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Szymanski settles in as president

MSUM's new administrator welcomes staff and students into a new year



HEIDI SHAFFER / THE ADVOCATE

President Szymanski outlines her goals for MSUM at the all university meeting Aug. 18, where she addressed the faculty and staff in Hansen Theatre.

By HEIDI SHAFFER

Editor

New president Edna Szymanski starts each morning at 4 a.m. After some meditation and a ride on her exercise bike, she sits down to breakfast and her only two cups of coffee for the day.

"Any more than that and I'm too wired," she said.

After two months on the job, Szymanski continues to settle into her new routine at MSUM. As her first semester begins, she learns more about the university each day.

"I discover wonderful things about it constantly. I discover some things we can do to improve, and that there are people that will work together with me on that," Szymanski said.

The presidential search committee hired Szymanski to

replace Roland Barden who announced his retirement after 14 years at MSUM.

After her interview with the committee, Szymanski returned home, where she was serving as vice president of student affairs and provost at the University of Maine, Orono.

"My husband came to pick me up at the airport, and I remember telling him, 'Gosh, I love this place. I don't want to get my hopes up, but I sure as heck hope I get the opportunity to do this,'" she said.

A few weeks later, the committee gave her that opportunity. Szymanski arrived at MSUM in July to start her presidency.

SZYMANSKI, BACK PAGE

Housing changes Holmquist goes 'offline'

By MIRANDA HASSE

Copy Editor

Classes have started, students have moved in and a new school year is about to begin. The only problem with students moving in is that space is limited.

Space has been an issue here and there, but with Holmquist not being used at all for student housing, it limits space even more. Holmquist is the dorm next to Nelson, and while it hasn't been condemned yet, housing director Diane Solinger says that it still could be.

Each school year the housing department looks into the resident's buildings for maintenance issues. With all of the dorms there are deferred maintenance issues, Solinger says.

"Holmquist has severe deferred maintenance issues, mainly plumbing and heating."

Solinger says that the housing department couldn't, with full confidence, say that Holmquist could go through the next year without having

severe problems. So at the end of May, Holmquist was taken offline.

Solinger is currently working on finding a company to do a building audit on Holmquist to see if it has "good bones." Currently they are looking at putting in air conditioning and movable furniture into the current dorms.

"Lots of updates that need to be done on our facilities," said Solinger.

The maintenance is an ongoing problem, but another problem is the style or appeal of the current buildings.

President Szymanski said the current dormitories aren't attracting as many students as they used to.

"Much of our housing was constructed in a different era," says Szymanski

Students that currently don't have any housing are all male. There is a waiting list for them, but they are making other arrangements until something opens up for them.

HOUSING, BACK PAGE

Nemzek Field vandalized



SUBMITTED PHOTO

This pair of letters was found burned into the middle of the football field. The suspects are at large.

Advocate Staff Reports

In the early hours of Aug. 17, a groundskeeper noticed a disturbance in the turf in the center of the game field in Nemzek Stadium. Upon closer examination, a set of letters or initials appeared to be burned into small part of the grass.

Campus police suspect the vandalism occurred in the early morning hours, or late

the previous night.

According to Director of Campus Security Michael Parks, it appears a petroleum-based product was used to start the blaze, which likely burned less than 10 seconds before the fuel was exhausted.

All gates were locked, leading authorities to believe the suspects climbed the 6-foot fence surrounding the field.

Campus security estimates the cost for labor and supplies will be under \$100 to repair.

"It was more of just a nuisance," Parks said.

Officials expect the field will be ready in time for the football team's first home game on Sept. 20 against Bemidji State University.

There are currently no leads on the perpetrators, and no motive has been identified.

Security Report

8.19 - 8.25

- 8.19 Medical call at library
- 8.19 Theft/Larceny and trespassing at Nemzek
- 8.19 Theft/Larceny at the bike racks near library
- 8.20 Suspicious persons in Lommen
- 8.20 Suspicious persons in West Snarr
- 8.21 Alcohol offenses in Ballard
- 8.21 Alcohol offenses on parking lot N
- 8.22 Vandalism in Dahl
- 8.22 Theft/Larceny and vandalism in Hagen
- 8.22 Smoking violation in parking lot P
- 8.23 Elevator emergency on the 5th floor of Nelson
- 8.24 Alarm in East Snarr
- 8.25 Computer misuse in library

Advocate meetings 4 p.m. Mondays in CMU 110

The Advocate would like to invite any interested students to their weekly meetings in The Advocate office. Pick up an application today and apply to be a sports writer, staff writer, cartoonist or photographer.

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"Hey, I've got the runs."

"When I became section editor, there was some mystery tampons in my drawer."

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Dragon Fire fun bus

Park your car and join fellow Dragon Fans on the Dragon Fire Fun Bus Saturday, August 30, as fans head off to cheer on the Dragons when they take on the Valley City State University Vikings for their season opener.

Reservations are \$20 for a seat on a 55-passenger charter coach, a ticket to the game and entry into a reserved area within the VCSU Booster tailgate party. The bus will leave from the front of Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse at 11:15 am and return shortly after the game.

Call Gloria at 218-477-5824 or e-mail at riopelg@mnstate.edu now to reserve a seat.

Train against racism

The MSUM TOCAR Initiative, (Training Our Campuses Against Racism) is sponsoring an anti-racism training in October for all MSUM faculty, staff and students. Below is a description of the training with date, time and location:

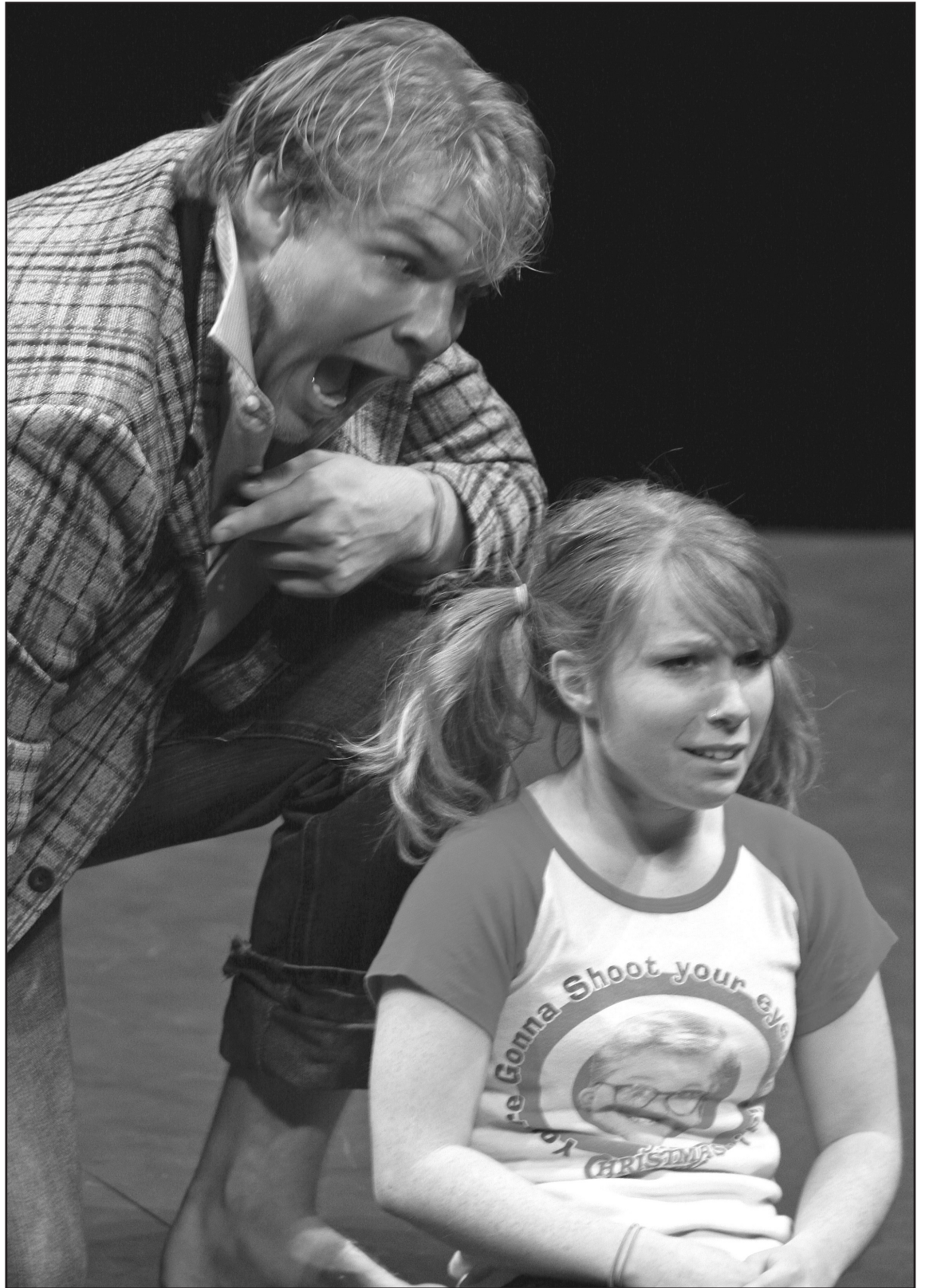
Level I—Introductory Anti-racism Training Thursday, Oct. 30, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the CMU Comstock Room

The training is free and all meals and materials are provided. If you are interested in attending and would like to register or would like more information, please contact Anita Bender at 218-477-4973 or tocar@mnstate.edu.

If you wish to participate in the Anti-racist Multiculturalism Across the Curriculum Workshop in June 2009, attendance at a Level I and/or Level II antiracism training is required.

Visit the writers series

The Tom McGrath Visiting Writers Series will begin on Sept. 18. The first writer is Lin Enger, a former MSUM student. He will speak at 4 p.m. in CMU 101 on the writer's craft and read at 8 p.m.



CHRIS HUBER/THE ADVOCATE

Paul Vonasek screams directions to Maren Tunseth during an improv sketch put on by The Sketch Comdy Troupe on the Gaede Stage August 24.

Listen to jazz-filled lecture

A University Honors Program lecture on "Jazz: An International Community" featuring drummer Allen Carter, bassist Alexander

Pershounin and pianist Simon Rowe is scheduled at noon Sept. 4 in the Center for the Arts gallery hall. This event is free.

Join a speech and hearing clinic

The SLHS department is now scheduling clients for the fall session of the speech and hearing clinic. Any faculty, staff, students or family members, who might be in need of speech/language therapy services such as English as a Second Language, Fluency (stuttering), Language (child language or post-stroke) or Voice can contact the SLHS department for information on evaluations and therapy. Please call Carol at 477-2330 or Vicki at 477-4627.

Don't miss out on Eurospring

Eurospring applications are now being accepted in the office of international programs, Flora Frick 153 (the former advising center).

Eurospring is an eight-week, faculty-led program for students. Students spend five weeks in Oxford, England taking classes in social history, literature, art, architecture and music, followed by a 19-day tour of the European continent. For further information, please stop by International Programs or call 477-4389.



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Question & Answer

Featuring Student Senate President Laura Zeiher

Q. What are some of the big issues facing the campus this year?

A. A continuing major issue would definitely be the raising cost of tuition. We're looking at a tough year in higher education. We are going to need students to organize and pull together to keep tuition affordable.

Also advising. This seems to be a system wide issue throughout MnSCU, but the advising program really needs to be strongly looked at and improvements need to be made. The university has started already by creating the Academic Resource Center (ARO) and utilizing the residence halls by having peer advisers team up with RAs.

Q. Now that you've been elected president of the student senate, what changes will you make to benefit the students?

A. My main focus this year is the platform I ran on in the spring, which is advising and retention. Both issues are going to take time. My goals are to plant seeds and get things moving to improve programs that will greatly support students in the future.

I've spent the summer working to find out the current advising program in order to learn how to improve it. Working with the retention rate I believe it's very important for incoming students to feel like they belong. This year I've worked with the Orientation program and am in the process of working with the TriCollege on leadership programming.

Q. Are there any major policy changes from last year that the students should know about?

A. Yes. There is a new mandatory health insurance policy. Currently you must fill out a soft waiver in order to waive the insurance fee from your tuition bill. There was an e-mail sent to all students with the web site in which to do this.

Also there is a new driving policy for all state vehicles. You must fill out a form and be approved to drive any state vehicle.

Q. How can students get involved in student senate?

A. First I would suggest checking out our web site, www.mnstate.edu. From there you can apply to be on student senate. You can come to the office located at CMU 116B

and talk with me or other senate members. Another way would be to come to a senate meeting. They are every Thursday night at 5 p.m. in CMU 105.

Q. What kind of a commitment can they look at making?

A. There are six senate committees, they are:

Legislative and Internal Affairs, Marketing, Tuition Fees and Oversight, Diversity and Committees on Committees.

There are also ample

University Committees that are open to all students. These committees are a great place to get your voices heard. If you are interested, please e-mail us at stusen@mnstate.edu

Q. Can non-members attend student senate meetings?

A. Of course!

Come with any concerns you might have and the student senate will look into it! Thursday night, 5 p.m., CMU 105.



Laura Zeiher is a senior this year majoring in art with an emphasis in printmaking. She is originally from Winona, MN and is this year's student senate president.



SECURITY UPDATE

**Director of Campus Security Michael Parks
Fire Department Makes Rounds**

BY AMY LEARN
Staff Writer

Minor Medical Issue

On Tuesday, Aug. 19, after an orientation session, an esteemed faculty member was having minor medical issues near the MSUM library. The male was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

Trapped In Nelson

Seven MSUM students had found themselves in a tight situation early Sunday morning. Around 3 a.m., the students got stuck in the Nelson Hall elevator. The Moorhead Fire Department was called to the scene to extract the trapped students.

Child Seizure

After swimming lessons at Nemzek pool, a 2-year-old girl had a seizure on the west

lawn. Medical attention was provided and the child was transported to the hospital.

Malfunctioning Coil

On Aug. 13, a coil malfunction in an air vent in a science lab created enough steam to make it appear as if it was a fire. The Moorhead Fire Department arrived to scene, for what turned out to be a maintenance issue.

Underaged Drinking

Three individuals, one female and one male MSUM student and one juvenile female, were cited for underaged drinking on Sunday, Aug. 24. around 1 a.m. The group was underaged and cited by the Moorhead Police Department. The juvenile was taken home.



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MSUM director of percussion studies Dr. Kenyon Williams drums during a 70-minute percussion solo on Gaede Stage Tuesday night.

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It's that special time in collegiate life again

The Advocate editorial staff welcomes the students of MSUM to the 2008-2009 school year.

Fall semester has begun, and this paper, like the campus, has experienced some changes.

MSUM has a new president. Edna Szymanski has started her first semester on campus and is off to an energetic start.

Her goal for the semester is to draft identity statement outlining who we are as a school and where we're going in the future. Szymanski is encouraging students and faculty to send her feedback on the identity statement posted at www.mnstate.edu/president/msumidentity.htm.

This is a great way for students to share with the administration how they view MSUM and what their roles in the universities community should include.

Another exciting change on campus is right here on the front page of The Advocate. For the first time in about 15 years, this publication has a new look. Like Szymanski on her identity statement, we encourage feedback.

We are also featuring a column each week written by a faculty member. Katherine Tweed agreed to start the series off. Her column on this page evokes thoughtful journalism, something we strive for at The Advocate.

Along with the new look are some new faces to The Advocate editorial staff.

Standing at the top of The Advocate family is new editor Heidi Shaffer, who has taken the reigns of the publication.

Editor of the Opinion section this time around is Chris Erickson, who brings his vast experience and humble upbringing to the publication. Also, he loves you.

On the Editorial Board once again is Ben Sailer, who has taken the new position of Assistant Editor.

We are looking forward to bringing more news, features, sports and arts and entertainment stories out to our loyal Dragon audience. Feel free to write to us, too.

Every day brings new opportunities to all of us here at MSUM, and every opportunity will help us reach our academic and professional goals.

Welcome back to school and have a great semester, and don't forget: It's a great day to be a Dragon.

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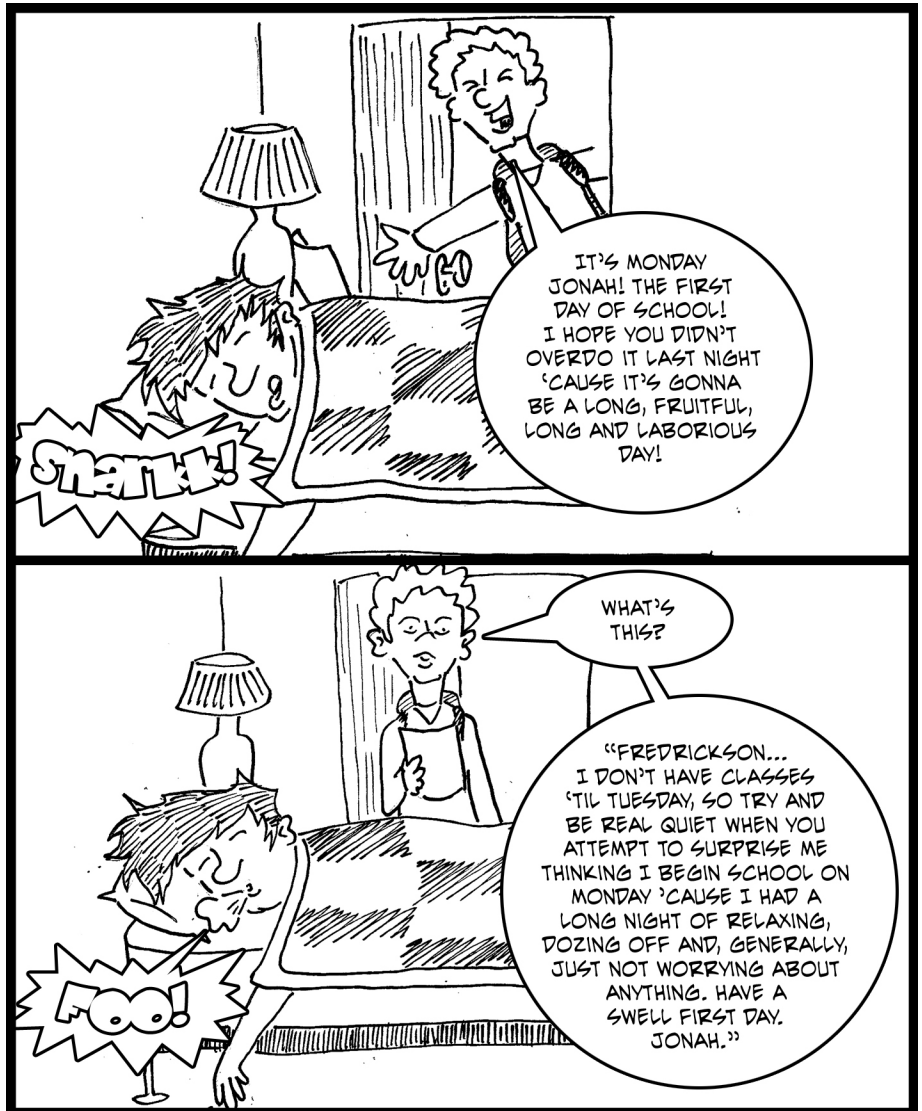


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Journalism for thought

In the late '60s and early '70s, many students at Minnesota State College were actively involved in politics – thanks mostly to conflict concerning the Vietnam War.

The student newspaper, The Mystic, a sort of acronym remaining from Minnesota State Teachers College, covered campus news in-depth. Every student senate meeting, organizations both official and unofficial, and the many social organizations were part of different reporter's beats.

Among the staff members of the newspaper were members of Students for a Democratic Society, a group dedicated to ending the war. One of those SDS members wrote a story in which he chose to use a word that was unacceptable in polite society.

The president of the school said if the issue was published with the "word," the newspaper would not be published. This forced a shut down of The Mystic in 1970, replaced, for a brief time, by an off-campus Mystic.

During that time, a group of students who had been partying chose to storm The Forum office to submit an article that would tell the "truth."

The students met their match. The weekend editor loved to debate with all students who worked at The Forum. He respected us and we, in turn, respected him. He was a stalwart of journalism who believed every word needed to be correct, that stories should be straightforward

Katherine Tweed
Columnist

and that no one should be able to tell a reporter's politics or beliefs after reading a news story.

Those six or seven students seemed to believe they could somehow cow Jim Acton. Because there were many political stories in the paper, and because the gist of what the students had written was valid, he chose to include it.

While he chewed his big cigar, rubbed his fingers across his brow and occasionally pulled his white hair, he read their article. He told them he would print it and they left, perhaps thinking they had won a victory in their war.

The Sunday Forum carried the article with an explanation from Mr. Acton as to how the article came to The Forum. The article was packaged with other stories that had to do with politics and hot topics. Mr. Acton was careful to let readers know they were "getting the whole story," exactly as it was presented to The Forum late on a Saturday night.

What could have been a moment of triumph for the students, telling their story, was diminished by their own words. The passion of their message was marred by misspellings, incorrect punctuation and punchless prose. Mr.

Acton used the journalist's "sic" behind every error, letting the audience know that indeed the student's words were printed exactly as they were presented for publication.

For some of the students it was a learning experience. Others became angry, blaming The Forum for making them look bad, even dumb.

Few of those students joined me in graduation in 1972.

Those actions, and the disparate philosophies of the time, created what has become The Advocate.

Journalism, and our country, have changed. Some call for advocacy journalism, with a reporter interpreting information. Others believe in blogs, where every citizen is a journalist. There are traditionalists who believe readers and listeners should form their own opinion, develop their own understanding, based simply on the facts.

Because I was asked to begin a series of columns to be written by faculty members, and assured it "could be anything" I might wish to write about, I chose what I love – community journalism. While a student I worked full-time at The Forum. I was also a staff member of The Mystic, The Mystic and the first copy editor for The Advocate.

As The Advocate begins a new year with a new editor and new staff, and because we once again face friends and

Dropping The Jerks, Losers And Abusers

A quick guide to keeping your relationships healthy and safe

I'd like to welcome all of our new and returning Dragons. I'm a senior this year and I've made my share of mistakes. Sure, I've overindulged, stayed up too late, overscheduled myself, and yes, gained the freshman fifteen. All of those problems pale in comparison to the grave mistakes I've made in my relationships. Luckily, through a lot of counseling and research, I have learned my lesson.

Whether you're graduating in December or don't know where Owens is yet, you will always be meeting new people. Some of the people you

meet are going to be your friends for life, or even your future life-partner.

There are other people who come into your life for no other reason than to use you. Unfortunately, these two groups of people are difficult to tell apart at first. There are a few key things that can tip you off before you commit to what Dr. Joseph M. Carver calls the "loser." Other psychologists refer to them as jerks, controllers, and some call them out for what they really are: abusers.



Liz Johanson
Columnist

If you met this person at orientation and have an engagement ring on your finger before homecoming, there might be a problem. The "loser" will try to attach to you quickly. They may give lavish gifts or ask you to move in with them. If he tells you he loves you

in less than a month, remember that it takes time and communication to develop the kind of love you need for a long-term relationship.

While you are being showered with gifts, it's likely that your "loser" is also busy sending you mixed messages. They may sing your praises for awhile, but when you make a tiny slip-up, expect to get a lecture, a guilt-trip or even a violent response. The "jerk" will generally have a mean sense of humor, so expect to be

the brunt of sexist, "blonde," or any multitude of cutting jokes. When you confront them about this, they might tell you that you're crazy or just overly sensitive.

No matter how sensitive you are, if your new partner hits, slaps, kicks, trips, restrains, shakes, pinches, punches, throws or violates you in any way this is not a "slip up." Leave the relationship and don't look back. If necessary, seek counseling in Bridges 260.

Want to drop a jerk?
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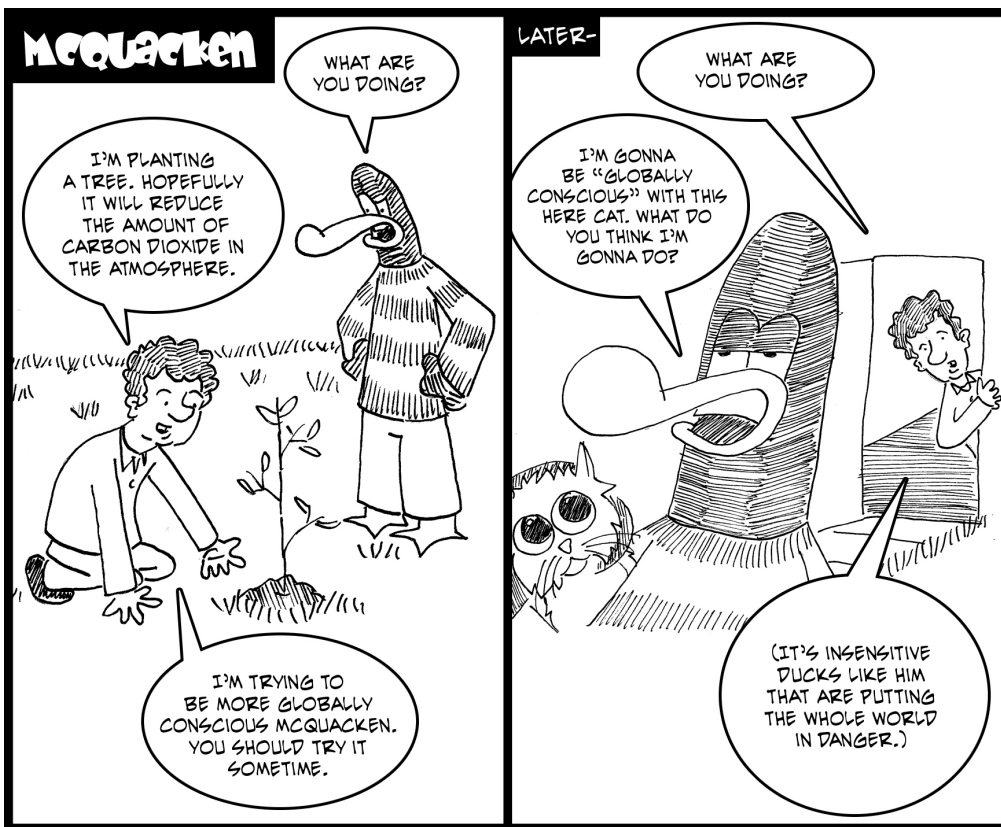
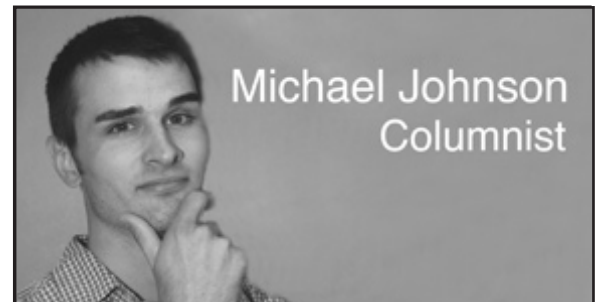


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How May I Be Of Service? And Other Ponderings From Mike



Michael Johnson
Columnist

If you could make a difference in 300 words or less, what would you say? Although that's often not the goal of many column writers I wonder what good my column is doing for my readers, or reader as it may be.

I bring up my question about making a difference because we all have the ability to do so. I think about those who have made a difference in my life, like my parents. They are folks of few words. Their words combined with actions have shaped my life and still do. I too am a quiet individual, taking after my parents. My job over the summer, however, gave me opportunities to talk with and write about many people I never saw myself talking to before. This was a big step for me.

After doing that, I realize the difference I made in the lives of those people just by listening. People that I had pages of questions for opened up without so much as a glance at those questions. They had stories and emotions packed away, waiting to be let out, and I was given the opportunity to tell them. For me, 300 words is more than enough to make a difference. Sometimes an experience is all you need.

For the past few semesters, I have written columns pertaining to life as a college student who loves the outdoors, his wife and life's other beautiful surprises. Ranting about this and that occasionally occurs, but to avoid instances like that I ask you to tell me what interests you. It's up to you because I love to write and will continue to do so whether it's read or not.

For the remainder of this semester I will write columns which may or may not relate to you, but if I do that's great. If you want to hear about how a moonlit-night I spent chasing muskie on a lake of glass changed my life, this may be the place for you.

For more on muskie
E-mail Johnson
at johnsomic@mnstate.edu

Dragon ID Gets Discounts All Around Town

To all the freshmen, welcome to a campus with an array of Sodexo products and one Burger King. Undoubtedly, you will venture forth to find other forms of sustenance. Don't fret, you've just moved to a town with 17 Chinese buffets, 12 Subway locations, and innumerable hole-in-the-walls. It would be nice if your roommate's parents could take the pair of you out to Paradise every weekend, but that's not going to happen. This is where I come in. Throughout the year we'll try to sort through the



Heath Butrum
Columnist

daunting stack of restaurants vying for your dollar and find the best free bread.

There is one indispensable, universal rule when dining out as an MSUM student: always bring your Dragon ID. This glossy hunk of plastic with your mug shot is irreplaceable in food quests. The most underutilized and over-

looked weapon in a student's arsenal of cheapness is the student discount. Most places are willing to dole out a pretty decent discount. Papa John's even offers 2 for 1 large pizzas. Throughout the city you may find some unwilling to give out a complimentary Pepsi now and again. If this occurs feel free to scoff loudly.

Side note: They may not advertise it, but Kise has veggie burgers and soy milk.

Found a great deal?
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Fall full of funny and fighting flicks

The season's blockbusters show potential despite a summer full of huge movies

By **MAX HEESCH**
Staff Writer

With the summer blockbusters past us, it might be hard for some to find something to enjoy. Fall is usually a dead zone for film pickings, but a few selections might make the back-to-school season worth your while.

Burn After Reading (Sept. 12)

The first firm up for the fall is an odd one. Fresh off their Oscar wins (Best Picture, Directing & Best Adapted Screenplay) with 'No Country For Old Men,' the Coen brothers offer up more of what made them famous: quirky, dark comedies.

John Malkovich, Brad Pitt, Frances McDormand, and George Clooney headline in a story about ex-CIA opera-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Brad Pitt (above) plays a clumsy gym employee looking to blackmail Cox (Malkovich) with a disk he finds in "Burn After Reading."

tive Ozzie Cox, (Malkovich) whose memoirs on disc wind up in the hands of inept gym employee, Chad (Brad Pitt). Chad then attempts to blackmail Cox with his accomplice Linda (McDormand). Clooney's character is assigned to retrieve the disc. In a twist, he also sleeps with Cox's wife. (Tilda Swinton)

Sound complicated? Yes. Intriguing? Even more so.

Eagle Eye (Sept. 26)

Just when you thought it was safe to go back to the movie theater, he comes for you. That's right, it's another Shia LaBeouf movie.

Rest assured this one looks to be good regardless of Shia LaBeouf, who plays Jerry Shaw, a man that is framed by a terrorist cell that controls every move he makes.

Along for the ride is Michelle Monaghan, who plays a single mother also wrongfully coerced into the cell's service. Rosario Dawson and Billy Bob Thornton join the cast as government agents tasked with bringing the cell down.

The flick is produced by Steven Spielberg, so it has big

action potential. Of course, the same could have been said about Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull.

Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist (Oct. 3)

"Will you be my boyfriend for the next 5 minutes?" is the odd request that starts off two twenty-somethings on a crazy and whimsical evening of comedy and romance in New York City.

Said twenty-somethings are played by Michael Cera and Kat Dennings. Cera's hilariously quirky characters in 'Juno' and TV's Arrested Development' have made them super-enjoyable and shown he is a very funny guy.

The same for Kat Dennings' funny performance in 'Charlie Bartlett'. In 'Infinite Playlist', the two find themselves rambling around the city together to avoid complications with their exes.

This, as in all romantic comedies, leads to hilarity. Which, when thrown together with an awesome "playlist" soundtrack with bands like Vampire Weekend and Modest Mouse, is good.

Zach and Miri Make a Porno (Oct. 31)

What do you want to see when Halloween rolls around? No, not the latest Saw movie, the latest Kevin Smith movie!

The demented mind behind Clerks and Mallrats is back at it again, this time without the antics Jay and Silent Bob.

The film is about two friends, played by Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks (who appeared together in 'The 40 Year-Old Virgin') who decide to start producing adult entertainment to alleviate their financial woes. This proves more difficult than they thought, as there might be more-than-just-friends feelings between them.

This comedy will be worth the watching, but don't expect it to be tame.

behind the villainy in 'Royale' and the death of Vesper, Bond's love. So he's eager to meet them so he can get some "Solace".

Marc Forster takes the helm for this 007 adventure, making a curious departure from less action-oriented films like 'Finding Neverland' and 'The Kite Runner.'

Make sure to listen for Jack White and Alicia Keys singing the theme song.

Of note: This movie was moved back a week after the departure of Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince to Summer 2009.

Fanboys (Release Date TBA)

Some have wondered whether this little comedy will ever be released. It was originally slated to come out in August of '07, but has yet to appear on the big screen due to meddling on the studio's part. At long last, it will finally make it to theaters.

"Fanboys" is the story of a group of Star Wars loving friends, who in 1999 go on a road trip to try to steal a print of the yet unreleased 'Episode I' from George Lucas so their dying friend can see it.

When first mentioned in The Advocate, the cast was mostly made up of unknowns, but has since gone on to make marks for themselves, particularly Kristen Bell (Veronica Mars and Heroes) and Jay Baruchel (Knocked Up and Tropic Thunder).

The film (hopefully) opens on September 19th.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Daniel Craig is back as James Bond in "Quantum of Solace."

Quantum of Solace (Nov. 14)

After proving in 'Casino Royale' that Bond can still kick hindparts, Daniel Craig is back again to pursue all those that do bad.

As for the very wordy title, the "Quantum" is actually the name of the organization

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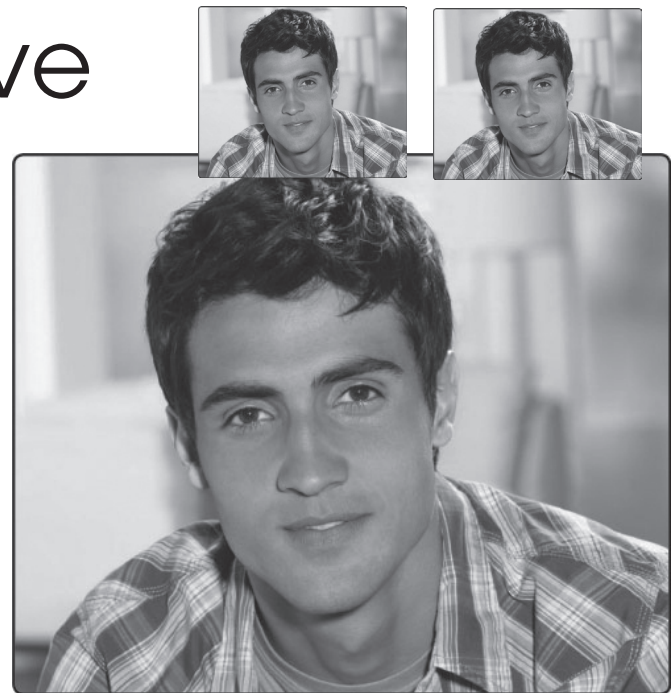
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EDGES covers it all at MSUM

By **RYAN FLIGINGER**
Staff Writer

Love, death and Facebook. EDGES sings the good, the bad, and the ugly of the college experience.

The one time only performance will be Saturday, August 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Gaede Stage in the Center for the Arts.

EDGES is a well-rounded song cycle co-produced and directed by MSUM students Travis Kuntz and Alicia Klocke through the student group Performance Avenue and the MSUM theater department.

A song cycle is original music all centered around a specific theme. In the case

of EDGES the songs were all written around a theme of the college experience.

"It's basically about young adults on the edge of something greater. They are about to become

“ It's basically about young adults on the edge of something greater.”

Travis Kuntz
Senior music composition and theater major

something more than what they are," said Kuntz, a senior majoring in music composition and theater.

" E D G E S

covers the entire spectrum of the college experience. There is everything from Facebook addiction, to the break up of a relationship, even the death of a loved one," said Klocke, a junior majoring in theater arts.

The show's creators, Benj Panseck and Justin Paul, wrote

the show when they were students at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

It wasn't easy bringing EDGES to campus. The costs quickly added up. There was the rights to the music, hiring musicians, as well as the price of advertising. The production was able to proceed thanks to the donations of the friends and family of the directors.

"It's amazing that it's getting as popular as it is for how recent it is," said Kuntz.

Kuntz and Klocke got the idea to perform EDGES after seeing a production of it at Fargo North High School.

"Its a good performance to see because EDGES speaks directly to us as college students," said Kuntz.

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EDGES



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EDGES is a well-rounded production co-produced and directed by MSUM students Travis Kuntz and Alicia Klocke through the student group Performance Avenue and the MSUM theater department. The cast of EDGES is shown above.

CD Review

By **CASSANDRA MILLER**
Staff Writer

"Where Has Sally Gone." (Album available on Itunes).

Caroline Smith and the Goodnight Sleeps: "Backyard Tent Sale"

Hailing from Minneapolis, Caroline Smith and the Goodnight Sleeps leave nothing to be desired off their debut album "Backyard Tent Sale."

Jesse Schuster, Alex Ramsey and Arlen Peiffer all hopped on board this year and compliment Smith's already attention-grabbing voice with their harmonized vocals and array of musical instruments.

With Smith wielding her acoustic guitar and a plethora of instruments to back up her Joanna Newsome-esque vocals, this folk-inspired album accompanied with a few pop rhythms is one definitely worth checking out.

Song recommendation:

Handsome Furs: "Face Control"

Montreal's Dan Boeckner (Wolf Parade) and Alexei Perry's soon to be released album Face Control is sure to not disappoint current fans of this Sub Pop duo.

Perry's infectious beats from the synth/vox and Boeckner's driving chords on the guitar create an indie rock sound like none other.

Maybe it's because they're married, but Boeckner's intriguing lyrics and Perry's accompaniment with head bobbing beats make Face Control an album you won't want to stop listening to.

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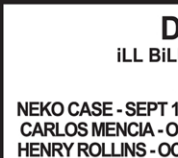
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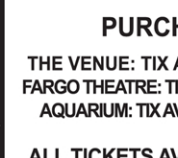
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FOOTBALL

Dragon football heats up



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The Dragon football team drills running and tackling during their Friday practice. Junior quarterback Craig Kutz hopes to replace last year's quarterback Dustin Long. The team plays VCSU Saturday.

Upcoming games

1:30 Aug. 30 VCSU @ VCSU

1 p.m. Sept. 6 Wayne State @ Wayne State *

1 p.m. Sept. 13 Concordia St. Paul @ Concordia *

1 p.m. Sept. 20 Bemidji State @ Nemzek *

* NSIC games

By Ross Torgerson

Staff Writer

The Dragons have an extremely tough task ahead of them going into the 2008-2009 season. They are starting the season without last year's NSIC most valuable player quarterback Dustin Long.

Head coach Damon Tomeo feels that although losing Long is not easy, they need to focus on the players they have now.

"Losing Dustin is tough, but we're going to continue to grow and develop throughout the season," said Tomeo.

The Dragon coaching staff has been excited at what they have seen so far from junior quarterback Craig Kutz.

Kutz has had a front row seat for the past two years as he watched Dustin Long terrorize opposing team's defenses.

Coming into this season, Kutz has been extremely lim-

ited in his duty, as he has thrown only 14 completions for 179 yards and three touchdowns in his first two seasons.

Although seldom used, Kutz has proved to be effective when his name has been called, which has given head coach Damon Tomeo a bit of encouragement coming into this season.

"Just scoring points" was all that soft-spoken Kutz said when he was asked what can be expected from him this season.

Scoring points is the key in any game, but scoring a lot of them is going to be a necessity for the Dragons early.

The Dragons start out the season with three straight weeks on the road, during

which they take on fellow NSIC combatants Wayne State and Concordia-St. Paul.

For the first time in nine years the Dragons will not be competing with rival Concordia College in the Power Bowl due to scheduling issues.

The Dragons will battle new-coming teams just recently added to the NSIC, St. Cloud State, Concordia-St. Paul and MSU-Mankato.

The addition of new teams to the NSIC presents new challenges to head coach Tomeo.

"The NSIC has become very competitive and I think it's one of the toughest conferences, if not the toughest, in all of Division 2," said Tomeo.

The recently expanded NSIC now features 12 teams, which is up from 10 last season.

“The NSIC has become very competitive and I think it's one of the toughest conferences in all of Division 2.”

Damon Tomeo
Head Football Coach

a strong defensive core that should carry them throughout the season.

Key returners on offense include wide-outs Jabari Taylor and Bruce Green, who combined for 21 touchdown catches last season.

Also, junior Enol Gilles will be receiving most of the carries at running back this season. A big question mark on offense is the offensive-line.

The offensive line lost five starters from last year's squad, so room to pass in the pocket could possibly be in short supply this year for Kutz.

The Dragons open up the season Sat. against outer-divisional foe Valley City State.

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NOTES FROM NEMZEK

Cross-country hits the ground running

After a couple of weeks of intense training the Dragon cross-country team begins its season with the NDSU invitation 3 p.m. Saturday.

Last year the Dragons swept Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference cross-country titles. MSUM men grabbed three of the top six individual finishes and sailed to the team championship with 38 points while Wayne State was second in the six-team field with 64 points.

The women shaded Wayne State 50-55 in a seven-team field.

Players to look for this year include senior Kyle Eckhoff who took second at the NSIC tournament, and sophomore Anna VanWechel who took first.

Dragon Soccer begin season after week of exhibition

The Dragons began this year's season with a week of exhibition games and hopes to build on end-of-season success from last year.

The team made a run toward the end of the season last year and nearly made it to the finals at the NSIC tournament. Head coach Rollie Bullock hopes the team remains and influential player in the NSIC.

The team is retaining 19 letterwinners from last year, adding a substantial bank of experience to the team.

Intramural Sports set to begin

Registration for intramural sports goes through Sept. 10. Activities start Sept. 15

and 16 and include two-on-two volleyball, three-on-three basketball, two person golf scramble, five-on-five outdoor soccer, seven on seven flag football, and swimming.

Any regularly enrolled student is welcome to participate. Students must register by either filling out the online form or printing out an online form and turning it in to the intramural office at Nemzek 119 by the registration deadline.

Club sports host tryouts

The men's soccer club will host tryouts tonight and tomorrow night from 5-7.

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VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball gets set to serve

By Tim Stulken
Sports Editor

The MSUM volleyball team enters the 2008 season hoping to continue to improve on last year's accomplishments.

The Dragons had a great season last year despite several injuries, including a torn ACL and a dislocated shoulder. Additionally, junior outside hitter Mary Sussneguth begins this season with a weekened foot. The team went 19-10 and defeated first nationally ranked Concordia-St. Paul a week before Concordia won the national tournament.

"We had some injuries last year and that impacted our playing," head coach Tammy Blake-Kath said. "But we had several girls who filled the positions and that was a real positive. So, staying healthy last year would definitely have helped us out."

Aside from injuries Kath feels that playing more consistently throughout the season could be strengthened.

"There are things that can always be improved, like passing," she said. "But one thing I think needs some definite improvement is our consistency. We need to play hard every game."

Senior Kelci Guenther agrees that the team had a good year, but could develop some areas more.

"Overall, last season we made a lot of improvements," she said. "We ended our season on a good note beating Concordia, but something

we are working on is playing more consistently. We have to remember that every match is important."

Senior Calla Oftedahl agreed that last year went well, and also added that the team could play more consistently.

"I thought that overall our season was good," she said. "It was too inconsistent though. Hopefully this year we can play more consistently and come away with some more wins."

The Dragons play in an incredibly tough conference with five of the top 20 teams in the nation in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, so every game the team plays

“ We never walk onto the court thinking that we don't have a shot at winning. We always have the potential to win.

Tammy Blake-Kath
Head Volleyball Coach

constitutes a challenge.

Despite the challenging conference schedule, Blake-Kath is confident that her team can succeed.

"We never walk onto the court thinking that we don't have a shot at winning," she said. "We always have the potential to win. We have a very competitive conference, but we have proven that we can win games."

With the addition of four schools to the NSIC comes the additional challenges those schools inevitably bring.

"We have a larger conference," Blake-Kath said. "This will bring some fresh competition which should be exciting to see."

Guenther said that the team hopes to continue to improve and grow as a team.

"We hope to be one of the top teams in the conference



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Junior outside hitter Mary Sussenguth goes up for a spike during a practice match. The volleyball team hopes to play well during the UNO tournament on Friday.

and make it to the regional competition," she said. "So far, we have had good team chemistry and that will help us to play better."

Blake-Kath agreed that the team seemed to be clicking well together.

"The one thing that is unique about this year's team is that they truly get along and are supportive of each other," she said. "We have been working on building trust to help

them when they are out on the court."

The first match in Omaha Neb. Friday in the UNO tournament. The team plays its first home game 7 p.m. Sept. 16 at Nemzek Field House. Blake-Kath encourages all Dragons to come and support

the team.

"We love to see fans in the stands," she said. "It really boosts the girls' energy and it's an exciting atmosphere."

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Line Up

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MSUM talks library renovations

By NICHOLE SEITZ
Staff Writer

When it came down to getting students to show up, library staff and architects tried their best by offering free pizza and beverages to all who attended the meeting about a possible library overhaul on Monday, Aug. 18.

The meeting, the first of potentially several, served as an open forum for students to have a one on one type feeling to the meeting with Cindy McCleary, the managing architect and library planner who is leading the project from the BKV Group, an architecture firm based out of Minneapolis.

She brought along with her consultants hired by her firm, Kevin Huse, architect, and Bob Guenden, library planner, from Woollen Lolzan and Partners from Indianapolis,

Ind.

While the renovations aren't set in stone, this meeting is part of a process to introduce a document to the Minnesota legislature that will ultimately decide the fate of the library renovations.

A need for an update was already approved by the legislature but the outcome still has yet to be decided based on the plans and needs presented from the architects.

The cost of the library project depends on what needs are determined from these meetings.

According to McCleary, "The value anticipated is approximately \$9 million construction cost and an additional \$3 million to administer the project." However, the end value will depend on what the legislature chooses to invest.

Several issues from the architects and students were dis-

cussed in this forum. There were a number of issues that both parties seemed to agree on. Besides issues such as updating maintenance concerns like heating and cooling problems, inadequate lighting was discussed. Everything from adding more natural lights to adding lights with dimmer switches in certain areas were brought up.

A centerpiece for the remodeling is what is being referred to as the "Information Technology Commons." This all-in-one area would blend reference, writing assistance and computer lab and tech support all together in one area. According to McCleary, this area "will allow research,

assistance, multi-media creation and computer work to occur at the same place."

Most of the students were in agreement that more study areas were needed. Everything

from little niches with artwork, 24 hour study areas, more group study rooms available for reservations and study rooms for just one or two people were all mentioned.

More computer labs were also a hot topic in this discussion. Students addressed the need for labs that would be considered noisy labs. Students could use this lab for things like editing music and movies without the use of headphones to get a better feeling of how their work would be perceived by the audience.

"I probably spent more time in the library at MSUM than in any of my actual classes."

Ashley Hoeck
MSUM sophomore

Huse stated that "It would be nice to get the word 'no' out of librarianship," in reference to the classic "No talking" rule that is usually enforced in libraries.

These labs could also be used for group projects. Even things like a table with one computer and a bigger screen or projector was mentioned for group work.

Sophomore and frequent library patron Ashley Hoeck says, "It's super helpful to have group rooms available" for assigned projects. Hoeck also says, "I probably spent more time in the library at MSUM than in any of my actual class," and she agrees the library could use an update.

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TWEED, FROM PAGE 8

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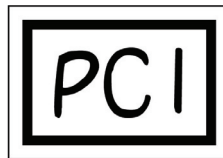
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A retrospective in photographs



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Comedian Sheng Wang performs for students at Hansen Theatre on Aug. 22.

The 2008-2009 school year started Aug. 20 as students returned to the dorms. Incoming freshmen living on campus moved into their rooms, along with the helps of the SOCs and RAs. The Dragon Entertainment Group (The Group) hosted a wide array of orientation activities to help new students get acquainted with the campus. Wednesday was move-in day, and Thursday night capped off with a Hawaiian-themed dance. Friday, stand-up comedian Sheng Wang put on a show in Hanson Theater.



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Above: Benny Andres and Lauren Baalman ride an oversized tricycle during the sidewalk mall. Top Right: SOCs helped provide refreshments during the sidewalk cafe. Center Right: Dane Jensen and Benny Andres help students move into the residence halls on Aug. 21. Right: Students wait in line to receive lofts during move-in on Aug. 21.



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SZYMANSKI, FROM FRONT

While she commends the university on its strengths, Szymanski also set goals for improvement in the upcoming year.

"This is just a wonderful place to be," she said. "It's very much like an elite private school because of the world-class education, but you're never just a number."

Szymanski also praised the faculty and staff for their commitment to inspire and challenge students.

"The faculty cares about you," she said. "They challenge you and help you discover your potential."

The most important improvement MSUM needs to make, according to Szymanski, is to publicize what the school has to offer.

"Our biggest problem is that we're too well kept a secret," she said. "I understand mid-western modesty. Fortunately, I'm not from the midwest. I'm going to help it not be a well-kept secret."

Szymanski also hopes to form an identity statement with help from the entire MSUM community.

"We need to come out of this semester with a jointly agreed upon statement of who we are, and to come out of the year with a shared vision of where we need to go in the future," she said.

Szymanski posted the identity statement on the presidential page of MSUM's website in hopes of receiving feedback.

"I really want people to read it and send me a direct e-mail and tell me what rings true and what doesn't," she said.

Throughout the year, Szymanski will face the challenges of most administrations, but remains enthusiastic about the upcoming obstacles.

"When you have the privilege to be in a place you believe in, it's easy to be energetic because you're inspired on a daily basis," she said.

HOUSING, FROM FRONT

Solberg said that the housing department even had to open up a floor for men in Nelson. Nelson is usually an all girls dormitory, but this year on fourth floor they made an exception and opened it to men.

MSUM currently houses MSCTC students as well. The housing department is checking to see if MSUM can continue to house the MSCTC students since they are having a hard time finding a place for MSUM students.

After the audit has been completed Dan Kurk, Vice

President for facilities at MSUM, will be getting a team together to decide what would be most financially benefitting to do with the building. It also depends on if the building does eventually get condemned, which could still happen, according to Solinger.

Kurk and the housing department are going to be working together over the next several years to decide what should be done with the other dormitories.

Kurk is currently in the process of a request with companies to do the construction.

Kurk's master plan will be stating more at the end of the 2008-2009 school years. His plan has more to do than just the dormitories but they will also be remodeled or redone.

Holmquist will currently sit empty and alone for now, until the auditors come to inspect the building and give their verdict.

"Best cases scenario," Solinger said, "is that Holmquist can have residents again in the spring. Worst-case scenario is not until next year."

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