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# The Advocate

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## Retirements leave gaps in service

BY HOLLY LAVECCHIA  
Copy Editor

When Jill Holsen, director of study abroad, decided to retire last May, she gave notice to the administration and eight months to find a replacement. Last month, she was shocked to learn a new director would

not be hired. Her position is just one of many left vacant. MSUM is one of dozens of state universities financially reeling from Gov. Tim Pawlenty's budget cuts. Holsen's situation is not isolated. "There is a huge crowd of

people leaving," Holsen said. "When all is said and done, we will have had 80 vacancies from the combination of frozen positions and early-incentive retirement," President Edna Szymanski said. "We will probably only fill a very small percentage of those."

With a forecast of two more difficult financial years and additional budget cuts on the horizon, administrators are clamoring to find and track as much money as possible and reroute it into the revenue engine – enrollment. Due to the vacan-

cies, MSUM's personnel budget has been dramatically decreased, which played a key part in shaving \$9 million off last year's budget. The focus is guaranteeing the "efficiency and quality of **RETIRE, BACK PAGE**

## Leadership students raise money for causes



CHRIS FRANZ / THE ADVOCATE

Connor Hellman shoots a free throw for a fundraising competition at halftime during Sunday's game. The group Fearless Nights is raising money for Nothing But Nets, an organization that raises awareness and funds to combat malaria.

BY MEGAN NITSCHKE  
Editor

In the past couple weeks, campus has been flooded with a number of fundraisers with students at the helm.

They vary from supporting Tom Shoes to raising money for autism. Students have displayed their work in the CMU, networked on Facebook and spread their information through word-of-mouth.

Though these are final projects for Denise Gorsline's Intro to Leadership class, they have also become much more.

"I like the idea of introducing my students to something that's real," Gorsline said.

This is the third year this leadership class has been offered, but only the second year Gorsline has assigned this particular project. She uses it to allow students to explore their abilities and make an impact on the community and beyond.

The project consists of students forming a group of five or six, and requires them to

raise money for a charity of their choice.

Gorsline's initial idea came from the show "The Apprentice." In this reality show, contestants participate in mini competitions in hopes of being hired as Donald Trump's apprentice. Gorsline appreciates the concept of the show, and utilizes its strategies to better prepare her students for the future.

Students were given the assignment early in the semester, and until after Thanksgiving to complete it. But from last year's experiences, Gorsline has learned that the exercise becomes more than just a typical group project.

The assignment is a competition, allowing students to create their own networks of communication while teaching and exploring leadership roles.

Sophomore Jeanne Hettich's group chose the annual Fill the Dome fundraiser for their project. Fill the Dome is an

event that began in 2007 as a way to donate food and money to local food pantries and charities. Hettich's group sold coffee and hot chocolate last week for \$1 or one canned food item.

"It's cool because (our fundraiser) benefits the area," Hettich said. "We're not draining people for money for something in another country. We can help solve problems in our area."

The Fill the Dome is one of 10 student fundraising projects that encourage students to make a difference not only in the community, but around the globe.

Another group is focusing on the global foundation Tom Shoes, a business founded on the premise of donating a pair of shoes to a child in need for every shoe that is purchased. This group is urging people to purchase shoes so another pair can be given to someone in need. On Dec. 1, they will be hosting a Color Your Soles event in the CMU where

students who have purchased shoes can design their own pair.

By adding a fundraising element to the project, Gorsline hopes to encourage students to push their event even more. Fundraising is a simple measuring tool to determine a class winner.

Students use networking to get people involved and raise money. It is necessary for them to create connections in order to set a sturdy foundation for establishing their fundraiser. Amanda Cashman, the class teaching assistant, took the class last year and learned firsthand the importance of developing a system of connections.

"Every person has a different network," Cashman said. "Everyone has to look at their own network and stretch their group to be more than just the five people." She furthered this idea by saying that "everyone's hitting in a very different angle. **LEADER, PAGE 11**

## Male student arrested in girl's locker room

BY MEGAN NITSCHKE  
Editor

MSUM student Obinna Umejesi, 18, was accused of two separate counts of interference with privacy and disorderly conduct when he was found standing in the women's locker room by the Nemzek pool last Wednesday, said Director of Campus Security Michael Parks.

Prior to the conviction on Wednesday, an identical incident took place between 8 and 9 p.m. Tuesday night. A student was found in the same locker room, but wasn't reported until 30-45 minutes, after he already left.

"We checked the area and looked at surveillance cameras," Parks said. "We were still unclear who the suspect was (Tuesday night)."

The following night, a male described as a black man wearing a grey shirt and khaki shorts was spotted in the locker room.

"As we investigated it, we learned the suspect fled out the far door," Parks said.

Campus security located Umejesi at about 10:35 p.m. and contacted Moorhead Police. He was arrested on suspicion of interference with privacy and disorderly conduct, according to Lt. Tory Jacobson.

The student was jailed Friday. Campus Security is still working on his case with Judicial Affairs and the international program.

"We are working with them to protect campus and the community, and also figure out his future status at the university," Parks said.

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## Correction

The Letters to the Editor in last week's issue were miscredited. "Lead by example," was written by Alex Welgraven and "Conservatives misunderstood," was written by Alexander Holmquist.

## Women's awards applications due

Soroptimist International of Moorhead, a women's service club, is giving two women's opportunity awards, one for \$750 and one for \$500.

The monetary awards are for women who are primarily financially responsible for supporting their families, and who are seeking additional education or training.

The application, reference forms and further details can be found online at <http://www.soroptimist.org/awards/apply.html>. Candidates should download the forms, and when completed, send or e-mail the application and references

## Advocate meetings 4 p.m. Mondays in CMU 110

The Advocate would like to invite any interested students to its weekly meetings in The Advocate office. Pick up an application today and apply to be a sports writer, staff writer, cartoonist or photographer. Photographers meetings are at 4:30 p.m.

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"Thank God—if you believe in him."

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## Registration party held for STLF trip

On Dec. 1, Students Today Leaders Forever will be hosting their annual Pay it Forward tour kick-off party.

The Pay it Forward tour is a service work trip offered to students over spring break.

Join STLF from 4 to 8 p.m. in CMU 227 for food, fun and facts.

## Discover your leadership potential

Join the Office of Student Activities in discovering your leadership potential.

The OSA will be offering a session from the Emerging Leaders program titled "Feedback – How to give it and how to receive it."

This session will be held at 3:30 p.m. today in CMU 227 and will be presented by Nina Johnson, Housing & Residential Life Area Director.

This program is open to every student on campus free of charge. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Student Activities at 218.477.2790 or at [osa@mnstate.edu](mailto:osa@mnstate.edu).

## Of the month awards

Do you believe that your organization is deserving of an award for an achievement that it has accomplished? Know of a student leader who has gone beyond what is needed? Has your student organization advisor always been available for your organization in time of need? If you answered yes to one or more of the questions above, a nomination is in order!

The OSA is now accepting nominations for Student Organization of the Month, Student Organization Leader of the Month, and Student Organization Advisor of the Month. Just go to [www.mnstate.edu/osa](http://www.mnstate.edu/osa) to nominate. Nominations are due Tuesday.

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11.20	All Day All Day All Day  3 p.m. 8 p.m.	Music Industry Summit, Gaede Stage Volleyball, NCAA Regionals Women's Basketball at Hillsdale College Men's Basketball at St. Cloud Green Tea with the Dirty Hurler Concert, CMU Underground
11.21	All Day All Day All Day  9 a.m. 1 p.m. & 4 p.m. 4 p.m.	Women's Basketball at Truman State Volleyball, NCAA Regionals X-country, NCAA II Championships at Evansville, Minn. Wrestling at Concordia, Moorhead Pinocchio, Hansen Theatre Men's Basketball at St. Johns (St. Cloud)
11.22	4 p.m.	Band, Glasrud Auditorium
11.24	6 p.m.  7:30 p.m.	Women's Basketball vs. Concordia College Men's Basketball vs. Concordia College
11.25	Fall Break 8 p.m.	No Classes UG Unplugged, CMU Underground
11.26	Fall Break	No Classes
11.27	Fall Break	No Classes
11.28	2 p.m. 4 p.m.	Women's Basketball vs. Mayville State Men's Basketball vs. Mayville State
11.30	4:30 p.m.	Emerging Leaders, CMU 227
12.2	3:30-4:20 p.m.  8 p.m.	College Success Workshop: Preparing for Finals, MA 171 In Pieces Rockumentary, Hansen Theatre
12.3	7 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	At the Planetarium, Star of Wonder Guitar Ensemble, Fox Recital Hall

**SECURITY UPDATE**

**Director of Campus Security Michael Parks**



**Leslie Wood**  
Features Editor

## No smoking, just sleeping

Security noticed loud noise and a marijuana odor in Nelson at 2:44 a.m. on Nov. 7. There were six people talking loudly in a dorm room. No one answered the door for several minutes and when the resident opened the door, they claimed that they had been sleeping. The Moorhead Police Department arrived, but marijuana was not found. Three students were referred judicially for loud noise violations and official compliance for not opening the door. The resident was referred for drug offenses based on the preponderance of evidence that marijuana was being smoked in the room. Security officer recommended the other three people be trespassed from campus.

## Smoking in the dorms

Marijuana was discovered in South Snarr at 1:50 p.m. on Nov. 8. Security found three residents smoking in a dorm room. The Moorhead Police Department was contacted. The students were cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and the pipe was seized.

## Drinking and pills

Security officers were dispatched to Nelson for a medical call at 10:38 p.m. on Nov. 9. A female student had been drinking heavily and taking pills. A male student had found the female semi-conscious on the floor. The Moorhead Police Department and FM ambulance arrived on the scene. The student was transported to MeritCare and the two students were referred for alcohol offenses.

## Roommate squabble

An assault in Dahl was reported at 2:27 a.m. on Nov. 10. A female student had been in a fight with her roommate and had received a head injury and was fearful that she had a concussion. The student's head had been slammed against the floor. The student felt dizzy and her neck hurt. An ambulance was contacted and no charges were filed against the roommate.

## Man in women's shower

Security officer informed scuba diving instructors of an incident with a male in the women's locker room at 8:15 p.m. on Nov. 11. One of the instructors informed the security officer at 10:24

## Assault in the dorms

An assault against a female was reported in Nelson at 1:10 a.m. on Nov. 12. A male student had been upset about the noise in the dorm room and thought people were taking pictures of him sleeping. The male student assaulted a female student in a dorm room when she was standing in front of his bed. The assault resulted in a large, red mark and swelling on the female's left cheek and finger marks on the left side of the neck. No charges were filed against the male student.

## Medical call in Bridges

Security responded to a medical call in Bridges at 9:40 a.m. on Nov. 12. A female was having a raised heart rate and difficulty breathing. An ambulance transferred the female for a further check up.

## Light post vandalized

A security officer heard yelling and glass breaking at the south gate on 11th Street South at 11:36 p.m. on Nov. 12. Three people were sprinting across F-Lot and in-between houses when the officer arrived. Two witnesses said a male climbed up the light post and shook the post until the top half fell to the ground.

## Going hunting

Vehicle was vandalized in P-Lot at 12:15 a.m. on Nov. 13. Limbs from a deer had been wrapped with plastic onto the vehicle and flour was covering the windshield.

## Phantom marijuana

There was a compliant of a marijuana odor in West Snarr at 8:37 p.m. on Nov. 16. A Resident Assistant had contacted security about a possible marijuana violation. Security was unable to detect an odor of marijuana or any sign that marijuana may be present.

## Harassing roommate

Threats and harassment directed toward a female student in Nelson was reported to security at 3:26 a.m. on Nov. 17. The student had been receiving threats from her ex-roommate and ex-roommate's friend. Both females were referred for harassment and threats.



## Alumni explains inspiration for illustrations



SUBMITTED PHOTO

BY MEGAN NITSCHKE  
Editor

MSUM Alumni Johnathon Twingley didn't set out to be an illustrator, instead he dreamed of becoming an artist, or as he puts it, "I've always liked to paint nouns."

Raised in Bismarck, N.D., Twingley used the support provided by his parents to act on his ambitions. Today, he is a well-established illustrator who released his illustrated novel, "The Badlands Saloon," in July. It's a 224-page hardcover story about a young man's restless and life-changing summer spent in the small North Dakota tourist town of Medora.

Twingley owes most of his success to the way he was raised as a child. Instead of being pushed to pursue something he didn't have a passion for, his parents encouraged him to follow his interests.

"My parents were the best in the way that they never said I had to do something I didn't want to," Twingley said. "If you were interested in something in our family, my brother and I were encouraged to go with it."

Not only did his parents push him to follow his creative

passions, they also played an influential role in his life due to their own interests.

"My dad was a high school art teacher at BHS [Bismarck High School] for 30 years and my mom is a librarian at BSC [Bismarck State College]," he said. "Words and pictures have always factored greatly into my life."

His home life paved an easy path to creativity. Growing up, there was a studio in his basement with a pottery wheel and access to painting supplies. His home is where Twingley felt the most support.

"The way some kids would go out in the backyard and play catch, me and my dad would draw and paint," Twingley said. "Kids always love to draw and paint, I was just never given a reason to stop."

As Twingley got older, a new interest developed as his height drastically increased.

"I grew 8 inches between seventh and eighth grade, so somewhere basketball became inevitable."

Little did he know, basketball would be an important step in his future art career.

"The summer between my

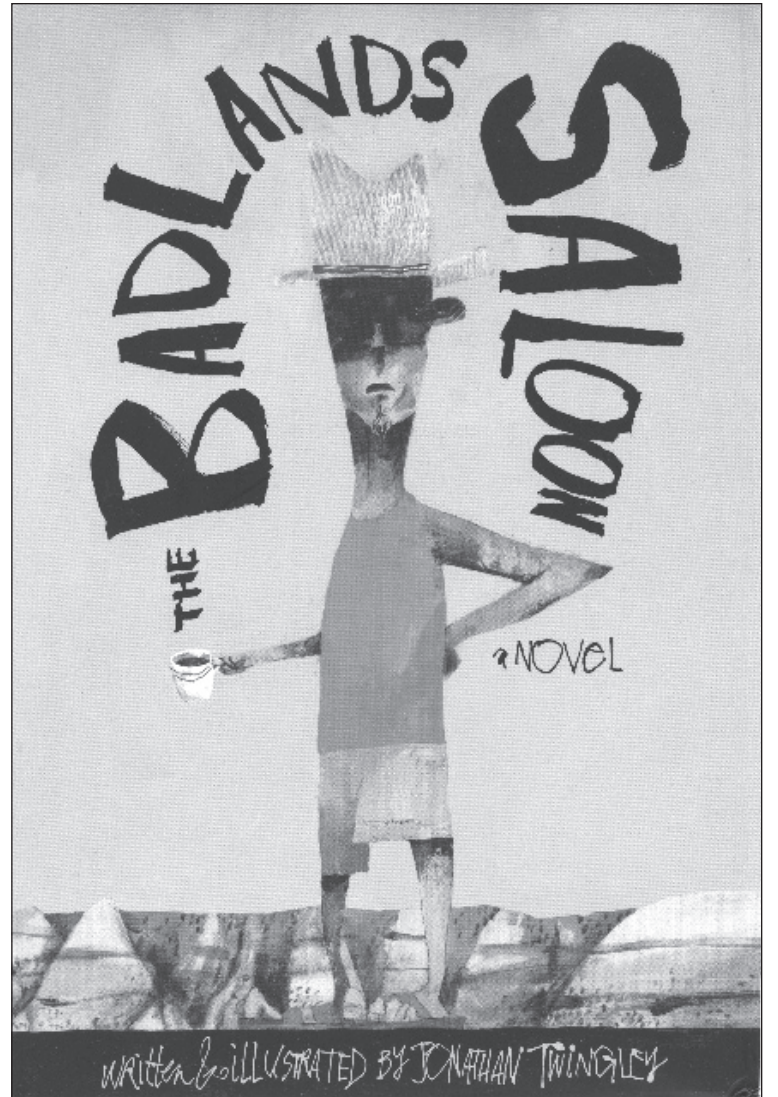
junior and senior year, I shot baskets day and night, not because I wanted to make the team, but because I loved the sound of the ball going through the net," Twingley said.

This realization for him translates into every aspect of his life because the lesson he learned was, "finding something you're passionate about and doing it not because you wanna be famous or successful or rich, but because you love doing it."

When Twingley decided to go to MSUM for a liberal arts degree, he discovered the amazing benefits that were offered to him in the art department.

"The minute I got here, I was so grateful for their liberal arts education," he said. "MSUM was like letting a young man loose in an intellectual candy store."

Right out of school, Twingley was able to land a gig doing an illustration for a New York Times book review as well as do work for the Washington Post and Penthouse Magazine.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Twingley's novel "The Badlands Saloon" was released in July 2009 and showcases his illustrations.

Through his experience, Twingley has learned firsthand the benefits and downsides of the publishing industry.

"Publishing in general is at a real crossroad. Newspapers, magazines and books are trying to learn how to make money in the digital age," Twingley said. "That affects illustrators dramatically."

As of now, Twingley, who received his B.F.A. degree from MSUM in 1996 and also completed his M.F.A. in illustration at the School of Visual Arts in New York, has many publishing outlets. His next

move is to publish children's books written and illustrated by him.

Twingley spoke at MSUM at the end of October to share his story and appreciation for illustrating and their importance in the world of publishing.

"Illustrations at their best aren't illustrations," Twingley said. "It's an image that runs on a parallel track with an accompanying article."

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## Fall break, a time to relax, catch up and be thankful

We are now reaching the final days of the first semester of the 09-10 academic year, and this usually means one thing for students: stress.

Thanksgiving is approaching and this is the time to be thankful. In times of economic hardships and busy schedules, sometimes being thankful is just the ticket needed for staying calm.

Even if you're not having a great big meal this year, and even if it's not with your direct family, it's still a time for meeting up with the ones you love.

The time spent relaxing and enjoying the company of family and friends before the push to finals is important. Fall break can serve as a relaxer for students who deal with homework overloads on a daily basis.

It's good to figure out what assignments you might be missing, and finish them over Thanksgiving break. If you can do it then, the weeks before finals become much easier.

Finals are a pain for most of us and the few weeks leading up to them can be just as stressful, take fall break to chill out.

Do some of the little things you need to relax, and leave plans of travel to winter break.

Break also gives time to look over your new schedule for changes, or even a complete redo. This is not something that you want hanging over your head when you come back. Things will be hectic enough just before finals, make sure to tie up those loose ends before then.

Thanksgiving means many things to different people; some don't celebrate, some are against it and for some, it has been a tradition for years.

Students are often strapped down in the college setting for months at a time before given proper time to associate with family. Especially for first-year students, Thanksgiving, or fall break, is the first opportunity for a long family bonding session.

If you don't really have a family to go home to, think of asking a close friend or even just attending a group meal in the area.

So whether you are a fan of giving thanks, don't think it's necessary or think the idea of Thanksgiving has fallen apart, fall break serves as a stress-less week with time to reconnect with family and catch up on overdue, set aside work.

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## A letter to Miss Scorch

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This is my response to your publication of the Miss Scorch Advice Column to Concerned Brother. If this was meant to be advice, I found it to be much more of a farce to allow the columnist an excuse to ridicule someone. The person who submitted that question had a genuine problem and not only was his problem belittled, but he was offered no assistance. He was even told he was wrong to care. So apparently people having problems in their family is a joke?

He wasn't wrong to be concerned about a person he loves. Siblings take care of each other. We show that by guess what? Talking and fighting. Fighting will occur at the drop of the hat between siblings, but it's the talking that has meaning. The talking is what we will remember for years. The talking is what shapes a portion of our lives. So surely that bond is only a joke?

To say that "...if your brother has to pull out of school... You can make all the stupid mistakes you want..." is utterly selfish. The advice you gave him is to revel in his brother's failure to put himself before anyone else. Yet, caring is how we improve ourselves, and the lives of those around us. In a community famous for caring, where thousands of people sacrificed their time to help others in the floods. Caring about anyone other than yourself is only a joke?

As the youngest of four siblings, it was my older brothers that kept me from making a lot of stupid mistakes. I love and respect my brothers more for every awkward conversation that kept me from making those mistakes. So I have to ask, surely this column was only a joke?

ASHLEY ST. SAUVER  
SOPHOMORE

## A response about Miss Scorch

Miss Scorch's advice column uses sarcasm. The actual meaning of the column was an attempt to emphasize what can go wrong if you neglect talking frankly to a family member about sex just because you're embarrassed or scared.

To start with, I'd like to say that The Advocate received no actual stories from any student for Miss Scorch, which is really, really depressing. I can concede to having been harsh, but it was for a point and that point was clear at the end of the column: why can't you just sit your sibling down and actually talk about their problem? It wasn't in any way an attack on siblings or love or happiness or whatever else I'm being accused of here.

I figured this was clear enough, but it's

apparent that it was not. So I would like to apologize to anyone on this campus that was offended by a joke; an attempt at something creative and a desperate effort to try to get the campus involved.

The Opinion Page of any newspaper is a chance for students to express themselves, without fear of censorship. It should be clear that anything expressed on this page is simply an opinion, and for Miss Scorch that just involves being really, really mean.

If you'd like some personal advice about your situation, we have a Counseling Center in Bridges 260.

KIMBERLY EHRLICH  
OPINION EDITOR

## Don't Always Mimic Examples

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Glancing over the editorials in The Advocate the last few weeks, I noticed a definite increase in the hostility on the pages. It seems as of late, the pages in the editorial section have turned into something of a grade school playground. Bullies seem to rove the pages, each of their words a blow to their opponent, each paragraph a very public display of anger. What happened to civility? What happened to lead by example? What happened to not mimicking poor behavior?

Reading a letter to the editor that was run last week, I finally felt it reach a boiling point, it made me feel I could no longer remain silent. The writer started with a very fair point, but immediately imitates the very sins he was responding to. In one breath he tells his adversary to lead by example, in the next he sarcastically refers to his adversary as a genius, and the thoughts his opponent holds are dimwitted. I would like to direct a comment to the writer, we should strive for all to lead by example, but when someone does not, we should not mimic their mistakes.

I would also like to go on and clear up a few things that I feel were claimed in error.

The 2008 election cycle was a resounding rejection, but not of conservatism. It was a rejection of the old politics, the Karl Roves, the Cheneys and the Bushs. Not the rational and reasonable conservatives. Conservatism when practiced by reasonable people is good for the country, and the same is true for liberalism. When reasonable people are at the helm of both parties, they serve to keep one another in check. This complete and total

disdain for each other, the hoping for the collapse of the opponent's party, is quite honestly taking this ability to keep one another in check to an extreme. It prevents anybody from getting anything done, and to be frank, sometimes inaction is worse than any action.

Also, now that the 2009 election cycle has come and gone, people are trying to read the results, like a fortune teller might read tea leaves. There is nothing to be taken away from the results, at least not anything significant. It is commonly accepted that in off years the party out of power will turn out more voters. This is nothing new and is not a sign of the rejection of Obama, it is just an off election year where opposers turned out stronger than supporters, because they felt a lack of representation. The 2010 elections will likely be a better indicator of the political state of the nation. Even those may be questionable, the U.S. can be a very fickle group.

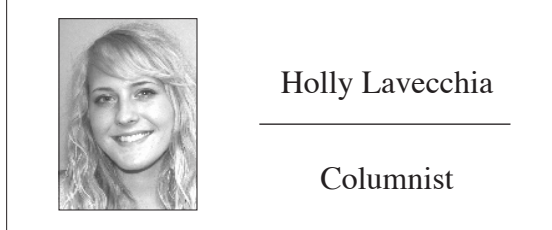
Anyway, all I am asking is for everyone to be civil, you do not have to always agree (that would never be good in a democracy,) but be reasonable, and not spiteful. Having opposite views is a key part to keeping this system in check, that should never be forgotten. I look forward to hearing any positive or negative comments about what I have wrote, who knows, maybe you will change my opinions.

TRAVIS LOKER  
SOPHOMORE



## A completely trivial stream of thought: Thanksgiving

Abraham Lincoln was the first president to pardon a turkey in honor of Thanksgiving. Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy were both killed on a Friday by Southerners with three names. Kennedy was voted "most likely to be president" when he graduated high school in 1935. In 1935, Amelia Earhart became the first person to fly solo from Hawaii to California. The California redwood is a prehistoric tree—the coastal climate along the Pacific Ocean protected them from the great ice sheets that covered much of North America during previous ice ages. The humans in the movie Ice Age are not homo-



Holly Lavecchia

Columnist

sapiens, they are Neanderthals. A human woman named Ellen Church convinced Boeing Air Transport that her nursing skills and love of flying would qualify her to assist with the passengers and emergencies, becoming the first stewardess. Stewardesses is the longest words typed only with the left hand. More males are left-handed than female. When scientists first started cap-

turing specimens of deep-sea Anglerfish, they noticed that all of the specimens were females and had what appeared to be parasites attached to them, which turned out to be the remains of male Anglerfish, which have no digestive system and thus are unable to feed independently so they must find a female quickly after hatching or they will die, so he finds a female, bites into her flank, and she releases an enzyme which digests the skin of his mouth and body, and then he atrophies

into nothing more than a pair of gonads that release sperm in response to hormones in the female's bloodstream indicating egg release. Most eggs are made in China. China invented ice cream. Legend has it that in the first century, the Roman emperor (king) Nero used to send his slaves scurrying to the mountains to collect snow and ice to make flavored ices, the precursors to ice cream. The king of hearts is the only king without a mustache. In 1967, the Beatles gave away cardboard mustaches with their album Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band. Pepper was so valuable that in ancient Greece and Rome

is was used as a form of money. Almost 10 percent of the surprisingly low \$10.5 million budget went on the alien creature puppets and related animatronics in the movie E.T. The sound of E.T. walking was made by someone squishing their hands in jelly. Jelly fish are very high in protein and are thought to be able to play a part in solving world hunger. 120 percent of Americans are thankful to have turkey on Thanksgiving (the others are vegetarians).

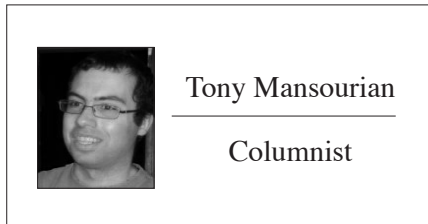
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## Letter to the editor response

Regular readers of the Advocate may be aware that two weeks ago, I wrote a column expressing my displeasure with conditions in Washington regarding health-care reform. Last week, two students wrote rather heated responses to my column. At risk of turning the Advocate into a venue for a personal slapfight, I'd like to use this space to respond to their claims.



Tony Mansourian

Columnist

First of all, I'd like to thank my detractors; there's an old radical adage saying that if conservatives are upset with you, you must be doing something right.

Second, an apology - while I'd like to address in detail all points raised in both letters, to do so would run well over a thousand words and I've been asked to keep this to three hundred.

Now, both letter-writers seemed particularly irate at my "unfounded attack" on the proud tradition of American conservatism. There are two points to address here; the idea that my article was unfounded and undeserved, and the idea that it was an attack at all.

Had my detractors been able to make it through my entire column without flying into a red-state rage, they might have noticed that the point of my column was criticism of President Obama and of the bulk of the Democratic majority in the Senate. Mr. Holmquist states that the "main business" of the column was to "batter and insult" Republicans with fear tactics(?), while Mr. Welgraven amusingly makes a sarcastic reference to President Obama as "[my] wonder child". Had either read the column, they might have made more justified claims about it, rather than jumping into attack mode against assumed liberal sacred cows.

As to the claim that my attack was unfounded, I reject this entirely; I did not direct my column at Republicans, but I

certainly could have, along with many others. The conservative movement has brought nothing but destruction to our nation and to the world, and the time is long passed to regard it with the soft-pitch gloves so beloved by vote-courting Democrats. I stand by the statement that politics of fear, division, and selfishness should be ruthlessly identified, engaged, and destroyed. America has freedom of speech, and you are entitled to your beliefs, but you are not protected from criticism of them, especially when you seek to enforce them upon the world.

I would love to converse further with Mr. Holmquist and Mr. Welgraven, or anyone else who would like to comment, but I've already run over my word limit. Any suggestions as to a more appropriate venue are welcome, and emails are read. Thank you.

Want to continue the dialogue?  
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## We are the enemy



Bin Valentine

Columnist

"Would you like to skip this mission? Some players may find one of the missions disturbing or offensive."

"I don't get offended by much and I paid good money for this game, I'll play it. What could possibly be that offensive?"

"We warned you."

Okay, I made up that last quote, but as it turns out, I did get a little offended.

"Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2" sold 4.7 million copies worldwide on it's first day. That could also translate into 4.7 million people playing through a mission where they play a terrorist, walk through an airport and gun down everyone in sight.

Yeah, too soon, I know.

Now, I've been slaying digital beings for a long time, and games like Grand Theft Auto and a multitude of other violent delights have desensitized me nicely, but even I'm still aware of how controversial this bit of the game could be.

I've played through the game and I can tell you that the plot of the game is dependent on the mission as events occur due to the slaughter, but at the same time, it really wasn't necessary for the player to play the role as it could have been just shown as a cut scene. What's even worse is that the entire point of the mission was for you to blend in with the terrorist group as a spy, but spoiler alert, they knew the whole time, they end up killing you, and then pinned the blame on America.

Lame.

Point is, for the biggest release of all time, this bit off controversy really wasn't needed and for those of us who didn't know about it before we played, we had no idea what we were in for. Some bloggers even emptied their stomachs after playing it.

To quote Team America, it was "9/11 times a thousand."

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## Graduating visual art students exhibit talent

BY KELSEY ROSETH  
Staff Writer

Tonight, a reception will kick off the Student Art Exhibit from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Rolland Dille Center for the Arts Gallery.

The reception is free and open to the public and will serve light refreshments. The exhibit began on Monday and will run through Dec. 2.

The exhibit is a part of a fulfillment for students who will be receiving a B.A. or a B.S. in visual arts. The mixed media exhibit features students' ceramics, graphic design, painting, drawing and printmaking abilities.

The exhibit will be open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 2 to 4 p.m.

The following students will be featured in the exhibit: Matthew Sprung, Tate Mlady,



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Cody Trautner's "Bowl Menagerie" is on display at the art exhibit in the Center for the Arts Gallery.

Cody Trautner, Justin Tvete, Vonn Biberdorf, Chelsea Lee, Krystahl Scallon, Justin Taylor, Chris Boedigheimer, Catherine Turner, Dominic Brouillard, Kelsey Sargent, Monica Laverdure, Amanda Wadson, Josh Zimmerman, Carla Freschette, Kiere Shaffer,

Rachel Pastick, Trudy Johnson, Amber Parsons, George Stack, and Ben Goerndt.

For more information, or a private gallery showing, contact gallery director Jane

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## Theater department takes on role of benefactor

### Advocate Staff Reports

This fall, theatre students at MSUM raised \$2,700 for AIDS patients during performances of "Rent," a Broadway musical about young artists and musicians struggling to survive poverty and disease in New York's East Village.

"Everyone was incredibly generous once they heard where the money was going," MSUM Box Office Manager Amanda Citrowske said.

Following each performance, cast members stood in the lobby with red buckets and collected donations from audience members. The funds raised went to the Minnkota Health Project to help local AIDS patients with food, rent and medication costs.

"We got a lot of thanks for bringing 'Rent' to the area,"

Citrowske said. "The show opened a lot of eyes."

Two panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt were displayed at the performance hall and several AIDS education events took place on campus and through collaboration with community agencies during the show's run. The rock opera sold out all eight performances this past October.

MSUM's Theatre Department raises money every year for the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center through its February production of "The Vagina Monologues." Last year's show raised more than \$800.

For more information please contact Amanda Citrowske by phone 218.477.2271 or by e-mail [citrowam@mnstate.edu](mailto:citrowam@mnstate.edu).

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## A variety of bands but only one winner in Battle of the Bands

BY KRISTINE KOSTUCK  
Staff Writer

What? Battle of the Bands. Where? The MSUM Underground. When? Saturday, Nov. 21, from 5 to 11 p.m. Why should I go? To support the local music scene that is growing and changing each year—and it's free.

MSUM's Music and Entertainment Industry Student Association is the

group that organized and sponsored the show.

"We have a lot of variety this year," President of MEISA Jessica Odegard said. "Almost every group is a different genre or experience level."

Saturday night's line-up is an array of punk, grunge, jazz, acoustic folk, death metal and hip-hop.

As Odegard said, their experience levels range from the 10-year-performing and touring band, The Decomposeurs,

to the month long practices of the band, Broken Roots.

My Dear Beatrice, a female acoustic trio, which has performed at many MSUM events will be performing.

Sadie Jones and Elise Forer, members of the group, admit they wanted to play at Battle of the Bands to hear other bands.

Others like Broken Roots member Konner Johnson, an MSUM sophomore, hopes to break into the Fargo music scene.

"This is our first show, and I thought this would be a good way to get our name out there and see what people think of us," Johnson said.

The audience will get a taste of the 12 groups performing

their 20-minute sets. At the end of the show, judges will decide the top three bands and award them gift certificates to Marguerites Music, donated by MEISA. First prize wins \$150, second place is \$100 and third is \$50. The winners are determined in part by audience reaction.

"We have never won a Battle of the Bands," said Brock Ashmore of The Decomposeurs, "There is always someone more happy or funky, but we just like to play, so that's all that matters."

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### Anna's top 13 "bored" games



Anna George, A&E Editor

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2. Twister
3. Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots
4. Phase 10
5. Uno
6. Dirty Minds
7. Mad Gab
8. Charades
9. Guess Who?
10. Chutes and Ladders
11. Catch Phrase
12. Checkers
13. Mankala



## Classic "Pinocchio" with a twist

BY ANNA GEORGE  
A&E Editor

MSUM brings the classic tale of Pinocchio back to life in the upcoming performance at 1 and 4 p.m. on Saturday in the Hansen Theatre.

In "Pinocchio," old toy-maker, Gepetto, makes a wish to have someone to share his life with. The blue fairy hears his wish and casts a magic spell on a block of wood, Pinocchio the puppet. Pinocchio comes to life and wishes he could be a real boy, but finds it's not an easy task.

With MSUM student Tyler Michaels as script writer and director, and sophomores Matt Englund and Jake Larson as Pinocchio, the play is sure to be a hit with it's entertaining movement and dance.

Come follow Pinocchio and his friends on an adventure to becoming a real boy.

For tickets or more information please contact the MSUM Box Office at 218.477.2271.



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Jake Larson as Pinocchio, along with Holly Orth and John Vavrin, practice for their performances that started Monday Nov. 16.

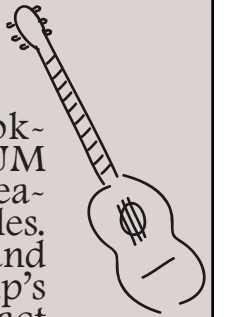
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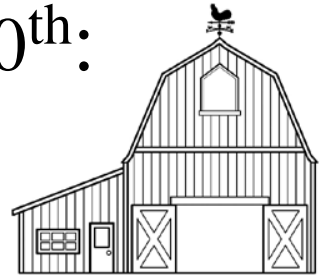
"I was at the ATM the other day when an elderly lady approached and asked me to help check her balance. So I pushed her."

## Musicians!

The Advocate is looking for local MSUM musicians or bands to be featured in the A&E band profiles. If you are part of a band and would like to get your group's name known, please contact [advocate@mnstate.edu](mailto:advocate@mnstate.edu).



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## Dragons open season with a win

BY TIM STULKEN  
Sports Editor

The Dragons women's basketball team defeated Minot State 77-55 at Nemzek this weekend in their first game of the season.

"We had pretty balanced scoring throughout the game," head coach Karla Nelson said. "We shot around 47 percent, which isn't a bad shooting percentage."

The Dragons shot for 46.6 percent, which is comparably higher than Minot's 27.4 percent. The team was led in shooting by sophomore forward Angie Jetvig who scored six free throws and was three-for-three from the three-point line.

"We had some good players off the bench," Nelson said. "Mara Paulsen scored

12 points off the bench, and freshman Kaycee Charette gave us eight rebounds and nine points. So, we have some strong younger players who are already proving themselves on the court."

Junior guard Betsy Dickson led the team with nine rebounds. While the team racked up a total of 54 rebounds, nearly twice that of the Beavers, Nelson said they need to improve on their defensive rebounding skills.

"We did a better job rebounding in the second half," Nelson said. "Overall rebounding needs to get better."

Minot ran zone defense throughout the game, which coach Nelson said was a disappointment.

"I was disappointed Minot played zone the entire game," she said. "We didn't get a chance to play against man defense, which was disappointing because most of our conference runs man."

According to Nelson the team is nearly back to full health after dealing with injuries and illness, which hampered their playing abilities earlier this season.

"We're not quite 100 percent health wise, but we are doing better than earlier," Nelson said. "Krista Opheim is at about 75 percent."

The team will travel to Marshall, M.N. this weekend to take on Hillsdale College and Truman State. The Dragons return home Nov. 24 to play cross-town rival Concordia College.



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Sophomore Brittany Mayclin jumps for a basket during the game against Minot Monday Nov 16. The Dragons won 77-55.

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## Wrestling shoots into season

New head coach Kris Nelson leads team as they begin this year's season

BY TIM STULKEN  
Sports Editor

This year, the Dragons wrestling team faces a change in coaching staff as head coach Kris Nelson will be taking over after Keenan Spiess' resignation last season.

Nelson, formerly an assistant coach under Bucky Maughan at NDSU, has been working hard this season preparing his team for competition. Nelson's presence on the team has been well received.

157-pound junior captain Tallen Wald is excited to have Nelson as coach.

"I like the direction coach Nelson is going with our team," Wald said. "I think him, along with the rest of our coaching staff, has what it takes to push our whole team to the next level."

Sophomore 125 pounder Corey Ulmer agreed that Nelson will be a good addition to the team.

"Coach Nelson is a positive impact on us," Ulmer said. "He has an extremely successful background and is very dedicated towards the team. We are very lucky to have him, Coach Kerbaugh and Coach Baker."

The team began its season at the NDSU Bison Open Saturday and travelled to Sioux Falls, S.D. on Tuesday to take on USF and Morningside College in their first duals of the season.

Despite some strong performances by several of the athletes, the team feels they could have wrestled better.

"We didn't wrestle to the best of our ability," Ulmer said. "We were at a very tough tournament but there is still room to improve. We only had two guys place and I feel that we are a better team than that."

Ulmer, who took fourth in the tournament at 125 pounds, was one of two Dragon ath-



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Head coach Kris Nelson demonstrates proper technique with assistant coach Josh Kerbaugh during wrestling practice on Thursday, Nov 5.

letes who placed. The other, junior 141 pounder Brady Schneeberger, also placed fourth.

"I believe we will become a much stronger team as the year goes on," Schneeberger said.

Wald agreed that the team could have wrestled stronger at the tournament, but is optimistic about the results.

"This past weekend was good for the team as far as knowing what to work on now," Wald said. "There were a few individuals that wrestled well and others that need some work. It is early in the season and those things that were noticed on Saturday are now being addressed in the practice room so we can cri-

tique them before the heart of our season."

Last year, the team had five national qualifiers and held a 7-12 record. They hope to improve on that this year. Two national qualifiers will return, and they hope to progress under new guidance.

"I feel that this year we have great potential to do better than last year," Wald said. "With changes in the coaching staff and a new line-up, I believe we will finish this year better than we did last year."

The team knows that work still needs to be done as the season progresses. Senior 174 pounder Jarret Hall said that he hopes to see both the younger and the older athletes on the team rise to the occa-

sion and wrestle hard.

"We need to have our younger wrestlers step up, and become veterans, thirsty to get out on the mat and prove themselves," Hall said. "We need the wrestlers that have been in college for years to show leadership and to improve themselves to be All-Americans by the end of the year. We will do this by showing up to work hard and to give it everything we have day in and day out."

Ulmer agreed that the younger players stepping up

would help the team succeed.

"We have some young starters on the team," Ulmer said. "Those guys improving and being able to wrestle at a college level would be a huge component for us this season."

The Dragons wrestle at Concordia in the Cobber Invitational on Saturday. They will return to wrestle at home when they host the Dragon Open on Dec. 5.

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## Campus news program looks for a new face

BY CONOR HOLT  
Staff Writer

Ever watched the news and wished you could be an anchor? On Dec. 2, all students are welcome to audition for an anchor position on MSUM's TV news show, Campus News.

Campus News is a half hour news program created and produced by the mass communications department. The show covers local news that concerns college students, including covering events not only on MSUM's campus but also at Concordia and NDSU. It is a program that "covers news from the college perspective," Advisor Aaron Quanbeck said.

Campus News airs during the spring semester Saturday at 7 a.m. on Prairie Public Television. This will be its 25th year in production.

The show is created by students in the mass communications department

who take what they have learned in classes like reporting, broadcast journalism and desktop video to write, shoot and edit a professional news program.

"First and foremost the experience is for these students who want to go into broadcast journalism," Quanbeck said.

Along with getting a chance to produce their own show, students get feedback from local broadcast journalists who critique the show and offer advice.

Campus News is an award-winning news program, having excelled in the yearly Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Awards. Last year, five students were finalists in this national competition. Kyle Johnson and Christopher Flynn were national winners in the category of Television News Photography for their segment "Energy Drinks."



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Auditions for the news anchor will be held in Flora Frick 245 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 2. Practice scripts will be provided and stu-

dents should dress appropriately, as you will be auditioning in an actual broadcasting environment.

If you have any questions,

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## MSUM holds indigenous peoples conference

Students learn about problems facing Native American education

BY ANDREW JASON  
Staff Writer

Only 9.3 percent of Native Americans earn a college degree compared to the national average of 20.3 percent. They have the lowest college attendance rate of any ethnic group in the U.S. according to Education-World.com.

The Indigenous Peoples Education Conference is being held at MSUM tomorrow to discuss the problems that face Native Americans. The conference, "Gidaginzomin: We're all in this together," will be held in the CMU ballroom from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

It will address many subjects including how tribal colleges and universities can work more effectively together, how you can pre-

pare Native Americans better for post-secondary education and the best way to serve these students in predominantly white institutions.

The conference will feature six speakers, all of whom are Native Americans themselves and hold, or are working toward, doctorate degrees. The speakers will be coming from as far away as Arizona and California.

Every year, the indigenous conference is held at a different school. Donna Brown, the assistant vice president of student affairs for diversity and inclusion at MSUM, is responsible for bringing the conference here.

The conference was created after Brown and several other Native American professionals realized that conferences about American Indian edu-

cation weren't being attended at larger conferences. They decided there needed to be a conference dedicated to Native American education.

The conference is intended for those who work with Native Americans, but Brown encourages anybody to attend.

"That's the point of the conference, to get everybody to hear the message," Brown said.

The school does not sponsor the conference so the entire seminar will be funded through registration fees. The professional rate is \$100 and the student rate is \$30.

All college students are encouraged to come. A breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee.

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## Tour guides wanted

BY TAAREN HAAK  
Staff Writer

This fall, 20 students will get the opportunity to become a valued part of the campus community as the admissions department accepts applications for spring 2010 tour guides.

The tour guide program is undergoing some changes this semester. Normally the position is only open to students with work study. Current tour guides are required to work in the admissions office and have responsibilities other than just leading tours, said Interim Director of Admissions Jeremy Johnson.

"We're finding a lot of students that would love to represent the university, but maybe they had another on-campus job, or they were involved in other activities," Johnson said. "So they didn't necessarily have 10-15 hours that they could commit to working in our office. But they would gladly have four or five hours a week that they could give for helping with tours."

After the new students are hired, the tour guide program will undergo another significant change as the university moves into the 2010-2011 academic year. In the fall, the tour guide program will officially become a part of the Dragon Ambassadors, which have been active on campus since 2000.

The programs are similar in the way that they both involve connecting with people outside the university; The ambassadors work with alumni and others in the community and tour guides work with prospective students

and their families. Students who do well in one program are likely to do well in the other, which is the reason why they will soon merge, Johnson said.

"These programs get new students interested and old students continually involved in the success of MSUM," said junior Andrew Boman, a social studies education and history double major who works as both a tour guide and an ambassador. "[They] connect two of the most important groups of any university: the alumni and prospective students. These people keep this university rolling. Their support and interest in MSUM allows us to continue to provide the best education to the students here."

Students can receive many benefits from working as a tour guide or an ambassador. It is flexible employment that gets students ready for life after graduation by helping them make connections with alumni and acting as a positive examples on any resume, Boman said.

"If you love this campus, what better way to give back to it than working with past, present and future students?" Boman said.

Another change to the position is that it will no longer only be offered to student with work study funds. And new tour guides will be paid \$20 per tour, rather than the usual hourly wage of \$7 to \$8.

"If you're a student and you want to give back to the university and tell the world your experience, this TOUR, BACK PAGE

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## ROTC hosts ability test at MSUM pool

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The Reserve Officers' Training Corps hosted the Combat Water Survival Test yesterday at the MSUM pool.

The ROTC program has about 40 students between NDSU, Concordia and MSUM. The offices are located at NDSU, the host school. NDSU also has the most students involved. About 30 students registered for CWST with roughly 15 of them being MSUM students.

The CWST is done once a year to test ability to survive

in water if the situation arises during combat. Each ROTC student must pass the test once a year.

The test is done on a pass/fail basis, and can be repeated as many times as needed. It usually takes a few attempts to pass.

"Usually the first time you don't hold onto the rifle, it's natural to drop it as soon as you hit the water," said Cadet Second Lieutenant and public affairs officer Jessie Satrang.

One of the tests is to jump off of the diving board blindfolded while wearing a

combat vest and holding on to a rifle.

The vest worn by participants is one of many variations.

"The ones we use are called Load-Bearing Equipment, which is a waist strap with suspenders attached. On the waist strap there are two ammo pouches, two canteen holders with canteens in them and a medical bag," Satrang said.

Another test is to jump into the pool off the side wearing the combat vest and holding a rifle. Once com-

pletely submerged, the rifle must be released, and the vest removed, all before surfacing.

"This test is done in case the vest gets caught on something under water," Satrang said.

Other tests include treading water while wearing the uniform, which gets very heavy when wet, and swimming a certain distance while holding the rifle. More advanced units hold the rifle out of the water during the tests.

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Some groups are going to go to the corporate side and say, 'Hey target can you help sponsor us?' Some are going to their teachers and some are just going to their friends," Cashman said.

By encouraging students to reach out to the community when managing their fundraiser, they are also taught important leadership lessons.

"When you graduate, you think that if you're not in the position of leadership, you don't get to lead," Gorsline said. "But one thing I hope they get is that everyone leads in different ways. Sometimes it's by influence and being a role model."

Students are being put in positions that carry a large amount of responsibility, and Gorsline believes this is very effective because it's a real situation that carries real consequences and lets people use their strengths.

Cashman, who feels like she got a lot out of the project is using the experience to her benefit.

"(In a job interview) I can tell them about a significant experience in college from just a class that made a huge impact on me and taught me about leadership," Cashman said.

Last year, the groups raised around \$10,000 in just five weeks, and this amount can also be achieved this year.

"I'm really proud of my students," Gorsline said. "I want (them) to leave with experiences beyond class. I'm excited to see them feel good about what they're doing."

Check out the schedule of events on the back page.

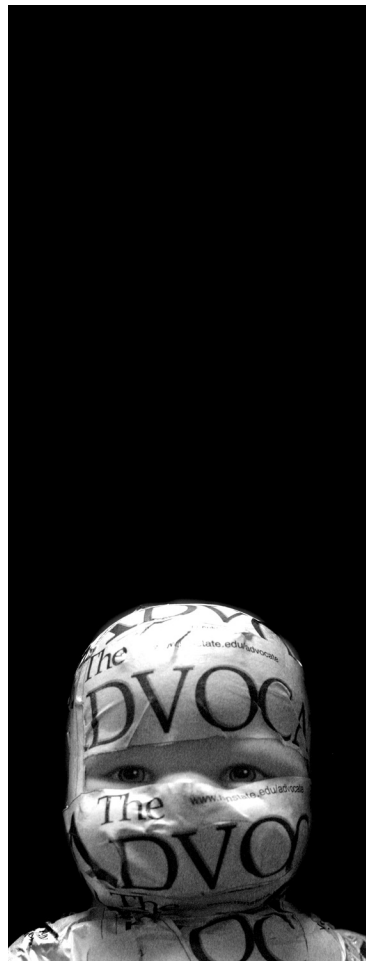
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## Talent-galore



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Students competed in the talent portion of the Mr. and Ms. MSUM Competition. Mark Radcliffe hula hoops during his performance last Wednesday in the CMU Ballroom. Singing, dancing and poetry were some of the other talents that students came up with. Overall judging criteria was based on the talent, question and answer, evening wear and school spirit sections of the competition. The Mr. and Ms. MSUM awards went to Seth Stoxen and Shana Weller.



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every dollar spent," Szymanski said.

The president does not believe the cuts will drastically affect students.

"I think you're going to find some larger classes or some classes being offered less often," Szymanski said. "There are a bunch of positions where we're actually asking people, department assistants, to support more people than they have in the past."

Although Holsen has begun delegating some specific tasks to other faculty in preparation for her retirement, she is not hopeful the transition will be smooth.

"If my position is left vacant, there will be a period of total uncertainty, and gaps in the ser-

vice we have to offer students," Holsen said. "Likely my colleagues in the office will end up picking up the pieces."

As the creator of the office of study abroad 22 years ago and its sole staff person, Holsen counsels and advises students who are interested in studying internationally. She helps them decide where to go and how to make it happen.

Holsen assumed someone would be hired to replace her immediately and she would have ample time to share her two-decade's worth of knowledge with that new director.

She was looking forward to a new, younger director who could effectively use technological mediums to contact students about international opportunities. This was not the case.

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is a really good opportunity," Johnson said. "Plus, you can get paid a really nice wage while you're doing it."

Tour guides can be from any area of campus, as long as they are in good academic standing with a 2.5 GPA or higher. Since there are many departments represented, students get the chance to train each other on their areas of

interest, Johnson said.

Applications for the spring 2010 tour guide positions will be available at The Compass and in the admissions office. They will be accepted at the admissions office until Nov. 30. The interview process will begin in early December, and selected students will go through a day-long training session in early January. A second application process will

"I think it puts people in a difficult position to know that they won't be replaced," said Tim Borchers, interim dean of arts and humanities. "Do you leave your department without full coverage? It's the struggle we're dealing with. These are tough times where we have to make tough decisions."

The plan regarding who will take over Holsen's many tasks is tentative due to many other empty positions and already short-handed departments.

"There are faculty members we've been scrambling to replace. It's all over campus," Borchers said. "We're all looking at doing more work just to make sure that it gets done."

"We are certainly not cutting study abroad, we'll just be using a team of people to cover

the duties that Jill covered," Borchers said. "People who are involved will be doing more of what they've been doing. We probably won't have one person who heads it up; we'll have different people working on different aspects of it."

"She's going to be very difficult to replace," Borchers said. "She's been here for a long time, done a lot and had a great impact."

Holsen said that the administration may not be as concerned with preserving the study abroad office because it doesn't offer a return on investments like spending time hunting down alumni for donations or trying to attract students can.

"It doesn't translate into anything concrete, the outcomes of study abroad are more of a feel-

good type," Holsen said.

As an advocate for an increasingly-diverse campus, Borchers is a strong believer in the benefits students can gain from studying abroad.

"It certainly makes students more marketable when they go to get a job," Borchers said. "The perspective they gain through study abroad is necessary and critical in today's world."

The administration is offering a promise of light at the end of the tunnel and an opportunity to gain some perks back after a couple of tough years. Until then, more programs like study abroad will likely suffer from being dispersed among staff members who already have healthy to-do lists.

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## Leadership fundraiser schedule of events

**Today:** Puppy chow will be sold in the CMU for \$2 to raise money for the Dorothy Day House of Hospitality.

**Sunday:** Students will be raising money for autism by having a crepe feed from 12 to 4 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. The cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

A pancake feed also will take place at Our Savior's Church to raise money for

Multiple Sclerosis. The cost for a meal is \$4.

**Monday:** A student leader auction will take place at 7 p.m. in King Hall 110 to raise money for NothingButNets, which will provide mosquito nets to African countries to help fight Malaria.

**Dec. 1:** The Color Your Shoes event will take place from 7 to 10 p.m. in the CMU. Students will be designing their Tom Shoes and watching a documentary.

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happen at the end of spring semester for the new integrated tour guide and ambassador program, Johnson said.

"What we're trying to do is find the 20 absolute best, most dynamic students on campus that just want to give all our prospective students an opportunity to hear about their experience and how amazing MSUM has been to them," Johnson said.

"It's an awesome feeling to know you helped a student connect with the place you connected with years before," Boman said.

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