

ARC lets women take flight

By EMMA JOHNSON
Editor in Chief

While most students were taking beach bags to the pool, a group of women from Minnesota State were taking to the skies to compete in the Air Race Classic (ARC).

Considered the “epicenter of women’s air racing,” the four-day race includes pilots ranging in age from 17 to 94.

It started in Grand Forks, ND and ended in Homestead, Fla. With approximately nine checkpoints in 12 states, over 2,333 nautical miles were covered.

Senior Sami Naples heard about the ARC from one of her friends who’s an aviation major at the University of North Dakota who participated last year.

“She said, ‘Do you guys have a team?’ and we said ‘No, but that’d be kind of cool.’ We found out there was a team seven years ago and it never happened again,” Naples said. “We’ve made it a team and we want to keep continuing to do it.”

Naples was the pilot while teammate Grace Ackerman was a co-pilot along with senior Madi Luebke as the navigator.

They took turns rotating positions to “keep their minds fresh” while teammate Ella Jones was the ground coordinator who would send them texts about the weather and help them book hotels.



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Grace Ackerman (from left to right), Ella Jones, Sami Naples and Madi Luebke flew over 2,300 miles across the country as a part of the Air Race Classic, an all-women flying competition for four days in June.

Their days started at 4 a.m. and ended around 9 p.m.

“We’d wake up, find what food we could at the hotel and then volunteers would pick us up and take us to the airport since a lot of the checkpoints were in small towns

with no Ubers or taxis,” Naples said. “We were allowed to take off as soon as the sun rose.”

Despite flying all day, they said communication was key for determining whether or not fuel was needed or if the weather was safe.

“Each stop was different. It was like ‘Do we keep going or are the winds getting better this way?’ It was trying to figure out the next move and if it wasn’t safe, we’d get a hotel,” Naples said.

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Domestic violence awareness brings focus to VARP

By AMALIA SHARAF
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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. And Rachel Maccabee, director of the Violence Awareness and Response Program, says this is a chance to center and support survivors and warn victims.

“Most months that are about awareness are a way to start conversations, have conversations,” said Maccabee. “And when we can talk about things, then we can understand what the roots of the things are. You need to get comfortable talking about things before we can dismantle or understand them.”

Domestic violence is often also referred to as Intimate Partner Violence.

Maccabee said domestic violence can happen not only in intimate relationships but also in the household.

“Domestic violence affects every person who lives in a home and it can have long-term effects on how we develop and how we are healthy in our social and academic functioning,” said Maccabee. “If a child witnesses domestic violence, it can have strong long-term effects.”

According to the director, in the U.S., 20 people every minute are injured by their intimate partner.

She said this equates to more than 10 million people annually nationwide.

VARP provides educational sessions on violence prevention.

The center also supports victims of violence, providing various services, including advocacy.

“I’m here to be an advocate for both primary and secondary survivors of sexual violence,” said Maccabee. “Sometimes, people grow up seeing an unhealthy home, and that influences how they are now dating, the partners that they are choosing and maybe red flags that they are not able to see right away.”

Maccabee is trained as a confidential advocate and she helps people find resources. She said VARP is a safe space because students can discuss their issues without an immediate call for an investigation.

“It’s never too late to try to

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Accessibility resources provides success

By GRACE ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Accessibility Resources, located in Memorial Library 132, helps students with disabilities navigate college life.

This assistance takes many forms and gives students the tools for success in a variety of aspects.

Beth Claussen, the Associate Director of Accessibility Resources, said the department’s duty is to ensure equal access to courses, facilities, programs and more.

“We meet with students to establish accommodations and are often in communication with professors to discuss those accommodations,” said Claussen. “We advocate for students and also support professors as we uphold the law in an appropriate way.”

Claussen also said the department has helped hundreds of students and the staff is delighted to answer questions regarding accessibility.

“There are about 676 students who are registered with our office, which means that these students have provided us with documentation and have met with staff in our office to talk about accommodations,” Claussen said. “The



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Accessibility Resources, located in Memorial Library 132, helps students with disabilities navigate college life. Over 676 students utilize the office and can find the accommodations they need.

department has an online portal called MavAccess where students can register. However, we are more than happy to meet with students without documentation to discuss any concerns that the students might have.”

Lastly, Claussen said Accessibility Resources provides various accommodations such as different forms of test taking and note taking.

“The most common forms of

accommodations is alternative testing which may mean testing in a quiet area or an extended test period,” said Claussen. “If a student is struggling with note taking we may look at the option of a paid peer note-taker who is anonymous to the student and vice versa.”

Additionally, the department assists with residential life.

“We also look at accommodations in the housing environment,” Claussen said. “Students often need

a single room or different types of physical adaptations for their room. Some students also may require emotional support animals.”

Carine Omole, Senior Director of Accessibility Resources, said that works to correct and improve a system that was established for people without disabilities or needs that Accessibility Resources now covers.

“When the system of higher education was established, it was established for what was considered to be standard,” Omole said. “Historically, people with disabilities were not included in the structure of higher education. We look at accessibility within the entirety of the system because Minnesota State University, Mankato is an inclusive university and we work with the institution to accomplish that mission of inclusivity.”

For those interested, Accessibility Resources is hosting a film presentation called, “Normal Isn’t Real,” 3-5 p.m. Oct. 24 from in Ostrander Auditorium.

The film features the stories of four young adults with learning disabilities sharing their journeys to success in work and school and the strategies they use to manage their challenges.

College of Business on track for success

By TRACY SWARTZENDRUBER
Staff Writer

In a presentation to student government Wednesday Dean Seung Bach of the College of Business told senators the college is meeting education goals and trying to come up with new ways to make business education exciting.

"We are really embracing experiential learning," Bach said. "As a part of that initiative, we really want to promote our student internship program."

Last year, they created 156 internships with the help of donors. That success is continuing this year.

"This semester, although less than half way through, we have met the 50% and higher goals in terms of creating a credit-driven

internship program," Bach said.

The college has been partnering with local entities such as Greater Mankato Growth. Students had the opportunity to share with GMG their ideas of improving the economy, as well as learn from GMG.

Bach also reached out to the CEO of Kato Engineering. Together they arranged "MS Mankato Day in Kato Engineering."

"We are going to come up with about 30 College of Business students to visit Kato Engineering in the first week of November," he said. "Kato Engineering has about 20 to 30 MNSU alumni working for them."

The delegation of students will meet with the alumni for lunch to network and learn from each other. A field trip to Kato Engineering is also planned.

Bach said the opportunity is open to students outside the College of Business as well.

Bach shared his perspective on his role as the new dean.

"I want to bring in something new in terms of the spirit of creativity and innovation," Bach said. "I tried to make this college very creative, innovative, and market driven. I like our students to get exposed to the real work."

Bach believes the curriculum must be constantly improved in order to make this happen.

"I like to make this program very accessible and also affordable," he said.

As part of this initiative, Bach wants the college to emphasize preparing students for their next journey and lowering the cost of textbooks as much as possible.

Geography Colloquium brings knowledge to MSU



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The geography department at MSU requires its majors to attend the Geography Colloquium, a series of public lectures that take place 3-4:15 Fridays through Dec. 1.

By LAUREN VISKA
Staff Writer

The geography department at MSU requires its majors to attend the Geography Colloquium, a series of public lectures that take place 3-4:15 Fridays through Dec. 1.

Don Friend, a geography professor, said he encourages anyone to attend the events, which include 45-minute speaker presentations.

"The speakers are interesting, and this is our job to help spread knowledge about our world. I hope that the topics are interesting and germane about our society and about our Earth," said Friend. "Learning about our Earth and our people in our society is important. That's what geography studies is: the relationships between people and envi-

ronment."

Defransa Swann, the lead geography instructor, started the Colloquium in the 1890s by bringing in sporadic guest presenters. Geography professors George J. Miller and Cora Sletten formalized it in the early 2000s. Over a century has passed since the custom began, and Friend has been running this colloquium for the last 20 years.

"When we officially became a department in 1953, we decided that it was appropriate to require that our geography majors, seniors, attend the Colloquium. It's learned individuals, some professional practitioners and professors, public speakers, all kinds of folks," said Friend.

On Friday, Edward R. Carr, a professor at Clark University, will

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Vice President resigns from Student Government

By EMMA JOHNSON
Editor in Chief

When Wednesday's student government meeting began, the seat usually filled by Vice President David Mesta sat empty.

Senators would soon find out why.

During officer reports, Speaker Douglas Roberts announced Mesta had resigned from his role and he was leaving "on a peaceful accord." Roberts said they would not be taking questions about Mesta's

resignation.

The Reporter reached out to Mesta for comment on his resignation.

"I chose to resign because I think the decision was catching up to me and I made a decision for myself," Mesta said.

President Sierra Roiger said she respected Mesta's decision to resign.

"It's entirely up to each and every individual when they feel it's right for them to part ways with Student Government and I re-

spect that decision," Roiger said.

The Student Government is looking to fill the role of Vice President.

"The position is open to any student who is able to commit to a minimum of 15 to 20 office hours a week along with being able to attend meetings and to continue the work that student government does for students and be that advocate," Roiger said.

Roiger said students can reach out to her if they have any questions regarding the position. The official nomination will be Nov. 1.

Prosecutors seeking to recharge Alec Baldwin in fatal shooting on set of 'Rust'

By MORGAN LEE
The Associated Press

Special prosecutors are seeking to recharge actor Alec Baldwin in the fatal shooting of a cinematographer on the set of a Western movie in 2021, describing Tuesday their preparations to present new information to a grand jury.

New Mexico-based prosecutors Kari Morrissey and Jason Lewis said they'll present their case to the grand jury within the next two months, noting "additional facts" have come to light in the shooting on the set of the film "Rust" that killed Halyna Hutchins.

Baldwin, a coproducer of the film, was pointing a gun at Hutchins during a rehearsal inside a rustic chapel on a movie-set ranch near Santa Fe when the gun went off on Oct. 21, 2021, killing the cinematographer and wounding director Joel Souza.

"After extensive investigation over the past several months, additional facts have come to light that we believe show Mr. Baldwin has criminal culpability in the death of Halyna Hutchins and the shooting of Joel Souza," Morrissey and Lewis said in an email. "We

believe the appropriate course of action is to permit a panel of New Mexico citizens to determine from here whether Mr. Baldwin should be held over for criminal trial."

They declined to elaborate on the additional information they may present to the grand jury.

Baldwin has said he pulled back the hammer — but not the trigger — and the gun fired.

Attorneys for Baldwin said the latest move by prosecutors is misguided.

"It is unfortunate that a terrible tragedy has been turned into this misguided prosecution. We will answer any charges in court," Luke Nikas and Alex Spiro said in an email.

Special prosecutors initially dismissed an involuntary manslaughter charge against Baldwin in April, saying they were informed the gun might have been modified before the shooting and malfunctioned. They later pivoted and began weighing whether to refile a charge against Baldwin after receiving a new analysis of the gun.

The recent gun analysis from experts in ballistics and forensic testing based in Arizona and New

Mexico relied on replacement parts to reassemble the gun fired by Baldwin — after parts of the pistol were broken during earlier testing by the FBI. The report examined the gun and markings it left on a spent cartridge to conclude that the trigger had to have been pulled or depressed.

The analysis led by Lucien Haag of Forensic Science Services in Arizona stated that although Baldwin repeatedly denies pulling the trigger, "given the tests, findings and observations reported here, the trigger had to be pulled or depressed sufficiently to release the fully cocked or retracted hammer of the evidence revolver."

An earlier FBI report on the agency's analysis of the gun found that, as is common with firearms of that design, it could go off without pulling the trigger if force was applied to an uncocked hammer — such as by dropping the weapon.

The only way the testers could get it to fire was by striking the gun with a mallet while the hammer was down and resting on the cartridge, or by pulling the trigger while it was fully cocked. The gun eventually broke during testing.



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Egypt delivers aid to Gaza as doctors struggle to help



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Smoke rises following an Israeli airstrike in the Gaza Strip, as seen from southern Israel, Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023.

By NAJIB JOBAIN,
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The Associated Press

Israel said Wednesday that it will allow Egypt to deliver limited humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip. The first crack in a punishing 10-day siege on the territory came one day after a blast at a hospital killed hundreds and put immense strain on Gaza's struggling medical system.

The announcement to allow water, food and other supplies happened as fury over the blast at Gaza City's al-Ahli Hospital spread across the Middle East, and as U.S. President Joe Biden visited Israel in hopes of preventing a wider conflict in the region.

There were conflicting claims of who was behind the explosion

on Tuesday night, but protests flared quickly in the region as many Arab leaders said Israel was responsible.

Hamas officials in Gaza quickly blamed an Israeli airstrike, saying hundreds were killed. Israel denied it was involved and released a flurry of video, audio and other information that it said showed the blast was instead due to a rocket misfire by Islamic Jihad, another militant group operating in Gaza.

Islamic Jihad dismissed that claim.

The Associated Press has not independently verified any of the claims or evidence.

Israel shut off all supplies to Gaza soon after Hamas militants rampaged across communities in southern Israel on Oct. 7.

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reach out and understand what happened to you and regain your power and your autonomy," Maccabee said. "And we have a lot of one-on-one conversations here in our center."

The director said students could support each other by being attentive and pointing out the things they feel worried about.

"It would be great if we could become familiar and comfortable

enough to reach out to our friends and say, 'I notice that your boyfriend is grabbing your phone and looking through it. I think college is a great time when we start to have these really deep, full conversations with one another,'" said Maccabee.

For additional help, students can refer to the VARP, located within the Women's Center.

People of any gender are welcome in both spaces.

German chancellor vows protection for Jewish community after firebomb attack

By KIRSTEN GRIESHABER
The Associated Press

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz strongly condemned a firebomb assault on a synagogue in Berlin on Wednesday, saying, "We will never accept when attacks are carried out against Jewish institutions."

Assailants threw two Molotov cocktails early Wednesday at the synagogue in the center of the German capital, police said, as antisemitic incidents in the country have been rising following the violent escalation in the Middle East.

"Unknown persons threw two Molotov cocktails from the street," the Kahal Adass Jisroel community wrote on X, formerly Twitter. Dozens of police officers were investigating in front of the synagogue in the city's Mitte neighborhood, and the entire street next to the building was cordoned off and blocked for traffic.

Police said they were inves-



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The Kahal Adass Jisroel community said its synagogue in the city's Mitte neighborhood was attacked with two incendiary devices. Police confirmed the incident.

tigating "an attempted serious arson" in which two people approached the synagogue on foot at 3:45 a.m. and threw the firebombs, which burst on the sidewalk next to the building.

The two people, their faces covered, ran away.

A couple of hours later, when police were already investigating the incident.

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present via Zoom about climate change. His presentation is titled "Walking Backward into the Future: Loss and Hope in a Changing Climate."

Friend said he chose to have Carr present because he knows a lot about climate change as he's written many books on it.

"He's also one of the lead authors on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which won the Nobel Peace Prize a few years ago," said Friend. "He's a straightforward scholar of climate and society. And he believes we're not doomed to climate chaos, that there's good stuff going on."

When picking out the speakers for the event, Friend picked them based on their expertise and let them know their audience. He also doesn't let them limit what they can and cannot discuss.

"It's mostly college seniors, perhaps some juniors, grad students and faculty members. I asked them to make it highly visual and interesting. And I included language like that in the written invitation," said Friend. "I didn't invite Ed Carr to talk about the World Series. He could talk about the World Series. I don't know if he's a baseball fan, but I invite people to talk about their expertise."

Friend hopes that students

come to this Colloquium because it will expand their world knowledge.

"As professors, our job is to share knowledge. I hope that I do that every day in all the classes I teach. The campus gets to experience a dozen other new leading scholars in the nation and, actually, from across the world," said Friend. "I brought in international scholars to share their knowledge with the campus. I feel I'm doing the university's mission to the best of my abilities by sharing knowledge widely with our students, making the campus a better place and providing a great opportunity for our students."

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Clean energy is the future

Last week, Gov. Tim Walz celebrated news on the \$1 billion donated to the Heartland Hydrogen Hub to help advance clean energy. Given by the U.S. Department of Energy, not only will it produce over 3,800 jobs, but it will also help infrastructure, reduce carbon footprints and improve overall air quality.

We should embrace green energy and the potential it holds.

Green energy sources, such as wind, solar and hydropower, is something several companies are turning toward.

It creates no harm to the environment and can easily be renewed. Speaking of easy renewal, it creates lower consumption bills for the company, which saves money.

Depending on the company, they can reduce their bills by up to half. In turn, it helps create more jobs. As more and more businesses shift to solar and wind farms, energy companies are actively seeking more people to hire.

It's a win-win situation for keeping the environment safe while keeping bank accounts full.

Green energy is better for our overall health. Air quality has worsened as fossil-fuel-driven construction has increased. Besides hazy viewing conditions, long-term side effects of poor air quality include respiratory and heart disease, compromised immune systems and shortened life spans.

The smoky air we could dismiss as a bad day filled with coughing and irritated eyes could impact our health down the line. By switching to green energy, we can expect to see longer lifespans and cleaner breathing.

While the pricy investment is a big step toward going for a cleaner environment, we shouldn't be discouraged as smaller steps eventually lead to bigger ones.

We can read up on green energy and encourage others to advocate alongside us. Advocating for greener measures such as refillable water bottle stations, recycling and campus gardens are just a few minor steps campuses can take.

Supporting businesses who use green energy sends the message to others that we value their environmentally-safe production of our favorite products. The sooner we take steps towards green energy, others will follow suit.

Clean energy is something we should be advocating for. We are the future and we should care about the planet.

There's only one Earth and we need to take the preventative steps now while there's still a small chance we can reverse the effects.

Perspectives

Domestic violence and the LGBT community



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Serial killers have long captured the public imagination, with just about every crime drama eventually featuring one, on top of the bazillion serial killer movies released every year.

Turn on the news and it can feel like the nightly news has barely finished coverage of one mass shooting before the next one takes place.

The thing is, according to FBI estimates, the number of people killed by serial killers ranges from 100 to 150. Meanwhile the number of people killed in mass shootings can range from 50 to 150 depending on year. This last one uses the FBI definition of mass shooting which requires 4 or more people killed in a single incident.

In comparison, more people are killed by their own mother than by either serial killers or in mass shootings. This can vary a bit by source but in general, various



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sources place the number at around 200 people (the majority of them children under the age of 5) as being killed by their own mother.

This isn't an argument that we should start normalizing hitchhiking or that advocates should not push for stronger gun control laws but simply to point out the degree to which media coverage can warp our perceptions when it comes to violent crime.

October is domestic violence awareness month and it definitely is an issue that absolutely does need more

attention.

Family violence overall is an issue shrouded in secrecy and shame with victims too often being silenced and stigmatized. Too often they are even blamed for the violence itself.

LGBTQ people face many unique issues when it comes to family violence.

As LGBTQ youth, we face the possibility of violence from parents, guardians and other family members just for coming out. Many LGBTQ youth run away from home after facing such violence, and once on the streets, many of us end up being the victims of human trafficking and other forms of exploitation.

As adults, LGBTQ people can also be the victims of intimate partner violence. When LGBTQ individuals are victims of intimate partner violence, there are several issues that can come into

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Pulse

“Who would play you in a movie?”

Compiled by Alexis Darkow



ELOISE (ELLIE) REITZEL,
GRADUATE

“Melissa McCarthy”



ANIKA ROSSOW
STRASSER,
FRESHMAN

“Mayim Bialik.”



NATHAN LANGER,
JUNIOR

“Andrew Garfield.”



JABARI JELLUM,
FRESHMAN

“Mark Ruffalo.”



EMMA WYFFELS,
SENIOR

“Jennifer Lawrence.”



JACQUE WALLS,
SOPHOMORE

“Lakeith Stanfield.”

Chinese electric vehicles flood European market

By KELVIN CHAN
The Associated Press

When Laima Springe-Janssen was looking to replace her French-made gasoline-powered SUV with an electric car, she considered models from Volvo and Nissan.

The Volvo extras she wanted would have busted her budget, while the Nissan lacked the “wow factor.” The Copenhagen, Denmark, resident ended up buying a compact SUV from China’s BYD.

“I really, really love the car,” Springe-Janssen said. For the equivalent of about \$50,000, the Atto 3 SUV came with “all these goodies” like a 360-degree dash cam, two years of free charging and an extra set of winter tires.

Her husband likes it so much he’s considering buying another BYD to replace their other car, from Volkswagen’s Skoda brand.

“I’m sorry, Europe. Go home,” she said. “China has a better offer.”

Her enthusiasm underscores how Chinese automakers are winning over drivers as they make major inroads into Europe’s electric vehicle market, challenging long-established homegrown brands in an industry that’s key to the continent’s green energy transition.

The competitive threat has spurred the European Union to launch an investigation into Beijing’s support for its EV industry. That adds to tech-related tensions between the West and China, which is one of Europe’s biggest trading partners and the world’s



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biggest auto market.

China’s EV onslaught, along with massive U.S. clean energy funding that has drawn investment away from Europe, shows how the 27-nation bloc is caught in the middle of the global race for green technology.

Chinese EV makers are drawn to Europe because auto import tariffs are just 10% versus 27.5% in the U.S., independent auto analyst Matthias Schmidt said. Europe also has the world’s second-biggest EV battery market after China.

Nevermind the geopolitics. Climate-conscious car buyers in Europe who are grappling with an increased cost of living rave about how Chinese EVs are affordable yet packed with features and stylish design. Concerns about the

threat to local carmakers and jobs just aren’t a factor for them.

British retiree John Kirkwood replaced his Volkswagen Passat three years ago with an MG5 station wagon because the 30,000-pound (\$36,000) price tag “wiped the floor” with its nearest rival — a Kia that cost thousands more.

“It’s nice. It’s quiet, it’s refined” and very quick, Kirkwood said, adding that he had few qualms about British brand MG’s Chinese ownership.

MG — owned by SAIC Motor, China’s biggest automaker — is the largest Chinese EV player in Europe. BYD, backed by billionaire investor Warren Buffett, is growing fast.

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The team had to stop at certain checkpoints along the way where they would perform flybys 1,000 feet above the ground.

The timer would start or stop to track where the pilots were at. However, it was a race to get to checkpoints on time.

“It would depend on each spot, but usually we had to cross the diamond line by 8:30 p.m. otherwise, we would’ve been disqualified from the race,” Luebke said.

Besides meeting times for checkpoints, there were other rules the girls had to follow such as flying during the day, avoiding clouds and signing an overnight list to let the judges know where they were at.

“We had to follow visual flight rules which meant weaving around clouds or dropping to a lower altitude and then we had to

abide by federal aviation regulations,” Naples said.

The team placed fifth in the electronic data monitoring category.

A special panel tells the pilots how often they reach a revenue passenger mile (RPM) to not ruin the engines.

“We all had different airplanes with different leg speeds. We were basically racing against our own capabilities of our airplane,” Naples said.

Naples said she was able to apply the knowledge and skills she learned at MSU.

“In flight school, you learn how to deal with all these different scenarios. You never get the chance to actually be in that scenario and how are you going to handle it.

With Air Race, you’re kind of on your own. They just let you go, say ‘have fun and be safe’ and let

you figure it out,” Naples said.

The connections made with other teams and travel were Luebke’s favorite parts of the ARC.

“I think just traveling across the country with your best friend; no one else is going to be able to have that experience,” Luebke said. “I’ve never seen girls supporting girls like that. It’s crazy how much support and love there was throughout the whole thing.”

Naples said women should join the aviation program to build connections with others.

“I went to Atlanta and I was sitting at the gate and saw this one girl wearing an Auburn aviation sweatshirt and thought she looked oddly familiar. I go over to her and she goes, ‘Sami! We met at the Air Race,’” Naples said. “We all keep helping each other out and it’s a great community to be part of once you’re in it.”

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play. The first is the history of police persecution that may make LGBTQ people reluctant to contact the police. Then there is the issue that some LGBTQ may not want to report for fear of playing into homophobic and transphobic narratives pushed by anti-LGBTQ groups about LGBTQ relationships being more unstable or prone to violence.

This is all on top of the way our society stigmatizes and ig-

nore the topic of domestic violence more generally. I cannot really go into details but this phenomenon of shaming and silencing victims is one that I have witnessed first hand too many times.

Locally, there are resources that people can take advantage of.

The Committee Against Domestic Abuse website cadamn.org/ lists their 24 hour helpline as 1-800-477-0466 and advocate email as advocacy@cadamn.org.

org. MSU Mankato also has the Violence Awareness and Response Program which can be reached at 507-389-5127.

There is absolutely no shame in asking for help.

Ultimately, the issue of family violence is one we all need to be more aware of. The stigmatization and silencing of victims must end. A better world is possible if we are willing to work towards one.

Math disabilities often holding students back



LILLIAN MONGEAU • The Associated Press

Experts say all students, not only those with dyscalculia, could benefit from using manipulatives to help visualize problems and graph paper to assist in lining up numbers.

By JACKIE MADER
The Associated Press

Laura Jackson became seriously concerned about her daughter and math when the girl was in third grade.

While many of her classmates flew through multiplication tests, Jackson’s daughter relied on her fingers to count, had difficulty reading clocks and burst into tears when asked at home to practice math flashcards.

At school, the 9-year-old had been receiving help from a math specialist for two years, with little improvement.

“We hit a point where she was asking me, ‘Mom, am I stupid?’” Jackson recalled.

One day, when having lunch with a friend, Jackson heard about a disorder known as dyscalculia.

She later looked up a descrip-

tion of the learning disability that impacts a child’s ability to process numbers and retain math knowledge. “I was like, ‘Oh my gosh, this is my kid,’” Jackson said.

The Education Reporting Collaborative, a coalition of eight newsrooms, is documenting the math crisis facing schools and highlighting progress. Join our live expert panel for families, “Solving The Math Problem,” at 8 p.m. Eastern on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at <https://st.news/mathwebinar>. Members of the Collaborative are AL.com,

The Associated Press, The Christian Science Monitor, The Dallas Morning News, The Hechinger Report, Idaho Education News,

The Post and Courier in South Carolina, and The Seattle Times.

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SPORTS

Battle for the NSIC:

By LUKE JACKSON
News Editor

No. 3 Minnesota State and No. 17 Augustana are both currently 7-0 and sit atop the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference tied for first. Saturday's game at Kirby-Over Stadium could be the toughest matchup both teams have faced this year as it will decide the outcome of who reigns over the NSIC in first place.

"They have a great team," MSU head coach Todd Hoffner said. "It is one of, if not the, best I've seen out of Augustana since I've been here."

On offense, the Auggies tally 36 points and 416 yards per game. Their game is exploiting defenses through the air as they average 262 passing yards per game. Quarterback Casey Bauman has thrown for 1,819 yards with 18 touchdowns so far.

Defensive back Khai West says it's all about communication and focusing on themselves, not the opponent.

"Communication is one big thing we are focusing on this week," West said. "We need to communicate more than we already do and then let everyone fly around and be relentless about it."

"When you get to worrying

about other things, things you can't control is when you lose sight of the things you can do. As long as we focus on ourselves and everybody does their job we should be successful."

On defense, the Vikings are a force all around. Peyton Buckley has 46 tackles, five of which were for a loss. Haden Wallace also has 36 tackles, 3.5 for a loss.

Their defense only lets up 16 points and less than 100 yards rushing a game.

Both teams will be tested heavily as Augustana lets up very little rushing yards while the Mavericks main offensive attack is the rush with Shen Butler-Lawson who currently leads division II football in rushing yards.

He also has 12 touchdowns on the ground.

"We need to put people in position to make plays, that's our job as coaches," Hoffner said. "Motivation comes from within. We need to put them in position and it's the players job to want it more than the opponent."

The Maverick defense is very similar to Augustana's. MSU lets up 19 points per game and allows for 316 yards per game — 13 more than the Vikings. The Mavs also have 19 sacks on the season and allow third down conversions only

7-0 Minnesota State football takes on undefeated Augustana



LILLY ANDERSON • The Reporter

Every week, the Minnesota State football team seems to get better. Moving now up to no. 3 in Division II, what is the ceiling for the Mavs?

32% of the time.

The defense is led by West who has three interceptions and Jacob Daulton who has 30 tackles.

This decision game could be a

shootout or a defensive battle, the ending will determine who is on top.

"We've both had plus's, we've had minus's, we've had good halves,

we've had bad halves. Playing a good 60 minutes is always the goal and playing it with energy, enthusiasm and excitement is always really important," Hoffner said.

ALL-HOME HOCKEY WEEKEND

New opponent approaching: MSU and UMass square off in second-ever game between the Division I programs

By HAYDEN LEE
Sports Editor

Two teams are set to play their first game in Mankato against one another after knocking off ranked teams in their season debut series.

Newly ranked No. 19, Minnesota State is the only remaining undefeated team in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association after its opening weekend sweep of St. Cloud State.

In addition to the triumph of victory, goaltender Alex Tracy was named CCHA goaltender of the week for the second time in his career.

His 50 saves, .943 save percentage while allowing only three goals over two games provided a backbone for the Mavs as they skated to victory.

The University of Massachusetts Minutemen are 1-2 coming into the weekend, with their lone victory coming over then No. 6 ranked Michigan in a 6-3 contest. The Minutemen, who are in their 30th season of Division I hockey, feature 13 NHL draft picks on their active roster, including goaltender

Cole Brady.

With all of their success in each program's history, it is about time these two teams went head-to-head in the home of the Mavs. The two teams have met only once before, when the Mavs traveled to Amherst, Mass. in the 2021-22 season and came away with an opening weekend sweep.

Heading into his second series as head coach of the Mavs, Luke Strand is excited to get back to work.

"We have to take some pieces from the things we went through a week ago, grow in some areas and buy in on others," Strand said in a press conference. "We now have to prepare for a very talented UMass team with a lot of depth and stick skill. They have a really active defense, good goaltending and they are a really good team."

Strand also emphasized the importance of bringing in larger teams like UMass in non-conference matchups during the regular season.

"We have to play talent," Strand said. "Iron sharpens iron. When you play good teams you get better yourself and you learn a lot about



LILLY ANDERSON • The Reporter

How will the new era Mavericks team play after taking home a huge opening weekend series win?

yourself. Winning those games become benchmarks for not only ourselves, but nationally. I want to play the schools that are going to have a global effect on what we do here day-to-day."

In the preseason, Strand said that MSU would finish in the lower half "over his dead body," and he is hoping his attitude rubs off on the team.

"I hope they feel that message every day here," Strand said. "We're definitely in a development phase. When the lights come on, the competitiveness has to be at a high."

Those lights will come on at 7:07 p.m. Friday and 6:07 Saturday night at Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center when the Mavs and Minutemen get set for puck drop.

How to train your bulldog

By HAYDEN LEE
Sports Editor

After suffering two tough losses to the reigning national champion Wisconsin Badgers, the Minnesota State women's hockey team will seek redemption against the Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs.

The Mavs have felt the ultimate high of blowing out a team in a series with their sweep over Sacred Heart. They also know the feeling of being blown out, as was the case against No. 1 ranked in Wisconsin.

That said, their season essentially starts over this weekend. The Mavs have a 0 goal differential on the season — they have scored 16 goals and allowed 16 goals. They are also 2-2. The only stat that hurts them is their 0-2 conference record. However, they have a chance to bring that back to .500 with wins over the Bulldogs.

But the Bulldogs are no slouch. The No. 8 team in Division I women's hockey is also 2-2 and coming off of a week-

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Second straight Sweet 16 in sight for Kato Rugby

By HAYDEN LEE
Sports Editor

When the Minnesota State men's rugby team announced its schedule for the Fall 2023 season via Instagram, the team was excited to go out and compete. But since that day, they have been on fire.

Currently owners of a 5-0 record, the Mavs have posted dominant wins like their 40-5 victory over Minnesota-Duluth, but have also shown their ability to win close, exemplified by their opening day 14-7 triumph against Moorhead.

The Mavs have moved up to No. 17 in Division II rugby, good enough for the best team in all of Minnesota. At the beginning of the year, the Mavs were ranked 27th, and have maintained a top-35 rank since, but have recently been climbing their way up the leaderboard.

This season, the conference that the Mavs play in has been restructured. It is now broken up into a competitive and developmental conference.

The Mavs are a part of the competitive conference after their 2022 Northern Lights Conference championship win and they are now in a position to make some noise again on a bigger stage.

"We feel like we're kind of always the underdogs. Mankato has always had a reputation of being

more of a social club, or for fun, but now we are really making the transition to a sports team," said captain Paxton Pagel. "We were one of the top 16 teams in the nation last year, but this year we are still trying to improve and go a little bit further than that.

After making it to St. Louis for the National Tournament Sweet 16, the Mavs fell in two straight games, knocking them out of the playoffs.

"We definitely were met with a sour taste in our mouth after that, having made it that far and losing to two teams in a row," Pagel said. "We know we can get back there this year and win it for the seniors that were there with us."

Which brings us back to this season. Rugby is a club sport at MSU, which differs from the hockey, football or basketball teams that we see play.

"The main reason would be the difficulty of getting players to join the team," said Blake Martin, president of the club and another captain of the team.

For Martin, Pagel and the rest of the team, this meant they had work to do after losing some key players. Recruitment is essential to maintaining a full squad of players on a club team.

"I feel like the word club deters some people because not everyone wants to be a part of a club, but it really is a sports team more than it



Courtesy Blake Martin

Rugby is an overlooked sport at MSU, but these guys are looking to change the narrative surrounding their beloved program.

is a club," Pagel said.

This message seemed to be received by interested students around the MSU campus, as their recruitment efforts were a success.

"We lost a couple of our good seniors, and I was a little nervous about that," Martin said. "But af-

ter our first week of recruiting we had like 40 guys. It dies off a little bit because guys have school and other things to take care of, but we keep it pretty consistent with about 25 guys."

Fast-forward to the present day and the Mavs have not lost a game,

seem to be on the same page, with one common goal in mind — making it back to the Sweet 16. With only one more regular season game left, the Mavs are well on their way. The only team standing in their way of regular season perfection is North Dakota State University.

Increased intensity is imperative

By MOHAMED WARSAME
Staff Writer

The Minnesota State women's soccer team travels to Aberdeen, South Dakota for a matchup with Northern State University Friday.

NSU is coming off of a 2-2 draw against St. Cloud State University, and has a 6-3-4 record so far this season.

"They're a tough team to play. They'll man mark you everywhere on the field, so that can be tough to free up and find space. They're hard working, they're dangerous on set pieces. They're a really tough team to score on. That combined with our troubles scoring, is worrisome.

I think just the biggest thing is they're going to be fired up to play us. They're competing for a top four spot in the league, so they have a lot riding on the game, and I know that we're going to get their very best. We know we have to bring our very best, or we won't get the result we want," Bahl said.

The Mavericks are coming off of a 1-0 win against Wayne State College last time out. The Mavs were able to get an early lead thanks to a goal in the 14th minute by Allie Williams. They outshot the Wildcats 16-3 in the first half, but in the second half, both teams were able to generate seven shots.

The evenness in shot attempts was a reflection of how the second half panned out in the eyes of head coach Brian Bahl.

"I thought our first half was pretty good. We did a lot of nice



DALTON GRUBB • The Reporter

The Mavs women's soccer team will take on Northern State University Saturday after winning two in a row.

things. Created a lot of chances. We still didn't capitalize on those chances, but overall, the first half was really strong. Second half, we let the game get too open-ended and I just thought they out competed us, they brought more energy and effort to the second half. Because of that, the game was much more even in the second half and we should not be allowing that to happen," Bahl said.

Bahl believes that the team's effort level wasn't where it needed to be in the second half.

"Most things were tied to effort. We let them out compete us for 50-50s, we didn't pressure them enough. They had way too much time on the ball. We didn't close our lines, gaps were too big. So there was a lot of flaws that created what the second half ended

up being. We've been trying to address those this week, but it really boils down to the effort needs to be better if we're going to get the things that we feel like we should be able to attain," Bahl said.

At times this season the Mavs have had trouble creating quality chances in the final third. Against the Wildcats, Bahl doesn't think that was the issue for their inability to get more than one goal on the day.

"The quality of chances was good, I think the execution wasn't good. Our composure to execute in those moments is just not where it needs to be, but hoping that we can find it. Got a lot of players that can do great things in regards to those moments, we just haven't had the patience to execute

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Courtesy Maverick Athletics

The Mavs are in a tough spot in their season, playing Wisconsin, UMD and St. Cloud State in back-to-back-to-back weeks.

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end where they were swept. Ohio State got the best of them in their last outing at home. The Bulldogs will be traveling to Mankato for their first road games of the season. Historically, the Bulldogs have the edge over the Mavs with a 85-12-10 record, but the Mavs have won eight of their games on home ice.

Eve Gascon has played the majority of minutes in front of the net for the Bulldogs. On the season, she has 83 saves, a 94% save percentage and a 1-2 record in her starts. Hailey McLeod spells Gascon, and in her only start she recorded 10 saves in a shutout win for the Bulldogs.

Overall, the Bulldogs have outscored their opponents 12-7. Mannon McMahon is responsible for one third of those goals. In their first game of the season,

she found the back of the net for all four of her goals. Clara Van Wieren and Reece Hunt combine for five goals as solid no. 2 and 3 scorers.

The Mavs' have two goalies who have earned a significant amount of playing time. Suzette Faucher has started three games, has a 1-1 record in games she finished, and has 63 saves. Lauren Barbro also has a 1-1 record, 32 saves and an 87% save percentage. Jamie Nelson leads the Mavs offensively. She has four goals and three assists on the season to give her seven points, which is the highest total on the team. Taylor Otremba and Whitney Tuttle each have five points on the season.

The 108th matchup between these two Minnesota teams will begin at 3 p.m. Friday. Saturday's game starts at 2 p.m.

Antetokounmpo, Lillard pairing gives Milwaukee great duo

By STEVE MEGARGEE
The Associated Press

Giannis Antetokounmpo wants to make one thing clear about his partnership with new Milwaukee Bucks teammate Damian Lillard.

Antetokounmpo, a two-time MVP, says there's no debate about which of the superstars will have the ball in his hands more. Antetokounmpo has no trouble handing that responsibility to Lillard. After all, he is a seven-time all-NBA player in his own right.

"This is in no shape or form any competition with me and him, who's going to have the ball more," Antetokounmpo said. "He will have the ball more. And I trust, I believe he's going to find me. And not just me, he's going to find our teammates and put us in the right positions."

Milwaukee's acquisition of Lillard just before the start of training camp gives the Bucks two members of the NBA's 75th anniversary team as they try to bounce back from a stunning first-round playoff exit.

Antetokounmpo had said he wanted the Bucks to show their commitment to winning another championship as he ponders whether to sign a contract extension. Lillard sought a trade to a contender after advancing beyond the second round of the playoffs just once in 11 seasons with the Portland Trail Blazers.

This move satisfied both their requests. Now it's up to the two of them to help deliver on the Bucks' championship expectations.

First, they must figure out how to play together.

"I think when you're putting winning first — and that's the reason I'm here, is to have opportunity to win — I think you've got to come into it open-minded and understanding that it might take some sacrifice," Lillard said. "It usually does if you want to attain anything. I think you've got to come in willing to sacrifice."

"And I also know that I'm joining his team, where he's been and he's done things a certain way. And I'm also here to enhance it, to bring what I bring so it can be better, so we give ourselves a chance to win."

Antetokounmpo and Lillard give Milwaukee one of the league's best tandems — if not the best tandem.

The 28-year-old Antetokounmpo won back-to-back MVP awards in 2019 and 2020 before leading the 2021 Bucks to the franchise's first title in half a century. Lillard, 33, has averaged at least 24 points each of the last eight seasons and had a career-high 32.2 points per game last year, though a calf strain limited him to 58 games.

They took the floor as teammates for the first time during Sunday's preseason game at Los Angeles in the Bucks' 108-97 victory



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Milwaukee Bucks forward Giannis Antetokounmpo, right, high fives Milwaukee Bucks guard Damian Lillard (0) before the start of a preseason NBA basketball game against the Oklahoma City Thunder, Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023, in Oklahoma City.

over the Lakers. Antetokounmpo said the impact of Lillard's presence on the floor was immediately apparent.

"I've never seen from the first play of the game, somebody being double-teamed," Antetokounmpo said. "It was a surprise. It's a presea-

son game. It's not a playoff game. It's not a regular-season game. It's not the in-season tournament game. Or a play-in game. It's a preseason game, you know, and he was double-teamed. It's insane, man."

The Bucks paid a heavy price to make this combination a reality.

Part of the package they gave up included two-time All-Star guard Jrue Holiday, who ended up with one of their top Eastern Conference rivals after Portland sent him to the Boston Celtics in a separate trade. The Bucks don't have control over any of their first-round draft

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"NDSU is kind of the team to beat. They are the guys that are going to be our biggest rival," Pagel said.

The regular season finale is set to begin at noon on Saturday at the Mankato Rugby Pitch.

To learn more about the MSU rugby team, reach out to Blake or Paxton, or follow their Instagram, @katorugby, where all scores and game updates are posted.

"The best way to get involved with and learn about rugby is playing it," Martin said.

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or the composure to execute," Bahl said.

As they head into their final four games of the regular season, the effort and intensity levels going up is what Bahl wants from his side.

"I just want to see a new inten-

sity level and an effort level of this group go up. I told the team today I think we've flatlined a little bit. We started the season really strong in regards to how we competed and the mentality that we took into games. As we've hit this kind of mindset, latter part of the sea-

son, we've flatlined a little, and our intensity and toughness and mentality has taken a dip. That's not who we are as a program, and so we need to challenge ourselves, we need to challenge each other to be better in those areas. If we do, good things will happen," Bahl said.



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Circle K Club encourages works of service

By ANAHI ZUNIGA
Staff Writer

Minnesota State's Circle K Club is part of Circle K International, the largest student-led collegiate service organization in the world. It is based on service, leadership and fellowship, and is committed to helping students become leaders through community service, global friendships, real-life networking and advocacy skills.

Club president Allysa Nelson, a first-year graduate student, said there are many benefits to joining Circle K, including gaining enhanced leadership skills and having access to volunteer and service work opportunities.

The club itself held a pumpkin painting event Tuesday at the CSU Flex Programming Space for its members and others interested in learning more about the club.

"We do all kinds of different things. And depending on where you're at, or if you want to enhance your skills more, you can go up to the district level," she said. "The district level is where our club is; the Minnesota-Dakota District. The district oversees all the clubs in those states. There's so many different opportunities such as being a part of the district and overseeing the clubs. Or you could be a club officer and oversee the club at MSU. It's all different and if you're really into it, you can go up to the international level and the international level oversees all the districts and all the clubs, and they have president positions for that."

Nelson said Circle K's international reach is substantial. It has thousands of members on hundreds of campuses on five continents across the globe.

"Students make up the most volunteer hours in any other orga-



NATE TILAHUN • The Reporter

Circle K Club is committed to help MSU students become leaders through community service and building skills.

nization," Nelson said. "But everyone, all the club members, make a difference regardless of where they're at. Because of all of the time and effort they put into volunteering everywhere."

Nelson said participating in Circle K can help new students develop confidence and build friendships with other members.

"My favorite thing about leading the club is probably seeing other people come out of their shell over time. I have served as president now for two years and there are people who join the club that won't really talk much and then over time, you can see them slowly start to be more involved and get to know other people," Nelson said. "It's just nice to see them learn how to talk to people and learn all

of those skills that they might not have or that they had more reserved before."

Senior Jordan Redman has been participating in the Circle K Club during her time at MSU and expresses her approval of Circle K being a close community and having volunteer opportunities for students.

"I felt that they had such a good sense of community here. And I like what they stood for. I think volunteering is so important and it's nice that they have that outreach. I thought that was super cool," Redman said. "I think they're doing such a good job trying to recruit people as much as they can and trying to spread the word of Circle K. It's a super fun environment."

Circle K participates in services and events every month that are helpful to the community.

"My favorite thing has been doing the Kiwanis holiday lights. We usually stand and direct traffic. It's super fun because you can dance with the music out and with the holidays, it's such a fun atmosphere," Redman said. "And then the Trick or Treat for Food. They do it every year. It's also really fun too because during the holidays, everybody gets so festive. All the meetings are super fun too. They come up with new stuff every time."

For more information on how to get involved with MSU's Circle K, follow them on social media or visit their Linktree at linktr.ee/mn-sucirclek.

Not so fast, fast fashion

By MERCEDES
KAUPHUSMAN
Variety Editor

A swift click on the submit order button does not take much energy, but on the receiving end, it could be environmentally damaging and inhumane. Hundreds of retail stores are guilty of demonstrating the unethical business model known as fast fashion.

Fast fashion is inexpensive clothing produced in high volume to satisfy consumer demand; a model designed for destroying the planet.

On a college campus where students have interest in trendy clothing at a lower price, students often wear clothing from fast fashion brands such as SHEIN, ROMWE, H&M and Forever 21.

SHEIN, as one of the most downloaded apps on the market, causes the most controversy. Although the clothing is up to pace with modern styles, the fast fashion retailer has received allegations of stealing work from popular designers and selling copies made of synthetic materials.

Minnesota State student Halle McCabe admits to being one of SHEIN'S millions of consumers.

"I shop at SHEIN all the time," McCabe said. "The stuff is either hit or miss; it's either really good quality, or really bad quality."

Although shoppers are able to purchase items for cheap, it comes at a greater cost for the environment. According to Princeton University the fashion industry is responsible for more annual carbon emissions than all international flights and maritime shipping combined. The industry is producing in excess, taking resources such as water in excess, and releasing toxins into the atmosphere in return.

Paired with the environmental damage, fast fashion illustrates unethical labor practices as well. According to George Washington University the fast fashion industry employs approximately 75 million factory workers worldwide, including children, yet less than 2% make a living wage. Workers are often exposed to synthetic chemicals, leading to sickness, cancer and death.

MSU student Meghan Nguyen has also shopped fast fashion brands in the past, but recently became aware about the industry's destructive global impact.

"It makes me feel frustrated and sad that people are working in these conditions, especially knowing that SHEIN is a very popular website that people use," Nguyen said. "Ever since I found out about the working conditions, I don't shop on SHEIN as much. It would be my last resort."

McCabe discovered the truth behind fast fashion retailers **FASHION on page 12**

Finding safety in Women's Empowerment Group

By ELLIE MESCHKE
Staff Writer

This Tuesday at the Women's Center in CSU 218, the Women's Empowerment Group met for an hour to discuss topics such as gender equality, gender representation in the media and safe spaces across campus.

Arranging various chairs and couches in a circle, the group provided food, drinks and a supportive, comfortable environment. Everyone, regardless of gender identity, was welcome to come in and listen and/or engage in the conversation.

The mission statement for the group is as follows, "Our mission as a Student Organization is to educate, inform and empower all students. We support students and community growth on campus. We maintain a close partnership with the women's center to promote leadership development and

programming. Gender equity is central to our mission and purpose on campus."

Sai Meghana Lakku, the Multicultural Student Opportunities Coordinator and Vice-President of the group, said the idea came from a retreat.

"That's where we came up with the discussion regarding women's issues across the world," she said. "And what gender issues women face and how educated they are, how aware they are. And then we all came up together, creating this group on women empowerment."

She added, "We want to have some discussions over the issues faced by women. Other than that, diversity is our goal where it's not only for focusing on women but it's open for everyone. We want to talk about a lot of stuff, basically it's not only discussing the issues in this society, it's like you learn leadership qualities and educate yourself."

If you'd like to join this group,



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The Women's Empowerment Group met in the Women's Center to discuss safe spaces on campus, gender inequality and the representation of women in media.

you can stop by the Women's Center in CSU 218 and sign up, or you can go to Mav Central. You can also contact Elizabeth Flatum, the

President of the group.

Meetings are biweekly at the Women's Center every Tuesday from 2:30-3:30, their next meeting is on October 31st.

Martin Scorsese is still awed by cinema

By JACK COYLE
The Associated Press

A moment from years ago keeps replaying in Martin Scorsese's mind.

When Akira Kurosawa was given an honorary Academy Award in 1990, the then 80-year-old Japanese filmmaker of "Seven Samurai" and "Ikiru," in his brief, humble speech, said he hadn't yet grasped the full essence of cinema.

It struck Scorsese, then in post-production on "Goodfellas," as a curious thing for such a master filmmaker to say. It wasn't until Scorsese also turned 80 that he began to comprehend Kurosawa's words. Even now, Scorsese says he's just realizing the possibilities of cinema.

"I've lived long enough to be his age and I think I understand now," Scorsese said in a recent interview. "Because there is no limit. The limit is in yourself. These are just tools, the lights and the camera and that stuff. How much further can you explore who you are?"

Scorsese's lifelong exploration



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Director-producer Martin Scorsese signs autographs upon arrival for the premiere of the film *Killers of the Flower Moon*.

swelled in scale and ambition as he's plumbed the nature of faith ("Silence") and loss ("The Irishman").

His latest, "Killers of the Flower Moon," about the systematic killing of Osage Nation members for their oil-rich land in the 1920s, is in many ways far outside Scorsese's own experience. But as a story of trust and betrayal — the film is centered on the loving yet treacherous relationship between Mollie Kyle (Lily Gladstone), a member of a larger Osage family, and Ernest Burkhart (Leonardo DiCaprio), a WWI veteran who comes to work for his corrupt uncle (Robert De Niro) — it's a profoundly personal film that maps some of the themes of Scorsese's gangster films onto American history. More than the back-room dealings of "Casino," the bloody rampages of "Gangs of New York" or the financial swindling of "The Wolf of Wall Street," "Killers of the Flower Moon" is the story of a crime wave. It's a disturbingly insidious one, where greed and violence infiltrate the most intimate relationships.

has seemingly only grown deeper and more self-examining with time. In recent years, his films have

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through social media.

"There was a thing on TikTok not too long ago where everyone was boycotting SHEIN," McCabe said. "It is really sad; it makes me

want to stop shopping there."

In an effort to turn away from fast fashion brands, sustainable fashion and shopping second hand are on the rise. Sustainable fashion retailers ensure to use eco-friendly

materials and fair wages, while shopping second hand helps prevent clothing from piling up in landfills.

Nguyen had experience during high school working at Plato's Clos-

et, a second hand chain retailer, for two years.

"I thought it was fun to go through clothes for a cheap price," Nguyen said.

The Mankato area houses plen-

ty of options for shopping sustainably. Boutiques such as Sticks & Stones, Sonny + Dot, Bonita, and second hand stores like Goodwill, Again, and Vagabond Village name just a few places to stop by instead of going the fast fashion route.

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