not retiring,

and companies are expecting more, quickly from employees," Schuette said. He offers some advice: "Companies are not hiring a degree, they are hiring skills," Schuette said. Internships are helpful in getting your feet wet in the job of your choice. "Companies are going to temp agencies for short-term workers or giving cheap or

unpaid internships," Schuette said. On-the-job experience helps. Broadcast journalism major, senior Todd Kurtz said, "Through my work with the campus news program, I have already gotten in touch with some of the local television stations." Entering the job market **GRADUATES, PAGE 11**

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Advocate meetings 4 p.m. Mondays in CMU 110

The Advocate would like to invite any interested students to their weekly meetings in The Advocate office. Pick up an application today and apply to be a sports writer, staff writer, cartoonist or photographer. Photographers meetings are at 4:30 p.m.

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“I’m going to spank you with a phone.”
“That was a delightful outburst.”

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Briefs

Greek week begins
Gamma Phi Beta and Delta Zeta are hosting Greek Week. The social will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m. today in CMU 203. There will also be spaghetti, salad, bread and drinks from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the Gamma Phi Beta house. The cost is \$5 and the proceeds go to Campfire USA Camping for Girls. Delta Zeta will host a pancake feed at 5 p.m. Friday at their house. The cost is \$5 for all-you-can-eat pancakes. Proceeds will go to the Painted Turtle Camp for Terminally Ill Children.

Go to the Red Weather release party
The release party for the 2009 issue of Red Weather, MSUM’s annual literary magazine, starts at 7:30 p.m. April 30 in the Spirit Room in downtown Fargo. For more information, visit www.mnstate.edu/redweather.

Atkinson will speak on project at NDSU
Patrick Atkinson, founder of The God’s Child Project and the Institute for Exploited, Trafficked and Missing Persons, will speak at 7:15 p.m. Monday at the Century Theater on the NDSU campus. Admission is free, but donations of outdoor toys and new or gently used children’s clothing are encouraged. A freewill donation will be accepted. For more information visit www.itemp.org/basicfacts or call 701-231-7091.

Final exam dates changed for make-up
May 8, 11, 12 and 13 will follow their normal finals schedule. The finals that were to be held May 7 will be May 14. Commencement will be at the scheduled time on May 15. Grades will be due May 22, but instructors of graduating seniors who have licensure issues will be asked to provide grades by May 20 for those students. The Records Office will contact faculty who need to provide these grades. Although final exams are

scheduled three hours apart, they usually last two hours with a one-hour break in between. Due to the loss of days, faculty may wish to “run over” up to half an hour into the break time to make room for additional instruction.

Storage open for student orgs
The Office of Student Activities will be accepting applications for storage space until 4 p.m. today. If your organization would like to receive space in the Activities Resource Center in CMU 225 for the 2009-2010 academic year, you will need to submit an application to the Office of Student Activities by the deadline. Even if you currently have space in the ARC, you need to reapply or you may lose your space. The applications are available online at www.mnstate.edu/osa. If you have any questions, contact the Office of Student Activities at 218-477-2790 or osa@mnstate.edu.

MSUM offering grant-writing bootcamp
MSUM is offering a grant-writing bootcamp that runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 18 to 22 in MacLean 166. The course can be taken for non-credit at a cost of \$295 plus cost of text or for three undergraduate or graduate credits at regular tuition rates.

Senior film projects to be shown in Weld
There will be a film event displaying students’ final film projects. The event will be held April 30 and May 1 in Weld. The art exhibit display goes until May 13. The art exhibit will be on display Monday through May 13 in the Center for the Arts. A reception for the artists will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday in the gallery. Gallery hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday and 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The event is free and open to the public.

MnSCU schools offer summer camps
There are summer camps available for K-12 students that are offered at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. To find out which colleges are offering what kind of camps visit ww.tinyurl.com/d7zxle.

F-M Symphony presents concert
The final concert of the F-M Symphony’s Masterworks season will be at 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the

Gate City Bank Theatre at the Fargodome. The event is free and open to the public and is a post-flood celebration.

‘The Producers’ rescheduled
Due to the flood, the theater production of “The Producers” has been postponed to June 9 to 12. There will be five musicals this season: “The Producers” June 9 to 12 in Hansen Theatre. “Back to the ‘80s” June 16 to 19 and 23 to 26 in Gaede Stage. “The Full Monty” July 7 to 10 in Hansen Theatre. “Swing” July 14 to 17 in Gaede Stage. “Seussical” July 23 to 31 in Hansen Theatre.

Register for flood disaster relief
Residents of Clay, Norman, Traverse and Wilkin counties who sustained damage during the recent severe storms and flooding are urged to contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency at 800-621-3362 or online at www.disasterassistance.gov. Even if you have already filled out a damage report form with the state, county emergency managers or voluntary agency, you must still register with FEMA.

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NDSU opera presents ‘Albert Herring’
The NDSU Opera Theatre will present Benjamin Britten’s “Albert Herring,” a comic

opera about the loss of innocence, at 7:30 p.m. May 8 in Askanase Auditorium.

‘Leading Ladies’ performs at FMCT
Due to the flood, the Fargo Moorhead Community Theatre has rescheduled its performances of “Leading Ladies.” The new dates are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. All performances are free and open to the public. Tickets available on a first-come first-serve basis so reservations are required to ensure seating. Call the box office at 701-235-6778. For more information visit www.fmct.org.

Get your game on at the Wellness Center
There will be a free basketball tournament Friday. For team registration contact parmer@mnstate.edu or call 218-477-4282. There will also be equipment sponsors coming in today for Matrix machines. To use the Wellness Center this summer, monthly membership is \$20 or a daily fee without membership of \$5.


Rape and Abuse Crisis Center hosting benefit breakfast
The 19th annual Kids Are Our Business Breakfast will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Fargo Holiday Inn. There will also be a display of 644 pinwheels in Island Park starting Monday.

2009-2010 student senate elections will start on Tuesday
Elections for 2009-2010 student senate officers will take place online Tuesday and Wednesday. Visit mnstate.edu/stusen to vote.

The Hap

- 4.23 Outdoor Track and Field, Drake Relays at Des Moines 7:30 p.m. Bass Ensemble, CA 150
- 4.25 Outdoor Track and Field, Al Cassel Relays at Jamestown, N.D. 6 p.m. Killarney, CMU 8 p.m. Choir with FM Symphony, Fargodome
- 4.26 Outdoor Track and Field, NSIC Multi at Aberdeen, S.D. 3 p.m. Choir with FM Symphony, Fargodome
- 4.30 4:30 p.m. Student Organization Awards Ceremony, CMU 5 p.m. Non-teaching Resume Workshop, CMU 208
- 5.1 7:30 p.m. James Sewell Ballet, Hansen Theatre 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dragons After Dark, CMU
- 5.2 Outdoor Track and Field, Ron Masanz Invitational at MSUM
- 5.9 7:30 p.m. An Evening of Dance, CA 117 and 121

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Features

Saving the Earth, one plastic cup at a time

By LISA CALL
Staff Writer

Seated at an MGM Grand blackjack table, MSUM alumnus Karl Nyberg pondered the effectiveness of advertisements that flashed from a monitor on the table.

Back at the local watering hole, the Bowler, while dealing blackjack, Nyberg gazed across a table strewn with empty cups and bottles and began to reflect on the amount of waste that is recyclable.

"Eighty percent of all the waste could be recycled," Nyberg said. "I thought, 'We could provide some economic incentive for businesses to do that.' You have to make them want to do it if you want to make an impact."

Then EcoAds was born.

A recycling bin designed by Nyberg and his longtime friend and business partner, Concordia alumnus Phil Mogen, houses a computer and 24-inch monitor that streams digital advertisements. Competitors of a particular "site" are not permitted to run advertisements simultaneously.

The duo is in the process of patenting their conceptual design.

"The patent pending is digital recycling on a garbage bin," Nyberg said, "We had to pursue a patent before doing this to make sure we don't get sued down the road."

Unlike any other advertising vehicle, EcoAds has found a way to function in a symbiotic fashion.

"We give commissions to

the host site, any business that is taking part in this," Nyberg said. "They get 10 percent of all the sales we are making at their site. The advertisements come from the sponsors."

The recycled goods left in the receptacle are then picked up by EcoAds free of charge. An advertiser or host is "getting paid to allow us to pick up your recycling for free," according to the EcoAds Web site.

Originally a sliver of an idea, Nyberg turned to his former professors for guidance before setting out on this business endeavor.

"The best thing I did was to talk to people who have already

succeeded," Nyberg said. "Ask your professors. Ask them to be honest and don't be offended if they point out its faults."

EcoAds' vision to be waste-free in all business facets has expounded into other advertising vehicles as well. The company has created a Facebook group to not only spread the word in a green manner, but to offer benefits to group members.

"We let all sponsors and hosts send coupons to the members, something which they (sponsors and hosts) have to pay for with other services," Nyberg said. "This way we can get them to not waste paper with mailbox solicitations."

EcoAds' Facebook page serves more than just an advertising purpose.

"It's for anyone who would prefer to support an environmentally-friendly business,

“It's for anyone who would prefer to support environmentally friendly business and hopefully we get our members lots of good deals in the future.”

Karl Nyberg
MSUM alumnus and creator of EcoAds



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Karl Nyberg stands with his invention of EcoAds. Nyberg and his longtime friend and business partner, Phil Mogen, designed the recycling bin.

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With a recent positive showing at Augsburg College in Minneapolis and a receptacle placed at the YMCA, EcoAds business is blossoming in the face of an economic downturn.

"I would love feedback from anyone on how we can make this a better service," Nyberg said.

This dream is one of innovative selflessness and compassion.

"I'm really concerned with our country," Nyberg said. "(EcoAds) has extremely big goals for this."

Check out EcoAds innovative concepts at www.ecoads.us or the EcoAd group on Facebook.



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The EcoAd has a 24-inch monitor that streams digital advertisements. There is currently an EcoAd at the Fargo YMCA.

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Increased cost of housing puts burden of deficit in students' wallets

This week brought more bad news of increased fees for students at MSUM next year.

On campus, students will pay more than \$100 more for dorm rooms per semester. In the classroom, MSUSA has proposed a 5 percent tuition increase.

That tuition increase comes on top of a restructuring of tuition, which for students taking fewer than 18 credits, means even more money paid to the school.

Student fees have also been restructured, and depending on classload, those too are costing some students more than in the past.

On top of the loss of book rebates, the impending programs cuts and meal plan increases, students are facing a tough time dealing with the budget deficit.

Though the administration promised time and again that students would not bear the brunt of the budget shortfall, it seems as though they are the people being most negatively affected.

The increase in tuition, housing costs and student fees would hopefully go to offset any cuts in educational programs or layoffs.

If this outcome happens the student body could rest assured that their tuition was being used to keep the university running well.

However, if the fees are applied, programs are cut and layoffs happen, it would effectively limit the possibilities for education, while charging more for that education.

The decision to place this additional strain on students was most likely not an easy one to make.

Given this administration's formerly consistent message of keeping the deficit from reaching the students, it seems like the decision was rushed.

Since the beginning of the budget crisis, it has been known that the funding shortfall would end up affecting some group on campus — faculty, staff or students — as well as some programs.

No matter which group or program was affected, it was going to hurt, but not as much as if every group and school here started losing funding

Let's hope that the lack of funding doesn't start affecting all of them.

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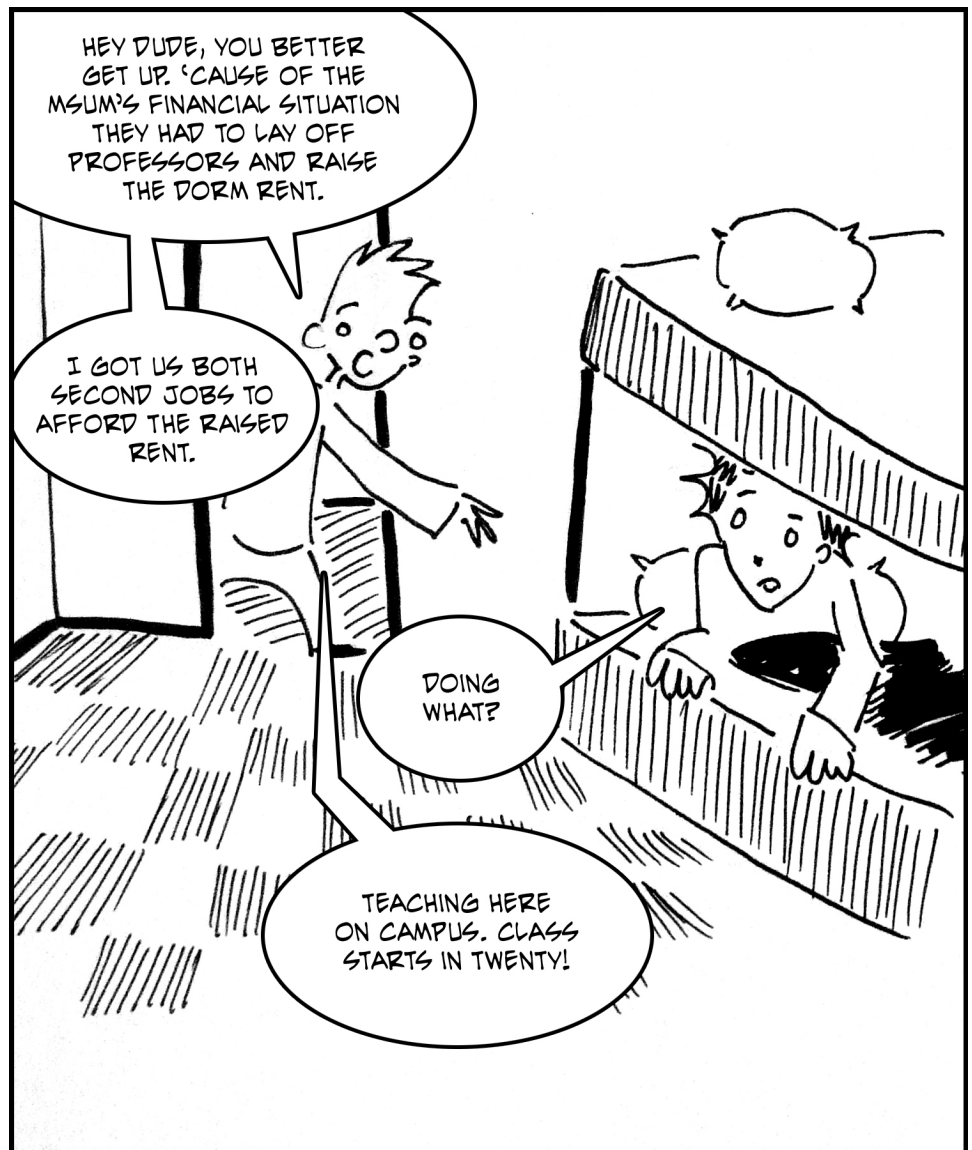


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Let's talk about sex!

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

Q: How many orgasms can a man have in one sexual encounter?

A: The quick answer would be it depends on what you consider one sexual encounter.

An encounter could last 15 minutes or a few days. In the Alfred Kinsey studies, men reported multiple orgasms more often than women.

A healthy male produces approximately 30 million sperm each day. During an orgasm, a man could release up to 75 mil-

lion or more sperm.

Following each orgasm/ejaculation is a refractory period. This is a recovery time when it is difficult for a man to be re-stimulated. The refractory period can last for minutes or hours and is often dependent on the man's age.

This means the younger the man, the shorter the recovery time; the older the man, the

longer the recovery period. So in essence, a younger man could have sex three or four times in an encounter and orgasm each time.

For more information, I would direct you to www.menshealth.about.com

Carol Grimm
Director of Health and Wellness, Hendrix Health

Sticking around for summer

People are always asking me what I'll be doing after I graduate. After a disgruntled moment where I remember my age and that college is over, I explain to them why I'm not going to look for a job.

At least, not yet. Perhaps it is a bit of laziness, or fear of the real world, but I like to think of it as my vacation before joining the work force or graduate school to enjoy what Fargo-Moorhead has to offer over the summer, and to travel west, of course.

So I'll continue serving tables for the summer. Maybe that is not the most luxurious job, but heck, the money is good. And when it comes to time off to enjoy the events and good weather, you can have more than just the weekends off.

And who would want to miss the area's summer goings-ons, starting with Red Hawks baseball on May 15? The fireworks

always make me feel like summer is truly here. Then going to Rib Fest at the Fargodome and the Red River Valley Fair in July. Perfect distractions from the fact that my student loans need to start being paid back in November.

It's bizarre that so many people leave town for the summer. You start to get anxious for classes to start again to see everyone. On that note, summer classes are a surprisingly good investment, especially since they almost always yield an "A." I've taken several and recommend them.

Then there are the lakes, namely Detroit Lakes, Minn. Going over with some buddies

and hitting up the beach or tubing the Ottertail is a great distraction. The Fourth of July is my favorite holiday and DL has one of the best parties and fireworks show you can find. And if you haven't checked out the 10K Lakes Festival or WE Fest in DL, then this summer it would be a good idea to do so.

I bought my cap and gown for graduation today, and I don't know if I want to be excited or depressed. But remembering that the fun doesn't have to be over in May helps me be ready for it. I recommend other graduates and even undergrads do the same: Take a bit of time off before sitting behind a desk or whatever for the rest of your lives. However when summer ends, and I turn a year older in August, it will be a whole different story.

Future look bleak?
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Mark Keller
Columnist

Communicating with loved ones overseas

There are many people who have loved ones overseas and communicating with them can be difficult, but it is not impossible.

Like many other wives who have loved ones overseas, I have to find different ways to communicate with my husband.

Yes, this is definitely a challenge, but if you want the relationship to work and stay strong, you have to find other means of communicating than you are used to.

The first thing you want to keep in mind is the time difference, depending on where

Miranda Synstelien

Columnist



they are.

Iraq has an eight-hour time difference from the Midwest. This is the first hurdle that we have to overcome.

For my husband Seth and I, it can be difficult to find a time that works for the both of us. Sometimes he ends up calling at 2 or 3 a.m.

Other times he can only call during my class periods or when I work.

We seem to find that calling me at night or extremely early in the morning works the best.

Seth was going to purchase a satellite phone, but those can be expensive and he wouldn't need it when he came home. Instead, he downloaded Skype for free and paid for a phone number. I mailed him a headset before

he left, so he would hopefully get it by the time he arrived at his station in Iraq.

The time difference is probably the most difficult obstacle to overcome, but we always seem to work out something.

If I'm not able to talk to him there are many other ways that I can communicate with him. For example, I can e-mail, Facebook, mail him a letter, leave him a voicemail, or, if he calls, I can video chat with him over a webcam.

With today's technology, we have the ability to stay in contact with our loved ones overseas.

I am so grateful for the communication that the world has today. Without it, I wouldn't be able to stay in daily contact with my husband and know that he is okay.

There are real challenges to having a husband or loved one overseas, but with the communication technology that we have, we are able to talk to them and know that everything will be all right.

Trouble communicating?
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Stop whining

Holly Lavecchia

Columnist



I think we can all relate to the fact that over the course of a semester, vocally being annoyed by something becomes increasingly easy.

There's the Facebook-induced whining. "I just spent nine hours on Facebook and I have a test to study for!" Or whining because Facebook has turned you into a creeper, or the famous whining because someone doesn't have Facebook.

Of course, the obligatory academic whining, like about the class with course objectives clearly stating, "will make student want to injure self and others." Or the ever-present "My professor must get sick pleasure from this."

Another favorite is campus-related whining. Personally, picking up litter causes angry muttering to bubble up from the depths of my being. Or the "There's nobody in the Wellness Center!" As opposed to, "The Wellness Center is packed!"

It's not hard to complain about insensitive people in the library and computer lab. "Do those guys really need to be breathing so loud/playing that game that involves laser noises and assault rifles on full volume?" My favorite though is the dude having the apparently hilarious online conversation.

I was in the lab really late one night, hating my life and writing 17 papers at once. The girl next to me was playing Internet pinochle. For some unexplainable reason, it made me so angry that I was worried for her life.

This leads me to other complaining I'm personally guilty of, or rather, general things I tend to complain about: Paula Abdul, wallowing in my own clutter, restaurant forks whose tines don't line up, when people pronounce my last name wrong on purpose (it's love-ah-chee-uh), expiration dates, when you're passing a car on the interstate and the driver looks over at you. Etc. etc.

Although the frequency of whining is pretty intense right now, no worries, it will soon morph into a whole other animal — being bored over the summer.

What annoys you?
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Calling your partner names

I have a boyfriend. So does my 13-year-old sister. This bothers me. I get the feeling it bothers other people too. "Boyfriend," and "girlfriend" are light terms. They're cute-sy.

But the question is, if you're in your mid-20s (or a little younger or older) and especially if you don't plan on getting married any time soon, what do you call one another?

Just get engaged, people say. The eternal engagement path is a scary one (at least for me). Getting engaged sounds really great—but paying for engagement rings and a wedding is out of the question for a lot of us at this

Liz Johanson

Columnist



age. Just go to the courthouse, further people will say. No, I want a real wedding just like almost every other woman in the United States.

So, other choices. I'm fond of "partner." It implies all the same things as boyfriend without calling the 22-year-old man I share my life with a boy. But for some people, "partner" is a term for the person you start a business with; too cold and separated.

Some people like "lover," I think that's way too sexual and doesn't encompass other aspects of a stable, long-term relationship.

"Significant other" is good. It's roots come from psychiatry and it's technically the name for anyone who has a strong influence on your life. I'm a fan of this one too. I think it implies that your person is the number one person in your life.

Whatever you pick (and feel free to stick with "boyfriend") make it your choice.

Calling your S.O. names?
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Let's talk about sex!

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

Fine Arts Exhibit delayed due to flood

By NICHOLE SEITZ
Staff Writer

The flooding of the Red River has done more than spill over its banks this spring. It has altered class schedules and pushed back the Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibit for art students graduating in May.

Because MSUM students missed two weeks of classes directly after spring break, the exhibit has been pushed back by three weeks. The exhibit, which was originally supposed to run from April 6 to April 29, will now run from April 27 to May 13.

Six students and their work will be showcased in the exhibit, including graphic design student Katherine Young.

"Most everyone I know was helping in the flood effort," Young said. "The weeks off

were weeks spent sandbagging for most of us. I don't think this is what any of us had in mind when we thought of spring break and sand."

Young's project is a winery that would be located in western North Dakota called Prairie's Edge. Pieces of her exhibit include products that would be sold by the winery, a Web site and packaging, among other things.

While some may not have been happy to have the exhibit pushed back, it has allowed for students to have more time to put final touches on their installations.

"I hope the extra time has given me a better presentation," Young said.

According to the MSUM Bulletin, since more than 75 percent of the school year has

passed, students are responsible for completing final projects required to graduate. Graphic design students are required to showcase their work in an exhibit in order to graduate.

Since becoming gallery manager in 2001, Jane Gudmundson said this is the first time she has seen a flood change the exhibits schedule. The school was not the one that decided to reschedule the exhibit.

"In this particular instance, the graphic design alums themselves requested a change in the schedule. I was working on a contingency plan and another exhibit, when the flood crisis arose," Gudmundson said.

Due to the fact that students were out of school for three weeks, the dates for the Juried Student Exhibition and the Spring BFA Exhibit were lengthened.

A reception for the gallery opening will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 30.

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Senior Katherine Young, a graphic design major, will showcase her work along with five other students' work in the Fine Arts Exhibit on Monday to May 13.



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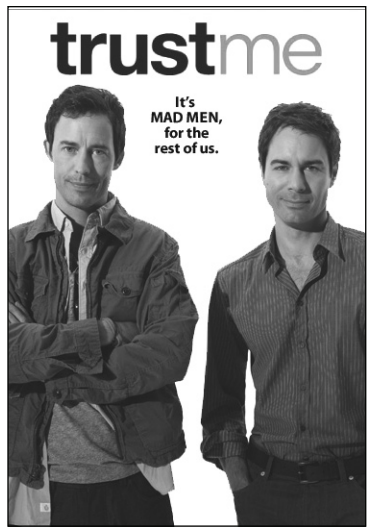
Variety fills spring TV lineup

ADVOCATE STAFF REPORTS "Trust Me"

TNT's series "Trust Me" was one of the season's most-hyped shows. The series is in its first and only season and is set in an advertising agency in Chicago.

"Trust Me" stars Eric McCormack of "Will and Grace" as Mason, a workaholic serving as creative director who struggles to balance work and family life. His business partner Connor (Tom Cavanagh) is a good contrast to the responsible Mason. Connor is a goofy, absent-minded party animal, but still the pair works best together.

The rest of the agency has a good blend of characters, of course, ranging from the uptight new girl Sarah (Monica Potter) to the dorky creative team Hector (Geoffrey Arend) and Tom (Mike Damus), who would rather work on their freelance jobs at the office than the agency's campaigns.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
"Trust Me" airs at 9 p.m. Fridays on TNT.

The show is surprisingly faithful to advertising, never straying far from the workplace and providing a realistic look at the industry. It also stays fresh and funny without relying on crude or sexual humor, usually.

Anyone interested in media or just looking for a fresh new comedy-drama can catch a new episode of "Trust Me" at 9 p.m. on Friday or view full episodes online at www.tnt.tv.



"Kings" is an exciting new show on NBC, check out new episodes at 7 p.m. on Saturdays.

"Biggest Loser: Couples"

NBC's "The Biggest Loser: Couples" is nearing the finale of its most exciting season yet. The season premiered with 11 teams of two overweight people, each hoping to lose the most body weight percentage. The contestants this year were the heaviest of the show's seven-year history.

Each week, the teams undergo challenges to win immunity from elimination from the weight-loss ranch. As the weeks pass, weight is shed and teams were eliminated. With just five people left, the contestants now compete as individuals.

Personal trainers Bob Harper and Jillian Michaels have pushed their contestants to new highs and lows. The always-brutal Michaels has been uncharacteristically easy on some of her "victims," while the usually levelheaded Harper was sent into a profanity-laden meltdown with the now-voted-off Joelle.

With only weeks to go, Tara, having lost more than 100 pounds, is the frontrunner to win the title of "biggest loser." Kristen, however, who was one of the heaviest woman in the show's history, has the attitude and enough weight left to lose to go all the way.

Tune in at 7 p.m. Tuesdays on NBC to see who will be the biggest loser.

"Kings"

Perhaps the hottest new show this spring, "Kings," shows viewers what the world would be like today had the United States been a monarchy.

The show's young hero, David Shepherd is played by Chris Egan, from "Eragon," who is a soldier serving for King Silas Benjamin (Ian

McShane) in the kingdom of Gilboa. When he saves a prisoner of war, who turns out to be the king's son Jack Benjamin (Sebastian Stan), his life changes drastically.

The royal family crowns him a hero and promotes him. Shepherd is thrown into the world of politics, corruption, sex and power. He meets the King's elegant and intelligent daughter Michelle Benjamin (Allison Miller) and their forbidden lust for each other stirs the royal family.

"Kings" is a sexy new show full of twists and action for viewers with mature taste with a great concept and cast. The next new episode will air at 7 p.m. on Saturday on NBC.

"Parks and Recreation"

Former "Saturday Night Live" cast member Amy Poehler makes her sitcom debut with a starring role in NBC's "Parks and Recreation." Taking place in fictional Pawnee, Ind., where Leslie Knope (played by Poehler) works in the city's parks and recreation department.



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The Biggest Loser: Couples. (NBC)
"Biggest Loser: Couples" is down to its final two weeks on NBC. See who will be the next biggest loser at 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

The feel of the show is more than slightly similar to "The Office" (whose Rashida Jones co-stars here as Ann Perkins), so much so it could fairly be called a blatant rip-off. However, "Parks and Recreation" remains an entertaining diversion, already creating a strong stable of likable characters after only two episodes.

While it's going to have difficulty stepping out from the foreboding shadow of a certain other NBC mockumentary comedy, it has the potential to grow into a fan-favorite in its own right.

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Barnier feels at home as coach

Former MSUM runner helms track, cross-country teams

By JOHN HANSEN
Staff Writer

In the fall of 1982, Keith Barnier from Elk River, Minn., was checking out the track facilities at MSUM, just hoping to make the team and stay out of trouble. He never imagined one day he'd be coaching on the same track.

Barnier has coached at four other schools, but MSUM is the only job that he said truly feels like home.

"I do take ownership of it because I care so much about this school," said Barnier, 45, who is in his seventh season of helming the men's and women's track and field and cross country teams. "The other schools I worked at — those were jobs. But this is something where I have a little extra interest."

Barnier is one of the busiest coaches on campus. Cross country starts before the first classes in fall, and track and field ends after the last final exam in spring. But he wouldn't have it any other way.

"We have beautiful facilities here and we have wonderful kids," Barnier said. "This athletic department was built with hard work by small-town country kids who need a chance. What I do is provide them with that chance. We have an incredible coaching staff. We go to great meets. (Dragon athletes) are smart, they're academic All-Americans. We're getting the top kids in the region now, and we have a great culture of success."

When Barnier was a student-athlete from 1982 to 1987, the Dragons were a perennial power in the NSIC. The



Track and field head coach Keith Barnier coaches freshman Uchenna Ogbonnaya during practice April 14 at Nemzek.

runners understood that "the folks in red are always in the front." Barnier found individual success, going to nationals twice.

"I ran the 500 meters and 400 hurdles nationally," he said. "I got smoked (at nationals). I got to the semifinals in the 400 hurdles, and I didn't get out of the first round in the 500 meters. But I enjoyed it."

He might have started out with some difficulties, but by his senior year at MSUM, Barnier knew exactly what he wanted to do as a career.

"I knew coaching was what I wanted," he said. "I thought, 'Why does it have to end?' I realized it didn't. I went to the University of St. Thomas (in St. Paul) after that. I got my master's there in athletic administration, so I spent three years there (as an assistant coach)

and got some experience."

Next, Barnier worked as a cross country and track assistant at Division I powerhouses Alabama and Clemson, S.C., and he also got a taste of being the head coach at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn.

"(Alabama and Clemson) were athletic factories that do a good job of putting way too much money into athletics, but it's fun if you're there," Barnier said. "I had 86 Division I All-Americans at Clemson, but this is as rewarding as all that. They expect those things there, but (in my time) here we've had four national champions and (23) All-Americans, so that's been extremely rewarding."

At MSUM, Barnier looks for "a hard-working, intelligent, nasty athlete. We can teach them how to compete on the

track, then they learn how to go compete for a job. But right now we have achievement for them, and that's what they need."

On a sunny day at the Nemzek track, Barnier has a sunny personality even as he's yelling at his athletes to "Go faster!" and knocking distance runners into the grass with football-style hits.

As far as family life, he and his wife, Sylvia, who works in the MSUM athletic department, recently adopted a daughter, Angel Joy, who was born Jan. 31. It seems Barnier couldn't be happier, but he took a stab at the question of what he'd be doing if he wasn't coaching.

"I'd probably be in sales," he said. "I like people. I say sales, but really I care about people, I like helping people, and this gives me an opportunity to do that."

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Disband football for hockey



Tim Stulken
Sports Editor

The Dragon football team has had one winning season in the past six years.

Their record in 2006 was 6-5 overall and 4-4 in the conference, just barely a winning record, and their record this fall was 2-9 overall.

The team just isn't cutting it, and with junior wide receiver Jabari Taylor out of commission this fall for drug charges, things aren't looking up for the team.

But I have a solution. MSUM has been considering creating a D-I hockey team, and in order to continue with these plans, the university must receive enough personal donations to support it.

A better option would be to eliminate the weak and unprofitable football program, releasing funds for a new hockey program.

One problem with this proposal is that MSUM would become the only NSIC school without a football program.

That being said, a hockey team would make significantly more money than our current football team, and would quickly become financially self-sufficient, perhaps allowing the reinstatement of a football program.

Hockey fans in the area would be able to attend D-I events, and even if our team did not perform well right away, the appearances of big names like UND and Denver University would surely draw a crowd.

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Ouren leads golfers into NSIC meet



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Junior Chelsey Ouren practices Tuesday at the driving range of The Meadows in Moorhead. Curen is the Dragons' No. 1 golfer heading into the NSIC meet.

By JOHN HANSEN
Staff Writer

The MSUM women's golf team is hoping to cap the season with a bit of positive news. The Dragons — armed with less practice time than they'd like due to the flood — finished in fifth place and seventh place in their two invitational meets this spring.

Coach Tracie Bents hopes the Dragons will finish in the top five at the NSIC meet Friday and Saturday in Brookings, S.D. That would be a two-spot improvement over their finish at the fall conference meet.

"We'd like to improve two spots," Bents said Tuesday as the team practiced at The Meadows in Moorhead. "We'd like to stay ahead of the teams we're playing with. We're within strokes of moving up two spots. We need to make sure we're focused for the two days."

The NSIC meet will be the last time this group plays together, since MSUM is positioned to finish 11th in the Central Region and only the top nine teams qualify. But junior Chelsey Ouren will likely carry the Dragon flag at the regional meet May 3 in Sioux Falls, S.D. She is currently ranked second among players whose teams won't qualify; the top four earn bids.

"I'd like to finish well at conference so I can make it to regionals," said Ouren, whose 18-hole average has slipped from 82 to 83 this spring. "I know I just have to play like I've been playing."

The Dragons took a veteran team into this season, which will go down as the best in the program's history despite the shaky spring.

"We were in the running for making it as a team to regions," Bents said. "We did need to play well this spring, but we just were not able to hit those scores. Our team has done the best we've ever done in women's golf. Right now, we're placed 11th, which isn't bad,

and I think it's still something to be proud of."

The team competed in only two tournaments this spring due to flooding.

The Dragons took fifth out of seven teams at the Maverick Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

"We kind of fit in the middle, There were four really solid teams," Bents said. "We were in the middle area, and then you have the teams that are going to shoot 400-plus and at this tourney we got stuck with the 400-plus teams and that kind of dragged our team down a bit.

"It shows that the mental aspect is so huge. If you're mentally not in there, it can take your whole 18 holes away."

The team also placed into the middle in their first tournament this spring, placing seventh out of 11 teams at the Upper Iowa Invitational.

"That was our first time out on a golf course, so they were kind of at a disadvantage the spring," Bents said. "It's been a tough start to our spring, but our conference tourney is coming up, and that's the big one."

Erika Hochgraber, Kasey Maier and Amanda Younggren — who will join Ouren at the NSIC meet — will graduate, leaving Ouren as the only senior next fall.

"I'll be the lone duck, the old one on the team," Ouren said.

Bents is glad to have her top golfer back going into a rebuilding year.

"She's a great captain, and it'll be great to have her teach the young ones," Bents said.

The team competes at the NSIC championships at Brookings on Friday and Saturday.

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Senior Julie McGeary uses a fluorometer to assess the photosynthetic health of leaves during her presentation at the conference.

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Andrew Conteh, coordinator of the Student Academic Conference, greets an attendee of the event..

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Jean Hollar, university budget and planning officers, enjoys the conference luncheon.

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CONFERENCE, FRONT

The conference provides an outlet for MSUM students to show off not only the hard work, but also to develop their public speaking skills and ability to communicate their ideas to others.

"I think it's good public speaking practice," senior presenter Troy Olson said.

The conference also provides students who cannot travel to out-of-town events

with a chance to display their work. In addition to the benefits it provides to students, the event gives the university a chance to show the general public the quality of work and research MSUM produces.

In order to participate, a student needs to have their presentation approved by their adviser. The process to enter the conference is not meant to be intimidating, and

all students are encouraged to get involved.

"We don't discriminate here," Conteh said. "It's a learning process. We're not looking for something that is highly polished; yes, that's the goal, but we'll give you the opportunity to start polishing your ideas. We don't want to make it intimidating; we want to make it as welcoming as we can."

For those interested in participating in the conference next year, Olson offers the following advice.

"Make sure you are familiar with the material, and not really too tied to your notes," Olson said. "Maybe you'll miss a few details here or there, but actually talking to a room of people and making sure that they're understanding it is probably more

important than making sure that you're getting every little minute detail right."

Conteh feels strongly about the conference's importance.

"I think it is the greatest event in the life the university," Conteh said.

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Students gather around the registration table at the Student Academic Conference.

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Junior Ramiro Torres checks out a poster about the prevalence of adult obesity in the United States.

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MSUM juniors win Goldwater

By ANNA GEORGE
Staff Writer

Out of 278 students across the nation, two MSUM students were awarded the Goldwater Scholarship.

Junior Morgan Elfelt of Andover, Minn., and junior Heather Cegla of Dilworth, Minn., will each receive the scholarship covering tuition, fees, books and room and board, which adds up to \$7,500 for the next two years.

The Goldwater Scholarship, named for Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, was created to encourage outstanding students to further their careers in mathematics, natural sciences and engineering.

In order to apply for the scholarship, students need to be a sophomore or junior in math, science or engineering, who plans to attend graduate school. They also have to submit a preliminary application to MSUM's College of Science and Natural Sciences.

"To be eligible for the scholarship, you have to be nominated by MSUM," Elfelt said. "Then fill out an application, mail in high school and college transcripts, write an essay and have three letters of recommendation submitted by faculty members."

Elfelt is majoring in biology with an emphasis in ecology and evolutionary biology and minoring in chemistry, math and music.

"I have always been interested in math and science," Elfelt said. "As a part of my

honors apprentice scholarship, I chose an internship in the biology department. I really enjoyed it and changed my major to biology."

Along with studying, Elfelt is also a peer adviser for biology, plays viola in university's symphony orchestra, is a member of Tri-Beta, Phi Kappa Phi and The Wildlife Society.

"I work about eight and a half hours as a peer adviser helping students with any questions," Elfelt said. "I just have to make sure I keep up with my school work."

Biology professor Donna Bruns Stockrahm has known Elfelt since she was a freshman. Stockrahm is her honors apprentice mentor, professor, academic adviser and research adviser.

"She is very hard working," Stockrahm said. "When she is working on something, the job isn't done until it is done well."

Stockrahm compliments Morgan's talents, work and personality.

"Morgan is an amazing person," Stockrahm said. "She can take what she learns and apply it to other situations. Look up the word 'perseverance' in the dictionary; there is Morgan's picture."

Elfelt said she is honored to receive the Goldwater scholarship.

"It's a pretty big award, and there are a lot of talented people out there," Elfelt said. "I applied last year and was



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turned down, but this year I tried even harder to make my application and essay better. I guess it worked."

Elfelt hopes to graduate spring 2010.

"I plan on going to graduate school in some area of biology," Elfelt said. "I haven't decided for sure what area I want to pursue or what school I am considering."

This summer Elfelt hopes to get an internship, but if she doesn't she will stick around the Fargo-Moorhead area.

"I do research on painted turtles with Dr. Donna Stockrahm," Elfelt said. "The summer is our trapping season, so I would be helping out with that."

Elfelt is not sure what her future plans are but is considering a career as a research scientist in biology and hopes to use her math and chemistry experience.

"Just don't give up. College can be tough but it is a great



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experience that you won't regret," Elfelt said.

Heather Cegla, the other Goldwater recipient, is studying astrophysics and doing research on exoplanets at Keele University in England this semester.

Cegla is majoring in physics with an emphasis in astronomy and a minor in mathematics.

This summer she will work as a research assistant at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., and after graduation she plans to pursue a doctorate in astrophysics.

Elfelt and Cegla were chosen out of 1,110 mathematics, science and engineering scholars who were nominated and are the eighth and ninth MSUM students in the past eight years to receive a Goldwater Scholarship.

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GRADUATES, FRONT

directly out of college is not for everyone.

"I have not thought about more school," Kurtz said.

Graduate school, Peace Corps or military services are other options after graduation that provide useful experiences.

"It has been a long time since we had a student in here looking to talk about the military," Shuette said.

Not every major or area is struggling. "Information technology and engineering are both areas that are usually hiring," Schuette said.

While the recession is hurting the job market, graduates should remain hopeful.

"You can't always see what is around the corner," Schuette said.

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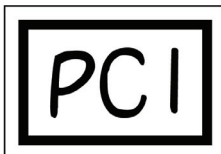
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Swingin' into spring



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Junior Katie Berning enjoys the spring weather Tuesday on the campus mall.

DORM COSTS, FRONT

hours for staff that need to be paid. Other less visible costs include plans to renovate South Snarr's exterior brick surface.

These kinds of costs add up.

"We had some personnel increases," said Diane Solinger, assistant vice president of student affairs. We added a service professional area director position, we made our front receptionist person full-time instead of half-time."

"Housing had gotten some complaints regarding customer service issues and things in the past, so we made those changes last summer, and we want to keep those improvements permanent," Solinger said.

The university is budgeting conservatively to ensure that necessary costs are covered; MSUM is not turning a significant profit by charging students more to live and eat

on campus.

"You don't want to get caught with not enough money to pay the bills," Solinger said. "Whatever profit we have at the end of the year in terms of our bottom line, that money goes right back into the residence halls, into making improvements."

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INTERNATIONAL, BACK

But in the fall, new international students will pay out-of-state tuition fee. If the newcomers admit for a successive semester, they will be offered the in-state tuition fee for both previous and current semesters. The tuition fee for the previous semester will be refunded.

"This policy might bring change in the way international students are transferring," Wymer said. "It's not that we want to bind students to MSUM but we want to give them more time to think and decide if they really want to transfer, as well as we also hope that this might help to change the perspective of the students towards MSUM."

One of the major reasons for the students transferring is the unavailability of on-campus jobs.

"They have the misconception that they need to have a social security number," Wymer said.

As the number of students is increasing in the university, the number of available jobs goes down.

Anjan Shakya, one of the transferring student said he came to MSUM because he was accepted and go in-state tuition.

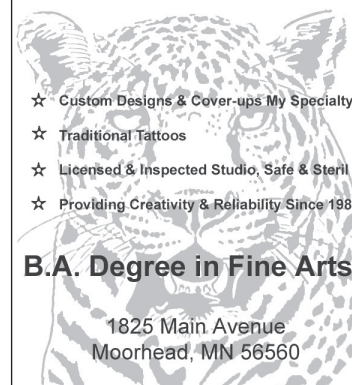
"The lack of on-campus jobs is (obligating) me to transfer from here," Shakya said.

"I am confused (whether) to graduate from this university or to transfer within few semesters," said Tashi Tshering, a freshman international student. "MSUM is making certain changes in its policy to control the system of being transferred. Let's hope that it succeeds in doing so, and MSUM no longer becomes port of entry but (an) institution where students gain knowledge and complete their respective degrees."

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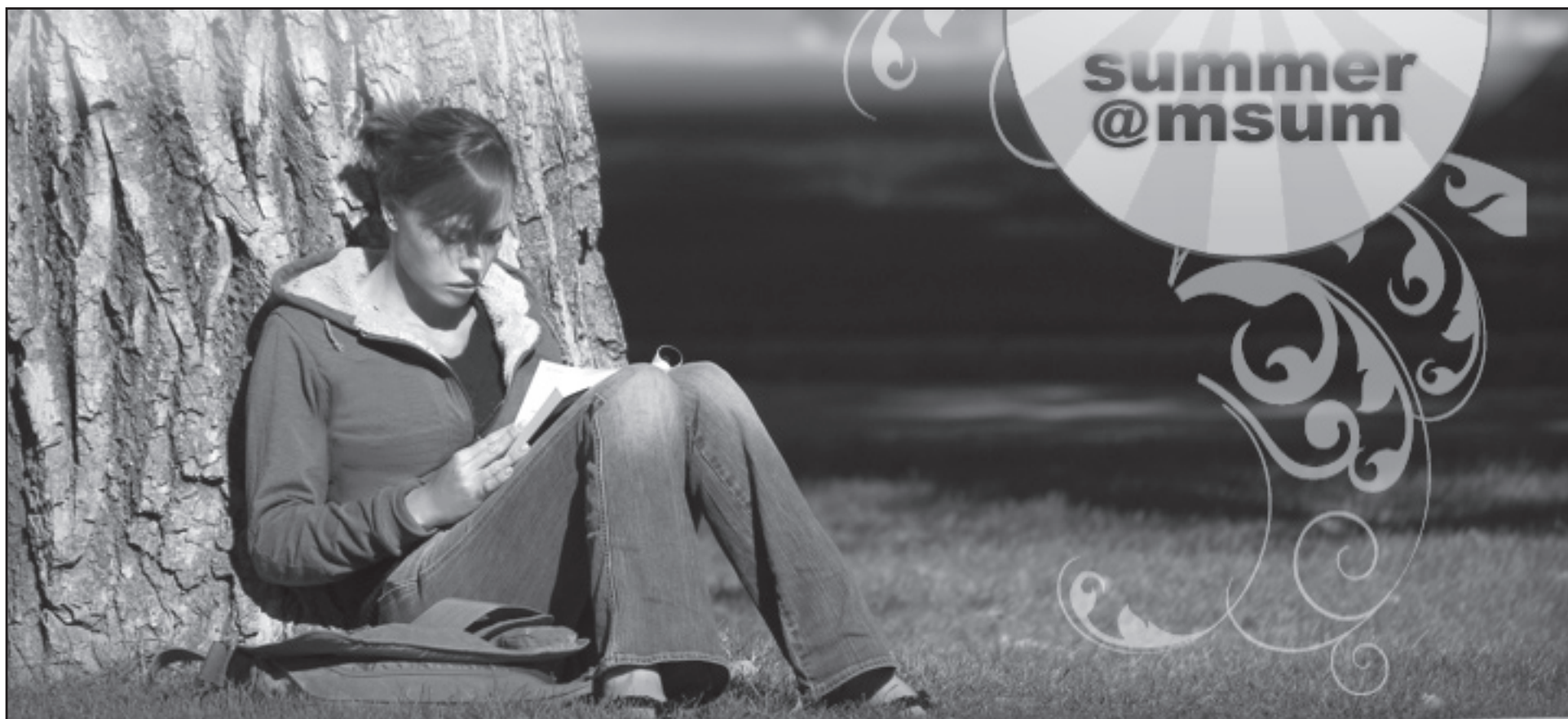


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