

PEACE-ful awareness on assault

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The PEACE club, a branch of the Women's Center, uses theater to educate the campus community about sexual assault.

Rachel Maccabee, interim director of the Violence Awareness Response Program and advisor for PEACE, said PEACE has been at Minnesota State for at least 11 years. The current leading staff in PEACE are fairly new in their roles but have a vision for where they want to lead the club.

"It has been around for a long time, so we were just making sure it kept going," Maccabee said. "COVID put things very much lower than they were."

PEACE uses a variety of art forms in its mission.

"One of the primary actions of PEACE is to create skits, videos, other ways of using art and interactive theater to teach people about healthy relationships, affirmative consent, bystander intervention, and preventing sexual violence," Maccabee said.

Members of the campus community do not need to be naturally talented actors to join this club. There are a variety of behind-the-scenes roles.

Abigail Raper, a member of



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PEACE is a club that educates students about sexual assault awareness. Skits, videos and other art forms are used to talk about topics such as consent, bystander intervention and offers a support system to students.

the club, said, "One thing that is great is that you don't have to be at the front. There can also be people specifically working on scripts or on events."

PEACE seeks to provide support to the victims of sexual violence as well as train the campus

community to be a support system for these victims.

"There is a lot of stuff that happens on campus that is not safe. When it comes to sexual

violence, especially, that goes under the radar so much. Not only are people afraid to talk

about it, but when they feel comfortable to, sometimes they are shamed," Kiera Williamson, vice president of PEACE, said.

"What I noticed, especially with international students, most people don't really know what had actually happened to

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MSU hosts Schnoor Swing Debate Tournament

By JEREMY REDLIEN
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Minnesota State's Speech and Debate Team hosted the Larry Schnoor Invitational and the MavFAN Debate Tournament Oct. 14-15 in Armstrong Hall.

With the theme of SCHNOR, event featured members of the Speech and Debate Team wearing pajamas throughout the day while participating in formal debate competitions.

In Armstrong 101, where the awards were handed out, clouds and other decorations hung on the walls as part of the theme.

"This tournament always has a funky theme to it," said Katie Brunner, director of the forensics program.

Past years themes have included Schnoor Week, Semi-Schnoor-mal Prom, and Film Schnoor.

One year had a Frank Sinatra theme and featured Schnoor performing a Sinatra song as part of the awards ceremony.

The tournament is named for Larry Schnoor, a former director of the forensics program who helped create multiple events still in use in debate competitions.

"(Schnoor) is an institution in forensics. We are honored to be a part of the team he started and ran for so long," said Brunner. "Larry is one of those people that always makes you feel like a million bucks when you're around him. He's a huge personality but every student he ever worked with truly believed they had something to say that mattered."

Students from around the midwest, including Gustavus Adolphus College and the University of Minnesota participated in the tournament, in addition to students from MSU.

Twelve schools had teams in this year's tournament according to Brunner.

"I liked doing this one seeing all the new faces since it's my first year and getting to see all the people we'll be

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CDC unveils professional photobooth

By LAUREN VISKA
Staff Writer

The Career Development Center has added a new photo booth where students and staff can get professional pictures taken for free.

Katie Hodgden, the assistant director of the CDC, said students would benefit when looking for a post-graduation job, so they decided to put up a photo booth in the CDC office.

"They can use it to post on their LinkedIn profile, have it in their email signature, just something that helps students to build their personal brand and have a professional presence," said Hodgden. "When recruiters are looking at LinkedIn profiles, they connect a face and a name together, so it is important to have something available on your social online presence when you're job searching."

Another reason they decided to put up a photo booth is so



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The CDC's new photobooth allows students to get professional headshots they can use for their LinkedIn profiles, emails and more.

students can get photos taken when they are available versus getting them taken at a career expo.

"I think it's a place of privilege to be able to attend an event on a certain day and certain short timeframe of the week.

This allows more students to have access to the option of a nice photo," said Hodgden.

Hodgen said they came up with the idea during the pandemic due to a high demand of people wanting a professional photo. She also researched what

other schools were doing and saw they had a photo booth available to students year-round.

"Coming out of COVID, we had chosen that year not to do a professional photographer because we were trying to minimize too many extra people at an event. I had received so many questions from people after the event, asking, 'Are you doing a photographer this year? I'd love a professional photo,'" said Hodgden. "Throughout the year, I received multiple questions from faculty interested in having a professional photo and wondering whether they could do that. And so I saw a need for something that would be available year-round."

This has been something that the CDC has wanted to do for a while. Taylor Corporation reached out to them, wanting to help support the CDC and the students at MSU.

"We put together a few ideas for them, and this was one of

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Faculty-led programs offer life changing opportunities for Mavs



DOMINIC BOTHE • The Reporter

The Global Engagement office allows students to learn more about study-abroad trips, some of those offered by faculty-led programs where students can spend a shorter amount of time in another country.

By ANDREA SCHOENECKER
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For many students, traveling abroad feels out of reach for a variety of reasons; two big ones being financial restrictions or discomfort about leaving home for long periods of time.

Faculty-led programs provide an alternative to leaving home for months at a time as well ease the financial stress of studying abroad.

The cost of these trips is included in the course fees so students know what to expect and are much shorter durations than the much-publicized semester or year-long adventures.

“Currently we have 10 programs for the spring and fall. A lot of our programs do take place during the spring academic calendar, said Anna Ochs, Assistant Director of the Center for Global Engagement.

“They’re a couple weeks before the spring semester, over spring break or a couple of weeks in May.”

A few programs worth noting this year are the sports business management program to Netherlands and Iceland led by Suzannah Armentrout, the

Criminal Justice Winter Break Study Abroad Tour to Europe led by Tamara Tucker Wilkins and the Dental Health Study Abroad led by Bridgette Cooper.

These programs can be life-changing experiences for many students.

Bridgette Cooper, the faculty member heading the Dental Health Study Abroad program, stated, “It is life-changing for the students. A lot of them have never been out of the country before, so to see how other people live is eye-opening for them and creates a desire to do volunteer work as they graduate and begin their careers.”

This trip is designed to provide dental hygiene care for individuals impoverished countries who may not have otherwise have the opportunity to receive care.

Because these programs are based on furthering a student’s education, they help students expand their knowledge and, in the case of the Dental Health Study Abroad, put their skills into practice for a good cause.

Wilkins is leading a seven day program that will take place in Europe over the winter break for Criminal Justice stu-

dents.

She has led many trips and said that these programs give students the chance to learn outside of the classroom.

“It takes stepping away from home to see how others around the world see, think, and do things,” she said.

The benefits for students going on these trips are vast, from cultural exposure, challenging students to step out of their comfort zones and so much more.

Anderson, who is leading the Sport Management program, said there are endless benefits to traveling abroad to further an education.

“They [students] will learn about sport innovation, get to compare/contrast the European model of sport management with the American model, be exposed to different cultures, work with different cultures, learn about issues, challenges, and trends in European sport management, etc,” she said.

“All of this will help them with their problem solving and communication skills which are so important to employers. Studying abroad helps students grow as an individual as well!”

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going up against this year,” said Speech and Debate member Sebastian Emeline.

“This is an opportunity for our students to be able to compete in different events and be able to qualify those events to nationals. So I think it started on both levels as one of those opportunities within the mid-west region for people to get together to come and share their advocacy but also in honor of Larry,” said Brunner.

The MavFAN Tournament held Sunday was put together for alumni and featured a fundraiser for Southwest Partnership for Housing.

“Since we started pairing with our alumni, we’re fundraising for the Southwest Partnership for Housing,” said Brunner, “All of the registration costs for (the MavFAN Tournament) plus activities funds will go towards supporting that local organization.”

A quiet room was included

to help students relax and make the tournament more accessible.

Schnoor retired in 1991 and continued to attend the Schnoor Invitational regularly up until recently.

Unfortunately Schnoor was unable to attend this year’s debate due to him “aging gracefully” according to Brunner in a statement acknowledging Schnoor’s absence at the awards ceremony.

EU leaders will meet to talk about Israel-Hamas war



GEERT VANDEN WIJNGAERT • The Associated Press

European Council President Charles Michel speaks during an exclusive interview with the Associated Press at the EU Council in Brussels.

By LORNE COOK and
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The Associated Press

European Union leaders will hold an emergency summit on Tuesday as concern mounts that the war between Israel and the Palestinian militant group Hamas could fuel inter-communal tensions in Europe and bring more refugees in search of sanctuary.

The leaders will also attempt to restore some order after a series of social media messages, statements and visits by EU officials sowed confusion about the 27-nation bloc’s intentions after Hamas attacked southern Israel on Oct. 7, triggering a new war in Gaza.

More than 4,000 people

have been killed in Israel and Gaza since Hamas launched its bloody rampage and almost 200 Israelis, including children, were taken hostage.

Rallies in support of both sides have been held around Europe. Some have been banned.

“The conflict could have major security consequences for our societies,” EU Council President Charles Michel said on Monday as he announced the video summit. The meeting will also focus on getting aid to civilians and working with other countries in the region to try to stop tensions from spreading.

Over the last week, France has ordered a ban on pro-Palestinian demonstrations.

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them that we thought would be fabulous. I’m excited about it because the cool thing is Taylor Corporation is a manufacturing company,” said Hodgden. “They design things too, so they actually designed and manufactured the backdrop along with the sticker decal, kind of the carpet we have in front of it. So they were a great partner in bringing it to life.”

So how does it work?

Students can simply go to the CDC during hours of operation, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is no appointment need-

ed. Students can go up and hit the button, giving them a five-second countdown. There are a variety of borders they can choose from. Once a photo is taken, students can type in their email address, which gets photos sent to them immediately.

“I hope students get a professional photo that they feel comfortable and confident about. Something that they feel represents them can increase their opportunities because of having that one more network piece or the ability for someone to remember who they are on their LinkedIn profiles,” said Hodgden.

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Chicago mourns murdered Muslim boy

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The Associated Press

Crowds of mourners in a heavily Palestinian Chicago suburb paid respects Monday to a 6-year-old Muslim boy killed in an alleged hate crime, hours after authorities revealed new details about the evidence used to charge the family's landlord with stabbing the child and his mother.

Wadea Al-Fayoume, who had recently had a birthday, died Saturday after being stabbed dozens of times in a brutal attack that drew condemnation from local elected officials to the White House.

Authorities said the family's landlord, Joseph Czuba, was upset over the Israel-Hamas war and attacked them after the boy's mother proposed they "pray for peace."

In Bridgeview, which is home to a large and established Palestinian community, family and friends remembered Wadea as a kind and energetic boy who loved playing games.

His body was carried in a small white casket — which was at times draped with a Palestinian flag — through packed crowds.



JIM VONDRUSKA • The Associated Press

Oday Al-Fayoume, father of Wadea Al-Fayoume, 6, attends a news conference after his 6-year-old son was killed and his 32-year-old wife was seriously wounded following a hate-crime due to their Islamic faith.

Mosque Foundation Imam Jamal Said reflected on the boy's death during the janazah, or funeral service, but also the wider loss of life in the war between Israel and Hamas.

"Wadea is a child and he is not the only one under attack," he said, adding many "children are being slaughtered literally in the Holy Land, unfortunately, which is very sad."

Earlier Monday, Czuba

made his first court appearance on murder, attempted murder and hate crime charges. In detailing the charges Sunday, the Will County Sheriff's Office determined "both victims in this brutal attack were targeted by

the suspect due to them being Muslim and the ongoing Middle Eastern conflict involving Hamas and the Israelis."

Czuba, a Plainfield resident, replied, "Yes, sir," when asked if he understood the charges and was subsequently returned to jail in Joliet, 50 miles (80.4 kilometers) southwest of Chicago.

A Will County judge granted a court-appointed lawyer. The public defender's office did not immediately return messages seeking comment about the charges against him.

The boy's mother told investigators that she rents two rooms on the first floor of the Plainfield home while Czuba and his wife live on the second floor, Assistant State's Attorney Michael Fitzgerald said in a court filing.

"He was angry at her for what was going on in Jerusalem," Fitzgerald said. "She responded to him, 'Let's pray for peace.' ... Czuba then attacked her with a knife."

The boy's mother fought him off and went into a bathroom where she stayed until police arrived. Wadea, meanwhile, was in his own room, Fitzgerald said.

The mother was identified by family members as Hanaan Shahin, 32, though authorities used a different spelling for her name as well as her son's name.



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Why cybersecurity is important

In an era ruled by the web, cyber security's importance can not be overlooked and should always be in the back of our minds. As our lives on the internet grow more and more each day, this is something that is quintessential and should be more of a conversation, especially during October, which is Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

Let's face it, we live on our phones and computers. Most of us pick up our phone from the moment we wake up and have it with us from the moment we go to bed. This is something a lot of people don't want to admit but we, as a society, are addicted.

Our lives live on the internet in the form of social media, our experiences are locked up in the forms of thousands of pictures digitally, our private conversations are now shared through text, SnapChat and more, our future is held in the palm in our hand as we navigate opportunities, internships and jobs through our emails and our money is 'locked' up in online bank accounts.

Without adequate protection, this could be taken from us in an instant. Our private lives could be exposed to all, our futures could be ruined and our money could be simply taken from us before we have any way of reacting to these issues.

Hackers can use these things against us and use our lives for personal gain in the form of blackmail: something completely morally and legally wrong but is the reality we live in as the internet grows.

One way to combat this is to change your passwords frequently. Every six months, the university makes each student change their StarID password. When changing passwords make sure to change other passwords of sites they frequently use. Changing passwords throughout the year makes logins more secure.

Another way to maintain good cyber security is to make various strong passwords. Each login should be different and personalized. Always use uppercase, lowercase, numbers and special characters when switching passwords.

One last way to keep good cyber security is to simply think before you click. Oftentimes websites, emails or ads can be sketchy and it is valuable to know what not to click on. Always be aware of what things you are putting your personal information into. Giving information to untrusted sites can compromise yourself and potentially put one at risk of being hacked.

As we keep progressing farther into a technological world, it is of utmost importance that we as a society continue to bring awareness and pursue good cyber security.

Perspectives

Now is time to seize the moment



Courtesy Luke Jackson

This week I felt like Bilbo Baggins as I went on an "unexpected journey."

Thirty-six hours before my best friend embarked on a trip to explore the beauty of fall on the east coast, he told me to drop all my obligations and come with him.

About one hour after that call, I emailed my professors, got the day off from work and decided it was worth it. I decided to go on a six-day trip to explore the rich history of Massachusetts and see the fall foliage in New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine.

During this trip I realized it is important to take risks. It was sort of crazy for me to leave school and work to go across the country with another family to see new sights. Although it was nerve racking to leave my duties, it was 100% worth it and I would have never forgiven myself if I'd



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News Editor

opted out.

"Money always comes back but experiences don't," is a quote my girlfriend Heidi always preaches to me but is something I find hard to practice. It is a scary thought to spend a ton of money while away from home in a time period of being a broke college kid.

On top of this, I am a planner and it can be hard for me to step outside of my comfort zone. I like to know the who, what, where, when and how when

traveling and that is not always the hand you are dealt when traveling with another family.

With both of those things in the back of my mind I still went. It's cheesy but I followed my heart instead of following the logistics of what my brain was telling me.

To drop everything and go on a journey throughout New England is not something I would have ever guessed would happen this year and is something completely out of my wheelhouse but I took a chance and am forever grateful.

Nature is beautiful and it brings me a feeling most things in this world don't. It has always been a place of peace and reflection for me. The thing I enjoyed so much about being with them is I know they felt the same way.

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Pulse

"How do you stay cyber-safe?"

Compiled by Dalton Grubb



EVAN HAWKINS,
FRESHMAN

"Using 'Experian Identity Works.'"



STELLA JOHNSON,
FRESHMAN

"I don't give out passwords and I'm careful about what I sign up for."



MIKAYLA
MANSTELLAR,
FRESHMAN

"Having private accounts."



DANIEL WAY,
FRESHMAN

"Not sharing personal information and signing up for random things I see."



NOAH SCHUELLER,
FRESHMAN

"Using private accounts."



GABRIELA HAMEISTER,
FRESHMAN

"Private accounts."

Schools near a Maui wildfire burn zone are now reopening



MENGSHIN LIN • The Associated Press

Sacred Hearts School second grade teacher Courtney Copriviza interacts with the fourth graders at their temporary school site at Sacred Hearts Mission Church on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023, in Lahaina, Hawaii.

By JENNIFER SINCO
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The Associated Press

Children take their places at folding tables on a church patio several miles from where their school burned down. Plastic tubs hold brand new textbooks quickly shipped from a publisher. Recess is on the resort golf course across the street.

The wind-driven wildfire that leveled the historic Maui town of Lahaina this summer displaced many pupils not just from their homes, but from their schools, forcing their families and education officials to scramble to find other ways to teach them.

Now, more than two months after the Aug. 8 wildfire killed at least 98 people, the three public schools that survived are

set to reopen this week, posing an emotional crossroads for traumatized children and their families as they decide whether to go back to those campuses or continue at the other schools that took them in.

Some parents said they won't send their children back because they worry the fire left toxins behind, despite assurances from education officials that the campuses are safe.

"I'm feeling optimistic about it and grateful we get to go back," said Cailee Cuaresma, a 10th-grader at Lahainaluna High School. "I'm grateful our school is still standing."

For the past month, Cuaresma has attended classes at the makeshift campus of Sacred Hearts School, a Catholic school founded in 1862. Most of the school burned down, but

its leaders quickly got classes up and running at Sacred Hearts Mission Church 10 miles (16 kilometers) away.

Sacred Hearts and other private schools across the state took in displaced public school students, such as Cuaresma, while offering a year of free tuition. Other students bused more than 45 minutes away to public schools on the other side of Maui or opted for remote classes.

On a recent school day at Sacred Hearts' temporary site, teachers moved students between pockets of shade to keep them out of the relentless Lahaina sun. Principal Tonata Lolesio told students assembled on cushioned pews in a chapel that it might be two years before they can return to a rebuilt school.

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them until you let them know. We are so immersed into this lifestyle where whatever the society tells you is right is so fixated that you also think that it's right," Amen Tilahun, vice president of PEACE club, said. "And people don't actually know that they are being prey or being assaulted. My body, my choice is not something we

grew up in."

PEACE believes the key to creating a supporting campus community for victims of sexual assault is being quick to listen, not quick to judge.

"Part of what PEACE does is not only teach bystander intervention but, yes, how to be a good listener, how to be a good friend. Not shaming someone, just believing someone, just lis-

tening, withholding judgment," Maccabee said. "Whether you believe someone or not, you can withhold judgment and be a good listener."

Students who are interested in participating in PEACE or learning more about it can reach out to Williamson at leyla.williamson@mnsu.edu or check out MavLife.

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This trip has brought me even closer to my best friend Tyler and it allowed me to get to know his dad and sister more. Driving in the mountains of orange and yellow leaves not only brought a lot of 'oohs' and 'ahhs,' but it brought us closer. We had constant laughs and deep conversations.

We got lost, we faced ad-

versity and embarrassed ourselves more than once but in the end it was always chill.

In those moments it is hard to stay frustrated or have any sort of negative emotion when you look around and see all the untouched, uncivilized, mountains, hills, streams, lakes, etc.. It gives a certain sense of appreciation and comfort.

My advice to anyone and

everyone would be if you have the opportunity to do something you've always wanted to do: Always do it. Take those chances and run with them. Even if it brings you stress initially or some sort of anxiety, it is worth it to explore. Now is the time to seize the moment.

P.S. Thank you Chris, Lisa and Tyler for letting me join and be a part of the family.

Few Republicans have confidence in 2024 elections



MIKE ROEMER • The Associated Press

Kathy Bernier, state director of the nonprofit Keep Our Republic, talks during a community engagement event led by the grassroots group.

By CHRISTINE
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The Associated Press

Kim Pytleski could barely sleep the night before. She replayed the PowerPoint slides in her head, packed her notebook and took a deep breath. The clerk from a rural Wisconsin county north of Green Bay was preparing for a public meeting to explain the election process to residents. She didn't know who she would encounter. Would some deny the results of the last presidential election? Would the conversation get combative? Most importantly, would she get through to anyone?

They were questions Pytleski never expected to ask herself when she started the job in Oconto County more than 14

years ago. But since then, election conspiracy theories have taken root in the rural, heavily Republican county in northeastern Wisconsin. It's among large swaths of the country where distrust of voting and ballot-counting, fanned by former President Donald Trump's false claims of a stolen election, maintains a stubborn grasp.

Pytleski, who was born and raised in the county, hears conspiracy theories nearly everywhere she goes: Democrats are paying people to stuff ballot boxes with illegal votes, absentee voting allows rampant fraud, voting machines are hacked by foreign powers. She receives skeptical letters and emails. When she's defended the election process, Pytleski, a lifelong Republican, has been called a RINO.





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Toy company focuses on mental health

By ANNIE D'INNOCENZIO
The Associated Press

As more children emerge from the pandemic grappling with mental health issues, their parents are seeking ways for them to build emotional resilience.

And toy companies are paying close attention.

While still in its early phase, a growing number of toy marketers are embracing MESH — or mental, emotional and social health — as a designation for toys that teach kids skills like how to adjust to new challenges, resolve conflict, advocate for themselves, or solve problems.

The acronym was first used in child development circles and by the American Camp Association 10 years ago and gained new resonance after the pandemic. Rachele Harmuth, head of ThinkFun, a division of toy company Ravensburger, and resilience expert and family physician Deborah Gilboa, formed a MESH taskforce earlier this year with the goal of getting manufacturers to design toys with emotional resilience in mind and to have retailers market them accordingly.

“We just need to educate parents and educators just a little bit to know that we could be using their play time a little bit intentionally,” Gilboa said.

The plan is to certify MESH toys by mid-2024 the same way the Toy Association did for STEAM toys, which emphasize science, tech, engineering, arts, and math. Adrienne Appell, a spokeswoman at the Toy Asso-



RICHARD DREW • The Associated Press

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ciation, notes that MESH is an area it will continue to monitor as it evolves.

Many toys that could be considered MESH happen to already be in children’s toy chests — like memory games, puppets, certain types of Legos, Pokémon trading games, and Dungeons & Dragons. The concept was highlighted at the toy industry’s recent four-day annual show in New York, which featured an abundance of toys from the likes of hand2mind and Open the Joy that encourage children to ex-

press their feelings with mirrors or puppets.

James Zahn, editor-in-chief of the trade publication the Toy Book, noted the bulk of the new toys being developed with MESH in mind will be out starting next year.

But some worry the MESH approach might end up promising parents something it can’t deliver. There’s also a risk of companies preying on parents’ anxieties about their kids’ mental health.

“My fear is that MESH will

be used as the next marketing gimmick,” said Chris Byrne, an independent toy analyst. “It will create a culture of fear that their children are not developing socially and emotionally. And that’s not really the job of the toy industry.”

Experts say childhood depression and anxiety were climbing for years, but the pandemic’s unrelenting stress and grief magnified the woes, particularly for those already grappling with mental health issues who were cut off from counselors and

other school resources during remote learning. Many educators began emphasizing social emotional learning in response, which teaches children soft skills like helping them manage their emotions and create positive rapport with others.

Dave Anderson, vice president of school and community programs and a senior psychologist in the ADHD and Behavior Disorders Center at the Child Mind Institute, applauded the toy industry’s efforts to likewise address emotional resilience. But he said parents need to be careful about claims that companies may be making. While there’s evidence that skills highlighted by the MESH taskforce can build resilience, there’s no evidence that the toys themselves will, he said.

“The concepts are evidence based; the toys themselves are not,” he said.

Byrne notes that the skills being highlighted by the MESH taskforce are the basics of play, whether it’s skateboarding that builds perseverance or learning how to share toys to help with conflict resolution.

“In my opinion, if you live in a healthy home and you’re having healthy play and your parents are engaged, the MESH stuff kind of happens automatically,” he said.

The U.S. toy industry itself has been in need of a jolt following a weak year, particularly a lackluster holiday 2022 season when retailers were stuck with a surplus of toys after enjoying a pandemic-induced toy splurge by parents.

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PICKING UP THE PACE

Hockey season has begun, football remains undefeated and soccer picked up two big wins

Revenge is a dish best served cold



LILLY ANDERSON • The Reporter

In their first game since March, the Mavs stormed back from a two-goal deficit to win an overtime thriller over St. Cloud State. They would complete the sweep with a 5-1 win the following day.

By HAYDEN LEE
Sports Editor

As Adam Eisele wrapped around the net to score the game-winning goal in overtime of Friday's matchup with St. Cloud State, Maverick players and fans alike were able to finally let go of their loss in the NCAA Regional Tournament.

After seven months of preparation, the Minnesota State men's hockey team avenged its season-ending loss to the Huskies. Their 3-2 overtime win was their first of the season, and head coach Luke Strand's first collegiate victory behind the bench.

But it was not easy. The Mavs fell behind 2-0 in the first 25 minutes, fought to tie the game at two and eventually came away with a win in a thrilling home opener.

St. Cloud struck first with 7:04 remaining in the first period as Verner Miettinen fed Barrett Hall for a forehand shot to make it 1-0.

As the period changed the Huskies still held the lead, adding onto it with another goal from Joe Molenaar to give them a two-goal advantage.

Less than two minutes later, the Mavs scored their first goal of the season and began their comeback. Lucas Sowder put the Mavs on the board, scoring the 19th goal of his

career and first of the season.

"It's exciting," Strand said in a press conference after the Mavs' 3-2 victory. "We went through the exhibition without scoring. Everyone's a little bit holding their breath and then when Sowder scored, a lot of things busted open. For the older guys, they've got a torch to carry and I think they showed it out there tonight."

Following another near score and Maverick power play, Brett Moravec found himself in the spotlight after he checked the "first collegiate goal" box to tie the game at two.

The game remained tied, but **REVENGE on page 8**

Football trending north after win over Western Oregon



LILLY ANDERSON • The Reporter

The Mavs are on a historic run, but so are the Vikings. So again, the question is, which will give? The immovable object or the unstoppable force?

By HAYDEN LEE
Sports Editor

The Mavs moved all the way up to No. 4 in the rankings before Saturday's game against Western Oregon, and they showed everyone why they deserve that ranking.

Their 45-14 dismantling of the Wolves was as dominant as can be, and the game was never in question.

Of all of the major statistical categories, the Wolves only bested the Mavs in yards per carry.

The Mavs went 4-4 in the red zone, won the turnover battle and had more time of possession.

After forcing a three-and-out on the Wolves first possession, the Mavs got the scoring party started with Matthew Jaeger, their reigning NSIC Special Teams Player of the Week, who knocked

through his only field goal of the afternoon.

Before the half was over, the Mavs put together two more scoring drives that ended in touchdowns while the Wolves remained scoreless.

The first scoring drive was an 11-play, 85-yard effort capped off by Shen Butler-Lawson Jr.'s one-yard touchdown run. This possession took up over six minutes, and their other scoring drive took up almost five and a half.

When you do the math, their three first half scoring drives took up over an entire quarter.

It was the calm, methodical drives that helped the Mavs gain the lead entering the third quarter, but the Wolves were able to get on the board with a quick score.

On their first drive of the second half, WOU blocked a punt **NORTH on page 8**

Reigning National Champions too much for Mavs

By HAYDEN LEE
Sports Editor

Five days after their 7-1 win over Sacred Heart University, the Minnesota State women's hockey team was involved in another game separated by six goals.

Only this time, they were on the other end, falling 6-0 to the Wisconsin Badgers.

The Badgers have been on a tear this season, putting up goals in bunches on every team they have gone up against.

They continued that tradition against the Mavs, jumping out to an early lead in the game's first minute and never letting go.

Their five goals in the first pe-

riod set the tone for the game, and the Mavs were unable to recover.

After the first period, Head Coach John Harrington made a goaltender change.

Suzette Faucher came in and stopped 16 of 17 shots for the remainder of the game. The Mavs were outshot 36-22 in their first game of the weekend.

"We did not do a very good job getting in the way of people," Harrington said in a press release posted to the Maverick Athletics website. "They were able to beat us on the back side with some pretty good goals."

Faucher remained the goalie for the beginning of the Mavericks' second game of the series, but her



Courtesy Maverick Athletics

After a rough weekend in Wisconsin, the Mavs look to get back on their feet.

success from the first game unfortunately did not follow her. The Badgers completed their sweep of the Mavericks with a 9-0 win Friday night.

The Badgers blanked the Mavericks while also scoring multiple goals in each period.

They began the night with three goals in the first, four in the second and two goals scored in the third. Faucher was pulled in the second period in favor of Hailey Hansen.

The Badgers went 2/7 on power plays, compared to the Mavs 0/2. The Mavs were outshot by the Badgers 54-12.

The Mavs host #6 Minnesota Duluth Friday and Saturday afternoon.

Business as usual as soccer prepares for a postseason run

By MOHAMED WARSAME
Staff Writer

The Minnesota State women's soccer team was back in the Maverick All Sports Dome for the second time this season due to weather conditions, and this time they took on the University of Sioux Falls.

The Mavericks got back to winning ways with a 3-0 over the Cougars.

The Mavs pounced early and got a two-goal lead in the first eight minutes. Avery Korsching scored in the second minute for her sixth goal of the season. Anna Van Wyngarden then scored in the eighth minute, her third of the season.

The quick start was something the team was aiming for heading into their matchup with the Cougars, coach Brian Bahl said.

"That was a big point of emphasis for us coming into the game. We needed to be able to jump on an opponent early and not let an opponent hang around where we're in these 0-0 games late and you run the risk of a tie or even a loss. So getting the first one and then being able to back that up early with the second one was really big," head coach Brian Bahl said.

Not being satisfied and continuing to be hungry is something that



The Minnesota State women's soccer team also won a 1-0 match against Wayne State on October 15. It was also Parents Day for the Mavs.

Bahl wants to see from his team no matter the score.

"I think we were hungry early

on. We need to continue to work to not be satisfied with whether it's one, whether it's two, whether it's three, just changing our mentality

and not letting ourselves drop off at any point," Bahl said.

In the 62nd minute Ashlyn

Watt buried it home after receiving a pass from Kelsey Heller and gave the Mavs their third goal.

"Third goal is huge. I mean you're sitting at a 2-0 lead and an opponent gets one on you, all a sudden you got a tricky situation. So being able to get a third one gives you a little breathing room, and lets you do some things and not have to worry so much about a foul that leads to a set piece goal and now they're right back in it. So getting that separation, really important," Bahl said.

Despite the win, Bahl felt his team could have done things better after their fast start.

"We talked about the need to have the ball in order to be able to go score, and I think we rushed a lot and gave the ball away. Because of that, the game became a little bit open ended and we were having to defend a lot more on our defensive half than we would have liked," Bahl said. "If we'd been able to just connect a little bit more, be a little more patient with what we were doing, I think we would have been on the ball more and created more chances. First half, that first 15-20, I thought we were really good at that, the rest of the game we left a little to be desired in that aspect," Bahl said.

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the Huskies gave Mavs goaltender Alex Tracy all he could handle with multiple shots on their third power play of the night. In the game, MSU outshot the Huskies 27-23.

"It was a little bit of a bend-don't-break moment," Strand said. "I thought as the third came and emotions came in, we still fended off their push. Hats off to Trace (Tracy). He did an excellent job and then our defense got some exits and ate some pucks when we needed it down the stretch."

Tracy kept the Huskies quiet the rest of the way as Eisele and the rest of the Mavs paved the way to their first win of the season.

As the crowd erupted, fans were rewarded with the win they came for.

Despite the win being a triumph on its own, a sweep would make their weekend much sweet-

er.

The next day, those wishes came true as the Mavs toppled the Huskies 5-1.

Highlighted by Sam Morton's two goals, the Mavs dominated the first two periods.

"I think we are building in the right direction," Morton said following the game. "We are just trying to put our best foot forward, making strides, building team chemistry, and working hard for each other every day."

Providing the 0 in the Mavs 3-0 lead was again goaltender Alex Tracy, who had 19 saves after two periods.

On the other side, the Huskies were pushed to change to a freshman goalie following three Maverick scores.

The goalie change was enough to fend off the Mavericks until late in the third.

The Huskies scored their lone goal of the game early in the third, cutting the lead to two. Later in the third, the Huskies would pull their newly inserted goalie.

The Mavs capitalized, scoring twice in the final three minutes to close out the series sweep. Morton, Kaden Bohlsen and Brian Carrabes each had two-point nights for the Mavs as they cruised to a 5-1 victory.

"It was a big test," Strand said. "We hadn't had a back-to-back yet so that was test number one. We played the right way and we had to learn how to play with a lead for the first time as well. I think those two were encouraging moments. I was happy with the way we got out of the gate and I'm proud of the guys. They are finding ways to be a team and be happy and excited for each other."

The Mavs host the University of Massachusetts next weekend.

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and returned it for a 15-yard touchdown to cut the lead to 17-7.

To respond, Hayden Ekern fired his second touchdown pass of the day, a 27-yard strike to Grant Guyett for his first touchdown of the season.

On their next drive, Ekern threw his third touchdown pass of the game.

Their nine-play, 55-yard drive was finished off by a one-yard touchdown catch by Tony Anger to essentially put the game out of reach, 31-7.

In the fourth quarter, which was pretty much "garbage time," the Wolves kicked off the scoring with a 29-yard touchdown run, but again the Mavs answered with two touchdowns of their own.

On the ensuing drive, Ekern launched a fourth touchdown to TreShawn Watson, a 25-yard strike to put the Mavs up 38-14.

The Wolves looked to be on their way to another touchdown on their next drive, as they sat at the MSU 21, but Khai West ensured that they stayed under 20 points.

He intercepted a pass from WOU's Gannon Winker and took it 100 yards to the house for a Maverick touchdown that would end up being their last of the day, 45-14.

Ekern's four touchdowns were a season-high for him, while the Maverick defense held the Wolves to seven offensive points.

Moving to 7-0 and being one of just two undefeated NSIC teams, the Mavs now take their show on the road to play the other team with a perfect record: the Augustana Vikings.

Kickoff for what is likely the battle for the No. 1 seed in the NSIC is set for 1 p.m. in Sioux Falls, S.D.

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NFL, What Do You Know? Week 6 Edition

By MOHAMED WARSAME
Staff Writer

I try to make sense of a wacky Week 6 that we just witnessed.

Pitiful Patriots

If this is the end of the Bill Belichick era in New England, which I think there is a strong likelihood it is, what a sad way for it to end. I assume most of the NFL world is probably enjoying the misery that the Patriots are going through due pain and torment they have caused for two decades, but I just don't like seeing legends go out in sad fashion.

In Week 6, the Patriots took on the Las Vegas Raiders and lost 21-17. The positives are that they got into the end zone for the first time in 12 quarters and didn't lose by 30 points. That's where the bar is for this year's Patriots team. Even though they didn't get humiliated in this particular game like they did in the previous two weeks against the New Orleans Saints and Dallas Cowboys, they still had their moments. Mac Jones threw another interception that leaves you dumbfounded, DeVante Parker dropped a deep ball from Jones on the final drive that could've kick started a game-winning drive and the game ended on a safety after Maxx Crosby sacked Jones in the end zone after some pretty pathetic blocking.

While there might be questions as to whether this is it for Belichick in New England, what we know is that this team stinks. This thing needs a total rebuild and it starts with the quarterback. I'm not putting all the blame on Jones, but he has neither the playing ability nor the temperament to be a franchise quarterback. After his rookie year, I believed Jones had shown that if you put some talent around him,

he could make smart decisions, distribute the ball like he did at Alabama and be a good leader. I thought he had the potential to be a Kirk Cousins type quarterback. Instead what we have seen the past two seasons from Jones is that even though he has very limited skill position players, he just makes terrible decisions.

Off the field, there have been reports that he acts like a spoiled brat. We've also seen him become arguably the NFL's most dirty player in his short time in the league. With a current 1-5 record, and the Buffalo Bills and Miami Dolphins coming up, trying to get the number one pick of the draft is all the Patriots should be focusing on.

As for Belichick, I still think he is a great coach, but it is clear that Belichick, the general manager, has let Belichick, the head coach, down. Whether he wants to stay for a rebuild or if the Patriots owner Robert Kraft wants him to stick around remains to be seen. If Belichick does leave New England, does he want to coach somewhere else to try to pass Don Shula's all-time wins record for a coach? Belichick is currently on 330 wins and Shula's record is 347.

The Bills Are Overrated

The Buffalo Bills in theory are supposed to be this great team and a top tier Super Bowl contender. They remind me of the Dallas Cowboys. When they are rolling, they look like they are potentially the best team in football. However they are far too inconsistent to be put in the same class as the Kansas City Chiefs or the Cincinnati Bengals if Joe Burrow is healthy. On Sunday Night Football they took on the New York Giants and just got by with a 14-9 win. Going into the game, the Giants were the biggest underdogs of any game this



CARLOS OSORIO • The Associated Press

It's about time the Lions started to win again. Again? For the first time. It's about time the Lions started to win for the first time. The question is: What is their ceiling?

season. They've been terrible this season, and have some injuries on the offensive line and at quarterback. The Bills were coming off of a pretty subpar performance in London against the Jacksonville Jaguars and people just made excuses and brushed it off.

Everyone, including myself, expected a bounce back game for the Bills, but we didn't get that. Instead we got a horrible performance by Josh Allen and their offense. The Bills were scoreless after three quarters, and for the second consecutive game, had only seven points with five minutes left. In the

end, they were able to scrape by a Giants team that failed to get any points at the end of each half after having the ball at the one-yard line.

My point isn't that the Bills aren't a good team. It's whether they belong in that elite group that everyone is quick to put them in. My answer to that is no. They have talented defense that at times looks like one league's best, but at times look lost. They have a quarterback that is great, but tries to be a superhero far too often. They have a great wide receiver in Stefon Diggs, but I don't believe the rest of Allen's supporting cast is great. My over-

all point is that they have the firepower to compete with the league's best teams, but don't show the consistency of a great team.

Take The Lions Seriously

Last season the Detroit Lions were everyone's darling. They were fun, exciting and unpredictable. This season they came into the season as favorites in the NFC North and they are certainly living up to it thus far. The Lions improved their record to 5-1 Sunday with a 20-6 win against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Going into the year, I felt their defense would improve on

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No Jefferson means Vikings might have to win ugly. They did.

By DAVE CAMPBELL
The Associated Press

The first game for the Minnesota Vikings without Justin Jefferson was a slog, a glaring reminder of how vital the superstar wide receiver is for their ability to score.

The Vikings also suggested in Chicago that acumen, grit and pride might be just enough to keep the season alive while Jefferson is sidelined with a hamstring injury — even if it's going to be ugly at times.

"We're not going to be picky about finding a way to get a win," quarterback Kirk Cousins said.

The Vikings had 220 yards, their fifth-lowest total in 56 regular season games since Jefferson arrived in 2020. Their 15.4% third-down conversion rate was their fourth-worst in that span, and even after the game the Bears defense still ranks last in the league on third down (50.6%).

"It was kind of a revolving door of missed assignments here from some of our more reliable players," coach Kevin O'Connell said after the 19-13 victory Sun-

day. "Our offense will be hungry to go back to work and make sure we rectify some of those things, because honestly the way Kirk was throwing it today, I feel like it could have been a much, much bigger day."

The Bears frequently employed a single high safety rather than the two-deep alignment most common for opponents trying to control Jefferson, daring Jordan Addison, K.J. Osborn and the rest of Minnesota's receivers to beat man-to-man coverage.

Addison did just that midway through the second quarter with the Vikings ahead 6-3, when Cousins zipped a perfectly placed pass up the sideline on the first down, but he slightly mistimed his dive and didn't secure the ball as he landed on the grass.

The rookie contributed the only offensive touchdown of the afternoon for the Vikings (2-4) two possessions later, his fourth in six games, but the drop was a snapshot of how Jefferson's absence places a greater burden on the rest of the group to outperform their baseline production




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VARIETY

Latin night of culture and fun

By ANAHI ZUNIGA
Staff Writer

¡Hola a todos los Mavericks!
The Multicultural Center's Latinx Affairs group hosted its Latino Heritage Celebration in the Centennial Student Union Ballroom on Friday, just in time for the conclusion of Hispanic Heritage Month, which went from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15.

Students of Hispanic and Latino backgrounds were brought together to celebrate while also learning about each other's Latinidad — which refers to shared attributes of all Latin American people. Other non-Latino students on campus were also invited to learn more about MSU's Latino community and culture.

Fabiola Diaz, director of the Latinx Affairs, said she was pleased with this event where students from different Latino backgrounds were able to converse with one another. She said she couldn't have done it without the help of several MSU students.

"The efforts that went into planning this event is teamwork. Working along with the Latinx graduate assistant, our student leaders and student volunteers, is what is all about; coming together to celebrate in unity for a chance to celebrate our Latino community on campus," Diaz said.

The night consisted of learning Latinidad culture and history through a scavenger hunt presented by a group of MSU's Latino student body, a Zumba lesson taught by Chiara Carnelutti, the graduate assistant of Latinx Affairs. The night concluded with a performance from Mi Peru MN group where everyone shared one last



Courtesy of The Mankato Free Press

LatinX Affairs brought people together to celebrate Latino Heritage, an annual celebration from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15

dance together.

The event also included several speeches from Henry Morris, Vice President of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; Iván Roberto Sierra Medel, Consulate of Mexico in S.t Paul; Dr. Beatriz DeSantiago-Fjelstad, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Educational Specialist Program of the Department of Educational Leadership; and David Mesta, Student Body Vice President of Student Government.

All speeches were filled with words of motivation and gratitude toward all MSU Latino students who participated in making the event possible and for choosing to celebrate their cultures on campus.

Diaz said having this celebra-

tion on campus has a great impact on students and staff who have chosen to learn more about their Latino roots. The diverse event has given many students opportunities to finally have a chance to celebrate their pride in being part of a Hispanic/Latino country and recognize the many efforts of their fellow Latino companions.

"We will acknowledge our student and staff community to recognize our efforts and culture we share and bring onto campus. Latino Heritage Month is a month-long celebration of Hispanic and Latino history and culture," Diaz said. "We give extra recognition to the many contributions made to the history and culture of the

United States, including important advocacy work, vibrant art, popular and traditional foods, and much more. Also, Latino Heritage Month provides the opportunity to explore the incredible impact Latinas and Latinos have had on the United States for generations."

Many students were able to represent their countries through the scavenger hunt. First-year MSU student Alex Perez represented her country, El Salvador, and said she felt honored in showing her culture to fellow students and staff of MSU.

"It feels like the best feeling you could possibly feel because El Salvador is me. I love my country. I

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Mavs strut their stuff in Workwear fashion show

By GRACE ANDERSON
Staff Writer

A Workwear Fashion Show hosted by the Career Development Center (CDC), Kearney International Center (KIC), Multicultural Center, and Women's Center took place in Ostrander Auditorium Thursday.

The organizations invited students to walk the stage in their workwear-inspired outfits to be photographed, and speakers shared tips regarding workwear. Additionally, the event involved a series of drawings and prizes for the students.

Assistant Director in the CDC, Alexis Persons, said a lot of effort went into creating the show through the collaboration of many different departments.

"We got together to plan out what the outline would be, then plug volunteers and individuals into the different sections of the fashion show," said Persons. "Af-

ter we created the template, we had to find some awesome prizes and thankfully Graif Clothing in Mankato was gracious enough to donate us two \$200 gift cards to allow students to go get some workwear after winning at the fashion show."

Persons also said workwear is a form of expression.

"It has become more of an opportunity to show your identity and show your style," Persons said.

Graduate assistant from the CDC, Ann Rogers, said she helped out with the event and she was captivated by the speakers' topics.

"I enjoyed the speakers, especially the women's studies speaker who spoke on women of color and people of color trying to fit into this traditional standard of workwear."

Rogers also said that she found the show interesting and learned a lot from it.

"It was very educational," Rogers said. "We went over the STAR technique which helps with inter-



NATE TILAHUN • The Reporter

The CDC, KIC, Multicultural Center and Women's Center invited students to participate in a Workwear Fashion show Thursday in Ostrander Auditorium.

viewing skills. We also went over how to best choose a job that suits our values."

Another graduate assistant

from the CDC who helped out with the event, Julianne Pankow, said that she was very intrigued by the fashion show and what it stands

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OPINION: Halloween costume predictions

By MERCEDES
KAUPHUSMAN
Variety Editor

Spooky season is here. The days are getting colder, darker, and the ghosts are practicing their haunting skills for Halloween night. We humans, on the other hand, are pondering what costumes to wear.

So much has happened since Halloween of 2022. A year ago we were seeing a lot of characters from "Top Gun," "Toy Story," "Squid Games" and the classic Scooby Doo.

This year brings new, dramatic costumes; some predictable, some not. The following list presents my own personal predictions for the most popular costumes you'll see running around Halloween night, or maybe this list will inspire you to go with the crowd and claim one of these costumes as your own.

Barbies

Barbie Land is going to overpopulate the Earth Oct. 31, and there is nothing we can do about it. Women of all ages are going to dress as gorgeous Barbie dolls, accompanied by their very own Kens. The Barbie costume is applicable to groups, duos, couples, families, and individuals; sealing the deal as the most popular costume of 2023.

Wednesday Adams

With the first season of the Netflix hit series, "Wednesday," coming out November 2022, I can predict to see the edgy icon Wednesday Adams dancing around on Halloween night. I'm going to ignore putting this on the list because I might wear this costume.

Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce
She was a famous singer. He was a football star. We've heard this love story before, and seeing the blossoming romance between the two is bound to inspire a couple's costume. In the past year Taylor Swift has become one of the world's biggest sensations, and Travis seems like he is probably good at playing football. Together, they make a wholesome couple and costume for this year.

Mario and friends

With its first movie in the books, Mario's crew is sure to make a debut this year. Princess Peach, Bowser, Luigi, Koopa Troopa and the rest are packing into their karts and cruising onto the streets in search of power ups, or candy.

Bridgerton

The Netflix Historical English romance series "Bridgerton," features characters with big hair, corsets, elegant gowns, and British accents — all of

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Theater is more than the actors



DOMINIC BOTHE • The Reporter

The stage production team works long and hard to put on theater productions for Minnesota State and its students. Everything from structures to props, lighting, sounds, costumes and more are elements the team puts together for productions.

By LAUREN VISKA
Staff Writer

Lighting. Costume changes. Set design.

These are all things that happen throughout a theater show, and no one knows who does them, but they should.

Faith Hagen is a stage manager who's worked on productions such as "Rent," which just wrapped up Sunday, and was an assistant stage manager for "Something Rotten," which was staged last spring. Her main job is to be the liaison between the production team, the actors and the director.

Hagen said stage managers often get overlooked, and people don't realize how much goes into a show.

"A lot of times, people think of lighting, sounds, and costumes, but they don't really think about how all that gets put together. Every single change that you see, I have to call off every single one of them to make sure that they happen," said Hagen.

Hagen's job even includes handling some unusual situations, such as the time an actor came down with a kidney stone.

"So it was my job to call around, see who had been put in, put in rehearsal, figure everything else out and ended up running very smoothly," said Hagen.

Parker Adams, the stage manager for "The Importance of Being Earnest," said being a stage manager is like a full-time job. They have to balance school and life on top of the theater production.

"We go to classes just like everyone else from nine to five, and then we have a whole other thing from six to ten every night," said Adams. "It is definitely hard to find that balance, but I'm really lucky because theater is just what I love to do, and I wouldn't imagine not doing it any other way."

Another thing people may not know about is how the sets get made. George Grubb is the co-department chair of Performing Arts and the technical director and sound designer for the theater program. He has worked on over 250 shows at MSU. One of those shows, "Metamorphoses," included a huge water tank in the Andreas Theatre.

"I built a 30-foot by 15-foot by three-foot deep swimming pool. And then, it had an underwater tunnel to another swimming pool so that people could go underwater in the main pool and then just disappear and never come back out again," said Grubb. "It was incredibly complex to build, and we also had to make the building strong enough to hold that much weight because water weighs a lot. It was a crazy process."

Grubb said one thing people

may not realize about building sets is the engineering and physics involved. He said they are the "blue-collar workers of the arts." He also said a lot of hours go into building sets.

"On average, set is about four weeks of 26 hours a week of the shop being open. That's about 100 hours of people being there. If you did labor hours, it's something like four or 500 labor hours per show," said Grubb. "The number of people kind of fluctuates, but it's usually in the neighborhood of four or six people working during those times."

Grubb said he enjoys working on sets because it is a constantly changing field and is what keeps it working for him.

"Now I know I have to know how to control that kind of thing with a computer; there's a new technique for that, or suddenly everybody's using computer-controlled routers to cut out complex scenery," said Grubb. "So if you have ADHD like I do, that's great. You know, I can always focus on a new thing."

People can reach out to Matthew Caron at matthew.caron.2@mnsu.edu to learn more about being a stage manager. Students can sign up for a stagecraft class under the Theatre Arts tab on e-services or contact Grubb at george.grubb@mnsu.edu if they want to work on set design.

that she was excited to see so many students engaged in the event. "I thought that it was a great turnout," Pankow said. "The students were very engaged in what was going on, there were some great speakers that came, and people dressed up nicely."

Finally, Pankow said that because the show was successful, she is hopeful for more to come as she enjoyed watching the students take part.

"I really loved that the students were able to show off their cloth-

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"I think that the world of workwear is really changing," said Pankow. "This is a great event for students to learn that professionalism can mean whatever it means to you and how you can be authentic in what you wear to work. Students also learned about how different fields have different workwear."

Pankow also said that the fashion show was a great success and

on how meaningful and fun it was to hold a celebration celebrating not just her culture but everyone else's.

"I think it was awesome. We got to see a lot of different cultures and the speakers were amazing honestly," Ortuno said. "Especially in a PWI, you don't really get to celebrate Latino culture. It's not really shown but this event got us together as a community and it was really fun."

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A safe swim for women at MSU



ALEXIS DARKOW • The Reporter

The Campus Rec Center invited women to attend women's only open swim Tuesday from 3-5 p.m. at the Highland pool to provide a safe, fun afternoon.

By ELLIE MESCHKE
Staff Writer

The Otto Recreation Center hosted the first "Women's only open swim" of the semester. Women all across campus were invited to come to the Highland Pool for a few hours, where they were free to swim, chat and encourage each other in a safe environment.

I sat down with Deqo Ali, a member of the Student Government and the organizer of the event, said she enjoyed open swim.

"I like swimming, even though I'm not very good at it. And I've met so many people here, especially girls, that voiced that they would love to swim, especially when it's really hot out," she said. "But it always comes down to the same thing, we don't really feel comfortable with guys coming there or just having that open space."

The open swim was relatively private, by having the main door to the pool locked as well as having female lifeguards on

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love who I stand for and what I represent. It feels like a really big honor even though it's not all that. It just feels like a big deal," Perez said. "Even though we're a small country, we're really strong. We have a lot of really big stuff. I feel like we represent Central America but not because we have salvadoran crema or pupusas. It's different from everything else. Everything is just our own. We represent ourselves and we're very proud of everything that we create."

MSU Senior Jasmine Ortuno, who represented Mexico for the celebration, shared her thoughts

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which I believe will be portrayed this holiday. The British accent, of course, is part of the costume and is essential to deliver a perfect execution.

Elvis Presley

Not only am I predicting men to dress as the infamous Elvis, I predict a lot of children and babies will pose as the King of Rock and Roll. Austin Butler's role as

duty, it created a very welcoming environment for not only women, but those who may struggle with body confidence or by being around large crowds. Floaties and pool noodles were also provided for attendees, all in all, comfort and safety were high priorities for this event.

"We're always in that survival mode. We always have that anxiety, and just having a space where you can kinda let go and just enjoy," Ali said. "Where it's not just a mental thing but also your body's doing exercise, and you're just having that sensory feeling. You know you're the only one there, you're with women that support you, I think it's just very helpful. Mentally, physically, emotionally as well."

If you're interested in attending an event like this in the future, it's highly likely that there will be another open swim in the spring semester. You can also visit the MSU's Women's Center located in CSU 218 for more information on events or to find a women's only space.

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Elvis during the recent film gave the spunk to inspire a great costume for this year.

Ghost

If I happen to get any or all of these predictions incorrect, I want to provide a safety net to save myself from embarrassment. Since ghosts are always a popular costume every year, I'm sure 2023 is no exception.

“The Eras Tour” dances to No. 1 at the box office

By LINDSEY BAHR
The Associated Press

Movie theaters turned into concert venues this weekend as Swifties brought their dance moves and friendship bracelets to multiplexes across the country. The unparalleled enthusiasm helped propel “Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour” to a massive, first place debut between \$95 million and \$97 million in North America, AMC Theatres said Sunday.

It’s easily the biggest opening for a concert film of all time, and, not accounting for inflation, has made more than the \$73 million “Justin Bieber: Never Say Never” earned in 2011. In today’s dollars, that would be around \$102 million. And if it comes in on the higher end of projections when totals are released Monday, it could be the biggest October opening ever. The one to beat is “Joker,” which launched to \$96.2 million in 2019.

A unique experiment in distribution, premium pricing, star power and loose movie theater etiquette—more dancing and shouting than a Star Wars premiere—have made it an undeniable hit. Compiled from Swift’s summer shows at Southern California’s SoFi Stadium, the film opened in 3,855 North American locations starting with “surprise” Thursday evening previews. Those showtimes helped



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Singer Taylor Swift arrives at the world premiere of the concert film “Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour” on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023, at AMC The Grove 14 in Los Angeles. “The Eras Tour” accounted for over 70% of the total weekend box office grosses.

boost its opening day sum to \$39 million – the second biggest ever for October, behind “Joker’s” \$39.3 million.

Internationally, it’s estimated to have earned somewhere between

\$31 to \$33 million, bringing its global total in the range of \$126 million to \$130 million.

“This is a phenomenal number,” said Paul Dergarabedian, the senior media analyst for Comscore.

“To have a blockbuster style opening weekend for a concert film is unprecedented.”

Swift, who produced the film, went around the Hollywood studio system to distribute the film, mak-

ing a deal directly with AMC, the largest exhibition company in the United States. With her 274 million Instagram followers, Swift hardly needed a traditional marketing campaign to get the word out.

Beyoncé made a similar deal with the exhibitor for “Renaissance: A Film By Beyoncé,” which will open on Dec. 1. The two superstars posed together at the premiere of “The Eras Tour” earlier this week in Los Angeles.

It was a needed injection of star power with Hollywood actors over 90 days into a strike that has left most red carpets void of glamorous talent and resulted in several high-profile films being pushed to next year.

“The Eras Tour,” directed by Sam Wrench, is not just playing on AMC screens either. The company, based in Leawood, Kansas, worked with sub-distribution partners Variance Films, Trafalgar Releasing, Cinepolis and Cineplex to show the film in more than 8,500 movie theatres globally in 100 countries.

The spotlight on Swift has been especially intense lately as a result of her relationship with Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce. The two made separate surprise appearances on “Saturday Night Live” this weekend and were also photographed holding hands in New York.

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