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Student Events Team has several activities for Welcome Week.

By EMMA JOHNSON News Director

Minnesota State University, Mankato's Student Events Team (SET) has held a full slate of events for Welcome Week that included bingo, hypnotists and more.

The SET has been preparing all the events that occurred last weekend and this week since May.

According to SET President Ryan Leistikow, the goal for Welcome Week is to give incoming students a taste of what campus life is like.

"Mankato has an amazing student activities life and it's one of the best in the Midwest," said Leistikow.

"By doing all of the Welcome Week activities, we are showing students what Mankato has to offer and [telling them] 'this is why you should be proud to be a Maverick."

One of the most anticipated events for this week is MAV Fest, an event with games, music and food. SET Concert Company Chair Maggie Driemeyer has been planning for MAV Fest since Mav.

She said her planning included getting the band "IV Play" to come play at the event and collaborating with Fraternity Sorority Life about the event.

"[We've been] communicating about yard games, food and volunteers," said Driemeyer. "[MAV Fest] is a great opportunity to come have fun and meet new people."

One of the events that took place over the weekend was a performance by hypnotist Eric Mina. SET Educational Enter-



DYLAN ENGEL • The Reporter

For the first time in two years, students were able to attend classes in person without a mask. Activities during Welcome Week were in full swing were without restrictions or limits.

tainment Coordinator Atlas James said he hired Mina after previous successful shows on campus.

"The staff in Student Activities was already familiar with Mina and has worked with him before," said James.

"He's really easy going and understands what the staff requires of him. He caters to our audiences perfectly."

Due to COVID-19, Welcome Week for the past few years looked a little different. Certain events had to limit seating or be taken off the schedule, such as Club Maverick, which returned after three years last Thursday.

Leistikow said that, because there are no restrictions this year, SET planned to go all out, giving students the experience they deserve.

"This year, we are trying to up the ante on everything we've been doing. We're going back to how it was pre-COVID and up a step," said Leistikow.

"Students this year are more excited

than ever to participate in campus life. They're excited to be back on campus and without restrictions this year."

Whether new students are arriving or returning students are setting foot back on campus, the SET wants students to enjoy Welcome Week activities.

"So much of college is work. You've got to have a job, do your homework. We're trying to provide these events to create fun experiences for them to look back on," said Driemeyer.

"They're paying a lot of money to be here, so we want them to get as much out of it as they can."

SET members say the best thing new students can do is get involved.

"Find your home here. Be it in fraternities or sororities, Student Events Team or one of the hundreds of student organizations," said Leistikow.

"Get involved, find a home and show your Maverick Pride."

New student rally kicks off the fall semester at MSU

By ALEXANDRA TOSTRUD Staff Writer

On Friday, August 19, the Welcome Week Committee held the New Student Rally in the Taylor Center, which aims to give the class of 2026 a warm welcome to Minnesota State University, Mankato. The event featured various speakers, including President Edward Inch and keynote speaker Samuel Oladeji.

Mark Constantine is a co-chair of the Welcome Week Committee, which is made up of staff from various different departments across campus. The committee comes together in the spring to start preparing for the following fall's events.

"We want students to start out understanding that MSU is their home, and we want to set a tone with the spirit of the campus," said Constantine. "That's the biggest part—starting on the same page, and giving them a feeling of welcome."

The Maverick Machine welcomed students into the building with pep band

tunes and Student Government President Emma Zellmer kicked off the event. She was followed by David Jones, the Vice President of Student Affairs.

President Inch encouraged students to step out of their comfort zone before midterm.

"Try three new things: meet with one professor, take time to get involved, and use the services available," said Inch.

Inch also suggested students take advantage of resources such as the counsel-

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Vaccines available this Friday

By JULIA BARTON Editor in Chief

Minnesota State University, Mankato's Student Health Services is prepared for any returning students this week requesting primary or booster shots to guard against the COVID-19 virus.

As the first week is underway, COVID cases at MSU are inevitable as the influx of students return to campus.

This year marks the first fall semester post-COVID where students and faculty are not required to wear masks indoors or test weekly.

SHS has both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines available.

"It is likely since students are coming from all over the country and the world, I think the rise in cases is expected. However, we know this virus, we know what the mitigation efforts need to be," Natalie Schuette, COVID Case Manager, at MSU said.

"If you are not feeling well we encourage you not to go to class or work."

If you are positive with COVID, reporting that information to the university is encouraged through the COVID health care hotline.

"The good thing is that we have been seeing a less severe illness in the new variants of COVID. It doesn't mean it's less contagious, but the symptoms are not as severe," said Schuette.

The clinic still requires masks to be worn when going in for an appointment and isolation dorms are available, if needed.

The discussion regarding what would happen if Monkeypox were to spread at MSU was a topic Student Health Services has talked about with Reslife and campus security.

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Fauci to step down after years as top infection expert



ALEX BRANDON • Associated Press

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert who became a household name, and the subject of partisan attacks, during the COVID-19 pandemic, announced Monday he will depart in December.

By LAURAN NEERGAARD and ZEKE MILLER Associated Press

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert who became a household name — and the subject of partisan attacks — during the COVID-19 pandemic, announced Monday he will leave the federal government in December after more than five decades. Fauci directs the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, is chief medical adviser to President Joe Biden and also leads a lab studying the immune system.

While the COVID-19 pandemic introduced him to millions of Americans, he's given straight-talk to the nation about numerous outbreaks including HIV/AIDS, SARS, pandemic flu, Ebola and the 2001 anthrax attacks.

"I've gone into this campus and into the labs and into the hospital every day, including most weekends, for 54 years. The idea of walking away from it obviously is bittersweet," Fauci told The Associated Press.

In announcing his departure, the 81-year-old Fauci called his roles "the honor of a lifetime" but said it was time "to pursue the next chapter of my career."

Known for his candor and for the ability to translate complex medical information into everyday language, Fauci has been a key adviser to seven presidents starting with Ronald Reagan.

Fauci became the face of the government response to COVID-19 as it hit in early 2020, with frequent appearances on television news and at daily press conferences with White House officials, including then-President Donald Trump. But as the pandemic deepened, Fauci fell out of favor with Trump when his urgings of continued public caution clashed with the former president's desire to return to normalcy and to promote unproven treatments for the virus.

Fauci found himself marginalized by the Trump administration, but he continued to speak out publicly in media interviews, advocating social distancing and masks in public settings before the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccines.

He was also the subject of political attacks and death threats and was given a security detail for his protection.

When Biden won the White House, he asked Fauci to stay on in his administration in an elevated capacity.

"I've been able to call him at any hour of the day for his advice," Biden said in a statement.

"Whether you've met him personally or not, he has touched all Americans' lives with his work. I extend my deepest thanks for his public service. The United States of America is stronger, more resilient, and healthier because of him."

Fauci said he planned to continue working after leaving the government, saying he wants to use his experience "to hopefully inspire the younger generation of scientists and would-be scientists" to consider a career in public service.

For all the rancor of the coronavirus pandemic, it wasn't Fauci's first run-in with an angry public. He became head of the infectious diseases branch of the National Institutes of Health in 1984 when the nation was in the throes of the AIDS crisis.

Activists protested what they saw as government indifference and Fauci, frustrated at being unable to save dying patients in the NIH's hospital, brought them to the table in the hunt for treatments.

Later, under President George W. Bush, Fauci helped develop PEPFAR, the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, to bring life-saving HIV treatments to developing countries. In 2008, Bush awarded Fauci the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Fauci said Monday he'd hoped there would be a successful HIV vaccine before he retired.

Asian shares fret about Fed fall

By YURI KAGEYAMA Associated Press

Asian shares were trading lower Tuesday, echoing a broad sell-off on Wall Street amid speculation about another interest rate raise from the U.S. Federal Reserve.

Benchmarks in Asia slid across the region in morning trading, including Japan, China, South Korea and Australia. The latest market slide comes as investors grapple with uncertainty over when the highest inflation in decades will ease significantly, how much the Fed will have to raise interest rates in order to get it under control and how much the rate hikes will slow the economy.

Investors will be looking for insight into these unknowns later this week, when the Federal Reserve holds its annual meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

"The downbeat mood in Wall Street is playing out in the Asia session as well, and although another round of rate cuts to benchmark lending rate in China yesterday may aid to cushion some losses, overall upside could still remain limited amid the shunning of risks," said Yeap Jun Rong, market strategist at IG in Singapore.

The People's Bank of China cut a lending rate Monday, a week after it cut interest rates.

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 lost 1.3% in morning trading to 28,413.04. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 slid 0.5% to 7,009.30. South Korea's Kospi dipped nearly 1.0% to 2,438.19. Hong Kong's Hang Seng shed 0.7% to 19,520.36, while the Shanghai Composite fell 0.3% to 3,267.19.

"Investors are being cautious as continuous risk-off flows have hit global markets," said Anderson Alves at ActivTrades, noting that rising gas



EUGENE HOSHIKO • Associated Press

A person wearing a protective mask walks in front of an electronic stock board showing Japan's Nikkei 225 and New York Dow indexes which had a broad drop, at a securities firm Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022, in Tokyo.

prices were a big risk, especially for Europe.

The S&P 500 had its biggest slide since mid-June, sliding 2.1%, nearly doubling its losses from last week, when it broke a four-week winning streak. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slumped 1.9% and the Nasdaq dropped 2.5%.

Technology companies and retailers had some of the heaviest losses Monday. Smaller company stocks also lost ground, pulling the Russell 2000 index 2.1% lower.

Bond yields gained ground. The yield on the 10-year Treasury, which influences rates on home mortgages and other loans, rose to 3.03% from 2.97% late Friday.

The broader market's losses come on the heels of a week-slong rally. Investors are trying to figure out where the economy goes from here as stubbornly hot inflation hurts businesses and consumers. Record-high inflation also has investors focusing on central banks and their efforts to fight high prices without further damaging economic growth.

"You've had quite a rally and there's reason to not be sure where we're going from here," said Tom Martin, senior portfolio manager with Globalt Investments. "There's still decent potential for a recession."

Minutes last week from the Federal Reserve's July board meeting affirmed plans for more rate hikes despite signs of weaker economic activity. Traders worry aggressive steps to slow the economy might go too far and bring on a recession.

Fed Chair Jerome Powell is scheduled to give a speech on Friday morning at the central bank's annual meeting in Jackson Hole, which starts Thursday. The Fed is holding its meeting following a heavy week of company and economic data that showed inflation is still squeezing the economy, but consumer spending remains resilient.

"I don't think we're out of the woods yet on inflation," Martin said. "We still don't really know how inflation is going to pan out and what the Fed is going to do."



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ing center and Student Health

Most speakers emphasized the importance of involvement outside of the classroom.

"We want students engaged in campus life. All it takes is one little engagement from people to get people excited, like the Student Events Team or the Maverick Machine," said Constantine.

The final speech was given

by Oladeji, an automotive engineering senior from Nigeria. He spoke about his long journey to MSU Mankato, following many roadblocks and rejections before he found a home here in Minnesota.

"You are not considered a failure unless you quit," said Oladeji.

Kaitlyn Honer was a new student who attended the rally. She decided to attend MSU Mankato because of the me-

chanical engineering program. "Oladeji's speech was inter-

esting," said Honer.

Following the procedures in the Taylor Center, students were encouraged to follow the Maverick Machine to pass through the Alumni Arch, a rite of passage for new students. The path was lined with staff and students cheering them on as they symbolically began a new chapter of their life here at MSU Mankato.

Students then walked across campus to the University Dining Center, where the Backyard Bash was held due to weather. The event was sponsored by the campus Greek Life, which had tables with more information about upcoming events for new sorority and fraternity recruits.

New student Emily Wozniak also attended the rally. She found the rally to be fun and a great way to start

the new year.

"It was a good way to pep each other up, and I'm really excited for the other activities planned," Wozniak said.

The rally also featured a preview of Homecoming events, such as the bonfire, and announced this year's Homecoming musician, B.o.B. Homecoming 2023 will take place the week of September

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"We have that [Monkeypox] on our radar and we are working with our state department and our Blue Earth County Public Health Department in case that were to come about," Jodi Egeland, Medical Director at MSU their mental health care spe-

"COVID gave us a lot of good education on preparing for an outbreak."

Other services SHS can provide besides vaccinations include their pharmacy and

cialists.

This past year, MSU has increased services to treat and diagnose various mental health disorders.

"We have seen increased numbers in mental health dis-

orders since COVID started, so we have services available. We are the only four-year university in the MinnState system that has on-site psychiatric care in the medical clinic, so we are very lucky to have that here," Egeland said.

Located in Carkoski Commons, students and faculty who wish to receive their first dose or boosters are able to do so with no appointment necessary. Flu shots are expected to be available in mid to late September.

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Pfizer seeks updated COVID vaccine booster for fall



MATT ROURKE • Associated Press

A health worker administers a dose of a Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine during a vaccination clinic in Reading, Pa. Pfizer asked U.S. regulators to authorize its combination COVID vaccine against the new mutants.

By LAURAN NEERGAARD Associated Press

Pfizer asked U.S. regulators Monday to authorize its combination COVID-19 vaccine that adds protection against the newest omicron relatives — a key step toward opening a fall booster campaign.

The Food and Drug Administration ordered vaccine makers to tweak their shots to target BA.4 and BA.5 that are better than ever at dodging immunity from earlier vaccination or infection.

Pfizer and its partner BioNTech aim to offer updated boosters to people 12 and older, and shots could begin within weeks if the FDA quickly clears the modified vaccine — a step not expected to require waiting on new studies.

Moderna is expected to file a similar application soon for updated boosters for adults. The U.S. has a contract to buy 105 million of the Pfizer doses and 66 million Moderna ones, assuming FDA gives the green light.

"It's going to be really important that people this fall and winter get the new shots. It's designed for the virus that's out there," White House COVID-19 coordinator Dr. Ashish Jha said last week.

For now at least. BA.5 currently is causing nearly all COVID-19 infections in the U.S. and much of the world. There's no way to know if it still will be a threat this winter -- or if another mutant will have replaced it.

The vaccines currently used in the U.S. still offer strong protection against severe disease and death, especially if people have gotten their recommended boosters.

But those vaccines target the coronavirus strain that spread in early 2020 and their effectiveness against infection has dropped markedly as new mutants came along, particularly the super-contagious omicron family.

How would combo shots work? Sort of like a second-generation vaccine. Both

the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines contain the genetic instructions for the spike protein that coats the coronavirus, to train the immune system to recognize the real virus.

The new combo doses will contain instructions for both the original spike target and the spike mutations carried by BA.4 and BA.5.

The news comes after Britain a week ago became the first in the world to authorize a different update to Moderna's COVID-19 vaccines -- shots that add protection against the original omicron that struck last winter.

European regulators also are considering the original omicron versions by Moderna and Pfizer.

The U.S. opted not to use that earlier tweak -- setting up a fall where different countries will be using different versions of booster shots to rev up protection against another possible winter surge.

In the U.S., the FDA will be relying heavily on scientific testing of prior tweaks to the vaccine recipe — rather than a study of the newest boosters that could take months — to decide whether to fast-track updated shots for fall.

Pfizer previously announced results from a study that found its earlier omicron tweak significantly revved up antibodies capable of fighting the first omicron version, called BA.1, and to a lesser degree the genetically distinct BA.4 and BA.5 omicron relatives. Its application to the FDA co

ntains that data plus animal testing of the newest recipe update.

It's similar to how flu vaccines are updated every year without having to undergo large studies.

Pfizer and BioNTech expect to start a trial using the BA.4 and BA.5 boosters in the coming weeks, to shed additional light on how well tweaked shots work.

Moderna has begun a similar study although full results wouldn't be available before a fall booster campaign.

Workers wanted at Intel chip plant

By ANDREW WELSH-HUG-GINS

Associated Press

Ohio's largest-ever economic development project comes with a big employment challenge: how to find 7,000 construction workers in an already booming building environment when there's also a national shortage of people working in the trades.

At hand is the \$20 billion semiconductor manufacturing operation near the state's capital, announced by Intel earlier this year. When the two factories, known as fabs, open in 2025, the facility will employ 3,000 people with an average salary of around \$135,000.

Before that happens, the 1,000-acre site must be leveled and the semiconductor factories built.

"This project reverberated nationwide," said Michael Engbert, an Ohio-based official with the Laborers' International Union of North America.

"We don't field calls every day from members hundreds or thousands of miles away asking about transferring into Columbus, Ohio," he said. "It's because they know Intel is coming."

To win the project, Ohio offered Intel roughly \$2 billion in incentives, including a 30-year tax break.

Intel has outlined \$150 million in educational funding aimed at growing the semiconductor industry regionally and nationally.

Construction is expected to accelerate following Congress' approval last month of a package boosting the semiconductor industry and scientific research in a bid to create more hightech jobs in the United States and help it better compete with international rivals.

It includes more than \$52 billion in grants and other incentives for the semiconductor industry as well as a 25% tax credit for those companies that invest in chip plants in the U.S.

For the central Ohio project, all 7,000 workers aren't



PAUL VERNON • Associated Press

Taylor Purdy, right, a pipe layer with Complete General Construction, and colleague Adam Clary install temporary silt protection for a catch basin near the new Intel semiconductor manufacturing plant in Ohio.

required right away.

They're also only a portion of what will be needed as the Intel project transforms hundreds of largely rural acres about 30 minutes east of Columbus.

Just six months after Intel revealed the Ohio operation, for example, Missouri-based VanTrust Real Estate announced it was building a 500-acre (200-hectare) business park next door to house Intel suppliers.

The site's 5 million square feet (464,515 square meters) is equivalent to nearly nine football fields.

Other projects for additional suppliers are expected.

California-based Intel will rely on lessons learned in building previous semiconductor sites nationally and globally to ensure enough construction workers, the company said in a statement.

"One of Intel's top reasons for choosing Ohio is access to the region's robust workforce," the company said. "It will not be without its challenges, but we are confident there is enough demand that these jobs will be filled."

Labor leaders and state officials acknowledge there's not currently a pool of 7,000 extra workers in central Ohio, where other current projects include a 28-story Hilton near downtown Columbus, a \$2 billion addition to The Ohio State University's medical center, and a \$365 million Amgen biomanufacturing plant not far from the Intel plant.

And that's not counting at least three new Google and Amazon data centers, plans for a new \$200 million municipal courthouse south of downtown Columbus and solar array projects that could require nearly 6,000 construction jobs by themselves.

Federal data shows about 45,000 home and commercial construction workers in central Ohio. That number increased by 1,800 from May 2021 to May 2022, meaning a future deficit given current and future demands.

"I don't know of a single commercial construction company that's not hiring," said Mary Tebeau, executive director of the Builders Exchange of Central Ohio, a construction industry trade association.

Offsetting the imbalance are training programs, a push to encourage more high school students to enter the trades, and pure economics. Including overtime, pay for skilled tradespeople could hit \$125,000 annually, said Dorsey Hager, executive secretary-treasurer of the Columbus Building Trades Council.



NM city falls victim to a government burn

By SUSAN MONTOYA BRY-AN and BRITTANY PETER-SON

Associated Press

In the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, buzzing chainsaws interrupt the serenity.

Crews are hustling to remove charred trees and other debris that have been washing down the mountainsides in the wake of the largest wildfire in New Mexico's recorded history, choking rivers and streams.

Heavy equipment operators are moving boulders dislodged by the daily torrential summer rains that have followed the flames.

Workers have dug trenches and built barriers to help keep the flood of muddy, ash-laden runoff from causing more damage so it won't further contaminate the drinking water supply for the community of more than 10,000 that sits at the edge of the forest.

The clock is ticking for Las Vegas, a college town and economic hub for ranchers and farmers who have called this rural expanse of the Sangre de Cristo mountain range home for generations.

It has less than 30 days of drinking water left. Events have been canceled in an effort to discourage more people from



BRITTANY PETERSON • Associated Press

A sign reading "climate crisis" sits on a resident's burned property in Gallinas, N.M. Earlier this year the area already endured the devastation of the state's largest fire in recorded history, causing an enforced controlled burn.

coming to town. Residents are showering with buckets in hopes of salvaging extra water for other uses.

Restaurants are worried they may have to cut back on serving their signature red and green chile dishes. The three universities that call Las Vegas home are coming up with conservation plans as the school year kicks off.

"It is disheartening to our families and our children to not know that they may not have water in a month from now," said Leo Maestas, the city manager.

It was just months earlier that thousands of residents from Las Vegas and dozens of surrounding mountain villages were forced to pack up their belongings, load their livestock into trailers and flee as the wildfire raged, fueled by unprecedented hot, dry winds.

They watched from a distance as an area larger than Los Angeles was devoured by a conflagration sparked by the federal government when two planned burns meant to reduce the threat of wildfire went awry due to a combination of human error and outdated modeling that didn't account for extreme weather.

Hundreds of homes were destroyed and livelihoods lost.

Amid an undercurrent of heartbreak and anger, residents are feeling the sting yet again as their water supply dwindles as a result and the pressures of climate change show no signs of letting up.

"I mean what else could possibly happen?" asked Las Vegas Mayor Louie Trujillo, not wanting to tempt fate.

Trujillo said the community is no stranger to watering restrictions as drought has long been part of life in northern New Mexico.

"So asking the citizens to do even more is quite an imposition. It's very hard," said Trujillo, as he prepared for federal emergency managers to arrive with another truckload of bottled water for distribution to community members.

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Russia blames Ukraine for nationalist's car bombing



Investigative Committee of Russia via AP

Investigators work on the site of explosion of a car driven by Daria Dugina outside Moscow. Daria Dugina, the daughter of Alexander Dugin, , was killed when her car exploded on the outskirts of Moscow.

By VLADIMIR ISACHEN-KOV Associated Press

Moving quickly to assign blame, Russia on Monday declared Ukrainian intelligence responsible for the brazen car bombing that killed the daughter of a leading right-wing Russian political thinker over the weekend. Ukraine denied involvement.

Darya Dugina, a 29-yearold commentator with a nationalist Russian TV channel, died when a remotely controlled explosive device planted in her SUV blew up on Saturday night as she was driving on the outskirts of Moscow, ripping the vehicle apart and killing her on the spot, authorities said.

Her father, Alexander Dugin, a philosopher, writer and political theorist who ardently supports Russian President Vladimir Putin's decision to send troops into Ukraine, was widely believed to be the intended target. Russian media quoted witnesses as saying that the SUV belonged to Dugin and that he had decided at the last minute to travel in another vehicle.

Russia's Federal Security Service, or FSB, the main successor to the KGB, said Dugina's killing was "prepared and perpetrated by the Ukrainian special services."

The FSB said a Ukrainian citizen, Natalya Vovk, carried out the killing and then fled to Estonia. In Estonia, the prosecutor general's office said in a statement carried by the Baltic News Services that it "has not received any requests or inquiries from the Russian authorities on this topic."

The FSB said Vovk arrived in Russia in July with her 12-year-old daughter and rented an apartment in the building where Dugina lived in order to shadow her. It said that Vovk and her daughter were at a nationalist festival that Dugin and his daughter attended just before the killing.

The agency released video even tougher military action.

of the suspect from surveillance cameras at the border crossings and at the entrance to the Moscow apartment building.

The FSB said Vovk used a license plate for Ukraine's Russian-backed separatist Donetsk region to enter Russia and a Kazakhstan plate in Moscow before switching to a Ukrainian one to cross into Estonia.

Ukraine's presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak denied any Ukrainian involvement in the bombing. In a tweet, he dismissed the FSB claims as fiction, casting them as part of infighting between Russian security agencies.

In a letter extending condolences to Dugin and his wife, Putin denounced the "cruel and treacherous" killing and added that Dugina "honestly served people and the Fatherland, proving what it means to be a patriot of Russia with her deeds."

He posthumously awarded Dugina the Order of Courage, one of Russia's highest medals. Russian Foreign Minisry spokeswoman Maria Zakharov said Dugina's killing reflected Kyiv's reliance on "terrorism as an instrument of its criminal ideology."

In a statement, Dugin described his daughter as a "rising star" who was "treacherously killed by enemies of Russia."

"Our hearts are longing not just for revenge and retaliation. It would be too petty, not in Russia style," Dugin wrote. "We need only victory." The car bombing, unusual for Moscow since the gang wars of the turbulent 1990s, triggered calls from Russian nationalists to respond by ramping up strikes on Ukraine.

Sergei Markov, a pro-Kremlin political analyst, argued that the perpetrators of Dugina's killing might have hoped to encourage a split between those in the Russian elite who advocate a political compromise to end the hostilities in Ukraine and proponents of even tougher military action.

SD Gov. Kristi Noem may have 'engaged in misconduct'



JOHN RAOUX • Associated Press

South Dakota Govenor Kristi Noem is under scrutiny from the state's Government Accountability Board for allegations that pressed forward in its investigation of two complaints against Gov. Noem.

By STEPHEN GROVES Associated Press

A South Dakota ethics board on Monday said it found sufficient information that Gov. Kristi Noem may have "engaged in misconduct" when she intervened in her daughter's application for a real estate appraiser license, and it referred a separate complaint over her state airplane use to the state's attorney general for investigation

The three retired judges on the Government Accountability Board determined that "appropriate action" could be taken against Noem for her role in her daughter's appraiser licensure, though it didn't specify the action.

The board's moves potentially escalate the ramifications of investigations into Noem.

The Republican governor faces reelection this year and

has also positioned herself as an aspirant to the White House in 2024.

She is under scrutiny from the board after Jason Ravnsborg, the state's former Republican attorney general, filed complaints that stemmed from media reports on Noem's actions in office. She has denied any wrongdoing.

After meeting in a closed-door session for one hour Monday, the board voted unanimously to invoke procedures that allow for a contested case hearing to give Noem, who has denied wrongdoing, a chance to publicly defend herself against allegations of "misconduct" related to "conflicts of interest" and "malfeasance."

The board also dismissed Ravnsborg's allegations that Noem misused state funds in the episode.

However, the retired judges left it unclear how they will proceed.

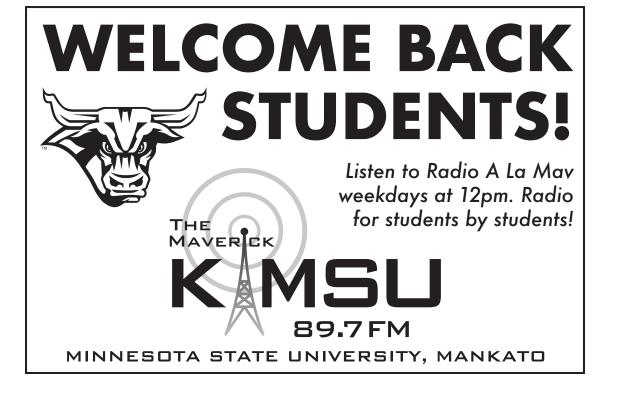
Lori Wilbur, the board chair, said the complaint was "partially dismissed and partially closed," but added that the complaint could be reopened. She declined to discuss what would cause the board to reopen the complaint.

The board can issue a public or private reprimand or direct an official to do community service.

It can also make recommendations to the governor — though that option seems unlikely since the complaints are leveled against Noem.

The AP first reported that the governor took a hands-on role in a state agency soon after it had moved to deny her daughter's application for an appraiser license in 2020.

The retired judges also referred a complaint that Noem flew on state-owned airplanes to political events to the state attorney general's office for further investigation.



Inflation causes decline in Indigenous foods

By CLAIRE SAVAGE, HAN-NAH SCHOENBAUM, and-TRISHA AHMED Associated Press

Blueberry bison tamales, harvest salad with mixed greens, creamy carrot and wild rice soup, roasted turkey with squash.

This contemporary Native American meal, crafted from the traditional foods of tribes across the United States and prepared with "Ketapanen" – a Menominee expression of love – cost caterer Jessica Pamonicutt \$976 to feed a group of 50 people last November.

Today it costs her nearly double.

Pamonicutt is the executive chef of Chicago-based Native American catering business Ketapanen Kitchen. She is a citizen of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin but was raised in the Windy City, home to one of the largest urban Native populations in the country, according to the American Indian Center of Chicago.

Her business aims to offer health-conscious meals featuring Indigenous ingredients to the Chicago Native community and educate people about Indigenous contributions to everyday American fare.

One day, she aims to pur-



CLAIRE SAVAGE • Associated Press

Janie Pochel, an advisor to the Chi-Nations Youth Council, is pictured at the First Nations Garden in Chicago. The garden was established in the spring of 2019 and is host to many traditional Indigenous crops like sweetgrass.

chase all ingredients from Native suppliers and provide her community with affordable access to healthy Indigenous foods, "but this whole inflation thing has slowed that down," she said.

U.S. inflation surged to a

new four-decade high in June, squeezing household budgets with painfully high prices for gas, food and rent.

Traditional Indigenous foods
— like wild rice, bison, fresh
vegetables and fruit in the Midwest — are often unavailable or

too expensive for Native families in urban areas like Chicago, and the recent inflation spike has propelled these foods even further out of reach.

Risk of disease compounds the problem: healthy eating is key to battling diabetes, which afflicts Native Americans at the highest rate of any ethnic group in the United States.

"There are many benefits to eating traditional Native foods," said Jessica Thurin, a dietician at Native American Community Clinic in Minneapolis. "The body knows exactly how to process and use that food. These foods are natural to the Earth."

But many people the clinic serves are low-income and do not have the luxury of choosing where their food comes from.

Food deserts – areas with limited access to a variety of healthy and affordable foods – are more likely to exist in places with higher rates of poverty and concentrations of minority populations.

"In these situations, there are limited healthy food options, not to mention limited traditional food options," Thurin said.

Aside from health benefits, traditional foods hold important cultural and emotional value.

"It's just comfort," said Danielle Lucas, a 39-year-old descendant of the Sicangu Lakota people from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in South Dakota.

Lucas' mother, Evelyn Red Lodge, said she hasn't prepared traditional dishes of the Great Plains, like wojapi berry sauce or stew, since May because the prices of key ingredients.



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Editorial

Editorials represent the opinions of The Reporter editorial board. The opinions expressed here are not necessarily those of the college, university or student body.

Julia Barton Editor In Chief Emma Johnson News Director Lilly Schmidt Variety Editor

We are The Reporter

Student run since day one, The Reporter at Minnesota State University, Mankato has had the responsibility of serving the students and faculty with all things MSU.

From award winning photos to investigative reporting, this year's new staff is ready to take on a new venture in providing top tier content.

Starting in 1926, The Reporter has been a staple regarding students and what's going on in the MSU community since the early 1900s. That being said, let's take a look at this year's bunch.

This year's editorial board is a breath of fresh air as new energy sweeps The Reporter.

Julia Barton, who is a returning member is entering her senior year and new role as Editor in Chief. She has practically worked every role in the newsroom from Staff Writer, to Variety Editor, News Director, and now juggling the Sports Editor position along with her role as the Editor in Chief.

Her passion for journalism continues to motivate and aspire to reach new lengths with her journalism abilities. Planning on graduating this spring with a Bachelor's degree in Mass Media and a minor in marketing, she is excited for what is next in her career.

Emma Johnson will be returning for her second year, this time as the News Director. She will be entering her sophomore year majoring in creative writing. Previously, Johnson was the Variety Editor during her second semester of freshman year and has recently worked at KELOLAND Media Group in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Lilly Schmidt is also a returning staff member who will enter her new role as the Variety Editor. Majoring in creative writing as well, Schmidt is excited to explore her new role and attend various concerts MSU hosts throughout the year. Schmidt also enjoys her coffee as she works part time at a local coffee shop as a barista.

As we roll into our first publication of the new school year, the editorial staff is eager to take on these new roles and accomplish great things this year.

One of those goals is expanding into the world of multimedia. Last year, we grew our social media platforms, Instagram being one of them, which now has over one thousand followers and growing.

Last year, we opened a crowdfunding campaign in order to buy new equipment to further our multimedia presence.

Setting up our new podcast equipment and experimenting with video is next. To keep up with The Reporter and all things MSU, follow us on Instagram @msureporter and online at www.msureporter. com. If you have any story ideas or want to come check us out, we're now hiring, come stop by at room CSU 293.

Perspectives

My last first day of school ever



JULIA BARRON • The Reporter

It can be bittersweet to go into your first last day of school, unless I go to grad school...

By JULIA BARTON Editor in Chief

Today is the last first day of school for me. It is bittersweet for me as I enter my third year of college which was gone in a wink. From graduating in the middle of an unknown pandemic that took over the world. To entering college during COVID, meeting my peers in masks, and entering my first job at The Reporter, my freshman year was anything but regular. Not to mention my last year was my first football and hockey games along with in-person events. Now being able to finally experience a (mostly) normal year, it sadly is also my last.

Going into my senior year at MSU I've gotten to meet so many interesting people. Being a journalist at The Reporter provided me with the

opportunity to get to know my new community here at MSU more than the average freshman. Interviewing interesting people with interesting stories is how I got to know the campus, it was my job to talk to people in such an isolated state. My job became telling my peers in the community what was going on. From protests and demonstrations to investigative research, there was no lack of newsworthy events during the distant COVID years during most of time at college.

Along with that I met some of my best friends through the college newspaper. From my old high school friend becoming my boss to then following in his footsteps and taking his role as he graduated last year. "It's a small world" is all I have to say about that. As for my new coworkers I am super excited to see what we are able to accomplish in the next year. I believe The Reporter has grown tremendously since I started back in 2020. Expanding our multimedia presence is the next step for us and is the most exciting part for me. Broadcast journalism is something I've been interested in since I anchored the morning show at my high school. Having to think about what is next I'm my career is something I've been dreading and something I never had to really consider before. Every year has been the same school year after school year. I'm remembering to savor every last day as a student. To late nights up at the office, to attending sporting events, and soaking the lively energy of the first week of school. This is my last first

Pulse

"How do you feel being back at school?"

Compiled by Dylan Engel



DONALD BURRESS, SENIOR



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ABBY DEGROOT, FRESHMAN

"It's my senior year, excited to get it done and see what's next."

"Good to be busy, good to be back on a schedule."

"Love it. Good to see everyone back and back competing in Rocket League Esports."

"Excited because it's my senior year."

"Took one year off, feels good to be back in it."

"At first, not excited, but now I'm here, I'm excited for what's to come."

9,000 Ukraine troops killed since Russia began war



EVGENIY MALOLETKA • Associated Press

A man collects copper wires on the market which was destroyed after Russian bombardment in Nikopol, Ukraine. Across the river from Ukraine's main nuclear power plant, four people were wounded.

By HANNA ARHIROVA Associated Press

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has already killed some 9,000 Ukrainian soldiers since it began nearly six months ago, a general said, and the fighting Monday showed no signs that the war is abating.

At a veteran's event, Ukraine's military chief, Gen. Valerii Zaluzhnyi, said many of Ukraine's children need to be taken care of because "their father went to the front line and, perhaps, is one of those almost 9,000 heroes who died."

In Nikopol, across the river from Ukraine's main nuclear power plant, Russian shelling wounded four people Monday, an official said.

The city on the Dnieper River has faced relentless pounding since July 12 that has damaged 850 buildings and sent about half its population of 100,000 fleeing.

"I feel hate towards Russians," said 74-year-old Liudmyla Shyshkina, standing on the edge of her destroyed fourth-floor apartment in Nikopol that no longer has

She is still injured from the Aug. 10 blast that killed her 81-year-old husband, Anatoliy.

"The Second World War didn't take away my father, but the Russian war did," noted Pavlo Shyshkin, his son.

The U.N. says 5,587 civilians have been killed and 7,890 wounded in the Russian invasion of Ukraine that began on Feb. 24, although the estimate is likely an undercount.

The U.N. children's agency said Monday that at least 972 Ukrainian children have been killed or injured since Russia invaded. UNICEF Executive

Director Catherine Russell said these are U.N.-verified figures but "we believe the number to be much higher."

U.S. President Joe Biden and the leaders of Britain, France and Germany pleaded Sunday for Russia to end military operations so close to the Zaporizhzhya nuclear plant — Europe's largest — but Nikopol came under fire three times overnight from rockets and mortar shells. Houses, a kindergarten, a bus station and stores were hit, authorities said

There are widespread fears that continued shelling and fighting in the area could lead to a nuclear catastrophe. Russia has asked for an urgent meeting of the U.N. Security Council on Tuesday to discuss the situation — a move "the audacity" of which Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy decried in his evening video address.

"The total number of different Russian cruise missiles that Russia used against us is approaching 3,500. It is simply impossible to count the strikes of Russian artillery; there are so many of them, and they are so intense," Zelensky said Monday.

Western nations had already scheduled a council meeting on Wednesday -- the six-month anniversary of the Russian invasion -- on its impact on Ukraine.

Vladimir Rogov, an official with the Russia-installed administration of the occupied Zaporizhzhia region, claimed that because of shelling from Ukraine, staffing at the nuclear plant had been cut sharply.

Ukrainians say Russia is storing weapons at the plant and has blocked off areas to Ukrainian puclear workers

Monday's announcement of the scope of Ukraine's military dead stands in sharp contrast to Russia's military, which last gave an update on March 25 when it said 1,351 Russian troops were killed during the first month of fighting.

U.S. military officials estimated two weeks ago that Russia has lost between 70,000 to 80,000 soldiers, both killed and wounded in action.

On Monday though, Moscow turned its attention to one specific civilian death. Ukrainian officials have vehemently denied any involvement in the car bombing.

Stocks fall broadly on Wall Street

By DAMIAN J. TROISE and ALEX VEIGA

Associated Press

Another broad stock market sell-off on Monday deepened Wall Street's losses from last week, leaving the S&P 500 with its biggest slide since mid-June.

The benchmark index fell 2.1%, nearly doubling its losses from last week, when it broke a four-week winning streak. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slumped 1.9% and the Nasdaq dropped 2.5%.

Technology companies and retailers had some of the heaviest losses. Smaller company stocks also lost ground, pulling the Russell 2000 index 2.1% lower.

The latest market slide comes as investors grapple with uncertainty over when the highest inflation in decades will ease significantly, how much will the Federal Reserve have to raise interest rates in order to get it under control and how much will the rate hikes slow the economy.

Wall Street will be looking for insight into these unknowns later this week, when the Federal Reserve holds its annual meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

"Volatility spiked as investors are increasingly nervous about what they might hear from officials at the Fed's upcoming Jackson Hole symposium," said Jeffrey Roach, chief economist for LPL Financial.

The S&P 500 fell 90.49 points to 4,137.99.

The Dow lost 643.13 points to close at 33,063.61, while the Nasdaq fell 323.64 points



JOHN MINCHILLO • Associated Press

Stocks are opening broadly lower on Wall Street, extending the market's losses. Losses last week broke a four-week winning streak for the S&P 500. The benchmark index was down 1.4% early Monday morning.

to 12,381.57. The Russell 2000 gave up 41.60 points to 1.915.74.

Some 95% of the stocks in the S&P 500 fell. Technology companies, retailers, banks and communications services stocks accounted for a big share of the index's slide.

Microsoft fell 2.9% and Target fell 3%. JPMorgan dropped 1.7% and Netflix slid 6.1%.

Movie theater operators also fell in choppy trading following news that Cineworld is considering filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

The industry is still struggling to recover from the virus pandemic. AMC Entertainment fell 5.5% and Cinemark fell 5.8%.

Bright spots in the market included Signify Health, which jumped 32.1% after The Wall Street Journal reported that Amazon would bid for the company.

Bond yields gained ground. The yield on the 10-year Treasury, which influences rates on home mortgages and other loans, rose to 3.03% from 2.97% late Friday.

The broader market's losses come on the heels of a week-slong rally.

Investors are trying to figure out where the economy goes from here as stubbornly hot inflation hurts businesses and consumers.

Record-high inflation also has investors focusing on central banks and their efforts to fight high prices without further damaging economic growth.

"You've had quite a rally and there's reason to not be sure where we're going from here," said Tom Martin, senior portfolio manager with Globalt Investments.

"There's still decent potential for a recession."



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Fall 2022- Spring 2023

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| Monday, Sept. 5 | Labor Day — No Bus Service |

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Friday, Nov. 25 No Off-Campus and Campus Circulator
(Except Stomper Express)

Friday, Dec. 9 Last day of Fall Semester — Last day of Off-Campus and Campus Circulator Service

Monday, Jan. 9 Spring semester classes begin — Off-Campus and Campus Girculator begin service at 7:00 A.M.

Monday, Jan. 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No Bus Service
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Trump seeks help to review Mar-a-Lago documents



STEVE HELBER • Associated Press

An aerial view of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate is seen, Aug. 10, 2022, in Palm Beach, Fla. Trump sought a federal judge to stop the FBI's investigation of his estate in Mar-a-lago, Florida.

By ERIC TUCKER Associated Press

Lawyers for former President Donald Trump asked a federal judge Monday to halt the FBI's review of documents recovered from his Florida estate earlier this month until a neutral special master can be appointed to inspect the records.

The request was included in a federal lawsuit, the first filing by Trump's legal team in the two weeks since the search, that takes broad aim at the FBI investigation into the discovery of classified records at Mara-Lago and that foreshadows arguments his lawyers are expected to make as the probe proceeds.

It comes as The New York Times reported that the government has recovered more than 300 documents marked classified from Mar-a-Lago since Trump left office, including more than 150 retrieved by the National Archives in January — a number that helped trigger the criminal investigation.

The lawsuit casts the Aug. 8 search, in which the FBI said it recovered 11 sets of classified documents from Mar-a-Lago, as a "shockingly aggressive move."

It also attacks the warrant as overly broad, contends that Trump is entitled to a more detailed description of the records seized from the home and argues that the FBI and Justice Department has long treated him "unfairly."

"Law enforcement is a shield that protects America. It cannot be used as a weapon for political purposes," the lawyers wrote Monday.

"Therefore, we seek judicial assistance in the aftermath of an unprecedented and unnecessary raid" at Mar-a-Lago.

In a separate statement, Trump said "ALL documents have been previously declassified" — though he has not produced evidence to support that claim — and described the records as having been "illegally seized from my home."

The Justice Department countered in a terse three-sentence statement pointing out that the search had been authorized by a federal judge after the FBI presented probable cause that a crime had been committed.

The filing requests the appointment of a special master not connected the case who would be tasked with inspecting the records recovered from Mar-a-Lago and setting aside those that are covered by executive privilege — a principle that permits presidents to withhold certain communications from public disclosure.

In some other high-profile cases — including investigations involving Rudy Giuliani and Michael Cohen, two of Trump's personal attorneys — that role has been filled by a former judge.

"This matter has captured the attention of the American public. Merely 'adequate' safeguards are not acceptable when the matter at hand involves not only the constitutional rights of President Trump, but also the presumption of executive privilege," the attorneys wrote. The lawsuit argues that the records, created during Trump's White House tenure, are "presumptively privileged."

But the Supreme Court has never determined whether a former president can assert executive privilege over documents, writing in January that the issue is unprecedented and raises "serious and substantial concerns."

The high court turned down Trump's plea to block records held by the National Archives from being turned over to the Jan. 6 committee, saying then that his request would have been denied even if he had been the incumbent president, so there was no need to tackle the thorny issue of a former president's claims.

FBI and Justice Department officials visited Mar-a-Lago in June and asked to inspect a storage room.

3 Arkansas officers suspended

By ANDREW DeMILLO Associated Press

Federal authorities said Monday they have started a civil rights investigation following the suspension of three Arkansas law enforcement officers after a video posted on social media showed two of them beating a man while a third officer held him on the ground.

The officers were responding to a report of a man making threats outside a convenience store Sunday in the small town of Mulberry, about 140 miles (220 kilometers) northwest of Little Rock, near the border with Oklahoma, authorities said.

Arkansas State Police said the agency would investigate the use of force. State police identified the suspect as Randal Worcester, 27, of Goose Creek, South Carolina.

The video shows one officer punching the suspect with a clenched fist, while another can be seen hitting the man with his knee. The third officer holds him against the pavement.

In video recorded from a car nearby, someone yells at officers to stop hitting the man in the head. Two of the officers appear to look up and say something back to the person who yelled. The officers' comments could not be heard clearly on the video.

"The fight was escalating with those officers, and you hear that woman on that video yelling and whoever that is, I think she could have saved his life," said Carrie Jernigan, an attorney representing Worcester



ANDREW DEMILLO •Associated Press

Three Arkansas law enforcement officers were suspended after a video of Randel Worcester's arrest showed two of them beating the suspect while a third officer held him on the ground outside a convenience store.

He was taken to a hospital, then released and booked into the Crawford County jail in Van Buren on multiple charges, including second-degree battery, resisting arrest and making terroristic threats, state police said.

Worcester was released Monday on \$15,000 bond. When asked how he was feeling, he said "all right." An attorney who escorted him from jail declined to comment on his behalf

Worcester was pushing a bicycle as he left the jail. Worcester's father declined to comment when contacted Monday by The Associated Press. He referred a reporter to a law firm representing the family. That firm said it was still trying to gather information and did not immediately have a comment on the video.

Two Crawford County sher-

iff's deputies and one Mulberry police officer were suspended, city and county authorities said.

Worcester is white, according to jail booking information, and the three officers involved also appear to be white.

A Justice Department spokesperson said Monday that the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Arkansas, the FBI's Little Rock Field Office and the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division opened a civil rights investigation into the incident.

"The FBI and the Arkansas State Police will collect all available evidence and will ensure that the investigation is conducted in a fair, thorough, and impartial manner," the Justice Department said in a statement. "The federal investigation is separate and independent from the ongoing state investigation."



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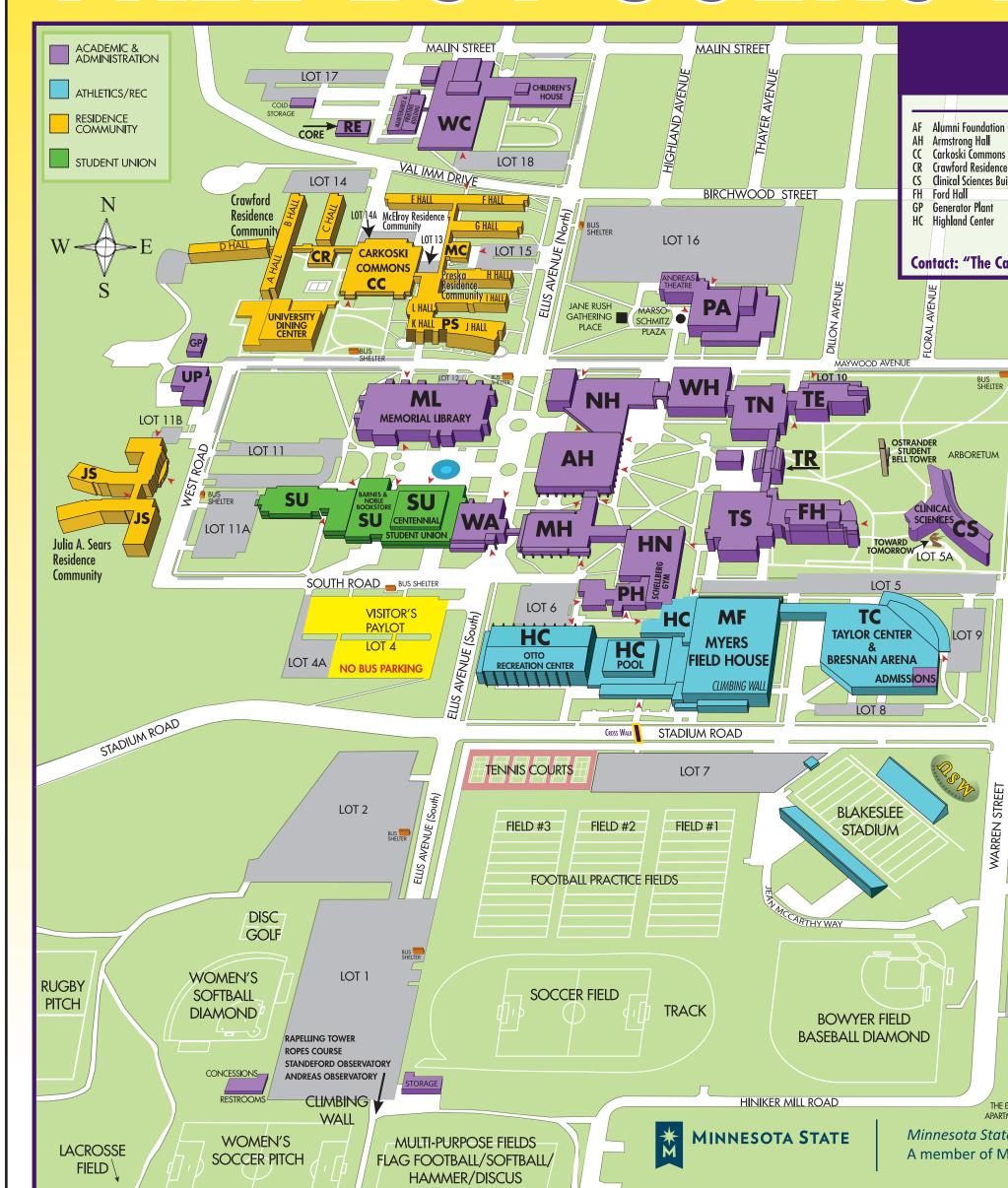


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Smith receives the Jersey of Character

By JULIA BARTON Editor in Chief

As the Minnesota State University, Mankato's football team gears up for a new season, new players will take the field. Dakota Smith, a transfer from the University of South Dakota will wear No. 49, which is known as the "Jersey of Character."

Worn first by Alex Goettl in 2017, the Jersey of Character honors the memory of Jeffery Spann, who was inducted into the Maverick Hall of Fame in 2014.

According to MSU's Department of Athletics, Spann stood as the school's all-time leader in tackles with 326 at the end of his college career. As a senior he led the team with 105 tackles and was named All-North Central Conference First Team and All-American Second Team. Spann, a native of Miami, was inducted into the Minnesota State Hall of Fame in 2014.

Smith, a linebacker, will be going into his junior year at MSU as he endured a gruesome injury during the 2022 Spring; he fractured a fibula in three places and dislocated and le

He was cleared to play three months later and is now fully recovered. He is slowly gaining strength and is expected to play this season.

"It touches my heart that



DYLAN ENGEL • The Reporter

Head Coach Todd Hoffner (left) and Dakota Smith stood together during the second week of fall camp.

he's out here again," MSU head football coach Todd Hoffner said. "A lot of people were really concerned about him at the spring game, and for him to be back here today — it's nothing short of amazing,"

The player to wear No. 49 is known to represent someone who is selfless and a role model for others in the community.

"Dakota Smith is very unselfish, and willing to take on a jersey number of a legend who was an all American leading tackler and an amazing person," Hoffner said.

Spann, who died in 2017, was known among the Maverick football family as a self-less player and individual, and someone his teammates and coaches looked up to.

"Jeffery Spann's favorite saying was 'bring the heat,' and Dakota can blitz like no other," Hoffner said. "He's just a phenomenal person much like Spann was."

While training for the new season Smith is also working toward his masters degree in Business Administration. Honored that he was trusted with such a special jersey, Smith said he was initially surprised when he found out.

"It made me feel really proud because he stressed how it was more about the person I am, rather than the player I am," Smith said. "It means a lot, it really defines the kind of players we want. We want guys that genuinely play for the name on the front more than the name on the back and represent this team and this campus."

Dakota, who arrived at DAKOTA on page 16 ▶

Transfer portal, more hits, fewer misses for coaches

By ERIC OLSON Associated Press

Mississippi's Lane Kiffin sought experienced players who could fill immediate needs.

Southern California's Lincoln Riley and LSU's Brian Kelly went to the transfer portal looking for star power as they attempt quick rebuilds at their new schools.

Nebraska's Scott Frost, meanwhile, is counting on the portal to help him save his job.

"I just looked at it like you would in the NFL," Kiffin said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Sometimes there are years you need to go sign more free agents than you do other years based off what you have and your needs. That part excites me about it, that you can fix problems fast."

Kiffin is trying to build off a 10-win season that ended in the Sugar Bowl. His group of 17 transfers is ranked as the No. 2 portal class in the nation, according to 247Sports, and is headed by quarterback Jaxson Dart last season's starter at USC.

Dart left the Trojans a week after Riley's starter at Oklahoma, Caleb Williams, announced he would join his coach in Los Angeles. Williams and Biletnikoff Award-winning receiver Jordan Addison from Pittsburgh are the biggest names Riley landed in his portal class of 20 that's ranked No. 1.

USC won just four games last season, the fewest since 1991, but the addition of so much talent has earned the Trojans a No. 14 preseason ranking and made them a contender to win the Pac-12.

"The people we brought in here, the staff we brought in here, we didn't come here to play for second. We are not wired that way," Riley said. "We came here competitively to win championships, win them now and to win them for a long time. That will always be our expectation."

Kelly's charge at LSU is to revive a program that dropped off significantly since winning the national championship in 2019 under Ed Orgeron.

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Maverick Esports and open gaming play is underway

By AYAN MUHAMMAD Staff Writer

Coming into the new school year, Maverick Esports community decided to hold an open gaming play event to get to know the varsity players during Welcome Week.

Now that tryouts are concluded, the varsity players are looking forward to playing in a tournament setting. Maverick Esports Head Coach Jacquie Lamm volunteered to get to know the facility and get to know the players and machines. Particularly, Lamm is most excited about the Call of Duty and Warzone and believes by hosting these events is what sets Minnesota State University, Mankato apart from the university Esports programs across the country.

Esports is the newest and becoming more popular be-

cause those who participate can play games and go to events while getting to know people with the same interest. The varsity players, specifically the mavericks, are planning to participate in Esports after this event; some involve off campus travel to other states.

Tylor, a freshman at MSU, wanted to branch out from his usual hobbies. Tylor likes to make new friends and in his opinion taking part in these events is the best way to make friends. Tylor joined Esports for the first time this year and really enjoyed it. He casually plays games like skyrim etc.

Nika, a sophomore at MSU, enjoys gaming and has been playing video games for most of his life. Nika enjoyed this event and is planning to get involved with the esports community. Before this event Nike had played some minor



Maverick Esports and Open Gaming Play on Saturday during the Welcome Week in Wissink Hall.

leagues for passing time but now is planning to join the Esports community for their next tournaments.

Sunday's event was geared toward freshmen so they can get to know their Esports community and meet new players who are interested in joining the gaming community. Students that want to be part of something bigger than just the varsity program can join the Esports and Gaming Student Learning Community

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Cardinals relish locker room full of veteran superstars

By DAVID BRANDT Associated Press

There are two lockers in the visitors' clubhouse at Arizona's Chase Field — bigger than all the others — that are usually reserved for veteran stars who have earned a little extra room to spread out.

The St. Louis Cardinals are one of the few teams with too many options.

The jumbo digs were eventually assigned to Albert Pujols and Yadier Molina, and who could really argue? They're two veteran superstars in their 40s nearing the end of Hall of Fame-caliber careers.

But the guys stuck in the smaller lockers next to the rookies and journeymen are almost as impressive: There's 40-year-old Adam Wainwright, a right-handed pitcher with 193 career wins and three All-Star appearances. Across the room was 34-year-old Paul Goldschmidt, one of the game's best first basemen who is a seven-time All-Star and in the midst of an MVP-caliber campaign.

Right next to him was Nolan Arenado, the 31-year-old third baseman with seven All-Star appearances and nine Gold Gloves. It's a wealth of veteran expertise that's not lost on firstyear manager Oliver Marmol,



MATT YORK • Associated Press

St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols (5) laughs in the dugout after getting caught stealing second during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Arizona Diamondbacks, Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022, in Phoenix.

who at 36 is younger than many of the veterans.

"One thing this organization has done really well is pass on the history of what winning really looks like," Marmol said. "This is what the work looks like in order to win. Those guys — there's not a stronger group."

And here's the most important part. The quintet of voteren

ant part: The quintet of veteran stars isn't just in the clubhouse for show. They're producing at a high level, which has pushed the Cardinals to the top of the NL Central. They had a five-game

lead over the Brewers going into Monday's games.

Pujols is enjoying a renaissance at 42 years old. He's batting over .450 in August and has eight homers and 18 RBIs over the past month. The three-time MVP is making a run at 700

career homers, sitting at 693 with 41 games left in the regular season, which he says will be his last. He's treated as baseball royalty. The crowd at Chase Field gave Pujols a standing ovation before his first at-bat in all three games of the most recent series. And he was cheered at Wrigley Field when he took Drew Smyly deep in the seventh inning Monday night, giving the Cardinals a 1-0 victory over the Cubs. The slugger isn't consumed with the attention. He crushed two homers as part of a 4-for-4 day on Saturday, but didn't raise any fuss when Marmol elected to take him out of the game and use rookie Nolan Gorman who is two decades younger as a pinch hitter.

Nobody looked happier than Pujols when Gorman singled.

"This isn't about one guy, it's about 26 guys on the roster," Pujols said. "I think when you have a great group of guys, it's easy to come in and enjoy what you do. ... We're playing great baseball."

Wainwright turns 41 later this month and has been rock solid in the middle of the rotation with a 9-8 record and 3.11 ERA. The 40-year-old Molina isn't producing at the rate he's accustomed to, but still has his moments, like a three-hit game against the Diamondbacks on Friday.



Mariota, Ridder solid for Falcons in 24-16 loss to Jets



JOHN MUNSON • Associated Press

Atlanta Falcons quarterback Marcus Mariota (1) celebrates after wide receiver Olamide Zaccheaus (17) scores a touchdown during the first half of an NFL football game against the New York Jets, Monday, Aug. 22, 2022.

By DENNIS WASZAK Associated Press

Marcus Mariota is feeling — and playing — like a starter again.

After leading Atlanta to scores on two of his three drives in the Falcons' 24-16 loss against mostly New York Jets backups Monday night, Mariota appears to have strengthened his hold on the quarterback job.

"The last couple years were a good reset for me, but I'm excited about the opportunity, excited about this team," said Mariota, who was a backup the last two years in Las Vegas and hasn't started a regular-season game since 2019 with Tennessee.

Mariota was 6 of 10 for 132 yards and a touchdown pass to Olamide Zaccheaus before giving way to rookie Desmond Ridder with a 10-0 lead in the second quarter.

"I'm pleased with Marcus," Falcons coach Arthur Smith said. "Looked like he got into a good rhythm."

Ridder, a third-round pick out of Cincinnati, wasn't too shabby, either, going 10 of 13 for 143 yards and leading the Falcons to two field goals during his three series that were marred by penalties.

"He's young, spunky and he's showing flashes out here today," said tight end Kyle Pitts, one of only a few projected Falcons starters who played.

Pitts made his presence felt quickly with a 52-yard reception on Atlanta's second play from scrimmage. He got wide open on Bryce Hall, who's competing with rookie Sauce Gardner for a starting job at cornerback, to put the Falcons at the Jets 9.

"Well, you know, it makes

it easy when you've got a guy like Kyle," Mariota said. "But yeah, we felt good about the player, felt good about the look and hats off to Kyle for executing it."

The drive stalled, though, and the Falcons had to settle for a 23-yard field goal by Younghoe Koo. But Mariota led Atlanta into the end zone on the next possession. He hit a wideopen Anthony Firkser for a 39-yard gain to get to the Jets 14, and then found Zaccheaus for a 13-yard TD two plays later.

The Jets sat most of their projected starters, including quarterback Joe Flacco — who took over as New York's QB1 in place of the injured Zach Wilson. Coach Robert Saleh said after the game the Jets will treat this week as a "dress rehearsal" for the regular season and the starters are expected to play Sunday against the Giants.

Wilson is out a few weeks as he recovers from a bone bruise and surgically repaired torn meniscus in his right knee, with his availability for the season opener against Baltimore on Sept. 11 uncertain. It would be Flacco under center if Wilson can't go, but Mike White got the start against the Falcons and was mostly ineffective with the backups.

White went 12 of 17 for 90 yards, and the offense punted on each of his first four series before Greg Zuerlein's 44-yard field goal ended the first half with the Jets trailing 16-3.

"It was one of those preseason games where you couldn't get into a rhythm," White said. COMEBACK CHRIS

Fourth-stringer Chris Streveler, who hadn't thrown a pass in team drills before leading the Jets to two touchdowns in the preseason opener at Philadelphia, was at it again against

Atlanta.

The former CFL quarterback, who had previous NFL stints with Arizona, Baltimore and Miami, replaced White in the third quarter and engineered TD drives in his first two series.

First came a 34-yard TD pass to Lawrence Cager, then an eight-play drive that was capped by La'Mical Perine's 7-yard run that gave the Jets a 17-16 lead 11 seconds into the fourth quarter.

Streveler finished 8 of 11 for 119 yards and the TD, and was intercepted by Teez Tabor. He also led the Jets with 33 yards rushing on six carries.

SCOOP AND SCORE

Jets defensive lineman Bradlee Anae, competing for a roster spot on a deep unit, made his case to stick around. He sacked Franks, causing him to fumble, and then picked up the ball and rumbled 30 yards into the end zone for a touchdown in the rain that gave New York a 24-16 lead.

SLOPPY

Ridder led the Falcons to the Jets 1 in his first series, but a false start penalty on offensive lineman Jalen Mayfield on fourth down had Atlanta opt instead for a 23-yard field goal by Koo.

The next drive featured five more penalties — four on the Falcons, with one declined — and Atlanta settled for a 30-yard field goal.

"We've got to be more disciplined," Smith said. "We've got to operate cleaner. We've got to finish those drives in the red zone."

Atlanta finished with 13 penalties for 121 yards. New York wasn't much better: The Jets were penalized 11 times for 104 yards.



DYLAN ENGEL • The Reporter

Dakato Smith is a transfer from the University of South Dakota and will be starting his junior year at MSU.

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MSU spring semester of 2022, says he felt supported by his new teammates on and off the field.

"I had over half the team reach out to me when I got injured, it truly came from the heart which meant a lot to me," Smith said. "I spent every day this summer rehabbing and working out so to say the least it was a big hurdle to climb but I'm proud to be out here with the guys."

The Mavericks' first game is set to play at Bemidji State 6 p.m. Sept. 1. The team's first home game Sept. 10.

"I'm excited for the first home game and being able to run on that field. There's a lot of history at Blakeslee so being able to represent such a strong heritage is something I'm looking forward to," Smith said.

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on campus. "The Learning Community in the campus dorms will surround you with other students who share an interest in gaming, while pairing you up with an upper-classman who will act as your mentor to help you improve your gameplay, at

the same time as helping you make the transition to college living," Lamm said. There is also a zero-toxicity policy in place at Maverick Esports, stating that any student that shows toxicity towards the game, opponents, or their teammates will be subject to termination of the program.



Seahawks bolster analytics staff after disappointing season



TED S. WARREN • Associated Press

Becca Erenbaum, left, a senior football research analyst, and Peter Engler, a football research assistant, hold laptop computers on Aug. 3, 2022 at the Seattle Seahawks' NFL football indoor training facility.

By TIM BOOTH Associated Press

Of all the moves the Seattle Seahawks made before the start of this season, the acquisition of a pair of analytical 20-somethings flew under the radar.

But they're hoping Peter Engler and Becca Erenbaum will have a huge impact on the organization.

Their job is to make sense of numbers and systems. They run code and develop programs and live in a world of language that if interpreted and translated correctly can be a differentiator between success and failure.

Coming off their worst season in coach Pete Carroll's tenure, the Seahawks aimed to supplement their analytics staff that before this season was on the smaller side compared to other NFL teams.

Enter Erenbaum, 22, and Engler, 24.

They'll be called upon to take various data streams and create a statistical analysis of situations.

They're not the ones calling a 10-yard slant, choosing which player to blitz off the edge or making the call whether to go for it on fourth down or punt. But their work helps determine if those are the correct decisions.

"We have to continue to challenge ourselves to use the information properly and appropriately so that we can make sure that we're getting the most out of it," Carroll said. "And it's not for any kind of lack of data. We have all kinds of stuff."

Erenbaum and Engler joined a team that's been headed by Patrick Ward and Brian Eayrs, who have been with the Seahawks for nearly a decade. Erenbaum will work primarily with football operations and player personnel. Engler will be focused on working with the coaching staff.

Ward said there are teams with more staff but the seven total Seattle has — including developers — is "pretty healthy."

"We had some openings to get some headcount and get some help to answer some of the questions that you're trying to get after," Ward said. "There's no shortage of questions and there's no shortage of data."

Data and analytics. They are all encompassing concepts that often struggle to have definition with how they're put into context and used to the benefit of a team or individual.

Erenbaum has worked in the NFL and NBA, and is still finishing up her graduate degree at Columbia.

Engler's background is almost entirely in football. Both have NFL connections from working for "The 33rd Team," a football think tank co-founded by former NFL executives Mike Tannenbaum and Joe Banner.

"I always knew I wanted to be in football, especially on the team side just because of the competitive aspect," Engler said. "I grew up playing all these different sports and so I want to be able to win things."

When asked in prior years about how the Seahawks use analytics, Carroll was usually coy, mostly just acknowledging that Seattle used analytics. Seattle has an analytics team on the business side of the franchise, but getting a handle on how it's used on the football side has proven a challenge.

Now, the oldest coach in the league who will turn 71 in September, is a little more open about it.

"We start from the basics charting our own stuff, and then analyzing our own so we know what our tendencies are, know what our opponents tendencies are, all that normal, typical stuff," Carroll said.

"Although we do it better now and we can do it more specific ways. There's really no limitations. Only in our ability to come up with ideas and how we want to look at stuff because the data is in there."

Carroll said the idea of bolstering staff was part of the message from owner Jody Allen during meetings following the end of last season.

"She made a point a while back that let's make sure that we're staying at the cutting edge, and I said, 'heck yeah,' whatever that may be," Carroll recalled. "She was the first back in February to make a statement about it so people jumped at it. ... We made room and we created the opportunities for people and she was totally behind it."

Erenbaum was working as an intern for the New York Knicks while taking classes at Columbia, but knew she preferred working in the NFL. She estimates sending 60 or so emails to various front office staffers in the league and as she said, "expecting not one person to answer me."

Erenbaum believes she and Engler complement each other.

"You're gonna have strengths and weaknesses no matter where you go.

You just have to adapt to who you're working with, because not everyone is going to be able to read a regression model or be able to code," Erenbaum said. "We both have different coding skills."



ROGELIO V. SOLIS • Associated Press

Mississippi head coach Lane Kiffin gestures following his team's 31-17 win over LSU during an NCAA college football game in Oxford, Miss. Mississippi coach Lane Kiffin signed 17 players from the transfer portal.

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Kelly's group of 15 portal additions is ranked No. 3 and especially strong on the defensive side. The transfers of Arkansas three-year starting defensive backs Joe Foucha and Greg Brooks to LSU illustrate how cutthroat the game can be. Kelly acknowledges bringing in players from an SEC West rival isn't ideal. On the other hand, two LSU players transferred to the Razorbacks.

"I know many don't like to see that happen within the league. I'm not crazy about it, either," Kelly said. "But these are two Louisiana kids that wanted to play at LSU, and they have been great

additions. I would say that when we were looking into the transfer portal, we wanted young men that had SEC experience and had ties to the state of Louisiana. Brooks and Foucha fit that to the T."

Nebraska's Frost, 15-29 in four years, desperately needs a turnaround after taking a \$1 million pay cut and firing four offensive assistants near the end of a 3-9 season.

His 15 portal additions are ranked No. 7, and seven or eight probably will start in the opener. The biggest names are defensive end Ochaun Mathis (TCU) and quarterback Casey Thompson (Texas).





Ex-Clemson coach Lee embracing role as SC assistant



SEAN RAYFORD • Associated Press

Then-Clemson head coach Monte Lee stands in the dugout before an NCAA baseball game against South Carolina at Segra Park on Saturday, March 5, 2022, in Columbia, S.C.

By PETE IACOBELLI Associated Press

Monte Lee, born about a half hour from South Carolina, learned long ago the importance of the Gamecocks' fierce rivalry with Clemson.

Now, Lee walks a seldom-traveled path as Clemson's ex-baseball coach who's joined South Carolina's dugout as that team's new associate head coach and recruiting coordinator less than three months after clearing out his office with the Tigers.

Lee's ready for the catcalls, the hurt feelings and strange looks he'll get by many who hold this baseball battle with sacred significance — and just second to the school's yearly football game.

"In this state, there is no Yankees and Red Sox," Lee said Monday. "We are the Yankees and the Red Sox"

Several people through the years have worked sidelines, courts, fields and sports offices for both Clemson and South Carolina. Even Lee's longtime Tiger boss, former Clemson athletic director Dan Radakovich, was a sports administrator at South Carolina earlier in his career.

Only South Carolina head football coach Brad Scott, in recent times, quickly changed colors when he joined the Tigers staff less than two weeks after his dismissal after the 1998 season.

Lee, who spent seven years leading the Tigers, saw Scott at Clemson, although the two never spoke about switching sides in the Palmetto State showdown. Lee will confront that head-on.

"As far as the awkwardness of me being the head coach of Clemson for seven years, I'm not going to shy away from the fact that a lot of those kids in the (Clemson) program were kids I coached," Lee said.

"I love those kids dearly. Nothing's going to change how I feel about the players I coached."

Or the ones he'll soon get to know since joining South Carolina coach Mark Kingston's program. Kingston respected Lee's work for a while — Lee and the Tigers were 10-5 against Kingston and the Gamecocks the past five seasons — and is grateful to add Lee's "passion, experience and knowledge to our team."

Lee worked for now-South Carolina AD Ray Tanner from 2003-08, helping the Gamecocks to a pair of College World Series trips in 2003 and 2004. Lee also spent seven seasons as College of Charleston's head coach, reaching the NCAA Tournament four times before his hiring at Clemson.

With the Tigers, Lee reached the NCAAs his first four seasons. The tournament was canceled in 2020 and Clemson failed to make the field the past two years, leading to Lee's firing. "I did the very best job I could," he said. "We all know what business we're in."

Lee's new business is helping Kingston bring the Gamecocks as much success as possible.

The two didn't know each other very well until they became rival coaches.

Outside the lines, Lee and Kingston would talk a few times each spring to see how things were going. "We shared a unique perspective," Lee said.

It was Kingston who called to gauge Lee's interest in the South Carolina opening.

Lee had planned to coach professionally but was intrigued at staying in-state and rejoining a program with familiar faces.

Three Clemson players — catcher Jonathan French, right fielder Dylan Brewer, and relief pitcher Ricky Williams — transferred to South Carolina after Lee was let go.

Lee has quickly shifted his mind toward his latest career mission, no matter his recent past.

"I'm going to do everything I can to dominate this new role and put the players first," he said. "This is not about me. This is about helping the people in the building succeed at a high level."

Fisher cut day after sweet debut

Associated Press

Banker-turned-reliever Nate Fisher found out the hard way Monday that baseball really is a numbers game.

A day after a sparkling major league debut that brightened the sports world, Fisher was cut by the New York Mets.

The NL East leaders made the move heading into the two-game Subway Series against the New York Yankees. In fact, Fisher actually was in the Mets' clubhouse at Yankee Stadium two hours before game time, then was designated for assignment. Now completely off the 40-man roster, Fisher could be traded or placed on waivers during a seven-day period. If unclaimed, he could be assigned outright back to the minors with the Mets.

Going into these matchups against the Yankees, the 26-year-old lefty likely wouldn't have been able to pitch after throwing three scoreless innings Sunday against Philadelphia.

And with the Mets needing fresh arms, he was let go.

"I think these guys kind of know where we are," manager Buck Showalter said after a 4-2 loss to the Yankees. "They understand what's going on as far as trying to keep our bullpen through a really hard, long stretch with Atlanta, four in Philadelphia before and trying to get through here."

"So they understand, but it's still kind of tough to have those conversations," he said.

The move came while many were still reveling in the sheer improbability of Fisher's path.



MATT SLOCUM • Associated Press

New York Mets pitcher Nate Fisher walks to the mound in a rain storm during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies, Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022, in Philadelphia.

After once giving up his hopes of a baseball career and moving into the financial world with a job in Nebraska, he dazzled in his debut.

Fisher allowed just one hit against the Phillies, giving the Mets a chance to rally in a game they eventually won 10-9.

From determining whether to approve commercial loans at the First National Bank of Omaha in June 2021 to pitching in a pennant race at Citizens Bank Park in 2022.

"It's pretty surreal right now," Fisher said after the game. "I'm so thankful and so blessed for the opportunity. It hasn't even sunk in yet."

Fisher gave up one hit, walked two and struck out one. His outing spanned a 46-minute rain delay, making his work even more valuable. When he was introduced and made his way to the mound to begin the

fifth inning, the fans weren't the only ones wondering about this newcomer.

"I didn't even know who this guy was when he came into the game today," said Mark Canha, who hit two home runs in the win.

In the wake of COVID-19 uncertainty, Fisher left baseball and joined a former coach in the banking world in 2020 in his hometown. He re-signed with the Mariners last summer and reached Triple-A.

This year in the Mets system, Fisher was 0-1 with a 3.77 ERA in 12 games at Double-A Binghamton and 1-2 with a 3.12 ERA in 12 games at Triple-A Syracuse before his call-up prior to Sunday's game.

And hours later, he was on the mound.

"This is my dream," he said after that outing — for now, his only big league appearance.



VARIETY

Welcome Week welcomes students old and new

By LILLY SCHMIDT • Variety Editor

With classes beginning yesterday, it is a new start for a lot of students. The rush of designing a new room and meeting new people can be exciting, and Minnesota State University, Mankato kicked off the fun with some exciting events. Welcome week activities included the New Student Rally, a hypnotist show, and the signature Galactic Bingo.

So, what are new students thinking of all the commotion?

MSU freshman Olivia Stark said, "I really liked bingo. Because I'm from a smaller town, it was really fun to have a ton of people in one room. It was so fun."

Stark also shared her first impression of life at the dorms.

"I live like two hours away, so I thought I'd be really homesick because I'm close to family, but I do actually feel really comfortable here. I really like the people on my floor," said Stark. "They're sweet and relatable, because a lot of them I've met are freshmen, which is nice."

Following the Welcome week activities, campus has plenty of ways for students to get involved and enjoy the new school year. The Involvement Fair is coming up Wednesday, August 31 for students to discover clubs and organizations, seek out part-time jobs, or find fun ways

In the meantime, there's plenty of things to explore around campus. New food options for both freshman and returning students in the CSU include Firehouse Subs, Hissho Sushi, Peking Plate, and Starbucks.

Some students are also taking advantage of their Community Assistant's guided tours around the school. Stark mentioned that she was looking forward to



Welcome Week is in full swing, with many students exploring MSU's campus and all of the fun activities planned this week.

classes in the Clinical Sciences Building, because she likes the design of the build-

"My roommate and I, we've gone and walked around and stuff. And then I went on the tour with my CA. It was really nice for her to show us around campus," said

Speaking of classes, Stark said, "I did PSEO in my hometown, so I knew how to work D2L, but just being in person made me a little nervous."

She's also excited to look into education and women's clubs and organizations on campus.

Beyond exploring, Stark has been putting herself out there.

"[I've been] going around saying hi to people. I've been knocking on people's doors on my floor just saying hi and go-

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France pays homage to beloved New Yorker cartoonist

By JADE LE DELEY Associated Press

Family, friends and fans have paid tribute to French cartoonist Jean-Jacques Sempé, whose simple line drawings tinted with humor graced the covers of The New Yorker magazine and granted him international acclaim.

A funeral Mass for Sempé — affectionately known as J.J. in the United States took place Friday at the Church of Saint-Germain-des-Prés in Paris. Friends and relatives honored the artist, who died last week at age 89, and his legacy. A private funeral was held at the city's renowned Montparnasse cemetery.

Outside the church, a poster of Sempé's first New Yorker cover stood next to a black-and-white portrait of him festooned with flowers. The Aug. 14, 1978 cover depicted the façade of a New York building, with a bald-headed bird with glasses in a suit perched on a high-up window and enlightened by pale yellow rays of sunshine.

The drawing epitomizes the artist's gentle ironic universe, sublimated by vivid watercolors and a breezy and seemingly effortless style. In his native France, he found fame with illustrations for the classic "Le Petit Nicolas" ("Little Nicholas")

children's book series, and went on to specialize in drawings about life's simple pleasures.

"It takes me a very long time, weeks or even months for me to get it right," Sempé told The Associated Press in a 2011 interview. "You get thinking about something that little by little starts taking shape in your mind."

Sempé captured the thin, fashionable haute bourgeoisie of Paris and mustachioed, beret-wearing townsfolk, all bearing hallmark hulking noses and replete with bicycles, baguettes, books and tractors. But he also found inspiration in The New Yorker's hometown, the magazine noted in an homage published on

"I love the colors in New York," he said. "They're dynamic: bright yellows, greens, reds, and blues. Paris, where I live, is beautiful but it's always gray. I love Paris, too, but it's not the same."

He drew more than 100 covers for The New Yorker after meeting the magazine's art director in Paris in 1978. Despite its unequivocal Frenchness, Sempé's work touched a universal nerve, portraying culture-crossing human follies and neuroses.

"He marked several generations. You can't find in the U.S. a reader of the print version of the New Yorker who doesn't



French cartoonist Jean-Jacques Sempe is seen during an interview with the Associated Press in Paris on Oct. 19, 2011. Cartoonist Jean-Jacques Sempe, whose simple line drawings captured French life and won international acclaim on the covers of New Yorker magazine, has died on Aug.11, 2022. He was 89.

know who Sempé is," Francoise Mouly, the publication's current art director, said in an interview with French newspaper

Mouly praised his "universal way to address the point of view of individuals in

daily life, common situations" in drawings that spoke to people from Paris to New York.

A 71-year-old French artist known as Gabs said Sempé inspired him to become

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Kobe Bryant's widow says crash photos turned grief to horror



JAE C. HONG • Associated Press

Vanessa Bryant, the widow of Kobe Bryant, leaves a federal courthouse in Los Angeles, Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022. Kobe Bryant's widow is taking her lawsuit against the Los Angeles County sheriff's and fire departments to a federal jury, seeking compensation for photos deputies shared of the remains of the NBA star, his daughter and seven others killed in a helicopter crash in 2020.

By ANDREW DALTON Associated Press

Vanessa Bryant testified Friday that she was only beginning to grieve the loss of her husband, basketball star Kobe Bryant, and their 13-year-old daughter Gianna when she was faced with the fresh horror of learning that sheriff's deputies and firefighters had shot and shared photos of their bodies at the site of the helicopter crash that killed them.

"I felt like I wanted to run, run down the block and scream," she said, her tears turning to sobs and her voice quickening. "It was like the feeling of wanting to run down a pier and jump into the water. The problem is I can't escape. I can't escape my body."

During her three hours on the witness stand in a Los Angeles federal court, where she is suing LA County for invasion of privacy over the pictures, Bryant said she had fought to get through both public and private memorials for her loved ones and seven others who were killed Jan. 26, 2020, and thought she was ready to really begin the grieving process about a month later. She was with friends and her surviving daughters, and holding her 7-month-old baby, when she received a call about a Los Angeles Times story on the crashsite photos. "I bolted out of the

house and around to the side so my girls wouldn't see," she said. "I was blindsided again, devastated, hurt. I trusted them. I trusted them not to do these things."

Evidence presented at trial showed that a sheriff's deputy showed a photo of Bryant's body to a bartender as he drank, spurring an official complaint from another man drinking nearby, and that firefighters shared them with each other at an awards banquet. Others shared them with spouses. An attorney for the county said the photos had been taken only because they were essential for assessing the site moments after the crash, and that when LA County Sheriff Alex Villanueva learned they were being shared, he demanded they all be deleted. "I live in fear every day of being on social media and these popping up," she testified. "I live in fear of my daughters being on social media and these popping up."

She said the thought keeps her awake at night as she lies next to her 3-year-old and her 5-year-old, and sometimes leads to panic attacks in which she can't breathe.

She said she had talked to a therapist for about 18 months after the crash, but had not since. "I feel like sometimes it helps," Bryant said, "but sometimes it's completely draining."

Hashmall spent much of

her 90-minute cross-examination going through the business roles Bryant now plays, including acting as president of her husband's multimedia company, Granity Studios, overseeing the publication of one book he wrote and helping to finish and publish another, heading the foundation started for Kobe and Gianna.

Hashmall suggested that Bryant's ability to do all of this meant she was functioning well and was not overcome with fear and anxiety.

"It sounds like on top of everything else you're juggling a business empire," Hashmall said at one point.

"For me, it's a labor of love," said Bryant, who remained calm and composed during cross-examination.

She cried frequently, and laughed occasionally.

Bryant chronicled the day of the crash, her anguish, and her frustration at trying to learn whether her husband and daughter were still alive after she initially heard from an assistant that there were five survivors. She described Sheriff Villanueva coming into a room where she waited at Lost Hills sheriff's station and confirming that her husband and daughter had been killed. He asked if there was anything he could do for her.

Fetty Wap faces at least 5 years in prison for drugs



EVAN AGOSTINI • Invision via AP

Fetty Wap has been jailed after prosecutors say he threatened to kill a man, violating the terms of his pretrial release in a pending federal drug conspiracy case.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rapper Fetty Wap pleaded guilty Monday to a conspiracy drug charge that carries a mandatory five-year prison

The plea in Central Islip on Long Island came before U.S. Magistrate Judge Steven Locke, who had revoked his bond and sent him to jail two weeks ago. No sentencing date was immediately set.

Locke took that step after prosecutors said that Wap, whose real name is Willie Maxwell, threatened to kill a man during a FaceTime call in 2021, violating the terms of his pretrial release in his drug case.

The "Trap Queen" rapper was initially arrested last October on charges alleging he participated in a conspiracy to smuggle large amounts of heroin, fentanyl and other drugs into the New York City area.

He pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possess substances, the top charge in an indictment against him. It carries a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison while federal sentencing guidelines are likely to recommend additional years in prison.

Maxwell and five co-defendants were accused of conspiring to possess and distribute more than 100 kilograms (220 pounds) of heroin, fentanyl and crack cocaine between June 2019 and June 2020.

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ing to events," said Stark.

She's also excited to look into education and women's clubs and organizations on campus.

Furthermore, the CSU Art

Gallery opens tomorrow, August 23, with a collection by Dana Sikkila, as well as the MavFest event.

The event is hosted by the Student Events Team in celebration of Maverick Pride.

Hopefully with the multitude of school-hosted events, new students will be able to meet friends and make themselves at home and consider themselves a true Maverick.

'Dragon Ball Super' bests 'Beast' at box office with \$20.1M

By LINDSEY BAHR Associated Press

Idris Elba may go head-tohead with a lion in "Beast," but the action flick was no match for the latest "Dragon Ball" movie at the North American box office this weekend.

"Dragon Ball Super: Super Hero" topped the charts in its first weekend in theaters, with \$20.1 million in ticket sales according to studio estimates on Sunday. "Beast," meanwhile, settled for a second-place debut with \$11.6 million.

Crunchyroll released "Dragon Ball Super: Super Hero" on 3,900 screens in North America, marking the widest-ever opening for an anime.

The Toei Animation production was directed by Tetsuro Kodama, who had the support of "Dragon Ball" creator Akira Toriyama. The Dragon Ball universe is almost 40 years old, and includes manga, television shows, movies, games and toys.

"We're absolutely thrilled that Dragon Ball fans could come together to experience and enjoy this amazing film in theaters," said Mitchel Berger, senior vice president of global commerce for the distributor, in a statement. "Crunchyroll thanks all of the fans, whether or not you are a 'super' fan or a newcomer, and we hope they



Crunchyroll via AP

This image provided by Crunchyroll shows a still from "Dragon Ball Super: Super Hero", which topped the charts in its first weekend in theaters, with \$20.1 million in ticket sales according to estimates on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022.

come back again and again."

According to PostTrak, the "Dragon Ball Super" audience was heavily male (79%) and 44% between the ages of 25 and 34.

Rapper Fetty Wap pleads guilty to conspiracy drug charge Everything you need to know about the 2022 Emmys

New this week: 'Me Time,' DJ Khaled and Sylvester Stallone

Leon Vitali, Stanley Kubrick's right-hand man, dies at 74

"Japanese anime is a cinematic tradition, but rarely do you see a movie like this top-

ping the domestic chart," said Paul Dergarabedian, the senior media analyst for Comscore. "To be ahead of all these other mainstream Hollywood movies is quite incredible. It speaks volumes to the globalization of the box office."

"Beast," meanwhile, opened

on 3,743 screens in North America. The film, directed by Baltasar Kormákur ("Everest") stars Elba as a widowed father of two teenage girls, played by Iyana Halley and Leah Jeffries, who find themselves on the run from a bloodthirsty lion during a trip to South Africa.

Including international showings, "Beast" has made \$21.8 million so far.

"I think this is a terrific start for 'Beast,'" said Jim Orr, Universal's head of domestic distribution. "I believe we will have a great run at the box office.'

Elba also has another film opening in theaters next weekend — George Miller's fantasy epic "Three Thousand Years of Longing.'

Sony's "Bullet Train," meanwhile, landed in third place after two weekends at No. 1 with an estimated \$8 million, bringing its domestic total to \$68.9 mil-

Paramount's "Top Gun: Maverick" placed fourth in its 13th weekend in theaters with an additional \$5.9 million. "Top Gun" has made over \$683 million in North America to date, which was was enough to overtake "Avengers: Infinity War" as the sixth highest grossing domestic release of all time.

"DC League of Super-Pets" rounded out the top five.

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Spielberg among donors in \$22M campaign on abortion



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Allie Utley, left, and Jae Moyer, center, of Overland Park, Kan., reacts during a primary watch party Aug. 2, 2022, at the Overland Park Convention Center. A notable increase in turnout among Democrats and independents and a surprising shift in Republican-leaning counties contributed to the overwhelming support of abortion rights last week in traditionally conservative Kansas, according to a detailed Associated Press analysis of the voting results.

By JOHN HANNA and HEATHER HOLLING-SWORTH Associated Press

Abortion oppo

Abortion opponents and abortion rights advocates together spent more than \$22 million on a ballot question this month in Kansas, and famed film director and producer Steven Spielberg contributed to the successful effort to affirm abortion rights.

Finance reports filed by 40 groups and individuals with the state as of this week showed that abortion rights supporters spent \$11.3 million on their campaign to defeat a proposed amendment to the Kansas Constitution to allow the Republican-controlled Legislature to further restrict or ban abortion.

Abortion opponents who pushed the measure spent nearly \$11.1 million.

In Kansas' vote Aug. 2, the abortion rights side prevailed by 18 percentage points or 165,000 votes. It was the first state referendu

m on abortion after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade.

"What it did was give huge fuel to the "no" campaign because we didn't any longer have to say to people, 'This could happen or this might be what the Legislature will do,' or any other hypothetical," said former two-term Democratic Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, also a former U.S. health and human services secretary.

"They could watch in real time as Missouri shut down abortion."

Two Republican activists have forced a hand recount of the Aug. 2 vote in nine counties accounting for 59% of the

ballots cast, but it won't change the result.

They have questioned the conduct of the election without providing evidence of problems. Other Kansas abortion opponents argue that their cause was defeated mainly by out-of-state donors and groups with ties to abortion providers.

Their proposed amendment would have overturned a 2019 Kansas Supreme Court decision protecting abortion rights.

"The no campaign's most recent campaign finance report is a who's who of out-of-state, liberal elites and shows the lengths they were willing to go in order to keep Kansas a 'haven' for extreme practices," said Danielle Underwood, spokesperson for Kansans for Life, the state's most politically influential anti-abortion group.

Spielberg, the Oscar-winning director of films such as "Jaws," "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Saving Private Ryan" and "Jurassic Park," contributed \$25,000 to the main group opposing the proposed amendment. His wife, actress Kate Capshaw, contributed an additional \$25,000.

While notable, Spielberg and Capshaw's donations were far from the largest to the "vote no" campaign.

Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who ran for president in 2020, contributed \$1.25 million, and the Sixteen Thirty Fund, which finances liberal causes, contributed nearly \$1.5 million.

In addition, Planned Parenthood affiliates and other abortion rights groups contributed almost \$2.3 million to the main vote no coalition. But more than 30 other groups and individuals reported raising funds

for their own efforts to defeat the proposed amendment.

On the anti-abortion side, Roman Catholic dioceses and the Kansas Catholic Conference contributed more than \$4.3 million to the main coalition pushing the proposed amendment. Kansans for Life not only spent \$1.6 million on its own pro-amendment efforts but it contributed more than \$1.1 million to the main "vote yes" group.

In addition, Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life has said it spent \$1.4 million on bringing a team of 300 college students from across the U.S. to Kansas to canvass in favor of the proposed amendment.

The activists seeking the recount also must file finance reports, Mark Skoglund, the executive director of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission said this week.

But one of them, Mark Gietzen, disputed that in a text to The Associated Press, saying, "we are working on Election Integrity," not promoting the ballot initiative.

Six of the nine counties recounting ballots were wrapped up by Friday evening.

The changes in the counties' totals were minor, with a net gain of only 21 votes for the yes side.

Officials said the changes are a mix of human error and how voters marked their mailin ballots. In one case, a voter put a check mark in the oval that wasn't picked up by the scanning machine.

The last three counties were the state's most populous ones: Johnson, in the Kansas City area; Sedgwick, home to Wichita, and Shawnee, home to the state capital of Topeka.

"WITH A SIP OF HUMOR, HE WAS A GREAT STORYTELLER OF FRANCE'S EVOLVING SOCIETY."

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a cartoonist.

"Sempé embodies Frenchness, the ways he depicted Paris, France's little villages and scenes of daily life," and "a form of innocence and joy," Gabs said at the funeral.

French novelist Benoit Dutertre gave a poignant speech recalling his beloved friend who enjoyed biking and having a coffee in Left Bank caféswhile smoking a cigarette, despite being sick during his last years.

"With a sip of humor, he was a great storyteller of France's evolving society," he said

Born Aug. 17, 1932, in the southwestern city of Bordeaux, Sempé briefly followed the steps of d was sent to Paris for basic training.

There, he canvassed newspaper editors to persuade them to publish his drawings, he said in his autobiography. One series of drawings, entitled "Le Petit Nicolas" and featuring a mischievous but goodhearted schoolboy, appeared in a Belgian paper.

It would later grow into the book series that proved Sempé's most enduring success.

Anne Goscinny — former wife of Rene Goscinny, the author of "Le Petit Nicolas" who died in 1977 — addressed Sempé himself at the church service, saying:

"You created le Petit Nicolas. You made all childhoods smile. Today you meet again with (Goscinny), I'm sure of it, and I hear you laugh until you weep."

In 1962, Sempé published his first collection of drawings, "Rien n'est simple" ("Nothing Is Simple"). Some of his more than 40 books have been published in English in the U.S.

He is survived by two children, Nicolas and Catherine.



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