

Mavs celebrate National Coming Out Day

By GRACE ANDERSON
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National Coming Out Day took place on Wednesday and students alongside the LGBT Center celebrated by hosting an event on the CSU lawn. National Coming Out Day is a national holiday dedicated to the awareness of the LGBT community and anyone who has or will “come out of the closet.”

Director of the LGBT Center on campus, Zeke Sorenson, said plenty of effort went into organizing the event.

“We have a coming out display that we like to call the Wall of Support with photos and messages of support from students and staff,” Sorenson said.

Sorenson also said that the act of coming out plays a crucial role in the history of LGBT Civil Rights.

“We also have what we call the wall of progress which includes some LGBT history tied to coming out and the evolution of what coming out has been historically and what it is now,” said Sorenson. “We include how the significance of coming out, especially in modern times, had played in the progress of LGBTQ+ Civil Rights in the United States.”

Finally, Sorenson said the LGBT center would show support to others no matter which stage of coming out they may be in.

“We also have some information about coming out as well as



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National Coming Out Day was celebrated outside of the Centennial Student Union at Minnesota State’s campus. In addition to the photobooth, a wall of support photos and messages were also displayed.

guides for coming out,” said Sorenson. “Whether it’s somebody who is navigating the coming out process, thinking of coming out or just unsure, there are some information and resources for that. There are also information and resources for people who have somebody come out to them in order to navigate

that process and best support a loved one or friend who is coming out.”

The Director said that the day is a celebration and an important one to symbolize support for the community.

“For me, it’s a time to celebrate but also to support,” said Sorenson.

“Especially in my role here, it’s to let students know that no matter what stage in the coming out process that they are in, there is a space for them and they are valued.”

The event included hot dogs and cotton candy as well as music to provide a fun and welcoming

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Student Loans repayment started on Oct. 1

By AMALIA SHARAF
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Over the summer, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the Biden Administration’s Student Loan Forgiveness Program, meaning students who had hoped to have thousands of dollars in student loans erased would now have to repay the full amount.

Repayment — which was delayed during the COVID pandemic — started again on Oct. 1. Had the Student Loan Forgiveness Plan been left intact, it would have canceled \$430 billion in student debt.

Financial Aid Assistant Director Rachel Sherlock said it means the amount borrowed by students is not forgiven and that students will repay the exact amount that they have expected.

“There is a 12-month grace period to repay,” said Sherlock. “The first of October was just when interest started adding. That’s also the cue for individuals to check to see who their loan servicer is and to make sure they’re in an appropriate repayment plan.”

There are different types of loans that students can apply for, including private loans. Sherlock said undergraduate students are generally eligible for two types of loans through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA: subsidized and unsubsidized. Subsidized student loans are a need-based form of financial aid that will not accrue interest while students are attending school and six months after they are not attending. Unsubsidized student loans, however, add interest once received.

“If a parent wants to borrow an additional federal loan to assist their undergraduate dependent student loans, a parent could potentially apply for a Parent PLUS student loan,” said Sherlock.

Unlike the stricken-down Student Loan Forgiveness Program, a new proposal, the Saving on a Valuable Education (SAVE), is starting its operations. Some of the changes with SAVE went into effect last Summer.

SAVE is the most recent income-driven repayment plan that brings benefits to students. For example, the

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Mavs in Action contribute to Socktober

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Mavs in Action will be contributing to the nationwide Socktober project this month with the help of recognized student organizations on campus.

The project began a few years ago with the goal of donating socks and undergarments for homeless shelters and food pantries. Mavs in Action President Olivia Hall said the group partners with RSOs, which adopt boxes for collecting items donated by the campus community.

Whichever RSO manages to collect the most donation items wins \$100 and a pizza party.

“For the whole month of October, those RSOs have a competition on who can get the most donated items,” Hall said.

Mavs in Action donates to Partners for Housing, CADA and Connections Shelter.

Hall said socks and undergarments are the target of donation because they tend to be the most overlooked in donations. Especially as the weather chills, socks are an essential item.



Courtesy Socktober Project

Mavs in Action contribute to nationwide Socktober project this month with the help of student organizations on campus.

“They are such a basic, especially when it is cold. So, I think just not having a lot of that is why this whole Socktober became a thing,” Hall said. “As winter comes, people can keep their feet warm.”

Socktober project was highly successful in October 2021 but experienced a dip in donations in 2022.

The goal of this year is to bring that number of donations back to

the level they were before.

“Our first year we had 850 pairs of socks, and last year was only 180,” Elise Sommer, social media chair of Mavs in Action, said. “So, it was a big change. We are trying to get back to the 850 again.”

“Last year was our first year when Mavs in Action was kind of getting started up again since COVID, so there were not a lot of members in the group,” Hall said.

“And I know it was probably harder to get other groups to participate because numbers were down for all RSOs.”

Leyla Farah, vice president of Mavs in Action, said a goal for the future is to expand donations to other homeless shelters and food pantries in Mankato.

Mavs in Action had their boxes ready for adoption within the month of September and saw an immediate demand for them as soon as October arrived. Sommer said she enjoys seeing the competition among the RSOs and how it motivates them to donate large amounts.

“I’ve seen posters all over campus of a group trying to get people to donate to their box,” Sommer said.

“One year there were 300 donations from one group,” Farah said.

“I just like to see the campus come trying to make a difference and trying to serve those in the community. It’s nice to see all the different groups coming together for one cause,” Hall said.

Students can reach out to Mavs in Action via their Instagram account or MavCentral.

Involvement opportunities presented before student government



NATHANAEL TILAHUN • The Reporter

Mavathon and Maverick Involvement Team gave presentations in support of the Children's Miracle Network, specifically Gillette Children's Hospital for fundraising efforts.

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At Wednesday's Student Government meeting, senators heard presentations from Mavathon and Maverick Involvement Team (MIT).

The Mavathon presentation was given by students Morgan Rusler, President of the Panhellenic Council, and Brock Routh, who has an executive position in Mavathon. Mavathon is a year-round, student-run fundraising effort that supports the Children's Miracle Network, specifically Gillette Children's Hospital.

"It's been a longstanding tradition here. It started back like in the 80s and 90s. COVID hit us hard and made it difficult to have the same kind of event that we used to have pre-COVID," Rusler said. "But this year, we are hoping to bring it back to what it used to be, getting a lot more people involved and bringing the families back on campus for this event."

Children's Miracle Network helps provide healthcare for millions of patients with a wide range of health problems.

Rusler said CMN, since its founding in the 1980s, has raised over 5 billion for 170 hospitals to support research and uncompensated healthcare.

"Contributions to Gillette provide help to families who may not be able to afford the healthcare their children need," Rusler said. "Funds also support research and services, or medical equipment not covered by insurance."

◀ **CELEBRATE** from page 1 environment. Students taking part in the celebration said that the day holds a lot of importance to themselves and others.

"I think it's important since it's a way of saying I'm here and I'm not leaving the space any time soon," said Abby Andree, Vice

Mavathon events offer a variety of entertainment, such as dancing, petting zoo and caricature. Free food is always provided.

"We've also had some of the kids that are benefiting from all the money raised come along with the rest of their families to see all the good work that's been done," Rusler said.

Mavathon encourages the creation of fundraising teams. The bigger the fundraising team, the higher their fundraising goal. Awards are given to the best fundraising efforts. Award winners get a ticket into the Mavathon celebration event, as well as free T-shirts, food, and other items.

"If you are part of a different RSO, please, make a team. It would be great. It all goes to a really great cause. It's a ton of fun," Rusler said.

Students can sign up to be involved in Mavathon via Donor Drive at <https://events.dancemarathon.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=5960>

Student Activities staff member Michelle Harvey told senators about the Maverick Involvement Team.

"It is really a catalyst to get students involved here on campus. We want to prepare students to be leaders, and a great way of doing that is getting them involved," Harvey said. "So, our mission is to educate and cultivate the next generation of leaders that are going to go out and transform their

President of Sexuality and Gender Equity (SAGE). "It's important for students to have that visibility right in front of them so that they are able to understand that this is a big part of a lot of people on campus."

MSU History student, Brooke Van Gelderen, said that the awareness of the day is important to her-

self and others.

Harvey recognized that students are involved in various student groups and encouraged them to continue being involved in these groups.

"I like to think of Maverick Involvement Team as a foundation or the backbone structure to help the involvement stuff happen outside the classroom," she said.

MIT has been taking advantage of MavCentral as a new tool to help them reach their goals. MavCentral helps MIT collect the data they need, such as what student events are happening and how many RSOs are active on campus. It also provides a user-friendly environment.

MIT helps RSOs get approved at the beginning of each academic year. Harvey said the new aspect this year is that MIT hosts monthly leadership events for RSOs on the first Friday at noon.

"We know that not everybody can come to us, so we've also created some YouTube channels," Harvey said. "MavCentral has a playlist for how-to videos, and then we also have a playlist of other leader trainings that we have done throughout the years that we've recorded in webinar style."

MIT also offers leadership training for individuals, not just RSOs. At the end of each year, leadership awards are handed out.

MavCentral as well as MIT's Instagram page @Involved-MavsMNSU are ways that more information about this student organization can be accessed.

self and others.

"I think it's really awesome that we have this day," said Van Gelderen. "It brings more visibility to the subject."

For those interested, the LGBT Center on campus is located in CSU 194 and is open to all students.

CDC hosts annual career fair



Courtesy Joe Tougas, TODAY Magazine

Lt. Conrad Littlefield, left, and Sgt. (cq) Jeff Ludzack of the U.S. Marines talk with junior Mackenzie Rabanus at the Career and Internship Expo Tuesday.

By LAUREN VISKA
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The Career Development Center held its annual career and internship expo in Myers Field House. This year, it was Tuesday, October 10, in Myers Field House. Which gave Minnesota State students an opportunity to explore different companies for future jobs or internships.

CDC Assistant Director Kaite Hodgden said this event is an excellent opportunity for students to go, regardless of their grade, and to "build relationships, get to know some individuals that are working for organizations that you may like or may dislike."

If someone were to apply for a job, they would have to learn everything they can from their website and hope to find someone on LinkedIn or through a connec-

tion where they could get an idea of what this is like in that company. Hodgden said that a career fair does that step for students.

"It's about building your social capital and knowing that even if it's not something for a current need, you are building another person in your network who may have potential to help you with an opportunity in the future or for you to help them in the future with an opportunity," said Hodgden.

Hodgden hoped students got a lot out of this event.

"My hopes and goals for this event were to continue the conversations that we've always had at the fair, which is for employers and students to connect with each other," said Hodgden. "And for everyone to start looking at the opportunities in front of them

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Biden's hopes for relations could be a casualty for new war



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President Joe Biden meets with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in New York, Sept. 20, 2023.

By AAMER MADHANI and ELLEN KNICKMEYER
The Associated Press

Less than three weeks ago, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sat beside President Joe Biden and marveled that a “historic peace between Israel and Saudi Arabia” seemed within reach — a diplomatic advance that he predicted could lead to lasting peace between the Israelis and Palestinians.

Biden was equally optimistic, telling Netanyahu during their meeting in New York, “If you and I — 10 years ago — were talking about normalization with Saudi Arabia, I think we’d look at each other like, ‘Who’s been drinking what?’”

Now, the outbreak of war between Israel and the Palestinians after a devastating Hamas attack on Israeli soil is threatening to delay or derail the yearslong, country-by-country diplomatic push by the United States to improve relations between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

The so-called normalization push, which began under former President Donald Trump’s administration and was branded as the Abraham Accords, is an ambitious effort to reshape the region and boost Israel’s standing in historic ways.

But critics have warned that

it skips past Palestinian demands for statehood.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the Hamas attacks may have been driven in part by a desire to scuttle the United States’ most ambitious part of the initiative: the sealing of diplomatic relations between rivals Israel and Saudi Arabia. The Middle East’s two greatest powers share a common enemy in Iran, a generous military and financial sponsor of Hamas.

Such a pact between Jerusalem and Riyadh would be a legacy-defining achievement for Biden, Netanyahu and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. It’s one that could pave the way for even more Arab and Muslim-majority nations to abandon their rejection of Israel since its 1948 founding in lands long inhabited by Palestinians. Under Trump, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Morocco all signed on to normalization agreements with Israel.

But the startling attack by Hamas — and much of the Arab world’s response to it — has also raised new questions about whether Palestinian ambitions for sovereignty can be put aside while the U.S. tries to help Israel move ahead with improving relations with the rest of its Middle East neighbors.

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just a little bit differently and hopefully find positions that are more fulfilling to what they want to use their degree.”

Eleven different categories set up the layout of the fair. Instead of putting the same companies near each other, they split them up based on the company’s real-life challenges and values as a company. There are a lot of majors that are institutions and do not fit in a linear path. The CDC encourages students to understand that they can use their degree in flexible ways.

“My favorite example is Ames Construction lists themselves under there (mental health support), and I would not have typically thought that, so I asked them at a previous career fair,” said Hodg-

den. “They talked about the stigma of mental health concerns that exist within that field and how their company does an excellent job of trying to promote healthy work-life balance in a field that’s not easy to do.”

Senior Zach Finholdt, an accounting major, said he wants to work in an accounting firm for a bit and then in the actual accounting industry. One company that stood out to him was Compeer Financial.

“They offer a lot of agricultural financial services to a lot of like farms who need financial aid, well, financial services and stuff like that. So it’s always good to help support the agriculture side of things,” said Finholdt.

Prices surge for fossil fuels

By MICHELLE CHAPMAN
The Associated Press

Exxon Mobil is buying Pioneer Natural Resources in an all-stock deal valued at \$59.5 billion, its largest buyout since acquiring Mobil two decades ago, creating a colossal fracking operator in West Texas.

Including debt, Exxon is committing about \$64.5 billion to the acquisition, leaving no doubt of the Texas energy company’s commitment to fossil fuels as energy prices surge.

Pioneer shareholders will receive 2.32 shares of Exxon for each Pioneer share they own.

“I think fossil fuels, as the world looks to transition and find lower sources of affordable energy with lower emissions, fossil fuels oil and gas are going to continue to play a role over time,” Exxon Mobil CEO Darren Woods said during an interview with CNBC. “That may diminish with time. The rate of that is, I think, not very clear at this stage. But it will be around for a long time.”

Woods explained that Exxon and Pioneer will be able to use their combined capabilities to drive down emissions and produce lower carbon intensity oil



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and gas.

Exxon purchased XTO Energy in 2009 for approximately \$36 billion. In the late 1990s, the merger between Exxon and Mobil was valued around \$80 billion.

The deal with Pioneer Natural vastly expands Exxon’s presence in the Permian Basin, a massive oilfield that straddles the border between Texas and New Mexico. Drilling the Permian accounted for 18% of all U.S. natural gas production last year, according to the

U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Pioneer’s more than 850,000 net acres in the Midland Basin will be combined with Exxon’s 570,000 net acres in the Delaware and Midland Basin, nearly contiguous fields that will allow the combined company to trim costs.

Woods said in prepared remarks that the combined company will have an estimated Permian resource of 16 billion oil equivalent barrels.

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amount to be paid is lowered because payments are based on a smaller portion of an individual’s adjusted gross income, while more income for basic needs is shielded from repayment.

The program is available for current and future borrowers with undergraduate or graduate federal loans. However, parents who borrowed Parent PLUS loans are not eligible for the program.

Sherlock said students can find the FASTChoice tool on the MSU website. The FASTChoice allows students to compare private loans side-by-side and find an appropriate option.

For additional help, the Financial Aid office offers advice on loan-related questions and concerns. Sherlock said quick questions can also be resolved by Campus Hub.

“Students can call or email

Campus Hub with any questions, but then we also offer one-on-one advising appointments, too,” Sherlock said. “So this is for students who want to sit down with the advisor and walk through, for example, what the different loan repayments are.”

To get help with financial aid questions, students can stop by the Campus Hub 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays.

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Stop skipping and go to class

The weather outside is colder with an increase in student burnout. Halfway through the semester, it is quite obvious how students mentally check out of their academics when things turn overwhelming.

Being a student is not easy. Getting up every day, spending so much quality time with the computer, walking from the free lot during the rain or snow.

Mental foginess is bound to happen, and it is not our fault, but it is also up to ourselves to keep pushing. After all, we pay for our education, and missing class comes with a price.

We have likely noticed fewer and fewer people in desks with every class that continues, and our professors notice it as well. Some professors implement strict attendance policies, while others remain more lenient.

However, it is important not to take advantage of this. Just because our professors aren't keeping track of who is attending their lectures does not undermine the efforts they put into the lecture for the students present.

At this point in the semester where there is not necessarily a break on the horizon, things get stressful. Thanksgiving break is ways away, and winter break is an even farther stretch. We also no longer have the excuse of, "it's still early in the semester."

We need to stay on top of it because there are still three and a half quarters left on the academic calendar.

For a lot of us, that first time skipping class comes with a thrill. Not having the principal ring our parents, or getting an angry phone call or text message. It seems easy. When it becomes habitual is when it starts to be a problem.

Falling into the trap of missing class continually will be paired with a failing grade. We are held accountable for our own education, and it is up to us to do the work to get the degree.

We can prevent the mid-semester spiral by planning out a schedule, setting alarms, waking up early, and asking for help. Our professors are there to help, family members, friends, who might be able to offer advice or support.

It is important to not be afraid to reach out when it is for your benefit, and most of the time, people can relate to the situation in some way, especially if they have attended university.

At the end of the day, what matters most is up to each individual person. For some, that may be their education, and others may have other priorities. However, we all are here at the same university for a reason, and it is important to start to think about what these reasons are and if we are doing as much as we can to achieve our goals.

Perspectives

We are all coming out fabulously



Courtesy Jeremy Redlien

Coming out can be a complicated issue in the LGBTQ community. For some people, coming out was a difficult process involving wrestling with the consequences of revealing such a personal issue in a homophobic or transphobic society.



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For others, coming out was an extraordinary relief or even something to be celebrated. Each LGBTQ person's coming out story is ultimately unique.

This year, Coming Out day fell on Oct. 11. For a period of time in the mid-90s, MSU was inundated with fliers by a group called Zero Tolerance fliers, a homophobic hate group that was typically most active around Coming Out week. The group promoted a coming out heterosexual week as an alternative. Fortunately, Zero Tolerance hasn't been heard from in decades.

Oddly enough, I actually think a coming out cisgen-

der heterosexual event could be a useful concept, if those involved focused their "coming out" on their cisgender or heterosexual privilege.

My coming out story is as follows. When I was a senior in high school, the teacher for my participation in government class required us to do a presentation on a contemporary issue.

I chose to do mine on same sex marriage. When the time came to actually do the presentation I got up in front of the class and told everybody that I had chosen the topic of

same sex marriage because I myself was gay.

Coming out to myself as agender was more of a process and took longer. I had even given presentations and such where I discussed the concept of non-binary gender identity and such but it still took a long time before the label finally clicked with me.

Over the years, there have been many notable coming out stories.

Some historians have claimed that the first coming out was Karl Ulrichs who came out as an urning (his word) while publicly arguing against German anti-sodomy laws. Ulrichs later said "I am proud that I found the courage to deal the initial blow to the hydra of public contempt" when describing that event.

In Mankato, Jim Chalgren (founder of the Jim Chalgren LGBT Center) was among the earliest individuals to

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Pulse

"How do you get through midterms?"

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MICHELLE LINA LOPEZ,
FRESHMAN

"Studying and friends."



ALYSSA SALAZAR,
FRESHMAN

"Learning community study groups."



EMMA MOLINA,
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"Finding a good place to study."



NATHAN HAILE,
SOPHOMORE

"Making sure you study the topics the day you learned them."



MIKE DOWNES,
GRAD STUDENT

"Stay up all night and try not to have too much fun."



JOSH BEISWANGER,
GRAD STUDENT

"Planning out the study session and what section I need to work on."

Voting in Ohio begins in the only election to decide abortion rights



CAROLYN KASTER • The Associated Press

People gather and pray during the Ohio March for Life rally at the Ohio State House in Columbus, Ohio, Friday, Oct. 6.

By JULIE CARR SMYTH
The Associated Press

In-person voting for a November ballot measure over abortion rights began Wednesday in Ohio, the latest state where voters will decide the issue after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned a nationwide right to the procedure last year.

Ohio is the only state to put an abortion rights question before voters this fall, making it a testing ground for messaging ahead of the 2024 elections when it's expected to be on the ballot in more states and a major factor in races

up and down the ballot.

Election officials throughout the state are generally predicting heavier-than-normal turnout for an off-year vote because of the high-profile campaigning over Issue 1, a constitutional amendment that seeks to enshrine abortion rights.

Mary Weiss was among the voters who entered an early voting center in Toledo during the first day of early in-person voting ahead of Election Day on Nov. 7.

"Women should have total control over their own bodies," said Weiss, who lives in the To-

ledo suburb of Sylvania. "No one should be making those decisions for us."

Initial early voting numbers won't be available from the secretary of state's office until next week, but absentee ballot requests in Ohio's three most populous counties — home to about a third of the state's total population — have been far greater this year than in Ohio's last off-year election in November 2021.

The voting beginning this week follows a heavy-turnout special election over the summer, when voters defeated an attempt by Republican lawmakers.

◀ **COLUMN from page 5** come out in a public fashion in Mankato.

Dr. Alan Kern became the first member of the MSU Mankato faculty to come out publicly when he wrote a Tomorrow column called Coming Out Gay in the Reporter on Oct. 2, 1974.

In Coming Out Gay, Kern wrote, "My gay mind-body reaches out to all who want to know themselves through us."

In 2003, C. Rhys Gaffer came out as a transgender man during his inauguration speech after he was elected as MSU Mankato's Student Government President.

In 1981 Charles H. Cochrane became the first NYPD police officer to come out as gay when he came out to the New York City Council during a debate over an anti-discrimination ordinance. Glenn Burke, who is credited with co-inventing the high five, was the first major league baseball player to come out as gay.

Ellen Degeneres coming out on The Puppy Episode of the

sitcom "Ellen" could easily be described as the coming out story of the 90s. In the Puppy Episode, Ellen's character on the TV series came out as lesbian, with Degeneres coming out well at the same time. The Puppy Episode of Ellen reached 42 million viewers, making it one of the most high profile modern day coming out events.

In the "coming out can be complicated" category, the first known use of "lesbian" in an American publication was used in reference to Joseph Lobdell. The thing is, Lobdell was actually a transgender man. While living in Minnesota, Lobdell was arrested and charged with "impersonating a man" by a Meeker county attorney, although the charges were later dropped by the presiding judge.

Other early transgender pioneers include Alan L. Hart who helped develop innovative ways to use X-ray photography to diagnose tuberculosis, and who is among the first transgender men to have a hysterectomy done as part of a gender affirming medical procedure.

Hart received his hysterectomy around 1917.

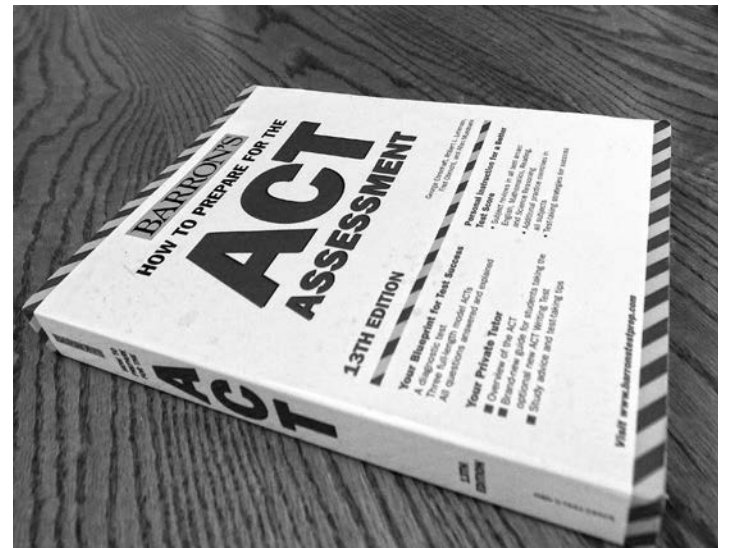
Christine Jorgensen was among the earliest individuals to gain notoriety as a transgender woman when she became one of the earliest individuals to receive gender affirming medical care involving surgery. She started gender affirming surgery in 1952 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

While Jorgensen drew international attention for her transition, Dora Richter is believed to be the first transgender woman to receive gender affirming medical surgery at the Institute for Sexual Research in Germany in 1922.

The Institute for Sexual Research was founded by Magnus Hirschfeld and would be destroyed by the Nazis during their rise to power.

In conclusion, I would like to return to what Dr. Alan Kern had to say about coming out in his column. "Now that I see my fear, I feel the pride of coming out gay. If only all people would come out as themselves."

ACT test scores in US drop to new 30-year low



SETH PERLMAN • The Associated Press

An ACT Assessment preparation book is seen, April 1, 2014, in Springfield, Ill. High school students' scores on the ACT college admissions test for 2023 dropped to their lowest in more than three decades.

By CHEYANNE MUMPHREY
The Associated Press

executive officer for the nonprofit ACT.

High school students' scores on the ACT college admissions test have dropped to their lowest in more than three decades, showing a lack of student preparedness for college-level coursework, according to the nonprofit organization that administers the test.

Scores have been falling for six consecutive years, but the trend accelerated during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students in the class of 2023 whose scores were reported Wednesday were in their first year of high school when the virus reached the U.S.

"The hard truth is that we are not doing enough to ensure that graduates are truly ready for post-secondary success in college and career," said Janet Godwin, chief

The average ACT composite score for U.S. students was 19.5 out of 36. Last year, the average score was 19.8.

The average scores in reading, science and math all were below benchmarks the ACT says students must reach to have a high probability of success in first-year college courses.

The average score in English was just above the benchmark but still declined compared to last year.

Many universities have made standardized admissions tests optional amid criticism that they favor the wealthy and put low-income students at a disadvantage. Some including the University of California system do not consider ACT or SAT scores even if submitted.

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By TOM KRISHER
The Associated Press

Detroit's three automakers have laid off roughly 4,800 workers at factories that are not among the plants that have been hit by the United Auto Workers strikes, which have lasted for nearly four weeks.

The companies say the strikes have nevertheless forced them to impose those layoffs.

They note that the job cuts have occurred mainly at factories that make parts for assembly plants that were closed by strikes. In one case, layoffs have been imposed at a factory that uses supplies from a parts factory on strike.

The UAW rejects that argument. It contends that the layoffs are unjustified and were imposed as part of the companies' pressure campaign to persuade UAW members to accept less favorable terms in negotiations with automakers. The factories that have been affected by layoffs are in six states: Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Kansas, Indiana and New York.

Sam Fiorani, an analyst with AutoForecast Solutions, a consulting firm, said he thinks the layoffs reflect a simple reality: The automakers are losing money because of the strikes. By slowing or idling factories that are running below their capacities because of strike-related parts shortages, Fiorani said, the companies can mitigate further losses.

"It doesn't make sense to keep running at 30% or 40% of capacity when it normally runs at 100%," he said. "We're not looking at huge numbers of workers relative to the ones actually being struck. But there is fallout."

In a statement, Bryce Currie, vice president of Americas manufacturing at Ford, said: "While we are doing what we can to avoid layoffs, we have no choice but to reduce production of parts that would be destined for a plant that is on strike."

UAW President Shawn Fain countered in a statement that the automakers were using layoffs to pressure the union into settling the strike. With billions in profits, Fain argued, the companies don't

have to lay off a single employee.

The UAW began striking against General Motors, Ford and Stellantis on Sept. 15, with one assembly plant from each company. The next week, the union expanded the strike to 38 GM and Stellantis parts warehouses. Assembly plants from Ford and GM were added the week after that. All told, about 25,000 workers have walked off their jobs at the three automakers.

Striking workers are receiving \$500 a week from the union's strike pay fund. By contrast, anyone who is laid off would qualify for state unemployment aid, which, depending on a variety of circumstances, could be less or more than \$500 a week.

"Their plan won't work," Fain said. "The UAW will make sure any worker laid off in the Big Three's latest attack will not go without an income."

GM said it has laid off 2,330 workers, including 1,600 at a temporarily closed assembly plant in Kansas City, Kansas, that makes the Chevrolet Malibu sedan and Cadillac XT4 small SUV. The plant uses metal parts produced at the GM plant in Wentzville, Missouri, which is on strike.

Other GM facilities that have been affected by layoffs are in Lockport, New York; Toledo, Ohio; Marion, Indiana; Parma, Ohio; and Lansing, Michigan.

Ford said it has laid off 1,865 workers. They include 600 auto-body and parts-stamping employees in Wayne, Michigan, who are not on strike but who have been affected by a nearby assembly plant that has been struck. Other Ford locations with layoffs include Chicago; Sterling Heights and Livonia, Michigan; and Cleveland and Lima, Ohio.

Stellantis said late Monday that it had laid off about 640 workers, including 520 at an engine factory complex in Trenton, Michigan, that supplies a Jeep plant in Toledo, Ohio, that is on strike.

Other locations with layoffs include a metal casting plant in Kokomo, Indiana, and a machining factory in Toledo.

Fiorani said that if the strike widens, more workers will likely be laid off at non-striking plants.

Social media is awash in misinformation about Israel-Gaza war



ARLYN MCADOREY • The Associated Press

Supporters wave the Palestine flag at a march in Toronto, on Oct. 9, 2023. Before it transformed into X, Twitter was the place to turn to for live and reliable information about big news events, from wars to natural disasters.

By BARBARA ORTUTAY
The Associated Press

While Twitter has always struggled with combating misinformation about major news events, it was still the go-to place to find out what's happening in the world.

But the Israel-Hamas war has underscored how the platform now transformed into X has become not only unreliable but is actively promoting falsehoods.

Experts say that under Elon Musk the platform has deteriorated to the point that it's not just failing to clamp down on misinformation but is favoring posts by accounts that pay for its blue-check subscription service, regardless of who runs them.

If such posts go viral, their blue-checked creators can be eligible for payments from X, creating a financial incentive to post whatever gets the most reaction — including misinformation.

Ian Bremmer, a prominent foreign policy expert, posted on X that the level of disinformation on the Israel-Hamas war "being

algorithmically promoted" on the platform "is unlike anything I've ever been exposed to in my career as a political scientist."

And the European Union's digital enforcer wrote to Musk about misinformation and "potentially illegal content" on X, in what's shaping up to be one of the first major tests for the 27-nation bloc's new digital rules aimed at cleaning up social media platforms.

While Musk's social media site is awash in chaos, rivals such as TikTok, YouTube and Facebook.

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Students in the Athletic Training Program use mannequins to help practice assessing any injuries athletes may obtain on the field. The ATP program was one of the first in the nation and has grown from a sports medicine minor to a Master's program over the last 54 years.

Athletic Trainers make all the difference in getting athletes back on the field

By EMMA JOHNSON
Editor In Chief

It's more than just providing ice bags and taping ankles for students in the Athletic Training Program (ATP) at Minnesota State. Athletic Training Students (ATS) gain real-world experience through aiding student rehabilitation to get athletes back in the game.

Starting as a minor in 1969, the AT program was one of the first in the country. It grew to a major in 1982 and included a master's program in 2016.

Besides passing classes, the 52-credit program requires students to participate in clinicals each semester. During their second year, ATS will do preseasons with a sports team and participate in rotations where they stick with a team for 10 weeks.

AT Professor Patrick Sexton said rotations allow students to witness a variety of experiences.

"They have to have experiences with different types of sports and physical activities, but they also have to have experiences in hospitals and clinics to deal with the medical side of things we deal with," Sexton said.

Along with clinical, the students do so-called immersives where they stay with one team for a rotation. Dylan Ward is currently doing his immersive with the MSU football team where he puts in 40 hours a week.

"It feels like a job which is good



Dylan Ward practices an ultrasound on Sammi Siggelkow's ankle.

because it's going through the motions of what it would feel like to be working rather than just being a student that only goes 20 hours a week," Ward said.

On game days, Ward's day starts at 8:30 a.m. From preparing water bottles to bringing emergency equipment out to the field to taping the players right before the game, his day ends around 5:30 after any post-game evaluations and light treatments.

"It doesn't feel like a nine-hour day. There may be one long hour, but three hours can just fly by," Ward said.

Depending on where the students go, their days differ. Megumi Furuta finished a rotation with the Minnesota Twins over the summer

and is an AT at Mankato East High School.

"I'll do a quick evaluation if they need something and prepare ice and emergency stuff. I watch the practice or game and afterward, some people come in for treatment," Furuta said.

The program allows students to apply what they learned in the classroom right away.

"For example, if I teach them about electrotherapy, when we finish up, they can walk into their clinical setting and can do it on a patient under their preceptor," Sexton said. "By the time our students leave, they're really good clinicians."

Sammi Siggelkow said she enjoys the real-world experience she gets.

"We're not just sitting in class and learning things. We go to our lectures and then our clinicals and apply it. It's very hands-on and you see real-life situations rather than just reading it in the textbook. It's being able to talk to patients and build rapport with them," Siggelkow said.

Siggelkow is currently working with the cross country and track team until Halloween. She became interested in the AT Program after getting an injury in high school and working with her high school's trainer.

"I just happened to come to an open house for athletic training and that's how I knew I wanted to come here and work with athletes. I knew I didn't want to be in a clinic. I'd rather be on the field and doing all that," Siggelkow said.

The AT program teaches students injury prevention, orthopedic and general medical evaluation, wound care, suturing and ultrasound evaluation. Emergency care such as concussion assessment and cardiac arrest are also taught on the rare occasion they may be needed.

"Danny Killington was the first one out on the field (regarding Damar Hamlin's cardiac arrest in the Bills vs. Bengals game in Jan. 2023). He started CPR, defibrillated him and saved his life out on the field. Emergency care is a pretty darn good reason to have athletic trainers," Sexton said.

Aside from treating patients, Siggelkow said a majority of the job

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HOCKEY UPDATES:

New team, same home

By HAYDEN LEE
Sports Editor

The Minnesota State men's hockey team will look for clear skies Friday night as they take on St. Cloud State in their first series of the 2023-24 season.

"It's a long time coming for everyone," said Mavs head coach Luke Strand in a press conference following the team's exhibition loss to Nebraska-Omaha.

The debut of the "new era" of Maverick hockey will take place at home. The Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center that has seen many years of dominance and stability from the Mavericks will now see a roster with 10 new players and an entirely new coaching staff.

The first opponent of the new season was also the last opponent the Mavs saw in the 2022-23 season: St. Cloud State. Last season, the Huskies had the Mavs' number, winning all three of their matchups, including their final loss of the season. The Huskies sent the Mavs home in the first round of the NCAA Tournament back in March after a 4-0 win sent the Huskies to the NCAA Fargo

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Mavs to Madison

By HAYDEN LEE
Sports Editor

From allowing one goal to playing the No. 1 team in the conference, the Mavs' have a completely different outlook this weekend.

Following a great start to the season where they scored 16 goals in a series against the Sacred Heart Pioneers, the Minnesota State Women's hockey team will travel to Madison, Wis. for their first conference series of the season.

The Mavs are coming off of a week where they dominated the Sacred Heart Pioneers, but they will need to put their best foot forward to compete with the best-of-the-best, at least according to the polls.

Jamie Nelson launched herself into the history books last weekend, setting a new career high in points in a series (7), tying Kelsey King and Kim Corona for most points in a game (5) and earning WCHA Forward of the Week honors for her collective efforts.

Jayden Seifert is also off to a hot start. Her three assists on the offensive end, in addition to her presence in the Mavericks stifling

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Mavs to host first non-conference game since 2010

By LUKE JACKSON
News Editor

For the first time since 2011 the Maverick football team will play a non-conference game when they take on Western Oregon University of the Lone Star Conference Saturday at Blakeslee Stadium.

In 2011, the Mavericks traveled to Michigan where they lost 31-24. The last time they hosted a non-conference game was 2010 when they defeated Northern Michigan 7-6.

The Mavericks are currently 6-0 and ranked fourth in the American Football Coaches Association for the third straight week. Their past two wins have been one-score games.

Three teams stand ranked in the top 25 in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. Augustana is 22nd with a 6-1 record while Bemidji is 11th with a 5-1 record.

As a team, the Maverick averaged 38.3 points and 479 yards of offense a game. They rely heavily on the run game as they average 264 rushing yards a game. Shen Butler-Lawson leads the run game with 960 yards on the ground and 11 touchdowns.

He leads division II football in

yards, is second in yards per carry and is fourth in rushing touchdowns.

Christian Vasser has 256 yards and one touchdown while Tony Anger has 123 rushing yards and five touchdowns, three of which came in last Saturday's homecoming victory. He also punched in a two point conversion.

In the air, quarterback Hayden Ekern has thrown for 1,217 yards and has 10 touchdowns. The offensive line has been a brick wall, allowing just one sack so far.

On defense, Jacob Daulton leads the team in tackles with 27. Maven Kretche has five sacks while Khai West has recorded two interceptions.

Dakota Smith led the defense to a homecoming win last Saturday as he recovered a fumble on the goalline and blocked a kick to keep Minnesota State Moorhead scoreless in the second half.

For the Wolves, they are led by coach Arne Ferguson who has a 103-86 record over his past 18 seasons. This season they are 3-3.

Ferguson's defense averages 23 points and 382 yards of offense a game. Dominique dominates their split backfield with 547 yards and five touchdowns while Austin



LILLY ANDERSON • The Reporter

This will be the first time in program history that the Mavs will play Western Oregon.

Bacher has 329 yards and three touchdowns. Quarterback Gannon Winker has thrown for 787 yards and seven touchdowns this season.

On defense they have three players that have over 30 tackles on the season. They allow for 25.3 points, 209.0 passing yards and

122.7 rushing yards a game.

The game will be hosted at Blakeslee Stadium with a scheduled kickoff at 1p.m.

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is building camaraderie and trust with the athletes.

"While you're doing their treatment, you're kind of just talking to them talking about their day, getting to know them as well, because then when they come back in for rehab or treatment, you have trust with them," Siggelkow said.

Sasha Broniola also works with the football team. While the program can only hold up to 30 students, she said those who love

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Regional.

Heading into this matchup, Strand stressed the importance of knowing themselves first.

"I liked our conditioning, we held true to our standards of heart-rate, workload and pace that we played with," Strand said in a press conference preceding the team's matchup with the Huskies. "But with defending and scoring chances, there were some good moments."

Strand also brought up the idea of getting all three goalies involved in this weekend's series.

"For me, the idea is that Alex Tracy and Andrew Miller will get the majority of puck touches early," said Strand. "We want (Keenan) Rancier to be 100% before he enters the cage in a game."

Three Mavericks did not see action in Saturday's scrimmage. Strand indicated mostly good

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defense earned her WCHA Defender of the Week.

With those two playing at the top of their game and goalie Lauren Barbro moving her way up in the MSU record books as well, the Mavs' start could not get any hotter.

The reigning National Champions are off to a 4-0 start in defense of their title. They began the season

sports and want to help people should consider becoming an AT.

"You get to know the athletes and they want to get to know you as well. When you have that connection, they're like a coworker and a friend," Broniola said.

Medical Director for Athletic Trainers Todd Kanzenbach said ATS work with him, mainly for hockey and football, when a doctor is required to be on site.

"The trainers will present the injured athlete to me, tell me what the

things were to come for the injured players.

"We're close. I anticipate that you will see (Lucas) Sowder and Jordan Steinmetz in the lineup. They've been practicing in a regular-colored jersey," Strand said. "(Zach) Krajnik is a little ways away yet, he's just coming back and we want to be certain just like we are doing with Rancier, that their physical confidence is at 100%."

In terms of expectations, the Mavs are looking for more than just what you see in the box score, but at the end of the day, winning is always the goal.

"The depth and execution of our group are big steps we want to take this week. There are a lot of chances internally for reps, opportunities and growth," Strand said. "But we're here to win. So we want to go out, compete and put our best foot forward to make sure the scoreboard is in our favor."

by beating two non-conference opponents in Boston College and Lindenwood. In those four games, the Badgers have outscored their opponents 39-6. Britta Curl and Eden Lacey head this 'greatest show on ice' type of offense, combining for 22 points on the year so far.

Lacey leads all of Division I women's hockey with 30 shots that have resulted in her leading the

injury and their symptoms are and how they plan to rehab it. They're almost acting as an assistant," Kanzenbach said.

ATS also makes doctors' jobs more efficient.

"In a clinic, physicians can see 20 patients a day on their own. When our team physicians come in, they can see 15 to 20 patients in half an hour because the athletic trainers can tell them what's going on," Sexton said.

Kanzenbach said job possibili-

Taking on the 10th-ranked team in the NCAA is nothing to brush off. The Huskies are coming off a weekend sweep against St. Thomas where they won their first game 5-4 in overtime on opening night and 1-0 on Sunday afternoon.

They create a lot of opportunities with their foot speed and stick skills, and they also have a goaltender who stood tall and made a lot of big saves," Strand said. "They have shown that they can score and play close. They are a high-end opponent, but on the other side, you want to see best players play best hockey and some of their high-end players play great games for them."

Game time Friday is 7:07 p.m. Saturday's game starts at 6:07 p.m.

"We're ready. It's a metric for us to see where we're at. We are going to make sure that we're taking steps to play properly and make sure our club is moving forward," Strand said.

Badgers in goals with eight. Further strengthening their offensive attack is their ability on the power play. Their .500 power-play percentage ranks third in the country, but their eight power-play goals rank first.

Defending the net are Jane Gervais and Ava McNaughton who have combined for a .909 save percentage and 1.51 goals-against average.

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ties for ATS are expanding rapidly.

"They're not only just at universities working with sports teams. They're now working in medical clinics and they're often doing rehabilitation in the physical therapy departments. Their roles and their opportunities also continue to expand," Kanzenbach said.

ATS can be found outside of schools and professional settings. Some alumni of MSU have gone on to be ATs for the military, Amazon and Cirque Du Soleil.

Ward said students should consider joining the ATP due to how rewarding it is to interact with the patients.

"It's a professional-like health-care relationship, but it's as friendly a relationship as you can have in that setting which I think is really beneficial and you can really truly make a difference," Ward said. "The more you talk to them and help them, the more they see your value and the more they're willing to open up."



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Six matches remain for regular season soccer

By MOHAMED WARSAME
Staff Writer

The Minnesota State women's soccer team is back at home Friday against the University of Sioux Falls.

The Mavericks are coming off of a scoreless draw against Winona State and a 3-0 win against Southwest Minnesota State in their last two matches.

The first of those matches was against Southwest Minnesota State. The Mavs came flying out the gates with an early goal in the third minute by Avery Korsching. It was the earliest goal the Mavs have scored this season. They then added to their lead with two early goals in the second half. Addison Clarey was able to find the back of the net in the 48th minute, and Korsching scored once again in the 50th minute and added to her tally for the day.

Head coach Brian Bahl said he thought the match was a confidence booster for his team.

"It was great to get on the board a little bit more and create more chances. We had hoped that obviously it would give us some confidence and I think it did. It was good to at least have that breakthrough moment where we did see the ball hit the back of the net a few times," Bahl said.

In the Winona State match, the Mavs mustered up 17 shots compared to the four by the Warriors,

but were unable to find that decisive moment. The Winona State goalkeeper made 10 saves on the day and the Mavs had to settle for the draw.

"Winona made it tough because they kind of sat in on us a little bit and put some more numbers behind the ball than we'd really seen before. They made things difficult in regards to creating quality chances. We got chances, but they weren't real quality because of the numbers they had behind the ball," Bahl said.

Bahl said he expects more teams to sit in deeper to try to prevent the Mavs from creating good chances.

"We're gonna see more of that, though, and that's what we've spent a lot of time on this week. Working on ways to break down teams that do sit in on us, and hopefully we'll see that translate to some more success," Bahl said.

Over the last few matches, Bahl has experimented a bit with his team's forward line in order to create a spark and see his team score more goals. Although they were able to score three goals in back to back matches prior to facing Winona State, he feels that it is their "achilles heel".

"It's a willingness to hunt the goal a little bit better, to be willing to take people on, to find shots, to create shots on their own when they're in the final zone and so it's just looking for that trait in players that are brave enough to go do that.



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We are two-thirds of the way through the soccer season and the Mavs sit at 7-1-4, second in the NSIC, behind St. Cloud State.

If they can go out and consistently do that, we need to be able to have those players on the field," Bahl said.

Despite the team's struggles in front of goal, the Mavs have still only allowed two goals after 12 matches.

"It's been phenomenal. It's given

us a chance to be very successful. It's almost a shame that we're kind of wasting it a little bit cause we're not scoring. If you'd told me that we'd only given up two goals all year at this point, I would have said we're probably sitting here at 11-1 or 10-2 at worst. Instead we find ourselves at 7-1-4, and it's just be-

cause of our inability to score goals, but the defensive side of things, it's been a team effort," Bahl said.

Bahl expects the Mavs' upcoming opponent to play in a different style to what they faced against Winona State.

"They play an interesting style. *full story on our website* ▶



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VARIETY

Fireside Chat to help conquer stage fright

By ELLIE MESCHKE
Staff Writer

Minnesota State's Maverick Involvement Team hosted a discussion in the CSU Hearth Lounge Tuesday about conquering stage fright.

Led by Michelle Harvey, Vladimir Rovinsky, Nomin Senadheera, and Meba Zemen Haddis, students were encouraged to sit down and share personal experiences of stage fright as well as techniques to overcome it.

"I was lucky enough to not have stage fright as itself, I was a very shy child," Rovinsky, associate professor of theater and dance. "So in everyday life experience, I would be very scared to talk to strangers. Even going to the store and ask a seller for something was terrifying to me. But everytime when I would perform, I usually did not have much problem. I mean, normal nervousness, excitement, right, but it never was like 'Oh, I can't speak.'"

When asked why overcoming stage fright was important, Rovinsky said, "We are communal creatures, right? We have to communicate. It's this ability to communicate, ability to feel empathy to a person who you maybe even don't know, right? That's what humanity

does best, so when this channel is not developed, you're limiting yourself, you're limiting your life, you're limiting people around you."

Numerous techniques to overcome stage fright were discussed, ranging from taking deep breaths, giving yourself a pep talk and rehearsing often. They even discussed techniques that celebrities such as Adele and the late Kobe Bryant use before going on stage.

"There are many techniques, and what's interesting about techniques (is that) it's not a math. Two plus two not equal four, then you're talking about art and you're talking about speaking or communication, right? It's always...different things work differently for different people."

"Breathe and technique, we talkd about breathing, right? You need to focus yourself, concentrate your energy, breathe a little bit, right, that's helping. The technique of knowing exactly what the first line, what's the first thing you have to do? Because again, the first moment being in front of audience, that's the scariest moment, that's when you could lose it. So therefore if you're coming on stage and you right away know exactly what you know you're saying, it's build up, spring forward to the rest of the speech, right. Um...take



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"Conquer Your Stage Fright" was presented to discuss commanding a room, managing an audience, and presentation tips.

a breath, in front of the audience helps, right? Take the moment and look at them, acknowledge them, right? Take the moment and notice

that you're nervous, share it with the audience, right? That's all great techniques, but they all work for different people differently."

MIT will be hosting another workshop on the 17th in CSU 204 at 5 pm. These workshops are free and open to everyone.

River Whale Review aims to share student stories

By MERCEDES KAUPHUSMAN
Variety Editor

For aspiring writers and artists, getting a boost of recognition, or simply a name in print can be difficult. River Whale Review is an online journal intended to publish hidden talent from undergraduate students at Minnesota State.

Associate Professor and author Geoff Herbach has assisted student editors in producing three issues, with the fourth on its way. The students range from artists to writers, graphic storytellers, musicians, visual artists, and more.

"It's great for our students to see what others are up to," Herbach said. "The level of ambition, production and talent here is pretty inspiring."

River Whale provides students with the opportunity of experience, a useful boost for a resume. Student editor Isaiah Flolo works with a team of editors to assist with preparing submissions for publishing.

"We believe that publishing, getting that experience will help them [students] flourish in the future of getting their published work and how to best take these critiques or advice of how to make their work better," Flolo said.

Flolo joined the team during spring semester 2023. With a spe-



RIVER WHALE review

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River Whale Review is an online literary journal that publishes fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and other arts by undergraduates.

cialty in poetry and fiction writing, Flolo encourages students to take advantage of the opportunity.

"Don't be shy, we will take it in and see what we like and what we

can help you achieve," Flolo said. "It's not just for our writing majors. It's all for all majors who are interested in writing."

A reading takes place at the end

of each cycle, where students are able to speak or tell their stories to an audience.

"It does really help the reader explore that option, and it's very

liberating and actually kind of fun," Flolo said.

With growing numbers every semester, the team has had to undergo an acceptance process. With more submissions, more rejections have to take place.

"It's important for artists to get used to putting their art out there, whether it gets accepted or rejected," Herbach said. "We don't have room for all that is good."

Although the team of volunteers is fully staffed, the door is open for future issues. Herbach also encourages students interested to join Maverick Writers, the campus writing club.

"Generally speaking, we have just a great creative writing program and culture on campus," Herbach said. "You don't have to be a major to get involved, although students who get involved often end up majoring or minoring, because it's such a great community."

River Whale Review submissions must be sent to riverwhalereview@gmail.com by Oct. 27. Students can visit the website riverwhalereview.com or contact Herbach for more information.

"The work has been excellent every issue," Herbach said. "Each semester we get more and more submissions, which is a sign word is getting out."

The Maverick Anime Club invites students to join the fun



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The MSU Anime Club strives to bring students together for creative and fun activities surrounding Anime and Manga.

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Who doesn't love anime?

Anime is a type of media that many favor and has been notably popular for years now. It explores many different art styles and genres in a very remarkable way that has caught the attention of many people across the world, including MSU's very own students.

The Maverick Anime Club is one of the many student organizations that were formed on campus. Having changed during COVID-19, the club continues to be active under the guise of the new president, super senior Robert Tongola.

"I'm a bit of a more recent edition. I know it's been a while for a few years now. I know based on what the other officers have said that they have been in the club longer have mentioned that things changed a lot during COVID. It's been around but I was only aware of it since just last year." Tongola said. "I showed up to every single meeting last year. And then we had some people leave and they asked me 'You show up to a bunch of them. Would you be interested?' I was like 'yeah'. Especially to keep the club alive."

Tongola, who was recently assigned the president position, said he is passionate about keeping the anime club active and alive for all students. The club itself hosts many different activities for their members every single week. It allows them to interact as a whole community.

"So we have everything. A bit of a rotation week to week. We try to mix it up. So we'll have, for instance, last week, we decided on a movie we wanted to watch together in the club. Now this Wednesday, we're going to be doing some trivia." Tongola said. "I think in a few weeks, we're going to be doing some game show stuff like Family Feud, or a day where we all bring in any copies of manga or other stuff we have so that people can take a look. So we try to do something different each week to keep it fresh."

Having many options for its members, it also allows them to learn the other contrasting genres as the media itself has a great selection of action, romance, supernatural, coming of age and many more. The artwork of anime also heavily contributes to the creation of it as the club also explores the media of manga.

"What I really enjoy is the di-

versity. I think it's really easy to lump so much of it together. But I find that a lot of times, I'll go to a club meeting and we'll start talking about our interests and I'll find out that just because I like something and it's under me, it's not necessarily someone else's cup of tea." Tongola said.

Having a community such as the anime club on campus contributes to the diversity and inclusion of it. Tongola claims that it allows students to discover diverse media and can help them partake in community related activities in person.

"I think it's helpful because it helps kind of boost that sense of community and especially with Discord and the website formerly known as Twitter. It's really easy when you're into those kinds of hobbies to exist so much online." Tongola said. "I think bringing that to the forefront in person, even if it's just one day a week, can really help get some extra community on campus. For an interest that is usually so much easier to kind of engage with online."

The Maverick Anime Club meets every Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. in the Clinical Science Building 212.

Horror icon John Carpenter telling true scary stories



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Director John Carpenter poses for a portrait at his office, Tuesday, Oct. 3, in Los Angeles to promote his new show, "John Carpenter's Suburban Screams."

By KRYSTA FAURIA
The Associated Press

While John Carpenter has become synonymous with fictional horror storytelling, the 75-year-old director and composer is dipping his toe into true life terrors with his new show, "John Carpenter's Suburban Screams."

The legendary director, known for genre-defining classics including "Halloween" and "The Thing," sat down with The Associated Press for a wide-ranging interview ahead of the release of the unscripted anthology series, which fittingly hits Peacock on Friday, Oct. 13. The interview has been edited for clarity and brevity.

AP: I know you've talked about how film school helped you understand the plumbing of making movies. But it's interesting because now with education we have so much more access to information thanks to the internet.

CARPENTER: Tell me about it. It's all different now. Oh, everything is different. The technology of the business is different. The business is different. I would be starting over completely green if I had to right now. I learned everything about the camera and editing and sound and all that stuff. All that stuff has changed. It's all different. The sound now is like, "What the hell is that? Where's the NAGRA?" At USC, we had a lab where you could do processing. We don't process any more. It's all digital.

AP: I'm curious if you had any reluctance at the time about drop-

ping out or if it was like full steam ahead.

CARPENTER: No, I knew what I was doing. I just wanted to get out of there, get on with my career.

AP: I have noticed that a lot of recent academic literature has been written about horror movies, even outside of film studies. For so long it was thought of as kind of low brow. Now, scholars are writing about it. And we're seeing this interest in elevated horror, directors like Jordan Peele.

CARPENTER: His movies are pretty damn good. The UFO movie is great. I loved it. I see horror as a genre that gets reinvented by every generation to fit their generation. You know, I did it with mine. Tobe Hooper and George Romero reinvented it for theirs. It always happens.

AP: But some people still turn their nose up at it.

CARPENTER: They still look down on it, don't they? We've always been looked down on. We're close to being pornographers. Just a little above, you know? Just a bit.

AP: Have you been playing any good video games lately?

CARPENTER: I've been playing one for a long time, the "Fallout" game. I'm looking forward to the new "Assassin's Creed" game. I don't know if it's going to be any good, but I'll check it out.

AP: I think video games are having a similar kind of moment. They were written off for a long time, and now they're having a kind of renaissance.

James McBride wins \$50,000 prize

The Associated Press

Three books that explore and celebrate the diversity of American culture were awarded Kirkus Prizes on Wednesday night, with each winner receiving \$50,000.

James McBride's "The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store," a novel set in an eclectic Pennsylvania town in the 1930s, won in the fiction category. Héctor Tobar's "Our Migrating Souls: A Meditation on Race and the Meanings and Myths of

"Latino" received the nonfiction award, and Ariel Aberg-Riger's "America Redux: Visual Stories From Our Dynamic History" won for young reader's literature.

The awards were presented by the trade publication Kirkus Reviews.

"History and community emerged as central themes in the most outstanding works of literature published this year. We see these ideas come to life in wildly

different ways in all three of this year's winners, each one compelling from beginning to end, begging to be celebrated, discussed, and shared," Meg Kuehn, publisher of Kirkus Reviews, said in a statement.

Previous winners of the Kirkus Prize, established in 2014, include Hanya Yanagihara's "A Little Life," Jason Reynolds' "As Brave as You" and Susan Faludi's "In the Darkroom."

“Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour” will be a blockbuster

By JAKE COYLE
The Associated Press

Greg Marcus has been in the movie business for years but he never expected to be urging moviegoers to take out their phones during a film — let alone to be crafting friendship bracelets in preparation for an opening weekend.

But there the chief executive and chair of the Marcus Corporation is in a promotion for his theater chain headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, stringing beads together while humming “Shake It Off.”

Movie theaters are readying for an onslaught like they’ve never seen before, beginning Friday when “Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour” debuts. The concert film, compiled from several Swift shows at Southern California’s SoFi Stadium, is expected to launch with \$100 million, or possibly more. Advance ticket sales worldwide have already surpassed \$100 million.

Swifties will descend. Dancing will be encouraged.

“This is different,” says Marcus. “Take your phone out. Take selfies. Dance, sing, get up, have a good time. We want to create an atmosphere.”

Concert films, of course, aren’t anything new. Just last month, the Talking Heads classic “Stop Making Sense” returned to theaters for a decades-later encore. But “The



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Taylor Swift performs during “The Eras Tour” in Nashville, Tenn. May 5. Swift is releasing her concert film on Oct. 13 2023.

Eras Tour” heralds something new and potentially game-changing in the movie industry.

Two of the biggest stars on the planet — Swift and , in December under a very similar arrangement, Beyoncé — are heading into cinemas in first-of-their-kind deals made directly with AMC Theaters that circumvent Hollywood studios and which, for now, leave

streamers waiting on the sidelines.

But how did the once declared-for-dead multiplex become the go-to place this fall a pair of stars previously at home on Netflix?

When studios began diverting some of their titles to streaming platforms, movie theaters began thinking harder about how they

could fill their screens — a question exacerbated this autumn by an actors strike that’s led to the postponement of big releases like “Dune: Part Two.”

Movie theaters are increasingly not just a marquee of movie showtimes but a big-screen stage for a variety of visual media. BTS earlier this year released a concert film, with higher ticket prices and lim-

ited showtimes. The Metropolitan Opera has for years done popular live broadcasts in theaters.

Few acts can do what Swift and Beyoncé can. Their expected success is unlikely to be replicated. But “The Eras Tour” could be the start of an expansion of what, exactly, a movie theater can be. Think the Sphere, only much cheaper and in most towns.

“You could say we’re in the movie business, but really we’re in the getting-together-with-other-people business,” says Marcus. “The more we do of it, the more the customers will think about it and the more talent will go: This is something I could do.”

Swift’s camp was motivated to get the film out even as her stadium tour continues internationally. The tour, which is projected by Pollstar to gross some \$1.4 billion, crashed Ticketmaster’s site, saw sky-high resale mark-ups and left many fans priced out.

The movie, directed by Sam Wrench, would be a way for millions more to experience the Eras Tour. Adult tickets are being sold for \$19.89, a reference to her birth year and 2014 album, a re-recording of which is due out Oct. 27. That’s higher than the average movie ticket but several thousand less than many tickets to see Swift live. It’s arriving uncommonly fast, too, just a little over two months since the SoFi shows.

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