

Lions for Lunar New Year



LILLY ANDERSON • The Reporter

The Lion Dance was performed in the CSU Ballroom as a part of the Lunar New Year celebrations at the Asian night Market Saturday.

By CARLY BAHR
Staff Writer

The Asian Students in America group held its second annual Night Market Saturday night.

The event took place in the Centennial Student Union Ballroom with music from Asian artists such as BLACKPINK and Joji playing as attendees entered. Trifolds on tables with information about various Asian countries lined the outside of the

room while performances took place on the stage. A miniature “Wishing Tree” stood in the center with cards and pens out for attendees to write their own wishes for the Lunar New Year and hang from the tree’s branches. The wishes ranged from hopes of positivity to health and wealth.

The night kicked off with a lion dance by the Twin Cities-based group the DTG Lions, named for their church Doan

Thanh Giu Se. The Lion Dance features dancers in a bright-colored, structured lion costume worn by multiple people to create a full body movement effect.

Minh Pham, the group’s co-captain, said the dance tells a story of lions warning off bad spirits.

“Traditionally, it’s a way to kind of scare off the bad fortune coming in for the year up ahead and bring fortune and good luck in,” Pham said.

The dance is traditionally done on the Lunar New Year to bring good luck. According to Minh, the mythical monsters attacked an ancient village but were scared off by their reflection in the lions’ mirrors. This legend says the monsters never came back, but people continue to dress as the lions to prevent their bad fortune from impacting the year ahead.

After the DTG Lions ASIA’s **MARKET on page 5**

Serving others through smiles at free dental clinic

By EMMA JOHNSON
News Director

While the majority of degrees are obtained through textbook assignments, certain majors need hands-on experience to ensure students are prepared for post-graduation. Minnesota State’s Dental Education Program offers free clinics throughout the year, giving students experience and patients the care they need.

The original 12-chair clinic was located in the basement of Morris Hall. Senior Clinic Coordinator Pam Briese said after the move to the Clinical Sciences Building, the free clinics started as a way to bring people in to the now 25-chair clinic.

“We were thinking ‘How can we get people in here? How can we let people know that we exist?’ The clinic is so busy now that students can’t get in till the end of March,” said Briese.

Throughout the year, the dental clinic has two kids days a year along with a seniors day and Health for Heroes, an event for military members. At the free clinics, dental hygiene students perform cleanings, fluoride treatments, X-rays, simple extractions and fillings.

Briese said students in advanced dental therapy, dental assisting and dental hygiene get to experience real world dental procedures along with collaborating with dentists.

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Dental Hygiene students get hands-on experience on patients throughout a variety of free dental clinic days along with scheduled appointments.

The Reporter wins 16 awards at state level

By JULIA LIN
Editor in Chief

On Thursday, 12 students from The Reporter attended the annual Minnesota Newspaper Association banquet to accept and honor the winners of the Better Newspaper Contest.

This event celebrates newspapers all over Minnesota, with awards handed out to collegiate and local professional city newspapers in various categories.

Staff writers and photographers of the newspaper were celebrated for their storytelling and photo excellence.

The Reporter took home 16 awards, four of those being first place. The Editor in Chief of The Reporter, Julia Lin was also awarded second place for Best Arts & Entertainment story about the mural in downtown Mankato that was published in The Free Press of Mankato.

The Reporter as a whole was awarded second place for Best Website and third place for General Excellence.

Mansoor Ahmad was awarded first place for Best News Photo, Feature Photo and Sports Photo. He also took home third place for Best Photo story.

Lin was awarded first place for Best Social Issues story about students at MSU from Tigray.

Jenna Peterson was awarded three third-place awards in Best Hard News, Investigative Reporting and Social Issues story for her story on the MavPods.

Hafsa Peerzada was awarded third place for Best Local Breaking News Coverage for her story on the peace march on campus.

Dylan Engel was awarded four second place awards for Best News Photo, Feature photo, Sports Photo and Photo Story. He also won third place for Best News Photo.

Ahmad was also honored with awards from the Associated Collegiate Press, a national organization that

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Letters of Love makes 150 cards for kids in first meeting



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Roughly 40 students attended Letters of Love MSU's first meeting. Creating cards for children in long-term health facilities LOL all together has sent over 100,000 cards to patients around the world.

By JULIA LIN
Editor in Chief

Letters of Love, now at Minnesota State, offers the opportunity to make a difference in a child's life through creativity.

LOL is a non-profit organization that has sent over 100,000 cards to patients in children's hospitals across the world. One of their missions is to make an impact through the cards they create.

LOL President Macie Martin said she was inspired to bring this type of club to campus because of the significance a paper card could hold.

"They (the kids) receive a lot of support from their family, but not as much from the community. So to have them

see that the people care and know about them definitely will make an impact on someone who may be in the hospital for a significant amount of time," Martin said.

Anyone from any major is welcome to join. LOL also invites people to join regardless if they are a student of MSU or not.

"It's a good way to get involved with the school and it also is not a huge commitment," Martin said.

Hosting their first meeting Monday, roughly 40 people were in attendance and made about 150 cards for children.

"This is our first time doing something like this. We are really happy with the amount of people who came because we

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VARP helps define the Girl Code

By AMALIA SHARAF
Staff Writer

On Thursday, the Violence Awareness & Response Program (VARP) team organized the event "Girl Code: Party Protocols" at the Women's Center. The host of the event, Mai Ker Thao, talked about how to correctly define protocols between friends to avoid the unpleasant consequences of attending a college party.

Thao's main goal was to make students define the "Girl Code" for themselves. She believes that this term might be understood differently by each person depending on their experience.

"[I want] students to talk about what they think goes inside the broad term of girl code," Thao said. "Students may associate it with friends or only girls. One believes that Girl Code is mutual respect, and the other believes that about looking out for each other. Everyone has their terms and their own experience."

To understand what Girl Code means for the party, students came up with the name "Britney" for an imaginary friend that goes to a party. Thao explained how Britney's friend should behave in different situations at the party and afterward.

"A lot more people think that the girl code is that adults should be adults. If something happens to you, that's on you because they're not responsible for your actions. Sometimes that can lead to victim blaming," said Thao. "People may say 'Britney was all over Brett.



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The Women's Center is a resource for students who may have questions about circumstances regarding party situations.

So she must have wanted something.' But it doesn't work like this. It's not her fault that Brett was confused with her short skirt or makeup."

VARP hosts many events related to violence and sexual assault. They educate students and help them figure out how to deal with various situations. Thao believes that this is very important for college students.

"Girl code party protocol is important because we educate and bring awareness to things that you might not even realize are something that you didn't understand clearly," Thao said. "We just want to be sure that if go and drink at the party, they know how to be safe, they know how to take care of themselves and they know how to take care of their friends. And if something unfortunate does happen they know the resources or if a friend experiences sexual assault, they know the

tips on how to approach it."

A student who visited the event shared their feedback on the event.

"I decided to come to learn more about the girl code and all the different things that affect growth in university. And it was very useful! A lot more than I expected," the student said.

VARP is ready to help students with their personal questions at the Women's Center on the second floor of CSU. They provide a variety of services that might be useful in different circumstances, including help with the police report.

"If you want to go to the police, that is something that we can help you with. If you want there to be someone you know while making a report at the police station, we will find ways to have someone there to be with you," said Thao.

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MSU feels lack of lactation spaces available

By AMALIA SHARAF
Staff Writer

Staff at MSU recognizes the lack of lactation spaces and plans to advocate to have more of those around campus.

The Director of the Women's Center at Minnesota State and a member of the Commission on the Status of Women, Liz Steinborn-Gourley, said lactation spaces must adhere to established university policy.

"We have a lactation policy at the university as being a private space that locks, that has both a comfortable chair as well as the table and electricity. It should have running water very close nearby, and ideally would have some type of refrigeration," Steinborn-Gourley said. "Minnesota Department of Health has a breastfeeding-friendly workplace guide or certification. And I thought 'We aren't even close here.' None of our lactation spaces on campus offer a refrigerated space, though folks want to store their breast milk in the Women's Center."

MSU currently has only two lactation rooms offered for students, staff and faculty. However, a faculty member and a member of the Commission on the Status of Women, Brooke Burk, states that many needs are not yet addressed properly.



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The lack of lactation spaces on campus can be difficult for those needing a space to pump in between classes. Some faculty have used the janitorial closet in Trafton but it's not comfortable nor clean enough.

"I am both a faculty member and a parent. If I weren't a faculty member with an office where I could close the door, I don't know how I would have made it through both years when two (of my children) were young," said Burk.

The lack of lactation space makes it difficult for those working and studying at the different campus buildings to pump breast milk in between classes.

"We've had students who have been performing arts majors and the idea of coming from

the performing arts building to the CSU to pump between classes was too much. It just was too difficult to do," Steinborn-Gourley said. "I've heard I had a colleague over in the Trafton Science Building who was offered a janitorial closet as a space to

pump because there is electricity and running water. But it's a storage closet for brooms and mops. It's not the cleanest or most comfortable space because they were in a shared office environment."

"You only get 20 minutes so even walking there for some folks can take up a majority of that amount of time. A lot of people are trying to use the space during their lunchtime because there are no other breaks within the day," Burk said.

According to Steinborn-Gourley, blackout curtains for the MavPods were there for those students in Wiecking Center to pump the milk between their daily tasks and eliminate the problem of getting to limited lactation spaces at CSU.

Burk brought up ideas along with limiting factors that need to be recognized to ease the struggle of parents on campus.

"I think that one is only in the women's bathroom at CSU. So you would have to be what? I identify as a woman to even access that particular space, which is another limiting factor," said Burk. "I also think it would be easy to even create something that identified lactation spaces [on map]."

"These spaces should not be a luxury, they shouldn't be

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The Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils congratulate these Fraternity & Sorority Community members on their academic achievements during the Fall 2022 semester.

Pie for Pi — All Fraternity & Sorority members listed below earned a 3.14 GPA or higher during the Fall 2022 Semester

Dean's List Recognition — Fraternity & Sorority members listed below with a bullet after their name earned Dean's list for the Fall 2022 Semester

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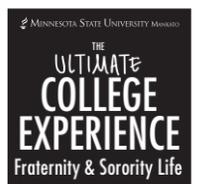
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Exercise those endorphins

With all the responsibilities that college students have, it can be easy to put yourself on the back burner. Jobs, schoolwork and more can infiltrate our lives and make it difficult to find time to prioritize our basic human needs such as sleep, eating well and exercise.

Taking time out of the day to move our bodies is crucial to improve our health, both physically and mentally.

Exercising, even for 15 minutes a day, can boost your mental health. It allows you to focus solely on how to better yourself and clear the unnecessary noise in your brain.

Certain activities make students focus on their breath and to get out of their head. By doing so, this makes students focus on being in the present, not thinking about what lies ahead the rest of the day.

Working out releases endorphins which boosts your mood, improves confidence and keeps you motivated. If students feel unmotivated, they should try and show up to the gym; they will feel better if they do.

Besides the mental aspect, working out keeps you in shape. It improves cardiovascular health, reduce risk of disease and strengthens your muscles and bones among a plethora of benefits to be obtained from working out.

It increases longevity and quality of life. If the gym isn't your thing, when the weather gets nice, exercising is the perfect excuse to get outside. Getting fresh air in your lungs is an additional benefit and another way to have fun.

If people are hesitant about working out, there are plenty of different activities to choose from. For those looking to escalate their heart rate, running, jogging and swimming are great options. For those wanting to take the slower route, walking, biking and yoga are the way to go.

With various ways to get active, students are guaranteed to find a workout that works best for them.

Working out in college is easily accessible as there are gyms students can utilize on campus. Instead of paying for a membership at other gyms, students should use the free equipment here on campus.

When the weather is warmer, there's a outdoor fitness trail on campus along with plenty of hiking trails around the area, requiring no equipment at all. By using these sources, students can save money.

For a small time commitment, taking time to exercise now will be beneficial in the long run. We as students should take our health seriously while we're young and in good condition. It pays off in the end.

Perspectives

Made in China: I wish I knew



By **JULIA LIN**
Editor in Chief

As someone who was adopted into a white family that raised them as one of their own, I struggled as a young adult when it came to terms with my "identity."

When it came time to fill out forms for many applications, one common question always asked was "What ethnicity do you identify with?" to which I would always choose Asian/Pacific Islander. Yet, it wasn't until my early 20s that I started to evaluate and research more about my original heritage.

Growing up, I was taught the heritage of my parents due to the lack of knowledge of my birth parents. This resulted in many confused third graders when I would share for show and tell and express my strong German and Norwegian ancestors, with no mention of the fact I

looked 100% Chinese.

Fast forward to my early 20s, I am starting to envy those who grew up with parents who were able to educate them on their culture. I remember going to my best friend Capprieottie's house all throughout high school and learning about her family and beauty culture. She came from a big Hmong family and they would share their culture and traditional dishes with me every chance they could. Even though it wasn't my own, it was the closest thing I had.

As a result of my curiosity, I started to research Chinese culture and its culinary significance. This led me to love Asian culture and cuisine and continue my fascination with their holidays.

This idea of Chinese culture, although new, is something I believe is worth learning more about. Understanding where you come

from and seeing people who look like you and celebrate holidays that are meaningful to you is a luxury many overlook.

Do I dwell on my upbringing by my two white parents, of course not, they gave me the best childhood a kid could ask for. Living in a nice house in white suburbia I had many privileges that others did not and I am very thankful for them. However, I do wish that the fact I was Asian was touched on a bit more.

Especially ever since the Covid-19 pandemic, my Asianess has been more apparent than ever.

I think many adoptees who were not educated about their birthplace or culture encounter this feeling at one point in their lives. One day I hope to pass down to my children traditions that I continue to learn and become educated on.

Pulse

"Who would play you in the movie of your life?"

Compiled by Ajay Kasaudhan



NICOLE BAZIENT,
JUNIOR

"Andy Samberg."



TEAGAN NELSON,
JUNIOR

"Florence Pugh."



AIDAN TOLLEFSON,
SOPHOMORE

"Johnny Depp."



MADELINE HOUG,
SENIOR

"Shay Mitchell."



SIDDHARTHA KARKI,
SOPHOMORE

"Bradley Cooper."



BAKHITAR KHAN,
SENIOR

"Seth Rogen."

EMTs fired in Tyre Nichols death

By ADRIAN SAINZ
The Associated Press

Two more Memphis police officers have been disciplined and three emergency responders fired in connection with the death of Tyre Nichols, officials said Monday, widening the circle of punishment for the shocking display of police brutality after video showed many more people failed to help him beyond the five officers accused of beating him to death.

Officer Preston Hemphill, who is white, was relieved of duty shortly after Nichols' Jan. 7 arrest, the police department announced. Later in the day it said another officer had also been relieved, but without naming the person or specifying what role they played in the incident.

That brought the total num-



GERALD HERBERT • The Associated Press

A group of demonstrators gather at dusk in Shelby Farms Park on Monin Memphis, Tenn., in response to the death of Tyre Nichols.

ber of Memphis officers who have been disciplined to seven, including the five Black officers who were fired and charged

last week with second-degree murder and other offenses in Nichols' beating and Jan. 10 death.

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board members lined up on stage to introduce themselves, their group and their emcees, before drawing raffle tickets for prizes.

Following the raffle came the various performances, which included singing, dancing and an encore performance by the DTG Lions.

ASIA's president, Emily Vo, said this night market event is held around the Lunar New Year.

"We base it around the time of year because it's around the Lunar New Year, which is very common in Asian countries. The goal is to make it annual and I think we did a really good job expanding the event this year compared to last year. So there's more to come," Vo said.

After the Lion Dance, ASIA's board members took to the stage and had a moment of silence for the recent mass shooting in Monterey Park, California, which occurred at a

dance studio the previous week during a Lunar New Year Festival.

"Our hearts are filled with sorrow for the victims," said Michelle Pha, ASIA's activities coordinator, as the room fell into a silence that juxtaposed the night's sprightly and colorful energy.

Their next event will be the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival which will take place later this year.

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only expected ten," vice president of LOL, Angie Paredes Ramos said.

Pursuing a career in physical education and developmental adapted physical activity, Paredes Ramos said joining LOL was an easy decision as her future occupation will revolve around students.

"If any of my students were in the position these kids are in, I would want them to receive this kind of love and realize there are people out there who care, even if they don't know them," Paredes Ramos said.

Having an easy way to meet others while relaxing by coloring attracted many students to join.

"It's an easy way to volunteer and to meet people while also making the world a better place," Paredes Ramos said.

For some, this is the first club they have joined since being at MSU.

"It surprised me how many people came for the first meeting but also didn't because it is such a good cause," LOL member and nursing major Madison Jones said.

Currently in her first semester of the nursing program, she said she knew LOL's values aligned with her future career.

"I want to go into pediatrics for nursing so I want to work with kids and to see them happy even while going through a hard time," Jones said. "The minute I heard they were going to kids in hospitals I was like 'Oh even better'."

LOL will host a fundraiser this semester for the global LOL foundation. Those interested in joining can find LOL on Involve U MSU.

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"Students have to be able to go out and work as a functioning team member and how to communicate with patients, things you can't teach in a textbook," said Briese. "When they leave school, they're ready to just jump right into an office, so it's an amazing experience for them."

Senior Natalie Kinkel grew interested in dental hygiene after having dental work done as a child. The children's clinic days are her favorite days of the year.

"It's fun to introduce them to dental care and explain what brushing your teeth is like and what flossing is and why it's important," said Kinkel. "If kids get comfortable, they're not going to be scared of the dentist. We just try to make it a positive

experience for them."

Kinkel said it's important to have clinics where people may not have access to dental care or insurance.

"A lot of lower income families don't know the importance of dental care for their children. Once we get the word out there, then that gives them opportunity to come in and learn about dental oral health," said Kinkel.

Young children often experience dental anxiety. Senior Sara Schartau said she involves the children to make them less afraid.

"We'll get a stuffed animal to show them how to brush their teeth, squirt water across the room with the air syringe or even just handing them the mirror to look at it," said Schartau.

"I feel like what's helped me a lot with some kids is just letting them hold the instruments to see that we're not going to hurt them."

Schartau said getting hands-on experience with patients has prepared her for her career post-graduation.

"It's what we're gonna be doing every day. Each day you're going to be kind of going through that same routine of kind of getting them in, getting all through their medical history, everything like that. I can slowly just transition in," said Schartau.

While the clinic on Thursday is only free to children 18 years and younger, patients can call 507-389-2147 or email dentalclinic@mnsu.edu to request an appointment.



Photo courtesy of Julia Lin

12 students from The Reporter attended the Minnesota Newspaper Association banquet to honor the winners of the Better Newspaper Contest

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recognizes journalists and photojournalists throughout the country. He was awarded fifth place for best feature photo

and in the top ten national finalists for best news photo and design of the year on a single page, respectively.

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hard to find, and they should be accessible in various places across campus to accommodate people with short breaks between classes or meetings," added Laura Harrison, Department Chair in Gender and Women's Study.

Advocacy has not been done yet. Members of the Commission on the Status of Women still collect information. According to Burk and Steinborn-Gourley, there is a barrier to understanding the number of student-parents and faculty members with children on campus.

"I know that students in Gender and Women's Studies have done some research on the need for space. So we would want to connect with them on that work to make sure that we have a lot of information that makes a strong argument for them for those spaces," Burk said.

Any students and faculty

who wish to advocate can participate and contribute to the process.

"And I think staff and faculty really could take the lead and advocate as well. It would be amazing if there's a way that we can get more access to students," said Steinborn-Gourley.

Members of the Commission on the Status of Women believe that this advocacy is very important to bring awareness of the issue on campus.

"Breast milk is kind of a magic elixir for new babies. We want to do the best we can to support that in folks. And so we're helping raise awareness," Steinborn-Gourley said.

"We have some work to do in supporting women's success on our campus. No matter what position folks are in, for them to be successful and bring to light, more of the challenges and the barriers that are unique to that experience is important," stated Burk.

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SPORTS

Perfect month finished with sweep against Ferris

By KARSON BUELOW
Staff Writer

The Minnesota State Men's Hockey team improved their win-streak this past weekend with a series sweep against Ferris State, bringing it to a season-high eight games. With their two wins against the Bulldogs last weekend, the Mavericks jump to No. 13 in the USCHO poll and now sit in first place in the CCHA rankings.

Junior forward, Josh Groll, scored the game-winner on Friday for his fifth goal of the season in the Mavericks 4-1 win over the Bulldogs. Saturday proved to be a team effort as 12 different Mavericks recorded a point in their 5-1 win in the series finale.

The Bulldogs opened Friday night's game in convincing fashion as they outplayed the Mavericks heavily in the first period. Despite Ferris State outshooting Minnesota State 10-5 in the first, it was the Mavericks who were able to get on the board first.

With just under five minutes left in the first, junior forward, Ondrej Pavel, picked up the game's opening goal, going five-hole on Bulldog netminder, Noah Giesbrecht. The hosts answered back three minutes later as they were able to knot the game up at 1-1.



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MSU Men's Hockey team sweeps the month of January with the two-game away series victory against Ferris State. The Mavericks won 4-1 Friday, Jan. 27 & 5-1 Saturday, Jan. 28, extending their streak to eight wins in a row.

The tides turned to Minnesota State's favor in the second period as they outshot Ferris State 15-5. Groll, alongside junior forward,

David Silye, each picked up goals, respectively, that gave the Mavericks a two-goal lead heading into the final frame.

The third period seemed to be a much more even affair, as the shot total was 9-8 in favor of the Mavericks. Silye added an insurance

marker at 10:48 of the period, as Minnesota State went on to win by a score of 4-1.

Saturday's game opened with a fast period for both teams, but with nothing to show for it. The game's opening goal came just over a minute into the second period as Silye picked up goal number 20 on the season.

Three more goals were scored within the next four minutes that saw Minnesota State leading by a score of 3-1. The Mavericks took that lead into the locker room with them heading into the third period.

The Mavericks once again opened the period with an early goal, as freshman forward, Christian Fitzgerald, picked up his eighth goal of the year. Senior forward, Ryan Sandelin, would bring the Mavericks' lead to 5-1 with under six minutes left to play.

Minnesota State went on to win by a 5-1 margin and concluded the month of January at a perfect 8-0-0. Rancier, who won all eight games this month, finished this weekend with 38 saves on 40 shots.

Minnesota State will be back in action this weekend as they take on St. Thomas in a home-and-home matchup. Puck drop is scheduled for 7:07 p.m. Friday and 6:07 p.m. Saturday.

Turnovers were easy pickings for another home sweep

By LUKE JACKSON
Staff Writer

Minnesota State Women's Basketball was able to walk away with a clean house from a home sweep versus UMary and Minot State. Forcing turnovers through hard defense was the key to success, which now propels the Mavs to a three-game win streak and a 17-3 record.

Friday's game against UMary was the first game back from a four-game road journey over the past two weeks. The Mavs gave UMary a warm welcome to the Taylor Center as they forced an absurd 45 turnovers, which was the Marauders downfall as they lost 86-60.

With these turnovers came scoring, and a lot of it. Mankato capitalized and recorded 48 points off of turnovers which were over half of the Mavs final points.

"That's one of our main things, we always strive to steal that ball and create off of turnovers," said sophomore guard, Destinee Bursch.

MSU ran an unyielding full-court press that specializes in trapping players in the center court, forcing them to get rid of the ball as soon as they can. Throughout the weekend, this created opposing players to launch the ball down the court into the hands of Maverick

players. Eleven different MSU players created at least one steal against UMary. The Mavs finished the game with 21 steals and one stand-alone block.

Four players were able to hit double-digit scoring while freshman guard, Natalie Bremer, and junior guard, Joey Batt, led the team. Bremer had 21 points; eight came from the free throw line. She also recorded 60% shooting on field goals and was the only player to record a block. Batt had 22 points, five assists and two steals.

The game itself was mostly a consistent lead for MSU. In the second quarter, UMary went on a 18-10 run to tie the score at 29-29 but Bremer came up big and scored 11 to give the Mavs a five point lead going into the half.

Once the second half began, the Mavs found their rhythm and didn't hold back. The Mavs outscored the Marauders 22-18 in the third quarter and 24-7 in the fourth. This finalized the game.

Saturday's game against Minot State was more or less the same. Running the same full court trap the Mavs exploited an unready Beavers roster all game. This trap brings fluster and confusion. Opposing teams tend to rush which results in poor ball control and lackluster turnovers.

The Mavs created 22 points off of the Beavers turnovers. They



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MSU Women's Basketball team was two for two wins against UMary Friday, Jan. 27 and Minot State Saturday, Jan. 28.

were also on fire from behind the line all game. In the first half, the Mavs scored 24 points from three pointers. They made eight out of 12, shooting 66.7%.

Bursch lit up the Beavers defense all throughout the first half. She recorded 15 of her 20 points in

the first two quarters.

"I just shot the ball and hoped they went in. Which they did," Bursch said.

In the second half, Minot State centered their defensive focus on Bursch which allowed Batt to take over. Batt only found the net a cou-

ple times in the first half but the second half was a different story. Batt was able to end the game with 20 points as well.

"Just played how I play," Bursch said. "If I wasn't scoring, I wanted to get the team more passes and

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Sweeping last weekend under the mat

By CHARLIE GROEBNER
Staff Writer

With the final countdown officially underway, the tides are starting to shift in the favor of Minnesota State. After losing to Northern State in a close 19-17 contest, the Mavs are finally landing on solid feet and defeated Minnesota State Moorhead 30-9.

Following their matchup against the Wolves, the Mavs concluded their road trip following the win against the Dragons. While Head Coach, Jim Makovsky, was not happy about falling to Northern State, he was grateful for the opportunity to help get his team to grow closer.

"It was a good road trip, helping to build the relationships and bring the guys together. Spending time in the hotels and vehicles is helping to make sure that the boys are working as a team. The only way we are going to get where we work as a team and trust each other," said Makovsky.

Right out of the gate, the Mavericks proceeded to set the tempo of the contest. Freshman, Kole Marko, gave the Mavs a 3-0 lead with a decision win over MSUM freshman, Jonez Anez. It was then followed by Junior, Michael Smith, and Senior, Brody Nielsen, winning the next two by majority decision, to give the Mavs an 11-0 lead.

Following a forfeit from the Dragons which gave senior, Dylan Butts, a win, we would enter the evening's heavyweight matchup. MSU senior, Darrell Mason, was matched against MSUM senior, Andre Baguma. In a very anticipated matchup, Mason took over in the match to earn the 4-1 decision.

Entering the halfway point, the Mavs were sitting comfortably with a 20-0 lead. However, like many other teams, that dominant streak started to taper off and cause them to slide. Following a forfeit from the Mavs side, MSUM freshman, Thomas Carrillo, picked up a split decision win over sophomore, Isaiah Mlsna. This gave the Dragons their first points to make it a 20-9 contest.

The Mavs, after cooling down, reheated to finish off the Dragons. Senior, Brock Luthe, picked up a decision win over MSUM Junior, Hunter Hayes, followed by freshman, Caleb Meunier, and sophomore, Drake Hayward, picking up decision wins and giving the Mavericks their fifth win on the year.

Following the win, Coach Makovsky was grateful to have his guys gain some experience. According to Makovsky, having several members on his starting roster that are underclass is great, but he still sees room for improvement.

Mavs keep season alive after nail biters

By HAYDEN LEE
Staff Writer

Returning home Friday and Saturday, Minnesota State was looking to bring home two wins on the weekend. With a 1-1 split, the Mavs kept their season alive, but will need to win two consecutive games and create some momentum heading into the playoffs. Both games were hard fought, and the proof is in the final scores.

It came down to the final seconds, but the University of Mary Marauders defeated the Mavericks 69-67 on Saturday. The very next day, the Mavs bounced back and claimed a 70-66 victory over the Beavers of Minot State.

The Marauders held the lead for the entirety of the first period Friday evening, but it was never out of reach for the Mavs, as they were always within a few scores of the Marauders for the majority of the half. The duo of brothers, Kyreese and Malik Willingham, kept the Mavs competitive throughout the first 20 minutes, including layups that brought the team within five with 3:24 remaining in the half, 31-26.

From there, the Marauders went on a 7-2 run to close out the half up ten points, 38-28. The one-two punch that has proven to be the Mavs' best this season was at it again; Malik Willingham had 11



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MSU Men's Basketball team loses 69-67 Friday, Jan. 27 against UMary but bounces back with a 70-66 win against Minot State Saturday, Jan.

points, and Trevor Moore had 7. However, the Mavs' team shooting percentage was suffering, as they shot just 36.7% from the field in the first half.

The Mavs were unable to find a rhythm coming out of the break, as the Marauders went on a 13-0 run, and after a layup from Tyrell Stuttley, went up by as many as 26 points with just under 13 minutes remaining, 58-32.

At 11:27, Coach Margenthaler subbed Moore, Mason Mueller, Kyreese and Malik Willingham back into the game, and those four

brought the Mavs back into the game. The Mavs went on a 12-0 run in the next four minutes with each player contributing. Kyreese Willingham came in and blocked two shots on two consecutive possessions which led to five points for Malik Willingham on the other end. Moore added 5 points during the run and Mueller scooped up 2 boards and 2 points.

As the Mavs kept chipping away at the lead, the players gained more confidence as Moore even went as far as completing a four-point play to bring the Mavs within one point,

with seven seconds to go. The Mavs were forced to foul, and Zyon Smith of the Marauders made one-of-two free throws to keep them somewhat safe. The Mavs turned the ball over on their next possession, but fouled Lucas Mayer with just three seconds remaining. Mayer missed both free throws, and Kyreese Willingham was able to get a half court shot off, which fell short.

Malik Willingham (26) and Moore (21) led the Mavs in scoring during this rollercoaster of a game, while Kelby Kramer and Kyreese Willingham each had four blocks, holding it down on the defensive end in the loss.

From one close game to another, the Beavers came to town Saturday and Minot State had visions of sending the Mavs home winless on the weekend. Unfortunately for the Beavers, Moore, Malik Willingham and Kyreese Willingham play for the Mavs.

An 18 point and 10 rebound double-double from Moore, 13 points and seven rebounds from Kyreese, and 12 points from Malik powered the Mavs to victory.

The Mavs took an early 11-7 lead, but the Beavers kept it close, even taking a 15-14 lead with 13 minutes left in the half. The Beavers' bench was playing well in this one, accounting for 13 of their first

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Women's hockey looks to re-find their spark after falling short

By KOLE BUELOW
Staff Writer

The Minnesota State Women's Hockey team fell short this past weekend, losing two games in Columbus against No. 1 Ohio State 2-6 and 2-4.

The Mavericks built upon a subpar performance two weeks ago when they faced off against No. 9 Wisconsin, scoring three more goals in the two games this weekend than they did in their two games against the Badgers.

It was a big step in the right direction for the team, and they will need to continue to put points on the scoreboard if they want any chance at knocking off No. 7 Minnesota Duluth this upcoming Friday and Saturday.

A significant component of the Mavs' success was the return of junior forward and former Maverick points leader, Jamie Nelson, someone the team had missed the previous five games. Nelson again showed up on the stat sheet this past weekend, recording one assist in the two contests.

On top of having players in and out of the lineup this season due to injury, the Mavericks also have been changing up their lines quite a bit. Originally, the shift was huge for the team, seeing the Mavs score

13 goals in back-to-back series against Long Island and Lindenwood Universities.

Since then, the team has slowed down their scoring woes, but senior forward, Brooke Bryant, ensured that seeing fresh lines helps the team find their "spark" when times are tough.

"It's kind of nice every once in a while to change stuff up. It definitely can spark something with different linemates," explained Bryant. "Switching everything up definitely makes a difference."

"You get a little complacent sometimes, and that leads back to goal-scoring. When you play with different players, that's something that can create a spark for our team."

For the Mavericks, finding the back of the net was huge against a stingy No. 1 Buckeyes team and is building a lot of confidence in the team moving forward.

Bryant explained that "we kind of forget that we have people that can shoot like crazy and can score big goals. Sometimes we sit back and worry about trying to make pretty plays and we just need to get shots on the net. Building confidence in that will go a long way with our team."

This upcoming weekend, the Mavericks will have a shot at com-



LILLY ANDERSON • The Reporter

MSU Women's Hockey team falls to Ohio State over the weekend in a two-game away series.

peting against the No. 7 team in the nation, Minnesota Duluth. Over the past few years, the Bulldogs have become a solidified rival of the Mavericks with back-to-back seasons of Duluth knocking out Minnesota State from the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) playoffs.

The two teams met previously this season back in October, which found the Bulldogs edging out two wins on their ice over the Mavericks 2-1 in overtime and 2-0. Now it is Minnesota State's turn to host

the rivalry, and Bryant knows this is the time the Mavericks can prove that they can compete with some of college hockey's best.

"Going into the next couple of series, especially against Duluth, who has become our rival, we should remember that we are a good team," said Bryant. "We can be here. We can play. In our league, we're playing against a top-10 team just about every weekend. If we remember those things, it'll all fall into place."



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OPINION: What just happened? NFL Conference Championship

By HAYDEN LEE
Staff Writer

What a time to be alive. Drake sucks, nobody remembers Mario Judah, the Sacramento Kings are above .500 and Josh Johnson just played QB in the NFC Conference Championship game.

Who the hell is Josh Johnson? The Nate Robinson of the NFL has played for 14 different NFL teams in his career and has only thrown 13 touchdowns. Yeah, The San Francisco 49ers finally fizzled out.

In a season where their Week 1 starter was Trey Lance, the 49ers have had quite the season. They looked lost in Week 1, losing to the Bears of all teams. In Week 2, Lance's season was cut short, suffering an ankle injury in their win. In relief of Lance, in stepped Jimmy Garoppolo, who went 6-3 as a starter until suffering a season-ending foot injury. Down to their third-string quarterback, Brock Purdy stepped in, and Mr. Irrelevant did nothing but win, going 8-0 in games he finished as a starter (Including two playoff games).

In the biggest game of his career, Purdy and the 49ers traveled to Lincoln Financial Field to take on the overpowered and annoying Philadelphia Eagles.

The Eagles have had a great year but I am still mad about 38-7 and 24-7. Putting my bias aside, Jalen Hurts is awesome and the Eagles are really good, but the way they won this game had little to do with how they played.

On the seventh play of the game, Purdy suffered a complete UCL tear in his throwing elbow and was forced out of the game. So in stepped Josh Johnson, and the groans of 49ers fans were heard 'round the country.

Listen, the game was bad enough to watch, so I will spare the details, but Johnson went 7/13 for 74 yards, and fumbled on a play where he just didn't catch the snap. Watching Johnson was bad because he just wasn't fit to play in a game of this caliber, but he was not in for long. Just under three minutes into the third quarter, Johnson took a big hit, and had to be taken out of the game to be evaluated for a concussion. He had one. Brock Purdy returns.

At this point, the Eagles were up 21-7 and hope for the 49ers was already lost. It was clear from the start that Purdy was unable to throw a football even 10 yards downfield. The man was playing with a UCL TEAR. Credit to Purdy's toughness, but the 49ers never had a chance. It was hard to watch the 49ers fall apart, but they needed a healthy Purdy to get past the Eagles.



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The MSU Wrestling team returns to the mat after a brutal loss to St. Cloud, winning against MSU Moorhead with a 30-9 score over the weekend.

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create assists as much as I could." The game ended in a blowout of 96-78. MSU dominated the whole game. The Mavs' time with the lead was a strong 37 minutes and

there were only three lead changes during the whole game. The Mavs biggest lead of the game was 20 points, while Minot State's was three points.

MSU finished out the game

with consistency. They hit 12 threes on 50% shooting from beyond the arc. They also shot 49% from the field with 87% from the free throw line.

The Mavs capitalized at the

Taylor Center and will look to do it all over again next week versus a worthy Southwest Minnesota State University team.

"I'm just happy to be home," Bursch said.

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20 points. The lead traded hands many times throughout the rest of the first half, but the Mavs pulled ahead 34-30 heading into half-time, led by Moore's seven points, and Stuttley's six. Just as the Mavs

thought they could pull away, the Beavers jumped out to a 10-point lead three minutes into the half. Like the night before, the Mavs fought back and were able to cut the Beaver lead to three in the same amount of time. The Beavers held a lead until 4:31 remained in the sec-

ond half, where Malik Willingham hit a three to put the Mavs up one, 62-61. In the next three minutes, the teams fought hard, until they were knotted at 64 with 1:30 left in the game. Mueller and Stuttley added layups that increased the Maverick lead to four points, until

Trevor Moore knocked down two free throws to put the game away and secure a Mavs win. After splitting on the weekend, the Mavs look forward to another weekend at home, where they'll face Southwest Minnesota State and Sioux Falls in the Taylor Center.

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OPINION:
Are video
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the new trend?

By JOEY ERICKSON
Variety Editor

The year is 2023, and a renaissance has seemingly begun. And no, I'm not talking about the new Beyoncé album.

The renaissance in question actually revolves around the game to movie pipeline that many video games have become the target of in recent years.

A Super Mario Bros movie is set to release later this year, as well as Sonic the Hedgehog who is threatening to release yet another film in its trilogy.

Countless other video games are in the works with production companies behind the scenes to take their ideas from the computer screen to the silver screen.

Most notably, "The Last of Us" on HBO Max has been making splashes worldwide for how good it is for a videogame film adaptation.

Many critics have been showering the series in accolades for staying true to the source material and making sure the passion behind the project is evident.

"The Last of Us" is doing so well, in fact, that the show has already been renewed for a second season, despite only a handful of episodes having been released.

The first episode of the series saw 18 million viewers within its first week.

The day the second episode dropped, 5.7 million watchers tuned in, according to HBO.

The show is paving the way for video game film entirely, with a whopping 97% on Rotten Tomatoes, and overwhelming fan support on all social media platforms.

The original game came out a decade ago as of this year, so the long wait for the game to hit the big screen was a worthwhile one.

In my opinion, there are other past video games that have been waiting just as long (if not longer) for a film adaptation, and are well deserving of it.

For starters, the Portal series.

In the two games, you play as the protagonist Chell, as she is challenged to navigate through a variety of test chambers using a portal gun (the Aperture Science Handheld Portal Device is the full name, but saying that would've taken up half of the paragraph itself.)

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By LAUREN VISKA
Staff Writer

It is so cold out that the Student Events Team was able to host an event with an ice sculpture of Stomper Jan. 26 in the Centennial Student Union Mall.

Sakatah Carvers, Signs and Creations sculpted the beloved Stomper for this event. Sakatah makes custom creations in a variety of media.

Sakatah has been to Mankato before.

In 2019, they sculpted a train ice statue for the Kiwanis Holiday Lights at Sibley Park and in 2020, they carved various sculptures in front of the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center.

This event has been going on for the last few years, and they change what kind of sculpture they do every other year.

"It can either be a snow or ice sculpture. Last year was a snow sculpture, but every year is usually one or the other," said Jaxson Karline, the organizer of this event, who is in charge of spirits and traditions for Maverick Traditions at MSU.

The event helps to celebrate the winter.

"Usually, when it comes to winter, it's usually two types of people. 'I love 'winter,' which is like the negative one percent and then the rest are like, 'why do I live here?'" said Karline.

"It's like the celebration of winter and having an appreciation to like the ice because cold is cold, but you gotta recognize that there's a beauty in it as well. Everyone kind of has their fa-



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The Centennial Student Union is no stranger to a wintry Stomper sculpture. Last year the sculpture was made out of snow, rather than ice. The two mediums take turns each year.

avorites, usually in like the summer, spring or fall but not really much of the winter."

Despite the sculpture's alluring appeal, the statue was off limits.

"We started doing this event to try and make the ice sculpture interactive because usually when there's an ice sculpture, it's like you can't really touch it," said Karline.

"So, to help with that, we

had a ring toss. It was cold out, so some people didn't want to, but we also had hot cocoa to warm people up because obviously, with the cold weather coming out, they'd want something warm to drink."

Coming out of Covid, activities held by the Student Events Team have seen higher turnout rates than ever, this event included.

"With recovering from

COVID and coming out of it, we are seeing an increase of people coming to the events. With every single event we had this semester, it has been an increase of people we were actually expecting," said Karline. "One example I can think of is a galactic bingo. We literally ran out of seating. People had to sit on the floor, and we ran out of highlighters when we had three boxes full of highlighters to use."

Trevor Noah returns as Grammy host with comfort

By JONATHAN LANDRUM
The Associated Press

Trevor Noah feels more comfortable hosting the Grammy Awards for a third-straight year, but the former "The Daily Show" host still has some nervousness about leading the ceremony with big-time acts like Beyoncé, Adele and Harry Styles looking on.

"The nerves come in because you're standing in front of not just some of the best, but some of the biggest performers in the world," said the Emmy winner. Noah expects his diligent preparation to get him through Sunday's show.

"Nerves are part of what I do," the comedian said.

Noah returns for his third hosting stint at the Grammys, which airs live from Crypto.com Arena on Sunday on CBS and Paramount+.

The ceremony returns to Los Angeles after relocating to Las Vegas for the first-time ever because of rising COVID-19 cases and omicron variant.

"I was relieved Trevor came back because it makes my job more enjoyable and easier," said Ben Winston, the show's executive producer. He called Noah an "absolute pro" who he said can pivot gracefully at any moment on a night celebrating music's best.

"He reassures me on a stressful night when a set hasn't been built in time and I say to his ear 'Sorry about that. I need you to go an extra 90 seconds because Lady Gaga's orchestra isn't in.' He'll just naturally flow, make a joke, get up and sit at somebody's table and chat with them," Winston said. "That's a very difficult task which very few people could do — and definitely can't do with his comedy and charm that Trevor has."

Noah said each year of hosting the Grammys has offered a different experience because of the logistical challenges stemmed from the pandemic.

But he said the intimate but socially-distanced in-person award show in 2021 helped him build a rapport with music stars



JORDAN STRAUSS • The Associated Press

Trevor Noah appears at the 63rd annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles on March 14, 2021. Noah is hosting the Grammy Awards for a third-straight year.

— especially when telling his jokes.

Last year's ceremony in Las Vegas was a hybrid model that included fans.

"Every year, I notice that I develop a different rapport with the people in the room," he said. "That opens you up to a

few more jokes and a few more conversations in a way where people understand the context of who you are in relation to them. It means you get to have a little bit of fun without anybody feeling like you're dunking on them."



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