

## MSU Homecoming Riot: 20 years later

By MERCEDES KAUPHUSMAN  
Variety Editor

The streets went up in flames. Rubber bullets flew. Tear gas filled the air. Screaming. Fighting. Twenty years ago this month, Minnesota State celebrated the night of homecoming in the midst of chaos.

"It just happened so fast," said Myron Medcalf, who was editor of *The Reporter* at the time and is currently a columnist for the *Star Tribune*. "It went from a normal Saturday night to the next morning. Every TV crew in the state is there, it is the biggest story in not even just Minnesota, probably the whole midwest."

Oct. 4 2003 began as a day of excitement for the Mavericks. With a homecoming football game on the horizon, college students prepared the way they knew best, indulging in alcohol, tailgating and hoping for a victory. The game ended in a loss, but the partying went on. The uproar started once police came to intervene, "And everyone just poured into the street," Medcalf said.

Medcalf, who ran a sports radio show Saturday nights at KMSU with partner Brian McKnight, was live on the air when the phone kept ringing.

"All of a sudden, we get this phone call and it's this dude, and he's frantic, and he's like, 'Oh my God, we're at CampusView apartments. Police are shooting rubber



Courtesy Mankato Free Press

Thousands flooded the streets as riots broke out after the annual Maverick football homecoming game. Mankato police used rubber bullets and tear gas to break up the crowds Oct. 4, 2003.

balls at people, and they're hitting people and they're going wild," Medcalf said.

An estimate of 2,000-3,000 people flooded the streets near CampusView apartments, known today as Highland Hills Apartments in Mankato.

Medcalf was among the first

reporters on the scene, going completely mobile. It was the era before social media, and oldschool mobile phones were useful tools to capture photos and gather story material.

"The crowd's just growing and growing and growing, and there were cars on fire," Medcalf said. "I watched guys flip a car, standing on

top of cars damaging stuff. People literally lost it."

Mankato police reported students assaulting other students, tearing down fences, smashing car windows, setting cars and trash bins on fire, throwing rocks and bricks at officers. Students report-

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## Mavericks on the Mall brings fun for all

By AMALIA SHARAF  
Staff Writer

More than 800 students, alumni and community members attended Minnesota State's newest Homecoming event, Mavs on The Mall.

The event was organized by the Alumni and Foundation Center team and President Edward Inch's Office.

Administrative Assistant Courtney Conroy said that the purpose of the event was to bring a broader community into campus.

"The more we talked about it, the more we brainstormed about it, we wanted to make sure we incorporated activities that cater to kids, families, current students and prospective students," said Conroy.

Inch explained that campus should be a community center where people come together, meet and have positive experiences.

"The idea was, how do we bring more and more people to campus in ways that can create an engaging atmosphere that invites families to come, that invite students to come and alumni to come," said Inch. "And the idea behind that is to create a family friendly atmosphere with the games and things for kids, but also opportunities to have a tour, to have some food or to walk around and meet with people and to engage people before the football game."

Yard games, a bounce house and 30 vendor tables were present at the event. Conroy said the activities available during the event went better than it was expected.

Gregory Wilkins, associate director for the Centennial Student Union and Student Activities, said the event is about bringing community together and celebrating what it means to be a Maverick.

"We have over 100,000 of us all over across the planet Earth," said Wilkins. "Right now we've got students from 97 different countries and that just creates that sense of what it means to be thinking about big ideas and real world thinking."

According to Conroy, over 120 alumni attended the event.

"We envisioned an inclusive community event that

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## Maverick Machine celebrates 10 years

By EMMA JOHNSON  
Editor in Chief

The heartbeat of campus. The soundtrack to Minnesota State. These are some of the ways students describe the Maverick Machine.

"We're the first thing that people hear or see as a freshman and the last thing they hear or see when they graduate and walk across the stage. We're there for everything," drum major and senior Gabriella Sanchez said.

Originating in 1929, the band played for 80 years before it was dismembered in 2009 due to budget cuts. It would be nearly four quiet years later before Michael Thursby applied for the Director of Athletic Bands position in the spring of 2013.

"Some of those first conversations I had with President Davenport and Kevin Buisman was like 'Well, let's get this energy back up.' They wanted to build the spirit back up and that was one of the reasons I applied for the position," Thursby said. "I still feel really fortunate to have the position I do."

In the last 10 years, the band has grown from 30 members to 150.



LILLY ANDERSON • *The Reporter*

**The Maverick Machine celebrated 10 years during the homecoming halftime concert over 60 alumni joined the current band members out on the field. Songs were related to the theme of coming home.**

Thursby said while the band has grown and matured, they're still figuring out what the band's identity is.

"We change every year with the students that we have in the program and then the students kind of lead the direction on where we're gonna go and we're continuing to kind of learn about ourselves and grow in that way," Thursby said.

Over 60 alumni joined the 2023-24 Maverick Machine out on the field during the halftime performance at Saturday's football game. Sanchez said bringing the alumni back was important for celebrating the 10-year anniversary.

"We're currently in our reboot era and the ensemble has been around for a long time. I'm looking forward to bringing everyone back

and hearing all of the stories and experiences," Sanchez said.

Playing music isn't the only responsibility of the Maverick Machine. Besides playing flute, senior Mitchel Pomije was given the role of spirit coordinator, a role that gives him "permission to yell louder" than he already does.

"I was originally offered the position last year and was like 'Thursday, what does this job mean?' He said 'I need you to bring the energy when no one else does, so that involves directing cheers and chants and making sure that individuals have an understanding of the game,'" Pomije said.

Pomije joined the Maverick Machine after walking past one of the tabling booths while touring campus.

"I enjoyed pep band in high school and it seemed the most applicable for me. I put my name down and one semester led to another," Pomije said.

Pomije said while getting credit for being the heartbeat of campus isn't a term they take lightly, it's challenging for them to get all events.

"We're asked to be at all of the

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# Lip sync battle highlights Mavsians, Student Events Team



ALEXIS DARKOW • The Reporter

Mavsians take home their second straight lip sync victory at the annual lip sync event during MSU's homecoming week.

By HAYDEN LEE  
Sports Editor

The Student Events Team hosted its annual Homecoming lip sync battle in Bresnan arena Thursday night. Greek organizations, the Maverick Machine, Mavsians and more came together to set the stage for a night in paradise for viewers of their performance.

The night's theme was "Mavericks in Paradise," but with the amount of competitiveness, only one team would end the night in true paradise.

The Mavsians topped all other participating organizations to win their second straight Homecoming lip sync competition. Using a mashup of Kendrick Lamar's "United In Grief" as an introduction and Sam Smith and Kim Petras' "Unholy" as their main song

selection, the Mavsians captured the attention of the crowd and the judges on their way to a lip sync success.

Each team earned 150 points for participating in the event, but the top three teams earned additional points. First place took home 100 extra points, second place earned 75 and third place came away with 50 points.

Despite the light-hearted nature of the event, the rules and judging rubric contained a lot more information than what meets the eye.

Each routine needed to be within four to eight minutes long and no obscene actions or profane connotations were allowed. Judges deducted points if competitors did not have at least one person lip-syncing at all times. And if they left any items from their performance on stage, additional

points would be stripped from the team.

The judging rubric consisted of seven different aspects. Teams earned 20% of their points from their costumes or props correlating to the 'Mavericks in Paradise' theme. The necessity for someone to be lip-syncing at all times was doubly important, as another 20% would be given to a team if they just followed the rule. Overall performance and choreography were weighted at 15% each, and the remaining 30% was divided among originality, teamwork and knowledge of song lyrics.

As the night concluded, the participating groups were thanked for their performances and dedication to creating an outstanding performance that could have only been created by the students and organizations at Minnesota State.

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home games and then there are all the other performances we keep getting asked to perform. Trying to take that balance on an individualistic level of being everywhere at once is not the healthiest way to go about balancing our time, especially as we're getting more entangled within the culture of campus," Pomije said.

A theme that runs through the band is the gears students receive each year at the end of band camp. Thursby said the gears are a metaphor for how the band functions.

"Every student is a gear and without all of us working together, then the program doesn't work," Thursby said.

To Sanchez, the gears represent how one person's role isn't more important than another's.

"I'm not more important than a rookie. I'm not more important than someone who's been there even longer than me. I'm not more important than Thursby," Sanchez

said. "You can't have gears rotating on the top or bottom without the gears in the middle."

Sanchez said being in the Maverick Machine has changed her life.

"I definitely don't know what I would be doing without the Maverick Machine. It's changed my life for the better. I've grown from it and gotten these experiences that I probably never would have had otherwise," Sanchez said.

With the band's three main concepts of family, pride and excellence, Pomije said the band is more than just words on a sweatshirt.

"It's something that we truly embody. It's building those connections that are going to transcend past your collegiate career. It's building us as characters, individuals and leaders. That is something that will transcend with just about every single member," Pomije said.

Sanchez said it's a place where

students can find their home.

"It doesn't matter if it's for your entire college career or if it's just for a semester," Sanchez said. "You'll find a connection there that will last for a while, if not a lifetime."

For students looking to get involved in the Maverick Machine, Pomije said "Why not?"

"Nowhere else can you be as involved and engaged with representing your institution. Nowhere can you be that up close and personal to everything that is going on," Pomije said.

As for where the Maverick Machine goes in the next 10 years, Thursby said it's up to the students.

"It's the students who bleed purple and gold for Maverick Athletics and MSU. These students want to do it. They want to be there because they love it," Thursby said. "Whatever direction they'd like to see the program go in, I will just help facilitate that however I can."

# 'MyPillow Guy' Mike Lindell confirms he's out of money



WILFREDO LEE • The Associated Press

MyPillow chief executive and election denier Mike Lindell gives a thumbs up as he passes by a rally for supporters of former President Donald Trump.

By STEVE KARNOWSKI  
The Associated Press

Attorneys who've been defending MyPillow chief executive and election denier Mike Lindell against defamation lawsuits by voting machine companies are seeking court permission to quit, saying he owes them unspecified millions of dollars and can't pay the millions more that he'll owe in legal expenses going forward.

Lindell confirmed in an interview with The Associated Press on Friday that he's out of money and said he understands his lawyers are people who need to make a living.

Attorney Andrew Parker wrote in documents filed in federal court on Thursday that his firm and a second firm representing MyPillow in lawsuits by Smartmatic and Dominion Voting


Systems can't afford what it would cost to represent Lindell and MyPillow through the rest of the litigation. Continuing to defend him would put the firms "in serious financial risk," he wrote.

It's the latest in a string of legal and financial setbacks for Lindell, who propagates former President Donald Trump's lies that the 2020 election was stolen from him, in part by rigged voting machine systems.

Several big-box retailers, including Walmart, have discontinued his products.

"MyPillow's been decimated. ... We've lost hundreds of millions of dollars," Lindell said, adding that the other main assets he has left are his home and pickup truck. He blamed Dominion, Smartmatic and the news media, including the conservative outlets Fox News and Newsmax.

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## Celebration of Indigenous culture Peoples Day



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Performers from the Native American Hoop Dance of Ballet Arizona dance at an Indigenous Peoples' Day festival Monday, Oct. 9, 2023, in Phoenix.

By MARK THIESSEN and MORGAN LEE  
The Associated Press

Events across the country, including a sunrise gathering in Minneapolis, a rally at the statehouse in Maine, and traditional dancing, music and food in Alaska and Arizona, marked celebrations of Indigenous Peoples Day.

The ceremonies, speeches and performances in traditional regalia Monday came two years after President Joe Biden officially commemorated the day honoring "America's first inhabitants and the Tribal Nations that continue to thrive today."

At a gathering in Phoenix where dancers performed in traditional Aztec clothing, Sifa Matafahi said it was an opportu-

nity to "pay respect to Indigenous cultures ... to reflect on our past and history while also acknowledging our cultural presence."

In Minnesota, about 150 people, including the governor and lieutenant governor, attended a sunrise prayer and ceremony at Bde Maka Ska, a lake surrounded by parkland on the south side of Minneapolis.

"Today, we recognize our ancestors and predecessors who really laid the foundation for us to stand," said Thorne LaPointe, an organizer, who is Sicangu Lakota. "And we will always recognize our elders who are here and those who have gone on before us, who really kicked open the doors in their time, nationally and internationally."

Foundation Center was visited by people who have not been on campus for over 30 years.

"No matter whether it's been a couple of weeks, a couple of months or years since they visited, our campus is always open to them," said Zins. "This event truly exceeded our expectations. We're already making plans for how to make next year's Mavericks on the Mall bigger and better. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive. We anticipate this event to be a campus tradition."

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had a little bit of something for everyone that provided a chance to experience and reconnect with the University," said Danielle Duffey, associate director of the Alumni and Foundation Center. "We brought back hundreds of alumni, families, and university friends back to our campus for Mavericks on the Mall."

Director of Alumni and Foundation Center Brian Zins said the event was amazing.

The table for Alumni and

## Israel strikes seals off Gaza

By JOSEF FEDERMAN and ISSAM ADWAN  
The Associated Press

Israel increased airstrikes on the Gaza Strip and sealed it off from food, fuel and other supplies Monday in retaliation for a bloody incursion by Hamas militants, as the war's death toll rose to nearly 1,600 on both sides. Hamas also escalated the conflict, pledging to kill captured Israelis if attacks targeted civilians without warnings.

In the war's third day, Israel was still finding bodies from Hamas' stunning weekend attack into southern Israeli towns.

Rescue workers found 100 bodies in the tiny farming community of Beerli — around 10% of its population — after a long hostage standoff with gunmen.

In Gaza, tens of thousands fled their homes as relentless airstrikes leveled buildings.



MAYA ALLERUZZO • The Associated Press  
Ultra-Orthodox Jewish men inspect a damaged road after it was hit by a rocket fired from the Gaza Strip, in the West Bank Jewish settlement of Beitar Illit, Monday, Oct. 9, 2023.

The Israeli military said it had largely gained control in the south after the attack caught its vaunted military and intelligence appara-

tus completely off guard and led to fierce battles in its streets for the first time in decades.

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ed officers and K-9 units arriving as far as Duluth firing bullets and tear gas into the air with a helicopter overhead.

"If it wasn't already chaotic and crazy, the cops, the way they came in just made everything worse because they were just indiscriminately going after people," Medcalf said. "All I'm thinking in my mind is this is about to go from a riot for the drunk kids to someone's going to get killed."

Nearly 500 calls were made to 911 dispatchers. Forty-five people were charged. More than 10 were treated for injuries at a hospital. The riot, allegedly blamed on alcohol, inflicted lasting damage to the Mankato community from its physical and emotional repairs.

The following morning, MSU called a press conference. Every media outlet in the state was in attendance, including TV stations and media outlets in the Twin Cities.

At MSU's own newspaper, advertising sales soared. As one of the biggest editions of its time, the newspaper incorporated a large photograph of flames and shadows of rioters behind the bolded words, "RIOT!"

"At one point we had to call the Minnesota newspaper guild, because the police had inquired about our photos," Medcalf said.

Medcalf made history as the first black editor of the MSU Reporter, and is currently making history as a college basketball reporter at ESPN, and at the Star Tribune.

"It's probably why I'm here honestly; I've been able to do the things I've been able to do," Medcalf said. "(Star Tribune reporter Bob Franklin) came to my office at The Reporter. I helped him with the story that he was writing about the riot, and he was like, 'Hey, you should think about an internship.'"

The impact the Homecoming riot of 2003 had on MSU and local news reporters still stands. For student reporters, it was the first time they felt the thrill of breaking news, resulting in many to work at the scene to this day.

"We didn't have some giant budget or fancy technology," Medcalf said. "We literally just went to the story and that's always gonna be my lasting impression. We covered that story better than anybody did."

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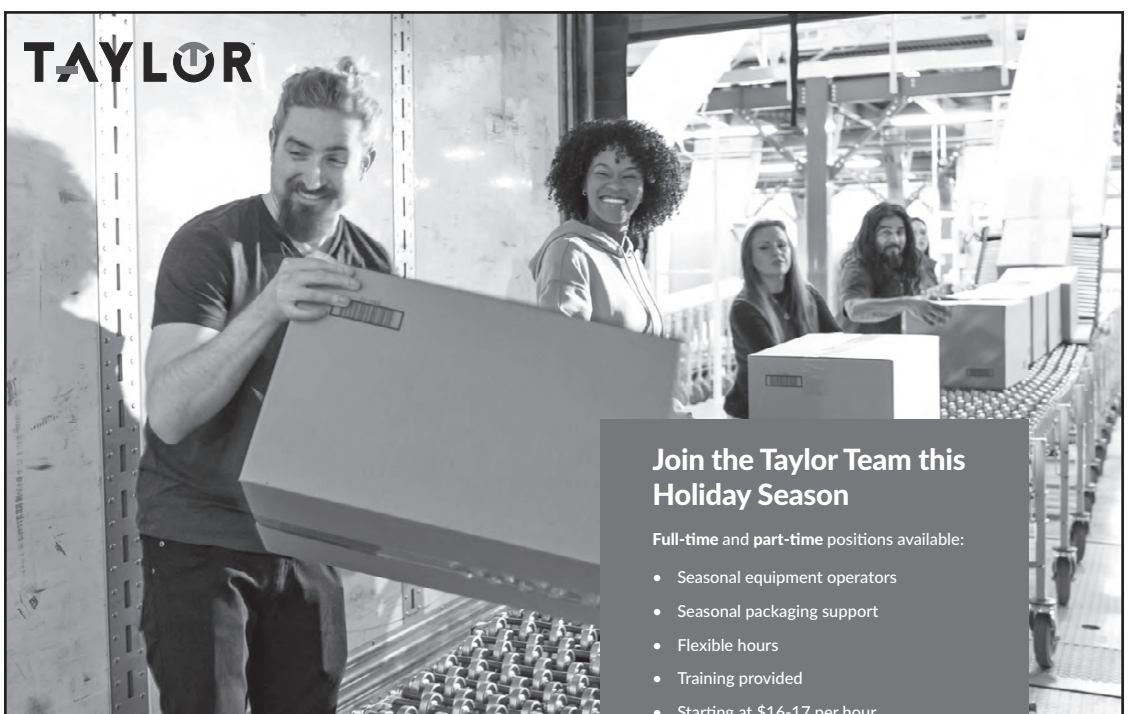


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## How to get through mid-terms with minimal stress

So it's October, the weather is getting colder, your car is spiraling out of control and midterms are around the corner. If that sounds like you, then this may be for you.

With midterms, sometimes they can just take over your mind. Everything reminds you of that test looming over your head. This may cause you to forget minimal things in your life you need to get done.

In order to remember all of the things you have going on in your crazy, busy life, making a list can be very helpful. Whether it is organized by class, day, due dates or whatever it may be, writing things down will give your mind a break. When you already have to memorize so many things for these exams and quizzes, there is no room for these other things. Write them down.

In preparing for your finals, study carefully and study enough to where you feel like you understand the content. Some professors and some people may tell you to pick up certain study habits and try to tell you how you need to remember things.

But in college, you are taking the classes that you signed up for because you wanted to help yourself. So upon studying, do it your way. Be efficient, take the time and figure out how studying will work best for you.

So you are getting closer to the day of the midterm. Let's say it's the day before. Get a good night's sleep. For people of our age, 7-9 hours of sleep can be huge towards powering a fully-functional, focused brain. Get your rest the night before, and before you take the test, be sure to be well-hydrated and try to eat something. From our position, we can't tell you how to eat, but having some form of food in your stomach is always good to be at your best.

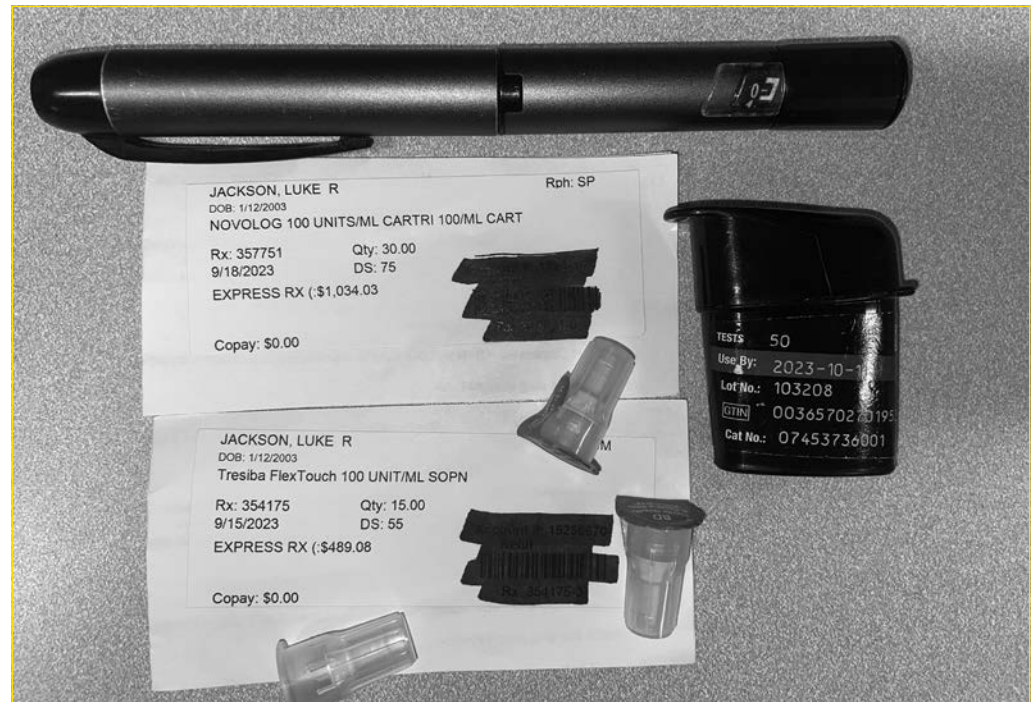
When taking the test, be confident. Trust your gut. Why else did that thought pop into your head? You know the material that you are taking the test on, you know the language that the teachers speak in. Trust your gut and trust in your abilities. If you are still unsure, come back to it. Don't waste too much time on one question. It is better to miss out on that one question and complete the rest of it when you still have the time. Move on, give your brain a break.

After the test, you get your score. That is the score you got, and will stick with, in most cases. Whether it is good or bad, take a look, try to understand and learn from it. At the end of the day, these tests do not determine your intelligence level or your ability to succeed. They are here to guide and influence our learning and in order to grow and learn, failure is necessary.

While this can be a stressful time, there are things you can do to help yourself. Good luck!

# Perspectives

## A Diabetic Talks: The Cost of Life



Courtesy Luke Jackson

Every month, I rely on three prescriptions worth \$1,619 to simply survive. It is \$1,034 for one insulin, \$489 for a different insulin and \$96 for glucose testing strips.

There is something inherently wrong with that. I don't have many fears in life but one of them is the unknown and there are a lot of unknowns in a diabetic's life. One main looming unknown is that once I turn 26 I will no longer be supported by my parents health insurance, and my prescriptions will come out of my pocket.

This is an issue so many in this world face whether it is diabetics or another chronic illness. Pharmaceutical companies exploit people who need medication to survive. These companies make it so hard for the working person to pay for their needed prescriptions so that they can make profit and watch their pockets grow fatter.



Luke Jackson  
News Editor

Although I am lucky enough to not have this problem because my parents' health insurance has been mostly good at covering costs of my prescriptions, over 1.3 million diabetics have reported that they have rationed their insulin according to a study done by the Harvard Medical School and the City University of New York's Hunter College.

That means 16.5% of adults who are dependent on insulin did not take their full doses due to the cost of the drug.

A Yale study found that 14% of people who use insulin in the U.S. face "catastrophic" levels of spending on insulin, meaning they spent at least 40% of what is available after paying for food and housing on insulin.

This is a major problem people should be more aware of.

I think people often hear insulin prices are high or they continue to rise, but I feel a lot of people are not aware of the meaning behind it.

To put it bluntly, if people ration their insulin like the study had shown, it means they are at a life-threatening risk for their short term and long term health.

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# Pulse

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"Hockey game."



# Biden faces more criticism about US-Mexico border



ERIC GAY • The Associated Press

Migrants who crossed the Rio Grande and entered the U.S. from Mexico are lined up for processing by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, in Eagle Pass, Texas.

By WILL WEISSERT and ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON  
The Associated Press

The ad sounds like something out of the GOP 2024 playbook, trumpeting a senator's work with Republicans to crack down on the flow of fentanyl and other illegal drugs into the U.S., getting tough on Chinese interests helping smugglers, and noting how he "wrote a bill signed by Donald Trump to increase funding for Border Patrol."

It's actually a commercial for Sen. Sherrod Brown, an Ohio Democrat facing a tough reelection fight that will help decide control of the Senate.

"Ohioans trust Sherrod Brown to keep us safe," says the narrator of the ad, sponsored by the Democrat-aligned Duty and Country PAC. His campaign declined to comment.

The message is one more indication of the political and security challenges the U.S.-Mexico border has presented for President Joe Biden.

Some Democrats across the country are distancing themselves from the White House, and polls indicate widespread frustration with Biden's handling of immigration and the border, creating a major liability for the president's reelection next year.

The Biden administration this week took two actions seen by many as moving to the right on immigration.

The Department of Homeland Security waived environmental and other reviews to construct new portions of a border wall in South Texas after Biden pledged during the 2020 campaign that he would build "not another foot" of wall. And U.S. officials said they would resume deportations to Venezuela not long after the administration increased protected status for thousands of people from the country.

Both moves inflamed conservatives and liberals alike. Many Republicans accused Biden of being too late to adopt former President Donald Trump's ideas on a border wall, while liberals who oppose additional border restrictions accused the White House of betraying campaign pledges.

"My frustration has been that we are not addressing immigration in a holistic way as a country. We are depending on the president alone," said Rep. Veronica Escobar of Texas, a Democrat who represents the border city of El Paso and is a national co-chair of the Biden re-election campaign. "We are treating people from different nationalities in a different way. And the pathways that have been created are being challenged in court consistently."

Biden has said his administration moved forward with the border wall because it was required by Congress during the Trump administration, even though he considers it ineffective.

His reelection campaign pointed to Trump's record at the border, including his administration's practice of separating immigrant families as a deterrence measure and the temporary detention of children in warehouses in chain-link cells.

"MAGA Republicans are running on the legacy of Donald Trump's playbook of family separation, caging kids, and shouting 'border!' without any serious solutions," said Kevin Munoz, a spokesman for Biden's reelection campaign, referring to supporters of Trump's "Make America Great Again" movement.

Border crossings hit two-decade highs under Trump but fell during the first months of the COVID-19 pandemic, with immigration authorities expelling most border crossers using public health authority known as Title 42.

Upon taking office, Biden

paused border wall construction and canceled the Trump administration's "Remain in Mexico" program, but kept expelling many people under Title 42 until this past May.

Still, border crossings are now skyrocketing, which some observers blame on his administration for creating the perception that the border was open.

The White House counters that migration has surged across the Western Hemisphere due to regional challenges out of the administration's control.

Conservative media outlets often spotlight border crossings and blame Biden for creating what they say is a crisis.

But Biden has taken criticism from many in his own party, including Democratic mayors and governors who want more help caring for newly arriving migrants.

Republican-led border states started busing thousands of immigrants to Democratic-led cities across the country, creating in many places a huge shortage of space that's led to makeshift shelters and camps.

In Chicago, O'Hare International Airport is now housing hundreds of migrants from babies to the elderly at a shuttle bus center. They sleep on cardboard pads on the floor and share airport bathrooms.

New York Mayor Eric Adams went to Mexico this week to implore would-be migrants not to come. He has accused the Biden administration of not providing enough money or resources for the city to process migrants, telling reporters this summer, "The president and the White House have failed New York City on this issue."

Polling suggests that Americans across the political spectrum — even some people sympathetic to immigration — are concerned.

# California vetoes bill aimed to decriminalize hallucinogens



RICHARD VOGEL • the Associated Press

A vendor bags psilocybin mushrooms at a cannabis marketplace on May 24, 2019, in Los Angeles.

By TRAN NGUYEN  
The Associated Press

California Gov. Gavin Newsom has vetoed a bill aimed at decriminalizing the possession and personal use of several hallucinogens, including psychedelic mushrooms.

The legislation vetoed Saturday would have allowed those 21 and older to possess psilocybin, the hallucinogenic component in what's known as psychedelic mushrooms. It also would have covered dimethyltryptamine (DMT) and mescaline.

The bill would not have legalized the sale of the substances and would have barred any possession of the substances on school grounds.

Instead, it would have ensured people are neither arrested nor

prosecuted for possessing limited amounts of plant-based hallucinogens.

Newsom, a Democrat who championed legalizing cannabis in 2016, said in a statement Saturday that more needs to be done before California decriminalizes the hallucinogens.

"California should immediately begin work to set up regulated treatment guidelines - replete with dosing information, therapeutic guidelines, rules to prevent against exploitation during guided treatments, and medical clearance of no underlying psychoses," Newsom's statement said. "Unfortunately, this bill would decriminalize possession prior to these guidelines going into place, and I cannot sign it."

The legislation, which would have taken effect in 2025.



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Over 155 years of Homecoming were celebrated last week. A homecoming kickoff was followed by multiple competitions that took place including volleyball, Lego building and the beloved Lip Sync Battle. While the winds blew the possibility of a bonfire away, the night lit up with music as Kid Ink performed for hundreds of students Friday night. Saturday brought a new tradition of Mavericks on the Mall where alumni participated in a carnival-like event. Floats and cars paraded down Warren Street towards Blakeslee Stadium where the Mavericks defeated the Dragons 24-21. Sports continued with the return of Maverick Hockey against Nebraska-Omaha. Mavericks closed out the week by dancing the night away in paradise.

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# SPORTS

## STILL UNDEFEATED

### Mavs win homecoming football game 24-21 over Dragons

By LUKE JACKSON  
News Editor

Through one offensive half and one defensive half, the No. 4 Mavericks focused on themselves using the team's mantras to bring them to victory in a homecoming nail biter versus Minnesota State University, Moorhead Saturday.

As the clock ticked to the final seconds, MSU's Mathew Jaeger secured the homecoming win of 24-21. The third largest attendance at Blakeslee Stadium of 6,851 fans witnessed Jaeger's kick fly through the uprights from 34-yards out with four seconds remaining to maintain Mankato's now 6-0 record.

Prior to Jaeger's walk-off field goal, he missed his first attempt in the first quarter.

"I just had to flush it," Jaeger said. "I've had a couple times in my career where something bad has to go first and then I just have to rebound. I focus on what I can control and the next kick. That one felt pretty good off the foot."

In the first half, the Dragons scored on their first three possessions while the Mavericks scored on three out of their four. One possession ended early for the Mavericks due to a fumble in Moorehead



LILLY ANDERSON • The Reporter

Whether it was for his game-winner or his overall performance on the game and on the year, MSU kicker Mathew Jaeger took home NSIC Special Teams Player of the Week this week.

territory.

Tony Anger found the endzone on all three Maverick scores and

completed a two-point conversion.

His first was a one-yard touchdown, his second was an 11-yard

receiving touchdown and his last

was one-yard rushing touchdown. He ended the game with 100 yards

rushing.

The second half was pure defense as the only points allowed were from Jaeger's game winning kick.

"It was one of those games where we struggled to run the ball, and the defense was bending, bending, but didn't break," coach Todd Hoffner said. "You could feel the tension, the anxiety, the whole atmosphere was pretty hyped up and a lot of emotions throughout."

The Mavericks defense had continuous stops for whatever the Dragons threw at them. The Maverick defense had a huge stop on fourth and five on the goal line when Dakota Smith recovered a fumble in the red zone.

Smith had a "flush" mentality after the first half of scoring, whenever something good or bad would happen, he kept reminding his teammates to forget about it, to "flush it."

"We pride ourselves on never quitting," Smith said. "We know that if we play that next snap we have a chance. It's that never quit mentality. A common theme we keep repeating is bend and don't break."

In the following Moorhead drive, they managed to get back in **UNDEFEATED on page 9 ▶**

## Senior Spotlight: Allie Williams

By MOHAMED WARSAME  
Staff Writer

Ever since falling in love with the sport at a young age, senior Minnesota State soccer player Allie Williams wanted to be just like her role model: her older sister.

"I have loved soccer since I was a little kid. I grew up watching my older sister play and I wanted to be just like her. I think it's just the feeling you get when you play, the adrenaline rush when you score or the amazing atmosphere getting to play with your team. It all makes you fall in love with the sport," Williams said.

Williams watched her sister make it to the collegiate level and play at Truman State University. Seeing her sister love that college experience made the Waukee, Iowa native want the same thing for herself.

"I wanted to be just like her when I was younger. I got to see her play all the time which initially drew me to the sport. As I got older, I got to see how hard she worked and how much that paid off. She loved her college experience, which made me want that same thing. My sister is someone that I look up to and she's been my role model my whole life. I always just wanted to work extremely hard, accomplish my goals and be a good leader just



Courtesy Allie Williams

like her," Williams said.

Prior to joining MSU, Williams was a three-year starter at Waukee High School. In her junior year, she was named team captain and was nominated for Iowa Gatorade Player of the Year. Williams feels that one of the biggest differences between high school soccer and

soccer on the collegiate level is that great culture and determination is what separates teams.

"The biggest difference is the speed of play and the talent level. Once you reach the collegiate level, everyone is talented. It's the teams that build great culture and have the most determination that go the

farthest," Williams said.

Williams is used to taking on leadership roles, and doing that on this season's young Maverick team is something she is embracing.

"I always wanted to be the best I could be and make others around me better."

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## Women score 16 goals in hockey opening series

By HAYDEN LEE  
Sports Editor

We are officially underway.

The Minnesota State women's hockey began its season Friday and Saturday night in Fairfield, Conn. with a two-game series against Sacred Heart University.

Picking up two wins on the weekend would be enough for most teams, but with 16 goals scored, the Mavs have even more to hang their hats on.

Thirteen different Mavs registered a point in Friday's 9-0 victory. The last time the Mavs scored nine goals in a game was in September of 2021 in a win over Merrimack.

Sydney Langseth and Jamie Nelson were on the same page in the first period, giving the Mavs their first two points of the season. Both were scored by Nelson and assisted by Langseth.

Both players would go on to have exceptional games — Nelson had two goals and three assists while Langseth added another assist to bring her total to three

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# Battle of the Mavs: Minnesota State falls to Nebraska-Omaha in exhibition game

By HAYDEN LEE  
Sports Editor

The Spirit of the Mavericks Trophy will be heading back to Nebraska until further notice.

In a low-scoring night at Mayo Clinic Health System Events Center, the University of Nebraska-Omaha came away with a 1-0 win in the first and only exhibition match of the year for Minnesota State.

MSU outshot UNO 38-13 on the night, but was unable to get it past UNO's goaltender, which ended up being the difference in the game.

The MSU defense held strong for 57 minutes, but the game-winning goal by UNO's Matt Miller snuck past Andrew Miller, MSU's goaltender, with 2:40 remaining in the game.

Miller and Alex Tracy split time at goalie in the loss, with Tracy playing 40 minutes and Miller playing 20.

Fortunately for MSU, this loss will not affect their end-of-season record, and head coach Luke Strand was optimistic about the team's future.

"I thought the energy was good and we played with some resilience to get to second pucks," Strand said in a press release posted to the Maverick Athletics web-

site. "Now the next layer is going to be, can we win the races that are going to put us in position to grab a better scoring chance? Can we get to the net when we need to instead of being a little bit hesitant in that area?"

Despite their lack of goals, the Mavs were able to find some chemistry behind their new players and coaches.

"I was encouraged by the feeling we had on the bench," Strand said. "I was impressed that our guys were happy for one another and the passion that they shared for one another's successes. Even though they are competing for lineup positions, they still found a way to be good teammates. That's a good building block for sure."

With a little more practice, the Mavs should be ready to take on the St. Cloud State Huskies in their first true game and series of the year next weekend.

"I think we can learn to be a little more sturdy and sure handed in certain situations but I wasn't disappointed with our compete level at all," said team captain Sam Morton. "Some of the decision-making can be cleaned up but we can do that. We did a good job getting pucks to the net. Now we just have to do a better job of getting bodies to the net, finding those rebound opportunities."

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on the day.

The second period was complete Mavs domination as they scored six goals, while still keeping the Pioneers silent offensively.

In the span of a minute, Taylor Otremba scored two goals and Claire Vekich scored her first goal in Maverick colors after spending her last two seasons at Bemidji State.

After pushing the lead to 5-0, the Mavs were still hungry for more success, adding another three goals before the period was over.

Madison Mashuga scored her first goal of the period, followed by a shot from Whitney Tuttle that found the back of the net before Mashuga added another goal to make it 8-0.

Slamming the door on the Pioneers after just two periods of play seemed to be enough for the Mavs, as they scored just once in the third

period to lead them to their first win of the season. Additionally, all of the Mavs' captains were able to register a point in their opening night statement.

Despite their level of success offensively, head coach John Harrington was able to see things through, showing signs that this Mavs team will only get better.

"I thought our first period was a little ragged as we seemed a little too tight starting the game. Our second period was outstanding. Our line of Nelson-Langseth-Otremba led us offensively, and three of our four lines contributed to the goal column," Harrington said in a press release posted to the Maverick Athletics website. "Overall, we played well on both sides of the puck. A great start to the season for the Mavericks."

After clobbering the Pioneers in the first night of the series, the Mavs were right back at it the next

day to show off their offensive firepower.

Control-C, Control-V.  
The Mavs were able to copy and paste their success into Saturday's game as they hung another seven goals on their way to win no. 2, completing their sweep of the Pioneers.

The first period saw the Mavs give up their first goal of the season, but they were able to make up for it with four goals of their own. Nelson again was able to score two goals in the first period as Tuttle scored her second goal of the young season and freshman Kamryn Van Batavia notched her first-ever collegiate goal.

In the second and third period, the Mavs remained in control and added three more scores. Another freshman notched her first goal as Jenessa Gazdik connected from the blue line. Shortly after Gazdik's goal, Charlotte Akervik scored her first goal of the year to put the Mavs up 6-1.

To end the weekend on a high note, Otremba added another goal, the last of the Mavs' 16.

Nelson and Jayden Seifert earned WCHA weekly honors for their performances. In winning WCHA Forward of the Week, Nelson set a career high in points in a series with seven, (four goals and three assists).

Seifert took home WCHA Defender of the Week by notching three points and a +4 rating on the weekend, contributing to the success of the Mavs.

Improving to 2-0 and gaining momentum, the Mavs will head to Madison to take on the No. 1 ranked University of Wisconsin Badgers for their next series.



JACKSON FORDERER • SPX

The women's hockey team has their work cut out for them as they look ahead to their matchup with Wisconsin after defeating Sacred Heart.

# NFL, What Do You Know: Week 5 Edition

By MOHAMED WARSAME  
Staff Writer

This week's edition will mostly be a distraught Cowboys fan letting out his frustration. Enjoy.

Darkness in Dallas

Going into Week 5, the Dallas Cowboys vs. the San Francisco 49ers was without doubt the marquee matchup of the week and the season thus far. Two historic franchises with stacked rosters that have seemed to reignite an old rivalry over the last couple of years and have started this season on fire. What's there not to look forward to? Well on Sunday Night Football, the world found out that this isn't a rivalry. When these two teams play, it's men against boys.

The 49ers mopped the floor with the Cowboys on their way to a 42-10 victory. As someone that had high hopes for the Cowboys coming into this season, the one team I hoped they could avoid in the playoffs is the 49ers. The 49ers have ended their season each of the last two seasons and the Cowboys have looked intimidated against them both times. Even with that being the case, there were scenarios you could draw up in your head where if some things went differently, the Cowboys could have won those games. Sunday night's loss was the same story. Just a million times worse.



JED JACOBSON • The Associated Press

It's looking Purdy in San Francisco. The 49ers may have found their best quarterback since the Joe Montana and Steve Young days. I know that sounds crazy, but the stats speak loud. A bright future awaits the young QB.

When the Cowboys play the 49ers, they are playing a team that is better coached, smarter and tougher, both mentally and physically. We got to see pretty much all the negatives of a Mike McCarthy coached team. First off, the team

didn't look ready for a fight with a team that they know firsthand how physical they are, they had bone-headed penalties from the start of the game and McCarthy had his classic comical time management and fourth down issues. Scheme

wise, they had no answers for what the 49ers did on offense or defense. McCarthy took over play calling this season and it had been decent prior to this game, but some of my biggest fears going into the season

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Maverick territory before getting stopped for a fourth down on the 11-yard line. Again the Dragons failed to execute as they missed a 28-yard field goal.

Smith came up big once again for the Mavericks defense. They kept bending as they allowed Moorhead to take another shot at a field goal in their next drive but Smith never broke. Smith blocked their 38-yard field goal attempt.

"I'm never going to take credit," Smith said. "It is all eleven guys out there that go mach speed out there when given the opportunity. If it happens to be me, it happens to be me. It's this whole team's mentality, it's what happens on Wednesdays and Tuesday."

The Mavericks held up one last time on defense and forced a turnover on downs on their own 11 with 2:59 to go.

"They were doing some things up front to stymie our run game," Hoffner said. "We had to go to some other options, and Plan B and Plan C didn't work either. Finally we had to go with five receivers on that final drive."

"Big time plays are made for big time players in big time moments."

In the last drive of the game, the Mavericks worked their way down the field slowly. Isaiah Emanuel had one reception, Grant Guyett had two and TreShawn Watson received three to put the Mavs in field goal range. All they needed was a clutch kick from Jaeger, the rest is history.



## Vikings' offense out of sync as the team equals loss total from last season



ABBIE PARR • The Associated Press

Minnesota Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins walks off the field after a game against the Kansas City Chiefs, Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023, in Minneapolis.

By BRIAN HALL  
The Associated Press

Facing a third-and-7 and with a chance to even the score early Sunday against the Kansas City Chiefs, Minnesota Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins looked to one of his favorite targets, tight end T.J. Hockenson.

Cousins' throw was high, going off Hockenson's hands, and Minnesota had to settle for a field goal in the 27-20 loss. The throw was off and Hockenson wasn't at the correct depth in his route, coach Kevin O'Connell explained later.

"Can we just be a little tighter with that throw?" O'Connell said. "Could T.J. be a little tighter on the route? Third-and-7 right there, it's an 8-yard route. I think it ended up being right around 10 or 11 yards on the target right there.

"So, can we just tighten everything up just a little bit more? That kind of goes in line with can we just do a little more? Do it a little bit cleaner. Do it a little bit better. A little bit more detail? A little bit more urgency on everything we do, and it starts with me and I'm going to be driving that minute to minute here."

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I really just try and lead by example. That means always giving 110% effort, fighting through adversity, being all in with our culture and always being a good teammate. If they see me doing all these things, it gets others to follow along and makes the whole team better," Williams said.

In her freshman year, Williams appeared in all 24 matches and was second on the team in goals scored, with 10. During that season, her favorite memory as a Mav occurred when the team made it to the Elite Eight. She also recorded a hat trick against the University of Minnesota-Crookston. It was the 11th hat trick in MSU's history. These accomplishments didn't mean that Williams wasn't having to overcome some difficulty when she became a Maverick.

"It's always difficult joining a new team and starting your first year at the collegiate level. I think I had to learn how to be confident in my playing again, and remember why I play in the first place. I was pretty shy when I first got to Mankato, but once I started to mesh with the team and get used to the pace of college soccer, that's when I started to really show who I was as a player," Williams said.

In the 2022 season, she was named to the All-NSIC First Team and the NSIC All-Academic Team of Excellence.

Her time as a Mavericks player has had a profound effect on her life off the field.

"It has made such a big impact on me. This team focuses a

lot on our culture and who we are as people first before our soccer skills. I have learned in my five years here so many important skills on being a good teammate, friend and person and that I will carry with me for the rest of my life," Williams said.

The Mavs have a current record of 7-1-4 and Williams is feeling positive about the team's season thus far.

"It has been very exciting so far. We started off extremely strong when we really didn't know who we were going to be as a team. We have been ranked as high as number five in the nation which I think only motivates us more. We are a young team, which has been cool seeing people step up and rise to the occasions who maybe didn't play as much last year. I think we haven't even come close to reaching our full potential, so it will be exciting as the season continues," Williams said.

Something else that Williams has loved since she was a kid is math, and it happens to be her major as well.

"My major is mathematics, and it's just because I have loved math my whole life. It is something my brain has always understood and found intriguing and could challenge me," Williams said.

Williams hopes to reunite with her sister when she graduates.

"I am applying for jobs since I graduate in December, and then from there, will move wherever I find a job. My hope is to move to Kansas City where my sister lives," Williams said.

## Twins beat Astros 6-2 in Game 2 to tie ALDS

By KRISTIE RIEKEN  
Staff Writer

Carlos Correa was back at Minute Maid Park, starring in the playoffs like he had so many times before.

Only this time he was wearing a different uniform.

Correa had three hits and three RBIs and Pablo López pitched seven shutout innings, helping the Minnesota Twins beat the Houston Astros 6-2 on Sunday night in Game 2 of their AL Division Series.

Kyle Farmer hit a two-run homer for the Twins, who bounced back nicely after losing 6-4 in the series opener on Saturday night.

Game 3 of the best-of-five series is Tuesday at Minnesota.

Correa, an October star for so many years in Houston, is back in the playoffs after Minnesota stumbled last year in his first season with the Twins. And he is relishing his return to his favorite time of the year.

"It worked as motivation for me to, one, never miss it again and, two, be in the spotlight once again and be able to deliver for my team and feel that passion and love that I feel for this game and for winning," Correa said.

Correa hit an RBI double in the first inning in Game 2. He added a two-run single to center in the fifth, lifting the Twins to a 5-0 lead. He also robbed Jeremy Peña of a hit with a terrific diving stop for the final out.

Correa has eight hits and four RBIs in four games this postseason, helping the Twins to three playoff wins.

He admitted that his big game Sunday was even more special because it came against the Astros.

"I would be lying if I said no,"



TONY GUTIERREZ • The Associated Press

Minnesota Twins' Carlos Correa celebrates after a RBI-double against the Houston Astros during the first inning in Game 2.

he said. "It's cool when you do it against your former team. But at the same time, the ultimate goal is for us to win the series. I'm focused on bringing a championship to Minnesota."

Manager Rocco Baldelli raved about Correa's performance.

"We've always heard all of the sayings and things, when the lights come on and the bright lights, there are some guys, they're giants in the light, and he's one of them," he said. "That's what he is. He's always an excellent player, but when it matters most, it's like he can really take his attention and channel it and focus it and just play even better over and over again."

López pitched a gem after leading the Twins to the victory in Game 1 of the Wild Card Series. He yielded six hits and struck out seven while lowering his ERA to 0.71 this postseason.

He kept the Astros off balance with a fastball that averaged 95.9 MPH, slightly up from his season average.

"We knew that today's game was extremely, extremely important after losing the first one," he said. "We came up with a good plan. We still wanted to be aggressive."

Yordan Alvarez, who homered twice in Houston's win in Game 1, cut the lead to 6-2 with a two-run shot in the eighth inning. But Johan Duran pitched a perfect ninth for Minnesota.

The victory gave the Twins a jolt of confidence before they head back home.

"We're in the driver's seat right now," center fielder Michael A. Taylor said. "Honestly, we just believe in ourselves."

It was Minnesota's first playoff win on the road since a 2-0 victory over the Yankees in Game 1 of the 2004 ALDS. It was the highest scoring postseason game for the Twins since they also scored six times in Game 2 of that series.

The Astros had to hold off a Twins rally in the series opener, but they played from behind throughout Game 2.

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# VARIETY

## Music for the Mavs

### Kid Ink takes the stage as the 2023 Homecoming Concert artist

By GRACE ANDERSON  
Staff Writer

Rapper, singer-songwriter and producer Kid Ink performed for students and staff at the Minnesota State Homecoming concert on Friday. The concert was held in Myers Field House on campus, commonly utilized for athletics such as track and rock climbing. The event served as a method of relieving stress for many students as homecoming falls close to midterm exams.

As students lined up with tickets in hand, many were brimming with excitement. For some, it was the first on-campus concert experience here at MSU while others have jumped at previous concert events such as last year's event where rapper B.o.B performed.

Lauren South and Megan Myers, Community Assistants (CAs) at Julia Sears Residence Community, said they were excited to spend time with their residents as well as enjoy the artist's music.

"I look forward to hanging out with all of my residents and seeing Kid Ink," South said. "I have gone to the concerts every year so I just wanted to keep the tradition going. This is my third year of going to concerts for homecoming."

"I am most looking forward to seeing how the concerts are done, listening to the music and hanging out with the residents," said Myers. "I have never been to a concert before, this is my first one."



DYLAN LONG • The Reporter

The Homecoming concert starred Kid Ink, American rapper singer-songwriter Friday night in Myers Field House. Hit songs such as "Show Me," "Ride Out," and "Body Language," are popular songs from the artist.

A popular song of Kid Ink's was his feature in Fifth Harmony's "Worth It."

"I'd have to say that my favorite song of his was the one he did with Fifth Harmony, "Worth It," said South.

"I've heard his song with Fifth Harmony," MSU undecided student Natalie Giese said.

The CAs also said that they approved of the idea of hosting a concert on campus in the warmth of the field house.

"I love the idea of having it in the field house," said South.

"I love that it's free for the students and something fun to do," Myers said.

While some students were thrilled to experience their favorite songs by Kid Ink in person, others were unfamiliar with his music yet hopeful about the experience. Two students, Joey Wiczek, a student nursing

major and Luke Westfield, an exercise science student, are both fans of the artist and said that they have historically listened to his music.

"I'm looking forward to his three main songs: Main Chick, Money And The Power and Hell & Back," said Wiczek. "I've been listening to him ever since he first started out."

"His music always got me hyped up for hockey games so I am very excited to see him," Westfield said. "I went to B.o.B last year and it was the best time of my life."

Construction management student, Cam Watkins, said that while he did not know much information about the artist or his songs, he still looked forward to the concert.

"I don't really know what to expect but I'm pretty excited," said Watkins. "I'm looking forward to experiencing something new."

### Homecoming Parade sets the day afloat

By MERCEDES KAUPHUSMAN  
Variety Editor

Minnesota State's annual Homecoming parade thrusts Mavericks into school spirit Saturday morning with the support of the Student Events Team.

"I think the parade is the one that really is able to connect it with the community," Events chair Ryan Leistikow said.

"Being able to see the different student organizations in person physically there, and really just take it all in for what MSU has to offer, and what Mankato has to offer with the different community organizations that were there."

The parade featured fan favorites such as the Maverick Machine, which incorporated alumni alongside current members.

"To my surprise, the Maverick Machine came out in force," Leistikow said. "We were shocked, and we were loving how many people they brought out and how big of a presence they had."

Tuba player Ethan Dempster was one of the many performers to march in Saturday's parade. The highlight of the day for him was, "seeing the crowd's reaction."

"It almost gives the band more energy to see how upbeat the crowd is," Dempster said.

Another key component of the parade tradition was the Mankato Area Shrine Club, or the Mankato T-birds, a group of men on miniature cars riding around the street.

"Everyone loved it, it was so much fun and they're just funny to watch," Leistikow said.

The International Student Association was a part of Saturday's festivities as well, tying in Homecoming's paradise theme.

"We can't have a parade without not acknowledging them," Leistikow said. "They bring so many people and they really do a great job of showing how diverse MSU is at the parade to the community."

Parade floaters arrive in the early morning, ensuring everything is in order and the route is under control.

"It requires a lot of teamwork and communication between the student activity staff that really all put it on from initial check in," Leistikow said.

"Directing people down to the end of the road to which side for the lineup, and then making sure the VIPs get into the right spots as well."

With efforts to plan the parade starting as early as this summer, the Student Events Team worked rigorously to gather a list

## Mavericks dance the night away in paradise

By LAUREN VISKA  
Staff Writer

Homecoming is all about traditions; this year, Minnesota State added a new one: the homecoming dance.

Keb Spear was in charge of the homecoming festivities this year. He helped plan the lip sync battle, the concert and the bonfire (which did not happen this year due to weather).

Spear said he wanted to add something for the Mavericks to end the homecoming week off right, and what better way than a dance?

"A lot of high schools have homecoming dances; it's kind of the norm. But most colleges don't. I think it's kind of a cool opportunity," said Spear. "The dances we had last year were pretty successful, so I think this one could too. We had Second Chance prom and some



NATE TILAHUN • The Reporter

The Homecoming dance consisted of a night full of music, dancing, food, crafts, and more. The Student Events Team hopes to make it a tradition for homecoming.

other dances, too, and a lot of people had fun and liked it."

The theme for homecoming was Mavericks in Paradise. Paradise can

look different for everyone, which is one of the reasons Spear decided on this for the theme.

"When I think of paradise, I think of being on the beach or up North with my family. Paradise is where you enjoy somewhere you want to be, and that's how we (Student Event Teams) feel about MSU students," said Spear.

Spear said that dances like this are important to students, not just high school students but college students as well. Spear said it is a good time for students to get together and know others.

"For people who didn't want to go downtown, the dance was a safe opportunity for them. They didn't want to go drink," said Spear. "We also had Karaoke going on, and a lot of people like that. So this event is reaching out to a lot of people."

The night started at 7 p.m. in

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ALEXIS DARKOW • The Reporter

The Homecoming Parade at Minnesota State sets the tone for the remainder of Saturday's events, including the football game and Homecoming dance. It incorporates fan favorites such as the Maverick Machine and the Mankato T-birds.

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of participants. First time registration fees were 50 percent off, drawing in a larger crowd than usual. Regardless of the hours of practice and hard work, the day was made to be another success in the books. "So many people come out to it, and the student groups love it,"

Leistikow said. "They register totally for free, and they are always itching to get into the parade and get noticed."

The MSU Homecoming parade will continue to be a tradition for future Mavericks, alumni, and the Mankato community young and old to enjoy.

"We really appreciate the support of everyone that came out, everyone that registered and everyone that showed up to make the morning so fantastic and the parade such a fantastic event," Leistikow said.

## Filmmaker Terence Davies dies

By JILL LAWLESS  
The Associated Press

British filmmaker Terence Davies, best known for a pair of powerful, lyrical movies inspired by his childhood in postwar Liverpool, has died at the age of 77.

Davies' manager John Taylor said the director died "peacefully at home in his sleep" on Saturday after a short illness.

Raised in a large working-class Roman Catholic family in the English port city, Davies worked as a clerk in a shipping office and a bookkeeper in an accountancy firm before enrolling at a drama school in the city of Coventry and later the National Film School.

After making several short films, Davies made his feature debut as writer-director in 1988 with "Distant Voices, Still Lives," a dreamlike — sometimes night-

marish — collage of a film that evoked a childhood of poverty and violence leavened by music and movie magic. The film won the Cannes International Critics Prize in 1988, and in 2002 was voted the ninth-best film of the past 25 years by British film critics.

Davies followed it in 1992 with another autobiographical film, "The Long Day Closes," and later returned to Liverpool for a 2008 documentary, "Of Time and the City."

Michael Koresky, author of a book on Davies; said the director's two autobiographical features "are melancholy, occasionally harrowing, and are also indescribably beautiful, two of the greatest works in all of cinema."

"Arguably, he doesn't even have imitators; no one would dare," Koresky wrote on the British Film Institute website.

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the CSU Ballroom with house music. At around 7:20 p.m., they transitioned into slow music as more people showed up. At 8:45 p.m., they started Karaoke. Karaoke and the DJ's music continued until the dance ended at 10 p.m.

Spear said he hopes that students got a lot out of the dance and that it becomes a Maverick tradition that sticks around for years.

"I just hoped they saw this dance as a good representation of our school, how we give back to students as its student focus," said Spear. "I just hope to have a good time and enjoy homecoming and see this is a good way to end it."

This is not the first dance to happen on campus. Last spring, there was a second chance prom for those who did not get one in high school or were international students and did not know what prom was.

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