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Hoarfrost hits F-M



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Hoarfrost hung on the trees after fog came through the Fargo-Moorhead area. Ice crystals hung from the cherries around campus for most of the day Friday and Saturday.

MSUM hosts local caucuses

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Minnesota's political parties endorsed presidential candidates Tuesday night in statewide precinct caucuses, including one at MSUM.

At the lightly-attended DFL event in the CMU, President Obama coasted to re-nomination without opposition. Across town at Moorhead High School, a few hundred local Republicans chose among four candidates to take on the polarizing incumbent in November.

Danielle Saul, MSUM College Republicans president, said she supported Rick Santorum — who decisively won Minnesota — because “he has a path you can trust” and “really good values.” College Republicans declined to endorse a candidate before the caucuses, allowing members to vote their consciences, Saul said.

Though all candidates have young followers, no candidate drew as much support among college students as Rep. Ron Paul. Ruth Waller, an English education junior, published a Facebook wall post Monday calling for friends to join her in caucusing for the libertarian-leaning Texan.

“He’s the most consistent candidate,” Waller said. “He bases everything in the Constitution.” Frontrunner Mitt Romney is not their candidate, but Waller and

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University reviews online options

BY CHARLY HALEY
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In light of surplus revenue from the online fee, MSUM administration is evaluating the university's options for online education.

“When the online fee — the \$55 per credit — is collected from the students, it goes into an account that is separate,” said Jean Hollaar, associate vice president of finance and administration. “My understanding is that with some of the changes in leadership over the years, the money is still being collected from students, however the plan in advancing online education didn't progress at the pace that we had anticipated. So, of course, the funds have accumulated since that time.”

Denise Gorsline, dean of the university college, has been appointed to spearhead the online education reorganization effort.

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Women's and gender studies expanding

BY TARA KRAMER
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The women's and gender studies program has been given approval to hire its first full-time, tenure-track faculty member.

In the past, the program has had full-time faculty members that share their time with other departments; this new position will allow for the new faculty member to dedicate all their time to the women's and gender studies department.

“The new faculty member will enhance program quality, increase diversity in curriculum and be able to engage with students through student organizations and the Women's Center,” said Linda Fuselier, director of women's and gender studies.

The decision to hire a full-time faculty member came after measured growth in the department. Though many people may see women's studies as an “outdated field,” Fuselier said, it hasn't stopped students from taking up the cause. Since the creation of the women's and gender studies major in 2007, the number of students in the program has more than doubled. The women's and gender studies program at MSUM, which offers a



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The Women's and Gender Studies office is located on the first floor of MacLean just a few feet down from the Bookstore.

major, two minors and a certificate, is the only MnSCU institution in western Minnesota that offers such a curriculum and the only undergraduate institution that offers a women and science certificate or women's health minor.

“Having a new full-time professor in the department will be really nice for students, just having someone permanent,” said Tiffany Zilka, a double major in women's and gender studies and psychology. She, like many other students, has found

that the women's and gender studies department has been a huge help in focusing her plans for the future.

Zilka said the program helps her look at things in a whole new way.

“When I go out and work, I will be able to use my time in women's studies to help look at how people respond to different situations,” she said.

More and more students like Smith filling the desks of women's and gender studies courses, are **WOMEN'S STUDIES, PAGE 7**

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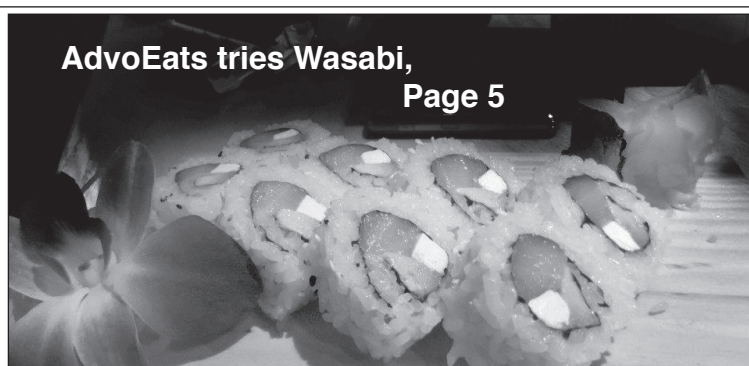
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2.10	8 p.m. - Chinese New Year Dragons After Dark - CMU Ballroom
2.11	1 p.m. - TaeKwonDo event - CMU Ballroom 1:45 p.m. - Planetarium public show "The Little Star That Could" - Bridges 167
2.13	10:30 a.m. - Valentine's Day fundraiser - CMU Table C 8 p.m. - Kick Butts and Take Names - CMU Ballroom
2.14	8:30 a.m. - Service awards brunch - CMU Ballroom 10 a.m. - Sexual responsibility - CMU Table C 11 a.m. - Club design Valentines Day cards - CMU Table E
2.15	7 p.m. - MSUM wrestling vs. Augustana - Nemzek Fieldhouse 8:45 p.m. - Sex signals - CMU Ballroom 8:30 p.m. - Lutheran campus ministry worship - CMU Underground



News Briefs

Obama to address contraceptive policy

White House Press Secretary Jay Carney said Tuesday the White House plans to address a new Department of Health and Human Services policy that requires some religious organizations like hospitals and universities to cover birth control through their employees' insurance.

The policy has caused an uproar among conservative Catholics who follow the church's teaching against any form of artificial contraception. Carney did not indicate that the policy would be changed but said Obama wanted to reach out to religious groups to make clear that he was concerned about their opinions.

Syria activists: field hospital bombed

Though Syria's government has put up a wall of denial, Syrian activists report that the city of Homs is still in the grip of a brutal crackdown.

CNN reports stories of children shot in public, snipers roaming the streets and even a field clinic set up by government-opposition forces bombed. "The doctors died, the patients died," an anonymous protester told CNN. "We are getting killed every moment," another said.

Diplomats are still mired in stalemate: Russia's foreign minister arrived in Damascus today to a warm welcome from President Bashar al-Assad's supporters. The Arab League, though, has expelled Syrian ambassadors.

Four board members ditch Yahoo

Things have been rocky at Yahoo lately. The Internet giant is expected to announce the departure of not one but four board members.

Chairman Roy Bostock will be stepping down as well as Vyomesh Joshi, Gary Wilson and Arthur Kern. This comes on the heels of the company's cofounder and board member Jerry Yang unexpectedly resigning in January. The company will be adding two new directors. Fred Amoroso, former CEO of Rovi, and Maynard Webb, former COO of eBay, will be joining the board.

The company is expected to add three more board members, but their names haven't been released. Yahoo also hasn't named a new chairman.

Last WWI vet dies at 110

The last-known World War I veteran died in her sleep in King's Lynn, a town in eastern England just north of London.

Florence Green, who was approaching her 111th birthday this month, was a mess steward at Royal Air Force bases in Marham and Narborough. Green joined the Women's Royal Air Force in 1918 at the age of 17. She married at age 19 and spent most of her life working at a hotel in her hometown. The last living combat veteran of World War I died at age 110 in May 2011.

News briefs from dailybeast.com



MSUM Briefs

Scott Page speaks on value of diversity

Dr. Scott Page, director of the center for the study of complex systems and Leonid Hurwicz collegiate professor of complex systems, economics, and political science, University of Michigan, will talk on "Leveraging Diversity: How We Can Use Our Differences to Improve Our World" from 3 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23 in the Century Theatre in the Memorial Union at NDSU. Page will encourage attendees to think differently about people's differences. He will show how people's differences produce the "Wisdom of Crowds" effect and how differences lead to more innovative and productive teams.

Following his talk, there will be a reception outside of the Century Theatre. Students, faculty, staff, community members and the Tri-College are invited to attend. The event is co-sponsored by NDSU Forward and by the NDSU School of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies.

Page's research focuses on the myriad roles that diversity plays in complex systems. For example, how does diversity arise? Does diversity make a system more productive? How does diversity impact robustness? Does it make a system prone to large events? Page is author of three books, including "The Difference: How the Power of Diversity Creates Better Groups, Firms, Schools, and Societies" (Princeton U. Press.).

Visit his website for more information about his scholarship and teaching, www.cscs.umich.edu/~spage/index.html.

Film Loop hosts "Remember the Titans"

The Film Loop, in association with First Year Programs, will be screening the film "Remember the Titans" at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18 in Glasrud Auditorium in Weld. The classic sports drama tells the true story of a black coach leading a newly integrated football team to victory in the 1971 Virginia State Championship. The screening is free and open to the public. Popcorn will be sold at the door.

Security Update

Director of Public Safety

Greg Lemke

1/30	Odor of marijuana in Grantham. Two individuals referred to campus judicial.	2/2	Fire reported in garbage can near 14th Street. Fire extinguished.
	Motor vehicle crash in Lot C.	2/3	Marijuana odor reported in Nelson. Two individuals referred to Campus Judicial.
1/31	Autoboot placed for fraud and deceit in Lot V-2.	2/4	Marijuana odor reported in West Snarr. Two individuals referred to Campus Judicial.
2/1	Vandalism to vehicle in Lot N.	2/5	Marijuana odor reported in Dahl. One individual referred to Campus Judicial.
	Autoboot placed for fraud and deceit in Lot F. Referred to Campus Judicial.		
	Tobacco violation in Holmquist. One individual warned.		

To report a problem contact Public Safety at 218.477.2675

CADT Department hosts "Troll Hunter" Screening

The cinema arts and digital technologies department will be hosting a free screening of the film "Troll Hunter" at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23 in Glasrud Auditorium in Weld. The event is in association with the Nordic Arts Alliance and the Concordia College Scandinavian studies department. "Troll Hunter" is a "found footage" style horror/comedy about three college students in Norway who discover the existence of trolls and the government conspiracy to keep them secret. The screening is free and open to the public.



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"A nipple is not a finger."

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Electronic and House Music Comes to MSUM

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Electronic music has been popular in the European dance scene for a number of years now, and a few local DJs are bringing it to MSUM.

The Student Senate and KMSC Dragon Radio are the main sponsors of the SKYLINE event, which will feature five professional DJs. A few of the DJs already have tours booked for the summer. The local DJs will be performing on Feb. 18 in the Ballroom in the CMU. Music starts at 9 p.m. and will go until 1 a.m.

Shaneabbas Raza, student senate treasurer, said Erik Dale was the one to come up with the idea to have an electronic dance night at MSUM. Dale is the Station Manager at KMSC Dragon Radio. The idea was quickly picked up and backed by the student senate because electronic music is a rising trend in the U.S.

“Electronic music has been played a lot in Europe over the past years, and it is an emerging taste in America,” Raza said. “We have put a lot of effort and gathered the best DJs in the area.”

The audience will get to listen to various forms of electronic and house music as the DJs each display their skills in 45 minute sets. The rundown for the show is as follows: Fargo progressive house/electro DJ BatlRatl will kick off the dance at 9 p.m. Dubstep DJ Sentio from Brainerd will go on stage at 9:45 p.m., followed by DJ Econ from Florida at 10:30 p.m. DJ So & So from Fargo will perform at 11:15 p.m., and DJ Airrik from Eau Claire, Wis., will play the closing act. Among the DJs are students from MSUM and NDSU.

The sponsors of the event are confident there will be a good turnout for the event. If enough people show up, the electronic dance event could become a yearly tradition at MSUM.

The event is free and open

to Tri-College students, with a recommended donation of \$2. All proceeds from the event will go to Dorothy Day House in Moorhead.

“We have worked with Dorothy Day House in the past, and we have close ties with them,” said Raza. “We wanted to turn a huge event like this one into one that can benefit the community.”

The event is also sponsored by the Residence Hall Association, the Dragon Entertainment Group and MEISA.



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Top photo: Airrik. Bottom photo: DJ Econ. Both will be performing at the SKYLINE event.

What: SKYLINE Dance
When: Feb 18 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Where: CMU Ballroom
Who: DJ BatlRatl
Dubstep DJ Sentio
DJ Econ
DJ So & So
DJ Airrik

White Stripes' ex-frontman releases new record

BY SADIE JONES
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Former White Stripes frontman Jack White announced he will be releasing a solo album “Blunderbuss,” April 23. A single from the album, “Love Interruption,” is available for purchase online and will be released Feb. 7 as a 7-inch single. Produced at his studio, Third Man Records, in Nashville, Tenn., White announced the album release almost one year to the day of the announcement of the end of the White Stripes was made.

White said in a press release: “I’ve put off making records under my own name for a long time, but these songs feel like they

could only be presented under my name. These songs were written from scratch, had nothing to do with anyone or anything else but my own expression — my own colors on my own canvas.”

The end of the White Stripes didn’t stop White from keeping busy. Along with producing albums at Third Man Records, White has collaborated with Insane Clown Posse and Tom Jones, as well as continuing with The Dead Weather, a band he fronts with Kills vocalist Alison Mosshart.

The single is backed by a non-album B-side titled “Machine Gun Silhouette” and is available for pre-order from JackWhiteIII.

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2/10	Charlie Parr with Rob Ashe @ The Aquarium It Came From The Sea @ The New Direction Feedback @ JT Cigarro’s Giving Back Jack @ Big D’s Plowboys @ O’Kelly’s Liquored Up @ Speck’s Bar Troubadour @ Garage Bar Face For Radio @ Spirits Lounge Dirty White @ M&J Saloon 8th Hour @ VFW-West Fargo Our Last Secret @ Windbreak Jeez Loueez @ Rick’s Bar Boomtown @ O’Leary’s
2/11	Feedback @ JT Cigarro’s Liquored Up @ Speck’s Bar Face For Radio @ Spirits Lounge Dirty White @ M&J Saloon 8th Hour @ VFW-West Fargo Our Last Secret @ Windbreak Jeez Loueez @ Rick’s Bar Acoustic Addiction @ Lucky’s 13 Shalo Lee and The Rush River Band @ Big D’s Suit Up with DJ Econ, K Drive, Vincent Favard, Tryptic Groove and more @ The Aquarium

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Full-time student pursues modeling career

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ONLINE

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With black sweatpants, a purple Victoria's Secret PINK zip-up hoodie and her wavy blonde hair pulled back with a headband, she looks like an ordinary college student.

In addition to taking 19 credits, Kara Simonson, a sophomore majoring in mass communications with a leadership minor, works two part-time jobs – one as a nanny for two children ages 8 and 10, and one as a waitress at Lone Star Steakhouse. She also finds time to pursue a career as a model.

"It's a handful," Simonson said. "It helps that I am a very organized person. I live out of my assignment planner. I have all my homework in there, my shoots, family functions, work schedules, everything."

While modeling isn't her top priority, it's something she loves to do.

Model in the making

"I was never a really girly-girl until I got to high school," Simonson said. "And then, out of the blue, there was the Giovanni Fashion Show, and I tried out for it. I got it, and I ended up opening the show."

The Giovanni Fashion Show was only the start of Simonson's modeling career.

"People from Redken were there," Simonson said. "They asked me if I wanted to do a Redken photo shoot, so I started doing Redken modeling my senior year of high school."

Since then, Simonson has contacted local photographer Dan Roerick and started doing more photoshoots around the country.

"Working with Kara is always a hoot," Roerick said. "She always shows up with a smile, great attitude and ready to shoot. She's not satisfied until we get the shot

right."

Roerick took Simonson under his wing about a year ago, working with her on a variety of projects and developing a good friendship along the way.

"Kara has really come a long way in a short time with respect to her modeling," Roerick said. "Her ability to free pose and emote has grown exponentially over the short time that we've been working together, and she is always wanting feedback so she can continue to improve and grow as a model."

Staying in shape

Simonson draws inspiration for modeling from her favorite Victoria's Secret Angel Candice Swanepoel.

"I love the way she walks," Simonson said. "She's worked really hard to get where she's at."

Simonson is working hard to get to the top as well. She works out almost everyday at Planet Fitness in Fargo where she warms up with five to seven miles on a stationary bike.

"I used to have a personal trainer when I was younger, so I know what to do," Simonson said. "I'm not supposed to lift heavy, so I don't get large muscles. I have to do light-weight with a lot of reps to make sure my body is tone and everything."

Simonson does about 200 abdominal exercises everyday and alternates doing upper and lower body exercises every other day. She finishes her workout running four to five miles on the treadmill.

Besides working out, Simonson also watches her diet to stay in shape. She's not a big sweets person and rarely drinks soda —

when she does it takes her a day and a half to finish a can.

For breakfast, she typically has a protein dietary supplement shake with yogurt and a banana. Sometimes she'll have another protein shake for lunch or a sandwich with little to no dressing. And for dinner, she'll eat a salad or whatever else is healthy in the kitchen.

"I'm a big fruits and veggies person," Simonson said. "My biggest downfall is that I work at a steakhouse and steak's not exactly the healthiest thing to eat."

But Simonson makes up for it with extra workouts before competitions and photo shoots.

"My ideal goal is to work for Maxim or Victoria's Secret," Simonson said. "I really like doing sports stuff and lingerie stuff compared to very high fashion and long dresses."

Dealing with criticism

Simonson is confident and comfortable in her body, but she hasn't always had the support she needs from family and friends when it comes to her modeling.

When Simonson first started doing more provocative photo shoots, her parents and close friends weren't very supportive. Simonson said she found out who her true friends were and let go of those that criticized her choices.

"Overcoming criticism and negativity was a huge struggle for me, but I have grown a lot from all of this," Simonson said. "I have realized that I am stronger than I think and proving people wrong has been a great accomplishment for me."

Megan Rieland, a sophomore pre-med major, who has only known Simonson for seven months and already considers her a best friend, supports Simonson's modeling.

"I love that she models," Rieland said. "It's something she enjoys doing, and she does very well with it. I will support her modeling for as long as she wishes to pursue it."

Although Simonson's parents were initially worried about how far she would go, they are now supporting her choices as a model.

Simonson said she realizes that the more clothes a model takes off, the more money she will make, but Simonson knows her limits. She said she will never do Playboy or pornography.

"My dad has always told me to follow my dreams, and he has seen every picture I've done," Simonson said. "He doesn't exactly approve of his little baby girl doing it, but he knows I have a future doing it."

When Simonson competed in the Liquid Ice Promo Girl Competition at JT Cigarro last Thursday, her dad was there to support her 100 percent.

"The competition was fun for the most part," Simonson said, "except the part where my morals got in the way of me qualifying for the finals."

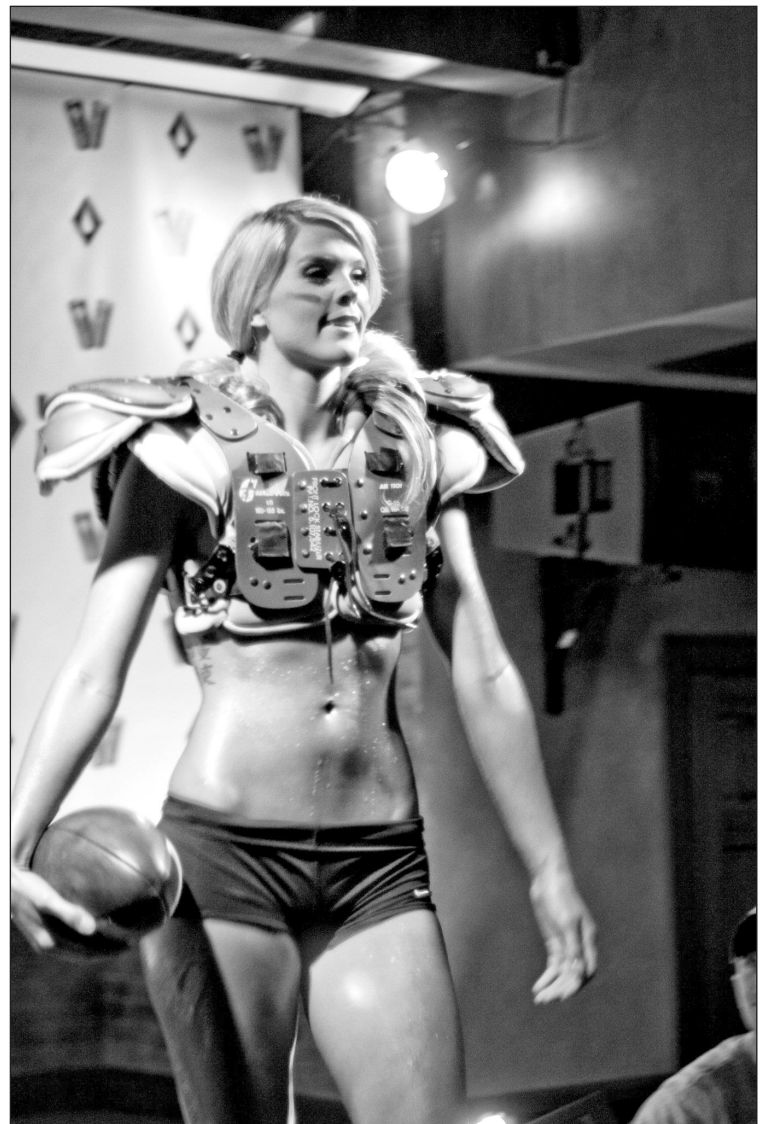
Simonson kept it classy on the short 10-foot runway, but unfortunately her class didn't win over the judges.

"I'm not going to lie; I was



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Kara Simonson, sophomore, is taking 19 credits, while working two part-time jobs and modeling.



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Kara Simonson competed in the Liquid Ice Promo Girl competition at JT Cigarro last Thursday.

upset," Simonson said. "But there was nothing I could do about it. I know that God has bigger and better plans for me."

Genuine girl

Simonson may be a model, but anyone who knows Simonson knows that she's a down-to-earth, genuine girl.

"She is a very understanding

person," Rieland said. "Kara has a very caring and welcoming personality. She hopes the best for everyone and will do what she can to help make that happen."

Simonson is just like any other student on campus struggling to find time to get homework done, work enough to pay the bills and still make time for friends and family.

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Wasabi's sushi bar offers variety with royal treatment

Adv Eats

Advocate staff tries new local restaurants

BY MEGHAN FEIR
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Fish can be prepared in numerous fashions, but one of the most fantastic and beautiful methods are by way of sushi.

The sushi bar at Wasabi, located on First Avenue in downtown Fargo, provides a cool, yet intimate atmosphere. Dimly lit and decorated with dark wood, the rich, warm tones of red embody the Asian-inspired decor. Though many may find the dimness disturbing to the eyes, it somehow makes the joint even classier.

The sushi chef treated my friend Angie and I like royalty (as often as royals order from sushi establishments). He decorated our plates with orchids and decorative grass, among other ingredients. We ordered a few different rolls, so we could sample a greater variety and have leftovers for the rest of the week.

Among the rolls we ordered were the spicy salmon and the California roll. The spicy salmon included salmon (who knew?), avocado and a semi-spicy sauce. The California included avocado (I can't get enough), cucumber and imitation crab. Both rolls were delicious, fresh and filled me to

the point of contentment. Not to mention, I had quite a few left to eat on a later date.

Our server, Andi, was delightful, to say the least. She was cheerful, attentive and spaced her times of checking up on us exquisitely. I've been to Wasabi on several other occasions, and have had another server, who is usually somber, standing in silence, with an intimidating stare. Needless to say, Andi was a breath of fresh air.

The sushi chef and his helpers were also kind, paid attention to detail and wore smiles on their faces. They thanked us numerous times, once again making us feel like queens.

Sitting at the sushi bar, as opposed to sitting in a booth, was delightful. You get to sit in high-backed chairs at a counter, and you can give your order right to the sushi chef when you've checked the items you'd like to order on one of their menu lists.

Also, for any lost souls who are trying to find their way around a wheat, dairy and grease-filled world of fast food and restaurants, ordering sushi is a great way to avoid such ingredients (with the exception of rolls like the Philadelphia roll, which includes cream cheese). They also offer a tasty soy sauce with a salt content that is considerably less than



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Wasabi offers a wide variety of sushi and Japanese food, as well as the entire menu of the neighboring Drunken Noodle.

usual.

Wasabi provided a memorable and welcoming atmosphere of smiling staff and efficient service the Sunday Angie and I visited. And, if atmosphere is your main priority when deciding on one of the many sushi restaurants in the F-M area, you will find a classy, yet casual atmosphere behind their door.



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Professor uses Pinterest in class

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Vacation destinations, DIY creations, meal ideas and fashion tips all conveniently located in one place – pinterest.com.

"It's a virtual dream world," said Deneen Gilmour, professor of mass communications.

The website was created nearly two years ago but recently exploded with popularity. Most users are 25 to 44-year-old females. When Gilmour told her male-dominated writing for the web class they would be required to incorporate Pinterest in one of their assignments, the male students looked at her as if she was speaking another language.

Since most women are in-the-know, here's the gist of the website using an example that is stereotypically male. It's a social networking site that allows users to organize images and ideas from around the web into different groups. Let's say a guy is in the market for a motorcycle. He can create a "board" called "motorcycles." While surfing through the "Cars & Motorcycles" category on Pinterest, a 2011 Harley-Davidson Nightster catches his eye. He can "pin" it onto his "board." Friends that follow him can see his "board," and he can see the "boards" of people he follows. Users can also "like" and comment on "pins" offering suggestions of whether or not to buy the motorcycle. Clicking on "pins" usually takes users to the original source or website where more information can be found.

The students in Gilmour's class write about downtown Fargo-Moorhead for a blog called "Doing it Downtown." For one of their stories, they will have to incorporate Pinterest – whether it is by writing a story about a church downtown and creating a wedding board or writing about a downtown restaurant and creating a board with similar food items or anything in between.

"Pinterest is a form of data curation," Gilmour said. "Data curation is getting really huge and important as a skill set in multimedia journalism, and I want students to be able to do it. I chose Pinterest rather than something else because it's popular right now."

It may be a popular site for females, but Kevin Gutmann, a student in Gilmour's class, is dreading incorporating Pinterest in an article.

"I'm going to just get it done with, and then I'm just going to leave Pinterest forever. I'm never coming back to Pinterest," Gutmann said. "I just can't find anything that grabs me as a male viewer. When you type in 'bars,' it came up with 'lemon bars.' Seriously, that threw me off."

The majority of the male population may not have caught on yet, but the site reached nearly 5 million pinners in November 2011 making it one of the most popular networking sites. Whether it's a passing fad or, like Facebook, the next long-lasting internet addiction is still to be determined. But for now, pin on.

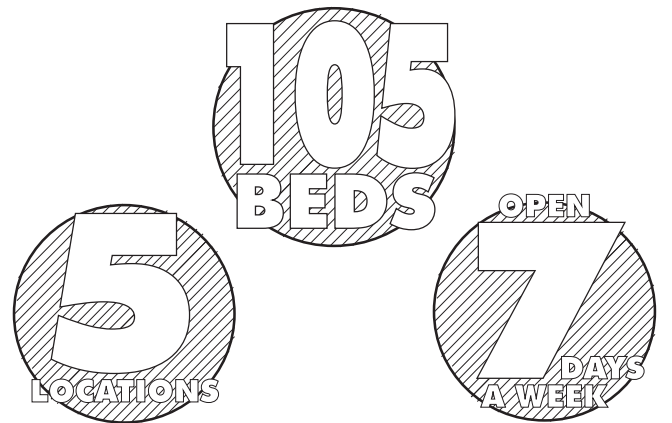
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NBC's latest lawsuit:
Obscenity an issue
once again

The Super Bowl's latest mishap may cause fines for NBC.

While Madonna was the main act during halftime, other guest performers shared the stage, including Nicki Minaj and M.I.A.

M.I.A. ended up flipping the camera off, causing this year's halftime show controversy.

Though this was aired on NBC, the blame should not be cast on the network. If anyone should be sued, it should be M.I.A. herself. Performers (and people in general) should take responsibility for their actions. The medium, in this case, was simply delivering the live event, not supporting the less-than-tasteful act of M.I.A.

Fining for obscenity is overreacting in this situation. Don't kill the messenger. If anything, get after the one who sent the message.

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Appraising life: Contemplating worth
of life in a world that forgets

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My co-worker's mother died last Saturday. She was 87.

In the bakery where I work, I probably saw this woman five

corner, she was stricken with cancer.

Every time I hear of someone's passing, my mind gravitates to the exact moment of death. That day that finally completes a life — what is that like? I can't skim the obituary without marveling at the uniformity of nature. A routine day is always someone else's last.

The day before Mary's mother died, I spent an evening downtown with two friends. After sharing a pitcher, one of them leaned back in the booth.

"I don't put too much stock in life," he said.

"Why not?" I asked.

He began to count his fingers.

Last Monday, in the whirl of a mid-afternoon rush at work, I noticed a narrow newspaper clipping nestled between bread orders: The obituary entry of a middle-aged man. I asked Beverly, my supervisor, about it.

The man had apparently been a regular customer of the store for many years. Most of the staff loved him. I studied the black-and-white thumbnail but only saw a smiling face I never knew.

"He committed suicide," said Beverly. "He suffered from depression."

I never know what to say. "Wow," I said.

As always, my thoughts linger

"Every time I hear of someone's passing, my mind gravitates to the exact moment of death. That day that finally completes a life — what is that like?"

times at most. I never had a conversation with her. If I spoke to her at all, it was to inform her that Mary, her daughter, wasn't working that day.

But I remember Mary's mother with her grocery cart. Like much of our clientele, she used the cart as a provisional mobility walker and roamed store aisles with a slow and deliberate, grandmotherly gait.

I didn't know it then, but the last afternoon I saw her pass my

"I've been all over the world," he said. "I've slept with beautiful women. I've had a good life."

Over the past year, I've also weighed my own life with relative flippancy. Unlike my friend, I tend to judge its market value against common benchmarks and their likelihood of fruition. Maybe it's a spell of undergraduate angst, but often it doesn't feel worth the long-term investment.

Perhaps only others can accurately appraise a life.

on the image of breathing and the pair of lungs that gently whiffle us to our final hours. In. Out. Less than a week ago, Mary's mother and this man breathed like everyone else. In. Out. And yet, time hardly acknowledges a withering breath. The world forgets. In, and then out.

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Surviving Valentine's Day:
How to get around delusionment

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As February begins, cruel Valentine's Day reminds all those of the wonders of love, the highs, lows and the whimsical tale it creates. Inevitably, men and women begin to search for the perfect character to create their own personal romance saga.

To be or not to be?

Relationship status, or the lack of it, contributes to a large portion of debate between friends. Numerous times I have been engulfed in hour-long conversations arguing the pros and cons of pursuing a particular romantic interest.

"Well, we like each other, but we argue constantly."

"Well, we used to work so

well together; I guess I'll give it another shot."

"I like her, and I want a girlfriend, so I'll try to see where it goes."

Valentine's Day dreams

As that dreaded holiday nears, it is like all of yester-year's constraints infiltrate the soul. A scramble commences to look for and find Mr. or Mrs. Right. Everyone wants the fairytale, the prince on a white stallion galloping to save the day. As

agonizing over a fleeting dream?

Freeing reality

Leave that entire stigma, fairytale notions and romantic expectations at home this year. A sturdy house is not built with one log just like a fulfilling life is not completed by one relationship. Like a house, a happy life contains an intricate network of connections.

On this Valentine's Day, celebrate you and the important relationships you have already

"On this Valentine's Day, celebrate you and the important relationships you have already made. Remember the value of friendships old and new."

quoted from the 2000 movie "Almost Famous": "An entire generation of Cinderellas and there's no glass slipper coming."

But who really wants a glass slipper anyway? You know how easy it would be to break that shoe? A slight misstep would explode glass shards everywhere. To quote the character Cher from "Clueless": "As if."

In reality, fairytales are almost impossible to find or create. So why spend so much of your time

made. Remember the value of friendships old and new. Enjoy independent abandon in a silly game night with cherished friends.

If you still can't forget your fairytale notions, just listen to Snow White, "someday my prince will come."

But maybe not on Valentine's Day.

MSUSA lobbies at state capitol

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College students from throughout the state visited the capitol Thursday for Lobby Day, an annual Minnesota State University Student Association event.

Among them were four MSUM student leaders, who made a face-to-face case to legislators for college construction funding and voiced opposition to a photo ID requirement for voters.

The goal for the trip is to meet with “as many (legislators) as we can see,” said Ashley Hoeck, MSUM coordinator for MSUSA, a non-partisan organization that advocates for Minnesota’s seven state universities. “We want to let them know that students care about the issues and that we vote.”

The visits are good for both legislators and students, said Rep. Bud Nornes, R-Fergus Falls.

“The students benefit from becoming more involved with their state government,” Nornes said, “and I learn how things are actually happening at the campuses.”

When lawmakers debated the two-year higher education budget last session, MSUSA focused on increased funding to minimize tuition increases. This year, the group is angling to get a favorable chunk of a scheduled public works construction bill. It’s also strongly opposing a Republican-backed constitutional amendment that would require voters to present photo ID at the polls – a proposal Democrats and MSUSA claim will disenfranchise more transient populations, including students.

Renovation funding

In its capital investment request, MnSCU asked for \$110 million for renovations to be split among dozens of institutions; Gov. Mark Dayton included \$20 million in his version of the bonding bill.

Jan Mahoney, MSUM vice president for finance and administration, called that figure “disappointing.”

“We’re not keeping pace with our deferred priorities,” she said.

The State Senate will likely recommend closer to \$50 million for renovations, said Sen. Keith Langseth, DFL-Glyndon, the ranking member of the bonding committee who represents the MSUM campus. Though the State House hasn’t committed to a figure, it should be higher than the governor’s, said Nornes, a House bonding committee member and

the higher education policy and finance committee chairman.

“I think the governor is way off the mark,” Nornes said.

In a supplemental bonding bill last year, MSUM received nearly \$15 million to revamp the library, a project scheduled to begin this spring. Bridges will get a new roof this summer with funding from that same legislation.

This session, MSUM is asking for about \$6.1 million for seven projects, including a new roof for Weld and a variety of infrastructure upgrades.

Unlike most recent bonding bills, MSUM isn’t asking for money for a huge project, mainly because so much work has been done over the past decade, thanks in part to Langseth, who has played a key role in writing the construction bill during that period. After 34 years in state politics, he’s retiring.

“He will be sorely missed,” Mahoney said. “He is an icon for this region for what he has done for capital projects.”

During the first post-Langseth bonding cycle in 2014, MSUM will request money for a complete remodel of Weld, the oldest building on campus, Mahoney said.

Photo ID requirement

The main policy issue for MSUSA this year is a proposed constitutional amendment to require voters to present photo IDs. If the Republican-controlled legislature passes the measure with a simple majority, it will go to the voters in November despite the Democratic governor’s opposition.

The amendment would hurt college-aged voters, Hoeck said, because many students live in places besides the address listed on their photo ID. For students from the Twin Cities, “unless you want to drive four hours to vote in your hometown, you can’t vote,” she said.

Nornes said students can vote via absentee ballot and IDs are not hard to come by.

“A photo ID is necessary almost anywhere you go these days,” he said. “The idea is not to make voting more difficult, but it is to make it more honest.”

Langseth countered: “We haven’t had fraud in Minnesota. The whole idea is to suppress the vote of college students and the elderly. I think college students better take a look at the impact. A lot of them will have a difficult time voting.”

WOMEN’S STUDIES, FROM FRONT

the very reason the department decided to create the more permanent position. According to Tim Borchers, the college of arts and humanities dean, the new faculty member will allow for stability.

“We’re moving from people who are appointed on a yearly basis to one that could receive tenure some day. This person will provide some stability for students in the program, being able to advise them on a long-term basis,” Borchers said.

In the past, the department has functioned using adjuncts and faculty that split their time amongst

different majors and Fuselier agrees that the full-time faculty member will be able to provide a consistent adviser to students in the major.

The university will start its search to fill the position next month and the new faculty member will start in the fall. With the expanding department, faculty and students alike are hoping it will only continue to grow.

“I believe our students have a strong desire to make a difference in the world about these issues. This program provides them the opportunity to learn to do so,” Borchers said.



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MSUM hosted the local DFL precinct caucuses at the CMU Tuesday night.

CAUCUS, FROM FRONT

Saul reluctantly conceded that he would almost certainly be the Republican nominee, regardless of Tuesday’s result. That’s the consensus view among political analysts.

“(Romney) has to beat himself at this point,” said Barbara Headrick, a political science professor who teaches most MSUM American government classes.

With only the most active political party members participating, the caucuses didn’t provide a valid sample size of state voters. But they can demonstrate which candidates and political parties have organizational strength and an edge in enthusiasm.

“It’s all about getting people to show up,” Headrick said. Due to low participation rates, she said, college students have historically had small impact on caucuses. Obama’s 2008 victory was a notable exception, bringing thousands of young caucus-goers into the process for the first time.

In a tight vote, students who do show up can make an impact, said Clay County GOP chairman David Hallman, pointing to the 2008 local Republican caucus which Romney barely won. With the slim margin, he said, students “could have been the determining factor.”

ONLINE, FROM FRONT

“I don’t see a scenario where there would be no fee associated with online courses because we have to pay a fee to do that,” she said. The fee will be put under review, but not until the administration decides which direction they want to take with online education.

One group that has been formed to help make those decisions is the Online Completer Task Force.

“There’s been several surveys done that show a bunch of people in the cities would like to get a four year degree, and their options are very limited, because they’re place-bound,” Gorsline said. These are people who are working with families, but perhaps need a four-year degree to advance in their career. “We are looking at what we can put together (for online options), that would be a four-year degree to allow them to complete it without moving.”

Another group addressing online education is the Realignment Task Force, which is reviewing how the colleges are structured.

“We just had our first meeting last week,” Gorsline said. “Part of looking at that is where does online

Tuesday’s non-binding precinct caucuses were merely the first step in a series of conventions. After indicating a presidential preference, each party chose delegates to represent Moorhead at later gatherings this spring. Those delegates will shape party platforms and choose more delegates all the way to the culminating conventions this summer – Republicans in Tampa Bay and Democrats in Charlotte.

So far this election cycle, intense political activism has yet to emerge at MSUM. The school did cancel night classes Tuesday so students could attend caucuses, if inclined. Like most of her classmates, art sophomore Jenny Junker was not inclined – “I don’t follow politics” – though she didn’t complain about missing a week of introduction to illustration. “It just gives me more time to do my homework, I guess,” she said.

The main political battle on campus, Saul said, isn’t liberals squabbling with conservatives; it is convincing these apathetic students to get involved.

“I think it’s so sad,” she said, “that students are so willing to give away their right to vote.”

The lack of a competitive

Democratic race makes forming a caucus crowd difficult, College Democrats President Carson Starkey said. Even in the best of times, he said, it’s hard to fight the endless academic and cultural distractions students face.

“Getting left-leaning hipsters to do anything is exhausting,” Starkey said, chuckling.

But a second term for Obama is worth fighting for, he said, since the Republican Party has degenerated into a “racist, ugly” institution that is “disconnected from reality.”

Saul called that comment “ridiculous” and indicative of “the discrimination Republicans face.” Though she said she fiercely opposes Obama’s agenda, she’s not optimistic about Republican victory in November, believing Paul will run as an independent, which could take votes from Romney and ensure the president’s reelection.

Starkey is less convinced. “The Democratic Party,” he said, “if they’ve been good at one thing, it’s losing when we shouldn’t.”

For Headrick, the political science professor, whether Obama gets another term comes down to one thing: “If people think the economy is getting better.”

fit in with that administrative oversight?”

Gorsline said task force is on an “aggressive schedule,” and plans to have their recommendations to President Edna Szymanski by May.

Once the university makes its decisions regarding online education, it will be able to take advantage of the online fee surplus.

“When we make that decision, we’ll need a ton of resources,” Gorsline said. “We could find things to spend money on, but until we know where we’re headed, I don’t know that it’s the right thing.”

Hollaar said the surplus is really

viewed as a savings account.

“We haven’t been spending money just to spend the money,” she said. “The assumption shouldn’t be that there isn’t any of the fee being spent.” For example, the fee is being used to support programs like D2L and Moodle.

Gorsline, who said she will only temporarily be in charge of online education because it needs more attention, is taking the situation one step at a time.

“This infrastructure of the support systems for online would really change a lot of things on campus,” she said. “In some ways, that may be one of the biggest investments of money.”

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Dragons top Wolves, Marauders



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MSUM Women's Basketball team won a great game against Northern State University, 58-47, on Friday for the "Dragons Go Pink!"

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The Dragons (11-9 overall, 8-8 in the NSIC) extended their winning streak to five games after two weekend victories.

On Friday, senior forward Angie Jetvig scored 14 points and sophomore forward Megan Strese added 11 of her own in the Dragons' 58-47 victory over the Wolves of Northern State University, Aberdeen, S.D.

The Dragons started off cold, missing 11 of their first 12 shots from the field, but managed to stay within six points during that stretch.

Two quick baskets brought the Dragons within two points of the Wolves, and junior guard Kaycee Charette hit a three-pointer with eight minutes left in the half to give them a one-point lead. The Dragons maintained that consistency and went into halftime leading 26-21.

The Dragons went on a 9-0 run in the first four minutes of the second half, with junior guard Marisa Yernatich hitting

a three-pointer to extend the lead to 10 points.

Their solid play continued throughout the half as they eventually built their lead up to 21 points with 10 minutes left.

The Wolves picked up the pace in the final minutes of the game, but it was not enough, and the Dragons went on to win by 11.

Jetvig's 14 points led the Dragons, as well as her 12 rebounds and 3 blocks. She also made all four of her free throw attempts.

In Saturday's game, the Dragons scored a season-high 98 points and defeated the Marauders of the University of Mary, Bismarck, N.D., 98-92.

Unlike their previous game, the Dragons came out strong, scoring eight points in the first two minutes, including a three-pointer from Charette, while holding the Marauders to just two.

The Marauders fought back, pulling to within two points of the Dragons with 13 minutes left in the half. The Dragons, however, pushed them back,

making seven three-pointers in the first half and extending their lead to double digits. They led at halftime 53-40.

The Dragons continued to push in the second half, leading by 23 points with just over 11 minutes left in the game.

Mary would chip away at this lead, pulling to within three points with a minute left in the game, but Yernatich and Charette each made two free throws to ensure a victory for MSUM.

Senior guard Brittany Mayclin led the Dragons in scoring with 20 points. Jetvig tallied 19 points along with nine rebounds. Yernatich and Strese each chipped in 15 points and sophomore forward Morgan Zabel had 14.

The Dragons will travel to the University of Minnesota-Duluth on Friday to take on the Bulldogs before heading Bemidji (Minn.) State University on Saturday to take on the Beavers.

For more information, visit msumdragons.com.

Men's basketball wins both weekend games



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Junior forward Alex Novak got a roaring cheer from the crowd at the game on Friday.

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After going 2-6 in the month of January, the Dragons (15-5 overall, 11-5 in the NSIC) got off to a strong start in February, defeating Northern State University, Aberdeen, S.D., 66-60 on Friday before beating the University of Mary, Bismarck, N.D., 67-66 on Saturday.

The Dragons struggled out of the gate shooting just over 30 percent from the field. The Wolves, on the other hand, shot just under 60 percent and went into halftime with a 12-point lead.

The second half was a different story. The Dragons, led by junior forward Alex Novak and senior guard D.J.

Hamilton, found their shooting touch, tying the game at 44 with 10 minutes left.

The two teams would exchange leads until the final minute when Novak threw down a dunk to put the Dragons up by one. He had another dunk with 16 seconds left, and the Dragons hit their free throws to seal the victory.

The Dragons were led in scoring by senior guards Charlie Chapman and D.J. Hamilton, who each scored 16 points. Novak chipped in 15 of his own and pulled in 10 rebounds.

Saturday's game remained incredibly close, as neither team led by double digits throughout the game.

The Dragons' salvation came

in the form of senior guard Xavier Reed, who — with his team down by one point — hit a mid-range jumpshot with just over a minute left to give the Dragons the lead. He then blocked a shot and pulled in a defensive rebound seconds later to seal the victory.

Chapman led the Dragons on Saturday night with 17 points, and Novak had 15 points and 10 rebounds for the second night in a row.

The Dragons will join the women's team on the road, heading to the University of Minnesota-Duluth on Friday before playing Bemidji (Minn.) State University on Saturday.

For more information, visit msumdragons.com.

Meghan Feir's Random Sports
Term of the Week

"Hot box"

Meghan's Guess

When the coach picks the hottest players and lines them up on the field for the next play, therefore forming a rectangle of attractive young men. This is a popular strategy since it makes everyone happy, everyone including the chosen athletes and the entire viewing audience.

Actual Definition

In baseball: The area between two fielders during a rundown, when a runner is caught between bases.

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