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## Budget: A delicate balancing act

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As budget shortfalls and low enrollment numbers plague colleges and universities across the state and country, the MSUM administration continues to work hard to balance the budget and prevent a projected \$8 million deficit that would occur in fiscal year 2015-16.

The hardest hitting news is that of the proposal of laying off three tenure or tenure-track faculty positions. This proposal comes after two rounds of early retirement offers with incentives that were sent to a number of faculty, with a total of 20 faculty accepting the early retirement option after the second round of offers.

Along with the three proposed layoffs and 20 early retirement acceptances, it has been proposed that 17 fixed term faculty will not have their contracts renewed. Provost Anne Blackhurst explains that fixed term faculty, while they usually teach a full course load, are contracted from year-to-year.

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## Drag Show packs CMU Ballroom



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"Kelly Coxsyn," an MSUM alum, performed one of her drag routines on Jan. 24 in the Comstock Memorial Union. A large crowd packed the CMU Ballroom to catch a glimpse of the performers strutting their stuff.

## iMac sale cramped, unorganized

BY MARIE VEILLETTE  
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An out-of-season Black Friday sale was the cause of some excitement for MSUM students last Tuesday. iMac computers were sold at a price not to be found at any retailer.

Each computer cost \$30 and came with a keyboard and mouse. Sixty were available for purchase, with approximately 150 people in line to buy one at the time the sale began. The computers were taken from different labs on campus, after being used for over seven years, according to Daniel Heckaman, chief information officer in the IT department. The computers were new when they first came to campus.

With a deal this good, it is understandable that the line to get one would be long. Mara Wessel, a Graduate Assistant for intramurals and club sports was the first one in line for a computer, arriving at 4 a.m. for a sale that did not begin until 8 a.m. She soon realized the line was getting long, the entry way to the library was getting full and the line was getting out of order, so those who had gotten there earlier were now behind people who had come later.

"We decided that we should make numbers on Post-its, so that the people who arrived early would be guaranteed a computer. This was the only fair way to do it. After 40 we stopped doing the numbers because

it got so packed. ... We really tried to take a leadership role in the event, even though IT had not asked us to," Wessel said.

Maggie Olson, an English junior, was also at the sale. She arrived at 6 a.m. to an already extensive line, hoping to buy a computer for some family members who don't currently have access to one. Olson had also attended the first sale of the iMac computers, which took place on Dec. 21, but had been unable to get one of the 30 being offered at that sale.

Olson was grateful Wessel had taken the initiative to make a number system. "There was no organization of any kind in terms of regulating the crowd," she said.

"I would suggest doing a number system to ensure it is first come, first serve. It seems like the only safe way



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## MSUM recognized for green practices

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What began as a way to reduce costs for the campus budget turned into a more sustainable effort by MSUM administration, faculty and staff.

AASHE, the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, officially launched STARS, Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System, in January 2010 to rate campus sustainability. STARS is the only comprehensive sustainability reporting framework accessible to all U.S. and Canadian higher education institutions, according to STARS 2013 annual review.

Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum may be earned, based on the number of points the campus receives. MSUM's Silver STAR rating means it fell between 45 and 64 points out of 100 possible points. Fifty percent

of the 300 reports entered in 2013 received the Silver STAR rating.

STARS is made up of five categories: academics, engagement, operations, planning and administration and innovation. These categories are further broken into subcategories. There is a lot of data to cover in order to determine a campus' sustainability level.

Sustainability Coordinator, Joe Herbst, said it took about a year to compile all the data for the report. All of the hard work was not taken for granted after hearing the news.

"One of the fun things going through this assessment is really taking a hard look and seeing what are the sustainable attributes of the things that we're doing here," Herbst said. "So, it's been really fun to see it because there's so much of it going on. To the trained eye, myself, it's everywhere. So this is just another fun way to bring

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# Briefs

## Campus Calendar 1.28 - 2.3

- 1.28 6 & 9 p.m.**  
"We're the Millers,"  
Langseth 104
- 1.30 3 - 4 p.m.**  
Q and A with Provost  
and Deans about  
discontinued majors,  
MA 165
- 7 p.m.**  
"Be Besties with Your  
Testies," Wellness  
Center
- 1.31 4 p.m.**  
**Winter Tailgating,  
Nemzek**
- 5 p.m.**  
Graduate and Law  
School panel, CMU  
101
- 2.1 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.**  
Andes Tower Hills trip



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"I almost sat on that garbage can and peed. I literally thought I was going to die."

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## World News

### Maryland mall shooter identified

The man allegedly behind the Maryland mall shooting has been identified by police. Cops believe Darion Marcus Aguilar, 19, used a 12-gauge shotgun to murder two people before killing himself. Aguilar took a cab to the mall at approximately 10:15 a.m. Saturday, and shots were heard an hour later. Aguilar's mother, unaware of what was happening, filed a missing persons report two hours after the shooting.

### Brain-dead woman taken off life support

After a long legal battle, Marlise Munoz was taken off her ventilator Sunday. The 33-year-old Texas woman had been on life support for two months and was believed to be 22 weeks pregnant. Her husband, Erick, found her unconscious on Nov. 26 at home, possibly due to a blood clot. Mr. Munoz said that Marlise had stated she would not want to remain on life support if she were ever in the state she was in, but he struggled to have his wife taken off life support against what the hospital believed was "the demands of a state statute." The case was complicated by the fact she was pregnant.

### Russian teen arrested for WMD

A Russian 19-year-old in Pennsylvania was arrested for having a personal lab of chemicals that would put Walter White to shame. Vladislav Miftakhov was found with one pound of atomized magnesium and one pound of Chinese potassium perchlorate. He was charged with possessing a weapon of mass destruction, risking a catastrophe and drug-related offenses. Miftakhov said he was planning to blow things up, but only in empty fields. Five marijuana seedlings and a grow light were also found.

### Passengers and crew ill on Royal Caribbean Cruise

Three hundred passenger and crew members of the Costa Concordia, a Royal Caribbean Cruise ship, were suffering from vomiting and diarrhea as the ship sailed into San Juan, Puerto Rico on Saturday. It's the the second major health incident for the cruise line in just a month. The Center for Disease Control is investigating, and the ship is being sanitized, thankfully.

### Kim Jong-un murders uncle's family

After executing his once-powerful uncle, Jang Song-thaek, for allegedly attempting to overthrow his regime, Kim Jong-un had all of his direct relatives murdered, including children and ambassadors to Cuba and Malaysia. "Some relatives were shot to death by pistol in front of other people if they resisted while being dragged out of their apartment homes," Yonhap News Agency reported.

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



## MSUM Briefs

### Q and A session to be held concerning discontinued majors

Provost Blackhurst and the academic Deans will be hosting a Q and A session for students with concerns about the potential impact of the recently announced discontinued majors on their academic plans from 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday in MA 165.

The majors being discussed are American Multicultural Studies, Medical Laboratory Science, Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, Music Composition, Community Health and Autism Spectrum Disorders Certificate. Information will include specific timelines and guidance for completing those impacted majors. All students are welcome.

### MnSCU Diversity Conference still accepting registration

Faculty, staff and graduate assistants are invited to sign up for the MnSCU Diversity Conference. There is no registration fee to attend the conference held on Feb. 27 and 28 in Minneapolis.

The conference is located at Minneapolis Boulevard Hotel in Brooklyn Center. There is no charge to attend the conference, but travel, lodging and meals, other than those provided during the conference, are the responsibility of the department of the individual attending.

Contact Karen Mehnert-Meland at [meland@mnstate.edu](mailto:meland@mnstate.edu) to reserve a spot.

Workshops will be focusing on access, affordability, retention and completion of students. Additionally, there will be sessions on developmental education and student mental health and suicide prevention.

### Ski trip opportunity available for all students

Dragon Entertainment Group and MSUM Intramurals are taking a trip to Andes Tower Hills for a full day of fun Feb. 1. Sign up is now open at the Info Desk in the CMU. The cost is \$30, which covers ski and lift rentals, one meal and the best bus ride of your life. Space is limited. The bus departs from the CMU at 9 a.m and will return around 6:30 p.m.

### "We're the Millers" to be shown on campus tonight

Why leave campus and pay for a movie when one can see blockbuster hits right here on campus? "We're the Millers" is showing at 6 and 9 p.m. tonight in Langseth 104. Free popcorn will be available. This eight-week event series is brought to you by the Dragon Entertainment Group, After Dark, RHA, Student Senate and the Film Loop.

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>1.17</b><br>Property damage in Langseth, maintenance contacted                 | <b>1.20</b><br>Noise complaint in Ballard, four warnings issued                    |
| Motor vehicle theft from loading dock by Kise, vehicle recovered off campus       | <b>1.21</b><br>Suspicious activity in Langseth                                     |
| Theft from King, Moorhead Police Department responded                             | Suspicious person in Center for Business, identified as student                    |
| Fire alarm in Nelson- false, burnt food                                           | Suspicious person in Owens, identified and left area                               |
| Noise complaint in Dahl, five warnings issued                                     | Theft in King                                                                      |
| <b>1.18</b><br>Property damage in Langseth                                        | Vehicle fire on street by Maintenance Building, Moorhead Fire Department responded |
| Suspicious person in Library, left campus after being identified by Public Safety | Medical in Bridges, refused transport by FM Ambulance                              |
| Found alcohol containers in G-4 Lot, disposed of by Public Safety                 | Theft in King, Moorhead PD responded                                               |

## Safety Tip of the week

### Identity theft

Most of us have either known someone, heard about someone, or have seen the commercials on television urging us to not become a victim of identity theft. Listed below are a few things you can do to lessen your chances of becoming a victim. For starters, do not give out personally identifiable information over the phone or internet, such as bank account numbers and social security numbers. Secondly, only shop with companies you know and always use a secure browser. Lastly, limit personal information on necessary public distribution items, such as checks and business cards.

To report a problem contact Public Safety at 218.477.2449

## 125th Anniversary Token Hunt

Starting this month, MSUM will be sponsoring a monthly token hunt around campus. One token will be placed in a location around school grounds each month. We'll reveal a clue each week until the token is found. Find the golden token and redeem it at the bookstore for a \$50 gift card. The first three clues of 2014 can be found below:

"A new year and a fresh start. Just like MSUM had when this building was constructed after Old Main Hall had burned."

"You'll walk past the token everyday, on your way to Dragon Cafe."

"If you need to defrost from the winter storms, stand by the token and you'll be warm."

## MSUM Advocate Hiring!

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### Dodge Ball Tournament is this Thursday

Hendrix Wellness Educators and Intramurals will host a Dodge Ball Tournament for Testicular Cancer Awareness at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the Wellness Center.

The first 75 participants will get a free "Besties with your Testies" T-shirt.

### Meal plan discounts valid until Feb. 14

Stop by the Housing and Residential Life Office located at Ballard 120 to purchase a discounted meal plan. Office hours are Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The offer will be valid until Feb. 14, and you will need your Dragon ID to use these plans.

# New art exhibit shows unique works

BY ELLEN ROSSOW  
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The Roland Dille Center for the Arts Gallery has once again opened their space for a unique exhibit. With the reception held last Thursday, this exhibit is up and ready for viewing and features work from M.A. Papanek-Miller and Jenni Brant.

Although the artists did not have the opportunity to meet until the morning of the installation, both Papanek-Miller and Brant agree that their works are very complementary to one another, regardless of their unique backgrounds.

Papanek-Miller is a mixed media artist whose pieces feature a plethora of layers and textures.

She considers her childhood athleticism and her Physical Education major in college influential in her works. According to her, a piece of artwork is like an athlete; it needs energy to survive.

To call Papanek-Miller's work energetic would be an understatement. Her pieces feature numerous layers that pull viewers in and certainly keep them busy.

"I want things to come to the viewer, but I also want something for the viewer to find," Papanek-Miller said.

Her pieces also have a unique underwater effect to them. "I like the idea of looking through water," she said.

Papanek-Miller also takes pride in her use of space throughout her pieces. Starting her art career by working in metals and in 3D, she developed a good eye for space.

Papanek-Miller has had the opportunity to live in various places, from Texas to Bemidji, MN. The landscapes of these places have inspired her as well. During the reception, Papanek-Miller told viewers about her vast toy collection that she uses for inspiration as well. She believes "toys are magical," as most humans can connect toys to memories.

At the reception, Papanek-Miller spoke of how she is captivated by imagery and draws inspiration from theatre. Papanek-Miller has what she calls an "intellectual involvement in her work," meaning she spends a vast amount of time thinking about how to better it.

"Most of the work in here is finished," she joked.

On the other hand, Brant is a ceramic artist whose work

is made up of serving pieces and dinnerware.

While at first glance, her pieces seem light and dainty, Brant drew inspiration from dark pieces such as Giotto di Bondone's "Lamentations of Christ."

While pieces such as this feature serious and heavy subject matter, the highlights of these pieces are what Brant draws from.

Brant thinks her choice of these colors make her pieces unique, as they are not colors that people are used to embracing when they are viewing art.

These light colors make her pieces seem light and fragile, but, according to Brant, her pieces were created for use and are quite durable. She also deliberately makes choices based on her pieces being used. For example, she explained that she made a certain mug with a handle only large enough for one finger, thus making it necessary for the user to hold the mug with both hands.

"I wish I could have a sign that says, 'Please Do Touch,'" she laughed.

Papanek-Miller and Brant both have other jobs outside of their artwork, but they still find the time to devote to their works.

"Every artist knows that it is about juggling a lot of things but staying true to your passion," Brant said.

Papanek-Miller agreed.

"We work as much as we can," she said.

Both Papanek-Miller and Brant believe that it is very important for students to never stop working on their art, especially after graduation. Brant said the most important thing to do after graduation is to "find a space for your creative practice." She said a garage or even a desk in your bedroom can suffice.

According to Brant, it isn't often that an artist is invited to the exhibit where his or her work is being shown. For this reason she is very excited to participate in this exhibit.

This unique exhibit will be available for viewing until this Thursday.



Jenni Brant, one of the artists featured in the exhibit, is a ceramic artist whose work includes dinnerware. Photo courtesy of facebook.com

## 'Music of the Sun' brings warmth to snowy campus

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On Saturday, MSUM hosted the third event of the Cheryl Nelson Lossett Performing Arts Series with "Music of the Sun." For the performance, ETHEL, a pioneering string quartet, teamed up with Robert Mirabal, a Grammy winning Native American flutist.

Not only did these musicians fill the Gaede Stage with lively music and interesting stories, but they also spoke of making warm friends in cold places.

ETHEL's music brought the room to life, not only because of their unique sound, but because of the interesting stories that accompanied the pieces. Robert Mirabal introduced all of the songs with a Native American story. For example, the song "Quiet Season" is about how Mirabal's people regard the beginning of December to the middle of January as a quiet time. During this quiet time, there are restrictions on what can be done during the day. Then at night, they have special ceremonies during the time the Earth is resting.

Halfway through the program, Mirabal shared what he called the "secret of his people." To an

unsuspecting audience he said, "the secret of my people is corn." Understandably, this brought a few laughs, but he explained further by saying that the root of his people's ceremonies was food.

"Not so much today," he said, "but to our ancestors, food was scarce and sacred."

This and other Native American stories Mirabal told

gave already beautiful music even more gravity.

Throughout the performance, the strings of ETHEL and the numerous flutes that Mirabal used merged to fill the entire concert space with the sounds of a Native American ceremony.

Even on a cold snowy night on campus, it seemed as if you could feel the warmth of a bonfire as the music played.



Photo courtesy of Dragon Digest  
Grammy award winner, Robert Mirabal (above), performed with ETHEL in the Gaede Theatre on Saturday.

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# Features

## Adv Eats: Check out the “Würst” new eatery in downtown Fargo

Advocate staff tries new local restaurants

BY ALISON SMITH  
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If your Midwestern German roots are begging for some authentic Deutsch food, but Grandma lives too far away, you’re in luck. Downtown Fargo’s newest bar and eatery, the Würst Bier Hall, offers authentic German dishes, as well as selection of brews that would impress any beer connoisseur.

Twin brothers, Bert and Klaus Meyers, owners of Dempsey’s Public House in downtown Fargo, got the idea for the restaurant after visiting similar beer halls in Minneapolis-St. Paul. Bert’s wife Lisa got on board, and the three owners decided to incorporate their German heritage with their love for good food and good times.

The Würst Bier Hall, simply referred to as “The Würst,” offers authentic German dishes such as the spaetzle dumpling, borscht soup and braised red cabbage, along with 15 varieties of sausage and 36 different beers on tap.

The sausage varies from a classic bratwurst to those of a more exotic breed such as duck, wild boar, elk or rabbit with a choice of grilled toppings served on a fresh baked bun.

I chose the smoked rabbit sausage and had to order a side of fries (frites as they’re referred to on the menu) separately, ending up with a hefty \$11.50 (not including tax, tip and a brew) for a simple meal. However, the sausage was delicious, and the side order of fries was more than enough for me to eat in one sitting, and could have easily been shared between two people.

The atmosphere fits well for the downtown vibe with high ceilings, plenty of seating and industrial finishes to add that “lived in” feel that the contemporary Cityscapes Plaza, which houses the Würst, lacks.

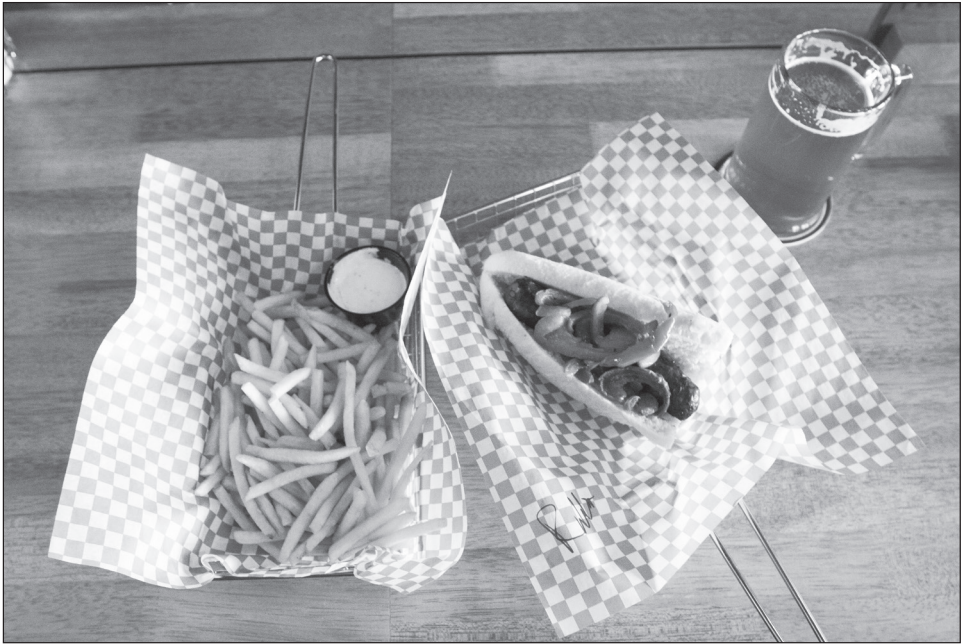
The service is friendly and knowledgeable about any questions regarding the food or brews. They are also very quick; I received my food within 15 minutes of ordering.

In the back there is a dartboard and a foosball table for a nice after- or pre-meal game. As of now they don’t have any entertainment planned, but they hope to eventually offer bingo and Sunday brunch.

The eatery also offers a unique drinking game called Das Boot where you and a group of your friends can purchase a 76 oz. glass boot filled with your brew of choice, and pass it around the

table, taking turns drinking from the boot while making sure to follow the rules posted.

The only problem with this new establishment is the fact that if you are under 21 you must go with someone over 21 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and after that anyone under 21 isn’t allowed. For those of us 21 and older, however, the eatery offers delicious food, brews and a great atmosphere to top it off.



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Rabbit sausage with grilled sweet peppers on a fresh baked bun and a side of frites (fries) along with a Lost Continent Double IPA at Würst Bier Hall, 630 First Ave. N., Fargo.

## Planetarium fosters learning for people of all ages

BY ALISON SMITH  
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It’s a brisk Saturday morning, and the empty halls in Bridges are bustling with miniature voices, filled with excitement for the out-of-this-world experience they are about to embark on.

The MSUM planetarium has started their series of winter shows, providing education for children of all ages about the sky above us, as well as an indispensable learning experience for MSUM students.

### Community support

Thanks to a couple generous grants from the Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation and Midcontinent Communications, children in the F-M area are able to spend the weekend with their favorite Sesame Street characters, learning about the sky above us.

This isn’t the first time that the planetarium has offered a show

geared toward a younger audience. Last year the Sky Zoo presentation, produced locally in cooperation with the Red River Zoo, incorporated basic astronomy lessons with the animals at the local zoo.

This show is different in a couple ways. Rather than focusing on the connection between the constellations and the animals they represent, “One World, One Sky – Big Bird’s Adventure” focuses on the interconnectedness of people around the world.

“People in China see the same stars that we see, so it fosters that idea,” said David Weinrich, planetarium coordinator, “and they have some fun as they learn about science and the world around them.”

Another, much more expensive, difference is the cost of the show. “One World, One Sky” is a multi-

million dollar production developed by the Adler Planetarium and the Beijing Planetarium.

“The zoo one was a local production that we spent a few hundred dollars on,” Weinrich said. “These programs (One World, One Sky), since they cost millions of dollars to produce, are

*“One of the purposes of education at MSUM is the chance for students to gain experience.”*

-David Weinrich, planetarium coordinator

quite expensive to purchase ... This particular one for us was \$7,000.”

FMAF had provided previous support for the planetarium with a grant that helped with the purchase of the digital projector system. Sara Schultz, MSUM instructor and assistant director for College for Kids, knew of their financial support and, after writing a grant, received \$3,150 for the show. Schultz was made aware of the Midcontinent

grant from another faculty member and received \$1,000 from them as well.

“We have a very limited budget for purchasing new shows each year,” Schultz said. “This grant support allows us to grow the available offerings much more quickly so we can have a larger catalog of shows to

offer school and public groups.” Schultz said that without the support of these local organizations it would have taken two years to save enough money to purchase the Sesame Street show.

### Education for all ages

Elementary age children aren’t the only ones who benefit from what the planetarium has to offer. Another show running through March is oriented more toward upper elementary and above.

“IBEX: Search for the Edge of the Solar System” is about the Interstellar Boundary Explorer (IBEX) satellite that is exploring an invisible boundary between our solar system and the rest of the galaxy called the heliopause.

Different from the gravitational

boundary, the heliopause measures as far as the solar winds travel and offers a different way to look at the question, “How big is our solar system?”

But the learning doesn’t stop there. Not only are local elementary, middle and high school students able to take something away from these planetarium shows, but also students at MSUM looking to get involved with the planetarium receive a different type of learning experience.

Student workers are responsible for running the shows, along with Weinrich. “One of the purposes of education at MSUM, besides the academics, is the chance for students to gain experience,” Weinrich said. “In this case, they are learning how to present before others ... it helps them develop poise and communication skills.”

Tyler Lane, senior physics major, astronomy minor and self-proclaimed “teaching entertainer,” is one of the student workers who present the shows to the public.

“I’ve grown adapt, growing up myself, speaking to audiences,” Lane said. “Now it helps me actually develop a rhythm and a flow, the more advanced part of actually presenting something.”

Weinrich and Lane both spoke of the importance in gaining experience in public speaking and presenting. “Almost every job involved presentation, giving talks or speaking in some way,” Weinrich said, “if nothing else, going in to your boss and asking for a raise.”

“All these sciences have to present something sometime in their career,” Lane said. “It’s when you finally get that moment to shine, you’ll actually be able to shine even brighter than the ones who haven’t had those courses.”

“One World, One Sky” shows at 11 a.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays until March 9. “IBEX” shows at 7 p.m. on Mondays until March 10 in Bridges 167. Admission is \$5 for the general public or \$2.50 for children 12 and under, seniors 62 and over and Tri-College students.



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# Features



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## Student gears up for advice, growth and adventure

I got an email stating the 13th of January is my departure date. It's the day that I will be hugging my parents, friends and the entire U.S. goodbye. As the last day breathing the frozen Midwest air sprinted closer, my excitement and nerves grew. Then on Jan. 12, when I was trying to shove my entire closet into a 4-by-2 foot suitcase, I realized I still didn't feel like I was going to be in England in less than 24 hours. On the three-hour drive to Minneapolis, when my parents lectured me about the "buddy system" and "keeping my credit card in my bra," I just stared out the window and thought this was it. It was the last time I would see the flat blizzard lands of Minnesota, and I finally realized that this was going to be an experience of a lifetime.

As I was heading through security with the eight other MSUM students, I looked back at my mother waving at me and taking pictures for the family I left at home. I felt this sudden knot in my chest. Then I received a text from her saying, "I am so proud of you. Tearing up here, not going

to lie. I've changed my mind. You can't go. You're just a baby." A little tear formed in the corner of my eye and ran down my cheek. I realized everyone says that going to college is when you truly break free from your parents and become an adult. I'd never felt more on my own until that plane lifted off the U.S. soil.

Back home I could call my mother anytime of the day, take a weekend trip just to see her and go out for supper when she came to Moorhead to visit. Now I only have a two-hour window to Skype due to the six-hour time change, and there is no visitation option. That knot in my chest I felt when I looked back at my mother wasn't sadness for leaving, nor the realization that it's too late to turn back. It was the excitement that I can finally break away and start completely new. I am finally following my dreams of traveling, learning about new cultures and experiencing living outside of the Midwest. I am going to miss everyone back home, but four months is not long. Also, in the Midwest nothing truly changes except the seasons, and even that only changes between two seasons: winter and construction.

When the plane landed in London at 9:30 a.m. (or as the Brits would say nine half), I couldn't help but notice that everything was suddenly different.

America has hundreds of stereotypes of England: their deep history of queens and kings, large consumption of tea and crumpets and their inability to drive on the correct side of the road. Now being here for little over a week, I can't but agree that most of them are true. Their land is covered with history: castles, cathedrals and many other must-see monuments, each with its own story.

For the tea and crumpet thing, most Brits would rather drink tea than coffee, although they enjoy alcohol above both, and I believe they eat more corn and peas than crumpets. I haven't eaten a dish yet that doesn't contain corn or peas. Even their Subway gives the option to put corn on your sub. In addition, we ordered a pizza just the other night, and right on top was a layer of corn.

Besides almost getting hit by a car within the first hour arriving, the whole driving on the left side of the road thing is easy to pick up on. Although it seems as if every street sign is in the shape of yield sign, probably to warn people that their streets are impossible to understand with all the roundabouts and cars going in all directions.

When I arrived at our corridors (housing), met our flat mates (roommates) and unpacked everything; it took about an hour before we got invited to go out. With the drinking age

in England being 18, college students go out almost every night. Clubs and bars are always holding events and specials, and students definitely take advantage.

On the first few days attending the University of Lincoln, I couldn't help but notice that their School of Media is incredible. They have an HD TV (or as the Brits would say telly) studio, brand new sound mixing theatre, and each student gets a Free Adobe Creative Cloud license. I am only going on to my first week of school, but so far many of the students I have met are so understanding of our American confusion. Although they lack in our cultures sarcasm, they still think we are the greatest people to walk on earth. The Brits love our American accents and make fun of our cultures horrid lingo (such as swag). Their terminology and lingo is quite different from that in America. I couldn't help but realize their excessive use of saying "carry on," "fancy" or "rubbish."

Upon arrival to England I realized how different it is compared to America. Every day I learn something new and notice one more difference. I have only been in England for little over a week, and I already learned enough to last a lifetime. I can't even imagine what I will learn in 16 weeks. So, carry on there in the U.S., I will just be drinking my tea and enjoying the scenery here in England.

## Novum replaces PRACS

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After PRACS declared bankruptcy and closed its doors last year, many students found themselves without a convenient way to earn cash. Now Novum, another Contract Research Organization, provides research services again, offering participants high cash rewards.

Like PRACS, Novum's studies are very similar. They conduct three types of studies: Outpatient, Topical/Skin and PK-Bioequivalence. These studies can be as brief as two days or last as long as three to six weeks. Some studies require overnight stays and blood draws, while some do not.

Leah Rabe, social work senior, participated in a Novum study last weekend and received \$400; \$300 for the study and \$100 for referring a friend. This was money she said she couldn't have made working that weekend.

Rabe participated in a derm/topical skin study. When asked if she would go back she said yes.

"It's an easy way to make a quick, easy \$300," she said. "It's not bad. It's boring, but it's not terrible if you have a friend."

Music and design senior, Theresa Boyle, went to PRACS last year to do a study and says she will probably go to Novum.

"I really liked that I got several hundred dollars after just two

weekends of work," Boyle said. "I was able to have my laptop and watch movies while doing it, and they give you free food."

Free food is also a tradition that Novum carries out, however unlike PRACS, all meals at Novum are catered in from various local restaurants. This includes breakfast, lunch, dinner and an evening snack. Rabe said one night they brought in Pizza Ranch.

Because there is a large sum of money offered in a short amount of time, the studies are very appealing to students. Novum also encourages to bring things to do like homework, or a computer, so participants don't get bored.

Boyle, who did her study over two weekends at PRACS, did a study that required blood draws, and said they did at least 36 draws.

Though there are many positives about participating in a study, Boyle said that there is a negative side. "I didn't like how bruised my arms got, and how sometimes the practitioners weren't very gentle," she said. "They would just kind of grab my arm and jab the needle in, and I couldn't donate plasma for a while after because my arms were bruised so bad."

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# Sports

## Advo Asks: Who will win the Super Bowl?



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Favorite part: The game



Agamah Ojochete, Freshman  
Favorite part: The commercials



Zana Pommier, Junior  
Favorite part: The commercials



Anthony Ring, Junior  
Favorite part: The commercials



Dylan Furst, Senior  
Favorite part: Halftime show



## Nadeau 'Just Keeps Swimming' for MSUM swim team

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In the Disney movie "Finding Nemo" there is a famous blue fish that says 'just keep swimming.'

Kelli Nadeau, in her 15-year swimming career has taken that phrase to heart. Nadeau is more than just a swimmer at MSUM. She is a friend, an integrated advertising/public relations major, a record breaker, a soon to be college graduate and captain of the swim team.

A captain is someone who motivates others, leads by example, and in Nadeau's case, has great relationships with her teammates and coaches.

"One of my favorite parts of coaching Kelli is our relationship," said head coach Todd Peters. "We have a partnership, and are always working toward the same goal." Nadeau and coach Peters work very closely and have achieved a lot in the time that she has been at MSUM.

After being recruited from her high school in Foley, Minnesota, she has broken three school records with her breaststroke.

"Kelli has met every goal she has set and has grown tremendously as an athlete and as a person in the last four years," gushed Peters.

When asked what she viewed as her own greatest accomplishment she simply stated, "I know who I am."

While she has worked very hard and accomplished so much, she has stayed very positive throughout her career.

Being a positive influence is an important quality in a captain, and Nadeau shows this through motivating her peers in the pool.

"She leads by example, and motivating them makes them faster," Peters said.

"She's really encouraging during hard sets and makes goals for the entire team that we meet together," freshman Claire Sauerman said.

Being a captain, Nadeau brings her team together with positivity and relationships formed in and out of the pool.

Having a close relationship with her captain is important to Sauerman, and she enjoys Nadeau's joking and fun way of interacting with peers.

"One day last week, Kelli dumped a bucket of ice water over my head," Sauerman recalled. "She's so fun and positive. She lightens the mood."

Nadeau motivates peers through encouragement and has found a way to encourage herself too.

Being a college athlete takes a lot of time and energy, but

Nadeau has pushed herself to succeed and graduate in four years. According to Nadeau swimming is a "great stress reliever, and a great way to keep healthy."

She jokes that she "really likes being fit, but really likes eating too," so swimming has become a great outlet for her.

The greatest obstacle in her career has been getting healthy after two and a half years of poor diet and anxiety, but has overcome those habits and has future plans to remain healthy.

The future is not a thing that is too far away for Nadeau as she graduates in May. She has thought, not only about her professional plans after college, but about her personal health as well.

She plans on doing triathlons to maintain her health and is going to attempt to mix personal goals with professional ones. She wants to use her Ad/PR major with her athletic interests to open a fitness center and get certified as a personal trainer.

As Nadeau has plans for her future after college, she is leaving a piece of advice for



ALECS PETERS, Photo courtesy of Dragon Athletics  
Kelli Nadeau swims for the Dragons during a Dragon Invite.

incoming freshmen.

"Don't compare your times from before college to the present because college is a whole new realm," she said.

As Nadeau ends her competitive swimming career, she will continue to swim through life as an MSUM alumnae and have a wonderful swimming career to look back

on.

Nadeau and the Dragons will be back in action when they take part in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference championships Feb. 6-9 in Rochester, Minn.

The team was ranked No. 18 in Division II in the latest Endless Pools/CollegeSwimming.com poll.



ALECS PETERS, Photo courtesy of Dragon Athletics

From cheering on her teammates to having fun in the pool, Nadeau has been a strong presence for the MSUM swim and dive team.



Photo submitted by Kelli Nadeau

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# Sports

## Dragon wrestlers open home season with two losses

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Being on the road for more than half the season, the MSUM Dragon wrestling team returned home to host Southwest Minnesota State and St. Cloud State in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference wrestling last week.

The Dragons brought a 5-5 overall dual record and 2-1 in NSIC wrestling to the matchup against Southwest State.

Freshman Blake Bosch started the Dragons off on the right foot, winning by decision to give the Dragons an early lead.

"Blake came on strong in the third period, and I'm happy with how he performed in the third period and how he wrestled," head coach Kris Nelson said.

The next win for the Dragons came at the 149-pound weight class, with Garret Hoffner winning by decision. Hoffner, a freshman from Mahanomen, Minn. won a tight match against Beau Buysse and improved his season record to 12-7.

Redshirt freshman Dan Murakami made it two in a row for the Dragons in the dual when he won in the final seconds over Codie Lane. Murakami picked up the decision after scoring a late takedown in the third period.

"Dan has been in a lot of close matches this season, and it was nice to see this one go his way," Nelson said.

Junior Conner Monk picked up the final win of the night for the Dragons when he pinned Jacob Begin in the first period.

"I'm really happy with the way Conner has been wrestling ... he wasn't in the lineup in the first semester and he is now, and he has really showed us that he deserves to be in the lineup," Nelson said.

Monk picked up his third win a row, and Nelson said he has kept the team in a lot of duals because of his ability to pick up bonus points in his matches.

"We're really looking forward to big things out of Connor at the end of the season," Nelson said.

Winning four out of the 10 matches, the Dragons fell to the Mustangs 19-15 in a dual that was decided by the last match of

the night. Cole Wilson defeated Gerad Fugleberg by decision to seal the win for Southwest.

"I was happy with our performance, and I thought our conditioning was good against Southwest," Nelson said. "Overall, happy with how we performed. We need to learn from our mistakes and get tougher in the bottom position, and work to get the escape."

With the team dropping a tight dual against Southwest, the Dragons had a short turnaround and hosted No. 3 St. Cloud State in NSIC action on Saturday. The Dragons, now 5-6 overall and 2-2 in NSIC, faced a strong St. Cloud State team that brought a 12-1 overall dual record and 1-0 in NSIC action.

Bosch continued his strong season, picking up a major decision in the first match of the dual against the Huskies.

"Really happy with how Blake wrestled ... he continues to go out there and put points on the board, and he wrestled the whole match," Nelson said.

Picking up the second win for the Dragons was redshirt freshman Isaac Novacek, with a 8-4 decision over St. Cloud State's Mike Rhone at the 141-pound weight class.

St. Cloud State showed why they are ranked third in Division II, winning the next seven matches in the dual and securing the 32-7 victory over the Dragons. The Dragons were in each of the final matches, and many of the victories by St. Cloud were by a slim margin.

"The team wrestled hard, and I thought overall they did a great job ... St. Cloud is a very good team," Nelson said.

With the loss the Dragons fell to 5-7 overall in duals and 2-3 in NSIC action. The team is back at Nemzek Fieldhouse when they host cross-town rival Concordia-Moorhead in non-conference action.

"That is a big dual against Concordia on Feb. 4 ... We'll get back in the practice room and look to have a good week of practice before taking on Concordia," Nelson said.

The team will look to pick up its first home victory when they host the Concordia-Moorhead at 7 p.m. on Feb. 4 at Nemzek Fieldhouse.



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Junior Conner Monk gets the pin in his match against Southwest Minnesota State on Thursday. Monk pinned Jacob Begin and improved his season record to 8-8. The Dragons fell in the dual 19-15 to the Mustangs.

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**Friday, Jan. 31**

- **Dragon Fire: Alumni night at the Dragon basketball games**
- **Women's basketball: 6 p.m. vs. Upper Iowa, Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse**
- **Men's basketball: 8 p.m. vs. Upper Iowa, Nemzek Fieldhouse**

**Saturday, Feb. 1**

- **Dragon Fire: Slam dunk, Don't Drive Drunk Games**
- **Women's basketball: 4 p.m. vs. Winona State, Nemzek Fieldhouse**
- **Men's basketball: 6 p.m. vs. Winona State, Nemzek Fieldhouse**
- **Track and Field: @ Cobber Duals, Moorhead**

**Tuesday, Feb. 4**

- **Wrestling: 7 p.m. vs. Concordia-Moorhead, Nemzek Fieldhouse**



# Opinion

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## State of the Union Address

Tonight is the annual State of the Union Address made by President Barack Obama. This address is where the president of the United States directly addresses the country.

We all do not agree on the views or respect those who have been elected to make decisions, but we do owe it to ourselves to pay attention to what is going on.

Hearing the address will give you a more informed idea of what is happening, and will provide more knowledge about the subjects that you may not know much about.

While you may want to watch your favorite primetime show tonight, take the hour and a half to know what is happening. Regardless of your political affiliation, it is important to have a critical viewpoint of what is being said and to hear it from the president.

This event happens once a year and it provides an opportunity for, Americans to come together and hear from their president about what has happened in the last year and what will happen this year.

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## Computer sale illuminates a wealth of problems



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A few weeks ago, I saw an advertisement in the Dragon Digest: iMacs - \$30 each.

I heard its siren song, and I responded.

I dislike shopping, especially crazy, crowded sales. I've never been to a Black Friday sale, but like many people, I've been shocked at reports of mayhem, violence and even deaths as crowds of shoppers swarm toward half-priced toasters.

Some people like this type of shopping situation for "the thrill of the hunt," and it's easy to rant about consumerism and American greed, but there's another issue here: income inequality.

Think of the wealthiest person you know. How likely is that person to go out at 1 a.m. in minus 17 degrees and wait in the library lobby for six

hours to buy a used, older-model, potentially-flawed computer for \$30?

How likely are they to sell that \$30 computer on Craigslist for a small profit?

On Jan. 21, I arrived at the library lobby around 6 a.m.; two hours before the sale was scheduled to start. There were 34 people ahead of me in line. Some of them had been there since 1 a.m.

The small library entrance crowded to bursting; almost 70 people crammed in, and more were literally left out in the cold. Not long before the library doors opened at 7:30 a.m., I heard someone shout, "No one else can come in. You guys gotta wait outside."

It was minus 17 degrees. Some people waited.

By the time the sale began, dozens more people had arrived. Some of the

gift for a relative, I began thinking I'd like to get an extra one for myself, too. But I already have a laptop, and I don't even like Macs.

It would be ridiculous to talk about people buying iMacs as "impoverished." Clearly, everyone in line at least had a home with electricity. But I would venture to guess most people there were a lot closer to poverty than they were to "the wealthy," whom no one dares to call "upper class."

As the income gap continues to widen, there seems to be an irrepressible urge to be slightly less badly off than someone in one's peer group.

This results in the exploitation of the part of the "middle class," who will never verbally admit they are "lower middle class."

A Black Friday-type sale offers the chance to acquire an otherwise unaffordable item, and society vilifies anyone who reaches for it.

I reached and got an iMac, and when I got home, I read a study in the LA Times that said, "The 85 richest people on earth have the same amount of wealth as the bottom half of the population."

I am aware that I have a better standard of living than most people in all of human history, but the obscenity of this fact gives a whole new meaning to the phrase "how the other half lives."

*"The small library entrance crowded to bursting; almost 70 people crammed in, and more were literally left out in the cold."*

things I heard in line made my head spin:

"I'm going to laugh at everybody behind me when I get mine."

"They're letting people take two! That's not fair!"

"They're letting people take two! Here. Here's another \$30. Get two if you can."

"I'm going to keep one, and then sell the other one on Craigslist."

Though I had gone there to buy a

## Society rushes us when we need to slow down



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Sometimes it's hard to explain life. Such a vast universe, which at times feels like too much to handle or too much to explain. So, humans lean on things to help them get through life, which I believe shouldn't be "hard" to get through in the first place. We've made life hard, so hard for some, waking up doesn't seem fathomable in the morning.

Pick your poison. Humans use drugs, alcohol, pornography, movies, social media, video games, work and other humans to get through life. A tad of escape from the reality of days passing and a clock ticking. A clock ticking on every one of our watches, phones and wall clocks.

Of course I can only speak from the point-of-view of an American, but

time and money are two factors that make life harder than necessary.

We are so focused on packing as much as possible into a day, that we have to actually schedule spending time with family, otherwise it wouldn't happen. Don't forget, that time has to make us money or we won't be happy at the end of the day. I'm sick of it, and I'm only 23 years young.

I think the opposite creates true happiness. Spending time with friends, loved ones and volunteering for others in need is the way to go.

I don't care about money or status or if anyone reads this opinion piece. I cannot grasp onto the fact people in this world actually care about things that matter so little in the end. The messed up thing is, who am I to judge what matters in the end?

I want to do what I love, even if I don't know what I love at the moment. I'm still figuring it out, but society makes us feel like we're running behind.

If we don't graduate high school, attend college for four years or less and then go on to our professions, then we are wasting time. I ask, whose time are we wasting, but our own?

I felt this way for a while, after three years of attending MSUM without a declared major. Then, I figured it out.

I am now in my fifth year of college, graduating in May with English and mass communications degrees. I found out what I loved doing, but my path didn't fit into society's formula of success.

What about traveling the world? What about learning a new language? What about stopping what you're doing to speak to strangers? What about praying for others in need? There are no scheduled times in life for these moments to occur. We have to jump and hopefully hang on to the sporadicity that make us stronger, smarter, more giving and ultimately happier.

I don't mean to rant, but trying to make sense of life is perhaps too big of a journey. Perhaps we're not supposed to make sense of it, and we are to try our best to enjoy life and be happy.

Take the time to reevaluate what makes you happy, and truly enjoy the life you're living. I'm sorry if that is money or success or fame because those things will kill your heart and soul trying to reach the top.

I read this quote on the good ol' Internet while I was writing this opinion, "Don't educate your child to be rich. Educate him to be happy. So when he grows up, he will know the value of things, not the price."

I'll just leave it at that.

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# Opinion

## Letter to the Editor: Response to Write Site Commentary

In a recent column in *The Advocate*, writer Jessica Jaspersen thoughtfully makes the case that MSUM should continue to offer students help in developing their writing skills. That service has been offered through the English Department's Write Site, which will be discontinued in the near future. However, students should know that there will continue to be a resource for them. Being able to see a tutor for assistance with a paper is valuable for students with all levels of writing skills. The question before the university

is where is it administratively most efficient to offer this service.

We are forming a university writing task force whose charge will include determining the best approaches to writing instructional support. Students, faculty, and administrators all agree with the basic principle of providing some kind of tutoring in writing. A main objective of the task force is to determine the best methods to meet this goal. In addition, the task force will investigate best practices in providing

writing support, and it's possible we will identify new approaches that we haven't previously considered.

It is likely that the task force will hold open forums to which faculty, staff, and students will be invited. It would be valuable to hear from students their ideas about what kinds of support will best meet their needs.

We acknowledge and value the quality service tutors in the Write Site have provided. Rest assured the proposal to

phase out the Write Site in its current form is not based on dissatisfaction with the current staff or student employees, rather a desire to find the best home for this valuable service. As with many programs on campus, it's time to make sure we are using the best and most efficient practices.

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## Technology: easy to learn if the Internet is used



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Many of you probably share my frustration when it comes to technology. My frustration does not land on the "it's changing too fast" side, but rather on the side that no one takes time to learn it.

How many of you have been unofficially declared as your family's "tech support guru"? If you are, welcome to my world.

Friends and family alike have come

to me for answers to obvious questions. Hell, someone I graduated from high school with called me three years after, with a question about their computer. (I never talked to this person after high school.)

The problem is the family tech support position doesn't take an application or an interview to get hired. You fix one little problem, and you got the job. When you try to help by downloading Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox so you can save them from them peril that is Internet Explorer, they will blame you when something else goes wrong.

I don't know that much about computers, but I can generally fix minor issues if I have the time. My secret? Google. That's it.

The Internet is huge and full of information, yet why isn't it taken advantage of? I'm willing to bet that you aren't the first person to have that specific issue on your device. Become a black belt in Google Fu. It's simple to do and doesn't take long.

Have you ever thought about Googling the error message your computer spits at you? There will be forums and forums with the same issue. When you read the fix to the problem, and don't understand a word, Google that word. Keep doing that until you fix the problem. It might take awhile but at least you will fix it on your own and probably learn a thing or two.

With technology everywhere you can figure out anything you want. This does not have to be limited to technology. If you are having a conversation with someone, and they say something that sets off your bullshit detector, look it up on your phone. Present the facts to them, and see where they go from there.

Don't brush off every request you receive for help. Several people may not know what they are doing. Bring it upon yourself to help them along through the process. Point out areas of greater interest. Show them tips and tricks to make their technology experience better.

I understand it's hard for people of

different generations to make a good footing on the many different aspects of technology. Your parents might not be computer savvy, but don't let that limit them. Take time to show them what to do. Write down instructions so they can follow through without you being there.

Smart phones, like the Apple iPhone, are extremely easy to use. I know several people over the age of 40 that have one and love it. If your parent, grandparent or adult friend gets a smart phone, check with your local town's recreational education department to see if they offer a class on smart phones. Also, go to a bookstore and grab one of the many tutorial books.

Technology is going to continue to grow at a quick rate. It's hard to keep up, but with a little time, catching up shouldn't be a problem. If you invest a little time, the reward will be greater later on. You will be able to work faster without slowing down because you don't know how to do a task.

Technology is here. Embrace it.

## Indians are from India

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I'm sure you already knew Indians are those people from that country called India, so why the geography lesson from me? Well, in this day and age Americans, especially white Americans, still seem to be quite ignorant as to what the word "Indian" really means.

This is my first semester at MSUM, and already three of my four professors have referred to Native or Indigenous people as "Indians." So what, right? I mean that's what they are, and that's what they've always been known as.

As you may or may not know, the term "Indian" finds its origin with Christopher Columbus. Columbus and his crew were

on a journey to India, following the spice trade. They happened to take a few wrong turns and wound up in what is presently called the United States. Columbus and his men mistakenly thought they had reached India, and thus called the Indigenous inhabitants of the land "Indians."

The term "Indian," when used to label Indigenous people, carries an ugly and negative connotation. Indigenous people are not Indians. I've spoken to many Native people in the Detroit Lakes area, and they all unanimously agree that the term "Indian" carries about as much justice for their people as the N-word would for black people.

I've been instructed that the correct and appropriate names for Native people are "Indigenous," "First Nations" and

"Native," but not "Native American."

If you're stumped on this last one, then you must understand that Native people are not native to America; they were here before America, and they especially do not want any association with America, considering the great holocaust America carried out on their people.

You may say there is nothing wrong with the term "Indian" because, after all, there are Indian Reservations, Indian acts and laws, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. But that brings me to my point; "Indian" Reservations, acts, laws and even the Bureau of "Indian" Affairs were all named, created and established by white people.

White people have no right in naming a group of individuals they do not belong

to. But white people irresponsibly and arrogantly taking on the matters of those who never asked them to, nor never wanted them to, has always been an issue, not just within North America, but the world throughout.

So next time your professor, or anybody for that matter, refers to Indigenous people as "Indians," please correct them.

Seeing as how America has never made an effort to apologize or even recognize the atrocity they committed against the original Indigenous people of this continent, it seems the least Americans can do is call Native people by their respectful name, and not the name improperly given to them by a group of people who nearly destroyed their land, culture and way of life.

## Be smart, stay warm



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As a North Dakotan, I often consider myself a warrior of the north for being able to withstand the all too familiar minus 40

wind chills. When my friends from Florida complain that it hit "45 degrees last night," or "I had to bust out my jeans," I have to hold back rude retorts and struggle to sound sympathetic.

Upper Midwest winters are bleak and frigid. If the temperature climbs over 15 degrees, it's considered a heat wave. However, if the wind is blowing at the Fargo wind-speed average of 13.2 mph, the 15 degrees drops down to a cool "feels like" of just 2 degrees; kick the wind up to 20 mph, and we have a wind chill in the negatives.

So, why am I giving you quick meteorology lesson? Last Friday, we were fortunate enough to experience one of those winter "heat waves." At one point my car thermometer read 34 degrees. In true upper Midwest fashion, that meant the coats

came off, slippers replaced boots and a few daring souls even flashed their legs in shorts. Initially, I laughed and shrugged my shoulders, thinking "that's North Dakota for you." But the more I thought about it, I realized those people are downright stupid.

Though we may seem built to endure the great outdoors with nothing but cracked, calloused skin (a common side effect of dry winters), we most certainly are not. Skin exposed to wind-chills below zero can suffer severe frostbite after only 30 minutes and after only five minutes during extreme cold.

A severe example would be the Duluth student who recently lost all of her fingers on both hands, all the toes on one foot and the tips of her toes on the other. Her wounds were due to spending nine hours in minus

40 wind chills. This isn't the anticipated result of walking to or from class in shorts or a T-shirt, but nonetheless, it encapsulates the power of Mother Nature. Frankly, she's lucky to be alive.

Not only does one run the risk of frostbite when underdressing outside, they also increase the potential for picking up a cold and getting sick. As a busy college student myself, getting sick and missing school does nothing but make me fall behind. Something most cannot afford.

Yes, we all want to seem tough and cool, and believe me, after minus 50 wind chills, that 20-degree day is almost like a day at the beach. But next time you decide to go running out the door with exposed skin, consider the consequences. How much do you value your appendages?

# Features

## Business professors unite to publish book

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Business professors Peter Geib and James Swenson have been friends and colleagues for years. After publishing various papers together, Lambert Academic Publishing invited them to publish a book together. After six months of work, the book has been published. This book "China: The Leadership Challenge of Continuous Innovation," is the result of the collaborative efforts of the different areas of expertise they have.

"We are a team," Swenson said. "My area of expertise is innovation and entrepreneurship. Peter is an expert in international business, China and all kinds of business organization."

According to Swenson, the collaboration they have isn't just because their knowledge is complementary, but because they have learned how to work together over time.

"We have known each other for a long time and are good friends," he said. "It works out really really good. We have a great time doing it, and we are good at it."

Geib has been doing research in China since 1988, when he was sent there to start an exchange program by Dr. Roland Dille. Since then, he has come to find a plethora of truths about the differences between Chinese thinking and American thinking.

"The students here are very diverse and open and have a lot of freedom to do new things," Swenson said.

This differs from the students in China. According to Geib, China has been on the road to reform for a long while.

"In 1978, China started down the road of rather dramatic reform," Geib said. "The current Chinese leadership, they are just doing their jobs, they are seeking to further the reforms."

While the reforms are intending to be positive for China, the speed at which all of these things are happening is detrimental. According to Geib, the growth of China is unbelievable.

"We have never seen anything like it," Geib said. "Historians have never seen so many people make this kind of economic advance. It's a remarkable story."

It is for this reason that Geib and Swenson focused their book on innovation in China.

"We are simply underlining the fact that companies, countries and organizations cannot survive unless they innovate in their rapidly changing environments," Swenson said. "China is a great example."

According to Swenson and Geib, they were motivated to focus on the topic they did because of the rapid changes in technology.

"Technology is accelerating change," Swenson said.

According to Swenson, Nintendo making less profit because their games are not supported on the latest game systems, and Kodak is no longer making profit because of digital

technology taking over the market are good examples of this rapid change.

"Apple has to keep bringing out new products, Disney has to keep making new films, Pixar has to keep having new animations," Swenson said. "If they fail to do that then they have a big problem."

According to Geib and Swenson this idea is comparable to China's situation.

Swenson and Geib were not only motivated by this idea though.

"Also, globalization is very much a reality," Geib said. "The whole world is going international. The world has more diversity ethnically and culturally than it's ever had. Those kind of global realities are what motivated us to do this kind of work."

Geib and Swenson's book is written in two parts, with Geib writing the first half about the facts and history of China, and Swenson writing the last half which is more theoretical.

"It's very much like a songwriting team," Swenson said. "One does the lyrics, and one does the melody and the music."

Swenson and Geib are very confident in their work.

"We are very upfront about knowing what we are doing," Swenson said. "It's almost pushing the envelope."

Swenson and Geib are very passionate about their work. Although they are very pleased with their final product, they realize that their ideas are just ideas.

"We are never saying we have the right answer," Geib and Swenson said. "Perhaps this will be helpful."

## Advo Spotlight: Political science prof does it all

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"There hasn't been a time that I did not want to be a professor," said Dr. Margaret Sankey, political science professor. "I've always loved reading, writing and doing research."

Sankey has been a professor at MSUM since 2002, but she did not originally start out in the political science department.

Holding her PhD in history, Sankey was asked by the University to develop classes that were more military history orientated. She then began her career as a political science professor and has never looked back.

Many students may know Sankey from her survey class, POL 151 Contemporary Comparative Politics. Sankey describes the class as "a chance to go through all the crazy things humans have done. I never run out of interesting material." She also mentioned that her survey classes are her favorite to teach because of the large scope covered in the class.

Sankey also teaches POL 317 Strategic Games and Game Theory. This is a class where students are assigned certain roles of past figures in history and must act out that role with classmates. "I am always interested to see how the games classes turn out," Sankey said. "Students change the French Revolution in ways I'd never guess."

When asked what her favorite part about MSUM is, Sankey said, "The students are exciting

to work with." She added that she enjoys working with people who are still discovering the world. She also said she really likes the community and local environment Moorhead offers.

Sankey also appreciates the size of the university. "It's comfortable, not big," she explained. "I like working with students who are attracted to a school this size."

Though Sankey doesn't recall ever wanting to do anything but be a professor, she admitted she never saw herself ending up in Minnesota. "I'm not from this area at all," she said.

She started out in Iowa at Boise State University for her undergraduate studies. "I started college when I was 15," Sankey said. "I lived at home in Emmett, Idaho, and Boise State was close enough that I could commute."

From there she traveled to the deep South to attend Auburn University in Alabama. "I chose Auburn because it had a professor I wanted to work under as a graduate student," Sankey explained. "They were really generous with their teaching assistantship offer."

Sankey said she is "not a big sports person," but she did enjoy going to tailgate parties before games at both colleges. She said tailgate parties at Auburn were "epic."

Similar to her past universities' football prestige, Sankey compared being hired as a professor to a football draft. "This was where the job was," she said. "I would have never guessed I'd end up in Minnesota, but I'm glad I did."

Despite coming from an area where summers are scorching, Sankey said she enjoys the cold Moorhead winters.

When she is not teaching classes or holding office hours at MSUM, Sankey spends her



Dr. Margaret Sankey

free time doing what she loves. "I like to travel," she said. "I'm a big reader, too."

Sankey makes a trip every couple years to Edinburgh or London, and does research in Great Britain. Last summer she gave lectures in Israel about foreign policy and military history.


"I got to see a lot of fascinating stuff there," Sankey said. "Ancient ruins and modern high tech businesses, all in a very small space."

As for reading, Sankey has an impressive routine she hasn't broken since she was a teenager: Every day she reads a 300 page (or so) novel. "I enjoy most popular science, history, military history, politics, and I am a total sucker for European detective series," she explained. "Especially if I can get them in the original languages and read them for pleasure and language practice."

Outside of that, she says she can be found wrestling with her unruly dog, Gustav, "the one-eyed pirate dog."

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## Dance team has strong showing at nationals

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The MSUM dance team returned from nationals last week with a trophy for their fourth place finish in the World University division of pom. The Dragons competed against universities from around the globe, like China, Japan, Mexico and Columbia.

"We had never participated in the Worlds competition before. This was our first year," said head coach Kari Henry. "We entered into it last minute. It was a lot of fun."

Both coach Henry and the dance team members enjoyed dancing in the new category for the first time, citing that seeing other countries dance, and the mutual support for the sport, made the experience one to remember. North Dakota State University was the only other American team to finish higher than the Dragons, claiming third place honors.

"It was super fun. We got to take pictures with (world university teams) and their flags," said Callie Larson, accounting senior and team captain.

The Dragons also competed in both pom and jazz in the open division, and missed finals in pom by just 0.08 points for a seventh place finish. The event is all about precision and high-energy. Every move is sharp and tight. It typically features upbeat songs that get the crowd pumped up, and the top 50 percent of teams make it to the final round.

"It was frustrating. We have two weeks of six-hour practices, and that's all you work for. To miss by that small of a point, it was really frustrating," said Melissa Stephan, photojournalism senior and team captain.

The Dragons finished on the lower end of the spectrum

in the Jazz competition, but overall felt good about their performance. Jazz is one of the more competitive categories at nationals and typically features the most entrants. Twenty-two teams competed this year.

"Even though we had a low score, it was the best I have ever felt coming off the floor after Jazz," Stephan said.

According to Henry, this year's been one of the best seasons the team has had in her time coaching. Injuries and a couple girls quitting hindered the start of the season, but the team rallied and became stronger than ever.

"One thing we had this year that we haven't had the last couple years is that we went out as a team, instead of individuals," Stephan said. "This was the first year I felt everyone on the floor with me."

The dance team is done with competition and big performances for the year, but will appear at a couple basketball games before the season is over.

"The end of the season is always bittersweet," Henry said. "It's always sad to have to say goodbye to our seniors ... I would just like to say thank you to the 12 amazing young ladies who made of the 2013-14 DDT (Dragon Dance Team). You all have a special place in my heart."

The senior captains are sad to leave their team, but wanted to leave their "family" with solid words of wisdom.

"You learn a lot about teamwork and leadership," said Cassidy Stumm, social work senior and captain. "Learn to take criticism and apply it."

Stephan agreed. "There are going to be moments in dance that you hate, and you'll want to quit," Stephan said, "but you just have to push through it, and it will be worth it."

## RoomSync app matches

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Finding a roommate that you get along with and share similar interests and patterns with can be a hard task, but thanks to the new trending app called RoomSync, it's making it a little easier for students to do just that.

When trying to think of ways to help accommodate student needs and lessen the chance of roommate conflicts, MSUM's housing and residential life staff, felt as though RoomSync was the answer to problems many students face.

RoomSync is a leading Facebook app for college roommate selection. The app has "reinvented the roommate-finding process," according to its makers. The app essentially lets students select their roommate match by allowing them to search on a mixture of lifestyle preferences and Facebook profile information and more. Students using RoomSync can also view mutual friends, giving them the ability to gain further insight into potential roommates.

Kirsti Fleming, the assistant director of business services along with other members of the Housing Department, believed this was the next step for housing, after attending an annual Association of College and University Housing Officers - International (ACUHO-I) conference.

At the conference, Fleming tested several apps and initially liked each of them, but after finding out that Mankato had been successfully using RoomSync, she thought this would work well for MSUM students. The app was implemented in December 2013, with several students using the app per week.

"I get emails everyday about people who want to be roommates after using RoomSync," Fleming said. "I would say there is around 10 new users every week."

When signing up for RoomSync, there are several steps the app goes through in order to find the "right matches" for the user. First the user/student must fill out a general information form along with stating the university and hall that is preferable to live in. Next the user will need to put in a passcode for admittance. For MSUM underclassman (incoming freshman and sophomores) the code is 12345, for upperclassman the passcode is 16789. After entering the code the app goes through your likes and preferences for issues that often occur including what time the user goes to bed or wakes up, if the user is messy or if the user is social or less social.

"I think when you put the control in the hands of students, or anyone for that matter, it works out better," Fleming said.

In order to sign up for a room and a roommate from RoomSync, students are still required to fill out a contract online or in the housing office by May 20.

"Everyday we get new users, so it's pretty exciting," Fleming said. "Even if you don't find a match today, new users are popping up everyday."

Fleming suggests before students use the app that they review their Facebook likes, groups, pictures, etc. to make sure they are still relevant to students interests.



### IMACS, FROM FRONT

to do it," Wessel said.

When asked why the IT department did not hand out numbers to people waiting, Heckaman said, "I guess we're still learning how to create an efficient and effective process. Certainly we learned from this event."

A large part of the problem with the crowd was the lack of room for forming a line. Since the library is under construction, the lobby where people were waiting in line is especially small. With temperatures hovering around minus 17 degrees, it was unsafe to have the line extend out the door. The line was not allowed to back up into the library itself, so people crammed in the lobby to a point that Olson called "claustrophobic."

"This is a marvelous opportunity to put otherwise unaffordable technology in the hands of students, and I appreciate very much that they did this sale, but frankly there were times when I literally didn't feel safe," Olson said.

Wessel also commented on the cramped space as a factor contributing to the Black Friday feel and offered a suggestion to "hold the sale in the ballroom or a bigger area, so we wouldn't have to stand packed together."

Another concern was that people were not limited to buying only one iMac. "We'd like to only allow one piece of equipment per person, but in this case, we had some process breakdowns and allowed people to purchase two," Heckaman said. "This entire process has a goal of trying to provide a reasonable set of equipment to those that need it. It's hard for me to understand why any one person who has a need, needs more than one device."

Erik Moen, a social studies junior and student employee at the IT department said, "Personally, I would like to see a limit of one per person, and I'm sure that is something that will be taken into account in future sales."

However, due to the great

amount of negative feedback the department is getting about how the sales were conducted and executed, the possibility of holding another is looking less likely.

"Unfortunately, at the rate at which the department receives harsh criticism, I would not be surprised if there were no future sales. Since the sale takes a significant toll on the employees' time in setting up computers for sale, advertising, arranging and so on, without the positive feedback or constructive criticism, IT employees are becoming disgruntled and discouraged by the thought of future sales," Moen said.

"We're certainly discussing the pros and cons of trying to do this [sale] again. We feel in the end it's worth it for those students who have a need, but certainly this isn't going to work if people aren't willing to deal with some snags here and there," Heckaman said.

Despite the concerns Olson and Wessel brought up, both had positive feelings on selling the equipment to students rather than to a buy back vendor.

"It's really great they do this, and I hope they don't stop," Olson said.

"It was a fun experience, and I am grateful to IT and to the University for allowing the students to have opportunities like these," Wessel agreed.

Moen wanted students to "know that likelihood of another sale is diminishing quickly unless they change their attitude. I'm sorry that not everyone was able to get a computer, but during an open house clearance sale there is no business that I know of that will guarantee you the product you desire. Bottom line is that I am a student, there are students that need these sales as they cannot afford a full priced computer, and I sincerely hope we as a community have not wasted this great opportunity to help disadvantaged students out."

"The IT department is doing the best they can and are learning," Moen stressed.





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# News

## Get to know your student senators



Sam Downs, Dahl/Ballard senator  
Fun Fact: Goes fly fishing



Derrick Gbleah, off-campus senator  
Fun Fact: Loves his daughter and Africa



Brody Lavelle, business/industry senator  
Fun Fact: Has a titanium bar in his femur after it broke three times



Adam Holm, off-campus senator  
Fun Fact: Lived in Iraq for a year



Anna Soderhold, arts/humanities senator  
Fun Fact: Wants to run a marathon in every state

### STARS AWARD, BACK PAGE

some light to it really.”

Some of the major improvements to save energy and reduce waste includes nearly a 20 percent reduction in greenhouse gas over the past three years and water consumption reduced by 10 million gallons.

What helps greatly with decreasing energy demands is the updated software of control systems put into place in 2010. This updated software allows every room’s airflow on campus to be scheduled to turn on only when classes meet. When no one uses the room, the doors lock and the air turns off.

“It’s all handled seamlessly,” physical plant manager Jeff Goebel said. “So, the benefit of that work really has been a huge energy cost reduction

on campus. We were actually reducing, not just the usage, but the number of dollars we were spending on energy for 2010, 2011 and 2012.”

Around the same time as the software update, Goebel and his team worked on reducing water consumption by replacing faucet aerators and shower heads in both dorms and athletic buildings and spray heads used for dishwashing both in Kise and in the science building for cleaning glassware.

Even before Herbst started his position as Sustainable Coordinator in June 2012, MSUM was working towards reducing energy usage.

“This Silver rating is not by any means a reflection of what I did,” Herbst said. “A lot was

already in place, or the ‘seeds were planted’ before I got here. I just have to be lucky enough to be the guy that gets to pull it all together and show the world, ‘hey, we got this silver rating.’”

There’s always more to be done when discussing and creating a more sustainable institution. Transportation is the biggest area where Herbst thinks MSUM can work towards being more sustainable.

“We’ve got MATBUS. We’ve got bike racks. We’re putting in a bike fix station this spring, but we really haven’t done a lot with transportation,” Herbst said. “Car sharing services; electric vehicle charging stations to get hybrids in our fleet; to even just do a transportation study to understand the environmental

footprint related to commuting. Not just with students either, this is with staff and faculty as well.”

Capital renovations of buildings on campus add to what MSUM can do with sustainability as well. It’s important MSUM continues to receive access to state funding in order to renovate.

“Every building that is next on our list to renovate usually has poor quality windows, many of their single pane glass windows, very little insulation in the walls, not very good insulation in roofs,” Goebel said. “So, as we renovate we save energy, and we can continue to go after that.”

### BUDGET, FROM FRONT

“If you take all that together, it’s the 20 retirements, the 17 temporary faculty and the three proposed layoffs . . . that’s about 10 percent of our faculty,” Blackhurst said. “Our enrollment has decreased about 11 percent since the fall of 2010. If you think about that, then this 10 percent decrease in our faculty is somewhat commensurate with the decline in enrollment that we’ve experienced over the last few years.”

Cutting faculty positions is not the only method MSUM is using to balance the projected shortfalls. Last week, The Advocate reported on the school’s Fall 2014 Strategic Enrollment Action Plan, which Blackhurst says will make up about \$1.5 million of the projected shortfall.

Department mergers were proposed at the Faculty Association meet and confer on Dec. 5 to reduce administrative costs. At another meet and confer on Wednesday, a proposal to merge Theater with Music instead of with Cinema Arts and Digital Technologies was presented to the faculty association. Other proposed changes were in the way faculty are rostered for seniority.

The faculty association has 10 business days to formulate a response to the new information presented at the meet and confer,

and will meet and discuss with administration any changes they wish to see.

“The measures we’ve taken to this point are the retirements, the proposal we made in December and these few modifications we made to this just yesterday. All of that adds up to about \$6.5 million in reductions, and we are planning to increase enrollment, so that revenue would make up the other \$1.5 million.” Blackhurst said.

After all measures have been implemented, Blackhurst said that MSUM will still have one of the lowest student to faculty ratios in the MnSCU system. MSUM has a student to faculty ratio of 15:1 right now, and after faculty reductions, she estimates it will be around 16:1.

“That still is substantially lower than institutions with 20-to-one, 22-to-one ratios. We are making an adjustment to bring faculty in line with enrollment numbers. We’re not talking about holding enrollment constant and then cutting the size of our faculty,” Blackhurst said.

Administration has located five programs with low enrollment and has selected to phase them out over the next three years. Blackhurst said that many of the students currently enrolled in these programs are seniors slated to graduate this spring and will not be affected by any changes. The remaining students in the programs will be able to finish

their degrees before the programs are completely phased out.

The five programs that will be discontinued, which at this time contain 69 students, are American Multicultural Studies (minors will continue to exist), Community Health, Music Composition, Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, Medical Laboratory Science and the certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Blackhurst wrote in an email to students Wednesday:

“I am writing to reassure you that, except for a small number of low enrollment programs, 70 excellent academic majors and minors at MSUM will continue to be offered, including these new programs added recently due to student and employer interest: master’s degrees in business administration (executive MBA with healthcare emphasis), health care administration, nursing administration, and accounting and finance; bachelor’s degree in project management; minors in media arts and doing business in China; and certificates in entrepreneurship, professional writing, professional communication, visual communication and professional ethics.”

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