

Student Government passes several resolutions

By EMMA JOHNSON
Editor in Chief

It's been a productive few months for Student Government as over six resolutions passed.

Two resolutions regarding the bylaws of Student Government were updated at the last meeting of the fall semester. One updated the structure of Student Government and the other focused on senators attending different sessions.

Vice President Roshit Niraula said an operating procedure resolution was also passed after several weeks of failing to elect a vice president.

"We looked into our operating procedure and heard some recommendations on what we could do to efficiently simplify that process. The resolution lays out a couple of things we would do in terms of contested elections and how we would narrow down on the voting pool," Niraula said.

A resolution was passed recognizing the Director of Forensics, Speech and Debate Team Katie Brunner as a way to recognize student-centered faculty members.

"I've been in her classroom and I've seen her support students," Niraula said. "She has been an exemplary example of leading with student success."

Once the resolutions are passed through the Student Government, they are then forwarded to President Inch's office. Niraula said



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Vice President Roshit Niraula (left) and Speaker Douglas Roberts (right) address the Student Government and discuss the upcoming resolution about increasing student wages.

members of the Student Government have talked directly with Provost David Hood and said they're working more on the specifications of getting certain resolutions implemented on campus as soon as possible.

Wellness Days resolution
One of the recently passed solu-

tions was the Wellness Days Resolution. The idea came from a coffee and conversation with the provost meeting and how Minnesota State can better help support students and their mental health.

"Last semester, we did some research on what policies are in place or some regulations that we might

run into if we're recommending changes," Niraula said. "In our research into how other universities across the country have been supporting students with wellness days, we found out that a number of colleges across the country have adopted wellness day programs, which provide the students the op-

portunity to walk away from classes and take maybe reading days or take days off to focus on mental health counseling."

The wellness days would take place on the third Thursday and Friday of October, usually around week nine of the semester. Several factors went into choosing those days.

"Students have just finished their midterm examinations and would love to have a break. There might be faculty members who are getting caught up on posting those grades out to the students," Niraula said. "Students are able to step away from classes and focus on getting caught up with all of the work that they need to do or maybe just take a day off for themselves."

President Sierra Roiger said although the Wellness Days resolution passed, the provost still has to look at union contracts and teaching day requirements and how it can be incorporated into the calendar. She said the first year Wellness Day show up would be during the 2026-2027 academic year.

Sustainability Fee resolution

Another resolution that passed was the Sustainability Fee. The resolution will include the fee and the establishment of the Sustainability Fee Advisory Committee.

According to Roiger, the committee will be responsible for "looking into the initiatives of sustainability projects across campus, so

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Sign up for scholarships, save tuition money

By LAUREN VISKA
Staff Writer

The average college student spends about \$24,000 per year on tuition, which includes books, housing and the cost of classes. Some students cannot afford to pay that much.

Luckily, there is help.

A great way to get some help is through scholarships. There are some scholarships that are only available during the month of February, so the Multicultural Center on campus is hosting scholarship walk-ins from 1-3 p.m. each Tuesday and Wednesday until the end of the month. Interim Director of Student Access at MSU, Abdurrahman Guantai, said this series is part of the Maverick Success Workshop schedule.

"We're always trying to connect students with the resources that are available. And pretty consistently every year, we see that students are not necessarily aware of the depth of opportunities available on Scholarship Finder," said Guantai. "We kind of go to them instead of just saying, 'Well, yeah, if you make an appointment with us, we'll be

able to help you.' We'll still help them if they make an appointment with us, but walk-ins work better for people's schedules."

Scholarship Finder is a portal where students can find MSU scholarships. Some are open the whole year, and some have deadlines. Many open today and close at the end of the month.

"That's why we're doing the scholarship push right now. And it can be a scholarship for transfer students. A lot of them are based on your major or your department," said Guantai. "There are a lot of them that are named after the person who either donated the money or as an alumni. As we're looking for scholarships offered by MSU or by departments by the university in general, Scholarship Finder is where we list them."

When applying for scholarships on Scholarship Finder, students must fill out a general application to help narrow down all the scholarships they are eligible for. It asks for information on what organizations students have been a part of, any honors or any other ways students have been a part of campus.

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NATHANAEL TILAHUN • The Reporter

During February the Multicultural Center in the CSU will be hosting scholarship walk-ins every Tuesday and Wednesday from 1-3 p.m.

'Pandemic of snow' in Anchorage



MARK THIESSEN • The Associated Press

Isil Mico takes a photo of her sister-in-law Oznur Mico in front of Snowzilla, a snowman measuring more than 20 feet tall, in Anchorage, Alaska on Jan. 10, 2024.

By MARK THIESSEN
The Associated Press

Even by Alaska standards, there is a lot of snow this winter.

So much snow has fallen — so far, more than 8.7 feet (2.65 meters) — that roofs on commercial buildings are collapsing around Anchorage and officials are urging residents to break out their shovels to avoid a similar fate at home. As of Tuesday morning, the three-

day storm had dropped nearly 17 more inches (43 centimeters) of snowfall, pushing Alaska's largest city past the 100-inch (254-centimeters) mark earlier than at any other time in its history.

The city is well on track to break its all-time record of 134.5 inches (342 centimeters).

Now, even winter-savvy Anchorage residents are getting fed up with the snow-filled streets and sidewalks, constant shoveling and

six days of pandemic-era remote learning.

It is already in the record books with this year's snowfall, at eighth snowiest with a lot of time left this season.

"It's miserable," said Tamera Flores, an elementary school teacher shoveling her driveway on Monday, as the snow pile towered over her head.

"It's a pandemic of snow."

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they're able to better identify what projects would require funding where we are able to fund those projects with the highest value."

The committee will consist of five students appointed by Student Government, one student appointed by the Environmental Committee and three faculty members.

The Board of Trustees leaves it up to each campus to decide what their sustainability will cover. MSU has chosen to focus on the green fee which covers all the buses. The green fee was \$18 under the student activity fee.

The sustainability fee came from the student activity fee reaching its cap and there was the potential it wasn't going to be increased.

"It gave us the option to move \$18 out from under the student activity fee and gave us a new opportunity to look at new funding sources as well as creating new routes to open up funding," Roiger said. "It doesn't get rid of that \$18. It moves it, is all it does, to basically another line item."

In order for the sustainability fee to be on any college campus, the student government has to pass it. Once it was bypassed, the Student Government wanted to be intentional with where the future committee would find their funding.

"We wanted to make sure they weren't consistently looking at just

student fee based funding, but also looking at how can other departments who are seeing benefits or who have a higher amount of service to their areas," Roiger said.

Residential Life Senator Darnell Speltz is involved with helping out the sustainability fee. He said he wanted to help get the committee together because he believes sustainability is important moving forward on campus.

"Renewable energy is the new way to go and it's important to make new endeavors towards a greener campus," Speltz said.

According to the resolution, the first project will "work with the bus fee because that's the biggest expense that can immediately have an impact on our campus," Roiger said if costs go down or funding opens up, it can create more opportunities to add other projects.

Speltz said he'd like to see solar panels as a future project.

"It pays itself back in five to 10 years and the city could use our power grid and excess energy. It's very helpful and would create a lot of new open-ended possibilities," Speltz said.

The sustainability fee will be implemented July 1 with the committee convening next fall for the 2026 fiscal year.

Upcoming resolutions

One of the upcoming resolutions is thanking the Mayo Clinic which just donated around \$50,000 to the Maverick Food

Pantry.

"The numbers are going up with as high as 400 students visiting the food pantry a week and the support that Mayo Clinic has provided really goes a long way in helping students and the campus body as a whole," Niraula said.

A resolution regarding an increase in student wages is also on the table. The Student Government researched student wages at other Minnesota State colleges. St. Cloud University pays students \$14 an hour while Minnesota State University, Moorhead pays \$13. The resolution would bring MSU's wages up to \$13.50 from the current \$12.

The intention with the resolution is to better support students who work on-campus jobs.

"It will have a positive impact in student retention, student well-being and college affordability as a whole," Niraula said.

Niraula said the Student Government is willing to help students in any way possible.

"We're always open to talking with students about what we can do to better support them, whether those be through resolutions, whether those be through policy advocacy, whether those be through talking with administrations, we're always there to push and advocate for student well being and student success," Niraula said. "We're always happy to support them in the best way that we can."

Elon Musk cannot keep Tesla pay package worth \$55 billion



ALESSANDRA TARANTINO • The Associated Press

A judge says Elon Musk must give up a compensation package awarded by Tesla's board of directors that is potentially worth more than \$55 billion.

By RANDALL CHASE
The Associated Press

Elon Musk is not entitled to a landmark compensation package awarded by Tesla's board of directors that is potentially worth more than \$55 billion, a Delaware judge ruled Tuesday.

The ruling by Chancellor Kathaleen St. Jude McCormick comes more than five years after a shareholder lawsuit targeted Tesla CEO Musk and directors of the company. They were accused of breaching their duties to the maker of electric vehicles and solar panels, resulting in a waste of corporate assets and unjust enrichment for Musk.

The shareholder's lawyers argued that the compensation package should be voided because it was dictated by Musk and was the product of sham negotiations with directors who were not independent of him. They also said it was approved by shareholders who were given misleading and incomplete disclosures in a proxy statement.

Defense attorneys countered that the pay plan was fairly nego-

tiated by a compensation committee whose members were independent, contained performance milestones so lofty that they were ridiculed by some Wall Street investors, and blessed by a shareholder vote that was not even required under Delaware law. They also argued that Musk was not a controlling shareholder because he owned less than one-third of the company at the time.

An attorney for Musk and other Tesla defendants did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

But Musk reacted to the ruling on X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter that he owns, by offering business advice. "Never incorporate your company in the state of Delaware," he said. He later added, "I recommend incorporating in Nevada or Texas if you prefer shareholders to decide matters."

Musk, who as of Tuesday topped Forbes' list of the world's richest people, had earlier this month challenged Tesla's board to come up with a new compensation plan for him that would give him a 25% stake in the company.

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Israeli forces dressed as civilian women kill three in hospital



Palestinian Health Ministry

Israeli forces disguised as civilian women and medical workers hold weapons in a hallway at the Ibn Sina Hospital in the West Bank town of Jenin, Tuesday, Jan 30, 2024, in the occupied West Bank.

By AREF TUFABA, MELANIE LIDMAN and WAFAA SHURABA
The Associated Press

Israeli forces disguised as civilian women and medics stormed a hospital Tuesday in the occupied West Bank, killing three Palestinian militants in a dramatic raid that underscored how deadly violence has spilled into the territory from the war in Gaza.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, meanwhile, ruled out a military withdrawal from Gaza and the release of thousands of jailed militants — Hamas' main two demands for any cease-fire — casting doubt on the latest efforts to end a war that has destabilized the broader Middle East.

The Palestinian Health Ministry said Israeli forces opened fire inside the Ibn Sina Hospital in the West Bank town of Jenin.

A hospital spokesperson said there was no exchange of fire, indicating it was a targeted killing.

Israel's military said the militants were using the hospital as a hideout, without providing evidence.

It alleged that one of those targeted had transferred weapons and ammunition to others for a planned attack, purportedly inspired by Hamas' Oct. 7 assault on southern Israel that triggered the war in Gaza.

Security camera footage from the hospital shows about a dozen undercover forces, most of them armed, wearing Muslim headscarves, hospital scrubs or white doctor's coats.

One carried a rifle in one arm and a folded wheelchair in the other.

NETANYAHU REJECTS HAMAS' KEY DEMANDS

Netanyahu, speaking at an event elsewhere in the West Bank, denied reports of a possible cease-fire deal to end the war in Gaza and repeated his vow to keep fighting until "absolute victory" over Hamas.

"We will not end this war without achieving all of our goals," said Netanyahu, who is under mounting pressure from families of the hostages and the wider public to reach a deal. "We will not withdraw the Israeli military from the Gaza Strip and we will not release thousands of terrorists," he said.

On Tuesday, Hamas' top political leader Ismail Haniyeh said the group was studying the latest terms for a deal, but that the priority was the "full withdrawal" of Israeli forces from Gaza and that any agreement should lead to a long-term cease-fire.

He said Hamas' leadership had been invited to Cairo to continue talks. The militant group, which has reached lopsided exchange deals with Israel in the past, is expected to demand the release of thousands of Palestinian prisoners — including high-profile militants — in exchange for the remaining hostages.

Qatar and Egypt, which mediate with Hamas, have held talks with Israel and the United States in recent days. U.S. officials said negotiators had made progress toward a deal.

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Guantai said that if students have any questions, they should come and get the help they need, no matter what point in the scholarship process they are.

"Our goal is to meet them wherever they're at. If their first question is, 'What is Scholarship Finder?' We'll start there. If they're at the end of the application and ask, 'Hey, can you just look this over for me real quick?' We'll look at that," said Guantai.

Guantai also said there is no limit on how long students have to sit at this event.

"The Multicultural Center is open to everybody and can be here as long as they want. If they have a quick question and are in and out in five minutes, that works. If they want to be there the whole two hours working on their scholarship application and then asking questions when they come up, that works too," said Guantai.

The Multicultural Center is on the second floor of the CSU, past the International Center and just before the Student Government office.

NYPD officers now adjust to new law

By ANTHONY IZAGUIRRE and PHILIP MARCELO
The Associated Press

New York City police officers will be required to record the apparent race, gender and ages of most people they stop for questioning under a law passed Tuesday by the City Council, which overrode a veto by Mayor Eric Adams.

The issue was thrust into the national spotlight in recent days when NYPD officers pulled over a Black council member without giving him a reason.

The law gives police reform advocates a major win in requiring the nation's largest police department and its 36,000 officers to document all investigative encounters in a city that once had officers routinely stop and frisk huge numbers of men for weapons — a strategy that took a heavy toll on communities of color.

Since 2001, NYPD officers have been required to document instances in which they have asked someone "accusatory" questions as part of an investigation, detain or search someone or arrest them.

But the new law requires officers to document basic information in low-level encounters, where police ask for information from people who aren't necessarily suspected of a crime. Officers also will have to report the circumstances that led to stopping a particular person. The data would be made public on the police department's website.

City Council Member Kevin Riley, a Bronx Democrat who is Black, was among the council members who conveyed how many New Yorkers of color dread interacting with police on the street as he voted in favor of the



BEBETO MATTHEWS • The Associated Press

A coalition of community groups and advocates for the How Many Stops Act coalition hold a rally at City Hall, Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2024, in New York.

measure.

"When we see those red and blue lights, our hearts drop into our stomachs," he said.

New York City Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, who sponsored the bill, said that reporting the encounters could be done in less than a minute on an officer's smartphone through the system already in place.

"This is not about preventing police work," Williams said. "This is police work."

The mayor, a Democrat and former police captain, on Tuesday argued that in police work, minutes and seconds could be the difference between life and death.

"These bills will make New Yorkers less safe on the streets, while police officers are forced to fill out additional paperwork rather than focus on helping New Yorkers and strengthening community bonds," he said in a statement after the vote, in which

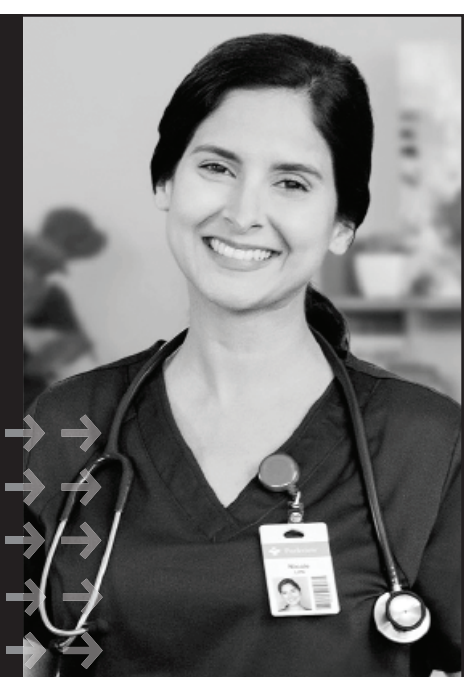
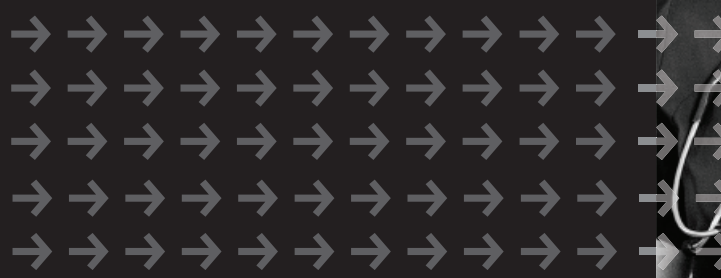
the council cleared the bar of two-thirds support needed to override the veto with 42 in favor and 9 against.

The department's largest police officers' union, in a statement after the vote, warned that the council would have to answer to constituents for "rising 911 response times and diminished police presence" in city neighborhoods.

"New York City police officers will comply with the new law and do the job the way the City Council wants it done," said Patrick Hendry, president of the Police Benevolent Association. "Despite the increased workload and the NYPD's critically low staffing levels, we will continue to protect our communities to the best of our ability."

Council Speaker Adrienne Adams, a Democrat who is not related to the mayor, said police and other opponents were exaggerating how much of a burden the new requirements would be.

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Why you should apply for scholarships

As of today, scholarship applications are open, but only for a brief period of time.

Quite simply, scholarships could greatly impact your life and, for the next 28 days, you have the opportunity to sign up and apply. It may seem like a daunting task but it is well worth it.

Writing essays, completing lengthy forms and sometimes having to turn in resumes seems daunting especially when it has to be done by strict deadlines but we highly recommend you do so. In the end, if you earn one, it could help more than you know.

First off, college is expensive.

For many it is the first time in our lives where we have to pay large amounts of money and take out loans.

Winning scholarships could help this financial burden. It could lower your tuition rates or, in some cases, fully cover it.

The job market is very competitive. A scholarship could be the difference maker you need. It is a great academic achievement. Having one or more scholarship's is a great resume builder. These things can set you apart from others when applying for jobs, and could end up being the reason you get accepted.

It proves to employers you were a hard worker in school and you were valued at your university. It is a testament to hard work and the capabilities you possess. It shows that your academic or extracurricular achievements were recognized and rewarded.

Whether you earn one or not, applying for scholarships can be a great learning experience. It teaches the importance of deadlines and other valuable lessons.

Applying for scholarships requires students to hone in on writing skills, resumes and also provides students with the need to reflect on their goals.

If you earn them, that is great. If not, it could be a time to think about getting more involved on campus or the community and also challenging yourself more in school.

If you need help applying, check out the Career Development Center.

They specialize in helping students build portfolios, resumes and essays.

As of now, you can find MSU scholarships on the university website. They are open until Feb. 28.

Make sure to challenge yourself this semester and apply, you may just surprise yourself on the outcome and the doors it could open for your future.

Perspectives

Rustin bucks Hollywood trend ignoring LGBTQ history



The Associated Press

Colman Domingo's nomination for his performance for Bayard Rustin made him just the second openly gay man to be nominated for playing a gay character.

Hollywood and queerness have never gotten along particularly well. Historically, it's been less of an oil and water type situation and more of a cesium in water type reaction. For the non chemistry majors out there, expose cesium to water and it explodes.

Plenty of famous queer actors such as Rock Hudson, Marlene Dietrich and Cary Grant hid their personal lives from the public.

It's not any more pleasant when you look at the stories told by Hollywood. Those queer characters who do make it to screen are either miserable side characters leading lives of woe, death and misery, or end up shown as sadistic, depraved villains.

Then there are the dozens of films, biopics, in which historical LGBTQ figures show up, pretty much with their queer identities com-

WHY NOT TODAY?

By JEREMY REDLIEN

pletely erased, unless they were criminals or Nazis, in which case the queerness will be emphasized well beyond what history recorded.

For more information on how Hollywood treated LGBTQ characters, check out the documentary "The Celluloid Closet."

Things are changing, however, and a recent film to go against the trend is the film "Rustin," which tells the story of Bayard Rustin and his effort to organize the March on Washington for Jobs and

Freedom. Rustin was a gay man and an important member of the African American civil rights movement. In addition to organizing the March on Washington, he persuaded Martin Luther King Jr. to adopt non-violent civil disobedience as a major tactic in the civil rights movement.

"Rustin" does not hold back from acknowledging its lead character's sexuality. In addition to showing Rustin's contentious personal life with his lover, Tom Kahn, we even get a brief sex scene featuring two black men.

Colman Domingo, who plays Rustin, gives a charismatic performance, showing both Rustin's magnetism and more prickly personality characteristics.

When it comes to biopics, one of the more frequent

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Pulse

"What would you do if you were given \$1,000?"

Compiled by Nathanael Tilahun



AKENYI AGID, SOPHOMORE

"Invest in school electronics."



ELIZABETH TEP, SENIOR

"Use it to start a non profit and establish partnerships with the bipoc community and expose them to more art."



GEORGE DINGA, FRESHMAN

"Put it in an index fund."



TARIQ BAKAYOKO, JUNIOR

"Put it into crypto."



XAVIER THOMAS, SENIOR

"Start a charity with the money in hopes to gain more to donate."



YEMI OSIBERU, JUNIOR

"Go on a cruise."

Biden responds to drone attack



ANDREW HARNIK • The Associated Press

Joe Biden walks towards Marine One on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2024, for a short trip to Andrews Air Force Base, Md., and then on to Florida for campaign receptions.

By LOLITA C. BALDOR and TARA COPP
The Associated Press

President Joe Biden has made it clear the U.S. will strike back after a deadly drone attack killed three service members and wounded more than 40 at a small base in Jordan over the weekend. What isn't yet clear is who will be hit, where, and how hard.

Biden has a wide array of options, but the U.S. must walk a fine line: A weak response will do little to deter further attacks by Iran-backed militia groups, while a major assault risks expanding the turmoil in the Middle East and drawing America into a wider conflict.

On Tuesday, Biden bluntly said "yes" when asked if he'd decided how to respond to the attack. But he provided no details, and added that the U.S. wants to avoid triggering a broader Middle East war. "That's not what I'm looking for," he said.

Still, the three service members are the first to be killed in militia strikes since the start of Israel's war on Hamas in Gaza. And their

deaths have triggered demands for a strong American response.

Target options range from inside Iran, including on the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' Quds Force, to Iranian ships at sea and Tehran-backed militia groups and key militant leaders in Iraq and Syria. National Security Council spokesman John Kirby raised the possibility that the U.S. will take a "tiered approach" with several actions over a period of time.

Here's a look at some options.
DIRECT STRIKE ON IRAN
Officials across the administration have said the U.S. believes Iran bears responsibility for arming, funding and supporting the militias that have been waging an escalating campaign of drone, missile and rocket strikes on American forces in Iraq, Syria and now Jordan.

"I do hold them responsible in a sense because they're supplying the weapons to the people who did it," Biden said Tuesday.

Striking inside Iran — including on the Revolutionary Guard's Quds Force — would send a strong, direct message to Tehran.

Some argue that such a move is needed, because U.S. strikes on Iran-backed militias in recent months have not deterred them. But it also would be the riskiest move, due to worries it would inflame the militias and enrage Tehran.

Attacking Iranian assets or leaders outside the country may be more palatable. The U.S. did that in 2020, when it killed Quds Force leader Gen. Qassem Soleimani, with a drone strike in Iraq, in response to attacks on U.S. bases there and an assault on the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad.

Iran responded, launching a barrage of ballistic missiles at al-Asad air base in Iraq, injuring dozens of U.S. forces, with most suffering traumatic brain injuries.

Former Israeli intelligence official and Middle East analyst Avi Melamed said Iran has billions of dollars in military investment projects in Syria and by striking those the U.S. could punish Tehran without the escalation threat of a direct strike on Iran. One example, he said, is a large compound near Boukamal that is used for ballistic missile storage.

Alec Baldwin pleads not guilty to involuntary manslaughter



SETH WENIG • The Associated Press

Actor Alec Baldwin attends a news conference at United Nations headquarters, Sept. 21, 2015.

By MORGAN LEE
The Associated Press

Actor Alec Baldwin has pleaded not guilty to an involuntary manslaughter charge in the fatal shooting of a cinematographer during a rehearsal on a Western movie set in New Mexico.

Court documents filed Wednesday show Baldwin entered the plea in state district court in Santa Fe, waiving an arraignment that had been scheduled to take place remotely by video conference the next day.

Baldwin, the lead actor and a co-producer on the Western movie "Rust," was pointing a gun at cinematographer Halyna Hutchins during a rehearsal outside Santa Fe in October 2021 when the gun went off, killing her and wounding director Joel Souza.

A grand jury in Santa Fe indicted Baldwin in January after prosecutors received a new analysis of that gun, renewing a charge that prosecutors originally filed and then dismissed in April 2023. Baldwin faces up to 18 months in prison if convicted.

Baldwin remains free pending trial under conditions that include not possessing firearms, consuming alcohol or leaving the country. Baldwin can have limited contact with witnesses when it comes to

promoting "Rust," which has not been released for public viewing. Baldwin is prohibited from asking members of the "Rust" cast or crew to participate in a related documentary film.

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

"Halyna and I had something profound in common, and that is that we both assumed the gun was empty ... other than those dummy rounds," Baldwin told George Stephanopoulos in an interview broadcast in December 2021 on ABC News.

The grand jury indictment provides special prosecutors Kari Morrissey and Jason Lewis with two alternative standards for pursuing the felony charge against Baldwin.

One would be based on the negligent use of a firearm. A second alternative for prosecutors is to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Baldwin caused the death of Hutchins without due caution or "circumspection," also defined as "an act committed with total disregard or indifference for the safety of others."

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complaints I've seen from critics is that they tend to lack focus. "Rustin" suffers from the opposite problem and probably could have opened up to show more of Rustin's life as an activist. We get a lot of the nitty gritty of the behind the scene details about organizing the March on Washington, but we see precious little about Rustin's past before the March.

For example, one thing I would have liked to see, even if only briefly, would have been Rustin's involvement in protecting Japanese-Americans property in California when they were unjustly arrested

and sent to internment camps during World War II.

We also never see Rustin's involvement in organizing for gay rights in the 1980's, which I think would have been useful to include.

In the end, though, I am glad that this film exists and that Domingo's work is being recognized by the Academy. Domingo's Oscar nomination for playing Rustin is a historical nomination, in that he is now the first openly gay black man to be nominated for playing a gay character.

Only one other openly gay actor has been nominated for playing a gay character; Ian Mc-

Kellen in 1999 for "Gods and Monsters."

I don't normally pay much attention to the academy awards but I will admit that this year's nominees list does include several other notable nominations. For example, Lily Gladstone who goes by she/they pronouns and has advocated for the decolonization of gender, was the first Native American woman to be nominated for Lead Actress.

Whether Domingo gets to take home a statue or not, "Rustin" is worth seeking out for the way it sheds light on a lesser known piece of history.

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SPORTS

Men's hockey look for sweep to take the conference

By LUKE JACKSON
News Editor

The Maverick hockey team is set to face off against St. Thomas Friday and Saturday.

A sweep by either team will take them to the top spot in the CCHA.

Both teams are currently tied for first. St. Thomas is 12-11-1 while MSU is 13-9-4.

Despite the different record, they both have 30 points, which leaves them tied for first place in the conference.

The teams split a two-game series in December, with the Mavericks taking the first game 3-1 and the Tommies taking the second 2-1.

The Mavs are currently on a roll and are dominating the conference.

Start the new year they were in fifth-place in the CCHA standings.

Since then they have climbed five spots, and a Maverick trio is emerging in pivotal roles.

Alex Tracy was named CCHA Goaltender of the Month, Sam Morton was named Forward of the Month and Evan Murr Defenseman of the Month.

In Tracy's six games throughout January, he compiled a save percentage of .944, after only letting in six of 107 shots on goal.

He also earned his second shut-out of the season against Northern Michigan last week, after stopping 18 shots.



Courtesy Maverick Athletics

Maverick goaltender Alex Tracy was named CCHA Goaltender of the month. Sam Morton and Evan Murr were named Forward of the Month and Defender of the Month respectively.

Morton has kept up his scoring all year.

In January he scored in seven of eight games, and leads the conference in goals (19), points (28), shots (109), shots per game (4.19), faceoff wins (253) and plus/minus (+13).

He ranks sixth in all of Division I goals, and is on a five-game point streak going into this weekend versus the Tommies.

With these stats, he is currently getting national recognition and is nominated for the Hobey Baker Memorial Award.

It is an annual award given to the top men's hockey player at the collegiate level.

In 2022, Maverick goaltender Dryden McKay won the award.

"He is a multifaceted player.

He impacts the score sheet with goals and is a tremendous leader,"

said Strand.

Lastly, Murr won the honor for his skating skills.

The freshman leads all defense-man on the team in points.

He had two multi-point games in January.

"Murr has really taken his game seriously," Strand said.

"He has turned opportunity into his favor and he is continuing to grow in the overall game.

His ability to turn a defensive stop and turn it into offense is routine now.

He is a terrific kid.

His team impact goes way past his stat sheet."

For the Tommies, Jake Sibell leads the CCHA in saves.

He has a 1.77 goals against average and a .936 save percentage.

In 644 minutes played this season, he has let in 29 goals.

Lucas Wahlin leads the team with 10 goals and 13 assists.

UST won three of four in January and haven't seen the ice since Jan. 20.

Friday's game will take place at St. Thomas Ice Arena at 7:07 p.m. and Saturday's game is back at home for the Mavs at 6:07 p.m.

With just eight games remaining this season, these games may be critical as the Mavericks pursue their seventh straight MacNaughton Cup.

Jurgen Klopp's legacy at Liverpool

By MOHAMED WARSAME
Sports Editor

After a bombshell was dropped on the soccer world Friday in the form of Jurgen Klopp announcing his departure from Liverpool at the end of the season, I — like many fans around the world — began to reminisce about what the German has meant to Liverpool and the Premier League as a whole.

"It's not so important what people think when you come in. It's much more important what people think when you leave," Klopp said in his first Liverpool press conference.

When I think of how to describe Klopp the coach and person, I keep coming back to the word he kept using during his departure announcement interview: energy.

From the moment he walked through the door at Liverpool, that's what he's displayed.

Whether he is running on field celebrating a last minute winning-goal, jeering up his fans, hugging his players or arguing with referees, there is almost never a dull moment when the cameras are on him during or after a match.

When you look at all that Klopp has achieved at Liverpool — such as winning the Premier League, the Champions League, the FA Cup



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In just over eight years at Liverpool, Klopp has won the Premier League, Champions League, FA Cup and Carabao Cup, UEFA Super Cup and FIFA Club World Cup.

and the Carabao Cup — it's not surprising that he believes he no longer has the energy to keep doing what he's been doing for over eight years.

"I'm running out of energy. I know that I cannot do the job again and again and again," Klopp said in the announcement interview on Liverpool's YouTube

channel.

The shocking part is the timing of it all. Liverpool is currently first in the Premier League, in the final of the Carabao Cup and are among

the favorites for the FA Cup and Europa League.

They also rebuilt their squad during the summer after a disappointing previous season.

It looked like Klopp had the foundation for the next version of his team for years to come.

Despite all that, he just didn't feel it was right to continue beyond this season.

"I signed a new contract not too long ago, and I was over the moon when I did it.

It was exactly what I felt in that moment.

One thing I didn't know and underestimated was the fact that my energy source is not endless because I never had that issue," Klopp said.

While Liverpool fans and Premier League fans will be sad to see him go, no one can blame the man for wanting to experience a "normal life."

Even with the way he is leaving, it conveys what I respect and admire about him.

Which is always doing what he felt was best for Liverpool.

He could have easily just stayed until the end of his contract and gone through the motions, but never wants to give anything but his best for the club.

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Women's hockey travels to Duluth



Courtesy Maverick Athletics

The Minnesota State women's hockey team's games against the University of Minnesota Duluth will take place at the AMSOIL Arena Friday and Saturday.

By AHMED HASSAN
Staff Writer

Coming off the back of a series of contested games against the University of Minnesota Gophers, the Minnesota State women's hockey team travels to Duluth this weekend to face No. 7 ranked Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs.

The Mavericks faced Duluth earlier in the season, but were met with two losses, and look to turn their fortunes around away from home.

The Mavericks have hit a slump recently, losing their last five games to conference teams.

After their blowout to the Gophers, The Mavs' overall season record fell to 10-17-0.

They now sit with a 4-16-0 record in the conference, placing them sixth in the WCHA standings.

The Bulldogs currently sit with a 13-11-2 overall record, and a 10-10-0 record in the conference, placing them fifth in the WCHA standings.

The Mavericks had a tough matchup against the Gophers, as the scoreline told the story both times.

The Mavericks failed to get over the hump in either game.

The Bulldogs have also hit a slump as they head into the latter end of the season, losing their last four games.

The Bulldogs have won six out of their last seven games against the Mavericks, and sit with a 7-6-1 winning record at home.

It's safe to say the Bulldogs will feel confident going into this matchup with the Mavs, having a 5-8-0 away record on the season.

Mannon McMahon and Reece Hunt will be the players the Bulldogs look to, with both players leading the team in points. McMahon has 22 points on the season, with Hunt not far behind with 21.

The Mavs will look to turn their fortunes around and be more clinical than they have been in their recent games.

"We continue to make great

strides in playing complete, competitive games against the nation's best," said head coach John Harrington in a press conference posted to the Mavericks athletic page after Saturday's game. "We need to keep giving ourselves a shot in the third period by creating opportunities as we look to continue to capitalize on our opponents' mistakes."

The Mavs will look to Sydney Langseth, Whitney Tuttle and Jamie Nelson, as all three have combined for a total of 71 points on the season.

It looks like it could be a very electric and contested matchup between the two rivals, as both are looking to end their losing streaks and finish the season strong.

The Mavs will look to get their first win against Duluth since February 2022, while the Bulldogs will look to win their third straight game against the Mavs.

This weekend's games will be held in Duluth at the AMSOIL Arena at 6 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday.

Mavs drop second game of the season after moving up to no. 2



Courtesy Maverick Athletics

Minnesota State is one of three NSIC teams ranked in the top-25, along with no. 12 MSU Moorhead and no. 19 Minot State.

By HAYDEN LEE
Staff Writer

Coming off of their best win of the season, the Minnesota State men's basketball team was promoted to the No. 2 spot in the latest coaches poll.

This is the second time the Mavs have been ranked second this season.

The first time came back on Jan. 9. West Texas A&M has claimed the No. 1 spot for the time being, after receiving 15 of the first place votes. MSU received one.

However, on the same day they were moved up to No. 2, the Mavericks had a road game to play in Duluth.

In this game, the UMD Bulldogs were able to take advantage of a team coming off of an emotional win, and handed them their second road loss of the season.

"It's tough to win games in this league," head coach Matt Margenthaler said. "We need to refocus and be ready for more tough road games this weekend."

The first half was tightly contested, as neither team gained a substantial advantage and the lead changed hands 14 times.

The teams were deadlocked at 23 midway through the first half, and entered the locker room tied

at 43.

Justin Eagins continued to build off of his performance over the weekend, leading the Mavericks in scoring at the half with 11.

Kyrese Willingham added 10 points and four rebounds.

In the first half, the Mavs shot 54% from the field and 40% from three, compared to the 47% field goal percentage and 40% three-point percentage from the Bulldogs.

In the second half, the Bulldogs came out hot.

In the first five minutes they put together a 14-2 run to extend their lead to 57-42.

As the half continued, the Bulldogs eventually went up by 19 before an 8-0 Maverick run made the game closer.

Building on this run, the Mavericks pulled the game within five points with just over six minutes to go, but the Bulldogs weren't going to let this one slip away.

In the final six minutes of regulation, the Bulldogs outscored the Mavericks 14-4, which led to a final score of 85-70.

Malik and Kyrese Willingham combined for 33 points in the loss to go along with Eagins and Dylan Peeters scoring in double figures.

The Mavericks shot 48% from the field and 29% from three-

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On a personal level, what Klopp was doing for Liverpool made it clear as to what I wanted to feel like as an Arsenal fan.

When Klopp was bringing Liverpool back to the top, Arsenal was going through a lot of difficulty.

It wasn't just that they were struggling.

It was hard for fans to feel connected to the club.

If you put the on-field success to one side, the biggest thing Klopp has achieved is the connection he has with Liverpool fans.

Thankfully, Arsenal fans now have that connection with current Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta.

The standout moment from his tenure at Liverpool was the sec-

ond leg of the Champions League Semi-final against Barcelona.

Liverpool lost the first leg 3-0 away from home and looked like they were down and out.

They came home for the second leg and turned it around with a 4-0 win.

Everything about that night was iconic.

Two great clubs, the Liverpool crowd was ruckus, a crazy comeback and an all-time smart pass that led to the winning-goal.

At the end of the match, the Liverpool players, staff and fans belted out a rendition of "You'll Never Walk Alone."

While Klopp has said he currently doesn't think he'll ever manage again, I certainly hope this season isn't the last time we



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Seahawks to hire Ravens defensive coordinator Mike Macdonald as new coach



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Baltimore Ravens defensive coordinator Mike Macdonald talks to the media during an NFL football media availability, Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024, in Owings Mills, Md.

By TIM BOOTH
The Associated Press

It was a defensive-centric head coach that brought the Seattle Seahawks their only Super Bowl title.

The Seahawks are hoping a newer — albeit much younger — version can return them to the elite of the NFL.

The Seahawks are hiring Baltimore Ravens defensive coordinator Mike Macdonald as their new head coach, a person informed of the decision told The Associated Press.

The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the Seahawks haven't announced the hiring.

Macdonald, 36, will arrive in Seattle as the youngest head coach in the league and half the age of the man he's replacing — Pete Carroll who was let go after 14 seasons in charge during the most successful run in franchise history.

Macdonald spent the past two years running Baltimore's defense, including this past season when the Ravens finished with the NFL's best regular-season record and reached the AFC championship game before losing to Kansas City.

This will be the first head coaching position at any level for Macdonald. But he's been surrounded by successful coaches as he moved up the ranks, starting with an extended run on the staff of John Harbaugh in Baltimore before spending a season on now-Chargers' coach Jim Harbaugh's staff in college at Michigan.

Seattle made it clear that Macdonald was one of its top candidates when it didn't move forward

on a hire prior to the conference championship games. Dallas defensive coordinator Dan Quinn seemed a clear front-runner because of his past connections to Seattle. But the longer the Seahawks went without moving ahead with Quinn, the more it became obvious there were other options being considered.

Macdonald and Detroit offensive coordinator Ben Johnson were the last two interviewed by the Seahawks before the final decision was made.

One of the unknowns will be how Macdonald meshes with an organization that was shaped around Carroll's philosophy for more than a decade. Seattle general manager John Schneider said one of the mandates from owner/chair Jody Allen was to keep a level of Carroll's culture in place. How Macdonald manages that will be one of the questions.

Macdonald, a Georgia graduate who began his coaching career there from 2011-13, broke into the NFL with the Ravens as a coaching intern in 2014. He moved up to defensive assistant, defensive backs coach and linebackers coach through 2020 before going to Michigan to run Jim Harbaugh's defense.

After returning to Baltimore, Macdonald had one of the top scoring defenses in the league over the past two seasons. This past season, the Ravens ranked sixth in total defense playing an aggressive style that should please Seahawks' fans who grew frustrated by Seattle's defensive regression from the prime seasons when Carroll was in charge.

That'll be part of Macdonald's

overall task in Seattle after the franchise had grown stagnant. Carroll was the most successful coach in franchise history and brought Seattle its only Super Bowl title 10 years ago. But the latter stages of his tenure in Seattle fell flat.

The Seahawks missed the playoffs for the second time in three seasons in 2023 and finished 9-8 for a second straight year. Seattle has not won a playoff game since 2019 and hasn't advanced past the divisional round since the 2014 playoffs.

This past season was when Seattle expected to close the gap with San Francisco in the NFC West, but instead watched as the 49ers continued to dominate the division while the Rams quickly rebuilt themselves into being a playoff team.

Having Macdonald in charge should help improve a Seattle defense that ranked near the bottom of the NFL in most defensive categories. This past season, the Ravens became the first team since 1970 to lead the league in fewest points allowed, most sacks and most takeaways. And he'll have talent to use with the likes of Devon Witherspoon, Riq Woolen, Julian Love, Dre'Mont Jones, Uchenna Nwosu and Boye Mafe all locked up for a couple of more seasons.

But just as important for Macdonald will be identifying a creative offensive coordinator who can draw more out of what Seattle already has with quarterback Geno Smith, wide receivers DK Metcalf and Jaxon Smith-Njigba and running backs Zach Charbonnet and Kenneth Walker III.

which they defeated earlier this season.

First up is SMSU at 7:30 p.m. Friday, at 7:30 p.m., and Sioux Falls at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

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point range, as their streaky shooting proved to be the difference in this game.

On defense, the Mavericks allowed three Bulldog players to

combine for 59 points.

The Mavericks will have two more games this week, as they look forward to road rematches against Southwest Minnesota State and Sioux Falls, both of

Travis Kelce to Taylor Swift: 'Thanks for joining the team'



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Still, the Swift effect appears to be real when it comes to expanding the NFL audience.

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VARIETY

A taste of the rainbow in “Spectra”

By MERCEDES KAUPHUSMAN
Variety Editor

Lights, colors and shapes fill Minnesota State’s Conkling Gallery for its “Spectra” exhibit.

The exhibit, running from Jan. 15 to Feb. 9, is collaborative work completed by MSU graphic design professors Ellen Schofield, Matt Willemsen and Bradley Coulter.

“In ‘Spectra,’ we explore the theme of light in various forms,” Schofield said. “Our pieces include works with projected light, bands of rainbow color and experiments with overlapping filtered shadows.”

The collection includes slices of plastic reflecting light, a variety of posters and animations projected onto pedestals in the gallery. The three professors worked with the space in Conkling, testing prototypes for the final result.

“Creating the pieces for ‘Spectra’ was a close collaborative effort among the three of us,” Schofield said. “We spent a lot of time experimenting with different ideas, materials and techniques.”

The idea for “Spectra” fell into place after a conversation with MSU astronomy professor Michael Rutkowski.

“He (Rutkoski) shared insights from his work with the James Webb Telescope,” Schofield said. “Particularly how they ana-



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Minnesota State graphic design professors collaborated to create the “Spectra” exhibit in Conkling Gallery running from Jan. 15 to Feb. 9. The exhibit displays different shapes, colors of the rainbow, animations, and light in various forms.

lyze different properties of light to understand distant astronomical objects.”

According to NASA, the James Webb Space Telescope is a large, infrared telescope capable of studying every phase in the history of the

universe.

“This concept of light analysis resonated with us, and we used it as a foundation for our show,” Schofield said.

The professors and artists behind “Spectra” have maintained a

long, working relationship with the Department of Creative Arts, “and a deep mutual respect for the skills and abilities each of us bring to the table,” Willemsen said.

“This made for a smooth synergy to produce and react to the work

being produced collaboratively.”

Willemsen, with more than 20 years of experience in the field of graphic design and design education, specializes in visual identity and logo design. Coulter is a professor of both graphic design and typography at the university.

“My research is focused on exploring the psychological components of type design and use and integrating those findings into historical and emerging applications of type to the page and the screen,” Coulter said.

Schofield has an interest in illustration and graphic design, especially influenced by technology.

“My work involves experimenting with new technologies and integrating them into my design projects,” Schofield said. “I have a particular fondness for creating designs that are vibrant, colorful and convey a sense of joy.”

The faculty members are involved in programming and operating Conkling Gallery, which hosts shows throughout the year, “bringing in artists from both the local region and across the nation who work in a diverse array of mediums and styles,” Schofield said.

“It also serves as a celebratory space where we showcase the work of our graduating art students at the end of each semester.”

Peyton Scott Russell discusses graffiti and fine arts

By ANAHI ZUNIGA
Staff Writer

Minnesota State invited Minneapolis-based artist Peyton Scott Russell to the Ostrander Auditorium Wednesday to talk about his work with graffiti art and its awareness for it to be a teachable fine art. He also conducted a workshop for MSU students interested in exploring the art of spray painting.

Gina Wenger, chair of the Department of Creative Arts and organizer of the workshop, explained how this opportunity presented itself to the art program and for many MSU students.

“The beginning of it is a series called, ‘Art & Change’ and it tries to bring in artists who discuss specifically more diversity, equity and inclusion in their work and I was familiar with Peyton Scott Russell and his work from years ago, when I saw him present in Minneapolis. This fall, a student in my class works with Peyton in the workshop he does with community members and so I reached out to Dean Brown, about Peyton Scott Russell coming to the university. And so Dean Brown said, ‘Hey, do you know Peyton Scott Russell?’, I’m like ‘Yeah!’” Wenger said.

“It’s always really cool to bring in an artist that’s a Minnesota art-

ist, because I think a lot of times we think about going out farther across the United States and that’s really useful, but we also want to let our students and our community know what’s happening closer to home.”

Wenger explains how bringing credible artists can help students find more possibilities in their career paths.

“Any area of study, students who are coming to Minnesota State Mankato are looking to see the possibilities and what’s out there. And I think a lot of times if we have an art speaker, people are like ‘Oh, that’s in the art department. No, it’s in our community. It’s in our university,’” She said. “The arts, the humanities, really the sciences, all of it is about learning to communicate because you can learn this skill or you can learn that skill, but why do you get a college education? It’s to expand exponentially. You don’t have to come to school to get a job. You want your life, your career. And I think that’s what a college degree shows you is what’s out there, what you’re capable of.”

Russell has a bachelors from the Art Institute of Chicago, and for over three decades has been a professional artist and arts instructor. From the mid 1980s, he has pursued graffiti art and has devoted his



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Minneapolis-based artist Peyton Scott Russell, founder of SPRAYFinGER, came to Minnesota State’s Ostrander Auditorium Wednesday to discuss his experience with graffiti art and spread awareness for it to become a teachable fine art.

time and energy to it.

“It was never a decision of mine. As a toddler, my earliest memories are of making art. I just

never stopped and the main thing I remembered was I loved being in my room and playing make believe with my stuffed animals. Just creat-

ing and just being in my room and being away from everybody. It’s like my sanctuary. My room was

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Kelce to Swift: ‘Thanks for joining the team’

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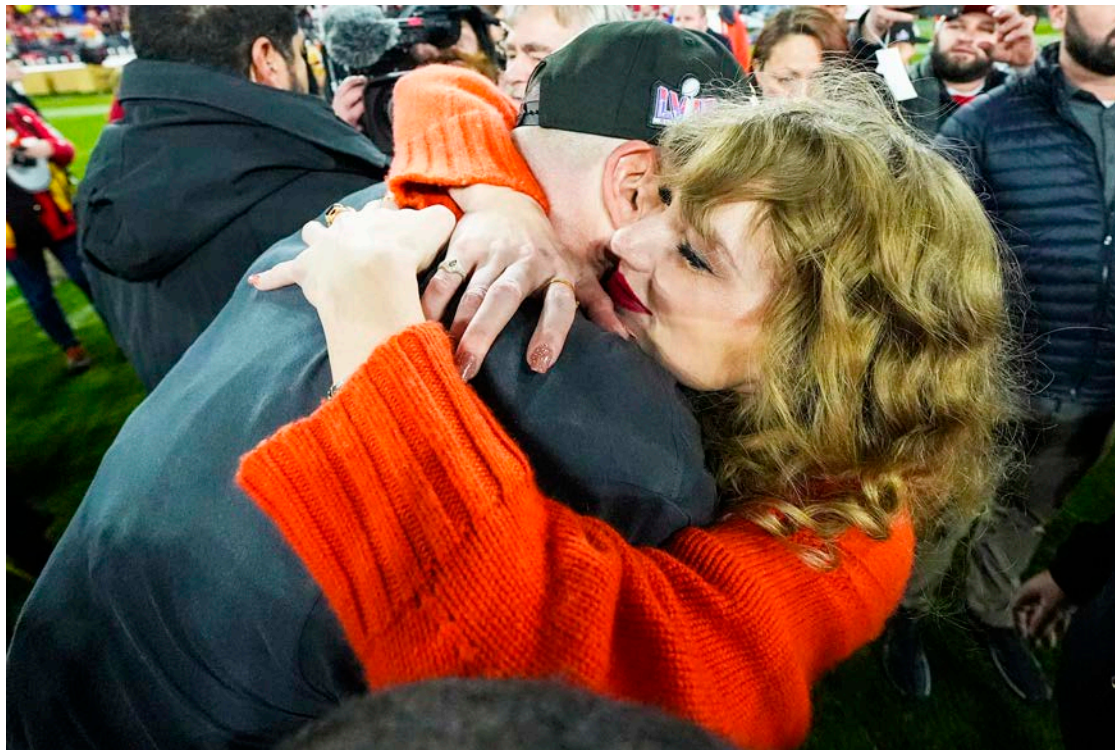
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my studio,” Russell said. “I then discovered graffiti when I was 14 years old. Whether you want to call it public art or not, it was graffiti unsanctioned. Painting under bridges, vandalism, and as I teach it today, I teach that as a creative expression that we don't ask for permission. That freedom of expression and freedom of voice and just going for it but that's something you need to fight for.”

Through assistance from a Bush grant, Russell founded SPRAYFiN-

GER, an organization dedicated to teaching, studying and practicing graffiti and fine arts as well as teaching others how to become professional artists in both skill and business aspects.

“It was really the open door that I was granted from the Bush for me to really be brave enough to talk about graffiti as an art form and an educational platform to redefine the work. I'm not the only one that is doing this type of work, but one of the early ones that started to look at graffiti as a viable means of

artistic expression,” he said. “Something that really speaks to our humanity and it speaks to society, and how we use infrastructure to tell stories, and especially the civil unrest and the pandemic that we went through. I think people got a chance to see how artists highlight events in real time, and it allowed SPRAYFiNGER to just really grow wings.”

Russell reveals that his goal is to increase awareness of graffiti as a fine art by collaborating with schools, teachers and artists and to

continue to impact the community while also deepening the understanding of graffiti.

“I'm continuing to do what I do, because the genre speaks for itself. The expression on part of it has its own voice. It has its own power. And people are not only discovering that, but they're embracing that. And that is incredibly important, because I mean, here we are, we're humans. We're tribal creatures. We have our peer groups,” he said. “We want to be recognized for the things that we do. We want to leave

something. A legacy behind for whatever that means, for whoever you are. And I think graffiti as an artistic format, just kind of highlights that. It highlights individual people, identity and how that folds into the fabric of a larger community.”

To learn about Peyton Scott Russell and his organization SPRAYFiNGER, visit www.spray-finger.com

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