

'We still matter and are not forgotten'

By AMALIA SHARAF
Staff Writer

Minnesota State's Veterans Resource Center hosted their event to celebrate Veteran's Day on Nov. 9.

Student veterans were invited to celebrate the day together.

MSU's President Edward Inch opened the event with a speech honoring Veterans Day.

He said the university ensures that student veterans have the support and opportunities they need to move through their careers.

"We show respect and recognize all of those who have served in support of our country, those patriots that have allowed us to have the freedoms that we share here today," said Inch. "And it is a moment of reminding ourselves of the courage and the patriotism and the selflessness that it takes to wear the uniform, to defend this country, and to advocate and fight for all of those things that we get to enjoy at home."

Veterans Resource Center invited a guest speaker, First Sergeant (R) Troy Hill, to speak about his service career and celebrate the day together.

Hill served in every leadership position, from Gunner to First Sergeant, in his 22 years of active duty military service.



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In his speech, he said he had to be away from home and miss many significant events, such as his daughter's first words.

The president of MSU's Vet-

eran's Club, Carter Nesburg, said such events have a great significance.

"There's a large population of student veterans that a lot of peo-

ple don't realize they're around because a lot of veterans kind of get tossed to the curb when they come home," said Nesburg. "Seeing such

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Cancellation conversation over coffee with the provost

By TRACY SWARTZENDRUBER
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Students had the opportunity to share their concerns with the provost Monday, especially concerning course cancellations that will be implemented in Spring 2024. The course cancellation covers undergraduate courses with fewer than 15 students and graduate courses with fewer than 10 students, with the exception of classes necessary for graduation.

Provost David Hood said the deans have been monitoring courses since registration, comparing courses in the last few semesters and making adjustments according to the revealed trends.

"On December 29th, deans will get a list of all the courses that fall below the threshold," Hood said. "They have an opportunity to work with their faculty and department chairs to come up with solutions and to submit justifications for those courses to continue to run."

Hood said students will receive direct communication in early January concerning a course cancellation, giving them the opportunity to work with their advisors to register for a different course before the semester begins. The process will not be only about course cancellation, but also the addition of course opportunities.

"A lot of times, we focus on what needs to be cut, but we also add tons of classes based on student demand. This is why it is important that we go through this process of pruning and cutting, because a lot of times we need to add in other areas," Hood said. "If you don't have the resources to add another area and you're just offering these courses that nobody is taking, it doesn't make any sense. You could really be adding courses where students are requesting them."

Hood constantly reassured students they will be able to graduate on time.

"The one thing that we are not going to do is prevent anyone from not graduating. That is one thing that we are going to ensure: students are graduating on time," he said.

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Mental health for healthcare professionals

By EMMA JOHNSON
Editor in Chief

The morning of April 15, 2013, Ray Castle was told there was no planning for a large athletic event, but rather "a mass casualty event with an athletic component." Hours later, two bombs exploded near the finish line of the Boston Marathon.

Castle talked to athletic training students Thursday about his mental health journey over the last 10 years coping with the bombing and other difficult times in his life, working his way back from 2023 to a few days after the event.

Castle said he remembers seeing a cloud of smoke and knowing something wasn't right.

"I looked up and was like 'This is not normal.' And then a couple of moments later, people really started moving forward. So I started cutting the fencing and walked right into the dead center of a bomb that exploded," Castle said.

He was 25 yards away from the first bomb and although he said he shouldn't have run forward toward the explosion, he knew there was no alternative.

"There was a point where someone said 'there may be a second bomb on the other side' and I just remember going 'Well, if it's going to happen, it's going to happen.' There was so much adrenaline go-



NATHANAEL TILLAHUN • The Reporter

Ray Castle talked to Athletic Training students Thursday about helping out at the Boston Marathon bombing back in 2013 and his mental health journey on recovering from the aftermath of the event.

ing on, it was in overdrive for everybody. We were just moving as fast as we could, helping others," Castle said.

Despite the bombing, Castle said there was no hesitation to return the following year.

"For me personally, going back helped me as much as anything," Castle said.

While Castle fell sick a few weeks before returning to Boston a year after the bombing, his fears disappeared as soon as he stepped on the plane. Castle said it wasn't

until Recognition Day he realized he made it through the past year.

"I said to myself, 'My gosh, I survived.' I realized all I went through and that I got through it," Castle said.

Castle is now the owner and Chief Medical Officer for Action Medicine Consultants. Castle got his undergraduate in athletic training at Louisiana State University (LSU). Castle's interest in helping at the Boston Marathon started when a colleague invited him to bring students one year and he's contin-

ued ever since.

"It's just a fantastic event to work because it's experiential learning for students and other providers go there as well and it's interactive. I learn something new every time so I bring that back while working with other providers," Castle said.

His perspective toward AT and emergency medicine changed in how he coordinates events.

"You have to have your emergency plan in place, do these meetings beforehand and whoever's there, you got to have training. You have to know who to educate," Castle said. "It gave me a better appreciation of the little things that I do and validated things that I already do in my normal practice."

Social Worker Katie Francis attended the event over Zoom to talk about her work helping first responders and healthcare professionals with their mental health. She told students about a "healthy mind platter" and the importance of balancing sleep, exercising and downtime among others.

"We need to take care of ourselves so we can take care of others. We can't pour from an empty cup and we need to highlight the importance of it," Francis said.

Francis said holding trauma can become heavy over time and finding ways to cope is important to prevent burnout.

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Cancellation: 'It's a natural part of of the academic process'



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Students met with the provost to discuss course cancellations that will be implemented in 2024's spring semester.

Hood said the administration has the power to adjust courses in the curriculum but not overhaul a curriculum. That is the jurisdiction of the faculty. Courses that are a requirement for a major will not be adjusted. The main area of adjustment will occur in the electives where students can choose what they take. Even so, course cancellations will make sure that students fulfill the required number of credits for graduation in their proper time.

"A department may offer 5 electives in one semester, when maybe they could offer 2 or 3. The courses aren't filling because they are offering too many courses that aren't required," Hood said.

Hood pointed out this course cancellation process has been going on since last August unbeknownst to many but only caused agitation this semester. A student expressed concern the course cancellation would impact the education of students, but Hood emphasized it would not impact it more than it already has.

"It is a natural part of the academic process," he said. "Even when I was in school, you had courses that just didn't make it. This is an age-old process. It's fairly new to us enforcing it on our campus, but it's not new."

Hood also briefly discussed adjustments with finals week that will be implemented starting Fall 2024. Most classes will have exams on the first day of the class meeting. The exceptions are 2-hour final exams for MATH 112, CS 121, BIO 100, and MATH 098.

Freshman Anika Rossow

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events on campus, they're willing to say, 'Hey, you still matter, and you're still important, and we're willing to show that it is essential, and maybe it might bring more people together.'

According to Nesburg, there are over 700 student veterans on campus. Veterans Resource Center serves as a safe space for the student veteran population.

He said it is important to honor Veterans Day because many people forget what others had to give up.

Strasser, an Interdisciplinary Studies major, expressed her reason for attending the discussion was out of concern for majors like hers that naturally have smaller classes. She mentioned she had a few unanswered questions.

"I would like to know how a program like I'm in will be affected, so any programs that have smaller class sizes or more specialized classes," Rossow Strasser said. "Another question I had was why 15 students instead of a certain percentage because 15 in a class that has a limit of 18 students is a much higher percentage than 15 in a class of 50."

Roshit Niraula, coordinator for student government, said the student government aims to meet with the provost once a month through Coffee and Conversation.

"That way the provost gets to connect with students, the students get to ask the provost questions about new policies the office might be bringing in, about any concerns we might have," Niraula said.

Niraula said many students reach out to the student government via email and their questions are placed on the agenda for discussion with the provost.

"Even if they are not able to make it to the meeting, we have student leaders and representatives who are able to ask their questions to the provost in the meeting," Niraula said. "We would definitely love to have more outreach and get more students to come."

"For people to realize that it's not over just because you're done is very important," said Nesburg. "And maybe feel like we still matter and not forgotten."

Veterans Resource Center provides assistance and peer support for all student veterans.

Military members and their families are encouraged to stop by the office and make new connections.

The office is located in the Centennial Student Union, room 167.

CSU celebrates American Indian Night

By ANAHI ZUNIGA
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On Monday, American Indian Night was hosted in the CSU Ballroom by the Native American Student Association for MSU students and staff to attend and celebrate native heritage.

Like the Latino Heritage Celebration organized by the Latinx Affairs and Culture Day celebrated by the Hmong Student Association, NASA has now presented their own heritage celebration for Native Americans to get together and connect as a community.

Megan Heutmaker, director of American Indian Affairs, got together with NASA and helped organize the event. Heutmaker shares the process when it comes to organizing a cultural event like this and how long it can take to plan.

"This is an annual event we do every year. Our first step is always to look at speakers and people who want to kind of be our showcase for the event. And one of the companies that we looked at this year was Native Pride Productions and they have a variety of performers all throughout the United States," Heutmaker said. "The founder of the program is Larry Yazzie. He's been featured in a couple of big billboards throughout the US and his company is really there to promote educational topics around the indigenous community. And so the performer from that group is Sean and his son, Jason, who came to be our keynote speaker and performers for American Indian Night. So when we do a lot of prep, we start planning this in the summer."

Heutmaker shared how impactful it is to bring this event back to campus annually and how



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important it is to her to organize a celebration for Native American and indigenous students to enjoy.

"Similar to other cultural nights, it's to really celebrate and showcase American Indian culture here on our MSU campus and it's about our students," Heutmaker said. "We see that a lot of other different communities have different nights throughout the year. Eleven or 12 years ago we started hosting annual events that celebrate our culture, our community and students are involved in the planning process and just again, a way to showcase and celebrate American Indian culture."

Heutmaker reveals that the showcase for this year's American Indian Night was provided by Sean Soukkala and his son Jason, who are a part of Native Pride Productions, an organization teaching its native history nationwide throughout learning institutions. They strive to break down cultural barriers and inspire, edu-

cate and motivate through native tribal song and dance.

Soukkala shares the grand impact that native culture can have and how its recent effect has been able to let indigenous be heard after so many years.

"I've been doing this for a long time," Soukkala said. "It's all prepared from teachings that I've received from my elders and from our tribal community. Powerful fates have taken years to come together to what they are today. It wasn't very long ago where we weren't allowed to teach in schools about our history and our culture. And something that was kind of written off in a lot of the history books. And it's only now starting to come out and it's a long time coming. So to be able to be a part of that and to be able to teach straight from my voice within the community is super impactful and it's our hope that those teachings are spread from conferences

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Geography Colloquium: Climate change forced human displacement



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Jake Bittle gave a presentation called 'When the Levee Breaks' where he focused on human displacement caused by climate change via video delivery in the Ostrander Auditorium.

By JEREMY REDLIEN
Staff Writer

"God makes floods, man makes disasters," said Jake Bittle, summing up the theme of his presentation *When the Levee Breaks: Climate Change and Housing Displacement* for the MSU Mankato Geography Colloquium. Bittle delivered his talk which focused on human displacement caused by climate change via video delivered to Ostrander Auditorium on Nov. 10.

Bittle is a staff writer for Grist, a media company, where he covers environmental issues and is also the author of "The Great Displacement," which covers how climate change is already affecting human migration patterns. To research his book, Bittle traveled across the country interviewing people who were impacted by climate change.

Throughout his presentation, Bittle emphasized how poor planning and inadequate risk evaluations lead to human-created disasters, which in turn forces human migration.

"Risk is increasing because of anthropogenic climate change and as a result, almost everybody is underestimating risk," said Jake Bittle. "Either they built where they shouldn't have and they underestimated the normal risk or they built for a world we no longer

live in and as a result when the risk goes up due to global warming, everybody loses their home and they all have to move."

Bittle focused on two specific disasters to illustrate his points. One was how the Army Corps of Engineers dynamited levees along the Mississippi River in the hopes of alleviating the ravages of a flood in 1927 to protect wealthy bankers in New Orleans. As a result of the levees being blown up, the city of Caernarvon, Louisiana was flooded instead.

"The sheriff of the parish [in Caernarvon] at the time referred to this as a public execution," said Bittle.

The second disaster Bittle focused on was Hurricane Harvey and its impact on homeowners in Texas. In this part of the discussion, Bittle addressed how social status could impact people's chances of being a victim of climate change.

"Climate disasters can happen anywhere. They can happen in New York City where I am, or in Mankato where you are tomorrow and be very devastating. Same thing with a flood. But vulnerability to climate change is always socially determined and in particular it's determined by race and class," said Bittle.

Bittle also talked about how climate change could impact Mankato as well as Minnesota and the probability that Minnesota could be a place where people end up moving to as the effects of climate change become more pronounced.

"Minnesota has a great deal to recommend it. It has a lot of great water. It's relatively insulated from extreme heat, as you probably know, and are about to rediscover over the next few months," said Bittle.

In closing, Bittle argued for greater involvement in government to help mitigate the results of climate change disasters.

"The federal government needs to do more than it currently does to guide this migration or else you're going to see a lot more chaotic events," said Bittle.

The presentation included a question and answer session at the end. During this time, people asked questions about sustainable land use policies, how the rise of remote working could impact human migration and ways the government specifically could encourage people to move out of climate change-impacted areas.

The Geography Colloquium is the longest-running speaker series at MSU Mankato.

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like these and word gets out that yeah, we're still here and our culture is still very strong."

President of NASA Winona Williams has worked alongside Heutmaker in the planning of this celebration and expresses the meaningful significance that the event holds for her and for many other indigenous students that are attending MSU, a new yet known diverse environment where many students are able to recognize and celebrate their cultures.

"The event is important to me

because I as well as other indigenous students are able to showcase our culture, and especially celebrate it during native heritage month as well which is meant to showcase our culture and history. It's a way for me to connect with my community and I like knowing that this event is also educational for those that aren't native but want to learn more about our community," Williams said. "It's also impactful to other indigenous students because it's a way to have representation on campus. It's also a way that sometimes other native students on campus who don't

have a support system or community can maybe make a new one through this event since there are other native students that attend American Indian Night. I know that some students may be homesick or far away from home but celebrating their culture during this event might help improve their mental health and homesickness by being around their own community."

For more information on American Indian Affairs, contact Megan Heutmaker at megan.heutmaker@mnsu.edu or visit the Multicultural Center CSU 269.

International students have returned to US colleges



BEN MARGOT • The Associated Press

In this March 14, 2019, file photo students walk on the Stanford University campus in Santa Clara, California.

By COLLIN BINKLEY
The Associated Press

International students attended U.S. universities in surging numbers last year, rebounding from a pandemic slump with the help of a 35% jump in students coming from India, according to a study released Monday.

Overall, the number of international students in the U.S. grew by 12% in the 2022-23 academic year, the largest single-year increase in more than 40 years, according to findings from the State Department and the nonprofit Institute of International Educa-

tion. More than 1 million students came from abroad, the most since the 2019-20 school year.

"This reinforces that the U.S. remains the destination of choice for international students wishing to study abroad, as it has been for more than a century," said Allan E. Goodman, CEO of the Institute of International Education.

American colleges enrolled nearly 269,000 students from India, more than ever and second only to China.

Most came for graduate programs, often in science, technology and business.

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Be yourself and create your own thoughts

In a world dominated by information everywhere you look, it is of utmost importance we all learn to question things we see and make sure we still think for ourselves.

Social media and the internet can make it challenging to form our own thoughts, whether we realize it or not. Information spreads like wildfire and it is our job to fact-check it and to form our own opinions.

Creating skepticism is a healthy habit and should not be something that we, as students forget about.

As college students, knowing where to look and where not to look for information is a step in the right direction. Media outlets often have many agendas and that is an easy thing to forget about.

If we know what these outlets are trying to push, this will help us question their information and their opinions about it. We should also make sure to check credible sources when we see information.

Another thing we need to do is not follow the crowd.

Oftentimes, students will believe what is popular and what their peers believe in. This is a habit that we need to break away from.

Creating our own thought process and standing up for what we believe in is great.

Having the personal integrity to create our own values and principles is paramount. It brings self-worth and builds character.

Having authenticity and being true to ourselves is a very valuable trait and can bring us places that we wouldn't have reached prior. Authenticity could land jobs that didn't seem feasible, tighten relationships and could also bring upon new relationships.

Another key thing is to keep an open mind. This ties in with the rest because people should learn to listen to others and hear each other out. This is a very important skill.

When people listen to one another, conversations are more interesting and people can gain from one another.

The last thing we should not be doing is getting upset or mad when we hear different opinions than our own. Everyone has a stance and sometimes, it is valuable to hear it.

Use these few years of college to learn. We should learn how to question information, learn to be skeptical and find stuff out for ourselves, learn to be our own person, preach our morals and hear one another out.

These things may just benefit us if we all learn these skills. Most of us are only in college for a few years. These things should be honed in now

Perspectives

A Diabetic Talks: The Holiday Season



Courtesy Luke Jackson

Holiday season is upon us but for me, the past couple of years just haven't been the same.

As a type 1 diabetic, my life consists of counting carbs. Before every single meal, I have to figure out the carbs in the food, decide how it will affect my blood sugar and if it is worth eating. If I'm having a bad day of high and low blood sugars, I might opt to not have something carb-heavy like pizza or pasta or I might have to turn down an ice cream date because all the sugar might react badly in my system.

All those foods are my favorite and not eating them due to health sucks.

This ties into Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas heavily. One main reason I look forward to these holidays is the food. I love walking into any room and seeing candy and chocolate bars during October. I love eating



Luke Jackson
News Editor

so much turkey, sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie to the point I go into a food coma in November. I love trying all my great aunt Mary-Ann's cookies she would make every year in December.

These things are no longer options in my life after getting diagnosed with this disease three years ago. Now I have to pick and choose wisely what I eat.

Don't get me wrong, all the holidays still have benefits but as I grew up, the food was always my favorite part. Halloween candy is completely

out of the picture now and can never be used for enjoyment but only out of necessity if my blood sugar is low.

At Thanksgiving dinner, I have to choose precise amounts of food to eat and have to try and avoid the very carb rich foods. At Christmas, I feel I can only treat myself to a select few desserts.

My life has become a game of moderation. At all times my one goal is to avoid my blood sugar going high and going low. It is such a fine line and it can become overbearing trying to avoid those things.

Although I am mostly showcasing the cons, it does come with some pros.

The first is discipline. It can be very challenging for me to be disciplined in this area but when I am, it is very rewarding. It feels good to see my blood sugar stay stable because I passed up on a

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Pulse

"If you could have dinner with one person dead or alive, who would it be?"

Compiled by Dylan Long



ELENA ROBERTS,
FRESHMAN

"Neil Degross Tyson - Easy to pick his brain."



JOB BAKHUIS,
JUNIOR

"My girlfriend because I miss her a lot."



JESSIE MARTENS,
JUNIOR

"Noel Miller because he isnt funny."



TIMON ERNST,
SENIOR

"Ryan Reynolds because he is hot."



FELESHA DAMMANN,
SENIOR

"Kevin Hart because it would be a good time and he'd pay for a nice place."



RACHEL WEBB,
SOPHOMORE

"My grandpa because he died before I was born."

The Supreme Court says it is adopting a new code of ethics



SCOTT APPLEWHITE • The Associated Press

Members of the Supreme Court sit for a new group portrait following the addition of Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, at the Supreme Court building in Washington, Oct. 7, 2022.

By MARK SHERMAN
The Associated Press

The Supreme Court on Monday adopted its first code of ethics, in the face of sustained criticism over undisclosed trips and gifts from wealthy benefactors to some justices, but the code lacks a means of enforcement.

The policy, agreed to by all nine justices, does not appear to impose any significant new requirements and leaves compliance entirely to each justice.

Indeed, the justices said they have long adhered to ethics standards and suggested that criticism of the court over ethics was the product of misunderstanding, rather than any missteps by the justices.

“The absence of a Code, however, has led in recent years to the misunderstanding that the Justices of this Court, unlike all other jurists in this country, regard themselves as unrestricted by any ethics rules,” the justices wrote in an unsigned statement that accompanied the code. “To dispel this misunderstanding, we are issuing this Code, which largely

represents a codification of principles that we have long regarded as governing our conduct.”

The ethics issue has vexed the court for several months, over a series of stories questioning the ethical practices of the justices. Many of those stories focused on Justice Clarence Thomas and his failure to disclose travel, other hospitality and additional financial ties with wealthy conservative donors including Harlan Crow and the Koch brothers. But Justices Samuel Alito and Sonia Sotomayor also have been under scrutiny.

In September, Justice Elena Kagan acknowledged that there were disagreements among the justices over the contents of an ethics code, but did not specify what they were. The justices achieved unanimity Monday, but predictably offered no explanation for how they got there.

Liberal critics of the court were not satisfied, with one group saying the code “reads a lot more like a friendly suggestion than a binding, enforceable guideline.”

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., one of the loudest voic-

es complaining about the court’s ethical shortcomings, was among several leading Democrats who mixed praise for the court with a call to do more.

“This is a long-overdue step by the justices, but a code of ethics is not binding unless there is a mechanism to investigate possible violations and enforce the rules. The honor system has not worked for members of the Roberts Court,” Whitehouse said.

A court ethics code proposed by Whitehouse that cleared the Senate Judiciary Committee without any Republican support would allow for complaints and investigation by lower-court judges. Three justices, Amy Coney Barrett, Brett Kavanaugh and Kagan have voiced support for an ethics code in recent months. In May, Chief Justice John Roberts said there was more the court could do to “adhere to the highest ethical standards,” without providing any specifics.

Public trust in and approval of the court is hovering near record lows, according to a Gallup Poll released just before the court’s new term began on Oct. 2.

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certain food or because I took the time to accurately measure it out. This discipline also helps in other areas of life and teaches me to be disciplined with other things like homework, school and working out.

Another thing is it helps my health. In the grand scheme of things, we shouldn’t be constantly eating junk food or stuffing our faces.

Since this is not really an option in my life, it leaves me feeling better. It helps that I don’t have the option to eat crappy constantly. It also goes back to that discipline and hopefully it pays off when I’m older. Hope-

fully, I will know how to keep a steady, nutritious diet when I am older and am not blessed with a fast metabolism like I am now.

Lastly, it has taught me to cook. Prepackaged foods are filled with additives that we should oftentimes avoid. I have a rule that if it is not something I can make myself then I should probably steer clear or only eat in moderation. This is stuff like Cheez-It’s or Oreo’s.

I have taught myself to cook healthy foods that I love eating that not only taste better than most foods I could buy, but also provide me with so much more nutritional value.

Diseases can be a blessing and a curse. It sucks to have and can take away from some things in life but it can also help in other areas. Daily, I get to see how certain foods react in my body compared to others which is something the average person does not see.

It can help me see what foods we should all be staying away from and what foods are truly good for us.

Although I complained heavily about the holiday season, I will still enjoy it to the fullest and am very much looking forward to the yearly foods. I just have to be a bit more cautious with my choices.

Health: ‘I think it is very eye-opening to think about’

“It’s like carrying a backpack while hiking. It’s not going to feel real heavy, but after a while, it gets exhausting,” Francis said.

Castle said he had to figure out “who was on his team” and compared his support system to a football playbook.

“I learned the center is my wife because she was handling everything and doing the most. My two offensive guards were coworkers who were taking stuff off my plate,” Castle said.

Castle’s advice to AT students is to know what skills they are competent in and more importantly, what they don’t know.

“There are so many different situations where they can have a skill set, but also recognize the opportunities that other people bring to the table,” Castle said.

AT Professor Patrick Sexton said he wanted to bring Francis and Castle to Minnesota State after hearing Castle’s story and wanting to combine a mental health aspect.

“The genesis of this was ‘What can we do to help students who are future healthcare professionals understand that the trauma that they experience in providing health care is normal, and it’s something they need to be aware of?’ Sexton said.

Alexis Edmundson is a second-year master’s student in the Sports and Exercise Performance Psychology program. She attended because she was interested in learning what an athletic training response would be like in a mass casualty situation.

Learning about different techniques for coping with trauma was the most interesting part for her.

“With Katie’s portion, it was thinking about the different techniques you could use in the situation and then also when you think back about a situation and also preparing and knowing that you have those coping skills,” Edmundson said.

Sexton said events like these help students hear from another individual instead of listening to the same faculty over and over.

“To hear someone from the outside, especially someone with unique experiences, come in and talk to them helps them develop a deeper understanding and gives them an opportunity to learn more,” Sexton said.

Edmundson said it changed her perspective on sports psychology and said she plans to incorporate the reflecting and debriefing tips in client sessions.

“I think it’s very eye-opening to think about the perspective that athletic trainers go into events with and then thinking how we could potentially help in a situation like that, on the mental side of things,” Edmundson said.

Sexton said he hopes students get a better understanding of their jobs and know what they’re capable of as healthcare professionals.

“I hope it helps them mature into experienced clinicians sooner rather than later,” Sexton said. “I think that’s a mark of graduates of our program in that they’re experienced before they’re even licensed professionals.”

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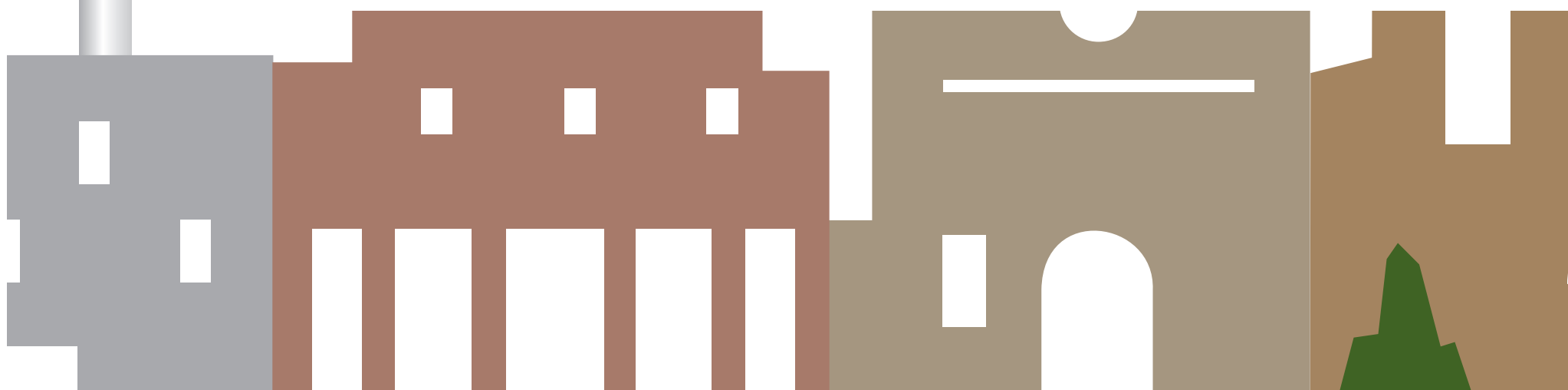
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SPORTS

Mavericks sweep Bulldogs; back above .500

By HAYDEN LEE
Sports Editor

The Minnesota State men's hockey team produced two wins on the weekend, sweeping the Bulldogs and now move to 4-3-1 as they head into their first home series of November.

The Mavs defeated the Bulldogs 6-2 in their first game of the series. Lucas Sowder led the way in this game with four assists. Sam Morton (one goal, two assists) and Brian Carrabes (two goals, one assist) also added three points. The Mavericks scored the first three points of the night and never checked their rearview mirror as they cruised to a 6-2 victory.

Head coach Luke Strand was impressed with Sowder, Morton, Carrabes and the entire first-line as a whole.

"Their success came from playing a team game," Strand said in a press conference posted to the Maverick Athletics website. "It's great they got rewarded with points because they did it by playing the right way. We talked about how we needed to play the first five minutes of a game and I was proud of how the entire team followed through and committed to the way we needed to play. We had a good balance between risk and reward and made smart decisions on the ice."

The Mavs played a tough schedule to open the year, taking on unfamiliar and very strong opponents as Strand thought it would help them prepare for the rest of the season. With their first win of the weekend, the Mavs moved to exactly .500 on the season (3-3-1) and Strand's plan seems to be going exactly how he wanted.

"I think our tough non-con-



Courtesy Maverick Athletics

The Mavericks are on the brink of becoming a ranked Division I hockey team.

ference schedule helped prepare us for this first one in the CCHA tonight, but we know we are going to have to be prepared to play an even better game tomorrow if we want to be successful," Strand said.

Strand was right with his final statement, they needed all hands on deck to seize the 3-2 overtime win the next night as it came down to the final seconds for the Mavs to pull away with their win.

With 6.3 seconds left in overtime, Evan Murr sent the final shot past Bulldogs' goaltender Logan Stein and into the net. With that shot, he sent the Mavs to 4-3-1.

"It was a great job by Evan to figure out where the breakdown was and take advantage of it," Strand said. "We felt we had a good plan for the power play situations to start overtime but we weren't able to convert. Credit to our guys for sticking with it and coming home with a sweep."

Murr's goal was assisted by Morton, who scored two goals of his own in the game. Morton had

three goals on the weekend, and Strand had high praise for his captain.

"Sam Morton put the team on his back in a lot of ways this weekend," Strand said. "His leadership made us very sturdy when he was out on the ice. His contributions were extremely important."

Alex Tracy picked up two wins in goal this weekend, saving 31 shots in the first game and 40 in the second to bring his season total above 200, with 202. With Murr and a few other Mavericks scoring their first goals of the season, they now are up to 12 different players that have scored a goal this season. Morton still leads the way in that category with five.

As they continue their season, Strand, Morton and the Mavs will return home for another conference matchup with Bemidji State.

"We'll be excited to get back home next week," Strand said. "We can't wait to play another conference opponent, hopefully in front of a full building."

A night of celebration ends in a nonconference loss



Courtesy Maverick Athletics

By HAYDEN LEE
Sports Editor

As the Mavs and Tommies took the ice in front of a sellout crowd of 1,314 fans at the Maple Grove Ice Arena, each team was representing more than their university.

The Tommies got the best of the Mavs in this game, ending with a final score of 4-1. Minnesota State now drops to 2-9 on the season and will be searching for their first win in November heading into their next series.

This game was played as a celebration of hockey, hosted by the US Hockey Hall of Fame. While still counting toward their final record, the Hall of Fame game was a quick intermission for each team to play a nonconference game with a deeper purpose than their usual weekend series. Additionally, the two teams only had to play one game that week, so it allows both sides to get some additional rest and reps before they resume their regularly scheduled conference games and tournaments as the season rages on.

The Mavs scored their only point in the first period on a goal from Shelbi Guttormson, which was assisted by Kennedy Bobyck. That would be the only goal scored in the first, and the teams headed into the second period with a 1-0 score.

In the second period, the Tommies got on the board twice to take the lead. They added two more goals in the third period to give us the final score of 4-1.

Lauren Barbro was in goal for the Mavs, and she stopped 25 shots on the night. Calla Frank picked up the goaltender win for the Tommies.

"We had some power play chances earlier in the game that we got to take advantage of," said head coach John Harrington in a press release posted to the Maverick Athletics website. "Later in the game, giving up two late power play goals, it took the wind out of our sails. We're looking forward to a chance to get back on the ice after the weekend off next week at Bemidji."

Conference play resumes this week when the Mavs travel to Bemidji.

Conference play coming soon...

By MOHAMED WARSAME
Staff Writer

The Minnesota State women's basketball team were back in action Friday and Saturday for the Regional Crossover Challenge that was held in St. Joseph, Missouri.

The first of those two games was a 73-56 loss for the Mavericks against Southern Nazarene University.

The Mavs started the game with a 5-0 lead, but Southern Nazarene answered with a 9-0 run.

The Mavs were losing 34-30 at halftime, and started the second half with an early run like they did to start the game to put them up 42-38.

The Mavs shot 11 for 18 from the field in the third quarter, while the Storm shot nine for 13.

Both teams scored 22 points in the third quarter.

After the Mavs kept it close for three quarters, as they went into the fourth quarter down 56-52.

The fourth quarter was where

we saw the separation occur between the two teams. Southern Nazarene outscored the Mavs 17-4.

There was a huge discrepancy between the two teams in the three-point shooting department.

The Mavs went 0-14 from three, while the Storm went 9-24.

The Mavs struggled from the field overall, as they shot just 31.8% from the field.

Southern Nazarene's Lauryn Reither led both teams in scoring with 26 points.

She also had six rebounds, three assists and made her mark on the defense with three steals.

After the game, head coach Emilee Thiesse talked about how the Mavs' defense impacts the team.

"Our defense just wasn't what we needed it to be today. Our defense creates so much for us and we were missing that," Thiesse said in a press release on the Maverick Athletics website.

The Mavs' second game of the Regional Crossover Challenge also

ended in defeat.

This time they lost to Fort Hays State University 83-67. Despite only shooting 4-19 and 5-19 in the first and second quarter, the Mavs went into halftime down 29-24.

The Mavs improved their offense in the third quarter, as they went 8-21 from the field, including 2-5 from three and scored 21 points.

However, the Tigers also improved on their scoring output compared to their first two quarters, and went 8-15 from the field, 10-10 from the free throw line and scored 28 points.

The Tigers started off the fourth quarter with a 12-4 run and were able to fend off the Mavs' 6-0 run and ultimately outscore the Mavs 26-22 in the quarter.

Fort Hays State's Katie Wagner led the way in scoring for both teams with 32 points.

Wagner also had 11 rebounds and five assists. Natalie Bremer was the leading scorer for the Mavs, with 17 points.

Along with their defense need-



Courtesy Maverick Athletics

The Mavs welcomed five new signees this week on National Signing Day. They will join the team at the beginning of the 2024-25 season.

ing to improve, taking more shots is something that the Mavs can do to take some of the burden off of that side of their game.

"We aren't where we need to be as a team right now. I know we are hungry to improve and our defensive presence and consistency is where it starts. We certainly

need to make more shots and take some pressure off our defense, but ultimately it will be our defense that brings us back to who we are. It's time to get back to work next week," Thiesse said.

Next up for the Mavs is a home game against the University of Minnesota, Duluth Nov. 21.

NFL, What Do You Know? Week 10 Edition



TONY GUTIERREZ • The Associated Press

The biggest story of the week was definitely C.J. Stroud, but there are so many teams that are making headlines. For example, the Indianapolis Colts and Las Vegas Raiders are 5-5. But the Vikings are the hottest team in the NFL right now...

By MOHAMED WARSAME
Staff Writer

Stroud Enters the MVP Discussion

Last week, I waxed lyrical about the brilliant job that the Houston Texans are doing as a team, and how they should be taken seriously as a potential playoff team. A huge part of their success has been the stellar play of rookie quarterback CJ Stroud. This week, it's about Stroud putting himself firmly in the MVP race.

One thing that we have learned over the years about the MVP award is that it is partly a narrative award. In a season where there isn't a runaway MVP favorite up to this point, the narrative that is behind Stroud can be a serious factor if he keeps playing like the way he has been for the rest of the year.

The latest chapter of Stroud's historic rookie season took place in a 30-27 win over the Cincinnati Bengals on the road. After his amazing performance against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, I expected somewhat of a letdown against a Bengals defense that had been rolling over the past few games.

Instead Stroud picked up where he left off and completed 23 of 39 passes, threw for 356 yards, and had a passing and a rushing touchdown.

The most impressive part of his game against the Bengals was the way he responded to making an uncharacteristic mistake to let the Bengals back in the game. He wasn't phased, and led a game-winning drive for the second consecutive week.

Cowboys Demolish the Giants Part 2

The Dallas Cowboys were able to bounce back from their defeat to the Philadelphia Eagles last week and beat the New York Giants 49-17.

While this victory against the

Giants doesn't prove anything in isolation, it is the first of a few very winnable games that they have coming up that are important to win so that they don't lose any more ground on the Eagles.

The Cowboys have proven to have a quality that great teams should have. Which is to completely destroy teams that are significantly inferior.

In most of their blowouts this season, it has mostly been about their defense. In this game, it was about the offense.

Dak Prescott is playing his best football since the 2021 season over the past month. Prescott completed 26 of 35 passes for, threw for 404 yards, had four touchdown passes, one rushing touchdown, an interception and a passer rating of 138.3.

It was his 10th career game with at least 400 passing yards. All other Cowboys' quarterbacks in the history of the franchise have nine. Prescott's hot streak is going hand in hand with CeeDee Lamb's best stretch of football of his career.

Lamb had 11 catches for 151 yards, with a passing and rushing touchdown. It is his third straight game with 10 or more receptions

and 150 or more receiving yards, which is the longest streak in NFL history.

Chiefs Win Without Playing

We should have known that it was going to be the Kansas City Chiefs' weekend when Taylor Swift sang "Karma is the guy on the Chiefs, coming straight home to me," at her concert in Argentina Saturday night.

The Chiefs had their bye week and got to sit back and watch a few of their AFC rivals lose.

Like I mentioned earlier, the Bengals lost to the Texans and now have a 5-4 record. The Bengals have been the team that has given the Chiefs the most trouble in AFC the last couple of years and as things currently stand, would miss the playoffs.

The Baltimore Ravens and the Jacksonville Jaguars were the only other two-win teams in the AFC along with Chiefs, and they both lost. The Chiefs have only one loss to an AFC team compared to the Ravens' three, and also have the head to head tiebreaker over the Jaguars.

They have been able to gain a significant advantage in the race for the number one seed without even playing.



ABBIE PARR • The Associated Press

Playoff hopes still alive after loss to Duluth



LILLY ANDERSON • The Reporter

The Mavericks will play the Augustana Vikings in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

By LUKE JACKSON
News Editor

Stagnant offense and last-second momentum shifts left the Mavericks down in the second half and unable to pull off a win in their last regular season game.

The Mavericks lost their first game of the season at Blakeslee Stadium to the University of Minnesota Duluth and pushed the Mavericks out of a Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Championship.

"Very unfortunate," head coach Todd Hoffner said. "Duluth played very hard and we didn't make enough plays to win the game. We as coaches need to do a better job."

The first quarter was a battle of who could get on the board first, both teams went scoreless. In the second, Hayden Ekern capped off a 11 play, 73-yard drive with a six yard rushing touchdown to give the Mavericks a 7-0 lead.

UMD found their momentum directly after with a 44-yard touchdown pass.

Both teams scored again on their following drives. Ekern found TreShawn Watson open for a 32-yard touchdown pass and the Bulldogs ran the ball into the endzone with one minute remaining in the half.

Hoffner opted to run the clock

down to end the half. With only a few seconds left on the clock, Hoffner went for it on fourth down hoping to end the half and not give the ball back to the Bulldogs. The MSU offense was stopped with one second remaining and the Bulldogs capitalized hitting a 39-yard field goal to take the lead going into the half.

"We ran a play that usually takes at least 5 seconds," Hoffner said. "We should have punted, but I was concerned about a return. I was concerned about them blocking it."

Coming out of the half, the Mavericks found themselves with another scoreless quarter while the Bulldogs took over.

The Bulldogs scored twice. One from a touchdown carry and a one from a 45-yard field goal to go up 27-14.

MSU managed to find some hope after Ekern scrambled for a 19-yard touchdown run to bring the score within one possession of 27-21. This was the closest they got to a comeback as Duluth responded one minute later with a 62-yard receiving touchdown to finish off MSU's hopes.

"We just have to play a lot better. We have to be better," Ekern said.

On defense, senior Dakota Sm *full story on our website!* ▶

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The resurgence of the Timberwolves

By AHMED HASSAN
Staff Writer

The Minnesota Timberwolves are now 7-2 after beating the Golden State Warriors 116-110. This places them third in the Western Conference behind the Denver Nuggets and the Dallas Mavericks.

Last season wasn't a beautiful season for the Timberwolves; having a record of 42-40, making the playoffs by beating the Oklahoma City Thunder in the Play-In tournament, but ultimately falling to the eventual champion Denver Nuggets.

Highlights from the season were the emergence of the first-time All-Star Anthony Edwards and his ability to become the face of the league and future MVP winner. The talks of the disappointing season came back to the discussion of injuries and much drama surrounding the acquisition of Rudy Gobert.

Many fans saw these as excuses by the Wolves and thought changes needed to be made. Many wanted Karl-Anthony Towns to be trad-

ed and believed the Wolves were destined for another disappointing year.

However, the Timberwolves have been nothing short of exceptional to start the NBA season this year. Exceeding their expectations, completely ending the unbeaten runs of both the Nuggets and the Celtics, leading them to be number two on the power rankings in the NBA.

One of the biggest reasons for this improvement goes to Anthony Edwards, who has progressed his game completely after a very good season last year. He has seen his numbers rise completely, and is currently averaging 28.4 PPG, 6.2 RPG, 5.4 APG, and a field goal percentage of 48.7% so far. The notable improvement in Edwards' game has been his ability to become the closer for the Wolves, but most importantly a very good playmaker. His ability to pass the ball and make the right pass to his teammates the best shot has been nothing short of incredible this year.

Another notable thing Anthony Edwards has brought to



JEFF CHIU • The Associated Press

As many people have said before, Anthony Edwards is on pace for a Hall of Fame career. This is where it all begins.



CARLOS AVILA GONZALEZ • San Fransisco Chronicle via AP

the Timberwolves this season as a closer is his ability to never shy away from the big moments and the big stage. In the big games this year he's shown a wonderful level with his big performances against the Celtics, scoring 38 points, and against the Warriors, scoring 33 points. But this he always credits to his team.

The team this year has been sensational with every player stepping up in very noticeable and prominent ways with every man on the floor and off the bench bringing something important and fresh to the floor consistently.

Defensively the biggest asset this year has arguably been Rudy Gobert with his rim protection be-

ing amongst the best in the league along with his rebounding and awareness. Rudy is third in the NBA in rebounds with 115 so far this season averaging 12.8 a game. Rudy has also averaged 2.2 blocks a game so far with 20 on the season being the 4th in the NBA.

Another defensive beast comes in the form of Jaden McDaniels, whose size and length have made him one of the best in the NBA, having a defensive rating of 104.3 and an offensive rating of 114.8, averaging 10.9 points on a very high efficiency of 55.9% from the field.

The fan favorite of Minnesota Naz Reid has been one of the best sparks off the bench for the Wolves continuing what he did last season,

averaging 13.3 points per game on a high efficiency of 52.4% from the field. Naz Reid's size and ability to shoot the ball makes him one of the most dangerous and versatile in the team. He provides a spark every time he comes off the bench is one of the reasons this team has had so much success this season.

Another big player for Minnesota who's finally begun to show his star-level performance is Karl Anthony Towns, who did not start the season the best. Towns has been known to be a player who spends a lot of time complaining about calls and having been called a "Cry baby" by many fans which notably affects his performances.

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VARIETY

“Lombardi” takes center stage

By LAUREN VISKA
Staff Writer

In football, everyone knows the name Vince Lombardi. If they don't, they are living under a rock. Lombardi played a critical role in transforming the Green Bay Packers into the most dominant NFL team in the 1960s, winning five NFL Championships and two Super Bowls. Because of his legacy, Eric Simonson wrote a play about his life and the MSU Theater Department is doing its rendition of the play.

Director Hans Bloedel chose this play after attending a Green Bay Packers game. He wanted to see if there was a play about football. When he went digging, he discovered a lot of history behind the team and Lombardi and knew he wanted to direct it.

“I was in the game day environment and it's neighborhoods, packed with people walking out of the stadium. People are selling their front lawns for parking. There's tailgating happening everywhere,” said Bloedel. “There's this cool history and community making this team what it is, and I wanted to try to capture that lightning in a bottle.”

Arthur Gonzalaz, who plays Lombardi, said he feels pressure about playing a real person versus a fictional character.

“It's very difficult compared to just playing like a fictional character because, with fiction-



ALEXIS DARKOW • The Reporter

“Lombardi” focuses on former Green Bay Packers coach and the story of his life. Actor Arthur Gonzalaz (left) said Lombardi's personality fits “his style of acting,” which is what drew him to the character.

al characters, you can add a lot more of you as an actor to the character,” said Gonzalaz. “It's not that I can't do that with Vince Lombardi, but I really have to make sure that this is not my role. This is Vince Lombardi and I need to make sure that he is being represented through me as a vessel.”

Gonzalaz said what drew him to play this role was how

much of a legend Lombardi is. He also said that he feels like he looks like Lombardi.

“I've watched a lot of interviews on Vince Lombardi; he's very loud and super confident. He fits my style of acting so well, so I think I can portray how he acts, his mannerisms and everything,” said Gonzalaz. “He turned the Green Bay Packers from this horrible team to

this absolute beast of a team. He broke many records and is widely considered the best of all time.”

Natalie Suarez, who plays Marie Lombardi, said the most challenging part of this play was getting into her character. She also said there was some pressure about playing a real person.

“The dialect on top of her

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MSU hosts International Festival for all

By ELLIE MESCHKE
Staff Writer

Since 1972, Minnesota State has hosted the Mankato Area International Festival. The festival is one of the largest international events in Minnesota, bringing in guests, students and civilians alike to celebrate and learn about different cultures.

The festival was organized by the Kearney International Center, the Centennial Student Union, student organizations and members of the community.

Kristin Odland, a Retention Specialist for the Kearney International Center, said “We welcome, recruit, retain and provide events and programming and advising for all the international students at MSU. So, there are over 1700 international students here from around 100 countries. So we care for them.”

Odland also said “We just found that it's a fun way to celebrate our large international student population and to welcome the community to come in and get a taste of the food and the music and things like that that we get to see on campus.”

Located in the entrance of the CSU as well as the Ballroom, numerous student organizations such as the Japanese Intercultural Association and the Student Association of India set up booths to discuss and share information about their culture, history and traditions. Local vendors also set up booths to sell items such as jewelry, pottery and woodwork.

An anonymous vendor said “I learned from a fellow vendor at another event of the festival, and I reached out to the organizer. And I received a prompt reply, an invitation to come.”

Entries for the photo contest were also featured at the festival. Guests were allowed to view photos in five different categories: Nature, Culture/Society, Mavs Abroad, Portrait and Abstract. Additionally, guests got to vote for the best photo in each category. The winners of this contest will be revealed tomorrow.

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Shelley Wong shares work at Good Thunder

By GRACE ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Shelley Wong, poet and author of “As She Appears,” spoke at the Good Thunder Reading Series event Thursday. The Good Thunder Reading Series takes place in the form of workshops, readings and craft talks in order to allow students to engage with visiting writers and speakers.

Wong said her love for writing dates back to her childhood.

“I always loved reading growing up since my mother was an elementary school teacher and always read to me aloud,” said Wong. “I loved going to the library, and I really carried that through my education, starting with second grade when I wrote my first poem about spiders during Halloween.”

She also said she continued her writing journey through college and transitioning through different occupations.

“As an English major at



NATHANAEL TILAHUN • The Reporter

Shelley Wong spoke to students and faculty Thursday about her poetry and the journey she took to become a published author.

Berkeley, I was a high school and college newspaper journalist,” she said. “I took time off because I was kind of burnt out so I spent my twenties in New York City, working in medical publishing and grant writing while going to Parsons School

of Fashion Design. That didn't work out so I transitioned back to going to poetry workshops, applied to graduate school at Ohio State and continued to nurture my writing practice until I published my debut book last year.”

Wong said events such as the Good Thunder Reading Series events are important learning opportunities for students.

“I think it's really awesome that the Minnesota State Mankato MFA Program brings in visiting writers of all different genres and aesthetics each year to engage with the students,” Wong said. “As a former MFA student myself, I valued the opportunity to work with visiting writers who brought in different aesthetics, different backgrounds and different points of view than my professors to inject new energy and ways of writing.”

Anika Rossow Strasser, an interdisciplinary studies student at MSU Mankato, said she looked forward to learning about Wong's experience.

“I look forward to hearing about the poet's different ideas and styles of writing because of their unique perspectives,” said Rossow Strasser. “I am curious

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mannerisms, on top of the age she's been, it's been a good combination of challenges. We talk in Brooklyn dialects in the show, which is very different from how we normally talk," said Suarez. "People recognize Lombardi, and they know who these people are, and I just want to do them justice."

Bloedel said he encourages people to go to the show, even if they are Vikings fans.

"We're still doing our art, and you don't have to know anything about football to understand the show because the play is about relationships.

Lombardi was about relationships. That's how he was such a great coach," said Bloedel. "You can be a Vikings fan. You can be a Packers fan. You can be a theater person. You can be a sports person. All here under one roof enjoying the same show."

The show runs November 15-18, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in the Andreas Theatre. Tickets are available at mnsueventtickets.com or the box office from 4-6 p.m. Monday through Friday. A tailgate is also happening at 6:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts building lobby before the first show, where people can meet the cast and grab a bite to eat.

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to see what her own experiences and possible challenges are as an LGBTQ writer."

She also said such events can help students on their path to becoming writers themselves.

"I think it opens people's eyes to a potential pathway," she said. "Whether they want to do it as a hobby or a professional career, it shows people they can put it into practice."

Kaleb Braun-Schulz, an MSU undergraduate creative writing student, said the event is helpful to students majoring in creative writing.

"I think it is important to expose ourselves to people who have had success in writing as well as different types of authors," he said. "Knowing that these people are actual writers is encouraging."

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A fashion show was held at the Ostrander Auditorium, where clothing from various cultures was shown off by students to extreme applause and support from the audience.

The Ballroom featured booths where guests could pur-

chase food such as onigiri and shawarma, while performers from different cultures danced and played music.

Odland said regarding the festival, "I hope for greater awareness and appreciation of the diversity and culture here."

Prince's belongings up for auction

By STEVE LeBLANC
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Fans of Prince, who was known nearly as much for his extravagant wardrobe as for his chart-topping hits, will have a chance to bid on some of the late musician's sartorial splendor in an online auction this week.

The collection, including more than 200 lots up for sale, was assembled by a French collector who initially hoped to open a museum celebrating the musician but later scrapped the plan, according to RR Auction of Boston, which is overseeing the sale.

The collector had reached out to individuals who worked closely with Prince to gather the items, believing that the trend-setting artist, who died in 2016, was not only a musical virtuoso but also a fashion icon, according to the auction house.

One of the highlights of the auction is a white ruffled shirt worn by Prince during his 1985 American Music Awards performance of the song "Purple Rain."

The auction house estimated its value at \$15,000.

The auction traces Prince's evolution in music and fashion from his "Purple Rain" era through to his death, according to Bobby Livingston of RR



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"What this auction really does is it shows the influence and legacy of Prince with his fashion choices and how it relates today, when you see all these artists on tour, you know, different costumes, different outfits, reinventing themselves for each tour," he said.

Also up for auction is the outfit Prince wore from "Under the Cherry Moon," a 1986 film starring Prince that also marked his debut as a director. The auction house placed an estimated value on the outfit of \$45,000.

Other items up for bid in-

clude a pair of high-heeled blue boots from the Act I Tour valued at \$20,000; a custom-made gold stage outfit with love symbols estimated at \$10,000 and a blue Schecter "Cloud" Guitar played by Prince, valued at \$4,000; and a chain hat.

In addition to fashion, this auction includes original Polaroid photographs, master tapes of hit albums, and official documentation about his films and music videos. Bidding for the auction closes Thursday.

Earlier this year, Prince's home state of Minnesota honored him by renaming a stretch of highway after him.

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