

## Equity 2030's goals for graduation rates

By EMMA JOHNSON  
Editor in Chief

Equity 2030 was the point of discussion during Wednesday's Student Government meeting.

The system-wide initiative was formed three years ago by the Board of Trustees. According to the university's website, "The graduation rate of white students continues to grow, while that of many minority groups declines." The goal is to prevent equity gaps in graduation rates in the universities within the Minnesota State system.

Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Henry Morris gave a presentation to the Senate regarding key performance indicators on Equity 2030 and how it affects different groups of students on campus.

Morris said the gaps come from different success rates from "federally recognized diverse people."

The four main groups are Asian Americans, African Americans, Latinx and Native Americans the federal government recognizes. First-year outcome by race, eligibility for Pell Grants and on-time graduation are considered for undergradu-



NATHANAEL TILAHUN • The Reporter

Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Henry Morris gave a presentation at the Student Government meeting regarding DEI's Plans for Equity 2030, which plans to close the graduation gap.

ate success.

Morris asked for a show of hands on how many students suspected they would gradu-

ate in four years. A majority of the senators raised their hands. Minnesota State's average is six years.

"Our four-year graduation rate isn't the best, so we push it out two more years to look better. I think we ought to fix it so

people who come here graduate in four years," Morris said.

Morris said there are three primary reasons students aren't successful when it comes to graduation: academics, financial and environmental.

Academics covers suspension when students are suggested to take some time away from MSU because they aren't doing well in their classes. Financial purposes regard when students owe money to MSU. Morris said the environmental aspect is the most challenging.

"We have 4.0 students who leave the institution. They may leave because they can't afford to be here or they just don't like being here. They don't feel welcome and supported," Morris said. "We need to look at all three of those to give the student the best chance to be successful."

The intersectionality of a student's identity comes into play regarding the environment. Morris said multiple parts of a student's personality, life circumstances and interests need to be considered with accommodations.

"We need to look at the full

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## Education fair show students where to study beyond MSU

By LAUREN VISKA  
Staff Writer

Studying abroad. Heard of it? Students can expand their intercultural communication skills, learn a new language and learn about global cultures by spending a semester or two in a foreign country. These are opportunities that can benefit students professionally, personally and academically.

The Center for Global Engagement hosted its annual education and abroad fair Tuesday, where students learned about studying abroad. This event happens twice each academic year in fall and spring.

One opportunity involves a trip to London and Scotland with the criminal justice department. This trip is not just for criminal justice majors; anyone interested can go. It is an 11-day trip starting Dec. 27 and ending Jan. 7. This trip costs around \$2,900, with a \$500 deposit due Sept. 27.

In Scotland, students can see the big castles of Edinburgh and visit the streets where the famous Jack the Ripper used to roam. The Tower of London

Parliament is also part of the experience.

Thor Dahle and Tami Wilkins run the trip. Dahle said one thing he regrets about his college experience is not studying abroad. Studying abroad also gives students a chance to learn more about themselves and their country.

"You won't have an opportunity to do something like this at this cost, probably ever again in your life, and you get to do it with a bunch of like-minded people the same age as you. It costs money, but it's fun," said Dahle. "It's a learning opportunity and a chance to experience another culture even though some may think England is not a different culture."

The two courses required to take on this trip revolve around comparative international terrorism or comparative international criminal justice. LAWE 443 or POLS 449/549 for three credits, LAWE 442 or POLS 460 for three credits and LAWE 493 or POLS 492 for 1-3 credits are the classes offered in the spring that students need to take. Students can find more information by emailing Dahle or Wilkins.



LILLY ANDERSON • The Reporter

The Center for Global Engagement hosted its annual education and abroad fair to help kids learn about the benefits of studying abroad and some of the classes they can take to help them out.

Marketing major Ellie Keating said she's interested in studying abroad in Italy.

"I'm looking to study abroad next summer. I want to get experience somewhere other than the

U.S. and see how different countries use marketing and how

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# Biden White House strategy for impeachment inquiry



SUSAN WALSH • The Associated Press

President Joe Biden, right, speaks during a meeting of his Cancer Cabinet in the Cabinet Room at the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023.

By COLLEEN LONG  
The Associated Press

On Capitol Hill, House Republicans were all-in Wednesday on House Speaker Kevin McCarthy's announcement of an impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden.

Down Pennsylvania Avenue, the president was holding forth at the White House on the importance of bipartisanship in fighting cancer — and ignoring shouted questions about impeachment.

It was a clear sign of Biden's broader reelection pitch: the idea that if he simply does his job and governs, Americans will see the results and reward him with four more years. Never mind all that pesky impeachment talk across town.

Just an hour earlier, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre had dismissed the inquiry as a "political stunt" and deflected questions about the details to the White House Counsel's Office.

House Republicans? "We think they should work with us on legitimate issues — things that actually matter to the American people," she said.

The we're-all-better-than-this attitude is central to the White House strategy for countering impeachment proceed-

ings being launched ahead of the 2024 election by Republicans who are trying to link Biden to the business dealings of his son, Hunter.

This as the GOP tries to shift attention away from Donald Trump's own legal troubles.

The White House has been preparing for a potential impeachment essentially since Republicans won control of the House in the November elections. It has roughly two dozen staff members in the counsel's office detailed to the matter.

The new chief counsel, Ed Siskel, is a former Obama administration attorney who helped craft the response to the congressional investigations into the 2012 Benghazi attack that killed four Americans, including the U.S. ambassador.

The White House impeachment playbook so far has been: Dismiss. Compartmentalize. Scold.

That is, shrug off the charges as baseless, stay focused on policy, leave the impeachment question to the lawyers and chide those who give much credence to it all.

After McCarthy's announcement this week that the House would move forward toward impeachment, the counsel's office sent a memo to news leaders scolding them over coverage

so far.

"It's time for the media to ramp up its scrutiny of House Republicans for opening an impeachment inquiry based on lies," the memo said.

Still, the impeachment inquiry is a tricky matter for Biden because the thing is so personal, focused on his relationship with his 53-year-old son, a source of pain and pride whose questionable choices have landed the president here.

The White House has said that Joe Biden was not involved in his son's business affairs. And so far, despite months of investigations, Republicans have unearthed no significant evidence of wrongdoing by the elder Biden, who spoke often to his son and as vice president did stop by a business dinner with his son's associates. Hunter Biden is not a public figure. Hunter Biden's attorneys are on message, too.

"Rather than waste time and taxpayer dollars on this political sideshow, Mr. McCarthy should lead the Congress to do real work of governing," Abbe Lowell said in a statement. "Americans deserve better."

Before now, most of the questions from reporters fielded by the president on the topic were about a criminal investi-

you get over the scary part, it's really fun. You will miss everyone back home, but that's only in the first week," said Mercems. "It's also a really cool experience."

For those worried about language barriers, Director of the CGE Erica Johnson assures students it won't be a problem.

"A lot of people may think that being fluent in a language might help, but it's not always a requirement for going into

those particular countries or certain programs. Many, many, many of our students don't speak the language of where they're going to be studying. And that's totally OK," said Johnson.

Students can stop by the CGE office located on the lower level of Morris Hall to learn how to study abroad or how they can qualify for studying abroad.

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they promote things," Keating said. "I've always wanted to go there. There's just a lot of different things that I'd love to see."

At MSU, some students are a part of an exchange program. Jessaie Mercems is an exchange student from the Netherlands. She encourages anyone on the fence about studying abroad to go for it.

"I think you should do it because it's really scary, but when

## Inflation prices slowly moving in right direction



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI • The Associated Press

A motorist fills up the tank of a vehicle at a Shell station Wednesday, July 5, 2023, in Englewood, Colorado.

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER  
The Associated Press

counted for more than half of the monthly inflation increase, the government said.


Inflation jumped last month largely because of a spike in gas prices but other costs rose more slowly, suggesting price pressures are easing at a gradual pace.

In a set of conflicting data released Wednesday, the Labor Department said the consumer price index rose 3.7% in August from a year ago, up from a 3.2% annual pace in July. Yet excluding the volatile food and energy categories, so-called core prices rose 4.3%, a step back from 4.7% in July and the smallest increase in nearly two years. That is still far from the Federal Reserve's 2% target.

The big rise in gas prices ac-

Despite the seemingly divergent figures, the decline in the core measure points to inflation coming under control, but at a much more gradual pace than earlier this year. The Federal Reserve closely tracks core prices because they are seen as a better indicator of future inflation trends.

The Fed is widely expected to skip an interest rate hike at its meeting next week. Wednesday's figures keep the prospect of another rate increase later this year on the table, however, perhaps at its November or December meetings, economists said, because core prices ticked up a bit faster in August than in July.



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# Hurricane watch issued for parts of Maine

By MICHAEL CASEY and KATHY McCORMACK  
The Associated Press

Hurricane Lee barreled north toward New England on Wednesday and threatened to unleash violent storms on the region just as communities in Massachusetts and Rhode Island dealt with tornado warnings and a second-straight day of heavy rain that opened up sinkholes and brought devastating flooding to several communities.

Late Wednesday, the National Hurricane Center issued a hurricane watch for portions of Maine. A tropical storm watch also was issued for a large area of coastal New England from parts of Rhode Island to Stonington, Maine, including Block Island, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

The National Weather Service said Wednesday it's looking into reports of strong winds that toppled trees and knocked down power lines in Rhode Island and Connecticut but is unable to say whether they were the result of tornadoes. Rob Megnia, a meteorologist with the weather service, said they have received reports of about 20 trees down in Killingly, Connecticut, and trees and power lines down in Foster, Rhode Island.



RICK MEADOWBROOK • The Associated Press  
Firefighters use boats and a military truck to evacuate residents and pets as floodwaters rise in the Meadowbrook Acres neighborhood of Leominster, Mass., Monday, Sept 11, 2023.

Emergency sirens could be heard late Wednesday afternoon in parts of Providence, Rhode Island, as cell phones pinged with a tornado warning. By early evening, the weather service said a severe thunderstorm capable of producing tornadoes

was moving quickly east toward the Massachusetts border, from Cumberland, Rhode Island. The weather service also issued a flash flood warning for parts of Connecticut until 9:45 p.m.

In North Attleborough, which was hit by heavy flood-

ing Monday night, Sean Pope was watching the forecast with unease.

Heavy rains had turned his swimming pool into a mud pit and filled his basement with three feet of water. He has been able to get the power back on

in the first and second floor of the home he shares with his wife and three children, but he worried about more flooding.

"I am hanging on, hoping and watching the forecast and looking for hot spots where it may rain and where there are breaks," he said. "It's raining really hard again so we have to make sure the pumps are working."

Leominster resident Zac Brown was still cleaning up his home and backyard Wednesday after flood waters from a nearby stream flooded his basement, washed away part of his retaining walls and dumped rocks, boulders and other debris in his backyard.

He remembers his frantic efforts to survive the floods, including rushing to shut down the power, knocking on roommates' and tenants' doors and telling them to leave. While he built a "blockade" of cement bags, he said there wasn't much he could do if more rain came.

"I have no physical attachment to the house, so if it goes, it goes and that's what God wants, and if it doesn't, it doesn't and that's awesome," Brown said.

Late Tuesday, Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey issued a state of emergency following the "catastrophic flash flooding and property damage" in two counties and other communities.

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## Republicans warn way COVID-19 mandates



MEG KINNARD • The Associated Press

Republicans are responding to a spike in COVID-19 by raising familiar fears that government-issued lockdowns and mask mandates are on the horizon.

By ALI SWENSON  
The Associated Press

As Americans fend off a late summer COVID-19 spike and prepare for a fresh vaccine rollout, Republicans are raising familiar fears that government-issued lockdowns and mask mandates are next.

It's been a favorite topic among some of the GOP's top presidential contenders. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis told reporters that people are "lurching toward" COVID-19 restrictions and "there needs to be pushback."

South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott posted online that the "radical Left" seeks to bring back school closures and mandates. And former President Donald Trump urged congressional Republicans to stop the Biden administration from bringing back COVID-19 "mandates, lockdowns or restrictions of any kind."

"The radical Democrats are trying hard to restart COVID hysteria," Trump told supporters in Rapid City, South Dakota, during a recent campaign stop. "I wonder why. Is there an election coming up by any chance?"

While some individual schools and colleges have implemented temporary mask requirements, there is no sign that anyone in federal or state leadership is considering widespread COVID-19 restrictions, requirements or mask mandates.

The administrations of sev-

eral Democratic governors denied that any such moves are even under discussion.

The overriding sentiment is to leave the decisions to individuals.

"No COVID-19 public health restrictions or mask requirements are being considered by the Murphy administration," said Christi Peace, spokesperson for New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy.

"There are no impending mass lockdowns or mask mandates for New Mexico," said Jodi McGinnis Porter, spokeswoman for the New Mexico Department of Public Health.

It was largely the same message from Democratic governors' offices in several other states that responded to an inquiry about whether any COVID-19 mandates were under consideration.

That included Connecticut, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan and Oregon.

Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro, a Democrat, made clear his opposition to COVID-19 lockdowns as well as mask and vaccine mandates when he was campaigning for office last year: "This is an area where I think folks got it wrong," he said of school and business shutdowns.

His office echoed the same sentiment in its response to the AP this week, saying, "The administration's view is that there is no need to impose restrictions."

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student," Morris said.

Senior Director of Accessibility Resources Carine Omole and Associate Director Beth Claussen spoke on how accessibility resources are also playing into Equity 2030.

"Our office is looking at 'How are we leveling the playground for all students that come through our office so that they are also successful and persistent?'" Omole said.

Morris said changes in pol-

icies and procedures are made for everyone, not just for diverse people.

"If we see a problem and we only fix it for one group, that would be problematic. We fix it for everyone because it's a student success problem," Morris said.

The DEI committee has a series of plans they are currently writing with a three-year plan for 2027 where over 50% of the gap should be closed.

## Thousands feared dead from flood

By SAMY MAGDY  
The Associated Press

Emergency workers uncovered more than 1,500 bodies in the wreckage of Libya's eastern city of Derna on Tuesday, and it was feared the toll could surpass 5,000 after floodwaters smashed through dams and washed away entire neighborhoods of the city.

The startling death and devastation wreaked by Mediterranean storm Daniel pointed to the storm's intensity, but also the vulnerability of a nation torn apart by chaos for more than a decade. The country is divided by rival governments, one in the east, the other in the west, and the result has been neglect of infrastructure in many areas.

Outside help was only just starting to reach Derna on Tuesday, more than 36 hours after the disaster struck. The floods damaged or destroyed many access roads to the coastal city of some 89,000.

Footage showed dozens of bodies covered by blankets in the yard of one hospital. Another image showed a mass grave piled with bodies.

More than 1,500 corpses were collected, and half of them had been buried as of Tuesday evening, the health minister for eastern Libya said.

At least one official put the death toll at more than 5,000. The state-run news agency quoted Mohammed Abu-Lamouha, a spokesman for the east Libya interior ministry, as saying that more than 5,300 people had died in Derna alone. Derna's ambulance authority said earlier Tuesday that 2,300



JOHN MINCHILLO • The Associated Press

A general view of the city of Derna is seen on Tuesday, Sept. 12., 2023.

had died.

But the toll is likely to be higher, said Tamer Ramadan, Libya envoy for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. He told a U.N. briefing in Geneva via a videoconference from Tunisia that at least 10,000 people were still missing. He said later Tuesday that more than 40,000 people have been displaced.

The situation in Libya is "as devastating as the situation in Morocco," Ramadan said, referring to the deadly earthquake that hit near the city of Marrakesh on Friday night.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres conveyed his solidarity with the Libyan people and said the United Nations "is working with local, national and international partners to get urgently needed humanitarian assistance to those in affected areas," U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said.

The destruction came to

Derna and other parts of eastern Libya on Sunday night. As the storm pounded the coast, Derna residents said they heard loud explosions and realized that dams outside the city had collapsed.

Flash floods were unleashed down Wadi Derna, a river running from the mountains through the city and into the sea.

The wall of water "erased everything in its way," said one resident, Ahmed Abdalla.

Videos posted online by residents showed large swaths of mud and wreckage where the raging waters had swept away neighborhoods on both banks of the river. Multi-story apartment buildings that once were well back from the river had facades ripped away and concrete floors collapsed.

Cars lifted by the flood were left dumped on top of each other.



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## Migrant shelter in New York City warns it is not safe



JOHN MINCHILLO • The Associated Press

Officers stand at the barricades outside the former Saint John Villa Academy being repurposed as a shelter for homeless migrants.

By JAKE OFFENHARTZ  
The Associated Press

A New Yorker upset that the city has been housing homeless migrants on his block has set up a loudspeaker to deliver an unwelcoming message to his new neighbors: The community doesn't want them. "Immigrants are not safe here."

The message, recorded in six languages, blares all day from a loudspeaker on Scott Herkert's well-groomed front lawn on Staten Island, exhorting migrants to "go back" to another part of the city.

It urges people brought to a temporary shelter inside a long-vacant Roman Catholic high school not to get off the bus. The message also claims the building has rats and cockroaches.

It is one of several ways some people have let shelter residents know they are not welcome.

Hundreds of protesters have also held a large rally outside the former school, urging the city to house migrants elsewhere.

The women and families placed by the city inside the former Saint John Villa Academy have heard the message loud and clear.

"We have to close our eyes and close our ears," said Aminetou El Alewai, a 39-year-old woman from Mauritania who moved into the shelter last week. "We are good people. We are not criminals. We came because of problems in our country."

As thousands of migrants continue to arrive in New York City, officials have scrambled to open new emergency shelters, turning to tent facilities, school gyms and parks to comply with a state law requiring housing for the homeless.

Though Staten Island is home to only a small fraction of those shelters, they have generated an outsize share of animosity.

The hostile reception coincides with increasingly dire rhetoric from Mayor Eric Ad-

ams, who warned last week that the migrant crisis would "destroy New York City."

The Democrat has insisted that the more than 100,000 who have arrived so far are welcome, but he has said the cost of housing tens of thousands of people could be as much as \$12 billion over the next three years. Adams has rejected allegations from advocates of using migrants as "props" in an ongoing bid for federal money.

Staten Island is known for leaning conservative and Republican in a mostly liberal, Democratic city.

Herkert, a New York state court system employee, also has a tarp on his lawn painted with a profane version of the phrase, "No way!" Gesturing at the largely empty street in front of his home Tuesday, Herkert said the new shelter has upended his block's quiet charm and brought toilets and dumpsters to the other side of his fence.

While the loudspeaker message — in Spanish, Russian, Arabic, Urdu, Chinese and English — warns that the former school is infested with roaches and mold, Alewai said she has found it to be perfectly clean, if a bit uncomfortable.

As Alewai spoke to Associated Press reporters on a sidewalk, parents picked up their children from a neighboring private school, directing nervous glances and, in one case, harsh words at the new arrivals.

"I am sorry for the trouble of the woman who was just talking," Alewai said in French. "I came as a refugee to New York and they brought me here. Indeed, I am not comfortable here."

Both employees and residents of the shelter said protesters have cursed at and threatened them, frequently playing loud music late into the night. Employee and lifelong Queens native Gabrielle Dasilva said she was recently told to go back to her home country.

## Kim Jong Un supports Moscow

By KIM TONG-HYUNG and DASHA LITVINOVA  
The Associated Press

North Korea's Kim Jong Un vowed "full and unconditional support" for Russia's Vladimir Putin on Wednesday as the two leaders isolated by the West held a summit that the U.S. warned could lead to a deal to supply ammunition for Moscow's war in Ukraine.

The meeting, which lasted over four hours at Russia's spaceport in the Far East, underscores how the two countries' interests are aligning: Putin is believed to be seeking one of the few things impoverished North Korea has in abundance — stockpiles of aging ammunition and rockets for Soviet-era weapons.

Such a request would mark a role reversal from the 1950-53 Korean War, when Moscow gave weapons to support Pyongyang's invasion of South Korea — and in the decades that followed, when the Soviet Union sponsored North Korea.

The decision to meet at the Vostochny Cosmodrome, Russia's most important launch center on its own soil, suggests Kim is seeking Russian help in developing military reconnaissance satellites.

He has previously said that is crucial to enhancing the threat of his nuclear-capable missiles, and North Korea has repeatedly failed to put its first military spy satellite into orbit.

Putin met Kim's limousine, brought from Pyongyang in the North Korean leader's armored train, at the launch facility,



KREMLIN POOL PHOTO • The Associated Press

Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, and North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un shake hands during their meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023.

greeting his guest with a handshake of about 40 seconds.

Putin spoke of the Soviet Union's wartime support for North Korea and said the talks would cover economic cooperation, humanitarian issues and the "situation in the region."

Kim, in turn, pledged continued support for Moscow, making an apparent reference to the war in Ukraine.

"Russia is currently engaged in a just fight against hegemonic forces to defend its sovereign rights, security and interests," he said. "The Democratic People's Republic of Korea has always expressed its full and unconditional support for all measures taken by the Russian government, and I take this opportunity to reaffirm that we will always stand with Russia on the anti-imperialist front and the front of independence,"

North Korea may have tens

of millions of aging artillery shells and rockets based on Soviet designs that could bolster Russian forces in Ukraine, analysts say.

Washington has accused North Korea of providing Russia with arms, including selling artillery shells to the Russian mercenary group Wagner.

Russian and North Korean officials deny such claims.

But either buying arms from or providing rocket technology to North Korea would violate international sanctions that Russia has previously supported.

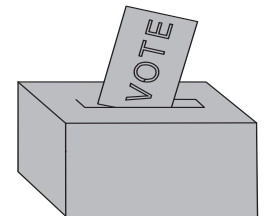
It would both underscore and deepen Russia's isolation in the 18 months after its invasion of Ukraine drew increasing sanctions that have cut off Moscow's economy from global markets and shrunk the circle of world leaders willing to meet with Putin.



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## Why its best to pack a lunch

One of the joys of moving away from home is having the ability to do whatever you want, including choosing what to eat.

With plenty of on-campus options in the MavAve, the dining center and surrounding restaurants, there are tasty options everywhere. While it may seem OK to drop a couple of dollars on Chick-fil-A here and a few bucks at Einstein Bros. Bagels there, it adds up at the end of the week, month, and year depending on how often you frequent these places.

We can keep our stomachs — and our wallets — full if we take time to pack our own lunches.

The first reason seems obvious, but it does help save money in the long run. Buying ingredients and meal prepping isn't always the most fun way to spend a weekend, but it reduces stress on us later in the week. When crunched for time, we often turn to fast food for an easy, comforting option. We have the option to reach into our fridges and grab something healthy we can enjoy that will help fuel us to get through our long days. It teaches us to become savvier shoppers so in the future, we have the skills to shop for healthy food.

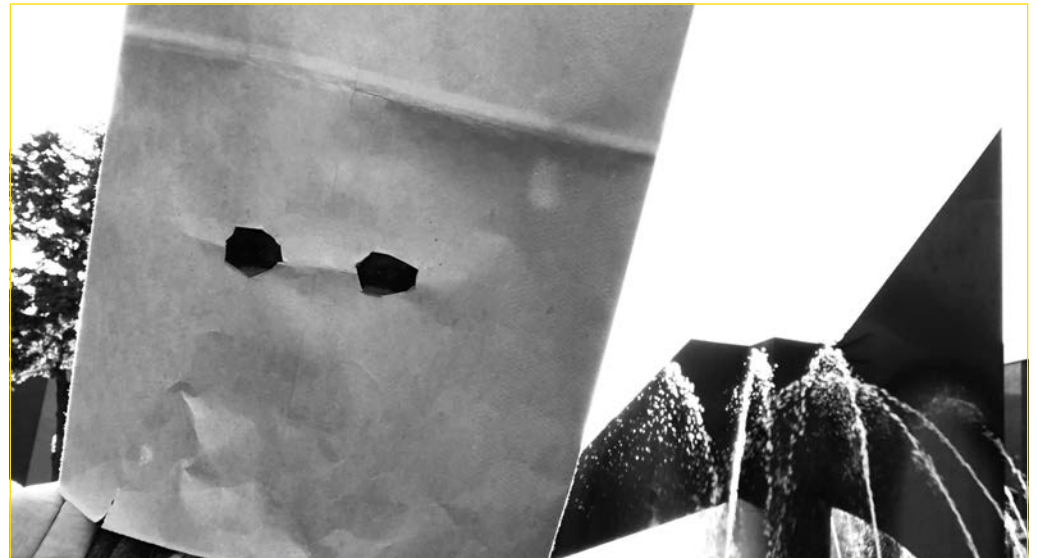
Packing our own lunches also allows us to be in control of what we eat. Students tend to rely on Ramen, pasta and sandwiches galore. While these options shouldn't be dismissed, it is more than enough carbs. Fruits and vegetables not only make a great on-the-go snack, but it's easy to make a variety of salads that can spice up your daily menu. Produce can be fairly cheap at certain grocery stores, which helps us not break the bank and gives us the nutrients we need to remain healthy.

Packing a lunch makes it easy to take food on the go. An insulated lunchbox that can fit into a backpack can keep food cold all day long, making it easy to grab something to eat in the middle of your study session. An already-prepped meal waiting in the fridge is something we can grab during a quick stop back at our dorms or apartments. Students have packed schedules full of classes, clubs and activities, but we cannot neglect time to eat. Having something that's readily available saves a lot of time and stress.

Before reaching for microwave Mac and Cheese cups, think about other options. We're not saying we shouldn't treat ourselves to a meal now and then, but we should consider packing our food more often. It's a valuable skill that will treat us well now and be beneficial down the road long after we graduate. By fostering our minds now with nutrients and life skills, we can thank our healthy selves later.

# Perspectives

## An ode to paper bags and names withheld upon request



JEREMY REDLIEN • The Reporter

When researching history I have often found myself happening upon odd little tidbits and fragments clinging to larger tales — tidbits and fragments that never add up to a satisfying whole but which exist nonetheless. Each makes me feel like I've found a puzzle piece in my couch cushions when neither my husband nor I do jigsaw puzzles.

Here is one example. For many decades, what is now the Jim Chalgren LGBT center hosted peer panels where LGBTQ students would go into classrooms and the community to talk about their experiences. But did you know that those who participated in the earliest peer panels wore paper bags on their heads to protect their identity? Who then were those who wore paper bags on their heads? Did any of them eventually come out



Jeremy Redlien  
Staff Writer

publicly?

Then there is the curious case of Michail Sellner.

Michael Sellner ran for Student Senate in 1972 on the platform of gay liberation. However, I have found no other information about Michail Sellner besides the fact that they were running for an off campus senate seat. All I know is their name and party platform appear alongside everyone else running for election in an ad for Student Senate Elections in the Nov. 29, 1972 edition of The Reporter.

To put this into the

context of the time, the Mankato Area Gay Consciousness Group had only just held its first publicly advertised meeting on Nov. 20 of the same year.

Up next: Who was A MSC Homosexual?

A MSC Homosexual wrote a letter to the editor of The Reporter in 1971 in order to stand up for Mankato's gay population. They criticized stereotypes and used academic research to argue their points.

"I know of several prominent people from the area who are gay. They are good people and respected. Above all they are human beings who simply want to be accepted as they are," wrote A MSC Homosexual.

Even though they chose to remain anonymous, A MSC Homosexual was the first example of a queer Mankatoan standing up

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# Pulse

## "How do you stay healthy?"

Compiled by Alexis Darkow



ERICA BARTKEY,  
FRESHMAN

"Lots of exercise, such as running and dancing. I also try to eat well."



FRANCIS AMOH,  
FRESHMAN

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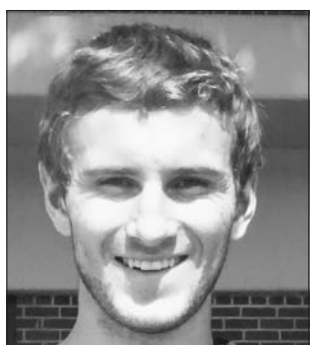
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# Escaped murderer is captured in Pennsylvania with help of dogs



MATT ROURKE • The Associated Press

Law enforcement officers escort Danelo Cavalcante from a Pennsylvania State Police barracks in Avondale Pa., Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023.

By MARYCLAIRE DALE, MARC LEVY and MICHAEL RUBINKAM  
The Associated Press

A murderer who brazenly escaped from a Pennsylvania jail was captured Wednesday in the woods by a team of tactical officers, bringing an end to an intensive search that terrified residents as the fugitive broke into homes for food, changed his appearance and stole a van and rifle during two weeks on the run.

Law enforcement's big break came overnight as a plane fitted with a thermal imaging camera picked up Danelo Souza Cavalcante's heat signal, allowing teams on the ground to secure the area, surround him and move in with search dogs.

"They were able to move in very quietly. They had the element of surprise," Pennsylvania State Police Lt. Col. George Bivens said at a news conference. "Cavalcante did not realize he was surrounded until that had occurred."

Still armed with the rifle he stole from a homeowner's garage, the fugitive tried to escape by crawling through underbrush.

But a search dog subdued him, Bivens said, adding that he continued to resist as he was taken into custody after 8 a.m.

Cavalcante, 34, was bitten on the scalp and suffered a minor wound, Bivens said. A dog also latched onto his thigh, Deputy U.S. Marshal Robert Clark told The Associated Press, "at which time, Cavalcante submitted."

"I think he was in pain at that point," Clark said. "He was probably in excruciating pain."

Aerial news footage showed an officer wiping Cavalcante's bloody head and face with a towel.

No shots were fired. About two dozen officers in tactical gear posed for a group photo with Cavalcante, drawing criticism from policing reform advocates and some members of the public who called it inappropriate.

"Our nightmare is finally over, and the good guys won," Chester County District Attorney Deb Ryan said.

Cavalcante was taken to a nearby state police barracks in an armored vehicle surrounded by a convoy with lights flashing and sirens.

◀COLUMN from page 6 for the local LGBTQ community.

Next question: Who were the two lesbians who got married in Mankato on January 18, 1975?

This marriage is described as an alternative marriage by Jim Chalgren when he wrote a Tomorrow column on the topic.

"One of the women wrote an article for the Tomorrow column, but the Reporter refused to print the announcement because the woman was forced to use a pen name. She could not use her real name because of possible social re-cremations facing her lover," wrote Chalgren in The Reporter.

This last tidbit is more complicated than the rest: Were there people of color

who participated in the Trader and Trapper protest?

In January 1976, multiple signs were found around downtown Mankato encouraging "jocks and broads" to patronize the Trader and Trapper Discotheque but also warned "blacks, gays, and hippies" to stay away.

In a planned protest, members of the Mankato Area Gay Consciousness Group went to the Trader and Trapper Discotheque. Subsequently six men were kicked out for dancing together. The incident was significant enough to draw national attention, with Chalgren being interviewed by Time magazine about the incident in April 1979.

The Trader and Trapper incident was driven by both racism and homophobia. Ac-

counts from the time period describe the incident being preceded by racist and homophobic comments from the owner of the Trader and Trapper. For example, one Black DJ was fired by the owner for wearing their hair in cornrows.

However, while accounts from the time clearly describe gay men and lesbians participating in the protest, the language around whether or not there were Black people or people of color participating as well is extremely unclear.

I doubt most of these questions will ever be answered. But perhaps the asking here is as important as the answers. In any case, maybe one of these pieces might find their way back to the puzzle box they came from.

# Fire in Vietnam's capital kills at least 56 people



PHAM TRUNG KIEN • The Associated Press

Rescue workers carry a person on stretcher out of a building on fire in Hanoi, Vietnam Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023.

By ANIRUDDHA GHOSAL  
The Associated Press

A fire in a nine-story apartment building in Vietnam's capital killed at least 56 people, including at least four children, and injured at least 37, authorities said Wednesday.

The fire started just before midnight Tuesday in a building housing about 150 residents. Firefighters contained the blaze, but the building's location at end of a narrow alley made rescue operations difficult.

Dozens of people remained trapped in the building until after dawn, state media reports said.

Of the 56 people confirmed dead, the police have identified 39 victims, the state-owned

Viet Nam News said Wednesday evening, citing Hanoi police. State-owned national television channel VTV said four children were among those killed. Initial reports about the death toll were unclear since the injured and dead were taken to different hospitals across the city.

Many of the dozens being treated at hospitals suffered from smoke inhalation and injuries sustained during desperate attempts to escape the building.

Authorities are investigating the cause of the fire, which started around midnight in the parking area of the building, which had no emergency exit.

The police have detained the building's owner as part of their investigation.

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# SPORTS

## Soccer showdown in Sioux Falls and St. Paul

By MOHAMED WARSAME  
Staff Writer

The Minnesota State women's soccer team takes its show on the road to Sioux Falls, South Dakota Friday to take on Augustana. The Vikings, a conference rival, is coming off of a 0-0 draw against Fort Hays State.

"Augie is always a huge rivalry game for us and going over to play at their place is tough. They're really good defensively and they'll make it tough on us to score goals. They've got some weapons that can put the ball in the back of the net, so we'll have to be ready to go, we'll have to be at our best because that game is always a battle," Bahl said.

The Mavs' speed in the attack is something that they can use to punish the Vikings' defense.

"I think our pace is something that is growing into something I think not many teams have seen. I think our pace is very good. I think it's at a very high level. I think defensively as well we've shown that we've been very solid collectively as a group. My hope is that we can go there, shut them down from the defensive side of things, create a lot of chances, hopefully put a lot of balls in the back of the net," Bahl said.

Last time out, the Mavericks



DALTON GRUBB • The Reporter

Four games into the regular season, the Mavs sit at 2-1-1 and take on the no. 15 ranked Augustana Vikings and the Concordia St. Paul Golden Bears to hopefully add two more tallies to the win column.

were handed a 1-0 loss by Grand Valley State. The Mavs were called for a handball that led to a penalty kick for the Lakers in the 73rd minute. Lakers' defender Kacy Lauer buried a penalty kick that

turned out to be the winning goal.

Despite the losing effort, head coach Brian Bahl thought his team did a lot of things well.

"That is really unfortunate how

that game ended on Sunday. You know coming down to a PK like that, just kind of a bummer because I thought we competed well enough to win the game. I thought we did a lot of good things. Creat-

ed a lot of chances. I thought we defended the heck out of them. Limited them to pretty basic chances, nothing of real high quality. So overall, it was a really good day," Bahl said.

The Mavs' lack of quality in the final third is what Bahl believes is the reason for them not getting on the scoreboard.

"Final execution in the final third of the field. I think that's an area of weakness for us right now. We're creating or getting the chances, we're just not able to execute there. As we continue to grow and develop, I think that'll hopefully become a strength for us. If it does, I think we'll see the ball go on the back of the net a lot," Bahl said.

After the Augustana match, the Mavs conclude their two-game road stint when they travel to St. Paul, Minnesota Sunday to take on Concordia University St. Paul. Bahl praised his team's leaders for their roles with helping the younger players stay the course when they travel.

"Our leadership has been great on this team. We've got a few fifth years and quite a few other seniors. Even our younger players. It's helped keep everybody in check. I think it's a big part of the reason we've been able to be successful here early on this season," Bahl said.

## Mavericks look to ruin Beavers' homecoming

By LUKE JACKSON  
News Director

The No. 6 Minnesota State Mavericks look to maintain dominance over Minot State University on the road Saturday.

The 2-0 Mavericks are coming off a home win versus Wayne State University — ranked third in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

The Mavericks defense stopped Wayne State's top-ranked offense time and time again, and now look to travel north to Minot, North Dakota to take on the Beavers.

Minot State merged into the NSIC in 2012 and ever since have had no luck beating the Mavs.

The Mavericks hold a 5-0 record over them with staggering win margins.

The smallest win margin against Minot State was 35-7. Last year at home MSU had its largest win margin of 68-10. Mankato's average of 53.4 points against the Beavers is its largest versus any conference foe.

Throughout the past two games, the Mavs are averaging 42.5 points. This is done through an average of 580 yards of offense led by the running back core and quarterback Hayden Ekern.

Running backs Shen Butler-Lawson and Christian Vasser

have led the charge while Tony Anger has moved chains and punched in touchdowns.

Butler-Lawson leads the team with 373 yards and five touchdown carries.

Vasser has 175 rushing yards with one touchdown while Anger comes in as a big boy running up the gut with a touchdown in both games.

When the run game becomes too predictable, Ekern comes in with his passing.

Ekern has been slinging the ball for a total of 445 yards and four touchdowns.

Wide receiver TreShawn Watson has been his main target through these two games with 131 yards and one touchdown.

Defensively, the Mavs have only allowed 20 points and have on average kept both teams to 296 yards. Through two games, the defense has seven sacks.

They also hold teams to a standstill on third and fourth downs, only allowing five to be converted out of 23.

The Beavers are off to a rocky start this season.

They are coming off their second loss, their last being 56-14 versus Minnesota State University Moorhead.

Offensively, they struggled as their leading rusher only recorded



LILLY ANDERSON • The Reporter

In their five matchups all-time, the Mavs are 5-0 against Minot State. The Beavers have never posed much of a threat to the Mavs, and they hope to keep the good times rolling on the road this weekend.

62 yards on the ground while wide receiver Daniel Stokes lead the team in the air with two receptions for 49 yards.

One strong point of their team was their ability to fend off the rush

from Minnesota State Moorhead. They only allowed for 101 yards. The defense also sacked the quarterback three times.

As Mankato relies heavily on their run game, it will be inter-

esting to see how Minot State can break through the Mavs offensive line to fend off Butler-Lawson.

This 2 p.m. Saturday matchup will be the Beavers' homecoming game at Herb Parker Stadium.

# Volleyball to take on top teams in NSIC debut



Courtesy Maverick Athletics

When it comes to volleyball, the NSIC sports some pretty talented teams, including SMSU and Winona State. But the Mavs have the coaching and team chemistry to take the conference by surprise.

By HAYDEN LEE  
Sports Editor

Riding the momentum of a 3-1 weekend, the Minnesota State volleyball team takes on its first Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference opponent Thursday.

“We were picked to finish 10th in the preseason poll, but that doesn’t mean much to us,” head coach Corey Phelps said. “So we’re confident, but we just need to stay healthy, keep learning, growing and figuring things out.”

Their first opponent has the benefit of home-field advantage, as the No. 11-ranked Southwest Minnesota State University Mustangs welcome the Mavs to Marshall, Minnesota.

The Mustangs are coming off of a 23-6 season that saw them fall in the first round of the NSIC Tournament last November. That has seemingly left a sour taste in their mouth, as they come into this match winners of six straight, while not dropping a set in any of them.

As for the outlook for the upcoming match between them and the Mavs, the Mustangs have bested the Mavs in three straight matches and nine of the last 10, while also holding a 27-13 all-time record dating back to 1994.

Led by second year head coach Tyler Boddy, the Mustangs also carry with them two standout outside hitters in Leah Jones and Brooklyn Kusler, who lead the team with 82 and 81 kills, respectively.

Kusler, who also leads the team in service aces with 13, is a big reason the Mustangs sit at 7-1 heading into this match.

“The great thing about our conference is that we see these teams often enough that we know their strengths and weaknesses,” Phelps said. “So yes they are the 11th team in the conference, but they are vulnerable and there are areas for us to exploit.”

Additionally, the Mavs will play their first home match of the season Saturday against the Winona State Warriors.

The Warriors have also started the season 7-, but will have played another match by the time they take on the Mavs.

However, they just had their seven-game winning streak snapped by Purdue Northwest Saturday.

Historically, the Mavs hold a 21-9 advantage over the Warriors, but they have struggled recently, dropping their last four matches and six of their last sev-

en. The Mavs will try to get back to their winning ways of 1992-2004, where they won 10 straight against the Warriors.

The key to the Warriors dominance this far has been senior Sidney Paulson and sophomore Jaci Winchell.

Paulson, who has 121 kills on the year, ranks second in the NSIC while Winchell ranks second in assists with 331.

Another weapon in their arsenal is head coach Joe Getzin, who has been with the team for 10 years.

All of their experience, talent and production makes Winona State a difficult second match for the Mavs.

Fourteen wins and two losses: That is the combined record of SMSU and Winona State staring the Mavs in the face heading into the weekend.

But if this Mavs team hopes to be one that stands out in the NSIC, this will be a great test for them.

“If we can squeak into the top five in the conference, then we have a reasonable chance to get an at-large bid to get into the national tournament,” Phelps said. “That’s what we’re looking at every year. And I think we can surprise some people this year.”

# Cross country will be running with cows

By HAYDEN LEE  
Sports Editor

Not really though.

The cross country team will be taking their talents to Northfield, Minn. Saturday to participate in the “Running of the Cows,” hosted by Carleton College.

The Knights will host the meet at the site of the 2023 Minnesota

Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships and the 2024 NCAA North Regional Championships at Bill Huyck Championship Cross Country Course.

The race begins at 10:30 a.m. with the men’s 8k, followed by the women’s 6k. The top 25 collegiate finishers in each race will receive t-shirts.

Participating teams include

Augsburg, Bethany Lutheran, Bethel, Carleton, Concordia, Gustavus, Hamline, Macalester, Minnesota State-Mankato, Minnesota-Morris, Northland, Saint Benedict, Saint John’s, Saint Mary’s, St. Catherine, St. Scholastica, UW-La Crosse, UW-Superior and Viterbo.

Live results will be available via Wayzata Results.

# Doomsday Dallas Defense



ADAM HUNGER • The Associated Press

The Cowboys basically just had to sit back and watch the Giants unravel during their Week 1 contest where the Cowboys won, 40-0.

By MOHAMED WARSAME  
Staff Writer

Isn’t it just the best feeling in the world when your predictions turn out to be true?

I predicted that the Dallas Cowboys will have the best defense in the NFL. Well, if the Cowboys’ defense plays like it did against the Giants the rest of the season, then not only will they be the best in the league, but the best of all time.

In all seriousness, it’s just one game. I get it. However, the thing that I am most encouraged by is that we got to see a glimpse of all the things that the Cowboys defense has to offer on their way to a 40-0 beatdown of the Giants. Funnily enough, the party got started on special teams. The Giants marched down the field on their opening possession of the game and got into field goal range. The Giants’ field goal attempt was blocked and the Cowboys took it back to the house for a 58-yard return.

The rest of the game was pretty much dominated by the defense. With 2:22 left in the first quarter, cornerback DaRon Bland picked off Daniel Jones and returned it back for 22 yards on his way to the endzone. The Cowboys were up 16-0 and at this point, it was curtains for the Giants. All that was left for them was to try to make it a respectable scoreline.

Unfortunately, the Dallas defense had other ideas. They were hellbent on making a statement. They went on to have seven sacks, two interceptions and five forced fumbles. According to Next Gen

Stats, the Cowboys defense generated pressure on 23 of 37 dropbacks. Which is 62.2%. That is the fourth-highest pressure rate in a game since 2019.

The thing that makes the Dallas defense so strong is that they are talented throughout their entire unit. They have the guy I believe to be the best defensive player in football, Micah Parsons. Unless you have elite offensive tackles, you have pretty much no chance of blocking him one on one. If you double him like the Giants did, well then you have other guys on the defensive line that can hurt you. The Giants doubled Parsons 14 times. The Cowboys got five sacks and 10 pressures during those plays. In the secondary they have an elite cornerback with Trevon Diggs and added a veteran who is still amazing in Stephon Gilmore. Gilmore seems to have gotten acclimated to life in Dallas quickly as he got an interception on his debut against the Giants.

While the win against the Giants was all about the defense. Let’s not forget about the firepower they have on the offensive side. They didn’t have to do much last week, but the offense led by Dak Prescott will have their part to play if the Cowboys want to have a successful season.

They have a good offensive line, a great running back in Tony Pollard, a legit number one wide receiver in CeeDee Lamb and an excellent quarterback with Prescott. The roster is stacked and this will be the season the Dallas Cowboys make it to the Super Bowl for the first time since 1995.

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# I am ready to get hurt again...



BRUCE KLUCKHOHN • The Associated Press

Props to the Vikings for coming up with these amazing jerseys, but the way they played in them makes me think we should never put them on again. Until next time, "Vikings Classic."

By HAYDEN LEE  
Sports Editor

"Madness, and Badness. Combination."

Four wise words said by the 6 God can accurately describe how Sunday's game went.

Before I get into the recap, I want to get a few things off my chest:

Baker Mayfield is a cheater, he was reading our defensive signals.

Kirk's statline is not entirely indicative of how he played, he was framed by Ed Ingram and K.J. Osborn.

This loss does not define us, we had a lot of stupid mistakes that should not happen again for the rest of the season.

But... the fact that Baker and the Bucs beat us does not look good. That's all.

Story time.

Sunday was like Christmas for me. The first Sunday of the NFL season always feels so refreshing, there is so much excitement, enthusiasm and nervousness coursing through my veins.

However, soon after the game started, I was slapped in the face.

It's almost like I forgot that I was a Vikings fan. Like what in the world made me optimistic that this would be a normal season? (Shoutout to the Magic School Bus).

Besides wanting to prove my grandpa wrong, I really don't know.

Believing that the Vikings can put together a dominant win over an inferior opponent is like thinking that you can get value out of your clothes at Plato's Closet. It just isn't going to happen.

The very SECOND Kirk Cousins fumbled on the Vikings' second offensive possession, I knew we might be in for a long game. But as soon as I saw Ed Ingram being the reason the fumble occurred, I lost my mind.

How does a player find so many ways to alter the game in a negative way?

I got over it soon enough, because it's a long game, and it won't happen again right?

Wrong. On THE VERY NEXT POSSESSION, Buccaneers safety Antoine Winfield, Jr. came in undetected through the Vikings group of "protectors" to blow up Cousins, forcing another fumble. Sigh.

Luckily, we were still playing Baker Mayfield, so we only surrendered a field goal.

After the teams exchanged punts, I was reminded of our brilliant first-round pick, Jordan Addison.

As he caught the first touchdown of his career and the Vikings' season, I was reminded by my wonderful girlfriend that I advised her to start Skyy Moore over him, and that I should never give fantasy advice ever again.

At least they scored. On their very next drive, Greg Joseph nailed a 25-yard field goal to put us up 10-3. After the teams exchanged punts, Baker finally got things going, leading a seven-play, 61 yard touchdown drive to tie the game at 10.

This left the Vikings with 1:09 left in the half to score a touchdown or turn the ball over in the most unlikely way possible.

Guess which one actually happened.

Two plays after hitting a 42-yard pass to a wide open Justin Jefferson over the middle, Kirk fired a pass in the direction of K.J. Osborn, which he caught, but he was overpowered by Buccaneers CB Christian Iziem, who came away with the interception, essentially ending the first half. Tie game at the half.

To begin the second half, the Buccaneers put together a 16-play drive that took up over half of the third quarter, ending in a touchdown and driving me insane. Because not only did that drive take away so much time for the Vikings offense to cook, but because we had them held to a field goal. However, because nothing can go

completely according to plan, Jay Ward was offside.

On a field goal. That would have been the difference in the game.

The Vikings punched back with a 16-play drive of their own, ending with a touchdown thrown to Not-Dalvin-Cook, Alexander Mattison to tie the game at 17 to begin the fourth quarter. I still can't believe there were only two possessions in the third quarter.

But as Mohamed would say, "that's methodical football."

Tied at 17, the Vikings high-powered offense went through a power outage, going three-and-out twice on their last two possessions.

The Bucs were able to add a field goal in between the depressing offensive sets, but let's just move to the final drive of the game, and more importantly, 3rd and 10 from the Vikings 39-yard-line.

What was the point of showing coverage from the jump, if we don't actually plan on playing the sticks, therefore not allowing such an easy throw from Baker Mayfield to Chris Godwin?

I was enraged, sad, confused and perturbed by that play call to send us to 0-1.

Much like the Vikings have to do, I want to forget about Week 1 and move to Week 2.

We play the Eagles tonight, and I am ready to get hurt again.

It should be a good game, considering the Eagles just struggled to tame the Patriots insanely mid offense. Heading into tonight's game, we know that Garrett Bradbury will not be playing, but more importantly, four players will be missing from the Eagles' lineup. S Reed Blankenship, RB Kenneth Gainwell, LB Nakobe Dean and CB James Bradberry IV.

Not to say that I root for injuries, but I am glad that they will not be participating in Week 2. Get well soon, but you can get healthier after your team drops to 1-1. Skol.

## NBA to try to ensure its star players appear in more games



ROB GRAY • The Associated Press

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver answers questions during the NBA basketball All-Star weekend. The NBA took steps to try to ensure that its star players appear in more games.

By DOUG FEINBERG  
The Associated Press

The NBA took steps Wednesday to try to ensure that its star players appear in more games, particularly nationally televised matchups and the in-season tournament that is being added this year.

The league's board of governors approved a new player participation policy that will take effect for this upcoming season, replacing the player resting policy that was implemented prior to the 2017-18 season. The new rules focus primarily on star players — someone who has been an All-Star or on the All-NBA team in any of the prior three seasons. There are 50 players who fit into the star category.

"It's a shared view by everyone in the league, it's not just coming from the league office," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said.

"I think whether it's our teams, our players association, individual players, I think there's an acknowledgement across the league that we need to return to that principle that this is an 82-game league. ... I think there's a statement of principle that if you're a healthy player in this league, the expectation is that you're going to play."

Increased player participation is a top priority for Silver as the league negotiates a new media rights deal. The current deal ends in 2025. Teams will have to manage their rosters to ensure only one star player is unavailable per game at the most.

"What we've tried to do as the league office is work through all the different issues recognizing the genuine concern from the fans and of course the media that's paying for the opportunity to broadcast those games."

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# VARIETY

## Fun things to do around MSU

By MERCEDES KAUPHUSMAN  
Variety Editor

Minnesota State thrives on its ability to entertain its precious Mavericks. On the off chance there is no lively event on any given day, there are always fun things to do on campus and in the Mankato area.

### 1. Maverick Bullpen

On the bottom floor of the CSU is where you can find one of the nation's largest university game rooms. From bowling to billiard tables, gaming stations, a TV lounge, weekly karaoke, and even a snack bar, the bullpen is the perfect location for a competitive night with friends.

### 2. Climbing walls

If you have ever dreamed of climbing a mountain, we have the next best thing right on campus. For those brave Mavericks, there are both indoor and outdoor climbing walls. The outdoor rock is located through parking lot 1, past the intramural sports fields at the end of the street. The indoor wall is in the southeast corner of the Myers Field House. For MSU students, these walls are completely free and open 6:30-10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

### 3. Red Jacket trail

Although the Otto Recreation Center is available to help you get your steps in, a notable park in Mankato is Red Jacket trail, located west of downtown. With its gorgeous scenery and



LILLY ANDERSON • The Reporter

Around campus there are plenty of fun things to do during all of Minnesota's complicated seasons. When there is warmer weather, students can be seen playing outdoor activities such as beach volleyball outside of the dorm halls.

a running river, Red Jacket is a place to visit if you have yet to conquer its trails.

### 4. Kato Escape

Have you ever been locked

inside of a room with no obvious way to escape? Kato Escape room, located on South Front Street will help you prepare for this circumstance, providing an adventurous and mysterious

experience for you and your group.

### 5. Sand volleyball

If you have ever walked around the dorm complexes on

campus, you might have seen clusters of students barefooted in action on the sand volleyball courts. Feel free to join them, as these courts are available for anyone to use and enjoy.

### 6. Wow! Zone

Similar to the Bullpen, the Wow! Zone offers bowling, mini golf, arcade games, laser tag and a sports bar. Located on Adams Street, the Wow! Zone is a popular place in Mankato for all ages, from baby to senior citizen.

### 7. People watching in the CSU

The CSU is home to a surplus of entertainment, all from the comfort of one of its many seating options. Grab some grub and a Starbucks drink and do some homework while taking in the peaceful chaos around you. There is tabling often with free giveaways, and always someone to talk to.

### 8. Ostrander Auditorium

The Ostrander Auditorium in the CSU usually has some sort of entertainment inside. They have frequent films played, BINGO nights, drag shows, mini concerts, and more, sometimes paired with free popcorn.

Whether you are new or old to MSU, staying on top of the entertainment resources around you will not only label you as the fun friend, but it will also provide you with memories to last a lifetime.

## OPINION: Fall is the most underrated season

By EMMA JOHNSON  
Editor in Chief

As we approach the second half of September, I'm still waiting for those fall temperatures. Don't get me wrong, I love summer and the lack of responsibilities it brings for college students. I also love going up to my lake cabin, driving around town with my summer playlist and eating dinner outside with my friends and family. After the blazing temperatures from this past summer of humidity galore, I've been waiting for fall to make its appearance.

Fall is truly one of the most underrated seasons. People love summer for the hot weather, fun activities and being out of school. Winter is OK, but after Christmas, the snow and ice do not serve their purpose unless it's just to make driving difficult and raise our heating bills. Spring is the closest equivalent to fall, but the muddy slush and chance for another potential round of snowstorms knock it

down just a little bit. Fall is a pinnacle season as it combines all the seasons into a perfect one.

Fall has the perfect balance of warm summer days and cooler fall weather. Nothing beats wearing shorts and having a crew neck sweatshirt on. Flannels and sweaters make their debut, and I'm all for clothes that make it feel like you're still sleeping in bed. When it gets a bit chillier, I'm more than ready to break out my massive collection of sweatshirts and leggings. The colder weather isn't freezing which I hate about the winter. If you're out in the sun, it's the perfect balance of warm and cold. You don't have to worry about ruining your shoes with the icy slush either. Fall clothes are superior and I won't debate it any further.

Certain activities are 10 times more fun in the fall as well. Summertime firepits are great, but mosquitos are annoying and if the day is hot, the last place I want to be is sitting next to an



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As temperatures are finally beginning to cool down in Minnesota, autumn appears to be right around the corner-- a sigh of relief for fall lovers everywhere. Fall is the time to celebrate all things spooky and appreciate nature.

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## Taylor Swift's 'Anti-Hero' tops MTV VMAs



CHARLES SYKES • The Associated Press

Taylor Swift accepts the award for best pop for "Anti-Hero" during the MTV Video Music Awards on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, at the Prudential Center in Newark, N.J. Joey Fatone, center, and Lance Bass look on from right.

By MARIA SHERMAN  
The Associated Press

Taylor Swift took home the top prize at the 2023 MTV Video Music Awards for her "Anti-Hero" music video on a night full of surprises.

"This is unbelievable. The fact that this is a fan-voted award means so much to me," Swift said in her acceptance speech. "I can't believe it was a year ago that I announced the 'Midnights' album."

The show, held at the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey, was Swift's from nearly the beginning. The night's first presenters were none other than NSYNC, who reunited to hand the best pop video award to Swift.

In coordinating suits, Justin Timberlake, Joey Fatone, Lance Bass, Chris Kirkpatrick and JC Chasez shared the stage with Swift. Bass handed her a friendship bracelet, just as fans do at the superstar's shows. "You're pop personified," she told the group.

The night's top nominee later returned to the stage to pick up the song of the year trophy for "Anti-Hero" and also the best direction award.

Swift took home nine of the 11 awards she was up for, including artist of the year in a category made up entirely of wom-

en nominees for the first time in VMA history.

Her "Karma (Remix)" collaborator, Ice Spice, won best new artist. "Oh my God, this is so cool," she said. "I just want to thank my munchkins."

New music was abundant throughout the show. Host Nicki Minaj performed her latest single, the dreamy "Last Time I Saw You" before jumping into a brand-new tease of a fiery new trap cut from her highly-anticipated "Pink Friday 2" album.

"I ain't nothing like you," she raps, "I'm on a whole other level."

As much as Swift dominated, the VMAs centered on music's global power. K-pop boy band Tomorrow X Together and Brazilian superstar Anitta premiered their new collaboration, the glossy retro-pop of "Back for More."

Another K-pop group, Stray Kids, brought "S-Class" to the stage, regional Mexicana star Peso Pluma performed "Lady Gaga" and reggaetone Karol G delivered "Oki Doki" and "Tá OK (remix)."

Comedian Tiffany Haddish presented the award for "Best Afrobeats" in the category's inaugural year, given to Rema and Selena Gomez for their massive hit "Calm Down."

"Africa in the house!" Rema started his acceptance speech.

"Shout out to Fela (Kuti) who started Afrobeats in the first place...and I want to give a big shout out to the next generation of Afrobeats."

Gomez stood a few feet from the microphone but jumped in when Rema asked her to, telling the crowd: "I want to send all of my love to Nigeria, thank you."

Colombian icon Shakira received the Video Vanguard Award and performed an incredible bilingual medley of her decades of hits — "She Wolf," her collaboration with Rauw Alejandro "Te Felicito," the viral, record-breaking "Shakira: Bzrp Music Sessions, Vol. 53" with Bizarrap among them — in a set introduced by her "Hips Don't Lie" collaborator Wyclef Jean.

"MTV, thank you for being such a big part of my career since I was only 18 years old," Shakira said, also thanking her parents and her children, who she brought to the show.

"This is for you my people, my Latin American people, inside and outside this country," she said, switching to Spanish. "Thank you for inspiring me and for injecting me with so much strength and so much desire to move forward, I love you so much."

She also took home the award for best collaboration for "TQG," her song with Karol G.

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open flame.

Firepits in the fall, where you're huddled up in a blanket and roasting marshmallows on a cool night, is where I want to be. An apple orchard is also a must-visit for the fall. If there's a pumpkin patch connected to the orchard, even better! Sure, it's overpriced, but I'm more than ready to drop a few extra bucks for a bag of apples and some jam or baked goods as well. Fall-

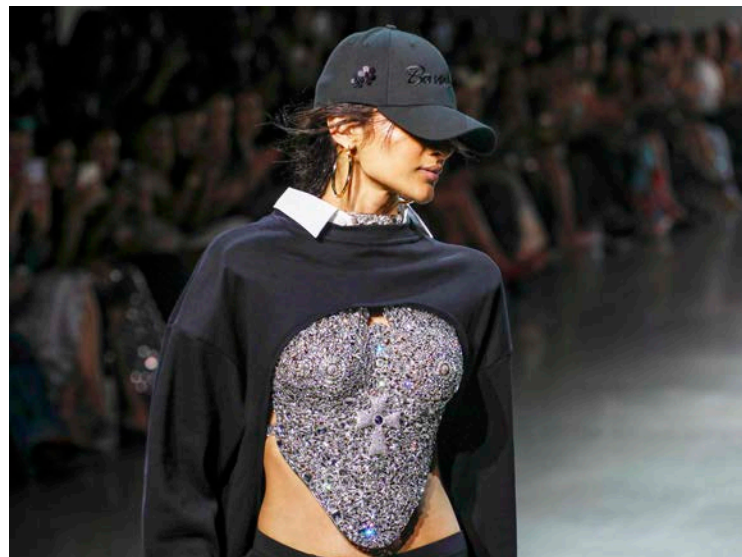
themed drinks and foods are warm, comforting and worth the wait after a summer of iced drinks and chilled sandwiches.

When I was younger, as soon as October rolled around, I used to call it "the season of awesomeness." The last three months of the year have something fun to look forward to: Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Now add the start of hockey season and homecoming and there are even more fun

events to anticipate. Midterms and finals suck, but if you can let loose at a football game or a fun Halloween party, it makes it easier to get through the week.

All seasons of the year have something good, but fall shouldn't be overlooked. With perfect weather, fun activities and comfy clothes, I can overlook school starting up all over again and the stress of assignments. Now if only the weather could chill out a bit...

## New York Fashion Week stars Law Roach and his new image



ANDY KROPA • The Associated Press

A fashion model walks the runway at the Falguni Shane Peacock Spring/Summer 2024 fashion show as part of New York Fashion Week Monday.

By BEATRICE DUPUY  
The Associated Press

Celebrity stylist Law Roach has refilled his cup, emerging out of retirement this week for a New York Fashion Week collaboration with luxury Indian fashion brand Falguni Shane Peacock.

The New York It Girl-meets-Mumbai collection shown Monday blended Falguni Shane Peacock's opulent craftsmanship of sequin embroidery and delicate flower detailing with Roach's edgy vision of black baseball caps, hoop earrings and bold golden bangles.

As creative director for the collection, the image architect (a term Roach trademarked) delivered once again. Roach may be into his sixth month of "retirement," but his stardom shows no signs of slowing down.

He sent shock waves through the fashion industry in March, when he announced in a since-deleted Instagram post that his "cup was empty" and that he was tired of the "politics and lies" of celebrity styling.

Now, he says, he is only taking on work that fills his cup.

"Moving forward I will only do certain things that I really feel

like will feed me," he told The Associated Press. "And this was one of those things."

Each piece Monday exuded the chic and glamorous style that Roach and his clients like Zendaya have made famous. Roach, one of the few Black stylists in Hollywood, has dressed everyone from Ariana Grande to Celine Dion to Megan Thee Stallion and is often credited with bringing some of the best looks to red carpets.

Roach wore a red pleated skirt with a white button-up shirt and a dupatta over his shoulder as he gleefully strutted in his Air Jordans with the designers at the end of the show, his waist-length straight black hair flowing behind him.

Falguni Peacock said Roach brought a "cool girl" vibe to the collection. After eight years, the husband-and-wife designers returned to New York Fashion Week to showcase their "2.0" collection and, much like Roach, the reinvention of their brand. Sarah Jessica Parker recently wore an eye-catching Falguni Shane Peacock lehenga and choli on an episode of "And Just Like That," and the duo were co-hosts of a ritzy Diwali gala last year in the city.

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## Drew Barrymore dropped as National Book Awards host



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Drew Barrymore attends the Time100 Gala, celebrating the 100 most influential people in the world at Frederick P. Rose Hall April 26 in New York.

By HILLEL ITALIE  
The Associated Press

Drew Barrymore has been dropped as host of the upcoming National Book Awards ceremony, a day after her talk show taped its first episode since the Hollywood writers strike began.

“The National Book Awards is an evening dedicated to celebrating the power of literature, and the incomparable contributions of writers to our culture,” the National Book Foundation, which presents the award, said in a statement Tuesday. “In light of the announcement that ‘The Drew Barrymore Show’ will resume production, the National Book Foundation has rescinded Ms. Barrymore’s invitation to host the 74th National Book Awards Ceremony.”

The awards event, sometimes referred to as the Academy Awards of the publishing world, is scheduled for Nov. 15.

Barrymore’s resumption of her CBS talk show doesn’t inherently cause issues with the actors guild, which is also on strike, as daytime talk shows are governed by a different Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Radio and Television Artists contract that was renewed and ratified last year. But Barrymore’s show employs at least three writers who are members of the writers guild, which has been on strike since early May. Those writers were picketing outside the CBS Broadcast Building on Monday.

“The only people I know for sure that are not going back are us three WGA writers. And the rest, I can’t really speak for,” Chelsea White, one of the show’s writers, said on the picket line. “I think first and foremost, this is obviously way bigger than just ‘The Drew Barrymore Show’ and writers. We are out here standing with our union and feeling great and excited always to stand with our union.”

Barrymore drew criticism from members of both guilds for crossing the picket line, and from Colson Whitehead, Alexander Chee and other authors who questioned whether she should remain as host of the National Book Awards.

The fourth season of the talk show is slated to start airing Sept. 18. A representative for Barrymore did not immediately respond to a request for comment. In an Instagram post on Sunday, Barrymore said she was “making the choice to come back for the first time in this strike for our show, that may have my name on it but this is bigger than just me.”

“I own this choice,” she added, continuing that they would comply with the strikes by not discussing or promoting struck work.

She also mentioned writers in her post.

“I want to be there to provide what writers do so well, which is a way to bring us together or help us make sense of the human experience,” she wrote.

## ‘Invisible Beauty’ offers a unique take on fashion

By LEANNE ITALIE  
The Associated Press

“I always know, because I’ve lived life long enough, you can change things,” Bethann Hardison said at the start of “Invisible Beauty,” a new documentary focused on her more than five decades in fashion.

“You might need to be your foot against the pedal, but you can change things.”

That’s exactly what the trailblazer has done in the fight for diversity, equity and inclusion in the fashion industry, first as a Garment District salesperson, then model, model agency owner and activist at large.

She broke new ground as one of 10 Black models who participated in the “Battle of Versailles,” in 1973, that pitted five French designers against each other at the French landmark. The historic fashion show marked its 50th anniversary this year.

Later, Hardison founded the Black Girls’ Coalition that lent voice to working models of color, and she kept the heat on in the 1990s when the industry began backsliding on diversity. Hardison put her foot to the pedal once again in 2013 when she created the Diversity Coalition, which called out designers using no or one Black model in their shows in New York, London, Paris and Milan.

Hardison, at 80, has earned the status of the “godmother of fashion,” Tracee Ellis Ross said in the film out Friday. “She has changed the way beauty is defined.”

Hardison co-wrote and co-directed the film with Frédéric



TAYLOR JEWELL • The Associated Press

Co-director Bethann Hardison poses for a portrait to promote the film “Invisible Beauty” at the Latinx House during the Sundance Film Festival.

Tcheng (“Halston,” “Dior and I”). Through archival footage and intimate interviews going back to her Brooklyn roots, the two offer an up-close look at her personal struggles and her place in fashion as she worked and continues to work to broaden and preserve the rights of Black people, both on runways and behind the scenes.

Hardison and Tcheng talked to the AP about making the documentary and Hardison’s legacy. The interview has been edited for length and clarity.

AP: Why was this a good time to make the film?

HARDISON: I had no choice because I had grant money, and you can sit on grant money for so long and not use it. I reached out to Frédéric, who I had gotten to know, and I told him that I needed to make this film now.

At one point he just said, OK, but the only way I would do it is if you agree to be the co-director. I was just a little afraid that I couldn’t do it. I didn’t know how to do it. I hadn’t had the experience, so to have someone you can ride shotgun with was great.

TCHENG: I didn’t know who Bethann was when I was asked to do a short film when she received the Council of Fashion Designers of America’s Founder’s Award (2014). I got a crash course on who Bethann is and I was stunned. The reason I asked her to co-direct was to go a little deeper. I was looking for a deeper connection and kind of a human adventure. And I knew that with someone like Bethann that I could trust and that I admired was going to step up and bring me up with her.”

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