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MSUM students deal with fallout after Galleria fire

BY JENESSA MCALLISTER
Copy Editor

While many college students stress over homework, grades and part-time jobs, those involved in the local apartment fire have much bigger problems to worry about.

The fire that demolished the Galleria On 42nd apartments disrupted the lives of 150 residents, including at least 15 MSUM students.

"I looked out the balcony and there were 15-foot flames coming out of the third-floor apartment," said Jennifer Keney, an MSUM senior whose second-floor apartment was nearly 100 percent destroyed. "I called 911 and the lady said I was only the second person to call."

Keney and her father, who was visiting, then grabbed what was important — her dog and her purse, and watched the rest of the disaster from across the street.

The flames were started by an unknown source on the first floor, officials said, and rapidly spread to the attic and eventually the entire roof of the building.

The building was up to code, at least when it was built in 2002. "It met at least the minimum (fire) codes when it was built," said Jesse Schmidt, Fargo Fire Department public relations officer. "We would always like to see stricter codes to avoid these things, but you make improvements as time

Although no one was hurt in the



Robert Jacobson / The Advocate

Denice Luttio, 26, lives in the apartment that was destroyed by the five-alarm fire late last week.

accident, the same cannot be said for family pets, as several were reported missing.

"The official count of saved pets was 44," Schmidt said. "And so far there have been three cats and one fish tank that were reported unsaved."

Keney, along with most of the apartment's tenants, lost a great deal of personal belongings. Those living on the third floor could salvage close to nothing, according to Schmidt. Those who had

apartments on the first and second floors were able to salvage a few things, but most was destroyed due to smoke and water damage. According to Schmidt, a number of units were undamaged.

"It's all just stuff," Keney said.

"My clothes and everything are gone, but the important thing is that no one got hurt."

MSUM is doing what they can to support students who were involved in the tragedy.

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Makeover volunteers turned away

BY JENESSA MCALLISTER Copy Editor

With an event as large as the "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" build in a community like Fargo-Moorhead, not everyone who wants to help can be given the chance.

Nearly 6,000 people were given the opportunity to volunteer at the Grommesh family's new home, many of those being students from surrounding schools and universities.

Many student groups at MSUM are based on volunteering and community service, and an opportunity like this did not go unnoticed by group leaders.

Organizations such as Students

Today Leaders Forever, the student orientation counselors, resident assistants, cheerleaders and the dance team jumped at the opportunity to be a part of something so momentous for the family and the community.

Not all were successful in their hopes of attaining hard hats and blue shirts, however, as a large number of volunteers were turned down.

The exact number of volunteers who were turned down remains undetermined, but the coordinators at Heritage Homes, the sponsoring company, said it was not an easy task to have to turn away people.

"It was heartbreaking because

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so many wanted to participate," said Jenny Centko, executive assistant to Tyrone Leslie, co-owner of Heritage Homes. "When you have an event that draws such community support you want to let as many people as possible experience it."

Robert Trefethren, who is the president of Alpha Lambda Delta as well as a bus core member for STLF, thought it would be a good idea to combine both organizations and volunteer as a group

Trefethren and his group of willing volunteers took the proper steps required and were confirmed to show up on the site ready to work, or so he thought.

"There were about 40-50 of us gathered in the CMU ready to walk over," he said. When the group was nearly to the site, he received a phone call saying there had been a miscommunication.

"I basically had to tell everyone, 'I'm sorry, but they don't need us," Trefethren said, "I was disappointed, especially since I was led to believe we could volunteer. The lady I talked to on the phone apparently had nothing to do with volunteer coordinating, and gave us false information."

Although STLF and Alpha Lambda Delta, along with several other organizations, were turned

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Drug discovery superstar returns to alma mater

BY BRIANNA BRICKWEG Staff Writer

Dr. Tomi Sawyer is the chief scientific officer and senior vice president of drug discovery and innovative technologies at Alieron Therapeutics. He has contributed heavily to drug discovery for the past three decades. He is also a Dragon.

Sawyer has worked extensively over the last three years leading a team of chemists and biologists to develop a "discovery platform" for stapled helical peptide drugs for a number of diseases, including cancer. Sawyer's team will now focus on a number of solid and liquid cancer treatments.

Sawyer, who graduated from MSUM in 1976, is also busy with two adjunct professorships at the University of Massachusetts where he teaches chemistry, biochemistry and biology and at Northeastern University, where he works in the college of pharmacy teaching drug discovery.

Sawyer has been back to MSUM many times. On Oct. 14, he returned to give a speech about his work.

"It's always been fun for me," Sawyer said, "It brings back many special memories of being a student there and I have had the opportunity to meet a lot of new people."

Sawyer found his undergraduate research at MSUM to be helpful in preparing him for his graduate work. He said it helped him learn and begin to understand what being an experimentalist is, how to design experiments, how to interpret data and how to develop good laboratory skills. One of the projects Sawyer worked on resulted in a publication

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Volleyball splits two games

One win, one loss during Homecoming games



Crowds surround the makeover home in south Moorhead for the reveal.

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"I hate it when my ribs get hooked on my hipbone, don't you hate it when that happens?' 'That's physically possible?!'"

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Banks restart foreclosures

Bank of America and General Motors Acceptance Corporation are restarting foreclosures after problems with paperwork caused the banks to halt the process in 23 states. Bank of America reopened 100,000 home-seizure files after saying it found no major problems in its paperwork procedures.

GMAC didn't say how many foreclosures it would restart work on. Lenders are pushing back against a growing political backlash over allegations that their employees signed hundreds of foreclosure documents a day without bothering to read them. A Bank of America spokesman said the move was a "first step" in efforts to debunk "speculation" that the mortgage market has big problems. The company will begin selling seized homes in November.

Judge rejects Don't Ask, Don't Tell

A federal judge rejected the government's request to hold there decision overturning Don't Ask, Don't Tell while the ruling is appealed, saying the feds had failed to prove that stopping the anti-gay policy would cause "irreparable harm" to the armed forces. The government said halting the policy would endanger national security and undermine the Defense Department's study to figure out the best policy for dealing with open gays.

U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips dismissed that argument, saying her decision only required the military to stop kicking out gays, not to end its quest for a new way of dealing with them.



Musicologist presents honors lecture

Musicologist Wendy Heller, Princeton University, will present an Honors Lecture titled "Taming the Epic Hero: Jason and Medea in 17th Century Venice," today at 7:30 p.m. in the Center of Business 111.

Heller specializes in the study of 17th and 18th century music from interdisciplinary perspectives, with particular emphasis on gender and sexuality, art history and the classical tradition.

event is free and open to the public.

Study abroad in Ecuador for spring break

Join Professor Cecilia Mafla-Bustamante, department of languages and cultures at MSUM, as she leads a Spring Break Tour to the Galapagos Islands, UNESCO World Heritage Site, during the Spring Break 2010.

The group will leave March 11, and return on Sunday, March 20. Participants will visit the colonial city center in Quito, also World Heritage site, one of the most traditional Indian markets of Latin America, Otavalo and will visit the islands Santa Cruz, Seymour North, Floreana and Isabela.

The application deadline is Nov. 1. The program is limited to 15 participants on a first-comefirst-served basis. The applicants should have a minimum of 2.5 GPA and be in good academic and disciplinary standing.

Please come to the information meeting today at 5-6:30 p.m. in MA274.



Security Update

Interim Director of Campus Security

Mitch Osland

A marijuana blunt was located in the elevator on Nelson on Oct. 13. It was disposed of by Public Safety.

A report of two individuals stuck in the elevator of West Snarr was reported on Oct. 13. The two were able to exit the elevator soon thereafter.

Two individuals were reported and referred to Campus Judicial for loud noise and alcohol violation on Oct. 14.

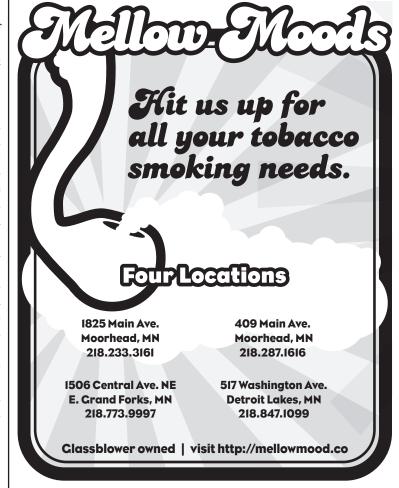
An individual was cited for minor in consumption and warned about urinating in public by the Moorhead Police Department on Oct. 14. The individual was referred to Campus Judicial.

A man was found in possession of a stolen bicycle on Oct. 14. The Moorhead Police Department responded and charged the male with GM Theft.

Two individuals were referred to Campus Judicial for possession of drug paraphernalia on Oct. 16.

A motor vehicle accident was reported in the maintenance lot on campus on Oct. 17.

Three individuals were cited by the Moorhead Police Department for minor in consumption on Oct. 17. One male was taken to jail for obstruction of legal process and seven others were referred to Campus Judicial.



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Facebook the movie (Farmville not included)

BY GRANT ERTL Staff Writer

Director David Fincher always seems to show humans finding more happiness living outside the status quo. Fincher continues this running theme in "The Social Network."

Fincher's newest film "The Social Network" is based on the biggest thing to hit the Internet since Google: Facebook. The film successfully juxtaposes five intelligent 21st century men, each trying to carve out their own piece of the pie. These men are master programmer Mark Zuckerberg (played by Michael Cera sound-alike Jesse Eisenberg), businessman Edwardo Severin (Andrew Garfield), twin rowers Cameron and Tyler Winkelvoss (Armie Hammer digitally duplicated) and playboy Sean Parker (Justin Timberlake).

The movie starts off with a recently single and extremely bitter Zuckerberg writing an Internet program that lets Harvard

men rank their female classmates.

The website is so popular that it crashes the Harvard server within four hours. From this incident, Zuckerberg gets in big trouble with the school, but also attracts the attention of Cameron and Tyler Winkelvoss who commission him to create a social network site to link up everybody at Harvard. Zuckerberg plots to create a similar site on his own. Facebook was the resulting monster, a volatile force to those that created it.

The film cuts back and forth between two court hearings and the events that lead up to them. In the hands of a less seasoned filmmaker, this might make for a hard to follow film, but Fincher and company manage to make it work almost perfectly.

The movie is not only very tight performance-wise, it looks fantastic as well. The film has the dark rich colors that Fincher's films are known for. Not only that, but his expert use

of shallow-focus photography makes for a film that's very impressive visually despite very sparse special effects.

Even more than the visuals, the soundtrack is a perfect fit. Nine Inch Nails frontman Trent Reznor, along with producer Atticus Ross, composed the movie's score. The film has a cold, electronic, hollow music that perfectly complements

Zuckerberg's increasingly cold and electronic disposition.

The movie is done well; the only thing that could be seen as a downside is its main characters are difficult to relate to. Zuckerberg's extreme intelligence and horrible social skills are tough to watch.

Severin's attempt to hold on to Zuckerberg's coat tails starts to become more of the primary story than Zuckerberg who loses what little charm he has.

"The Social Network" is a mustsee film. It's smart, provocative and an excellent testament to life in the 21st century. It reevaluates not only modern man, but also modern friendship, modern romance and all things that we seem to be replacing with

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Faculty-student gallery opens



Melissa Muehlbauer / The Advocate

The Center for the Arts Gallery is featuring the Faculty-Student Invitational exhibit which will be open until Oct. 31.

BY SHANE MALAND Staff Writer

On Monday, Oct. 18, the MSUM gallery opened its doors for one of its major exhibits of the year.

In conjunction with the College Symposium, the MSUM gallery is, for the first time, showing a faculty and student invitational exhibit.

Starting Oct. 18 and running through Oct. 31, 17 faculty members, along with selected students, will be showcasing their work for the public.

All studio disciplines have work on display. But not to be forgotten, students in the illustration and art education fields were selected to choose pieces for the exhibit as well.

"It's a great way for us to commend and show work that was done well," said gallery director Jane Gudmundson. There were no parameters set for who could be chosen by the faculty. Each faculty member was asked to choose one student that they felt showed exemplary skill in their field. Students of all ages were selected.

Graphic design professor, Allen Sheets had a tough time choosing just one student.

"They asked me to pick a favorite student," Sheets said. "It was tough to pick just one. Each one of them is strong. We have a great program with great kids."

Sheets collaborated with his whole 404B senior class to come up with one piece for the exhibit.

"I've been with these students for a long time," Sheets said. "They've become my friends." The exhibit opened this Monday morning and had already welcomed 40 visitors by the noon hour, with many more expected.

"Our largest crowd in the gallery was for our abstract exhibit," said gallery employee Leandra Cota. "But with the college symposium here for the first time, we are expecting many more people."

A reception for the artists is set for Thursday, Oct. 28 from 4-6 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

The gallery is located in the main hall of the Roland Dille Center for the Arts building. Gallery hours can be found on the MSUM Art and Design website and in the Center for the Arts.

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Opinion

Anti-Islamism on the tarmac

The Forum's top story this past Tuesday covered the blatant racial profiling of three Saudi Arabian men. The story failed to portray the incident in a relevant light and instead glossed over key facts with nonsequiturs.

The men were en route via commuter jet from Minneapolis to Grand Forks when the plane made an emergency landing in Fargo. The three were detained under suspicion that one of them had tampered with a fire extinguisher or smoke detector in the plane's bathroom. After hours of interrogation, the men were released without further incident or pending charges.

The men came to the U.S. as part of a recent contract between the Saudi Ministry of the Interior and the University of North Dakota to train pilots. Officials at UND turned a blind eye to the incident calling it a "big mix-up," as reported in The Forum.

The non-descript "bomb scare of sorts" is largely devoid of facts and instead reeks of anti-Islamism, an ever-growing occurrence in this country. Much of the alleged confusion behind the incident hinges on the fact that the three men spoke little English, something they will also be studying at UND. The whole situation seems less of a misunderstanding and more of an unwillingness to understand, bordering on xenophobia. There is barely a hint of apology to the Saudi Arabian men in the story.

The United States has maintained diplomatic relations with Saudi Arabia since the early 1930s including sales or grants of more than \$80 million in military hardware from 1951 to 2006. Diplomatic relations undoubtedly waned post 9/11, though a statement was issued by Saudi Arabia on the day of the attacks calling them "regrettable and inhuman." Even the Bush administration praised Saudi support of the "war on terrorism."

The primary issue here transcends facts, figures and political innuendo. It is instead time to recognize that, more often than not, a "terrorist threat" is unwarranted harassment based on race and/or religion. It is our responsibility as educated adults, especially in this region of the country, to open discussion about gratuitous profiling.

A revised system needs to exist to prevent further attacks on and in this country, but unfounded allegations such as "one of them Saudis might have tampered with a smoke detector" are as baseless as the ignorance behind them.

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Advocate Editorial Board Religion through the ages

BY ROHAN JOHN Columnist

Humankind has been plagued since time immemorial with the tension of religion. Since the time humans were able to think a "God" existed there have been wars fought over whose God was true and whose God was a figment of imagination.

Gandhi once said, "God has no religion." Maybe if all the religious radicals took a leaf out of Gandhi's book we would not be living in a world that condones a child revealing their religion after introducing themself.

Worldwide there are countless incidents of religious animosity; from Sikhs in France not being allowed to wear turbans to schools, to labeling one entire religion as a group of terrorists.

Voltaire, one of the world's greatest thinkers, once said, "Prejudices are what fools use for reason." Voltaire obviously saw how people around him had stopped using their heads and started looking for a reason to despise one another.

I am not here to point fingers at anyone's faith or beliefs. I am laying out a situation wherein religion is used as a weapon to cause rifts rather than mend them.

Terrorism, an act thought to be born out of hate and evil, is actually a byproduct of people who are altering religions to gain their own ends. Religion is being used as a brainwashing tool. Thoughts and actions so inhumane that it's like we have devolved.

Cases around the world of religious intolerance are not only privy to underdeveloped and developing countries but also rampant in developed super powers of the world. Countries like France and Australia are extremely intolerant when it comes to the acceptance of other religions. In fact, the reason religious superiority has become this much of a virus to the world community is because the countries which are far ahead in economic and social platforms are the ones that encouraged conversions and poked their heads in matters that were not theirs to sort, something those countries still shamelessly do.

"All is fair in love and war," William Shakespeare once wrote. What dear Sir William did not

know was that in this 21st century Earth, love and war have become the same thing, and that is the saddest thing. I know that if Krishna, Buddha, Allah, Yahweh, Jesus Christ, etc. were all at a dinner table together, there would be no problems between them.

Jonathan Swift, a 17th century essayist once said, "We have just enough religion to makes us hate, but not enough that will make us love each other." But I believe that every person possesses the willingness to take a stand for what they believe in, no matter what religion.

The first time I went to Sunday school I heard the teacher say "love," and that's all. And in the end that's all that religion is. It's love. Love for your fellow human being, love for your elders and especially love for your enemies. Every religion is based on the principle of love. That's what should be learned from religion.

Today we live in a world in which God is losing face every day, either because of fanatical zealots or science. We must remember those moments in life when we just stood in awe and the thought went through our mind...God! Be it seeing a baby

smile for the first time or laying on the grass while you feel the raindrops fall on you, these are life's moments which make us wonder how there cannot be a higher being.

We need something to believe in. We need to have faith in something to keep us going on, but when what we are hoping to lift us up is only making us break, how will we ever move forward?

The problem with religion is that it has become highly politicized: the playground of influential figures to gain their selfish ends through something so pure. So here I stand to tell you, seize the moment. Stop being part of a generation which has made it their sole purpose to be martyrs. Break free and believe in what makes you smile, in what makes you feel like you are more than human.

The Buddhists might just have been right; they believe that each of us in our own way are Gods. So let us start proving that we are extraordinary. Your God, my God, our God is one and the

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Opinion

Incising ignorance

BY AHMAD ARAFA Columnist

So you've got that whack job Terry Jones hailing from Gainseville, Fla., who wanted to burn Qurans, the Ground Zero mosque controversy (or lack thereof) and Bill O'Reilly, America's resident bigot, who claimed that "Muslims killed us on 9/11" on the View.

He forgot to mention that sixty Muslims who were in the towers that time also died, but I digress. The level of Islam-ophobia that's still lingering in the atmosphere is just too much to stomach. I mean the latter statement made by Billy Boy could be the equivalent to someone saying "Catholics are molesting our children!" I just typed that down and just looking at that sentence in print makes me feel incredible queasy. Generalizations are, simply put, dangerous.

Islam is a Judeo religion, just like Judaism and Christianity. It is essentially those religions and most practicing Muslims share the beliefs and principles of those practicing those religions (yes Muslims revere and love Jesus, shocker!). Do we lump everybody who's Christian or Jewish and demean them in the same manner that some people demean Muslims?

I am a born and bred Middle Easterner and, even though I no longer adhere to a certain religion, I had a strict Muslim upbringing and let me tell you that neither I, nor my family or friends support terrorist acts that kill and endanger the lives of innocent civilians. It is in fact a major sin in Islam. We loathed, truly loathed, those responsible for 9/11, just like Catholics loathed the acts of clergymen who were accused of child molestation.

If there is one thing I truly hate, it's bigotry. If I see anyone attack or discriminate people from any, and I truly mean any, walk of life (Indian, Far East Asian, Caucasian, African, Hindu, Jewish, whomever) I will come out all guns blazing. And yeah, for all bigots concerned, "coming out all guns blazing" is an expression.

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Redundancy on Columbus Day

BY JANAE BOSWELL Columnist

Pride, honor and tribute are just a few words that can be used to describe American Indian Heritage. Many people don't realize that there is an entire month within the year that pays homage to the American Indian culture. November marks a time when tribes from all over come together to celebrate a rich culture of the indigenous people.

Though, when I traveled to my hometown during fall breather, the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation had a different vibe. I found many people upset about American Indian Heritage not having a national holiday, while Christopher Columbus did. This sparked my interest because Columbus Day is the day when Christopher Columbus supposedly discovered America or at least that is what we are taught in school. Instead, it is a day that is shrouded by myths and constructive celebration of a tyrant man who brought on the beginnings of genocide to the indigenous people. We celebrate this national holiday in honor of a man who brought slavery and devastating diseases to the Americas; let us not forget about massive exploitation.

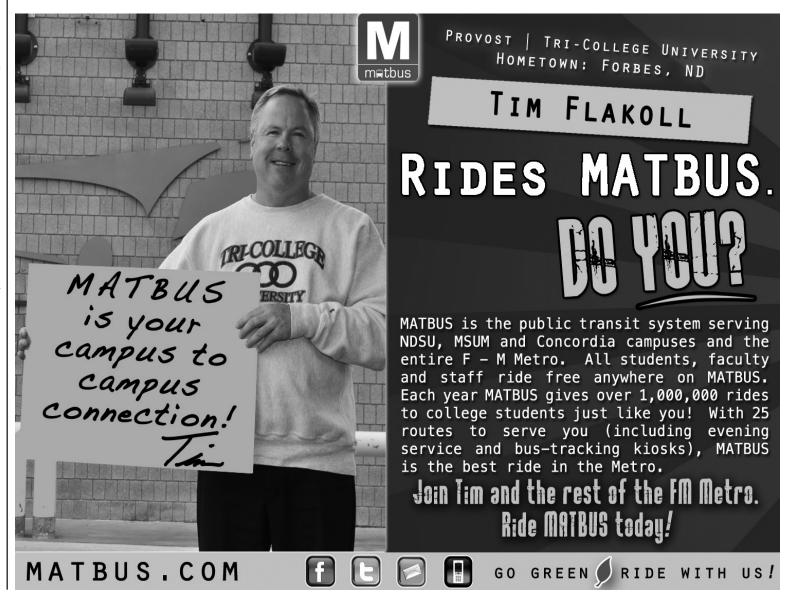
Another upsetting aspect about Columbus Day is that it is celebrated only twenty days before the month that honors the very culture he brought devastation to. Would it make a difference if it was celebrated later in the year, if the events were nine months apart? No, probably not, but it makes even more of a difference that they aren't. Opposing viewpoints may have arguments that Christopher Columbus didn't land in what we now consider America but instead landed on the

islands, which is now considered Central America. If he didn't actually discover the land we live on is that not more of a reason to cease celebrating Columbus day?

When considering this topic, one must think about what "discover" actually means. By Webster dictionary the word discovery is defined as followed: making something known or visible, to obtain sight and knowledge for the first time. History has us believing he discovered America, but what about the people whose ancestors were already here? Though they had no understanding of the European industrialized culture, they were still already inhabitants of this land. So to people of this culture he discovered nothing. They were natives to the land which they had survived on and cared for. So in actuality, Columbus discovered a culture which he brought nothing more than calamity and eradication too. South Dakota is but one state that has changed the name of the holiday nationally known as Columbus Day to "Native American Day."

Am I saying that all states should change this particular day's name also? No, I am not. I am simply stating that we should not look at this day as a holiday or time for celebration. We should look at this day and remember that it is fueled by historical lies. Remember that this was a time when a man came over not in search of moral prospects or adventure. Instead he came over in search of greed, dominance and to slaughter and enslave an entire culture. In its place let us remember the lives that were stolen and the land that was taken. Then think about it all and the kind of man we are honoring on that day.

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SAWYER CONT.

in "The Journal of Organic Chemistry," which was Sawyer's first publication.

"It was a good preparation. I was very well-trained to be a multi-disciplinary scientist," Sawyer said. "I feel that Moorhead State was the launch pad for me. I transformed myself."

Sawyer works under the philosophy that everything a person learns is important. He believes students should continue to review the knowledge they learn, particularly within his or her major because it will remain useful.

Sawyer was extraordinarily pleased to see so many students at his lecture last week. He hopes they were able to gather something useful from his presentation. He tied philosophical commentary into his discussion on science and technology by discussing imagination, perseverance and faith.

"There's more to being a scientist than just working hard in the lab," Sawyer said. "It has a lot to do with your innerbeing and the ability to imagine and create and persevere over difficult challenges."

Sawyer wants students to understand that his success should not be viewed as "Tomi Sawyer," it should be viewed as the success of MSUM.

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MAKEOVER CONT.

down, the MSUM dance team was lucky enough to participate.

The team participated as a team at the "prep" rally, alongside the MSUM cheer team. They also got to take part in the "move that bus" as a team. In smaller groups or pairs, the dancers volunteered on various days, combining for a total of 100 hours of onsite work, according to dance coach Marissa Parmer.

"For the team it was a great bonding opportunity outside of practice," Parmer said. "It also showed how much teamwork it takes to achieve something of this magnitude for a community. It was also great to represent MSUM at the "prep" rally and "move that bus" events with the cheer team.

One student who individually volunteered said it was unfortunate to have to turn away volunteers.

"It's too bad that many people were turned away, but it is incredible how our community pulled together to reach a point of too many volunteers," said MSUM sophomore Kim Kressin. "Being that only so many people can be in the house working at once, it was better that they turned them away, instead of having them stand and watch."

Kressin, along with many others said that the experience was one-of-a-kind.

"I absolutely loved the opportunity to help Grommesh family," Kressin said. "It was incredible to see the raw materials transform into a house within days. I felt very lucky to have gotten to help."

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Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010 Five-alarm fire blazes into the night



The apartment fire, which started Monday, Oct. 11, left residents homeless and resulted in a great loss of property.

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"Students have been genuinely grateful," said Warren Wiese, vice president for student affairs. "The parents in particular have been extremely thankful to the institution, because they're dealing with a lot they weren't expecting to."

"The school has been great," Keney said. "They called me right away and my professors are giving me time to make up stuff. The financial aid office gave me an emergency \$500 to replace my books, because I lost all of my schoolwork and books."

Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union on campus has set up a fund to handle donations made to the affected students. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to either of the two locations: CMU 104 or at 635 Center Ave.

Affinity Plus will match donations that are received by Nov. 24.

Although the funds will be evenly divided, Keney is choosing not to accept the financial support, partially because she was fortunate enough to have renters' insurance.

"I don't feel right taking donations," she said. "I know there are people who didn't have insurance, and I know they'll need it more than I will. I wouldn't feel comfortable."

As for what's next, Keney will be moving into a brand new apartment building in December, but is currently in the process of moving from a hotel to the MSUM dorms.

"You feel like your whole life went away, but life keeps going on," Keney said. "You still have to deal with your responsibilities, work and school. I'm just glad everyone is OK after such a tragic event."

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Many apartments were heavily damaged by water.



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The cause of the fire that affected the apartment's 62 units remains undetermined.



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Multicultural student of the month awarded

CHAYANEE HALEY Copy Editor

Last month senior Laine White was selected as MSUM's first Multicultural Student of the Month.

Jody Steile, coordinator of the White Earth program at the American Indian Research and Resource Center in Holmquist, nominated White for the award.

"Laine does academically; he is motivated and focused," Steile said. "He has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to academics, campus involvement and community outreach."

This is White's first year at MSUM, but he has been taking classes at MSUM through the tri-college system for three years. He transferred from NDSU after switching his major to special education.

specifcally White was for acknowledged involvement in the American Indian Student Association. In addition to being a member of AISA, White is recognized for volunteering at many campus and community events and working with the Youth Commission of Fargo.

"I try to mentor and stuff like that if I get the opportunity," White said.

White feels honored to be the first student to have received this award.

"I didn't know what to think at first," he said. "I was kind of shocked, but I was happy."

White said that he likes the idea of an award for multicultural students and hopes that the award will continue to be given out.

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"Be a Kid Again" homecoming success



MSUM's new pep band makes their performance debut at Saturday's homecoming football game.

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The MSUM cheer team perform at the variety show.



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Pro-life protests outside clinic

BY CRYSTAL SMITH Staff Writer

40 Days for Life, a campaign promoted by the pro-life movement since 2007, has supporters protesting outside the Red River Women's Clinic in

Fargo. Pro-life supporters from various churches, schools, no afffiliations or other community groups volunteer to stand outside the clinic protesting abortion and what the clinic represents. They hold posters or signs and engage in conversation with passers by.

The ideal goal of the campaign at this location is to ultimately close down the clinic.

"We are praying for the conversion of hearts and that they (clinic workers and other pro-choice supporters) realize that women are not having good done to them. Women falsely think that abortion is OK," said one of the protestors who chose to remain unidentified.

The pro-life groups encourage passers-by and women coming to

the clinic to hear the alternatives to abortion, such as adoption and First Choice Clinic in Moorhead, and other information about only women's clinic in North what to do with an unplanned baby and the other possible considerations.

"If we have saved one baby, it has gone great. It was totally worth it," said one woman who chose to remain unidentified.

The campaign has not gone unnoticed by the staff at Red River Clinic. Manager Sarah Haeder said that it does not really affect business, but it does cause new conversations between clients and the staff, many of which involving false accusations against the clinic. The staff must also address issues involving First Amendment rights of both the clinic and the protestors.

The staff of the Red River Clinic realize that the pro-life group has a right to protest, but not necessarily the right to tell women what to do with their bodies.

"If it's not your body, it's not your decision. Worry about

yourself, and let God do the judging," Haeder said.

The Red River Clinic is the Dakota. It provides a variety of options for women, such as contraceptives, exams, sexually transmitted disease exams and information about options for unplanned pregnancies. Clients receive the pregnancy options notebook, which goes over all options and helps them make the best decision for them.

Haeder said that the clinic is "here to support, not to persuade either way." The emphasis is that the woman has the right to make her own decision.

For more information about the Red River Women's Clinic, visit www.redriverwomensclinic.com.

40 Days for Life started on Sept. 22 and goes until Oct. 31, and is a 24/7 campaign. For more information about the nation-wide campaign, visit www.40daysforlife.com/index.

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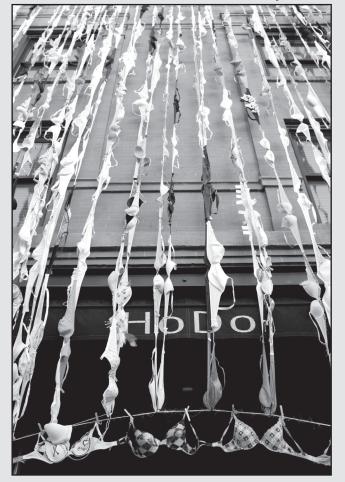


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A few local pro-life advocates gathered to promote the "40 Days for Life" campaign. "We are praying, not protesting," said one woman who chose to remain unidentified. "We want everyone to know that."

Features

Bras on Broadway



Chris Franz / Photo Editor

Hundreds of bras hang from the roof of the HoDo in downtown Fargo. The Hotel Donaldson is hosting the fifth annual 'Bras on Broadway' tonight to raise money and awareness for the fight against breast cancer.

Corn maze offers discount for students

BY MATTHEW BECKMAN Staff Writer

As the fall semester progresses and students lose brain capacity with every passing day, it stands to reason a hair-raising corn maze scare would be fairly cathartic.

Debbie Livdahl and her crew at the Haunted Corn Maze south of Moorhead have been doing their best for 11 years to give stressed students the release they need.

For the first time in 2010 the Haunted Corn Maze is offering discounted entry during college nights for the last two Thursdays in October. If students bring in a valid college ID they will receive five dollars off the normal admission price.

The maze is also open on Halloween night itself, but will not be offering college night rates.

The corn maze opens at 7 p.m. and guests can arrive until 11 p.m.

"They wanna come but they have limited money," Livdahl said. "It's more affordable for college students." She believes the college nights will help lure a larger college crowd to the maze.

Livdahl said part of her establishment's appeal comes from the fact that patrons are allowed to stay for as long as the corn maze

If getting scared out of your mind isn't your thing, the Haunted Corn Maze is also open from 1-5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, including a pumpkin patch, hay rides and an un-haunted version of the maze for patrons who want their corn maze exercise to be exorcised.

The Haunted Corn Maze can be found at 12747 3rd St. South Moorhead, and contacted at 218.585.4529.

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Corrick Center provides students a second chance

BY MARK RADCLIFFE

Second chances are rare and often a more difficult route to success. The same logic is applied to students who enter the Corrick Center.

Each year, the Corrick Center accounts for 20 percent of MSUM's freshmen class. These students are then able to select a number of courses offered by Corrick Center faculty. Throughout their time in the Corrick Center, they are trained to master learning and gain the special tools needed to graduate college.

The Corrick Center for General Education is a program that was developed in 1972 as a secondary entrance for students who scored lower than a 21 on their ACT and were in the bottom half of their graduating class in high school. Students have the opportunity to learn from a faculty that is dedicated to helping these students succeed in ways they may never have thought possible.

Dr. Karen Branden, a professor in the sociology department, was originally a Corrick Center student and since then, her life has changed in a unique way.

"I wasn't dedicated to school in high school," Branden said. "I had bad teachers and never thought I would make it through four years of college." After entering into the program, Branden had a new outlook on her future.

"The Corrick Center taught

me, they gave me a second tools I needed to succeed in chance," Branden said. "They gave me self esteem in the academic world and I learned how to learn."

Since then, Branden has earned her doctorate in sociology and written her master's thesis on the Corrick Center.

There is something to be said about the unique learning environment that the faculty and students foster within the walls of the Corrick Center. Since all Corrick Center classes are in one building and the faculty, who double as their first advisors, teach every class offered in the Corrick Center, an environment established that allows students to get to know their peers and advisors in a very encouraging and motivating way, like the living learning communities.

Corrick Center faculty and students work and maintain a friendly relationship that is focused on improving their academic skill while transitioning into traditional college life.

Krumwiede, William a junior and also a Corrick Center student, can attest to the learning environment that the program is revered for.

"It is a really supportive place to start out. The faculty are really supportive and always have their doors open, willing to talk to anyone," Krumwiede said. "It has made me comfortable to ask questions. It empowered me to learn because it gave me the

college."

After his experience with the Corrick Center program, Krumwiede became heavily involved on campus, joining organizations such as SOC & Friends and peer advising, and is an office assistant in the Corrick Center. Krumwiede also wants to be an resident assistant by the time he graduates.

Professor Kevin Zepper, a faculty member in the Corrick Center dedicates most of his time to helping students learn while trying to positively encourage students to find their untapped talent for education and learning.

"I started in the Corrick Center in 1979," Zepper said. "It has always been the right choice. My favorite part about the Corrick Center is the students. It's the reason I get up in the morning."

Zepper, along with the rest of the Corrick Center faculty, are highly dedicated to students' success and all share in "the job well done" when a Corrick Center student graduates with a degree.

Given the many varied reasons as to why a student doesn't have the best run through high school, it doesn't change the fact that there is very little offered that can get them through college on their own. The Corrick Center is a program designed to give students a second chance.

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Sports

Volleyball splits homecoming games

BY MICHAEL SMITH Sports Editor

The volleyball team kicked off homecoming weekend with a dominating 3-1 victory over Augustana on Friday in Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse.

on a roll since Coach Tammy Blake-Kath made a change to the offensive philosophy.

"I switched some things in our lineup. We went from a 6-2 offensive system to a 5-1," Blake-Kath said. "I went from time."

Since then, the Dragons have won five consecutive matches and started to gel as an offense.

setter Leigh Splittstoesser finished the match against Augustana with 41 of the team's 46 assists and 14 digs.

"We got into a rhythm," sophomore Heidi Lensing said, who led the team in both kills (16) and digs (17). "Our passes were on and our sets were on so that helps the offense."

The fieldhouse was rocking with a raucous homecoming crowd of 645 fans. Members of Nemzek Noize filled the first couple rows and could be The Dragons (11-9) have been heard throughout the match.

> "I definitely get more pumped up when there is a big crowd," Lensing said. "It is exciting hearing all of them cheer so loud. It was awesome."

"Offensively we did a good having (two setters) to one, so job; we went up aggressive the same person sets the whole and made smart choices," Blake-Kath said. "I thought we played very well as a unit. We did a great job defending against them."

> Dragons finished homecoming weekend on a sour note, losing 3-1 Saturday against No. 4 Wayne State ending their five-match winning streak.

> The Dragons face a barrage of conference opponents as



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Kayla Handevidt spikes the ball against Augustana on Friday night as volleyball kicked off homecoming weekend.

they make their way toward the conference tournament.

"We know our conference is very good so we just try and do our best against them,"

Lensing said. "Sometimes we are the underdogs so we need to pull out the big wins."

The volleyball team has the chance to get back on track as they go on the road to the University of Minnesota Crookston on Oct. 22.

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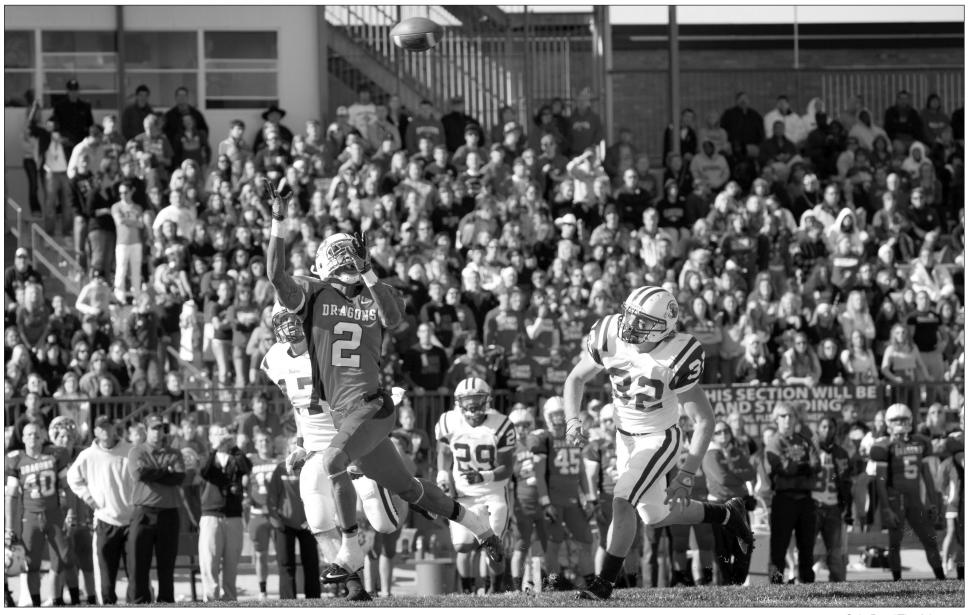
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Sports



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Senior Tyron Small III attempts to receive the ball during the homecoming game against Bemidji State with stands full of fans, including the members of Nemzek Noize and the pep band.

Oragons fail to bring back 'Battle Axe'

BY MICHAEL SMITH Sports Editor

short in the annual Battle for the Axe game against Bemidji State on Saturday in Alex Nemzek stadium.

The Beavers, who retain the axe after a win last season, edged out The Dragons 14-6 in Northern Sun Conference play in front of 2,570 fans, more than triple the average attendance for home football games this season.

"It's nice that people came out to watch the football team and The Dragons football team fell I think that's huge," said Head Coach Joel Beard.

> Bryson Pluta got the start as quarterback for the injured Kevin Koch, who missed the game due to a concussion suffered the previous week against Southwest Minnesota State. This was Pluta's first start of his college career.

> "It was a blast. It really was too bad it couldn't come out the other way," Pluta said.

He finished his first collegiate start 10-28 for 128 yards and two interceptions.

"(Pluta) played with heart and showed a lot of guts," Beard said. For the first time, the Dragons experimented with the wildcat formation on offense. In the wildcat, the ball is snapped directly to the running back instead of the quarterback.

"This is the first time doing the wildcat. With the loss of firststring quarterback we had to put in some stuff," said running back E'Boni Lucious-West.

The formation proved valuable when Lucious-West scored the lone touchdown for the Dragons from five yards out in the third

Lucious-West ran the majority of the play from the wildcat aside from his normal running back duties. He gained 64 yards on the ground in 18 rushes.

"We had some opportunities today and took advantage of some, but just came out at the bottom in the end," Pluta said. "We just need to work on consistency. We can put three or four good plays together on offense then all of a sudden, we have one bad one and it just kills our momentum."

The Dragons are home again this weekend facing Augustana on Saturday.

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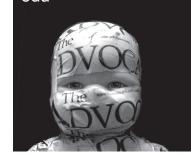
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