

Security expo educates on local resources

By JEREMY REDLIEN
Staff Writer

Minnesota State students were able to interact with local law enforcement agencies, campus security and other organizations at a Safety Expo held on the campus mall Wednesday. The event was organized by Campus Security to help make students, especially new students, aware of the different resources available to them.

"We do [the safety expo] as an introduction for new students primarily, to the different resources within the campus and within the community that is out there for them," said campus security officer Jody Habink.

Many different organizations including the Committee Against Domestic Abuse, Mankato Department of Public Safety, and Towards Zero Deaths participated in the event.

Towards Zero Deaths had several interactive exhibits at their booth, including cannabis and alcohol simulation goggles, as well as a seat belt convincer.

As part of the goggles simulation, students could either be given



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Student is interacting with the Public Safety Officer during the Security expo at Minnesota State, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024.

a sobriety test by law enforcement officers or play four in a row while wearing cannabis or alcohol goggles.

"Oftentimes, they couldn't do it because the impairment of the goggles prevented them from being able to differentiate between the colors," said Vanessa Thongvivong, South Central Minnesota Towards Zero Deaths coordinator.

Thongvivong also said that the demonstrations appeared to have a definite impact on students.

"I think it made them question whether or not they could actually be safe if they were to get behind the wheel of a vehicle," said Thongvivong.

The seat belt convincer also appeared to have an impact, literally in this case, on students given

that its function was to show what it is like to experience a car crash wearing a seat belt. The seat belt convincer worked by having participants ride down a ramp before coming to a forceful jolt at the end.

"We had several people ride that today and they were surprised by the ability of the seat belt to hold them in place," Thongvivong said.

As part of the fair, Campus Security also held a raffle to give away free parking passes. Being held on Sept. 11 meant the event took on an extra significance.

"A lot of people on 9/11, their hearts are, their minds are thinking about past events where firemen, a lot of them lost their lives, and police officers. So it was a good day to just bring focus on safety and different community agencies that are there to support our students," said Habink.

Habink also noted that the event is used to recruit students to work for Campus Security.

"This is a great recruiting event for students and I usually get some quality students that come to work for us out of that day. We're looking forward to what we got this time," said Habink.

Environmental Humanities announced as new minor

By EMMA JOHNSON
Editor in Chief

When it comes to education, students tend to look for opportunities to connect their learning with the world around them. The new Environmental Humanities minor does just that.

Co-creator and Professor Melissa Purdue said the minor's concept came from students showing more interest in environmental issues. Over a two-year process, Purdue and co-creator and Professor Danielle Haque collaborated on building the minor and reaching out to 14 other departments. One of the classes Haque teaches is on global literature and the environment. Haque said classes in the minor allow students to collaborate on projects and ideas for topics impacting them such as climate anxiety.

"It's a part of what's happening in this world and they don't just want to watch it happen, they want to do something about it," Haque said. "It gives us a classroom space to introduce students to all these fields and concepts that influence the way we think about the environment."

Haque said one of the benefits of taking the minor is students can shape it to fit their interests. Students are required to take the Environmental Humanities core class, one class from a Humanities and Social Sciences list and one class from the Natural Sciences and Allied Health list. Students then have to take three additional courses from either list to complete the 19-credit minor.

Haque said she and Purdue tried to get as many departments involved on campus such as geography, ethnic studies and women's studies so students could tailor their minor to their major.

"There's a whole bunch of different options to show students how every single discipline in the university touches on the environment," Haque said. "It's not just your biology or geology classes. It's health, history, sociology and more. There isn't a single academic discipline that doesn't in some way intersect with environmental studies."

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Sustainability Fee Advisory bylaw amendment adopted

By AMALIA SHARAF
News Editor

Minnesota State's Student Government approved the bylaw amendment on the Sustainability Fee Advisory Committee at its Wednesday meeting.

President Roshit Niraula proposed the amendment and suggested a few changes to the Sustainability Fee Advisory Committee.

The main change is the removal from the Student Government Expanded Cabinet. However, the coordinator of the committee has the right to attend the meetings with either an invitation or prior approval from the president.

Responsibilities of the Sustainability Coordinator were listed under the second bylaw amendment item and included "coordinating sustainable efforts and projects across the campus community. The coordinator shall chair the Sustainability Fee Advisory Committee, convene its meetings and assist in the preparation and presentation of its annual budget and mandatory student fee requests."

While the coordinator for the committee is not included in the President's expanded cabinet, the compensation for the position will remain at the same rate as that of other Student Government coordi-



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Nolan Zellmer is giving an opener speech during the election for the Residential Life Senator position at Student Government, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024.

nators. Niraula clarified that the stipend will be paid exclusively from the Sustainability Fee category and will not affect Student Activity Fees. Additionally, the Sustainability Fee Advisory Committee remains included in the Standing Committees of the Student Government.

Besides the approval of the bylaw amendment, the Student Government filled two vacant senator positions, including the Residential Life Senator and Graduate Studies Senator. The latter position was filled through a competition of

three graduate candidates.

The newly appointed Residential Life Senator is Nolan Zellmer, who is a freshman majoring in Construction Management and Business Administration. He said he believes being a freshman can bring a new perspective to the Student Government body.

"I am a very outgoing person and see that as a benefit to Student Government as I would like to help others join different committees and clubs," said Zellmer during his opening speech. "I am running for

this position because I would like to have my voice heard and show future freshmen that we are part of this community and our ideas are valued."

Kendra Draeger was appointed as the Graduate Studies Senator after the competition with Breanna Kesler and Moshood Agboola. Senators believe all of the candidates presented strong qualities that apply to the position.

"I think all of them have a very strong background, but I think Kendra's goals align with the concerns of graduate students," said Senator Mark Moore.

"I believe that they are all good candidates," said Senator Rhys Riggle. "However, Kendra has very clear plans and clear ideas of what she wants to do with this position in the future. I thought all of her answers were very clear and concise."

The two issues Draeger identified were the amount of working hours per week allowed for graduate students along with the mentorship program between first- and second-year graduate students.

"When I started last year, I did not know anyone besides the group of new graduate students coming in," said Draeger. "Thankfully, I am in a new research lab, so there is a senior graduate student there. She was my mentor for everything."

Israeli airstrikes hit UN school and homes in Gaza and kill at least 34 people, hospitals say



MAJDI MOHAMMED • The Associated Press

Israeli soldiers are seen during an army raid in Tubas, West Bank, on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024.

By WAFSA SHURAF A
The Associated Press

The strike on the U.N.'s al-Jaouni Preparatory Boys School in the Nuseirat refugee camp killed at least 14, including two children and a woman, officials from Awda and

al-Aqsa Martyrs hospitals said. At least 18 other people were wounded, they said.

The Israeli military said it was targeting Hamas militants planning attacks from inside the school. The claim could not be independently confirmed.

One of the children killed was

the daughter of Momin Selmi, a member of Gaza's civil defense agency, which rescues wounded and retrieves bodies after strikes, the agency said. Gaza's schools are packed with tens of thousands of Palestinians driven from their homes by Israeli offensives and evacuation orders.

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In Haque's class, she said there are myriad majors ranging from nursing to political science to microbiology to aviation. One of the assignments she's planning is having her students give presentations on how their major interacts with the environment. Haque said the minor fits in with the current state of the world by addressing real-world problems like hopelessness about how the future climate will look and giving them knowledge about how they can take initiative besides sustainable consumption methods.

"I think it gives students a sense of possibility and participation and a sense of 'ok, I can do things about this on a local level,'" Haque said. "It's not a luxury to have environmental concerns and it's not something separate from the life you want to lead. You can participate in climate change activism in your

workplace, your neighborhood and in your cities."

Purdue said bringing in humanities like art, literature and philosophy can help students understand climate change in other ways.

"Science is essential in understanding and solving the crisis, but the humanities can develop a deeper understanding of how we got here and how we might change," Purdue said. "We can take a broad issue like climate change and then approach it through various disciplines and questions like 'How do films or TV programs portray our relationship with nature?' to make it feel more real and tangible in people's everyday lives."

Haque said she wants students to know learning about the environment does not have to be just about the hard sciences.

"Part of what we talk about in Environmental Humanities is how the humanities and the arts social-

ize and shape the way we interact with and think about nature and our relationship with it," Haque said.

Haque said the minor applies to all majors and said students should consider adding it if they want to connect their work with environmental issues. Purdue said this minor would work well with those looking to pursue jobs in environmental advocacy, sustainable development and those looking to work with federal agencies like the National Park Service.

Purdue said she hopes students who are interested in making an impact on the world consider adding this major to their degree.

"We're all citizens of the world and we all want to help make it a better and safer place and I think this minor will open student's eyes to a different sort of understanding about the world around them," Purdue said.

Alberto Fujimori, a former president of Peru dies at 86



MARTIN MEJIA • The Associated Press

Peru's jailed former president Alberto Fujimori, photographed through a glass window, attends his trial at a police base on the outskirts of Lima.

By FRANKLIN BRICEÑO
The Associated Press

Alberto Fujimori, whose decade-long presidency began with triumphs righting Peru's economy and defeating a brutal insurgency only to end in a disgrace of autocratic excess that later sent him to prison, has died. He was 86. His death Wednesday in the capital, Lima, was announced by his daughter Keiko Fujimori in a post on X.

He had been pardoned in December from his convictions for corruption and responsibility for the murder of 25 people. His daughter said in July that he was planning to run for Peru's presidency for the fourth time in 2026.

Fujimori, who governed with an increasingly authoritarian hand in 1990-2000, was pardoned in December from his convictions for corruption and responsibility for the murder of 25 people. His daughter said in July that he was planning to run for Peru's presidency for the fourth time in 2026. The former university president and mathematics professor was the consummate political outsider when he emerged from obscurity to win Peru's 1990 election over writer Mario Vargas Llosa. Over a tumultuous political career, he repeatedly made risky,

go-for-broke decisions that alternately earned him adoration and reproach.

He took over a country ravaged by runaway inflation and guerrilla violence, mending the economy with bold actions including mass privatizations of state industries. Defeating fanatical Shining Path rebels took a little longer but also won him broad-based support. His presidency, however, collapsed just as dramatically.

After briefly shutting down Congress and elbowing himself into a controversial third term, he fled the country in disgrace in 2000 when leaked videotapes showed his spy chief, Vladimiro Montesinos, bribing lawmakers. The president went to Japan, the land of his parents, and famously faxed in his resignation.

He stunned supporters and foes alike five years later when he landed in neighboring Chile, where he was arrested and then extradited to Peru. He had hoped to run for Peru's presidency in 2006, but instead wound up in court facing charges of abuse of power. The high-stakes political gambler would lose miserably. He became the first former president in the world to be tried and convicted in his own country for human rights violations.

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Wildfires in Southern California torch dozens of homes



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Members of Riverside County Cal Fire monitor for hot spots while battling the Airport Fire, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024.

By ERIC THAYER, EUGENE GARCIA, AMY TAXIN AND OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ
The Associated Press

Three major wildfires in Southern California's mountains east of Los Angeles torched dozens of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate, officials said Wednesday.

At least a dozen people, mainly firefighters, were treated for injuries that were mostly heat-related, authorities said.

One person from Orange County was burned. No deaths have been reported.

The wildfires have been endangering tens of thousands of homes and other structures across the region after they sprung to life during a triple-digit heat wave over the weekend.

Other major fires were burning in Idaho, Oregon and Nevada, where about 20,000 people had to flee a blaze outside Reno.

In the tight-knit community of Wrightwood that sits on the Pacific Crest Trail, authorities implored residents to evacuate the exploding Bridge Fire, which burned more than a dozen homes in the area.

Resident Erin Arias said she was racing up the mountain when she got the sudden order to leave and did, grabbing her passport and dog.

On Wednesday, she and her husband doused water on the roof of their still-standing home. Their cat was missing, she said.

"It's absolutely scary," Arias said, looking at the burned embers of her neighbor's home. "We're really lucky."

UCLA climate scientist Daniel Swain said the fire moved extraordinarily fast across complex terrain, likely giving Wrightwood residents less time to evacuate than usual and surprising even seasoned fire officials.

The Bridge Fire "had to go up mountain sides, burn down slope, jump across valleys, burn across new ridges, and then make it down slope again at least two other times in effectively one burning period," he said.

California is only now heading into the teeth of the wildfire

season but already has seen nearly three times as much acreage burn than during all of 2023.

The White House said President Joe Biden was monitoring the wildfires in the West and urged residents to heed state and local evacuation orders.

Cooler temperatures were expected to potentially start tempering fire activity as the week progresses.

The full extent of the damage was not immediately known as firefighters battled multiple fires simultaneously. The three blazes include:

— The Airport Fire in Orange County that burned over 35 square miles (91 square kilometers). The fire was 5% contained Wednesday night and was reportedly sparked by heavy equipment operating in the area. Orange County Fire Capt. Steve Concialdi said eight firefighters were injured, mostly heat-related.

One resident suffered smoke inhalation and another burns, he said. Several homes burned in El Cariso Village.

— The Line Fire in the San Bernardino National Forest that was 18% contained Wednesday and charred 57 square miles (148 square kilometers). The blaze injured three firefighters. Authorities said it was caused by arson in Highland. A suspect was arrested Tuesday.

— The Bridge Fire east of Los Angeles that grew tenfold in a day, burning 78 square miles (202 square kilometers) and torching at least 33 homes and six cabins and forcing the evacuation of 10,000 people.

The cause of the fire was not immediately known. It was zero percent contained Wednesday night.

With so many fires raging at once, crews were at their limits, Los Angeles County Fire Chief Anthony Marrone said.

"As a region, we're currently at drawdown for fire personnel and resources," he said, adding that authorities have requested assistance from Northern California and nearby states.

Gov. Gavin Newsom sent National Guard troops in to help with evacuations.

Thousands in the dark as Hurricane Francine strikes

By SARA CLINE AND JACK BROOK
The Associated Press

Hurricane Francine slammed into the Louisiana coast Wednesday evening as a dangerous Category 2 storm that knocked out electricity to more than a quarter-million customers and threatened widespread flooding as it sent a potentially deadly storm surge rushing inland along the Gulf Coast.

Francine crashed ashore in Terrebonne Parish, about 30 miles (50 kilometers) southwest of Morgan City, the National Hurricane Center announced at 4 p.m. CDT.

Packing top sustained winds near 100 mph (155 kph), the hurricane then battered a fragile coastal region that hasn't fully recovered from a series of devastating hurricanes in 2020 and 2021.

Morgan City Fire Chief Alvin Cockerham said the hurricane quickly flooded streets, snapped power lines and sent tree limbs crashing down.

"It's a little bit worse than what



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The entrance to Lake Ponchartrin Causeway is closed due to Hurricane Francine in Metairie, La., Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024.

I expected to be honest with you," Cockerham said of the onslaught. "I pulled all my trucks back to the station. It's too dangerous to be out there in this."

There were no immediate reports of deaths or injuries.

TV news broadcasts from

coastal communities showed waves from nearby lakes, rivers and Gulf waters thrashing sea walls.

Water poured into city streets amid blinding downpours.

Oak and cypress trees leaned in the high winds, and some utility poles swayed back and forth.

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Never too late to start a routine

As we start to close out the third week of school, a good portion of us are starting to get into our daily routines of what works best. However, there may be a few who decide to wake up and go wherever the day takes them. While it can seem like we're going with the flow, it can be detrimental to our overall success in school.

In a study done by the National Library of Medicine, people in good health participated in routine health behaviors such as eating well and getting regular exercise. While those are routines college students should already consider adding if they haven't already, there are other routines college students have to think about. These include time for homework and studying, carving out social activities and even managing school around a work schedule. Northwestern Medicine found benefits of routines are numerous such as managing stressful situations, getting better rest and having a better outlook.

It's hard for students to get into the swing of things the first few weeks of school. There isn't much done the first week except reviewing syllabi and completing an easy assignment or two. The second week is short due to Labor Day. By the time the third week (and the first full week) rolls around, students can become exhausted after having an easy-going time. The study done by the National Library of Medicine found routines take longer than the previously thought 21-day time period. Routines can take anywhere between 18 days and eight and a half months, depending on what the routine is.

A lot of students tend to think if they haven't established a solid routine in the first two weeks of school, they'll fall behind. While starting a routine sooner rather than later provides the best results, getting into a routine the third, fourth or even fifth week of school can still provide successful results. It's important for students to look at what they already do daily, what they aspire to add to their routines and then look for times in their day or week to add it to their schedule.

What deters people from not adhering to a routine (and most New Year's resolutions) is the setback of one day. Life happens and there may be certain events that throw off our established routines like sickness, vacations or tests in three hours we forgot to study for. One day off our schedule does not mean we waved the white flag in surrender. We have to jump back on our "routine horses" as soon as we can after we fall off them to keep our routines on track.

Changing our habits doesn't happen overnight. If we try even adjusting one or two small parts of our lives to our school schedules, we can find it helpful for getting through the school year successfully and well. Just because New Year's Day is a little over 100 days away doesn't mean we have to wait until then to make changes.

Perspectives

Why Not Today? Music continues to become queerer than ever



Jordan Strauss/The Associated Press

I don't exactly recall exactly when I became a fan of Linkin Park but its the one band whose albums I have consistently enjoyed over the years. Naturally, when the co-lead singer of your favorite band dies unexpectedly, it's upsetting and it can be especially upsetting when suicide is the cause of death.



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Naturally, I welcomed the news that Linkin Park now has a new co-lead singer. But what made me feel especially happy about it was that the lead singer was Emily Armstrong, who openly identifies as a queer woman.

I remember for the longest time how the music industry just felt devoid of anything that could remotely be seen as containing anything LGBTQ friendly. Sure plenty of artists engaged in gender bending behavior, wore costumes that would be at home in a drag show, or might hint at same sex attraction in some sort of

ultra subtextual manner but explicit admissions of queerness were just not really there in mainstream music until recently.

I remember at one time watching Logo, you know the LGBTQ cable channel, while they aired a series of music videos in the morning. What struck me was how much even the music on a queer tv channel didn't actually have a whole lot of well, actual queer content. One music video had a nice dance beat and was an explicit celebration of well... people who are different.

Even the albums NOW That's What I Call Pride and NOW That's What I call Proud, while they did include some explicitly queer anthems from Lady Gaga and Lil Nas X, tended to be mostly composed of material that I would classify as gay vague.

This isn't meant to specifically call out any individual artists. God knows the difficulties faced by queer artists.

Fortunately things are changing.

In addition to Armstrong getting to co-lead one of the biggest contemporary music acts, there are many examples of not just openly queer artists succeeding as musicians but also of music that explicitly addresses queer themes.

For example, Transgender Dysphoria Blues explored the experiences of then newly out lead singer Laura Jane Grace's experiences as a transgender

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Pulse

"What's your favorite part of fall?"

Compiled by Matt Miller



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"When the leaves change to red."



ALEXANDRIA BARBOSA,
FRESHMAN

"The weather."



SOFIA HERRERA,
FRESHMAN

"The scenery."

Donald Trump faces his own debate fallout

By ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON, BILL BARROW, MARY CLARE JALONICK, MICHELLE L. PRICE AND ZEKE MILLER
The Associated Press

Donald Trump emerged Wednesday from a rocky debate against Kamala Harris looking to regain his footing with 55 days until Election Day, the first ballots already going out in Alabama and other states on the cusp of early voting.

Not even three months ago, Trump stepped off the debate stage in Atlanta having watched President Joe Biden deliver a disjointed, whispery performance that led the 81-year-old Democrat to end his reelection bid and endorse Harris, his vice president. By the end of Tuesday night, it was the 78-year-old Trump on the defensive after the 59-year-old Harris controlled much of the debate, repeatedly baiting the Republican former president into agitated answers replete with exaggerations and mis-truths.

The performance left many Republicans scrambling to pick apart Harris' performance and insist that Trump still has time to refocus on the economy, immigration and other issues that could sway a closely divided electorate.



MATT ROUKE • The Associated Press

Republican presidential nominee former President Donald Trump arrives in Johnstown, Pa., en route to the Flight 93 Memorial, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024.

"I think the contrast could have been drawn more sharply on what her policies have done over the last three and a half years," said Republican Sen. Shelley Moore Capito

of West Virginia in a critique of the former president's approach. "That's what I would have focused on."

Fox News has proposed an Oc-

tober matchup but with moderators that Trump has indicated he does not prefer. And he said via his Truth Social account Wednesday that there is no need for a second

round,

"In the World of Boxing or UFC, when a Fighter gets beaten or knocked out, they get up and scream, 'I DEMAND A REMATCH, I DEMAND A REMATCH!' Well, it's no different with a Debate," Trump wrote, as he claimed victory. "She was beaten badly last night ... so why would I do a Rematch?"

Trump and Harris were together briefly Wednesday in New York, where they joined President Biden and other dignitaries to mark the 23rd anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

They shook hands for the second time in 12 hours, with the first coming when Harris approached Trump on the debate stage to introduce herself in the first sign of the aggressive approach she would take during the event.

The former president insisted he won the night, though he also blasted ABC moderators as unfair. It was a tacit acknowledgement that he did not accomplish what he wanted against Harris. Trump and some of his allies in online posts speculated about punishing ABC by taking away its broadcast license — the network doesn't need a license to operate but individual stations do — or denying access to its reporters.

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Transgender Dysphoria Blues showcase Grace's rage and pain at society's transphobic hatred.

But pain and rage are not the only experiences that queer music artists are exploring these days.

"Black Queer Anthem" by

Lazarus Lynch showcases his joy of being black and queer. "I am black, queer, and beautiful," Lynch sings on the song.

There is also "I'm gettin bi" from the soundtrack of Crazy Ex Girlfriend, a song that should be sung at every pride event.

One queer song that I've been listening to a lot ever since I

downloaded it to my iPhone is My Agenda by Dorian Electra and featuring Pussy Riot and The Village People.

Several songs mentioned here were found via streaming services such as Pandora and Xite, which now have channels dedicated specifically to songs with queer content or by queer artists.

This is something that would have seemed impossible to me when I was growing up but it's happening.

I won't pretend that homophobia and transphobia are no longer issues in the music industry but it feels that it is one that has made concrete strides to be more inclusive in recent years.

In any case, I am looking forward to downloading and listening to Linkin Park's new album with Armstrong when it comes out.

I'll miss the vocal work of Chester Bennington of course but I do look forward to whatever direction the band takes with Armstrong.

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SPORTS

Mavericks and Wildcats set to clash

By LUKE JACKSON
Staff Writer

Only two games into the 2024 season and only four teams remain undefeated in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. Two of them will face off this week as the No.11 Mavericks hit the road to Wayne State University in a battle to see who will remain undefeated.

The Mavericks are coming off a “gigantic” week as head coach Todd Hoffner said. They prevailed against nationally ranked Bemidji State 31-29 in a back-and-forth thriller that was capped off by Matthew Jaeger who hit a walk-off 31-yard field goal to secure the win. In the game, the Mavs blocked two extra-point attempts and wide receiver TreShawn Watson caught three touchdown passes from Hayden Ekern which was good enough to earn Watson NSIC Offensive Player of the Week.

Ekern also won NSIC Offensive Player of the Week in week one against No.22 Northwest Missouri State. Both of the wins for the Mavs have come against the best of the best. Their trio of tough games to open the season will be capped off by a powerful Wildcat team.

The Wildcats are returning home after a blowout 44-17

victory against Minnesota State University, Moorhead. Through two games they are dominating. Averaging 46.5 points per game and 425 yards on offense has tallied them two wins on the season. They are teetering a national rank but have not quite broken into the top 25 just yet.

Before the Division II national rankings were updated, Hoffner felt as if the Wildcats deserved a place among the top 25.

“Wayne (State) will get nationally ranked,” Hoffner said. “If they are not, some people need to be questioned. They are very good and they have dominated the two teams they have played already.”

For WSC, Nick Bohn has thrown for 380 yards and six touchdowns this season. His main target has been Kendrick Watkins-Hogue who leads the Wildcat receiver core with 12 catches on 166 yards and two touchdowns. Latravious Boyd leads the WSC rushing attack with 190 yards and two touchdowns. Dawson Forgy has notched 144 rushing yards also.

Their defense has been sturdy holding opposing teams 17 points but have also given up 378 yards per game.

Historically, the Mavs have dictated their matchups between



MATT MILLER • The Reporter

The Minnesota State Mavericks are set to battle the Wayne State University Wildcats after a 2-0 start to the season. The Mavericks are set to take the field at 6 p.m. at Bob Cunningham Field in Nebraska.

the Wildcats. In their 16 meetings, MSU leads the series 14-2. They have also won their last two meetings, last year winning 31-14 at Blakeslee Stadium. In the game, Hayden Ekern threw

for 288 yards and three touchdowns against the Wildcats, while junior TreShawn Watson caught four passes for 111 yards and a touchdown.

On defense, Khai West re-

corded two interceptions, while Maven Kretche and Caleb Paulus each recorded a sack.

Kickoff is scheduled for Saturday at 6 p.m. at Bob Cunningham Field.

Passing in NFL Week 1 reached lowest level since 2007

By JOSH DUBOW
The Associated Press

From rookies struggling in their first career starts to high-paid quarterbacks not living up to their contracts to rusty veterans coming off injuries, the passing in Week 1 of the NFL season looked to be from a different era.

More than half the starting quarterbacks in the NFL failed to reach the usually easy to achieve threshold of 200 yards passing in a game in what proved to be the least prolific week for throwing the ball since the 2007 season.

In all, teams averaged 188.3 net yards passing per game, the fewest in any week since Week 15 in 2007 when the number was 187.1 and down 28.6% from the Week 1 record average of 263.8 set five years ago.

There were 17 starting QBs who threw for fewer than 200 yards for the second time since the start of the 2011 season.

There were 18 in the final week of the 2023 season when several regular starters rested before the postseason.

The three rookie QBs combined for only 415 yards passing, with Washington's Jayden



NAM Y. HUH • The Associated Press

Chicago Bears quarterback Caleb Williams calls a play at the line of scrimmage during the first half of an NFL football game against the Tennessee Titans on Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024, in Chicago.

Daniels getting 184, followed by 138 for Denver's Bo Nix and 93 for Chicago's Caleb Williams.

Aaron Rodgers (167 yards) and Kirk Cousins (155) both

were held well below their usual numbers in their first games back from Achilles tendon injuries.

High-paid veterans like Dan-

iel Jones and Deshaun Watson also struggled.

Jones threw for 186 yards with no TDs and two interceptions in the New York Giants'

28-6 loss to Minnesota. Jones threw a pick-6 to Andrew Van Ginkel and now has thrown more touchdowns to the opposition (three) than his own teammates (two) since signing a \$160 million, four-year deal before the 2023 season.

Watson threw for 165 yards on 49 attempts in Cleveland's 33-17 loss to Dallas and struggled to complete anything downfield.

He was 0 for 10 on throws at least 15 yards downfield. There have been 1,753 times a QB has had at least 10 attempts thrown 15 or more yards downfield since Sportradar began tracking air yards in 2006 and Watson was the first to have no completions.

While passing success was down, running the ball had a bit of a renaissance with the 121.5 yards rushing per game for teams ranking as the best opening week since 2008 when teams averaged 121.8 yards.

In all, 39.2% of all offense was gained on the ground in Week 1 for the second highest total of any week since the start of the 2012 season.

It was at 39.7% in Week 9 in 2022.

Lauren Coughlin's Solheim Cup debut at age 31

By BEN NUCKOLS
The Associated Press

Lauren Coughlin has discovered the more she talks about her golf — good or bad — the better she plays.

The newest and perhaps unlikeliest standout in American women's golf, Coughlin is known as much for her candor as her ball-striking.

She makes her Solheim Cup debut this week as the oldest player on the U.S. team, a few weeks shy of her 32nd birthday.

"I think it's why I've been able to get better in my career is because I'm willing to talk about it and think about it and reflect," Coughlin said Wednesday at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club, "and not judge myself for not doing it when I needed to. Like, for not hitting a shot or for playing bad or whatever, you know, not getting it done in a certain situation. And I think some people see that as a weakness.

"But think I've used it as a strength to kind of be able to improve."

Coughlin's improvement has been so dramatic that she began the year just hoping to play in her first Solheim Cup in her home state and enters the team competition against Europe as one of the top American players.



BEN NUCKOLS • The Associated Press

Lauren Coughlin poses for a photo near the first hole at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Gainesville, Va., on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024. She is making her Solheim Cup debut at age 31 and is known as the American standout.

At No. 14 in the world, only three teammates are ranked ahead of her, and she's the only player of the two dozen Solheim competitors with multiple LPGA Tour wins this year other than top-ranked Nelly Korda

(who has six).

She's doing it at an age when many LPGA stalwarts are ready to walk away.

Lexi Thompson, two years younger, says this will be her final full season, and Lydia Ko, a

Hall of Famer at age 27, has said she expects to retire by the time she's 30.

"I was a late bloomer coming out of high school, like even in high school, physically and mentally," Coughlin said. "And

it just took me a while to kind of get things figured out. But I eventually did."

Coughlin played in college at Virginia, married a Cavaliers football player and still lives in the Charlottesville area, about 65 miles south of this week's Solheim venue.

She made four scouting trips to RTJ, including the weeks before the Evian Championship (she finished third), the CPKC Women's Open (she won) and the Women's Scottish Open (she won again).

Not bad for a player who began the year having never cracked the top 100 in the world and has never played for a U.S. team, even as a junior or amateur.

U.S. captain Stacy Lewis said she appreciates having two experienced rookies in Coughlin and 30-year-old Sarah Schmelzel who worked so hard to make the team.

"They're playing the best golf of their careers as well, but for it to happen at this point, I think it's just the appreciation level is a lot higher," Lewis said.

They join a group that has had mostly negative experiences in the Solheim Cup, with only Thompson and Alison Lee having been part of a winning U.S. team. Europe has captured the cup the last three times.

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VARIETY

CSU Gallery Presents Studio Art



TROY YANG • The Reporter

The CSU Gallery will be having its exhibition, MSU Studio Art Students, on display from Sept. 9 through Sept. 20. The gallery features the art work of MSU students, varying from paintings to ceramic pieces.

10 Days Until Fall: Autumn Activities for Mavs to enjoy

By ANAHI ZUNIGA
Variety Editor

September is here but fall hasn't arrived quite yet. And Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas are still months away.

The temperatures don't seem to drop anytime soon but I guarantee the days will start to get shorter and the weather will be a lot more chilly.

And when everyone starts to pull out their sweaters and hoodies, it means fall fun is upon us and there are so many activities around Mankato to enjoy.

Go on walks. The leaves are crunching under our feet already and those autumn colors will be transforming trees soon. Go to one of MSU's trails around campus or, if you've got a car, Minneopa State Park and take in the beautiful scenery. Take photos of your surroundings, embrace the fall breeze. There is nothing more ethereal in this world than nature itself.

Go to a pumpkin patch. Autumn Acres Farm in Janesville is the best pumpkin patch for anyone who wishes to pick out the perfect pumpkin. They were voted BEST OF MANKATO FAMILY FUN for 2024 by the people of the city. And even if October isn't here yet, pick a pumpkin and paint it! It's a great fall DIY activity to do with friends and if you want more autumn fun, Autumn Acres offers more activities such as hayrides and fests.

Relax at a cafe. I don't know about you but nothing gives fall vibes quite like sitting in a cafe and sipping a warm cup of coffee while staring out into the open town. There's a popular selection of cafes that many MSU students go to for studying or to hangout with friends. Sure, you can get a beverage from Starbucks or Caribou quick and easy but if you really want to enjoy it, go to River Rock Coffee & Tea or the Coffee Hag.

Visit an apple orchard. Welsh Heritage Farms in Lake Crystal has myriad apple varieties that everyone can pick from and either eat on the spot or save to make a sweet treat. Imagine all the fall favorite desserts that can come out of that classic fruit. Apple pie, apple dumplings, apple cider, candy apples and so much more deliciousness. Go apple picking and create a dish to share with close friends and loved ones.

Go to a football game. I'm not a sports fan myself but I know the one thing that the student community and the people of Mankato look forward to is football season at MSU. Everyone gets pumped up for games and the energy radiating from the stands makes even me cheer despite not having any knowledge of the game. The games

Student Volunteers harvest Maverick Garden

By TINA DOLAN
Staff Writer

The Maverick Food Garden is in full swing to harvest its produce before winter arrives.

On Monday and Tuesday, the student-run volunteer group hosted its Harvest and Water event at MSU's garden, located in front of the Carkoski Commons building. Students worked together to harvest many plants successfully grown over the summer.

"The garden has made remarkable progress, with the majority of plants thriving and growing to their full potential. Compared to last year, we have seen a noticeable increase in produce, which reflects the effectiveness of farming strategies, including regular watering, weeding, and natural pest control methods," student volunteer Sarah Padoko said. "These efforts and improved soil conditions contributed to an abundant harvest."

Although many plants have already been harvested, a few require more time to mature and will be harvested later this fall.

"We still have several crops left to harvest before winter arrives. The most significant are the melons, lettuce, radishes and sweet potatoes; they have been growing well and should be ready for harvest soon," said Padoko. "We are also looking forward to gathering the

last harvest of jalapenos, tomatoes and corn."

After the food is harvested, it is mainly donated to the Maverick Food Pantry, which serves food-insecure students.

"After the produce is picked from the garden, it is primarily donated to the Maverick Food Pantry. The pantry is an essential resource for students to access food and other groceries," said Padoko. "The garden's contributions help supplement the pantry's offerings, providing fresh vegetables and fruits unavailable in the pantry."

The Maverick Food Garden is not all about growing and harvesting plants. It provides students with multiple benefits, such as volunteer service hours and the opportunity to sustain the environment by learning to grow their own crops.

"The Food Garden allows students to accumulate volunteer service hours, often required for academic programs and scholarships. Also, they receive hands-on gardening experience, such as learning essential skills like planting, cultivating, and harvesting crops," said Padoko. "Additionally, volunteers get to enjoy fresh produce from the harvest, allowing them to experience the direct reward of their efforts in the garden."

Students who volunteer regularly will become official group members and enjoy merchandise



NATE TILAHUN • The Reporter

On Monday and Tuesday, the Maverick Food Garden hosted its Harvest and Water event at MSU's garden, located in front of Carkoski Commons.

like garden-themed T-shirts.

"Students will receive fresh produce from the harvest and cool swag," student volunteer Sai Meghana Lakku said. "Those who

volunteer regularly will also become official members of the Maverick Food Garden."

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Attention to Artists: Chase Wright

By EMMA JOHNSON
Editor In Chief

I'll be honest, I never used to be a big country music fan. I found it cliched and felt it all sounded the same. Even with my South Dakota roots, I grew up in the biggest city in the state where pop and rap were what played in my friend's cars and at school dances. I'd tolerate country when I would go to my lake cabin, but it was never something I would've put on the aux cord.

Let's go back to the fall of 2023. When I was cleaning out the horde of screenshots in my photo album, I came across a screenshot of an artist named Chase Wright promoting his song "Hurt No More." I decided to add it to my listen-to playlist and continued cleaning out my photos. When I returned to the song later at night, my standards of what I thought country music was were blown.

What the hell was going on? This was a country song I actually liked!

"Liked" is even putting it lightly. "Hurt No More" is making my top 10 most-listened-to songs this year and I practically scream the lyrics. It was so damn catchy I had to check out the rest of his discog-



ALEXA CAMPBELL • Billboard

Growing up in Indiana, Wright started playing guitar when he was at DePauw University, running track while getting a degree in economics.

raphy. While there wasn't much released then, it didn't take me long to become a fan of his.

Wright didn't grow up aiming to become a country artist. Growing up in Indiana, he start-

ed playing guitar when he was at DePauw University, running track while getting a degree in economics. Once he graduated, he headed to Nashville and started working on what would become his debut

album, "Intertwined," released in 2021.

I think in part what drew me to his music and what set him apart from the rest of the country songs I heard was his storytelling through

his lyrics. They weren't songs about driving down dirt roads and drinking beer on the farm. His songs tell about relationships and love from a man's perspective that doesn't have to do with the way several rap artists talk about it (you know exactly what I'm referencing.)

When I first listened to "Intertwined" all the way through, there were moments where it seemed it was going to be a "little too country" for my tastes, but the more I listened to it, the more I grew to love all his works. "Drive" takes the stereotypical theme of driving along dirt roads and turning it into a romantic night away from town. "Missing You" is a surprisingly upbeat tune of feel-good energy despite the lyrics of Wright ruminating on how his ex is "living it up with every drink she downs" and how she's loving that he's missing her.

Songs like "Hangin' On" and "Lying with You" encapsulate the energy of young love. The former describes drawing out a perfect summer evening and "hangin' on" to the feeling of making a moment last while the latter is a play on words about how if he tries to deny his feelings, it'll only lead to him

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have begun, everyone, so attend and cheer on our fellow Mavericks. Make a bonfire. When the

weather cools, especially at night, my family and I like to make a bonfire filled with classic S'mores and coffee. It sounds like the perfect

combo and, to top it off, my dad loves to put on 80s music that we all listen to as we wrap ourselves in fluffy blankets. Now that's a peace-

ful fall night everyone can enjoy. There are many activities to do in Mankato for the upcoming season. If in need of a break from

college work, go see what the city has to offer and remember that fall won't be over anytime soon.



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Bold looks at Michael Kors' New York Fashion Week show



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A model walks the runway during the Michael Kors Collection spring/summer 2025 fashion show as part of New York Fashion Week, Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024, in New York.

By BROOKE LEFFERTS
The Associated Press

Fashion sometimes involves risk and designer Michael Kors would tell you some risks aren't worth taking. Last year, his September show was held outside and the weather did not cooperate, so he decided his spring/summer 2025 collection at New York Fashion Week would

bring nature inside instead.

Kors and his team created a unique runway in a cavernous raw space in a midtown building, with stark metal benches lining the rectangular walls and gigantic faux black rocks scattered in the center and sides, similar to the rocky beaches of the Amalfi Coast. The drama of Italian cliffs in an urban

setting was part of Kors' abstract inspiration.

Kors says he's "glued" to pop culture and was especially fascinated by the recent Netflix series "Ripley," based on Patricia Highsmith's classic novel, "The Talented Mr. Ripley." The dark story is set in coastal Italy where a man who covets a friend's wealthy life kills him.

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The garden is always looking for new volunteers, and it is an excellent way for students to become part of the community, learn valuable skills and make new friends.

"Students should consider volunteering because it's a great way

to gain valuable skills in sustainable gardening, connect with other students and make a positive impact by contributing to the community," said Lakku.

If you want to volunteer or learn more about the Maverick Food Garden's events, visit mavcentral.mnsu.edu.

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calling up his ex and they'll spend the night together.

I think what also makes Wright stand out from other country artists is his unflinching ability to get vulnerable through his lyrics. "Never Loved Before" sounds like a confessional about relationships that never quite fit until Wright found the one for him. "Wish You'd Miss Me" is a beautiful blend of piano and drums in a ballad about how, despite all the contrasts of what a previous relationship brought, Wright's still hoping his ex would reach out of longing.

Wright isn't afraid to talk about his past wrongs and the self-work reflective of it. "What She Sees in Me" covers some of Wright's insecurities and how he can't believe his partner is with him despite his flaws. "Who I Want to Be" is a motivational gospel-sounding song with Wright making the journey to become the man he wants to be. Wright is ahead of the game, showing men they don't have to be what the media would call "the tough guy" and, in a way, shows true masculinity is showing emotions.

His most recent ballad is a cover of the Keith Urban hit "Tonight I Wanna Cry." In an interview with

People Magazine in March, Wright said he had split from his ex-fiancee Brittany Norris after three years together and the birth of their son, Ashur. When it came to the cover, Wright said "I would have loved to be able to write a song that sort of encapsulates this feeling, but I don't think any song that I could write could say it as well as this one does."

Wright admitted in the midst of the breakup, he "cried every day for a month and a half" and how he felt strongly about recording the song as "mental health is such an important thing for men to talk about." Having a man talk openly about mental struggles and emotions is a huge breakthrough for music and I hope more artists think about following in Wright's footsteps.

The fact Chase Wright's music converted a girl who never thought she'd be blasting country music in her car says something about how amazing his work is. While I haven't fully embraced a Nashville personality, I have started to listen to other country artists like Megan Moroney and Chris Stapleton. I hope Wright soars into stardom as he continues to take country as we know it and make it his own, but even better than before.

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