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Variety show sparks controversy

Phi Sigma Kappa performance raises concerns about gay-bashing

By S.WILSON / A.STRNAD

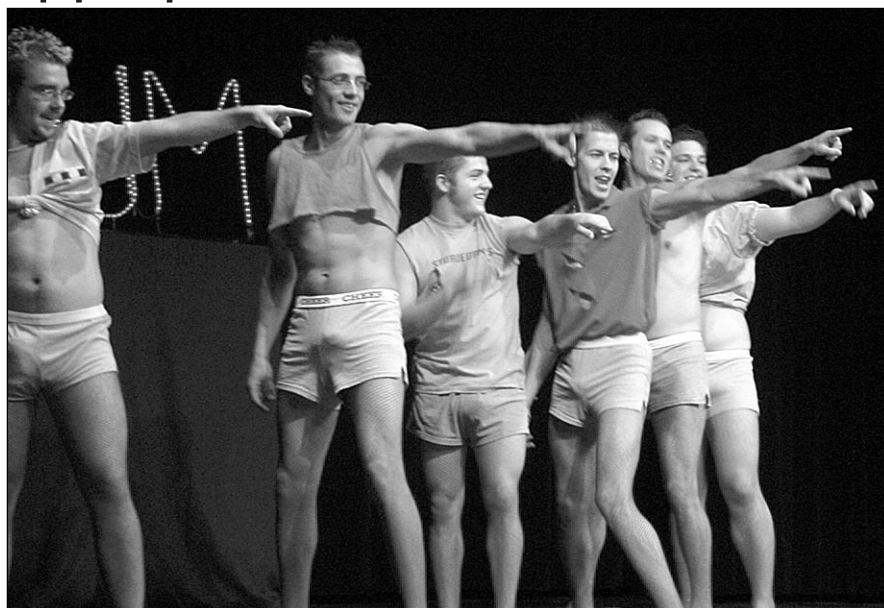
Staff Writer / Editor

One act at the Homecoming variety show is creating controversy because some viewers feel it was gay-bashing.

The skit, performed by the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, featured scantily-clad men dancing. Some audience members felt the skit was portraying negative gay stereotypes.

The skit starts out with a conversation between two men about joining a fraternity on campus. "Want to join Phi Sigma Kappa? We do volunteering and we also have secret meetings," one tells the other. As the guys walk away, the other says, "I wonder what happens at those secret meetings."

Six Phi Sig brothers then revealed what "actually" happens at their secret meetings by dancing to Pink's "Get the Party Started" wearing red fishnet stockings, tight shorts and pink T-shirts that had



KATIE MYRMEL/THE ADVOCATE

Members of Phi Sigma Kappa perform at last week's variety show.

been either tied up or torn to reveal their stomachs.

While some in the audience laughed at the performance, others took offense to what they saw as gay-bashing.

Stop the Hate member and Minnesota State University Student Association cultural diversity coordinator Linda

Palmer said, "Being an advocate for diversity, this offended and hurt me as an ally. We need more sensitivity about issues on our campus."

Phi Sigma secretary Peter Hartje stressed that the act was not intended to offend any group or individual and said that no one in the fraternity

thought the skit would be offensive.

"If one person in the variety show intended it to be derogatory, we wouldn't have done it," Hartje said.

The skit was based on a scene in the movie "Boat Trip," in which two straight men plan a boat cruise in the tropics, but mistakenly get booked on an all-gay cruise instead.

One reason some people were offended by the skit was that the event came just one week after National Coming Out

Week, a time when members of the GLBTQ community celebrate who they are and are encouraged to "come out" to their friends and family. The skit was titled "Coming Out," after a line in the song the brothers danced to.

The act had to go through an audition process to be part of

the variety show and the Homecoming committee had no issues with the act's content. Homecoming co-coordinator Jeri Lynn Nelson said she didn't feel the skit was offensive, but added, "Had I known it would have gotten this type of reaction, I would never have put them in the show."

Phi Sigma Kappa president Jason Morris emphasized that his fraternity didn't mean anything negative by their performance. "We had no intentions of hurting feelings," he said.

Hartje said he believed that part of the controversy is because it was a fraternity that performed. "They see a fraternity going up there and acting silly and automatically assume we had malicious intentions," Hartje said. "People are automatically going to think we're judging people with an alternative sexual lifestyle. That's judging in itself."

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Center could connect campus

By BARBIE PORTER

Staff Writer

In coming years, there may be a \$50 increase per semester in student fees. This increase will occur when the proposed Wellness Center, a new exercise facility, is complete.

"Right now, the figure we've been using, and that student senate has used, in their estimation, is about \$50, as a flat fee. We came up with that by looking at other institutions and what they're charging their students. We believe that's a ballpark figure that will support that building. It's one of those buildings that students are not only responsible for the bonded debt on the building, but also the operating cost that's included," said Warren Wiese, vice president of student affairs.

Memberships will be sold to the faculty and administration

to help alleviate some of the cost, but the general public will not be welcome. "We'll probably sell memberships to faculty, which is good for a couple of reasons, it brings people together that work and take classes in the same space. Also, those faculty memberships could help support the operation of the building and help keep student fees low. It wouldn't be for the regular public, maybe over time we'll look at that as a possibility," said Wiese.

The concept for the Wellness Center began about a year and a half ago. "We hired a firm of industrial engineers that took our concepts and put dollar amounts to them," Wiese said. "They helped us figure out what kind of things we want in the program and what it would cost. They also helped us with the documents to submit it to the chancellor's office. All that was done last spring. They (the chancellor's office) had indicated to us in late August that they are now beginning to review the proposals that were submitted last spring."

The proposal awaits a response from the chancellor's office before the site location can become official. "At this point we don't have any reason to think that they won't approve that request. We're waiting on this next step, then we can go forward with hiring an architectural firm that actually does the solid planning," said Wiese.

The current proposed location is in the middle of 14th Street, a busy one-way that splits the campus. "It (Wellness Center) would allow us to interconnect a whole bunch of buildings. We could connect it to Ballard. We could connect it to Dahl. We could connect it to Kise, which is connected to the Union which is connected to Snarr," Wiese said. "It would also help alleviate the pedestrian crossing on 14th street. There's a whole lot of foot traffic that goes through there every day. To have that connectedness

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Photography class releases book about West Fargo

By BRITTA TRYGSTAD

Staff Writer

West Fargo may seem like just a suburb of Fargo, but for a professor and his students, it became a subject of documented history.

This fall, the MSUM mass communications department released a book of documentary photography, titled, "West Fargo: A Work in Progress." It is the 14th book in the "Prairie Documents Photographic Book Series," which since 1989, has documented the culture and history of the Red River Valley.

The series is a continuing project by students of Wayne Gudmundson, professor of mass communications photography classes at MSUM. The project allows students to undergo fieldwork in documentary photography. Also, it gives them an opportunity to publish their work.

Students enrolled in documentary photography, an advanced photojournalism course offered at MSUM, took the photographs between 2000 and 2001. "They were required to shoot one roll of film per week and encouraged to continue documenting the city during the summer," Gudmundson said.

The series had already documented towns like Dilworth, Casselton, N.D., and many parts of

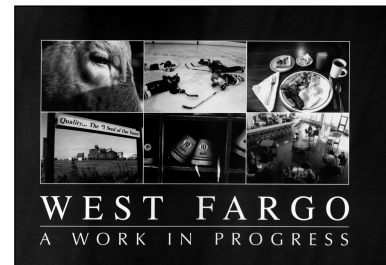
Fargo and Moorhead.

"We try to pick different aspects of the Red River Valley," Gudmundson said, "West Fargo was conspicuous by omission."

Because of the western expansion of Fargo, West Fargo has experienced a great deal of change in the last few years, Gudmundson said.

"West Fargo started out very much as a blue collar town, sort of a one-act stockyard

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NEWS BRIEFS

Dragons' Den 10.23-10.29

Organizational events on campus

- 10.23** Christian Bible Fellowship Bible studies, 7 p.m., CMU 207.
- 10.27** Stop the Hate, 6 p.m., CMU 208.
- 10.27** Public Relations Student Society of America meeting, 2 p.m., mass communications office.

Get your organization listed in the Dragons' Den. Send us the time, date and location of your next event and watch the people come rolling in. advocate@mnstate.edu

THE Security Report 10.14 - 10.19

- 10.14** Property vandalism outside Dahl
- 10.14** Fire alarm in Weld
- 10.14** Theft in parking lot P
- 10.14** Fire alarm in King
- 10.14** Fire alarm in Lommen
- 10.15** Traffic accident on 9th Avenue south
- 10.15** Fire lane violation Nelson Circle
- 10.16** Hit and run in parking lot N
- 10.16** Fire lane violation Nelson Circle
- 10.17** Property vandalism in parking lot N
- 10.17** Property vandalism in parking lot P
- 10.19** Property vandalism 1010 9th Ave. S.

Discuss women, gender studies

MSUM hosts the third annual Red River Women's Studies Conference from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 31 in the CMU.

The event is an opportunity to learn and discuss interesting topics in women's studies, gender studies and feminist studies.

Registration is free for all undergraduates and lunch is included. Registration forms are available at www.mnstate.edu/women. The deadline for online registration is Friday.

Travel with MSUM on Brazilian tour

An informational meeting about a 14-day educational tour of Brazil next spring will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in CMU 216.

The tour will include stops in Rio De Janeiro, Salvador and two interior colonial mining cities. Sites will range from Copacabana and Ipanema to markets, health clinics, Baroque churches, botanical gardens, local neighborhoods and dances.

Approximate cost is \$3,000, which includes airfare, lodging, accommodations and most meals.

For details, contact Jan Fiola in the MSUM sociology and criminal justice department, 477-2584, or fiola@mnstate.edu.

The trip is open to students, faculty, staff and members of the community. Students may register for two sociology credits as part of the tour.

Fee helps fund computers

Student organizations are able to request computers purchased with the student computer fee.

If a student organization would like to request a computer, call Jamie Tate, chair of student computer fee committee, by 4:30 p.m. Friday at 477-2213 or e-mail him at tateja@mnstate.edu.

The following information must be included: rationale for need of the computer; list of the current equipment used by the organization; adviser's signature; description of the location for the computer (it must be used on campus); security measures that will be taken to protect the computer; the number of members in the organization; and an agreement that the following software will be installed — an operating system, Microsoft Office, Antivirus software, a Web browser, FrontPage and Internet access.

UFE sponsors election forum

Uniting For Equality (UFE) will sponsor a candidate's forum for Moorhead City Council from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church located at 210 7th St. S. in Moorhead.

Parking is located on the east side of the building on 8th Street.

All Moorhead City Council members have been invited to attend and join in dialogue concerning issues that affect all of the community.

This forum is a non-partisan effort and is open to the community.

Hap 10.23 - 10.29

Happenings and Events

- 10.23** Panel discussion: "What Do Publishers Want?" noon, library porch
- 10.23** Reading by Cullen Bailey Burns, 4 p.m., library porch
- 10.23** Reading by Candace Black, 8 p.m., King auditorium
- 10.26** Wind Ensemble concert, 3 p.m., Glasrud Auditorium
- 10.29** "New Works 2003," by Henry Gwiastka, 8 p.m., Gaede Stage

MSUM sculptor visits campus

Thomas Weis, a sculptor and 1996 MSUM graduate, will present a free public lecture featuring his work at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) in CA 165.

Weis, who earned a bachelor's degree in sculpture, apprenticed two years building traditional wooden boats. He also worked for an internationally respected contemporary sculptor in New Palitz, N.Y., before returning to Rockland, Maine, in 2002 to open a small shop of furniture and design.

While on campus he'll conduct a demonstration on how to build a steam box to bend wood.

For more information call Jane Gudmundson at 477-2284 or e-mail gudmunja@mnstate.edu.

Have a story idea? E-mail advocate@mnstate.edu

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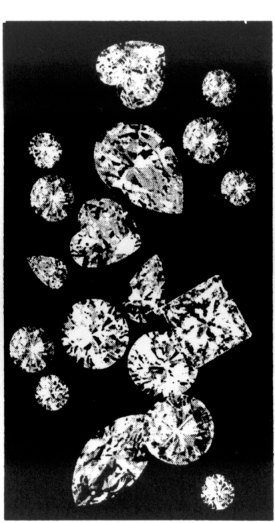
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The burning of the "M" Oct. 13 kicked off Homecoming week with school spirit.



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Chris Larson won first place at the Homecoming variety show singing Etta James' "At Last."



LIZZIE STARK/THE ADVOCATE

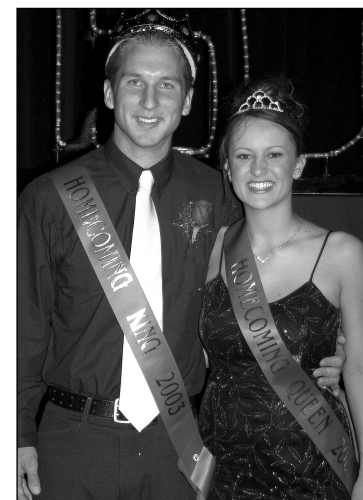
MSUM students hypnotized by Fredrick Winters. He was a guest hypnotist on Wednesday night during Homecoming week.

Homecoming 2003



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Homecoming King Jason Wacek and Queen Erica Wicker were crowned at coronation last Thursday night held in Glasrud Auditorium.



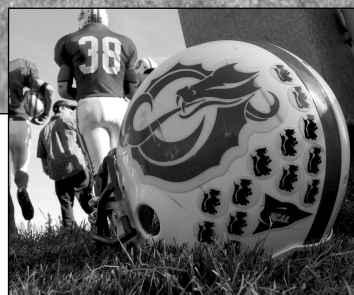
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Phi Sigma Kappa won the 2003 Homecoming spirit award. Points are awarded by the Homecoming committee throughout Homecoming week.



JASON PROCHNOW/PHOTO EDITOR

MSUM Dragon football competed against Winona (Minn.) State University in the Homecoming football game last Saturday. The Dragons were defeated 50-19.



JASON PROCHNOW/PHOTO EDITOR

Annie Ulku, sophomore and member of the MSUM dance team, cheered on the Dragons Saturday while riding through the campus mall in the Dragon train.

Arts and Entertainment

SIDE BAR

Fargo-Moorhead events and performances

10.23-11.17

"Stargazers" will be featured at the Planetarium. Shows start at 2 p.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Mondays. General admission is \$3 and \$1.50 for students.

10.23, 10.25,

10.29 & 11.2

The Fargo Moorhead Community Theatre (FMCT) presents its featured play, "Nuts," by Tom Topor at 8 p.m., 333 4th St. S Fargo. For ticket information call 235-6778

10.26

MSUM wind ensemble will perform at 3 p.m. in Glasrud Auditorium. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

Hot Wax

TOP 30 REQUESTS FROM KMSC

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Party Girls strike again

Girls stroll down the Walk of Fame, sample Dog House

By LIZ HAUGEN & ALICIA UNDERLEE

Staff Writers

Party girls are back again. Our goal was to show our charming international houseguests (Simon and Chris) as many unique Fargo attractions as possible during their short stay. We started our low-key afternoon with a jaunt to the Fargo Walk of Fame.

Modeled after the Hollywood version, Fargo's 100 plus cement squares migrated from downtown Fargo in the year 2000, due to lack of available space, and turned up outside the Fargo-Moorhead Convention & Visitor's Bureau (just off the I-94, 45th Street exit). Sadly, the move wasn't kind to the Fargo landmark. Instead of keeping the walk in sidewalk format, the squares are unceremoniously strewn about, surrounding a sort of triangle rest area, some badly damaged in transit. The haphazard layout is bad enough, but the chintzy, photocopied brochure that tries to explain it is even worse.

In spite of all the disarray, there are some interesting names present (such as Stevie Ray Vaughan, Debbie Reynolds, Bob Costas and Sesame Street's Bert and Ernie). We had fun taking several borderline treasonous photos atop George Bush's square, (sorry Mom, we're Democrats) and Chris discovered he had the same size hands as his idol, Neil Diamond, but in the end the Fargo Walk of Fame left a bad taste in our mouths.

It's a novelty, and it's free, but there's

something a little sad about the way the Walk of Fame is hidden away and so poorly cared for. When the walk was downtown, it was a pleasant surprise encountered on the way to another destination. Set apart like this, it needs to be a destination. Since it's secluded location requires effort to reach, we think Fargo should work on making the Walk of Fame a true Fargo attraction, a place that offers T-shirts or crazy postcards or something. Without the hoopla, it's just too anticlimactic.



One flame for the Fargo Walk of Fame

Not ones to let disappointment get us down, we took off for The Fargo Dog House, (119 Broadway) on the prowl for the best hotdog in town. Boasting every topping you can think of, from sauerkraut to lefse, and fresh, "never frozen" all-beef hotdogs on homemade poppy seed rolls, the Fargo Dog House will make sure you never go back to nuked Oscar Mayers again.

As we clamored in the front door, the sports bar-like décor—complete with darts and arcade games in the back—immediately made us feel comfortable. We checked out the menu that was printed concession—stand style behind the counter and took in the game in progress on one of the Dog House's many televisions. Simon was relieved that he didn't wear his new Randy Moss jersey, since the newspaper clippings and football paraphernalia plastering the walls proudly proclaimed the Dog House Green Bay territory.

Football allegiances aside, we found the Fargo Dog House to be a pleasant place to kick back and enjoy an afternoon. Chris and Simon inhaled a couple Barking Dogs (\$2.99) smothered in Rob's homemade chili, shredded cheddar cheese and onions. Liz loved the Yellow Dog (\$2.69), one of the joint's simpler pleasures, covered in cheddar cheese. Alicia decided to embrace her Norwegian heritage and order a Lefse Dog (\$2.99), which, despite the clash of textures, tasted surprisingly good. We all sampled the signature Sheboygan Chili, a sweet and tangy chili made with bratwurst,

PARTY GIRLS



LIZ HAUGEN & ALICIA UNDERLEE

(\$1.29 for a cup; also available in bowls, pints and, yikes, quarts). There are also brats, beer, and baked beans available, as well as limited vegetarian selections like beer cheese soup, salads and the Veggie Dog (\$2.49). The service was minimal (one cashier, no wait staff) but kind and accommodating. Our main problem with the Fargo Dog House is that the place closes so darn early, neglecting us starving college students and favoring the downtown lunch crowd. The Dog House is open Monday through Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. except for Wednesdays when the Dog House is open until 8 p.m. The concept and the food are both great, but the hours leave much to be desired. For this reason we give the Fargo Dog House a 3.5 on the Scorch Scale.



Three and half flames for the Fargo Dog House.

That's it for this week. Party girls will be on the prowl next week as well, bringing all you ghouls and gals a special Halloween column, complete with all the hottest parties and happenings on the 31st. See you then. Cheers!

Haugen and Underlee can be reached at lici720@hotmail.com

The Scorch Scale

- cold embers
- smoldering flame
- campfire
- scorcher
- nine alarm blaze

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Chicago

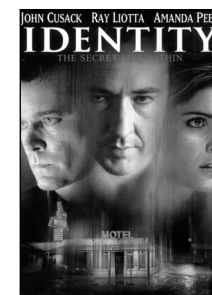


"Chicago" portrays big name actors Richard Gere, Renee Zellweger and Catherine Zeta-Jones all strutting their stuff across the big screen while ... singing? Yes, these actors can sing and sing and sing ... "Chicago" is docked for annoying vocal performances.



Three flames for 'Chicago.'

Identity



A twisted psychological thriller, "Identity" is an amazing trip into the story of a group of strangers who discover a common bond while trying to stay alive. Audiences will be shocked by the unexpected surprise delivered at the films ending.



Four flames for 'Identity.'

Bad Boys II

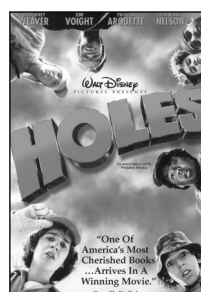


In their second time around, costars Will Smith and Martin Lawrence's "Bad Boys II" is just that ... bad. With an unreasonable running time, over two hours, this film is enough to make a person fall asleep. This is definitely not a must-see.



One star for 'Bad Boys II.'

Holes



Based on the book of the same name by Louis Sachar, "Holes" is the delightful tale of Stanley Yelnats (Shia LaBeouf). Great acting, a superb story line, great writing and excellent directing combine to make this a film that anyone can appreciate.



Five flames for 'Holes.'

The Ring



"The Ring," starring Naomi Watts, is one of the scariest movies I've ever seen. A video created so that when someone watches it they are doomed to die, the movie keeps you at the edge of your seat as Watts' character works to decipher the odd video.



Five flames for 'The Ring.'

June Panic reinvents pop, country genre

By BRETT GILBERTSON

Staff Writer

It used to be that MSUM could only claim syndication king Kevin Sorbo (that's right, television's Hercules) as a famous former student. With the release of "Baby's Breath," MSUM now can add indie darling June Panic to its hall of fame.

"Baby's Breath" marks June Panic's 11th release and most mainstream work to date. At first, Panic may remind listeners of any typical alt-country artist with his pop and country influences. After repeated plays, it's clear that June Panic is an original.

Panic's peculiar lyrics stray from most pop and country fare without entirely ditching such familiar topics as love and heartache. However, Panic chooses to concentrate on birth, death, and—ahem—circumcision.

Panic uses psychedelic piano sounds and country croonings when describing the birth process in "Peter Panic (for J.M. Barrie)." The track's infectious chorus reminds us of being brand new to the world: "I'm youth, I'm joy, I'm a little bird that has broken out of the egg."

Panic shows listeners how death can be comforting ("Death Is Gonna Part You"), and in some cases, necessary ("If Enough Of Us Die"). These two tracks could easily be the album's most beautiful.

Many of the tunes are easy sing-alongs even when about the inevitable male snip-snip. On "Giving Up The Ghost," Panic pleads, "Don't circumcise your baby! / Leave your baby intact." He uses a freaky organ sound to stress the freakiness of organ mutilation. This semi-dirge comes across like a carnival ride out of control with a surgical-masked Ray Liotta behind the wheel. Scary stuff.



"Baby's Breath" allows June Panic to unwind and show us his backwoods boy side. June Panic is definitely someone to watch. And he did it all without guest starring with that annoying Lucy Lawless.

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Five flames for June Panic's 'Baby's Breath.'

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Jayoung Yoon as Fiordiligi, Cory Renbarger as Guglielmo, KrisAnne Weiss as Dorabella, Peter Halverson as Alfonso, Lucy Thrasher as Despina, Coke Morgan as Ferrando

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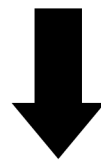
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Phi Sigma Homecoming skit intentions misinterpreted

Unfortunately, MSUM's Homecoming ceremony was somewhat overshadowed by a Phi Sigma Kappa skit titled "Coming Out."

The skit, according to Phi Sigma Kappa, was taken from the movie "Boat Trip," in which two straight men plan to take a cruise in the tropics, but are mistakenly booked on an all-gay cruise instead.

Six members of Phi Sigma Kappa took the stage in red fishnet stockings, tight shorts and pink shirts that revealed their stomachs.

Undoubtedly, MSUM and the Homecoming committee did not plan on the notorious skit becoming a top story of Homecoming week.

But equally as important, neither did Phi Sigma Kappa.

It's not fair that members of the audience assumed Phi Sigma Kappa had cruel intentions when assembling the skit. The six members of the fraternity noted why they did the skit (and say their intent was only to entertain), so this is ultimately a "he said, she said" issue.

It's also unfair to stereotype the fraternities just like it is to stereotype the homosexual population. Students and faculty should not assume fraternities are looking to be malicious in any way.

Homecoming is about having fun, and Phi Sigma Kappa have said they just wanted to be a part of that. The six college students were looking to have a good time and get some laughs in the process.

No one is excusing them of what they did. Whether they meant to or not, some people felt the skit was derogatory. But the fraternity has apologized for its actions. The members have said they weren't looking for trouble while conducting the skit. One would think if the fraternity could do this all over again, the skit would have been conducted in a much different manner. The six college students never planned to cast a negative shadow over the entire event.

Diverse people oftentimes have problems with those not so diverse. While the timing of the skit was poor, since the week prior to Homecoming was "Coming Out Week," everyone needs to be less sensitive regarding the skit.

Let's give the members of the fraternity a chance, too. The moral of all this is that we shouldn't judge people, and the members of the fraternity ask that the same be done when looking at them.



Phi Sigma Kappa went too far in reinforcing gay stereotypes

I attended the variety show for homecoming on Thursday night. Many parents, faculty, staff and alumni were present at this event. The show was entertaining until a certain act came on stage to perform: The Phi Sig's decided to put on an act called "Coming Out."

Six young men from this fraternity decided to dress in a stereotypically gay fashion. This occurred after "Coming Out Week" was held during the week of October 6th to the 10th. This truly shocked and hurt me after all that the LGBTQ community has been through on this campus and its surroundings.

This was very disrespectful and demeaning to them and to everyone else in that audience who cares and reinforces stereotyping to those who didn't even think twice of the implications of this skit or maybe even laughed along. I am not implying this act was a reflection of how fraternities in

Letters to the editor

general or the Phi Sigs feel about people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered or questioning.

It is, however, an indication that our sensitivity and respect toward the individual members of our campus community is in continued need of significant improvement. We need to learn how to respect one another and teach those who are not educated on issues pertaining to diversity on this campus.

I am embarrassed to call myself a Dragon after this performance during Homecoming. I hope, as the Education Chair for Stop The Hate, along with the rest of its members we can do something more to educate this campus.

I also hope all of you reading this agree publicly portraying stereo-

types is not funny and not what our campus should consider a talent or entertainment.

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Letter on smoking ban not truthful

Your turn

Regarding a letter in last week's Advocate, Edward TJ Brown mentioned that bars "...would smell like vomit" if smoking was banned. I strongly disagree with his reasoning, not to mention the lack of proof.

I came here last year from Rochester, Minn., and if there are any bars that should smell like vomit, the ones in this city would, but they don't as they have a smoking ban. Before the ban, bars and restaurants that allowed smoking argued they would lose business if they went smoke-free.

Quite the contrary happened. Business has never been better, which was reflected when I visited a bar one time. There were many customers in there eating and drinking, unfazed by the sign posted thanking their patrons for keeping them smoke-free. Other restaurants that serve alcohol (example: Applebee's) where smoking isn't allowed were not hurting for business, either. The restaurant I work at in Moorhead

is smoke-free on Sundays for six hours. To my knowledge, business isn't hurting; in fact, it's picking up.

As a former smoker, I find the air and atmosphere in smoke-free restaurants do not smell like vomit and stale cigarette smoke, contrary to what Mr. Brown alleges. Businesses work very hard to maintain a pleasant environment for their patrons because they want to be continually patronized by them.

As for "... annoying many students who smoke," supposedly the majority of MSUM students, this argument has been rehashed so many times it's not an issue anymore. Most smokers are conscientious that the smell does bother people and take measures not to offend. However, smoking is still a habit and one that can be broken if one wants to quit. I did

it, with no problems.

If the city ordinance is passed to prohibit smoking in all bars and restaurants, Moorhead will be following the national trend that other cities have done. Business will not diminish, as was believed when movie theaters went smoke-free. The food, drinks and the service patrons receive will determine if these businesses stay open, not because of the smoking issue.

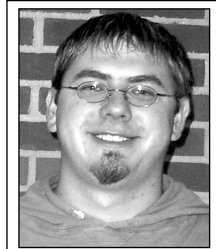
I'm not against people smoking if they so choose, but I am against smokers who believe they have the right to force it on me, making me smell like them as well as jeopardizing my health. I like going out and enjoying myself without having to double over, gasping for air because smokers insist on smoking, causing me to spend the next week in bed being sick. There are areas they can smoke without having to offend and sicken others.

Pete Kleckner
MSUM Junior

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Women go over-the-top with beauty products

Tonight I sat down with my friend Sam Pudil and talked with her about all the things a lady might put on or do to her face, head or body.



JARROD SCHOENECKER

Columnist
"OK, good portions of you think I am a pig right now and the other half are rooting me on."

Side note, Sam is majoring in theater arts, has her fair share of costume experience and is going to specialize in stage makeup.

In looking at the list of things we came up with, it suddenly hit me that it is like a 50-step process just getting from your bed to your door.

Now ladies, I do love my women feminine in appearance, but, as Sam said, "Some people literally paint their faces. You don't need to look like a member from "Cats" on an everyday basis."

I agree with her completely. Some of you women out there are so caked up with expensive beauty products that, when you take it off, I don't even recognize you.

My first year at MSUM, I frequently ran into this girl around campus. She was also in a study group of my colleague's. One day a "new" girl appeared in the study group and I said, "Hello. Who are you?"

To my embarrassment, much less than her own, it was the same girl. She usually wore so much make-up that I didn't recognize her without it! Needless to say, we never became friends.

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Perhaps if you didn't put make-up on like Dame Edna, you wouldn't need to spend so much money on getting it off with facials and cleansers.

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What is the joy in a facial anyway? I mean, most women don't want to get dirty at all, but they will pay someone to stick mud on their face to extract oils and cleanse their skin?

Mud to cleanse the skin? You know, this is the real reason men invented mud wrestling in the first place, so they wouldn't have to pay for their girlfriend's or wife's facials.

OK, good portions of you think I am a pig right now and the other half are rooting me on.

Well, like I stated in the beginning, I prefer my women feminine, and I am really most attracted

they have while you get ready. Moving forward, I did a little price checking with Hair Success in Fargo to see what some of these things you women do actually cost. You can get a set of fake nails starting at about \$50 or a pedicure starting at about \$52. Just getting a partial facial costs about \$39. If you want the full version, it will cost you about \$56.

Well, thanks to my friend Sam for the conversation. Those of you who have an opinion on the subject, feel free to e-mail me. I just love letters!

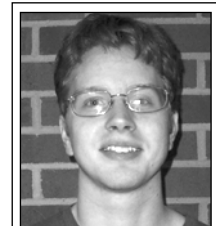
Putting on a clown face and wearing expensive nails is not going to get you what you want, unless you are looking for something intensely fake. Who wants to put up with someone that can't do anything with you because of a \$60 nail treatment? What is the fun in that? If they wanted that, they would get a doll and dress it up themselves.

Well, like I stated in the beginning, I prefer my women feminine, and I am really most attracted

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Bees provoke carnal, savage side of humanity

Basketball season has begun. After being forced to endure a long, dull summer of warm weather, full days of sunshine, and forced outdoor fun, fall has finally returned, and in its wake brought with it the NBA.



BRIAN GRAY

Columnist
"NOW YOU GO BACK TO YOUR HIVE AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT ME!"

I, for one, can't wait to sit in front of the television every evening, throw on my Dakota Wizards jersey and Phoenix Suns spandex, and enjoy all the b-ball games my television has to offer.

Nothing gives me a more uplifting boost of joy than escaping my personal life by resting in front of the static screen, allowing me to sojourn from my restrictive world of idiosyncrasies.

I love the pure effect television has on me, as it sedates my worries and transcends me into its realm of fantasy and fun. In it I can reach the dreams that I can never seem to grasp in reality, because reality cannot live up to what television is capable, and willing, to deliver. With television, I can accomplish and conquer what life tends to devastate.

This past summer, M-F did not agree with my intentions of letting me escape my life of devastation, as every time I sat down to let my realities wither away for a moment of time, I was harassed by bees that found their way into my home.

I was literally drowned under droves of bees. In my own apartment, bees consistently crept into

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This problem became so terrorizing that at one point during my summer, I was forced to kill almost two dozen bees that had made their way inside my home.

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my home. I was being terrorized in the one place I should have felt safe.

I did the best I could to keep them from entering, but no matter what I did, like a troop of determined soldiers, they always re-routed themselves and found new ways of invading my home.

This problem became so terrorizing that at one point during my summer, I was forced to kill almost two dozen bees that had made their way inside my home.

To give you a glimpse into how I reacted to a bee in the house, every time I encountered one in my home, I inherently reacted as any man would. First, I would flail my arms wildly around, performing a dead-on replica of Olive Oyl under duress.

Next, I would curse constantly at the bee, reprimanding it for invading my territory. Then I'd grab a copy of my Advocate column and proceed to repeatedly wail on him as though he had just molested me and insulted my mother.

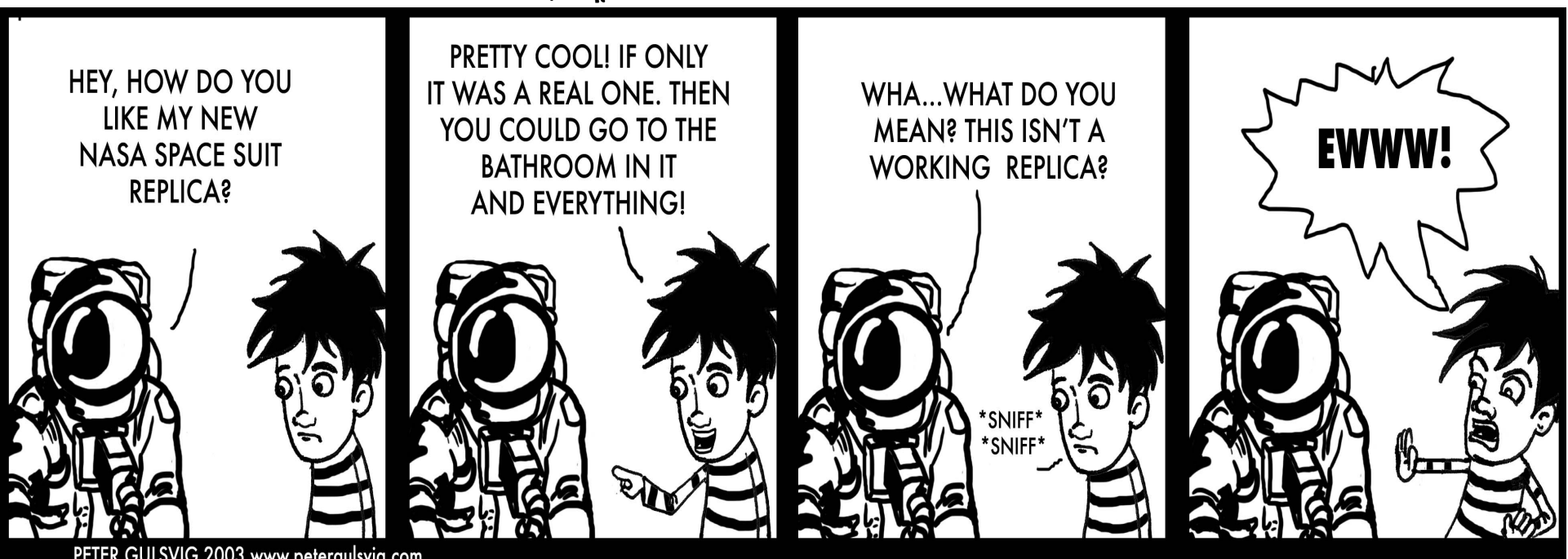
As that final ripple of aggressive endorphin energy resonated through my body, and immediately before I realized I had murdered one of God's creatures, I would scream things at the bee, like, "NOW YOU GO BACK TO YOUR HIVE AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT ME!" Or, "I TRIED TO WARN YOU! LOOK AT YOU NOW!" Or, "GO SUCK A FLOWER!"

I'm sure it's quite obvious that my jubilation is adamant about the bees' seasonal departure. With them out of the picture now, I can put all of this behind me, and not have to think about the concept of bees until the warm weather returns. To be brutally honest with my readers, I didn't like what the bees forced me to do to them; what they brought out of me was a carnal and savage state of mind that I don't ever care to have triggered again. I believe people call this the Incredible Hulk complex.

No matter, however, because with all of that behind me, I can now forget it ever happened. With them out of my life I can relax in solitude in front of the television, and enjoy all the basketball my Irish bleeding heart can handle.

That is, unless the M-F Beez return.

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NEWS & NOTES



Wang



Syvertsen

MSUM's women's basketball team named seniors **Kris Wilson**, **Janna Davis** and **Liz Klukas** captains for the 2003-2004 season.

The women's soccer team defeated University of Minnesota, Crookston 2-1 in double-overtime Oct. 15.

Dragons running back **Cody Wang** and volleyball player **Courtney Syvertsen** were named Dragon Athletes of the Week.

Notes by **Hayden Goethe/sports editor** and **MSUM athletic Web site**

TRIVIA

1. The average Division I volleyball player is 5 feet 11 inches tall. How tall is the shortest D-I player?

2. Who are the only three active NFL receivers with over 10,000 yards in their careers?

Answers:
1: Gina Guide, a freshman for Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, stands 4 feet, 10 inches.
2: Tim Brown and Jerry Rice of the Oakland Raiders; and Isaac Bruce of the St. Louis Rams. Bruce reached the 10,000 yard milestone in Sunday's game against the Green Bay Packers.

FOOTBALL

A Warriors' welcome

18th-ranked Winona State spoils MSUM's Homecoming

By **DUSTIN MONKE**

Staff Writer

As if dealing with Division II player of the year candidate Kevin Curtin was not enough, the rest of Curtin's teammates were just as dazzling in Winona (Minn.) State University's 50-19 win over MSUM, ruining the team's Homecoming game.

Curtin entered the game just 6 yards shy of Winona State's all-time rushing record, 24 yards shy of the school's all-purpose yards record and 54 yards shy of surpassing former University of

Texas, Austin, running back Ricky Williams on the all-divisions rushing yards list.

It took Curtin one play to accomplish the first record, two series to claim the all-purpose yards record and less than one half to pass Williams. The humble Curtin claimed it wasn't a big deal to him.

"I didn't put a lot of thought into it," he said.

Curtin finished the afternoon with 99 rushing yards on 16 carries for two touchdowns, one reception for 9 yards and

only 18 return yards.

Although Curtin had a career day, MSUM head coach Ralph Micheli was somewhat pleased with how well the Dragon defense held Curtin.

"We contained him," Micheli said. "He didn't have any long returns."

Freshman defensive tackle Aaron Olson had a season-high three sacks and threw in four tackles, three of which

were for a loss. Senior linebacker Mike Gudgell had two sacks and six-and-a-half tackles.

"We stepped it up a little more," Olson said.

Senior quarterbacks Brian Wrobel and Andy Nett completed 16 passes on 29 attempts. Wrobel completed 8-of-19 for 197 yards while Nett completed 6-of-10 passes for 83 yards and an interception.

The Dragons were unable to get anything going early on and fell behind 21-0 before putting a score on the board with an 8-yard scramble by Jon Frykman.

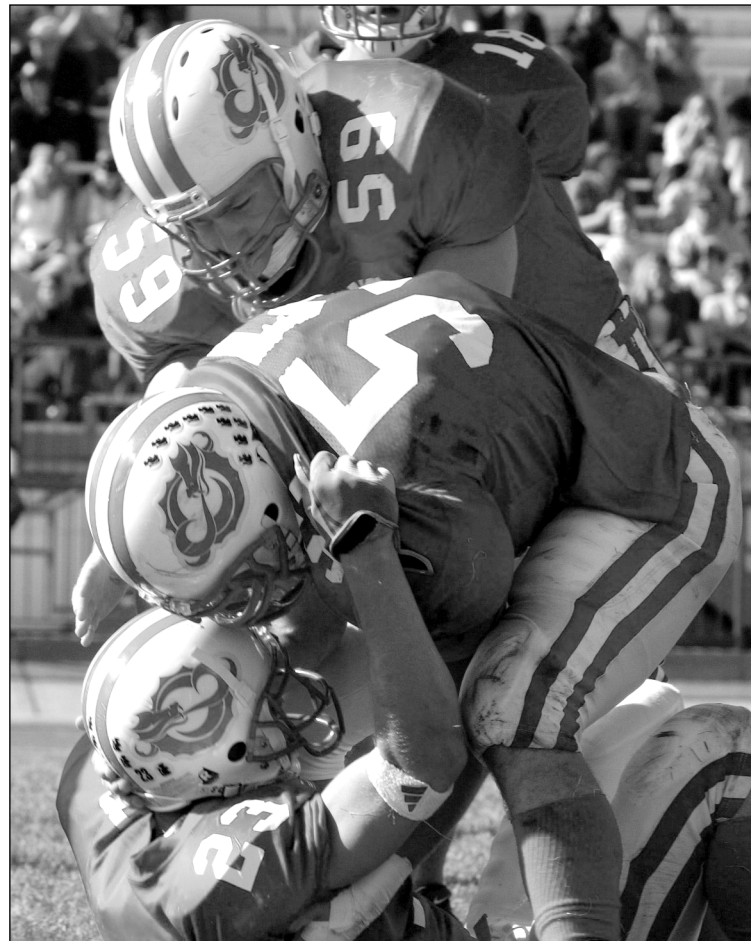
Frykman's touchdown run was set up when Curtin fumbled a punt return at his own 35-yard line that was recovered by senior strong safety

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We didn't execute on both sides of the ball.

Cody Wang

Senior running back



JASON PROCHNOW/PHOTO EDITOR

MSUM's Chad Olson (23) is congratulated by Brandon Schlenner and Kirk Peterson in Saturday's Homecoming game.

Josh Hagen.

It was the lone bright spot in the first half for the Dragons. MSUM gained 117 total offensive yards in the first half opposed to the 308 yards

gained by Winona State.

The Dragons entered the fourth quarter trailing 42-7, but started things on a strong

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VOLLEYBALL

Women top 7th-ranked Bulldogs

By **CASEY MOEN**

Staff Writer

At the start of the season, the Dragon volleyball team faced high expectations. MSUM was returning with four seniors and four starters, including two All-Conference players, Courtney Syvertsen and Val Wolf. This year's recruiting class was solid, with several freshmen expected to contribute.

Head coach Tammy Blake-Kath compared the team to the 2000 MSUM squad that finished 28-4 and won the conference.

On Saturday, the Dragons faced another team with high expectations: University of Minnesota-Duluth. The Dragons' Homecoming opponent entered the contest ranked 7th in Division II volleyball with a 19-2 record and a conference title to defend. The University of Minnesota-Duluth had lost only to nationally-ranked teams Concordia-St. Paul and North Dakota State and were ranked 2nd in the nation in kills-per-game.

If respect was ever an issue for the Dragons, it no longer is.

The Dragons followed a disappointing Thursday night loss to 12th-ranked NDSU 3-1 (30-16, 30-23, 29-31, 30-15) with an energetic Homecoming victory over University of Minnesota-Duluth 3-1 (30-25, 18-30, 30-28, 30-22) Saturday.

MSUM defeated University of Minnesota, Crookston Tuesday 3-0 (30-18, 30-23, 30-24).

While the win over Minnesota-Duluth was a

surprise to many, the team recognizes that the potential was always there.

"I think we played the game we were capable of playing all year," sophomore outside hitter Sigourney Schaffer said.

"We're a good team," Blake-Kath said. "We can play with anyone in the region when we're on top of our game."

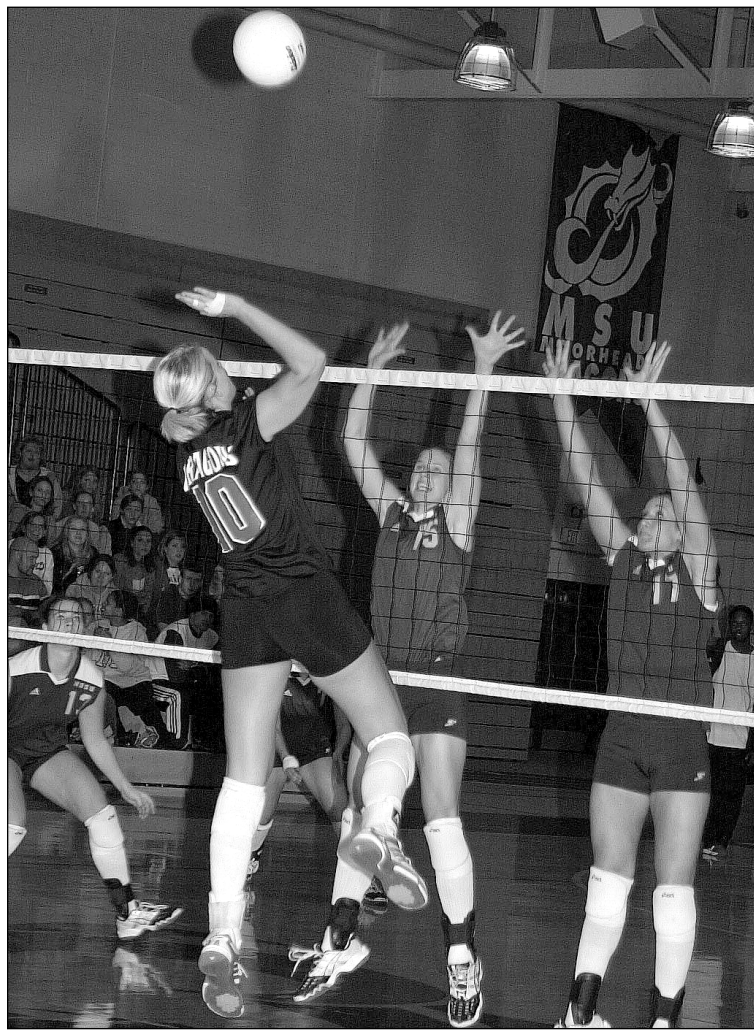
After the Dragons won the first game 30-25, the Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs charged back to win the second game 30-18 by manipulating the Dragons' aggressive defensive play. Coach Blake-Kath switched to a rotation defense on the right side for game three, and the results were obvious.

With gaps in the defense closed, the Dragons opened the third game by jumping out to a 12-6 advantage.

However, the Bulldogs came back to tie the game 15-15. Both teams traded leads until a thunderous kill by Schaffer broke a 28-all tie. The Dragons went on to win 30-28.

By the fourth game, the momentum had clearly shifted. With the Homecoming crowd behind them, the Dragons showed no signs of intimidation, finishing off Minnesota-Duluth by a score of 30-22. The Dragons led by as much as 10 points, a situation previously unfamiliar to the fierce Bulldog squad.

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LIZZIE STARK/THE ADVOCATE

MSUM senior Courtney Syvertsen (10) goes for a kill against NDSU's front line in Thursday's loss.



FOOTBALL

The Dragons play in Marshall, Minn., facing off against Southwest Minnesota State University Saturday.

VOLLEYBALL

MSUM hosts Northern State University, Aberdeen, S.D., at 7 p.m. Friday and former NSIC member University of Minnesota-Morris at 5 p.m. Saturday.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Dragon harriers run in the NSIC Championships Saturday afternoon in Duluth, Minn. The runners were off last weekend.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

MSUM hosts Concordia-St. Paul at 1 p.m. Saturday and University of Minnesota-Duluth at 1 p.m. Sunday in the team's final home games.



JASON PROCHNOW/PHOTO EDITOR

MSUM senior Brandon Schlenner and teammates hang their heads during Saturday's loss.

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It was a team effort, and while Minnesota-Duluth had an unusually high number of errors, they played like the top team they are.

"No one can walk away from that game saying Duluth played badly," Schaffer said.

Coach Blake-Kath said that the Minnesota-Duluth errors were forced and came as a result of a total team effort by the Dragons.

"We're really balanced," Blake-Kath said. "You can't key in on one player for us. Sigourney Schaffer and Val Wolf blocked huge for us."

Jessica White led the Dragons with career-highs in kills (14) and digs (16). Senior middle hitter Syvertsen added nine kills and freshman outside hitter Jenna Boulton added nine kills and 14 digs.

The Dragons entered the game 5th in the conference with a 3-4 record and left the floor with a confidence-building win and the 4th spot in the conference. Saturday's win showed the Dragons that there isn't a team they can't beat.

"I'm really excited to play (first place) Concordia-St. Paul again," Schaffer said. "We

will be viewed as more of a threat, I'm hoping. I think how we played on Saturday is how we can always play."

The Dragons' performance against NDSU Thursday was much less impressive.

"We did not play well," Blake-Kath said. "It was just ugly volleyball."

Schaffer led the Dragons with 11 kills in the loss, and junior setter Susan Kolbow's 32 set assists gave her 72 in two games.

MSUM's dispensed of Minn., Crookston in three games, outblocking the Golden Eagles 16-0.

Schaffer posted a game-high 12 kills and four aces. Boulton, a freshman, added 10 kills, while Wolf had seven kills and seven blocks.

The Dragons (12-10, 5-4 NSIC) host Northern State University Friday night and former NSIC team University of Minnesota-Morris Saturday night.

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note when senior running back Cody Wang rushed for a 1-yard touchdown.

"We didn't execute on both sides of the ball," Wang said.

But the good news didn't last long as junior kicker Clint Greer's extra-point attempt was blocked and run back by junior cornerback Nathan Hall for a safety.

Frykman added his second touchdown run of the day late in the game. He finished with 11 carries for 55 yards and threw 9-for-26 for 113 yards

and one interception.

Winona State finished with 492 total yards, while the Dragons improved in the second half to rack up 292 total yards.

"We didn't play up to our potential at all," senior inside linebacker Brandon Schlenner said.

The Dragons visit Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, on Saturday.

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"Another benefit of that is, if we close the street, we also gain some more parking on campus for both sides," said Wiese.

The closing of the street still has to be accepted by the city. "There are some traffic issues we'd have to work with the city to try to make it work for everyone. But if the project's approved that's our next step, to formally ask them to close that street," Wiese said.

Equipment use in Nemzek has been in a constant competition between athletes and students. The Wellness Center looks to alleviate the problem.

"There simply isn't enough space or equipment for everyone. The new facility would be non-academic in nature. It'd be much like going to the YMCA; we'd have that kind of facility on campus, just for general users to exercise and receive info on nutrition," said Wiese.

"If I lived on campus, I'd use it a lot. If I had to drive there, it'd depend on the facilities. Right now they don't have enough facilities for everyone," said junior Carrie Elkin. "If they updated the machines, I probably would."

The new facility would also house the Hendrix Health Center. This combination of fitness needs as well as the medical aspects would present the complete facility

needed for healthy living.

"Where it's (Hendrix) at now is meant to be a temporary facility for a number of years. Part of the Wellness Center will be a track. Part of it will be nautilus equipment, and there'll be a space for aerobics and some space for the medical facility. To get all that into one area, we'd probably have to have it two or three floors," said Wiese.

"It's a pretty exciting project. I think it's one of those things that we'd really look forward to given the opportunity to make it happen. It'd create a really wonderful component in the center of campus," Wiese said.

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□ BOOK, from front

factory town. Now it has become one of the fastest growing cities in North Dakota," Gudmundson said. "It's come a long way and I think the title sums it up, a work in progress."

"(The book) is somewhat of a tribute to what West Fargo was," said Ann Arbor Miller, associate editor of the book.

The photographs guide the reader through the stockyards and industrial parks, then on to Main Avenue and Sheyenne Street. It concludes on 13th Avenue, a street that has experienced rapid expansion in the past few years.

"It's kind of like you're driving through it (the book) in history," Gudmundson said.

"It was creating a record of daily life, a time table," said Miller.

After the photographs were taken, it took another year to complete all the pre-press work, including the book's layout, picture toning and information checking.

Three people wrote the introduction of the book. North Dakota poet Orv Alvesshere wrote a poem depicting changes that have occurred in West Fargo. David Danbom, professor of history at NDSU, wrote an introduction on the documentation. MSUM alumna Sarah Henning wrote an essay about the project.

The book is funded and distributed by the West Fargo Chamber of Commerce. It is sold at the MSUM bookstore.

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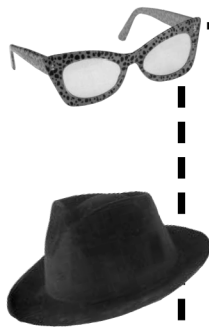
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