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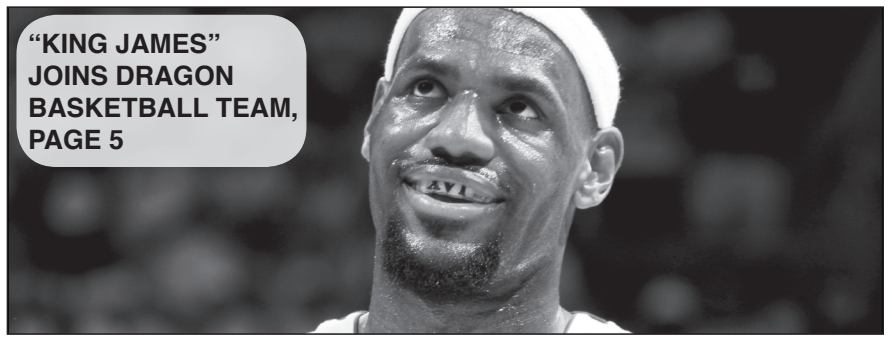
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## Justin Timberlake brings sexy to campus, parties hard with students



Photo illustration by Ben Gumeringer

Justin Timberlake rocked his show in the campus mall on March 28.

BY MYSTIQUE

Things got a little out of hand last week at a private Justin Timberlake concert on the campus mall. President Edna Szymanski and the rest of the MSUM administration invited Timberlake back to the area to officially apologize to students for the budget deficit.

Campus security had their hands full as more than 5,000 students and faculty came out to enjoy the show, as well as to capitalize on the recent policy change that now allows alcohol consumption on campus.

"The entire event got out of hand really quickly," said Greg Lemke, Public Safety director.

Roughly 500 people were arrested throughout the night on charges of public urination, underage consumption and public disturbance. One young freshman was charged with destruction of property after he knocked down the fire-breathing dragon.

The event escalated even further when Timberlake decided to partake in the party by doing a 45 second keg stand on stage.

"That was one of the craziest crowds I've ever seen," Timberlake said. "I couldn't not join in on the fun."

Timberlake's keg stand riled up the crowd even more, kick-starting a party that

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## University Games: MSUM searches for its next leader

BY HOOTENANY HIPSTER

"I was so incredibly petrified to play in the University Games," Edna Szymanski, president of MSUM recalled with a smile. "I didn't know if I had it in me to beat the competition, but nothing takes down 'The Edna.'"

As MSUM searches for its next president, the presidential search committee is busy planning University Games, a multi-day event where the candidates are put to the test to see if they can be the new leader of the Dragons.

"This year the games are looking very intense," Denise Gorsline, head game-maker of University Games said. "We've put together a course of events only the best can pass, leaving only one person standing in the end."

Gorsline said the games in the presidential search consist of the following categories: prez pong, Public Safety snafu and beanie

borrowing.

"In prez pong, the candidates will face off in a beer pong battle royal," Gorsline said, adding, "This year, there's a twist. The table is put on a floaty in the Nemzek pool."

"Back when I played prez pong, the table was put in the planetarium while a lights show was going," Szymanski said. "By the last cup I was a little tipsy, but then 'Eye of the Tiger' came on and I found my groove."

The candidates will be scored based on who makes the most cups in the shortest period of time. The next round is Public Safety snafu.

"This is where we really get to know how the candidates can handle tricky situations and deal with campus police," Gorsline smirked.

The candidates must smoke weed in the dorms while drinking with the students, only to find out the RA called Public Safety. Candidates then

**GAME LEADER, BACK PAGE**

## MSUM adapts to new peers on campus



BY JOSIE JURASSIC

MSUM has become the face of genetic engineering.

It was early this semester when university employee Shaun Gammond realized his experiment had worked. Throughout his three years working in the bioengineering department at MSUM, Gammond had been conducting countless scientific trials with the intent of cloning dinosaurs whose DNA had been extracted from ancient crane flies that had been preserved in tree resin. Gammond had grown doubtful it would work.

"Really, I didn't think it would work out the way it did," Gammond said. "When I started this job I was on a pretty big sci-fi kick, and

I just figured it'd be fun to imitate that film, 'Mesozoic Park' or whatever. Turns out mosquito amber is pretty tough to find, but I did find some quality crane fly resin on the internet."

And it did just fine. Gammond said in only a matter of days the DNA had successfully been used to create a triceratops embryo. Now, he has successfully bioengineered seven other triceratops and has released them on campus to see how they will interact with students.

"I didn't really talk to anyone about releasing the dinosaurs or anything, no," Gammond said. "But it's been okay since they're all vegetarians."

Students have reacted with

surprise, but have generally been adapting well. With only a handful of stampede deaths and the occasional dino-climbing injury, it seems likely the creatures will become a permanent campus fixture.

When asked what he hopes to have accomplished with this scientific advancement, Gammond seemed unsure.

"You know, I'm not completely certain. I mean the school's getting a lot of recognition now, so that's great," he said. "Reflecting, it makes a lot of sense to clone a lot of different things, but I'm having some trouble remembering why I chose dinosaurs."

Gammond said his next task is to engineer a dragon, so as to increase school spirit.

# BREAKING NEWS

## Campus Calendar 4.1 - 4.6

- 4.1** APRIL FOOL'S DAY
- 4.2** 12 p.m. "Workaholics in Kise," Kise
- 4** p.m. Mascot Initiation Ceremony for Olaf the Snowman, campus mall
- 4.3** 12 p.m. "Workaholics in Kise," Kise
- 4.4** 7 p.m. James Franco, Hansen Theatre
- 4.5** Recovery from James Franco afterparty
- 4.6** 8 p.m. "Christmas in April," campus-wide



## World News

### Canadian military tries to take over North Dakota; fails

Canadian military forces invaded North Dakota Thursday, but to no avail.

"It's really flat here," northern North Dakota native Sarah McDonald said. "We could see them coming 100 miles away. It wasn't that difficult to figure out what they were trying to do."

After receiving word of the invasion, Obama did his best to send U.S. military forces to the area right away; however, it wasn't necessary.

"Those North Dakotans are a smart bunch of people," Obama said. "Simple civilians had scared the Canadians away before we had a chance to get there."

### Facebook bans annoying quizzes

The newest Facebook fad seems to be its users taking quizzes commonly found on Zimbio.com or BuzzFeed.com. Well, after Mark Zuckerberg's latest policy change this fad is no longer.

"Those quizzes are extremely irritating to see on a News Feed," Zuckerberg said. "Users are free to take the quizzes all they want, but they will no longer be able to post them on their wall."

While users will no longer be able to tell their Facebook friend which Disney princess they are, Zuckerberg still hasn't made any policies regarding the uploading of hundreds of baby pictures. Perhaps the day will come.

### Ireland changes legal drinking age to 25

Previously, alcohol consumption laws in Ireland have been pretty lax. With the minimum drinking age at 18, sometimes younger when under supervision of parents, the reputation of the country has been less than pleasant.

"We are sick of people thinking we are just a country of drunks," President Michael D. Higgins said. "We are a prosperous and kind people and want the world to know."

President Higgins feels that raising the drinking age will help people to drink less, as they will not be used to drinking at a young age.

This is the first time the legal drinking age of Ireland has been changed since its establishment.

### Putin may be out of the closet

Finally, it all makes sense. While Putin has yet to officially make a statement about the matter, sources close to the Russian leader say that he was found, by a reporter, in a "compromising position" with another man Sunday evening.



## MSUM Briefs

### Hit Comedy Central show to shoot episode in Kise

The cast of "Workaholics" will be shooting an episode of their hit show in Kise tomorrow and Thursday. Students are encouraged to enjoy Kise as they usually do and act natural, as the show is trying to depict MSUM students in their natural habitat.

"We think it's funny that the weather is so stupid there," Adam Devine, one of the show's creators said. "We are trying to get as far away from Rancho Cucamonga as possible."

### Harry Potter party tonight

The MSUM Harry Potter Fanatics Club is to host a Harry Potter dress-up party today at 3:30 in CMU 107. Attendees are encouraged to dress up like their favorite character. Hogwarts themed food will be available. Anyone is welcome.

### President Edna enforces new dress code

Students of MSUM are no longer allowed to wear what they choose while on campus. In order to build school spirit, President Edna Szymanski is enforcing a new policy in which students and faculty are required to wear red and black at all times.

People found not following this dress code will be given a warning. Second offenders will be no longer welcome on campus.

"Also, leggings are not pants," President Szymanski said.

### Fire-breathing statue breathes fire no more

After 82 years, MSUM's fire-breathing dragon statue will breathe fire no more. Because of the ridiculous on-again-off-again cold weather, the parts that make the dragon breathe flames are broken for good.

"There is just no fixing them," Jimmy Shimmy, the man hired to fix the statue said. "It's still a pretty statue though. It just will never breathe flames again."

President Szymanski feels as though the loss of the flames won't be that big of a deal.

"We were planning to take the statue down anyway," she said. "We are going to put an even cooler statue in its place - one of Olaf the snowman."

### Nominee submissions still being taken for ugliest cat award

MSUM is hosting the first annual "Ugliest Cat" awards at 6:30 p.m. April 10th.

Nominee submissions can be sent to Kit Catson via Facebook. Catson will also take into consideration any images posted on Facebook or Twitter with the hashtag #uglycatMSUM.

Winners will receive a ribbon that reads "my cat is so ugly I got this ribbon."

## Security Update

Law and Order SVU's

## Elliot Stabler & Olivia Benson

- 3.7** Suspicious activity in Nemzek, lactose intolerant girl had bathroom emergency
- 3.8** Suspicious smell in Nelson, black mold forming under bed of pizza-hoarding freshman
- Burning marijuana odor in East Snarr, subject claims to be from Colorado, unaware of laws in MN
- 3.10** Illegal horse and buggy parked in Lot G4
- 3.12** Requested welfare check on student in Nelson, student threw Wii controller through television
- 3.13** Explosion in science lab, no one in area upon arrival
- 3.14** Explosion in science lab, still no one in area upon arrival
- 3.15** Requested welfare check in Nelson, student not heard from in days, turns out he had caused science lab explosions
- 3.16** Theft reported in CA, student claimed to need pants after turning into the Hulk and having his rip off
- 3.20** Suspicious package delivered to Residential Life office, replica of Dr. Horrible's freeze ray
- 3.21** Noise complaint in Nelson, occupants found partying with Tony Stark
- 3.22** Requested welfare check/noise complaint in Nelson, occupants watching The Notebook, crying
- 3.24** Drag racing around parking lots near the CB, Justin Bieber taken into custody, other participants given warnings
- 3.25** Burning marijuana odor in campus mall, students blame it on the squirrels
- Suspicious activity in campus mall, high squirrels

### Safety Tip of the week

**It's a bird. It's a plane. No, it's safety.**

Safety is really important. Students should do everything in their power to make sure they are safe and their friends are safe, because if you aren't safe you can die.

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# Artsy-Fartsy Nonsense

## SPIDER-SENSES ARE TINGLING

BY THE ELECTRIC RAZOR

Spidey is coming to MSUM. The MSUM theatre department is working with students of the science department for this year's spring musical.

"Spider-Man: Turn Off The Dark" was taken off Broadway after its brief stint because of the dangerous nature of the production. While performing flying stunts, actors portraying the beloved webslinger broke a plethora of bones and probably even died.

With the help of the science department, MSUM will be the first company able to produce the show using actual super powers.

For the last few months, theatre sophomore Elliott Heerman, who will play the role of



Photo illustration by Ellen Rossow

Spidey, has been taking the FDA approved drug "Araneaerrhage" which was developed by students of the science department. This drug was created specifically for the purpose of giving him symptoms such as web-slinging abilities, super strength, the ability to climb walls, superhuman reflexes and agility and, of course, the famous Spider-Sense.

"I've been training to use these powers for months," Heerman said. "It's been really fun."

While Heerman is having a good time, he knows that having powers such as these is not all fun and games.

"With great power comes great responsibility," he said. "The powers are for the show. I am supposed to just use them for training during rehearsals."

Heerman's powers, being merely symptoms of the drug, will only be available for him until the show is over.

"We tested it on a wide variety of animals." Beth Bellows, one of the chemistry seniors that developed the drug said. "In all of the subjects, the symptoms wore off after a week of not taking the pills."

Jeremy Jelipson, another student who worked with Bellows, confirmed her statement.

"We only made enough pills to last Elliott through the show's end," he said. "It just wouldn't be fair to anyone to give one person superhuman powers for life. It's just for the play."

The show opens at 7:30 p.m. on April 17 on the Hansen stage. Tickets are \$35 for non-students and \$20 for students.

"We realize that ticket prices are somewhat expensive," Tiffany Tallonson, a box office associate said. "But people need to realize that this is a once in a lifetime experience."

According to Tallonson, ticket sales will also go to help pay off damages Heerman caused during his training.

"In the movies they make it seem so easy," Heerman said. "But it's really not. It's fun, but, jeez, to go from being an ordinary kid to all of a sudden being able to shoot stuff out of your wrists? It's hard to control."

Overall, all the students and faculty involved in this production are excited for it to open.

"My spider-senses are tingling," Heerman said.

## James Franco to come to MSUM; pities frozen students, willing to teach theatre students his ways

BY THE ELECTRIC RAZOR

Actor. Scholar. Philanthropist. Friend. James Franco can do it all. The Oscar nominated star will be at MSUM Friday to speak to students and faculty about his experiences as a celebrity as a part of his tour titled "I'm James Franco".

Franco agreed to come to MSUM for free after hearing about the budget deficit, which he heard about from his good friend Seth Rogen who follows MSUM student and Advocate section editor Ellen Rossow on Twitter.

Franco says he feels sorry for Moorhead students. "The weather seriously sucks up there, yo," Franco laughed. "Those kids probably need all the uplifting words they can get."

Franco intends to talk for a few hours about his favorite experiences of his career, as he has had so many.

"I mean, I won't talk for 127 hours, but it's going to be tough picking just a few things to talk about," Franco laughed. "I have done, like, everything."

Franco promises that his presentation will be enjoyable for students.

"I will always think of myself as a comedian," he said. "Even though, lately, I've been challenging myself with more serious roles, I know that I am a really funny guy."

Students and faculty are overjoyed at the idea of a beloved actor like Franco coming, especially after how fun of a time they had with Justin Timberlake.

"Dude. Timberlake was crazy," film senior Donny Donaldson said. "I can't wait to see how cool Franco is going to be. Maybe he will hang out with us after he talks."

Molly McMelon, an art sophomore, is excited for other reasons.

"He is such a good artist," she said. "Plus he is so unbelievably hot. I mean, have you seen that smile? Yum."

Franco's appearance on campus coincides with MSUM's rehearsals for their production of "Spider-Man: Turn Off The Dark." Because of his knowledge of the Spider-Man franchise, Franco feels as though he has knowledge to share with those involved in the production.

"I played the best Harry Osborn ever," Franco said. "I owe it to my fans to give them all the help I can."

Franco knows that Spider-Man, especially a musical version, will be tough for MSUM to do.

"The roles in Spider-Man are really challenging," Franco said. "With even just a fraction of my knowledge, the show will be so good."

Franco will be on the Hansen stage at 7 p.m. this Friday. No one will be admitted without a student ID, but admission is free.

As far as an after party is concerned, Franco has no comment. He does, however, promise to make time for autograph signings and the like.

"There will be potential for fans to take photos with me and junk like that," he said. "I'm not a total dick."



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James Franco poses with a crowd of students at a recent stop of his "I'm James Franco" tour.

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# Dribbling

## Dragons bust brackets in March Madness

BY KATNESS JUMPING BEAN

In 1980, one of the greatest moments in sports history happened. The USA men's hockey team defeated the Russians 4-3 in the form of an unimaginable comeback victory. It was the "miracle on ice", or at least it will forever be known as a miracle for any sports guru, religious or not. Even for the casual sports fan, or for the casual sports skeptic, what that team did for America will never be forgotten.

In the 2004 American League Championship Series, one of the greatest moments in baseball history happened. The Boston Red Sox were down three games to none against their bitter rival, the New York Yankees. The Red Sox came from behind in game four to keep the series alive, winning the ALCS in seven games. The team went on to win its first World Series since 1918; the "Curse of the Bambino" was broken. It was the miracle on the diamond, or at least it will be known as a miracle for any Boston native or avid baseball fan.

In the 2014 NCAA men's basketball tournament, one of the greatest moments in college basketball history happened. The MSUM men's basketball team became the first Division II team to be invited into the Division I tournament bracket.

They redefined what it means to be a Cinderella sensation in the tournament, busting every American's brackets, including Dragon fans'. It was the "miracle on the court."

"I'm literally at a loss for

words," said Jay Bilas, ESPN college basketball analyst. "Something like this may never happen again in the history of college basketball - Dragon nation!"

MSUM received the 15 seed in the West, taking on Wisconsin in the second round after taking the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference tournament with ease.

"We knew once Randy Moss fouled out, we were pretty much toast," Wisconsin head coach Brett Favre said.

After the Dragons' 85-77 victory over the Badgers, they advanced to defeat Oregon 87-68.

"I still can't even talk about it," said Ducks' head coach Kenderlick Adamson.

"We could not shut Sheldon Thompson down. That kid can play."

Thompson had the best game of his career earning a triple-double, scoring 28 points, grabbing 18 rebounds and dishing out 16 assists.

America's Cinderella went on to defeat Baylor and No. 1 seeded Arizona to find itself in the final four.

"The Dragons are America's diaper dandies, baby," ESPN sportscaster Dick Vitale said.

After a nail-biter and an Austin James buzzer beater to defeat Louisville in overtime, MSUM somehow was playing Florida in the championship game. What is in this team's water? Madness? Miracles? Luck? Could this team finish America's fairytale with a magical ending? Yes. Yes they

could.

"We knew they were too good for the Division II tournament; it just wouldn't have even been fair," Bilas said. "But to win the Division I tournament? Why are they still Division II?"

The game against Florida will go down, not only college basketball history, but sports history. The Dragons won in double overtime, 98-97. Thompson scored 32, James

scored 25 and Austin Lonestar scored 24. Russell Gregory for the Gators was held to a measly nine points and Jalamba Huron scored 10.

"That was the best defense I've ever seen them play. Not only just those three, but this entire team is the most talented players I've ever had the pleasure to coach or to watch," said head coach Jameson O'Donnell. "This is something I never would have

thought I'd get to experience in my life. I'm so thankful for this team."

The 2014 MSUM basketball team is a living legend for any Dragon fan. The miracle on the court brought extra attention to MSUM. Enrollment is up 5,000 students since last year. MSUM's website traffic has never been greater - it's a good day to be a Dragon.



GHOST SHOOTER • Photo courtesy of Gamedayr

Many people didn't see the Dragons in the NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament. No one predicted that they would go all the way and win the tournament. The Dragons made history and in the process established themselves as a team that no one would like to face. The Dragons are already hoping for a return back to the tournament in 2015.

## National NCAA champs Dragons beat Philadelphia 76ers

BY MARVELOUS WANDERER

Just when MSUM's basketball team thought their season was over, they received the surprise of a lifetime. The men had participated in the NSIC North tournament and the Division I NCAA Tournament.

What they didn't know is that they would receive a chance to play the NBA's Philadelphia 76ers.

Stefan Salvatore, a student at MSUM, heard about the unusual matchup via Twitter. Salvatore saw a tweet by Jordan Michael, the star forward on

the team which simply stated "Dragons and 76ers. Be there."

Salvatore explained, "Everyone who's anyone showed up at Nemzek Fieldhouse Thursday night. It was so intense."

Nemzek has housed many sporting events but never had experienced an event of this caliber.

The game started at 9 p.m. after the 76ers' plane was delayed in Fargo on its way back to Philadelphia. The NBA players went to Coach John White and asked to round up players for a friendly scrimmage, and White did just that. Michael was the first player contacted by White and reacted very enthusiastically on both Twitter and Facebook.

Clearly excited to play against NBA players, Michael invited everyone he knew at MSUM. White commented on Michael's reaction. "The kids just wanted to play basketball. Their season was over with a disappointing loss in the NSIC tournament, and the 76ers showed up like angels to grant the Dragons one last chance." And what a last chance it was.

The Dragons proved they were too much for the high-caliber 76ers. With the first six points of the game, the Dragons were on fire. Jason Street, a post on MSUM's team, rebounded everything in sight and deeply frustrated

the 76ers. With a 75 field goal percentage compared to the 26 field goal percentage from the 76ers, the Dragons ended the first half on a roll. The score was 36 to 17 going into halftime.

Street played an excellent first half with 12 points. In the locker room during the halftime break Street explained that part of what was motivating the Dragons was the hope to continue the 76ers NBA record of 26 losses in a row.

"We really have a chance to do some damage here," Street shouted in excitement.

The record had yet to be broken in 26 games, and the Dragons ultimately were playing to keep the record alive.

In the second half, the 76ers started to make a sly comeback against MSUM. Getting within 15 points of the Dragons, the 76ers started to play more relaxed and make more passes. Michael, however, was not going to let them get away with the comeback.

He intercepted three passes

and returned them with a dunk. Michael, out of breath and red in the face, dunked a fourth time, and the crowd went wild. Finishing the game with 28 points, Michael was the clear star of the game. Street, with 18 points, slowed down in the second half with a slight knee injury, but still had a majority of the assists to Michael. The final score was 90 - 68 with the Dragons winning. The 76ers continued their losing streak and were deeply disappointed. To have the longest losing streak is not a record a team is proud of, especially if the loss is handed to them by a college team.

The night felt like a dream for most, but for Jordan Michael it was just the first loss he planned on handing to Philadelphia. Michael plans to enter the NBA draft this upcoming year, and his experience at MSUM will only help him grow. For the Dragons, a dream. For the 76ers- a nightmare. The Thursday night scrimmage was a memorable night for all.



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# More dribbling

## LeBron James dunking towards career at MSUM

BY SHIMMERING GODESS

The madness has continued for the MSUM men's basketball team. After shocking the world by being the first Division II team to win a Division I championship, the Dragons surprised the world again when LeBron James joined the team after the season finished.

The Dragons were confused as to why "King James", as he prefers to be called, wanted to join the team after the season finished but didn't complain once they saw him arrive on campus. After flying in on his own private jet, James decided he wanted to explore Moorhead a little. Needless to say, he was surprised when his Mercedes Benz had to be taken into the repair shop because he hit so many potholes while driving.

James, not impressed with Moorhead so far, decided he needed to turn his luck around and went to the famous Dairy Queen on Main and 8th Street. When he got there he decided to buy a meal for everyone who was there. James and his entourage ended up spending \$3,875 at Dairy Queen and gave the workers a generous tip to show their appreciation.

"This is the best meal I have ever had. I have had five star chefs cook for me. I even have my own personal chef and none of that compares to the meal I just had," James said. "They just have that special touch in making the food, and I love that."

After being satisfied with lunch, James decided it was time to introduce himself to the Dragons. The Dragons were celebrating their win when James walked into Nemzek Fieldhouse. Senior guard Ashton Donnell, who was holding the trophy, dropped it when he saw James. The destroyed trophy wasn't a big deal, as the Dragons had just seen the one and only LeBron James walk into Nemzek and introduce himself.

The team was curious as to why James showed up in

Moorhead, Minn. and what he planned on doing here.

"What are you doing here?" head coach Jameson O'Donnell said.

"I'm here for the slam dunk contest. Remember you guys agreed to host a slam dunk contest to help raise money for my charity?" James replied.

"This is all news to me, I didn't know anything about it ... I'm getting on the phone with our athletic director David Stern to have him explain what is happening," O'Donnell said.

"Whoa, whoa, whoa, there is no need to go and get everyone involved, we'll just have a few friends and television crews over and then be done with it," James responded.

"Fine, let's just get this set up ... no more distractions for my team," O'Donnell said.

So it was agreed that LeBron James and the Dragons would be taking part in a friendly dunk contest later that weekend to help in raising money for his charity, "Keep 8th Street Dairy Queen Open."

Already making history, the Dragons were about to make more. James, never one to shy away from the attention or media, always had a problem with the NBA's slam dunk contest. Even though he regularly puts on a dunk show before every game, he has never participated in the dunk contest until now.

"I'm actually really nervous about this. I've never actually competed against individuals before," James said. "I'm just really hoping that I can shine in this moment, I don't want to cave under pressure."

After a week of practice and figuring out how to make the dunks even more memorable, the main event was here. James, arrived to an empty Nemzek Fieldhouse. As it turns out, people were still out partying on the campus mall with Justin Timberlake who was putting on a concert at MSUM.

James, confused as to why no one wanted to see him make history, started warming up and



GHOST SHOOTER • Photo courtesy of rocksimage.com

The newest Dragon, LeBron "The King" James, previously of the NBA practices his dunking during a pick-up game of basketball. James came to MSUM to take part in his first ever dunk contest. James toured Moorhead and found out that being a Dragon is better than playing in the NBA or playing for the Dragons cross-town rival, the Cobbers.

eventually people showed up.

The set up was similar to the NBA's slam dunk contest, but with a twist; the judges were members of the MSUM debate team, "The Outlaws," and had to be told what was going to happen and how to score the dunks.

The slam dunk contest started with a freestyle dunk, where the players could do anything they wanted but could not have any props. James threw a "normal" dunk. MSUM standout Austin James did a backflip into a dunk and had the crowd on their feet.

The second round freshman center Anderson Marinara went up against James, and Marinara jumped over a hot tub while James did a cartwheel into a standing back tuck, and then dunked it. The judges were not impressed by either dunk.

It came down to the third and final round. James, already behind by 600 points, needed to pull out all the stops to win.

But first, sophomore Sheldon "Big Daddy" Thompson was

up. Thompson, known around the world for his dunks, decided he wanted to try a new tactic. Thompson did not hold back; he lit 20 rings of fire, did acrobatics through each ring and finished by throwing down the dunk while doing two and a half turns in the air. Thompson had the crowd and judges on their feet.

"I'm the king of Moorhead," Thompson said.

The judges awarded Thompson with 500 points. James, not one to shy away from the spotlight, matched Thompson's creativity and was ready to win over the judges.

James had 20 cars lined up on the court and showed why he goes by "King James." James took a running start and jumped over the first five, then bounced the ball and did a flip over the next ten, threw the ball to an MSUM student who threw an Alley-oop to James as he threw down the dunk, did a pull-up and finished it off by landing on top of the hoop.

The crowd went wild. "We want LeBron! We want LeBron!" The fans cheered and the judges could no longer deny the talent that was Mr. James. He, ended up winning by one point over the MSUM basketball team, and the event raised more than \$750,000 for James's charity.

After the dunk contest, fans wanted James's picture, autograph and even his headband. James, now forever a part of history at MSUM, wanted to show his appreciation for how gracious MSUM was to him during his time in Moorhead.

"I never thought I would say this, but I'm forgoing my career in the NBA. I no longer wish to play with those athletes. MSUM has been everything I have hoped for and more. How can I leave the Dairy Queen on 8th Street? I can't. I've thought this over, and I've decided to take my talents to Moorhead," James said.

### Things that may or may not be happening calendar:

Tuesday, April 1

- **Basket weaving:** 9 a.m., Comstock Memorial Union
- **Belly flopping:** 10:39 a.m., Nemzek pool
- **Badminton:** 11:49 a.m., Nemzek Fieldhouse
- **Ring Toss:** 3 a.m., Comstock Memorial Union
- **Motocross:** 4 p.m., Campus Mall
- **Cooking class:** 6 p.m., Hagen
- **Tie-Dye t-shirts:** 11 p.m., Comstock Memorial Union
- **Squirrel catching:** Whenever you see a squirrel, Everywhere

Wednesday, April 2

- **Frolfing:** 10 a.m., Nemzek football field
- **Snowball fight:** All day, Everywhere
- **Running away from Public Safety:** 12:49 a.m., Everywhere
- **Nap practice:** ???, Location not given
- **Potato sack races:** 4 p.m., Campus Mall
- **More nap practice:** ???, Location not given
- **Ghost Hunting:** 1 a.m., Multiple locations
- **Lullabye singing:** 4:59 a.m., Go where you hear music

Thursday, April 3

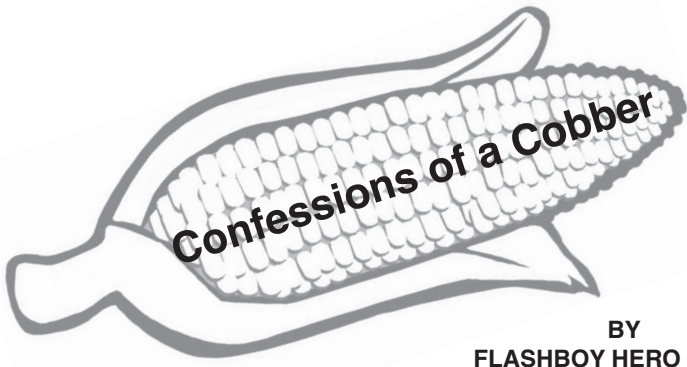
- **Playing Frogger:** All day, Wherever you see a car
- **Nap practice:** ???, Location not given
- **Wiffle ball:** 7:09 a.m., Nemzek Fieldhouse
- **Wander around campus:** Seriously, you have to ask?
- **Still wandering?:** Maybe head to class
- **Charge calculator:** 8 p.m., Lommen
- **Meet and Greet with Sorch:** 11 p.m., Nemzek
- **Seriously we ran out of shit to put on here, congrats to you if you are still reading this**

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## MSUM: Where I should have gone to college



BY  
FLASHBOY HERO

Across the cemetery from 901 8th St. So., there is a dark and scary place.

It is a place where students wear sweatpants and leggings to every occasion, and Cobber beanies are looked at as trophies. It is a place where there is not constant singing in the hallways, and not many people hold doors open for one another.

That place is MSUM.

The three universities in the Fargo-Moorhead area offer this thing called 'Tri-College', basically meaning that any student attending MSUM, Concordia or NDSU can take classes at any of the other colleges. As a Cobber, I decided to take a couple classes at MSUM, mainly because they related directly to what I wanted to do after college, and Concordia didn't offer the courses. I thought that they would be easy courses because in Cobberville we only study and are up until all hours of the night writing a 15 page paper for our second day of class - and that's an EASY assignment.

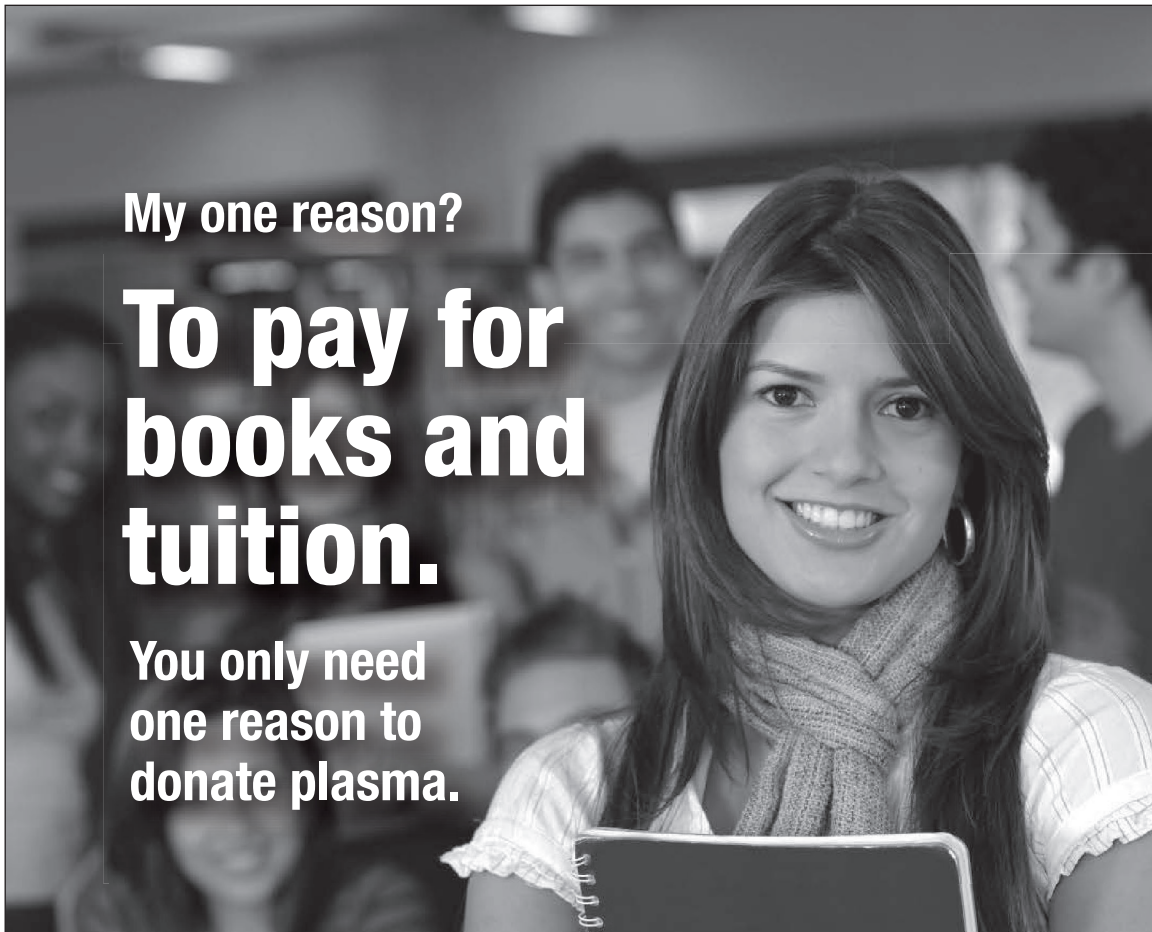
I thought attending MSUM would be a breeze. It would be nice to get off campus and meet new people, and it would be nice to learn new material. Walking into my first class at MSUM, I was surprised to see that no one was talking to one another, and no one seemed to know anyone. At Concordia everyone knows everyone, and it is rare for class to be silent. Students seemed afraid of one another and afraid of the material. It was super weird.

As the semester progressed, I learned that students at MSUM are different from Cobbers in many ways. For one, they actually know what a party is and don't spend

their entire weekend studying. I never knew what a party was until I attended MSUM, and I never knew about that awesome part of life. What's college without alcohol? We are given four years to be irresponsible, and that's never something I got at Concordia. How are we supposed to be responsible if we aren't irresponsible for once? MSUM students know that.

Secondly, professors are incredibly chill. Students that only show up to class once a semester don't get an evil glare once finals roll around. Instead, it's a nice hello and conversation about life, and then the student goes on to ace their final. How cool is that?

Maybe I made the wrong college choice initially. Maybe I should just transfer to the place that I can party every night and not go to class when I don't feel like it. I could make memories that don't involve getting a beanie stolen or agonizing over textbooks and music theory and a million other commitments over the weekend. Unfortunately, I can't. I am graduating in a couple weeks and will have only studying memories and student loans for the rest of my life by which to remember my college career.



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## 'Frozen' character named MSUM's new mascot

BY THE GINGER INJURE

With the never-ending snow littering MSUM's campus once again, the fiery Dragon mascot MSUM adopted for decades has lost its relevance to the tundra we live in.

Administration has made a decision to adopt a much more fitting representative for MSUM - Olaf the snowman.

Olaf is the friendly, loving sidekick in Disney's newest film "Frozen." The eccentric snowman who loves warm hugs

making his home wherever his little frozen heart desires," Wahlberg said.

When asked where Olaf will live during warmer months, Wahlberg just laughed.

"Administration has little hope that summer will even happen this year," Wahlberg said. "If and when that does happen, we'll be sure Olaf's cooler is large enough for him and any snow visitors he would like to invite to MSUM."

In an interview exclusive to the Advocate, Olaf voiced how ecstatic he was to call MSUM his new home.

"I just keep thinking of all the wonderful smiling faces I'll get to see every day," Olaf said. "Hopefully there will be plenty of warm hugs waiting for me when I land."

Olaf's mascot ceremony will be held Wednesday on the Campus Mall at 4 p.m. Students interested in giving Olaf a warm hug of their own are encouraged to come early.

At a vote last Thursday, administration unanimously decided to fork over the necessary funds to Disney in order to make MSUM Olaf's new home with hopes of boosting campus morale.

"Just because you're freezing cold all the time doesn't mean you can't be in a good mood and get through your curriculum efficiently," said David Wahlberg, executive director for communications and marketing at MSUM.

"Olaf is the perfect mascot to remind students to stay happy and positive even when it's April and there's a foot of snow on the ground," Wahlberg said.

Olaf arrives in Moorhead later this evening and will be escorted to a secret location before the official mascot initiation ceremony takes place tomorrow at 4 p.m. on the Campus Mall, weather permitting.

With the season's latest blizzard painting the town white once again, Olaf will feel right at home.

"As for now, Olaf will be a cheerful face around campus,



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Olaf waves to all his new friends at MSUM.

# Days of our lives

## Student drinks nothing but coffee

### Graduates with quadruple major



THE JAVANATOR

Macy Carlito enjoys one of her eight daily coffee drinks while completing schoolwork in one of her four majors.

BY THE JAVANATOR

French press. Espresso. Latte. No matter how these precious beans are brewed, one senior who is graduating with four majors will drink it.

For Macy Carlito, her love for coffee began early in her college career when she needed a little boost to keep studying. Since then she has drunk no other liquids besides coffee. As a result she will graduate with a degree in psychology, criminal justice, sociology and social work after just four years of college.

Professors and peers ask Carlito what her secret is to achieving so much in the time it usually takes a student to finish one degree. Her response every time - coffee.

"When I drink coffee I automatically start focusing on my homework and other tasks I have to complete for class," she said. "I've heard caffeine is the number one drug in America. Well, it sure is my one and only drug."

Carlito drinks an average of eight coffee drinks a day depending on how much work she needs to accomplish. A mixture of caffeine and time management has allowed her to stay on task and complete her goal of majoring in these four areas.

"I am extremely passionate about helping others, and early on in my college career I figured the more classes I could take the better," Carlito said. "Eventually I had accumulated enough credits in each major. So much so, I could complete all four if I continued to steadily work for it."

Some may find it hard to believe Carlito has any free time outside of schoolwork, but she still finds time to participate in a number of student organizations, be a resident assistant for the past two years

and work as a barista during the summers.

After graduation in May, Carlito is going to backpack across Europe before beginning graduate school at the University of Minnesota for sociology.

"I loved how much I learned about society and people for all four of my majors, but sociology in particular stood out to me," she said. "I'd like to pursue more of the research side of the topic, and that's why I'm going to graduate school."

Plus, social work and criminal justice degrees are two back up plans for Carlito if sociology doesn't quite work out, she said. No matter where life takes her, she plans on drinking just as much coffee when she graduates.

"To me it's become normal, so I don't know how I can just stop consuming it," Carlito said. "I don't only drink coffee for the added caffeine or ability to focus. I drink it because I truly enjoy the taste so much."

Throughout the years she's become a coffee connoisseur and has collected an array of products that brew this sweet nectar in different ways including an espresso machine, a French press and a chemex.

"Different ways of brewing coffee allow for different ways to taste coffee," Carlito said. "For example, coffee made from a commercial drip-machine is going to taste more weak than say a French press or a chemex style of brewing."

Carlito will be bringing her love and knowledge of coffee to Europe and school in the fall. Perhaps coffee will play an even bigger role in her life later on.

"I have thought about opening a coffee shop of my own some day, but I'll just see where the coffee takes me."

## Weld ghost reaches out to student

BY THE JAVANATOR

The decades of mystery have been lifted from the old bricks, chalkboards and books that make up Weld.

English literature junior, Marshall Brown, says he's met the famous ghost of Weld and partook in a lengthy conversation about the past and present students, professors and overall atmosphere of MSUM.

One evening Brown decided to walk around Weld to stretch his legs a bit. Little did he know, another walked with him in the dark hallways. He walked up the stairs to the second floor and heard a beep as a light appeared in the corner of his left eye.

The dark gold of the elevator doors opened. Thinking nothing of it, he took advantage of the convenience and rode up to the third floor. Suddenly the elevator stopped as if someone had pressed the emergency stop button.

"I didn't know what happened," Brown said. "I was confused, scared and intrigued all at once."

These feelings didn't go away after the ghost appeared in the small space, with nowhere for Brown to run.

"I just remember being so shocked I couldn't move,"

Brown said, explaining his initial reaction to seeing the ghost. "You're probably not going to believe this, but he's real. He said his name is Larry Winshmir, and he used to be a janitor at MSUM."

Brown doesn't know why Winshmir decided to approach him that peculiar evening, but he shared a very intellectual conversation with the ghostly fellow. Topics ranged from how students have been influenced by new technology to various books Winshmir read.

*"I was confused, scared and intrigued all at once"*

-Marshall Brown, English literature junior

"He is a very interesting soul," Brown said. "He speaks in quotes of famous authors rather than speaking in his own words. I assume it's because he has plenty of time to read in Weld."

The Advocate staff has searched MSUM's employment records, and although no past employee records matched Larry Winshmir, there is a possibility no records exist because of a fire that took place during the Great Depression.

On Feb. 9, 1930, a fire struck Old Main Hall and burned it to the ground. Student records were destroyed and employee records were possibly included in the ashes. Classes did resume

the next week in Weld, the dormitory and the Moorhead Armory.

When the Advocate staff presented this fire information to Brown, a hint of connection appeared on his face. Brown was reminded of a particular part of Winshmir's conversation having to do with fire.

"At one point when we were in the Weld library, I asked Larry what happened to him, and he replied, 'All remains of fiery flame is eventually forgotten but never disappears,'" Brown said.

"Perhaps this has to do with how Larry died and why he remains on campus."

Although MSUM may never know for certain how Winshmir died or why he inhabits Weld, at least some of the confusion has lifted. Throw those rumors out the window - there is no ghost haunting Weld, rather he is learning at Weld.

Brown has tried to meet with Winshmir multiple times since their first meeting, but has had no success. In the history of the campus, Brown is the first person to report Winshmir reaching out for communication.

"At first I was afraid to tell anyone about Larry because I thought they'd think I was out of my mind," Brown said. "Now, it doesn't seem too unbelievable, huh?"



THE GINGER INJURE

The elevator in Weld where Marshall Brown first met the infamous Weld ghost.



# Journal

## Advocate Editorial Board

As you already know, The Advocate staff is a group of superhero journalists, kind of like Superman or Spiderman – except we're better reporters.

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Someday we're not going to be here, except for Ghost Shooter. He'll always be here, but he's not as cool as some of the other staff.

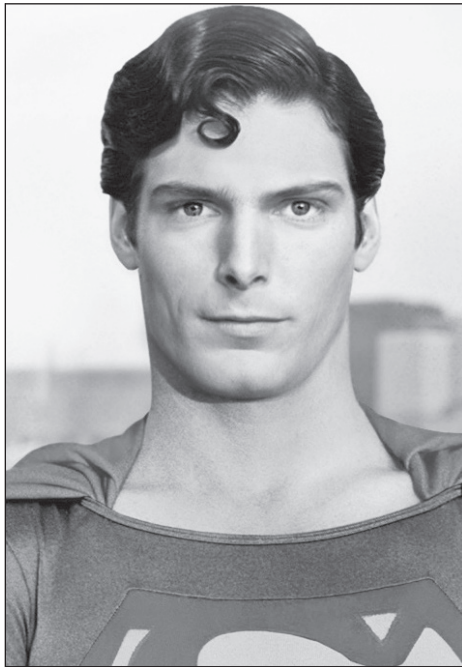
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# The only man in the office



BY GHOST SHOOTER

One would think that working with all girls would be ideal. I am here to tell you just what it is like, and what kind of experience it can be. I am constantly surrounded by women for a solid seven hours every

time I work. All the players reading this journal are probably pretty stoked for me, but I have news for you player; women will talk about us men all day long.

They will gossip about what you had for lunch, how you look "not cute" when you laugh that certain way, that one girl you dated in the past or how you looked a

and act like I am extremely focused on something I am doing. This is where the "oh my goodness, I really need to answer this fake text" comes in handy.

Working with all women does have its moments, but don't get me wrong, its not all that bad. I am constantly up-to-date on all my celebrity gossip. This keeps me prepared for when

*"I'm constantly up-to-date on all my celebrity gossip. This keeps me prepared for when Jeopardy calls me up and finally has me on their show."  
- Ghost Shooter*

particular day. I really don't want to think about what they say about me when I am not around. They probably tear me apart like shark-feeding day at the zoo.

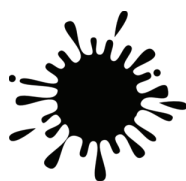
I can remember wearing a unique button up shirt and getting the comment from them, "You look different" In girl talk that's code for: "What the hell are you wearing and out of what pit of the ugly store did you find that shirt?"

I do overhear things at work that women probably talk about when they forget that a man is in the room. At this point in time, I just keep quiet

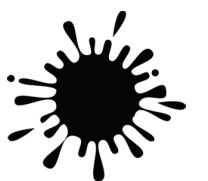
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It's also pretty nice to have a group of women to consult when it comes to other women. I can go to them, ask them advice and get an immediate, straight answer. I can ask what kind of gifts to buy, which movies to scope out a date for or how to talk about animals for hours on end.

Working with all women is an interesting, but certainly rewarding experience. It's something that all men need to try before their work career is over.



## Dear Hydro Queen



BY HYDRO QUEEN

Dear Hydro Queen,

So, my girlfriend has developed this weird fetish, and I don't know how to tell her I don't like it. In order to get her turned on, she has me rub bacon on my chest while shouting her mother's name at the top of my lungs. I really like this girl. She seems perfect, except for that. The first time she did it, I thought she was just trying to be

kinky, so I went along with it, but now it's starting to freak me out. When I asked her why she likes that, she simply said it was because she loves bacon and she loves her mom. So, she combines her two loves, I guess. How do I get her to stop this? Bacon is great and all, but the rubbing and shouting is kind of weird.

Signed,  
Not-so-kinky

Dear Not-so-kinky,

I must say I have heard of a lot of weird fetishes, especially ones with bacon, but this one is new to me. Perhaps she has some emotional issues with herself and her mother – maybe bacon too. I mean, everyone loves bacon. Anyway, you should consider talking to her about the fetish. Be upfront, but do not accuse or call her names. If you really like this girl, you might have to suffer with the bacon-rubbing a little longer. These kinds of things take some time to work out. Depending on how long you have been with your girlfriend, you could talk to her mother about the fetish. Maybe she secretly wants a threesome with her mom and you – Or maybe not. Otherwise, you're just screwed – sorry bro.

Truly,  
Hydro Queen



HYDRO QUEEN!

My boyfriend sucks. He's cheated on me 132 times this year with several different women. I know he has, because I saw his list titled: "Girls I've Banged in 2014." First off, I just want to say 132???? WTF!!!! SINCE 2014???? Either he did this to be funny, or I'm dating the biggest man-whore at MSUM. The worst part is I'm not even on the list. My boyfriend and I haven't had sex in three months, aka back in 2013. What do I do? I love him. I mean, we've been with each other for five months now. That's serious. I could use some advice.

Signed,  
Helpless

Dear Helpless,

You're not helpless, but your boyfriend is having way more fun than you are, by the sounds of it. I suggest you start getting around town, create your own list and compete with him. Sometimes competition is good. Who knows, maybe he'll get jealous. I mean, isn't five months worth it? If 132 is too much for you, I suggest you become a nun. That's the reality of modern times. You can either join in, or have no part at all.

Truly,  
Hydro Queen



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# Journal

## Luna woke me up, the party started



BY THE JACANATOR

I full-heartedly believe my cat Luna was an alarm clock in her first life. I woke up to the abrupt, yet comforting paw and tongue to the face this morning.

It was way too early to open my eyelids, but the sun rose and so did my purring furry friend. She is always determined to wake me up with her, so I knew today was going to be no different.

When the licking didn't work, she took to lightly nibbling my nose. Luna couldn't have been more elated when I finally released myself from the warmth of my bed and blankets.

She repeatedly sprinted from one side of the apartment to the next, peered out of the windows at the birds and squirrels, and tried to escape both times I opened the front door.

Her love for the outdoors stems from being a stray cat for at least a couple months of her life. Her previous residence was a small, blue farm on my aunt and uncles property in Wisconsin. My sisters and I went out to the barn on a chilly Black Friday evening to see this cat once and for all. It was love at first sight as she purred and was starved for food and attention.

I decided I looked going to rescue her and keep her all for myself. I couldn't turn down her odd features (one of them is not being able to meow) and loving personality. I named her Luna because of her calico fur and the fact that she kept looking out of the windows at the moon.

Okay, back to her playing in my apartment. All I heard were the faint steps of her paws on the carpet and the bell around her neck with every move she made. Her excitement didn't stop here, though. Jumping on the countertops, fridge, table, chairs and bathroom sink seem to be her exploration tactics.

The apartment has become her jungle, and I am merely a bystander. However, I'm not complaining because this cuteness overload was killing me. Although she didn't cuddle up to me or want me to pet her, I found joy in seeing Luna begin our day with feline craziness.

I decided to take a shower before class. In the middle of washing my hair, with suds blinding me slightly, I saw a dark figure come up to the tub and jump onto the edge. She nearly scared me half to death, but Luna didn't see a problem with creeping on me in the shower.

She continued to walk back and forth on the edge between the two shower curtains. Probably wondering where all that water was coming from, and why the heck I would choose to stand under a stream of her worst nightmare. Yes, I tend to speak and think for my

cat. Nonetheless, when I was finished she skedaddled, and I continued getting ready for school.

It's a hard day's work being a cat. I left the house at 8:30 a.m. She was fast asleep on my sister's body pillow; her usual spot. When I came home at 3:15 p.m., Luna greeted me at the door. Rolling around on the carpet back and forth is her way of telling me to pet her. I obviously neglected her by being away for so long. A newly refreshed Luna repeated what she did in the morning and added opening the bottom cabinet doors in the kitchen and in the sink with her paw.

She can't quite catch the door on her first try, so all I hear is a bang, bang, bang, bang until she wiggles herself into the darkness. I pretend she is playing hide and go seek, but her skills of being quiet aren't perfected yet.

When I open the door to let her out, she acts like I found her as she runs away to a different hiding spot. Sometimes I let her win and she sits in the cabinets for an hour

or so before becoming bored and coming out. Doing homework is a feat of its own because the table is seen as her laying grounds, and my laptop and notebooks take it over.

Luna certainly doesn't want to watch me do anything else but play with her or admire her beauty. So, she walks across every item on the table and tries to knock all my pens and highlighters to the ground. Although determined, she will get uninterested and sleep some more on the chair beside me.

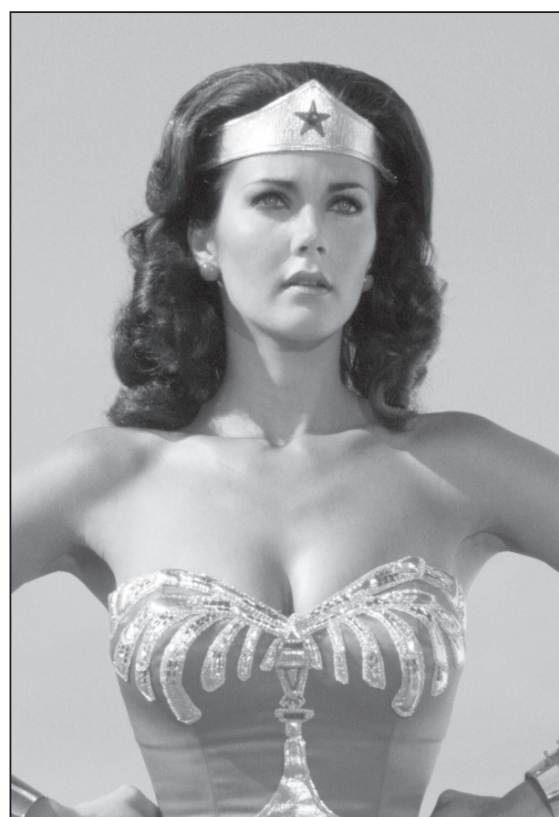
Even if she wakes me up too early in the morning or in the middle of the night by knocking random things off my dresser, I love her unconditionally. I certainly am grateful to have a special cat like Luna. I can't wait until tomorrow morning when I'll hear her soft purr, and feel the tickling of her paws or scratchy tongue on my cheek.

Until next time,  
Crazy Cat Lady

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- The Jacanator

## WHO RUN THE WORLD? CATZ



BY SUPER MAGNUM

Cats are better companions than human beings. First of all, they never play April Fool's Day jokes. If they're going to screw with your mind, they'll do it any day of the year. They're unpredictable, which

makes them more fun.

Like people, cats are selfish. Selfishness is not an exclusively negative quality. It is normal and natural for living beings to look out for their own interests, to want things to go well instead of badly. Humans attempt to moderate selfish behavior by promoting the virtues of self-sacrifice and volunteerism.

In fact, even these virtues are selfish because they are things people think they should do. It helps people fit in. It helps people feel good about themselves.

Cats don't feel the need to socially police their morality. They're just fine with being selfish, and they're fine with everyone knowing it. They're honest about it.

Humans can seem unselfish while doing selfish things, but a cat will always be looking out for No. 1. They don't have blind loyalty the way dogs do, so you know any allegiance they give you is genuine, not just a genetic predisposition to servitude.

Cats are virtually incapable of guile. If a cat is mad at you, you will know it. If they want something, they say so. They don't expect you to guess telepathically.

Even without the ability to speak, they are often easier to read than people. The range of human expression is vast, but cat expressions are far more limited. The ear angles and movement, carriage, tail twitches and swishes, dilated pupils, flaring nostrils, etc. of cat expressions are more standard than human expressions.

Not only are cats easier to read than humans, but

they often read humans more easily than we do. Cats can just tell if someone is not right. Their heightened sense of self-preservation detects the subtle indicators of negative emotions that humans might miss. Cats listen.

When asking a friend for advice, we want them to confirm what we want to hear, or at least not interrupt. Because cats are inherently selfish, you know that even if they understood language, they still wouldn't care much about what you were saying, so you never

have to wonder what they think of you. You never have to wonder if they are actually listening; you know they're not. You can say what you want without fear of judgment or a request for reciprocation. Their selfishness lets you be selfish, too.

It's generally easy to meet their needs. The complexity of human friendships is mind-boggling, but cats are simple. If they have food, water and stuff to bat around the floor, they're good.

Granted, the behavior of cats is just as often as infuriating as it is funny. Nearly every cat owner has purchased an expensive cat toy only to have the cat ignore the expensive toy in favor of the box it came in.

Nearly every cat owner has stood in a doorway while a feline does its best imitation of Hamlet, paralyzed with indecision, as if they are saying, "To go out or not to go out, that is the question."

But, if humans spent more time enjoying the simple things in life, like boxes; if humans spent more time pondering their decisions, maybe we'd be a little better off.

*"If a cat is mad at you, you will know it. If they want something, they say so. They don't expect you to guess telepathically."*

- Super Magnum

# Awesome News

## MSUM becomes first 'wet' campus in nation



BY THE IRON WHALE

What once was dry is now wet. With snow finally melting after thousands of years, Pres. Edna Szymanski has called for celebration by reversing the dry campus policy at MSUM. The new policy allows students who are 21 or older the freedom to drink and "do whatever the @\$% they want," Szymanski said at MSUM's first annual kegger last week.

MSUM is the first campus in the nation to allow alcohol to college students ages 21 and older everywhere on campus. However, administrators are currently working with the U.S. Government to allow alcohol to all students of any age at MSUM.

"We really don't want to exclude anyone from the fun, because... well, that's just not fair to our students, and this is a celebration," said Anne Blackurst, MSUM Provost. "So, we are working with the White House to try and figure out if there is a way to create that equality for all students at our campus."

Parents, families and other public universities all around the nation understand why the celebration and new policy is called for after

the city of Fargo being called the heaviest drinkers, but MSUM also being named the coldest university in the nation.

"I think what MSUM is doing is understandable," Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar said. "Heck, I've been up there (MSUM) several times, and there really isn't much else to do because it's so cold. Ya gotta get warm somehow."

Another reason MSUM administrators are thrilled about the idea is to help increase student enrollment in years to come. MSUM freshman Phillip O'Shite, said that he thinks it's a great idea and that all of his friends back home have already sent their applications in.

"We really are looking forward to the new influx of students, but with the influx does come difficulty," said Pres. Szymanski. "For example where are we supposed to room all of these new students?"

For the upcoming year the housing and residential life department has decided to accommodate to the students by putting three students in each room next year.

"It may be a tight fit," said housing director Heather Phillips. "But we're sure that the students will be willing, since this is such a big deal for them."

While many students can't wait to come back next year, others aren't as thrilled.

"I just think it's going to be a huge puke-fest is all," freshman Cheri Booper said. "I mean who wants to walk to class and see all the squirrels fighting over



Submitted photo

MSUM students and staff gather to drink after class in the Comstock Memorial Union. "I'm so excited about the new policy," Phillip O'Shite said. "I think this is something that other universities should consider taking on as well. Nothing wrong with an early morning shot to get the day started."

someone's barf? Yuck."

Another student said he's afraid there will be a lot more "risky-frisky" behavior among students and perhaps even faculty and staff.

"I'm thrilled about the snow finally melting and all. Maybe I won't be so white now," said sophomore Albine Franko. "But, I'm afraid that with everyone drinking I'm going to get hit on a lot and maybe even worse."

Administrators are working closely with Public Safety, which is allowed to drink only on breaks, to contain reckless behavior that may occur among students.

With MSUM receiving attention

from all over the nation, Advocate reporters asked if President Barack Obama had any comments to make, to which he responded:

"First off I want to congratulate the students of MSUM on taking their education further, but most importantly I want to spend a little time talking to them about the Affordable Healthcare Act. If you sign up immediately you will have more benefits and it will be at a lower cost. As college students, this bill was designed to help you, coming out of college and being able to still afford healthcare. You can sign up at [healthinsurance.org](http://healthinsurance.org). I assure you it will be worth it in the

long run."

Like usual, Pres. Obama avoided commenting on the celebration or being the first public campus to allow alcohol on its premises, but students are hopeful and are excited to make history.

"It's nice to be a part of something bigger," Cheri Booper said. "I think this will definitely help grades, and if not, it will help us as a community and we get to create history for the good of all college-kind."

Stay tuned with Iron Whale for more news on the "wet campus" policy.



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## Mass Comm. department motions to ditch cameras

BY GHOST SHOOTER

It was announced Monday that the Mass Communications department has decided DSLR and HD video cameras just aren't practical any longer. It has decided to make the move to only allowing students to use their iPhones for photography and Campus News classes.

"Students are constantly on them anyways," said photojournalism professor Reggie Radniecki. This way students have to have photographs to show in class because Radniecki knows, "they are always taking pictures with those things."

The department argued that students are able to take high quality photographs and videos all within one device, which makes the other cameras completely impractical. If they aren't close enough to get a good photograph, there is an extremely high quality zoom feature built into the iPhone. This feature allows students to get right up into the action to get a crystal clear photograph without having to move around at all.

The department continued to explain that having to change lenses and invest thousands of dollars on camera gear is a poor use of funds. It is advised that students spend and invest their money on buying multiple iPhones. This is because they will fill up fast with the 10



Photo by Advocate Archives

The aftermath of Ben Gumeringer's camera lens following an attack of the Mass Comm. camera destroyer.

usual pictures of a meal every time they eat or all the selfies they take the day students actually take a shower for the week.

While it would be easy to delete certain photos, it is recommended that students keep every single photograph they take on their iPhones. Every photograph is different and a complete work of art which could win the photographer an award at some point in his or her lifetime.

**CAMERAS, BACK PAGE**

## MSUM takes 'giant leap for mankind'

BY MARVELOUS VELOCIRAPTOR

Despite budget defects forcing cutbacks of staff and the elimination of majors, MSUM administrators have decided to add a new major to the list of offerings. Astronaut training will now be added to the list of unique majors the university offers, though this one probably takes the prize for most exclusive.

The addition of this major is not simply created with a supplement of classes, however. As part of the rigorous training before blasting off to space, astronauts must prove they can endure exposure to abnormally high and low atmospheric pressure as well as micro gravity.

These conditions must be recreated on earth in special chambers. To make room for the massive amount of space the chambers will require, Nelson will be stripped and renovated into anti-gravity spaces. Nelson's tall, cylindrical shape is perfect for housing the new training facilities.

Administrators are excited about the new major. They believe the type of students looking to become astronauts will be a great addition to the already diverse campus.

Perhaps the most astounding part of this addition is that it is the first in the nation. People do not often think of the Midwest as being an area of trend setting or exciting experimentation, but in this case, people would be wrong.

Before the announcement, NASA facilities in Houston, Texas were the only sites to offer the training. Officials from the organization were equally pleased to announce the opening of a second training center.

"The process of becoming a fit-for-space astronaut is rigorous. People need to possess hard work, determination and tolerance of being trapped indoors," a NASA official stated. Even if the first two qualities are questionable, MSUM students are guaranteed to be good at the last one.

With the history of harsh winters, MSUM students know how to amuse themselves without being able to

access the outside world. NASA has confirmed there will be Netflix streaming in space, so the same tactics used to pass the windy, snowy days on Earth will be just as effective off the planet as well.

Of course many people are asking how the university will be able to fund the construction of new, NASA certified training chambers and pay the salaries of professionals qualified to run the facility.

MSUM administrators said they knew taking on such a strange major would incur many costs, but they feel that the new training facilities and faculty to run them will be paid off in the near future due to the increased enrollment of students wishing to become astronauts.

The new enrollment is only half of the story, however. Now that astronaut science is offered, many current students may decide to switch their major.

Michael Moonwalker, undeclared freshman, was one of the current MSUM students to show interest in declaring as an astronaut science major.

"It would be super cool to walk on the moon. I just really want to do that," Moonwalker said.

Apart from anti-gravity training, there are special courses for the actual moonwalk itself. Being confined to a suit with limited airflow is similar to scuba gear and requires a training course before use.

There are many issues that can arise being stuck in a suit. Students within the major are required to take meditation classes that help develop the mind power to ignore an itch on the body while walking through space or on the moon. Astronauts can't get to their face through the large helmet and must be prepared to deal with not being able to scratch an itchy nose or any other body part, should the problem arise.

This training also addresses what to do should the suit inhibitor need to sneeze. A helmet dirtied from the inside is sure sign of the end of a spacewalk.

An official forum for any interested students will take place April 7. This meeting will also disclose the renovation plans for Nelson set to begin summer 2014.

# More ...

## Library renovation to resemble Hogwarts

BY MARVELOUS VELOCIRAPTOR

The renovation of the Livingston Lord Library has been a long process with disruptive closures. Students will soon find out that their patience with the project was well worth the wait.

The renovation of the library was modeled after the popular Harry Potter franchise library pictured in the movies. In a decision kept secret until now, the library was set to resemble that of the one at Hogwarts to boost student moral.

Though the low lighting and the dark woodwork seems to set a mood matching that of all the students who banish themselves there for a week-long study session before finals, the decor is meant to have the complete opposite effect.

Administrators said it was an easy decision to make. "Students attending college right now grew up with Harry Potter and remember anxiously waiting for the next book in the series to be released. They remember the lines of people at the theatre, some dressed as their favorite characters. They remember impatiently waiting for the final book, but with a bittersweet notion that it would be the end. We wanted to recreate some of the feelings of excitement and wonder for students who may be resigning themselves to the library for a long night of studying. We want that to be exciting, not depressing," said an administration member close to the project wishing to remain anonymous.

Officials at MSUM even went as far as

to contact Sally Mortemore, the actress who played the Hogwarts librarian Irma Pince in the film, to ask if she would accept the job of head librarian of Livingston Lord. Mortemore declined saying that she is not really a librarian, she just plays one in the movies.

Hogwarts robes, but each employee is allowed to choose whether to wear Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Slytherin or Ravenclaw colors.

There was a rumor that the library would be renamed Lord Voldemort Library, but the idea was rejected

in with their name. A downloadable app on mobile devices will track the student's location within the library and show them on the map. Not only is this little addition a fun extra, it will make meeting with groups or friends easier when gathering for study sessions.

The "restricted section" will be located on the fourth floor. Though it will not house any screaming books, it will offer a place that is guaranteed to be extremely quiet for people needing the extra level of silence.

Barcode scanners at the check out will be replaced with wand shaped scanners. They do the same job, but add to the magical feel of the library.

Elevator entrances will be painted like fireplaces and lit inside with green lights to resemble the floo powder travel network.

The library has also adopted a feline resembling Hermione's cat Crookshanks. The cat will be free to roam the library and offer amusement and comfort to stressed students.

There are many more surprises to come, so students should look for the grand opening day. There will be a party held within the library with a makeshift Hogsmeade set up to serve treats and refreshments along with other themed events happening throughout the day.



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The Livingston Lord Library will be modeled after the Library used in the Harry Potter movies in hopes to not only accomodate to student library needs but also to their tastes.

The officials also asked the current librarians if they would change their names to Irma Pince, but no one was willing to be called Irma for the rest of their life.

Nevertheless, library employees are now required to wear the infamous

because administrators thought the name would do the opposite of boosting moral of the students.

At the entrance of the library, there will be a replica interactive Marauder's Map on a large touch screen display. Students will have the opportunity to check



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# News

## GAME LEADER, FROM FRONT

must evade the Public Safety officers while not leaving any drugs, alcohol or paraphernalia behind.

The candidates will be scored on who ran the farthest from the dorms while carrying the most drugs, alcohol or paraphernalia without spilling or dropping anything.

"Beanie borrowing is really my favorite. It's absolutely delicious," Gorsline giggled. The candidates will stroll through Concordia dorms while taking as many beanies as possible without getting the Cobbers to notice.

"If any of them come back with a Cobber ring, they're automatically the winner and next president of MSUM," Gorsline said. Otherwise, the candidate with the most beanies will take the title of your highest excellency, the president of MSUM.

Students will know when the next president is chosen, as the dueling dragons will breathe fire and a black smoke trail from the burning of the Cobber beanies will rise from Owens.

"I'm glad I got through the games when I did," President Szymanski said with the distant memories dancing in her eyes. "With budget cuts and lower enrollment, the next president must be able to handle anything thrown at them."

"I'll definitely make them work for this,"



Photo Illustration by Ghost Shooter  
Provost Anne Blackhurst trains for university Games in the Campus Mall.

Gorsline said, staring off into the distance of her office window. "We won't hire anyone who can't exemplify all the virtuous traits students at MSUM possess."

## TIMBERLAKE, FROM FRONT

followed the event, which many are calling the largest party the Midwest has seen.

Despite the fact that many city officials condoned the event, the President and administration stand strong in their decision to host the party.

"The budget deficit really upset a lot of people. We really wanted to apologize, and let our students and faculty know that we care," Szymanski said. "Things got a little crazy, but that's OK. Our students needed a release."

Lemke said he hopes MSUM never hosts such an event again and refuses to work if they do.

"That was pure chaos," he said. "I hope I never have to deal with something like that again."

Timberlake said he greatly enjoyed his time on MSUM's campus, and as far as he's concerned, the people he met here are going to be his friends for life. He's already planning a return trip in August.

## BEANIE, FROM PAGE 10

Deleting is not an option because we can just start using another phone when one fills up.

In an attempt to expedite the process of switching over to iPhones, the Mass Comm. department decided to hire a camera destroyer. The destroyer has been spotted around campus wreaking havoc. Back in February Ben Gumeringer, MSUM Advocate photo editor and photographer, had a run in with this camera destroyer.

She was disguised as a little gymnast girl at a Dragon basketball half time show. As Gumeringer was coming back into the gym after half time, she waited by the door just out of view. As soon as Gumeringer was close and holding his camera in just the right spot, she attacked. She slammed the door right into his camera, shattering the lens. The little girl said, "You should have used an iPhone, silly," and ran off. It is advised that all Mass Comm. students using cameras on campus be very careful, and watch out for the camera destroyer.

Grades for Mass Comm. photography classes will now be based on how interesting a student's Instagram page is and how many followers a student has. This grade will be worked into the students' other iPhone assignments as well. Extra credit will be offered in the form of the most interesting Snapchats lasting longer than three seconds.

Campus News is happy about the changeover to strictly iPhone usage. "I won't have to worry about students losing memory cards or improperly using the cameras anymore. I know students can't lose their iPhones because they are so attached to them," said Aaron Quanbeck, professor of Campus News.

Campus News is extremely excited to use the new slo-mo feature on the iPhone 5s. "We are going to revolutionize the news broadcast industry by broadcasting in slow motion," said Quanbeck. The slow motion broadcast will insure that everyone must be paying attention to the news in order to understand what the broadcasters are saying. By simply broadcasting the news at a much slower pace, people will be able to absorb all of the content.

If a new student comes into the department with a non-Apple cell phone, they will be removed from the program immediately. It is something the Mass Comm. department will not tolerate. Students must have an iPhone "because the department said so."

Students will still have some time to get an iPhone before it becomes a mandatory requirement. The change goes into effect this summer semester. At that time, all cameras will be thrown out and disposed of into the proper campus recycling bins.

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