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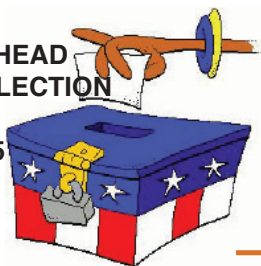
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## After delay, presidential search begins next week

BY **BRYCE HAUGEN**  
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The timeline to find a replacement for retiring MSUM President Edna Szymanski has been pushed back, but the job will be posted online Monday, and a search advisory committee will meet for the first time next week.

At a Nov. 7 meeting in the CMU, the committee of two professors, three staff members, two community representatives, two administrators and one student will develop a schedule, talk about their role in the search and hear from the MnSCU chancellor via video conference, said Bemidji State University President Richard

Hanson, the search advisory committee chairman. Like all of the committee's meetings before the group invites finalists to campus, it is closed to the public.

Hanson said the committee's recommendations about who will become the 11th president of MSUM would have a lasting impact.

"It's so important and fundamental to a campus," he said. "This person will set the course, so I consider it extremely important and a big-time challenge."

Szymanski's six-year presidency ends June 30.

According to the most up-to-date search advisory committee schedule: Following a two-month

window, presidential applications "for priority consideration" are due; then the committee starts reviewing applicants, choosing a first round of candidates for airport interviews in early March; from March 31 to April 2, a second round of finalists will visit campus before a final round of interviews at the MnSCU office April 10; finally, the committee will make its recommendations to the chancellor, who will present his choice to the Board of Trustees at its April 23 meeting.

Originally, the committee was scheduled to meet Oct. 1, but Faculty Senate hadn't had a chance to name their appointees so Hanson called off the meeting. Chancellor Steven Rosenstone visited campus

that day anyway, seeking input on the process. In an interview that morning, Hanson said "we're still going to shoot for" having recommendations to the chancellor by February, but "sometimes the

calendar doesn't work like that." It didn't, but Hanson said Friday the two-month delay is a good thing. "I'm glad we moved it back," he said. "It gives us the opportunity to do a better job ..."

### Presidential search advisory committee

- Chair: Richard Hanson, Bemidji State University president
- Student: Kevin Struxness, Student Senate president
- AFSCME: Joel Thompson, admission's office data analyst
- MAPE: Lora Bertelsen, Hendrix Health psychologist
- MSUAASF: Heather Phillips, Housing and Residential Life director
- Admin.: Yvette Underdue Murph, VP of enrollment and student affairs
- Admin.: Jan Mahoney, VP of finance and administration
- Faculty: Justin James, mathematics professor
- Faculty: Magdalene Chalikia, psychology department chairwoman
- Community: Mark Anderson, CEO of BlackRidge Financial
- Community: Corey Elmer, attorney at Vogel Law Firm
- Community: Steve Scheel, CEO of Scheels All Sports

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## Dragon football team edges rival U-Mary MSUM

## is selling Annex



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Dragon quarterback Jake Hodge leaps into the end zone Saturday at Alex Nemzek Field. MSUM won its second game of the season 48-41, beating University of Mary and winning "The Battle for the Paddle" – awarded to the winner of the annual conference rivalry game – for the first time. **FULL STORY: PAGE 7**

BY **JESSICA JASPERSON**  
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Structures are built, sold, purchased and renovated throughout many years; the Annex building, built in 1948 is no different.

MSUM has owned the Annex building since 2001, and as the all-too-familiar decreased enrollment takes its toll, the building is for sale.

Terry Shoptaugh, the MSUM archivist, did some digging and discovered previous uses for the building. As one passes the glass block windows on 11th Street South, a cross is built into the structure with clear glass.

Shoptaugh talked to locals hoping to learn more information about the building and its previous uses. He learned it was apartments and then an evangelical church for many years in the 1980s-1990s.

Jan Mahoney, vice president of finance and administration, shed much light on MSUM's purchase of the building.

"The MSUM Alumni Foundation purchased the building in 2001 with terms that the university would pay all expenses as well as the mortgage over a 20-year period," she wrote in an email. "In 2006, the university paid the MSUM Alumni Foundation the balance of the original mortgage, \$119,757.27."

The building was used for New Rivers Press storage, storage for the theater department, the environmental health and safety department, art classes, phone-a-thon activities and faculty offices.

For many years, the Annex has housed New Rivers Press's

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## Senate: Vote Nov. 5 or risk losing poll site



Advocate file photo

Students cast ballots in last November's presidential election, the first with a CMU polling place.

BY **MARIE VEILLETTE**  
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People are often told it is their civic duty to vote. But Americans' willingness to go to the polls often depends on convenience of the location and how invested they are in the candidates and issues to be voted on.

For MSUM students, the polling location is very close. In fact, it is right on campus, in room 101 of the CMU. This wasn't always the case. With next Tuesday's elections, there are

### Senate hosts candidate forum Monday

What: Candidates take questions from students  
When/where: CMU main lounge 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4  
Who: Mayoral and 2nd ward city council candidates

rumors the on-campus polling place could be taken away if not enough students vote.

Even though the revoking of the polling place is just a rumor for now, Student Senate leaders said they are doing everything they can to prevent the possible loss. "At this time it is just speculation and rumor, but that alone is scary,"

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# Briefs

## Campus Calendar 10.29 - 11.3

- 10.29** Spring registration has begun  
**6 - 8 p.m.** Jared Mahone, Underground
- 10.30** Registration for "Just Kise" video contest ends  
**9 a.m.** "What should I major in?" MA 165  
**4 - 6 p.m.** McGrath Writer's Series, CMU Ballroom  
**6 - 10 p.m.** POC Zine Project, CMU Ballroom
- 10.31** Halloween
- 11.1** All day "Hocus Focus," FR 151



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"No not that one. That one looks like a penis."  
"Have you ever seen a penis?"

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## World News

### Israel to release 26 Palestinians

In compliance with the U.S.-mediated agreement to resurrect Mideast peace negotiations, on Sunday, Israel agreed to release 26 Palestinian prisoners. They have all served at least 19 years, and their names will only be released 48 hours before they're let go, giving Israeli families an opportunity to appeal the release (though past precedent makes success unlikely). In the nine months of talks, 104 Palestinian prisoners will have been released in total. At the same time, Israel announced plans for a new West Bank settlement in an attempt by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to appease hard-liners unhappy with the prisoners deal.

### Five dead in Brooklyn stabbing

A woman and her four children were stabbed to death Saturday night in Brooklyn, and police arrested a 25-year-old mentally ill relative for the brutal crime. The suspect, who neighbors said lived at home, was reportedly found at the scene soaked in blood and arrested with his feet bare. Police seized a machete and scissors from the scene as evidence. The children were all under the age of 10, with the youngest being an 18-month-old boy. The toddler and two girls—ages nine and six—were dead upon the police's arrival, and the 37-year-old mother and her eight-year-old son were later pronounced dead at the hospital.

### Lou Reed passes away at age 71

Lou Reed, one of the most influential songwriters and guitarists of the past 50 years, died Sunday, "Rolling Stone" reported. He was 71. The cause of death is unknown, although he underwent a liver transplant in May.

Reed befriended musician John Cale in the mid '60s, and later formed the Velvet Underground with Sterling Morrison and Maureen Tucker. They caught the attention of Andy Warhol, who incorporated the Velvets into his "Exploding Plastics Inevitable." Reed split with the Velvets in 1972, and went on to a solo career, achieving cult-like status with his second album "Transformer." After becoming famous for his excessive drug use and wild sex in the '70s, he took a more commercial approach in the '80s. In 2008, he married performing artist Laurie Anderson.

### McDonald's to drop Heinz ketchup

McDonald's said Friday that it will stop using Heinz ketchup. This is to occur because Heinz hired former Burger King CEO Bernardo Hees to head up the company. McDonald's only uses Heinz ketchup in two U.S. markets (Pittsburgh and Minneapolis), but it's still a pretty big rift: McDonald's has had a relationship with Heinz for over 40 years. Burger King, meanwhile, uses Heinz in 80 percent of its markets.

World news from [dailybeast.com](http://dailybeast.com)



## MSUM Briefs

### Web2Print unavailable today

Webservices (Web2Print) will not be available for ordering printing through the Web2Print site all day today due to system software updates. Web2Print will be available starting at 8 a.m. tomorrow.

### Children's picture books to be sold in support of Read Aloud Book Awards

The annual children's picture book sale will be held in the CMU Nov. 7 and 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The majority of these books were published in 2012 and are new. Proceeds help support the Read Aloud Book Awards sponsored by the Library.

### Lobby Corp seeks passionate students

The MSUSA Lobby Corp is a group of MSUM students who lobby on a state level on behalf of all students. Last year the group helped successfully lobby to fix the state part-time grant, start funding for Open Source (free) textbooks and other issues to help students pay for college. MSUM students with good public speaking skills are encouraged to sign up.

### MSUM hosts People of Color Zine Project Wednesday

MSUM will be hosting the People of Color (POC) Zine Project and their panel discussion series "MEET ME AT THE RACE RIOT" on Wednesday in CMU Ballroom from 6 to 10 p.m.

The rise of the punk subculture in the '70s spawned a new interest in self-publishing. While punk has become the subject of much retrospection and analysis in recent years, it has failed to center race as a crucial factor or to observe punks of color as a vital presence. The POC Zine Project organized their first tour, "MEET ME AT THE RACE RIOT," in September 2012 as a way to interrupt this void. Taking the Race Riot Tour on the road again, the POC Zine Project will be coming through Moorhead for an event at MSUM.

This is a great opportunity to meet the POC Zine Project tour members as well as purchase their zines. The program features the live reading of zines by the tour members.

Zines are independently or self-published booklets. They are customarily created by physically cutting and gluing text and images together for photocopying and can be bound in any manner.

### Veterans Club meets today

Any students receiving military education benefits due to prior military service, current military service or transferred entitlement as a dependent may be unaware, but they are currently a member of the MSUM Veterans Club.

The Veterans Club has been recently asked to review their

MSUM briefs from [Dragon Digest](http://Dragon Digest) and submitted at [advocate@mnstate.edu](mailto:advocate@mnstate.edu)

## Security Update

Director of Public Safety

Greg Lemke

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| <b>10.17</b><br>Suspicious odor reported in South Snarr | <b>10.22</b><br>Fire alarm in John Neumaier, false alarm    |
| <b>10.18</b><br>Suspicious odor reported in South Snarr | Fire alarm in Flora Frick basement, false alarm             |
| Suspicious persons reported in Grantham                 | Hit and run in south parking lot of MSCTC building          |
| Requested welfare check in Nelson                       | Disorderly conduct in MSCTC building                        |
| Fire alarm in Flora Frick, false alarm                  | <b>10.23</b><br>Fire alarm in third floor Dahl, false alarm |
| <b>10.19</b><br>Suspicious persons outside CA           | 911 hang up from Alumni house                               |
| <b>10.20</b><br>Medical emergency in Holmquist          | Theft in Lot G-6  |
| Theft in Lot G-7  | Theft in Lot G-11   |
| Noise complaint in Holmquist                            | <b>10.24</b><br>Suspicious persons reported in South Snarr  |
| <b>10.21</b><br>Suspicious odor in Nelson               | Fire alarm in Bridges, false alarm                          |
| Theft of bicycle near South Snarr                       | Medical emergency in Bridges                                |
|   | Lost property in Dahl                                       |

## Safety Tip of the week

### When cooking, safety is key

Do not leave food unattended on the stove, in the microwave or in the oven. Cooking fires are the cause of more than half of all residential fires and the number one cause of fire alarms on our campus.

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## dra•gon vo•cab

**Dragoner:** A fanatic Dragon fan, usually dressed in school colors, facepaint, or other related attire.

**Baby Dragon:** Freshman new to MSUM, usually found asking for directions or driving down one ways in the wrong direction.

status as an organization due to lack of participation. The time has come to either become more active or disband. There will be a meeting today at 4 p.m. in Flora Frick 149 to discuss how the organization will be moving forward. Anyone receiving the above benefits is encouraged to attend the meeting.

### Meet and greet with Dragon basketball stars held tomorrow

Meet the basketball teams, grab some giveaways and enjoy all the fun events at MSUM's Dragon Madness on Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. at Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse.

Events include a three-point contest, dunk contest, a fun performance by Scorch and Torch and the kickoff to the Valley Imports "U-Turn & WIN" halftime game where one lucky fan will have a chance to win a Mitsubishi Lancer. The event is free and open to the public.

### 'Take the Lead' workshop today

The time management "Take the Lead" workshop is today. The topic is "Time is Your Life: Don't Waste It" and it's from 4-5 p.m. in CMU 203. All students are welcome to join and learn time management skills and uncover time management myths.

### Dragon Entertainment Group seeks nominations for Mr. and Ms. MSUM Pageant

Dragon Entertainment Group is seeking contestants for the Annual Mr. and Ms. MSUM Pageant. The pageant consists of three sections: execution of theme, formal wear and talent competition. All students are eligible to participate in the pageant. The registration forms can be found on the Dragon Entertainment Group website. The fee is \$5 per participant, paid by cash or check to the OSA. Nominations will close this Wednesday.

## Rourke Art Museum exhibit features MSUM professors' work

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Zhimin Guan's works include various paintings, such as self portraits (above), landscapes and other realistic works such as 'Two Hands Touching' (below).



Photos courtesy of MSUM Meet the Faculty page

The Rourke Art Museum in Moorhead will be hosting the work of MSUM alumnus Zhimin Guan, associate professor of art, and Brad Bachmeier, professor of art education, beginning Friday until Dec. 31.

Guan had the idea to work with Bachmeier and display collaborative works of each artist. In addition, they are planning on possibly having a few works of art that they created together.

"A possible example of what they would do is Zhimin may paint one of Brad's potteries," said Tania Blanich, executive director of Rourke Art Museum.

The exhibit is titled "Confluence: New and Collaborative Works."

"We had initial conversations, but it's a bit early to know exactly what they will display at the museum," said Blanich. "I think it's going to be a unique collaboration since they haven't done this before."

Guan describes his work as a "singular figurative image within a surreal landscape." He incorporates the traditional with the experimental, the figurative and the abstract in his paintings.

"Zhimin went from traditional to more abstract work, and it's stunning," said Blanich. "He just continues to push himself in his work."

Bachmeier's art work techniques are said to be loosely derived from a 16th century Raku Japanese firing technique and eastern pottery.

Guan has received more than 20 awards for his paintings; his drawings and prints that have been exhibited throughout China and the United States in museums and galleries. Guan has had solo shows at the Rourke Art Museum in past years.

Bachmeier is nationally recognized for his ceramic work, which is in many significant permanent collections including at Michelle Obama's office in the White House,

Microsoft Headquarters in Seattle, the North Dakota Governor's Mansion, the North Dakota and South Dakota museums of art, the Plains Art Museum and Rourke Art Museum. Each year, the Rourke Art Museum features Bachmeier's work in a one-person exhibition.

"We are really excited to see what they have for us," said Blanich. "With their potential, the show can't be anything short of amazing."



Photo courtesy of bachmeierpottery.com

Brad Bachmeier stands next to one of his ceramic works from his Old World Vessels series.

## Film student interns in Los Angeles; works with film production pros

BY ROD HADLAND  
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On campus, a sleepy-eyed student is walking to his next class. He's back in Moorhead after a busy summer in Los Angeles. Chance Cole, 21, of Dickinson, N.D., has returned for his senior year. Cole is majoring in film production, and his last few years in the film studies program led him to California.

Before landing the internship, Cole briefly worked for ArtsPulse in Fargo and for a local public access station, but he wanted to find something different. Cole eventually came across Prettybird, a production company in LA that produces commercials and music videos. Rihanna's "We Found Love" is one of Prettybird's credits, and that intrigued him.

"They replied the next day, and told me to call for an interview," he said. "They exceeded my expectations."

As soon as he got everything in order, Cole was off to California.

His internship duties at Prettybird were typical, Cole said.

"A lot of office work, assistant editing and transferring stuff," Cole said. "I hooked up with Braxton Pope, who produced the film 'The Canyons' starring Lindsay Lohan."

Pope introduced Cole to the director of the film, Paul Schrader. "I did some Kickstarter stuff, and helped them with some music videos," Cole said.

But the high point was getting to work on a music video for Device, a band led by David Draiman, the lead singer of Disturbed.

"It was just crazy," Cole said.

In addition, Cole directed a music video for the group Moving Parts and their song, "Share The Blame," starring

MSUM alumni actors Joey Kramer and Caroline Stommes.

When Cole had free time, he enjoyed going to the beach with friends, exploring the town and soaking in the hot tub at his apartment complex. However, going to see movies was what he loved to do the most. He also had the opportunity to go to the Sunset Music Festival.

Before Cole got to LA, he collaborated with other film students during his first few years at MSUM. Jared Myers, 21, said working with Cole was a blast.

"Our spring semester of our sophomore year, Chance and I teamed up to produce our most ambitious film yet, 'The L(i)fe of Evelyn.' The production challenges were enormous, but Chance handled the direction of the project very professionally," Myers said. "And through the stress, unexpected craziness and sleepless nights, he really grew as a director and a filmmaker."

During his junior year, Cole edited a film directed by Robert McDermott, 23, a recent MSUM graduate. "Deliver Us From Evil" won three awards at the end of the year screening this spring, landing Cole a "Best Editing" award. McDermott now works in the film industry in Albuquerque.

"Chance is a rare talent because he has an innate ability for filmmaking and especially with editing," McDermott said. "Being able to feel out a scene and cut accordingly to the beats is something that really cannot be taught. I have worked with a lot of editors, and none were able to have their finger on the pulse of a scene better than Chance."

It was easy to leave California, but when Cole returned home, he missed the sun and the fun. "I'll definitely go back," he said.

Cole said he intends to make the most of his final year and is excited for his future plans.

"I want to be a production assistant on the occasional movie set, get a job with a company doing that, but wouldn't be opposed to an editing job," he said. "In five years I want to be able to direct music videos, maybe make short films to make enough money doing that to live on."

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# Features

## History students write stories for Prairie Public Radio

BY MARIE VEILLETTE  
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Most students are used to writing papers for classes with the reward for their time and effort being reflected in their grades. It is not often students get to write for profit and the recognition of a large audience. MSUM history professor Steve Hoffbeck gave some students the opportunity to do just that.

In conjunction with Prairie Public Radio, Hoffbeck offered students a chance to co-write stories to be read on air for the daily "Dakota Datebook" program. So far three students have had their writing shared with the listening audience, while two others are still in the research and writing processes.

The "Dakota Datebook" is a daily program that started in 2000. It lasts three to four minutes, so each story can only be 400 to 500 words. Bill Thomas, who is in charge of the program at Prairie Public Radio said, "We wanted each story tied to the date. We do a lot of birthdays and death days and anniversaries of notable events, but sometimes writers have to get pretty creative to connect a story to a date."

Originally there was only one writer, Merry Helm, but when she told the station it was too much they decided to open it up to the public. Every entry is edited at the station and sent to the North Dakota State Historical Society to be checked for accuracy. There is an online calendar where writers can sign up for a date they wish to cover, and each author is paid per story.

"Currently there are about eight writers, with a few others who just



do a couple a year," Thomas said. "(Hoffbeck's) are some of the best written and most interesting ones we get. I think the stories from the students were probably written with more care and attention, since they knew Dr. Hoffbeck would be going over them. I don't know how much Steve had the students revise them, but I was happy with the results."

Senior history and social studies education major Jacob Clauson has written two featured stories already. He doesn't plan on stopping there. Clauson's stories were aired in August and September. When asked if he would consider doing more he said, "Oh yeah, I plan to write another in February. Hopefully, I can squeeze more in."

Clauson's first two stories stemmed off some earlier research he had done for a class. His first piece told the story of the arrest of a farmer from a small town southwest of Minot who was caught with an illegal still in his basement. The other told of an official in Minot who was allowing people to make illegal liquor as a way of earning some extra income.

Though it was fulfilling to hear the final product being read on the radio, Clauson said the research process was rewarding in itself. He remarked he spent much of his time researching by looking at microfilm of newspapers from the 1920s. Looking at the old stories and ads, even if they didn't necessarily pertain to his research, was interesting.

"It was cool listening to something I had co-written," he said. "Hearing my name on the radio was strange but good."

Christina Perleberg, a junior communications studies and social studies education major, is another student writer Hoffbeck chose.

Perleberg's story was about the peace time draft of 1940. Hoffbeck offered her the opportunity to write on the topic after she took a history class with him. She said the process of researching was "not hard if you know where to look. The school has a lot of resources at your fingertips."

As for co-authoring another story, "I would definitely write another one," Perleberg said with no hesitation. She also mentioned the benefits of boosting

her resume and gaining experience that is attractive to future employers through this opportunity.

"It was a really proud moment," Perleberg said about hearing her work on the radio. "I sent it to my mom and my adviser. It's a really cool thing to be a part of."

Kjersti Maday, a mass communications and English junior wrote her story as part of an honors apprentice program. After having professor Hoffbeck for a freshman history class, she knew she wanted to work with him. The "Dakota Datebook" was a great opportunity to do it.

Maday researched Carl Bailey, a Grafton resident who worked on the atomic bomb. "I have an interest in World War II," she said.

Maday also said researching her topic was fun and interesting. Reading old newspapers and scouring databases for information was how she gathered all of her research. Two other students, Madeline Atwood and Dan Bihrlle are currently working with Hoffbeck to research, write and revise their stories.

Though each student worked individually with Hoffbeck, they all related what a pleasure it was to co-author with him. "He's really nice and helpful with questions. He's always there to hand you more articles. It's like he has an endless supply," Clauson said.

Anyone interested in reading Clauson's, Perleberg's, Maday's or one of Hoffbeck's many featured stories can visit the "Dakota Datebook" website at [prariepublic.org/radio](http://prariepublic.org/radio) and search "Dakota Datebook."

## Student collects clothes for families in need

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Every student on MSUM's campus has the opportunity to make a difference, create a positive impact, change someone's life and pay it forward every day. Even small things, such as a simple smile or picking up litter around campus, can make an immense difference.

Trish Harwell, a social work senior, took an opportunity to make a difference in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

"I really wanted to make a difference in the world," Harwell said. "I thought to myself 'What can I do as one single individual to actually impact lives in a positive manner?'"

With over 233 articles of clothing currently collected, Harwell created a project to donate MSUM students' second-hand clothing to a non-profit organization.

She came up with the idea when her family was sorting through clothing to sell at a garage sale.

"We were just going to donate it at Goodwill or The Salvation Army," Harwell said. "Then one day in class, I was watching a documentary on homeless population and the homeless children crying thought it was their faults their families are homeless because they couldn't support them."

Left in despair, Harwell came up with the idea of finding a completely non-profit organization to donate her families clothing to.

"Even though Goodwill and the Salvation Army are doing good stuff for the community, they are still profiting from people's misfortunes," Harwell said. "So, I decided I want to donate it some place where the people that are receiving the clothing don't have to pay for them at all, and it was going to people that truly needed them."

Harwell decided on Fraser, Ltd., the longest serving non-profit organization in

North Dakota. Fraser, Ltd., is located on 2902 University Dr. S, Fargo.

"They have this program called Stepping Stones Resource Center," Harwell said. "It's a program where 16 to 24-year-olds can get showers, they can get clothes, they can get food, they can use computers to contact people and they are provided place to sleep so its from 9 p.m. to 10 a.m., Monday through Friday."

SSRC provides a safe environment where young people can receive food, hygiene products and clothing; find healthy and safe ways to spend time off the streets through recreational, social, leisure and artistic outlets; and utilize desktop computers to search jobs, prepare resumes, take skill training courses, work on homework, etc.

In addition to these services, SSRC offers case management services, ranging from help locating a GED testing center to assistance with college entrance. In addition to independent living skills, SSRC case managers offer therapeutic services providing opportunities to discuss issues that hamper the health and positive outlook a center guest experiences, while providing a chance to set goals and work towards desired outcomes with a licensed practitioner.

"I thought it was unique because I have never heard of anything like that before," Harwell said.

She has been currently contacting mostly individual MSUM students for donations.

She contacted MSUM students, on-campus sports teams, organizations, the fraternity and both sororities for clothing



Trish Harwell poses buried in a pile of donated clothing she collects in her Holmquist residence hall room.

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donations.

"I have had people contact me on Facebook, I posted it on different MSUM groups on Facebook, and people contacted me on that and met up to give their clothing donations," Harwell said.

She is expecting Sorority Delta Zeta to still drop off 66 articles of clothing.

Harwell is thinking of contacting Ignite Church as her next stop because over 300 people attend.

"It will be the first time I take this project outside of campus, because the prior problem was just contacting and just getting it out there," Harwell said. "Getting recognition and awareness is my biggest problem right now."

With the craziness of being a senior and doing this project on the side, Harwell is only available for collecting until Nov. 18.

"If I were on campus longer I would love

to start an organization to further the project, but I don't think I could get it all done in time," Harwell said.

She will be leaving in December for Carver County (Minn.) to intern in child protection. Harwell will be doing her internship in the spring and graduating in May.

"Anyone that wants to make a difference and donate should, because this is going to a really great cause," Harwell said.

To donate, contact Harwell on Twitter, Facebook, or email her at [kempkestr@mnstate.edu](mailto:kempkestr@mnstate.edu).

In addition, she allows potential donors to find her in person and visit her at work at the front desk in the math department on campus.

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# News

## THE ADVOCATE'S 2013 CITY ELECTION GUIDE

What would the mayoral candidates and 2nd ward\* council candidates do for Moorhead's college students?

Mayoral candidates	What would you specifically do as mayor or council member to improve Moorhead for college students?	2nd ward council candidates
 <p><b>Education:</b> BA in political science/economics, U of M-Twin Cities  <b>Occupation:</b> Human resource consultant  <b>Public service:</b> 3rd ward council member; former school board member</p>	<p>"A big factor in keeping college students engaged in the community is to offer attractive housing and social activities near the schools and jobs. My 'Return to Center (Ave.)' plan focuses on revitalizing downtown by bringing in affordable student housing and focusing on 25 designated blocks along and near Center Avenue, making them the anchor for housing and business in a revitalized, re-energized downtown. By initiating contact with students and getting them more involved in the community and government, we can begin to discuss and address their needs for entertainment and other activities as we work to develop quality student-oriented businesses, jobs and housing in Moorhead."</p>	 <p><b>Education:</b> BA in English, NDSU; MALS, Hamline  <b>Occupation:</b> College English instructor; administrator  <b>Public service:</b> 2nd ward council member</p>
 <p><b>Education:</b> BA in political science, Concordia College; master's in personnel management  <b>Occupation:</b> Retired air force lieutenant  <b>Public service:</b> Two-term 4th ward council member</p>	<p>"Students are a significant asset to our town. We need to work to make Moorhead the town to be in for students. Maintaining our exceptional quality-of-life can also help retain students in Moorhead as they start a career and as they start families. That means increasing desirable and available student housing in Moorhead, increasing walkability in town and bringing new development into the city so students can choose to stay in Moorhead after graduating."</p>	 <p><b>Education:</b> Degree in photographic technology from Central Lakes College  <b>Occupation:</b> Photography and dance studio owner, musician  <b>Public service:</b> None</p>
 <p><b>Education:</b> Business degree from Minot State University; studied MBA at MSUM  <b>Occupation:</b> Retired accountant, business owner  <b>Public service:</b> League of Women Voters VP</p>	<p>"Moorhead is a college town, and that is something to celebrate. I believe the mayor and city council's actions need to reflect that reality. I believe it was a huge mistake when the city council voted down reimbursement to students for the towing fiasco earlier this year. I believe we need to work with students, not only by inviting them to be at the table for discussion, but by going to where they are. Last month, the chancellor was in town to hear from the community what we would like to see in a president at MSUM. I was the only candidate there ... My daughter is a student at MSUM in the archeology department. My spouse teaches at MSUM in the department of technology. I adjunct taught at MSUM for a short period in the accounting department. MSUM and its students are huge asset to Moorhead. I will be a mayor that is on campus listening to students."</p>	<p>"A downtown Moorhead theater/concert hall seating for plays, live performances and films could be a great element to facilitate downtown rebirth ... Jobs for students in a new downtown would be well paying and fun. Affordable housing for students downtown could also be a boon. A building where bands could rehearse downtown would be cool. I guess the short answer is we can build this town on rock and roll. I want to help rebuild Moorhead to be at least a little bit like what it once was. And it will be a chilly day in Hades when I would vote to close a treasure like Ralph's. This is how I intend to help the students ..."</p>
<p>Kevin Shores  <i>No photo available</i></p> <p><b>Education:</b> AS, M State  <b>Occupation:</b> Disabled veteran  <b>Public service:</b> Advocate for Native Americans</p>	<p>"Most of the area college students come to Moorhead to get their education and then move to another area. There is an abundance of wealth and knowledge with the fresh minds of our younger residents, and it is a shame not to utilize this vast resource. We need to open up better communication and create incentives for young adults ..."</p>	

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### VOTING, FROM FRONT

said Kevin Struxness, Student Senate president.

Starting this week, Student Senate will begin a week-long campaign pushing hard for students to participate in the city elections. Senators will be educating classmates and tabling in the CMU to spread the word about the importance of voting. MSUM Republican and Democratic student groups are also involved in the effort to keep the polling site on campus.

Along with these efforts, mayoral candidates and 2nd ward council candidates will be having a debate on Nov. 4 at 1 p.m. at MSUM. They will be talking about higher education and sustainability before opening the debate to questions from the audience.

Can students even vote in city elections if they are not originally from Moorhead? Yes, any student who resides on campus can vote at the CMU. However, if a student lives in Fargo they cannot vote in Moorhead elections. If they live off campus in Moorhead, they must vote at a different polling place. Same-day registration is available throughout the city.

"If you're a student here, shop here, pay taxes here, you're going to want to pay attention. These decisions affect students," Struxness said.

Even though 92 percent of the student population turned out to vote last November for the 2012 presidential election, the city council is rumored to still be considering taking the polls off campus, said Sarah Danielson, a member of Student Senate and the College Democrats.

"Conservative council members believe the campus to be a Democratic vote," Struxness said. By removing the convenience of voting on campus, they believe they will deter students from casting their vote against them.

This is not the first time the polling place has been threatened. It had been previously taken away. After a long three-year fight, Student Senate was able to get the polling place back in time for the presidential elections last year. "Student Senate worked really hard to get that on campus to make it more accessible to students," Danielson said.

It is unclear what the qualifications are to be able to justify removing a polling place. Danielson speculated that one concrete way to judge the worthiness of MSUM to host one is if the costs

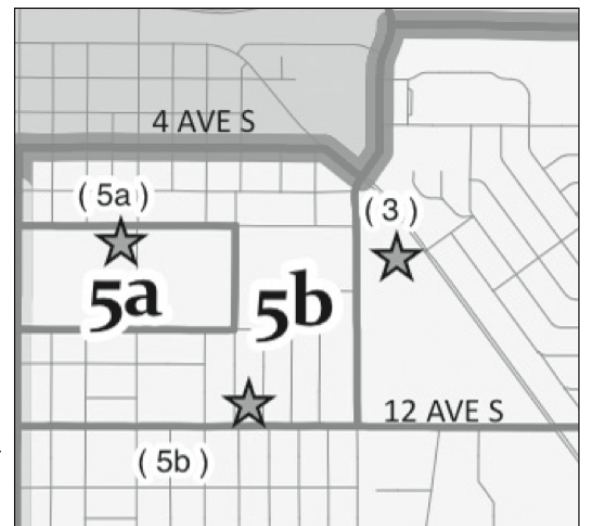


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outweigh voter turnout. She said Student Senate is pushing for a 30 percent student participation; a mere fraction of the presidential election.

Though the local elections are much less publicized compared to the exorbitant ads during the presidential election, the decisions these local politicians make are close to home and directly affect students' daily lives. "The awareness of what local government does is important for everybody to pay attention to," Struxness said.

Moorhead City Clerk Michelle French wrote in an email there was no way the council could legally take away the polling place. "The City of Moorhead will not be closing down the polling site at MSUM. Redistricting just happened in 2011 after the 2010 census. We really do encourage students to come out and vote, that is the reasoning to add sites at MSUM and Concordia," French wrote.

Danielson and Student Senate had heard a different story, however. Mark Altenburg, 2nd ward city council member informed Student Senate of the possible loss of the polling place. Citing Moorhead city code, Altenburg told Student Senate that though it is true wards cannot be reconfigured after a census, subdivisions of wards can. MSUM is considered a subdivision, he said, and therefore is not safe from the laws of redistricting.

# Opinion

## Advocate Editorial Board

### Get informed, then vote

It hasn't received nearly the attention that last year's presidential elections did, but the Nov. 5 city elections have much more of a direct impact on Moorhead residents.

Students should take the time to read about the candidates for city council and to replace retiring Moorhead Mayor Mark Voxland (We've included a candidate guide on page 5). They should attend the mayor and 2nd ward council candidate forum at 1 p.m. next Monday at the CMU. If you can't make it, pose questions directly to the candidates. Their contact information is available on the city website.

Then, next Tuesday, students should take a few minutes to vote.

The city council makes decisions that impact students on a daily basis, from parking around campus to business development. In recent years, they granted MSUM a polling place and banned drug paraphernalia from Moorhead stores.

Exercise your right to vote, but don't do so blindly. Make informed choices next Tuesday.

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## Unconvinced about Obamacare



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Jon Stewart once commented that the only reason he became a news commentator was to avoid sitting at home, in his underwear, screaming at the television.

That is also the reason I became a writer for this newspaper, to avoid filling its margins with red ink. I trust by now, you are aware of the high esteem in which my editor, Ms. Jasperson, holds the new health-care law.

To say I disagree with her assessment would be a morbid understatement. I could easily have written this article based on moral objections.

The number of businesses being forced to offer contraception certainly grinds my gears. The laying off of part-time Subway workers to save money undoubtedly deserves an article. The roundabout way in which the law provides taxpayer money for abortion merits volumes of commentary.

Yet, I will restrain myself to addressing what Ms. Jasperson has argued in her two columns on the matter.

She maintains that it is a good thing for students to be kept on their parents' health

plans. It is this I will here dispute.

I deny my editor's conclusion, not because she has the facts wrong, but because she is seeing them from the wrong angle.

Facts, like the stars, are fixed in their places. Ms. Jasperson is on a rocket near Alpha Centuri, yet she still searches the night sky for Orion and his famous accessory. But he can only be seen from our little hideout by the sun.

So too with the nature of Mr. Obama's health manifesto; it can only be seen for what it is by a person who hasn't been carried off on a burst of frenzied political enthusiasm. You have to be grounded before the facts make sense.

The vice inherent in the law is the same vice which prevented many of my childhood friends from having any fun at all during their younger years. It ought to be obvious, as it was to me, to everyone who can ride a bicycle.

When my father took me to our alley for instruction in this matter, he began by jogging beside me and holding my shoulder.

After 20 feet, he let go. I promptly fell over and swallowed a mouthful of gravel.

He got me up, sat me on the bike and tried again. This time he let go after 10 feet. I rolled another 10 before falling onto the exact same spot I had before. On the third attempt, he told me to start myself.

As I rolled passed the 20-foot mark, I considered falling again, but since my father hadn't helped me at all this time, I couldn't use my fall to make him feel guilty. So, I rolled on down the alley and around the block, soon finding joy in my two-wheeled freedom.

Ms. Jasperson, when she speaks

glowingly of us students being kept on our parents' health plans, is de facto speaking glowingly of the father who kept his hand on the shoulder of his child all the way around the block.

What's worse is that he is not motivated by concern that the child might fall. He keeps his hand there because the elected politician jogging behind tells him he must.

What a spectacle this trio must be: the politician jogging in expensive leather shoes with a plastic smile glued beneath his nose, the father looking nervously back in case he isn't holding his son's shoulder tight enough and the boy on the bike, thoroughly bored by all this safety, who looks back at the politician and comments, "Didn't I see you in all those dreadful television ads last October?"

The point is that every moment of growth comes from a moment of danger or even pain. The virtue Ms. Jasperson has written at length about is the false virtue of convenience.

Yes, it is convenient to have a thousand safety nets strung beneath you. But college is not about convenience; it is about that treacherous moment when our parents have to let go of our shoulder.

Of course we will fall. I myself biked back from Fargo after having minor surgery during my freshman year. It hurt like hell. But I learned from it.

Becoming adults means accepting both risk and responsibility. Even if all the sins of the health law, which I listed at the start, are shown to be baseless, it still won't wipe out the fact that a politician is jogging behind us to keep us from falling. A politician is jogging behind us to keep us from ever growing up.

## Cyberbullying initiated by all ages



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It's hard to imagine what life was like before technology took over, and the information age took off.

As millennials, we grew up alongside the latest technological innovations and emerging social media sites, and they have become our generation's norm and way of life. Almost anything one could ever need to know is a tap away if carrying a smartphone, and at any given moment there are at least two apps that would allow one to instantly update their network of friends on where they are or what they are doing.

Now you probably think this is going to turn into a "we-use-too-much-social-media-and-technology" rant, but I feel the exact opposite. I love technology, social media and the Internet. There are so many different ways each platform can be utilized to boost a brand or carry out a public relations campaign, but I am also going into the mass communications field, so I may be biased in my love for the emerging field.

However, like with all good things, there are people that use it for evil. As of late,

negative perceptions of social media are on the rise with the growth of cyberbullying and the multiple teen suicides that have resulted. I myself, and several of my friends and their families, have had their lives turned upside down after a loved one took their own life due to bullying.

News stations across the country feature reports on the tragedies, and rightfully so, but they are all repeating a similar message — teens and young people on social media are to blame, and they need to be monitored and censored.

On the "Today Show," there was even a segment about tips for monitoring and checking a child's Facebook to see what they are up to. Although cyberbullying amongst teens has escalated, the public needs to stop putting all of the blame on them, and take a hard look at the other demographic of social media users: adults.

A couple weeks ago a young, fit mother, Maria Kang, who is also a personal trainer, posed in a bikini workout outfit with her three young boys and posted it to her social media sites with the caption, "What's your excuse?"

The post was instantly flooded with comments, some positive and some negative. Several women replied with "You are so inspirational," or "You look so great," but many others were harsh and attacking, detailing an "excuse" as to why they are not in shape or don't spend time working out. The media immediately picked up the story, and soon it went viral all over the Internet.

I learned about the photo after a Facebook friend of mine posted it on her wall, and it was her caption that caught my eye. She divulged on the negative poster's ridiculousness and then said something

very insightful, "How can we expect young kids to stop cyberbullying when so many adults are just as guilty?" This really made me think and realize how right she was.

Oftentimes, I think, people perceive themselves as not a cyberbully when they are stating an opinion or expressing feelings on a subject. Have you ever looked at a controversial post made by Valley News Live or WDAY on Facebook?

The first couple comments are always intuitive and actually answer the question, but soon, all you have is a bunch of adults spewing hollow attacks against someone who shares a different view than they do. Political posts are typically the worst. Some of them get extremely hateful, and for what purpose? To prove one's point of view is more valid or important than another's?

Another prime example took place during an episode of "30 Rock." Liz Lemon, the show's main character, participates in a new mom chat room where she ends up getting in a fight with one of the other moms about who has it worse off as a parent. Next thing you know, the two are planning to meet in the park to fight. But in comedy show fashion, a fight never ensues, and the "mom" she is planning to fight turns out to be her own husband.

Cyberbullying is still a major problem, and trends predict that it will only get worse as time goes on, unless something is done. I agree a change is necessary and people need to be enlightened on how their words can actually affect someone, but the responsibility falls on all social media users of society, from tweens to grandmothers. Not one group is to blame; they're all guilty.

# Sports

## Weekend sweep pushes volleyball to 7-7 in NSIC

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Coming off a busy week of Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference action, the MSUM volleyball team is on a two-game winning streak with just a handful of games left in their season.

The team started the week on Oct. 22 when the Dragons travelled to Aberdeen, S.D., to face Northern State in NSIC action. The Dragons fell in three sets.

Coming off a short turn around, the Dragons stepped on the court to play Upper Iowa on Friday.

Bringing a 5-7 NSIC record into the weekend, the Dragons were looking to get back into the win column.

Led by strong play from sophomores Kaitlin VanWinkle and Abby Wolpren, the Dragons defeated the Peacocks in three sets.

"We established our middle and right side attack," head coach Tammy Blake said.

This was the second time the Dragons played the Peacocks with both matches going MSUM's way; each match was a sweep for the Dragons.

Coming off the Friday night victory, the Dragons looked to continue their winning ways against Winona State on Saturday.

The Dragons and Warriors faced off earlier this season at the Winona State tournament, with the Dragons

prevailing with a five-set win. It wasn't the same case when the teams squared off again. This time the Dragons dominated the match winning their second straight match in straight sets.

"We are playing together more and with more confidence," Blake said.

In the match against Winona State, the Dragons were led by sophomores Morgan Gradishar and Amber Krenske. Both players had solid defensive games with 17 digs each.

Blake said the team's passing and blocking were key to the Dragons' victories over the weekend.

With the two NSIC victories, the Dragons now have a 7-7 conference record and are looking to get into the conference tournament.

The top eight teams in the league qualify for the tournament; right now MSUM is tied for seventh with University of Minnesota-Crookston.

"Our focus is on getting into the conference tournament and having a winning record," Blake said.

The team does have some minor injuries plaguing them but are back to playing the way they were in the beginning of the season.

With only six conference matches left, each one is crucial.

"We play in a really strong league, and you need to bring your 'A game' to each match and each point otherwise you're going to get beat," Blake said.



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MSUM's Adam Jiskra attempts to catch a pass in the end zone in the Dragons' game against the University of Mary on Saturday. A back and forth game that went down to the wire went the Dragons' way, clinching their second win of the season.

## Dragons defeat Marauders in shootout, obtain 'Paddle' for first time in rivalry game

BY TURNER BLAUFUSS  
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The MSUM Dragons battled to a 48-41 victory in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference action over the University of Mary Marauders to take home "The Paddle."

The traveling trophy has stayed with the Marauders for the seven years of its existence, but the Dragons made sure the trophy didn't leave Moorhead this time. The win was a great reward for the improvement the Dragons have made.

"The reason guys came to play for our program is to do things that haven't been done before, and this is one of those things," head coach Steve Laqua said. "Not many opportunities come along where you have a game like this, so it's pretty exciting."

Jake Hodge put on a clinic in the first half, throwing for 301 yards and three touchdowns along with two rushing touchdowns.

The sophomore dual-threat quarterback hooked up with Cory Ambrose for a 60-yard score to get on the board, hit Miles Montplaisir for a 20-yard touchdown and threw a strike to Zayne Medhaug in the flats for a 44-yard touchdown.

Hodge helped the Dragons take

a 34-14 lead into the locker room, but was injured the first drive of the second half.

"Our guys were hungry right away, and (Hodge) was phenomenal making plays and creating things out of nothing," Laqua said. "Our guys fed off his level of play. It was a letdown and left a void, and it took a little while for someone to step up and be a leader, and once we got in a rhythm we did alright."

Backup quarterback Ryan Toelle took the reigns for the Dragons and kept the Dragons afloat.

After a Marauder touchdown, Brandon Schell carried the team down the field for a drive that was capped by a Toelle fade to Adam Jiskra.

"Ryan Toelle made some plays when we needed him to, and we opened the offense back up, and he was able to execute and help us get points," Laqua said.

Mary scored three straight touchdowns to make the score 41 all with just over nine minutes left.

Toelle sparked the Dragons with their final scoring drive with big completions to several receivers. Facing a 3rd-and-9 at the Mary 39, the Dragons turned to their sure-handed receiver, Jiskra. Toelle turned right and hit Jiskra on a screen. The speedy receiver made a couple defenders miss, as he ran

in for the go-ahead score to finish the game with 131 yards and two scores.

"We made a point to get the ball into Adam's hands and spread it around so guys could take the pressure off (Toelle)," Laqua said.

Mary's quarterback Craig Bagnell looked to drive the Marauders down the field to tie the game.

After a few long completions, Jesse Beilke picked off Bagnell's pass with 12 seconds left to seal the win.

"Our defense hung in there at the end. Their first half was phenomenal, and when we needed it they stepped up," Laqua said. "Their backs were against the wall to win the game, and I couldn't be more proud of how they competed."

Toelle was a big reason for the Dragons' win, as the sophomore quarterback completed 11 out of 15 passes for 115 yards. He credits his performance to the players around him.

"It was great to get 'The Paddle' for the first time," Toelle said. "My receivers and O-line were great today. I stepped in for Hodge, and they really picked me up."

The Dragons look to earn their second straight victory as they head to Minot, N.D., to take on Minot State University. Kickoff is 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.



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Dragon Abby Wolpren goes for the kill in the match against Upper Iowa on Friday. Wolpren had 10 kills as the Dragons swept the Peacocks in three sets.

## Upcoming Dragon events

### Friday

- Soccer: 3 p.m. at University of Mary, Bismarck, N.D.
- Swimming and diving: 6 p.m. at Carleton/St. Olaf/St. Catherine Quad, Northfield
- Men's Basketball: 7 p.m. vs. Augsburg (exhibition), Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse
- Volleyball: 7 p.m. at Concordia University, St. Paul

### Sunday

- Wrestling: 9 a.m. at SDSU open, Brookings, S.D.
- Soccer: 1 p.m. vs. Minot State University, Alex Nemzek Soccer Field

### Saturday

- Swimming and diving: 11 a.m. at College, Contentment and Cows Classic (St. Olaf), Northfield
- Football: 1:30 p.m. at Minot State University
- Women's Basketball: 2 p.m. at Minnesota (exhibition), Minneapolis
- Volleyball: 4 p.m. at Minnesota State University, Mankato

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# News

## Magic of science thrills muggles



At the Harry Potter Science Night Friday, physics senior Meredith McLinn performed a magic trick, using dry ice to freeze flowers, which made them shatter.

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### ANNEX, FROM FRONT

books from various authors. However, in December of 2012, New Rivers Press had to remove the stored books because of water damage and the university's plans for selling the building.

Suzanne Kelley, managing editor and co-director of New Rivers Press, is thankful for the space the Annex provided for the storage of many books.

"MSUM has been supportive of our press; the university needed us to relocate so that the building could be put up for sale," Kelley wrote in an email. "Another on-campus site was located for our books – downstairs in the Center for Business. It's not as large as the space that we had in the Annex, but we are glad to have our inventory in a secure location."

Since enrollment is low compared to the period of time between 2001-11, MSUM has less demand for space.

Grier Hall is now available for a swing space for renovation projects, whereas the Annex was once used for a swing space during the renovation of MacLean Hall. The university is working on improving space usage of academic buildings, and in 2011 only 78 percent of the Annex was used.

The 2010 Master Facility Plan contains a summary of the Annex building including its suitability: "Originally constructed as a church, the building is not ideal for current use as storage. Issues for other uses include remoteness, lack of fire protection and accessibility. The main hall and lower level spaces are both accessible only by stairs."

Currently, MSUM owns the Annex with no mortgage to be paid off, and if the building sells, the money will be used for future facility improvements.

### SEARCH, FROM FRONT

"We just have to work hard to get good candidates in front of the people of MSUM."

MnSCU spokesman Doug Anderson wrote in an email that the system is conducting several presidential searches this year and is staggering them rather than trying to complete them all at once.

"The search timeline was extended in order to allow more time for the search committee to be assembled, however, we remain confident that the search will be completed in time for the next president to be appointed and in place as planned on July 1, 2014," Anderson wrote.

The Advocate reached out to each member of the search advisory committee, but all but one member either didn't respond by press time or declined to comment.

Political science senior Kevin Struxness, the Student Senate president, did agree to an interview. He's the lone student voice in the group.

"I'm honored to be a part of it, and I'm taking it very seriously," Struxness said.

He's already surveyed student group leaders, asking them what they'd like to see in the next president. Recurring criteria, Struxness said, included campus visibility, an open-door policy, conservative tendencies when it

comes to money and a passion for student affairs.

"I hope during the process I get more feedback from students," he said.

Struxness said so far the committee has only shared contact information and watched a 16-minute video on confidentiality, which he called a "nice refresher."

Confidentiality is crucial, Hanson said, so candidates can get a feel for the MSUM presidency without jeopardizing their positions on other campuses.

"We hope to not have any kind of leakage early on," he said. "We can keep a lid on (candidate's identities) to protect them, so they feel they can be completely honest with us and be a viable candidate."

Asked whether MSUM's ongoing fiscal issues will make it harder for the committee to find a top-tier new president, Struxness said he didn't think so.

"I think we have a good enough climate on campus to attract good candidates," he said.

And simply being president of a university, he said, "is attractive enough."

Hanson said he's "sure we're going to have really good applicants."

"This is a good job at Moorhead," he said. "It's a vibrant campus, and it's a great student body."

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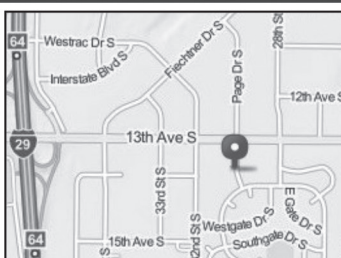
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