

MavPASS helps students succeed

By LAUREN VISKA
Staff Writer

When your high school science teacher told you college would be hard, they weren't lying. The readings, exams and homework are more rigorous, and the material is more complex.

Luckily for Minnesota State students, MavPASS exists to help students survive those often-difficult STEM courses. (STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math.) University MavPASS Faculty Liaison Laura Jacobi said this program has helped many students across campus since it started in the fall of 2019.

"Last semester there were 1,819 students who went to MavPASS 10,594 times. That was in one semester. Incrementally, we've had higher and higher levels of attendance. When we first started, about 21% of students went. In the most recent semester, 57% went," said Jacobi.

The MavPASS program received the Exemplary New Supplemental Instruction award for helping students succeed through the program. This is an international award, and Jacobi said this award is amazing to have.

"It's an acknowledgment of the hard work of a lot of people over



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the last several years. I don't know what to say other than amazing," said Jacobi.

The MavPASS courses are primarily STEM: science, technolo-

gy, engineering and mathematics. Jacobi said this is because STEM classes have the highest DFW rate. DFW rate refers to the percentage of students who earn a D, a F or

withdraw from a course.

"Courses that have 20% or higher DFW rates work well for MavPASS because that's often really challenging material if lots of stu-

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North Star Promise covers "last dollar" for tuition

By AMALIA SHARAF
Staff Writer

Starting in Fall 2024, the North Star Promise Scholarship Program will be applied to all eligible Minnesota residents at eligible institutions. The program covers the remaining tuition balance on a fee-free basis after all scholarships, grants, and tuition waivers are applied.

"All those other things will go on to the student's account first, and then if the student still has a tuition and fee balance, that's where the North Star promise steps in and covers the remainder," said Associate Director of Financial Aid Rachel Sherlock. "This is specifically for Minnesota resident students, and Minnesota resident students who have a family adjusted gross income on the FAFSA application, or for a Dream Act students on their Minnesota Dream Act application of below \$80,000."

The North Star Promise Scholarship Program's goal is to stabilize enrollment in Minnesota public institutions of higher education. According to the MN Office of Higher Education, it will "create a viable higher education path for Minnesota residents who may have previously thought education was not a possibility for them."

Students don't need to meet a specific credit range to be eligible for the program. However, students must be enrolled in a program that is evaluated as a degree, diploma, or certificate.

"For non-degree-seeking students, this wouldn't apply to students," said Sherlock. "This has to be their first bachelor's degree, so for second bachelor's degree students or graduate students, this would not apply."

Additionally, students have to meet satisfactory academic progress standards. If a student is on suspension, then they would not be eligible for the program.

"They can't be in default on any state or federal student loans," said Sherlock. "So all of their loans have to be in good standing."

The North Star Promise Scholarship Program application is based on the student's 2024 to 2025 FAFSA,

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Library brings New York Times to students

By JEREMY REDLIEN
Staff Writer

The New York Times is now available to all members of the MNSU Mankato campus community thanks to a subscription purchased by the Memorial Library.

According to collections librarian Nat Gustafson-Sundell there were multiple factors that led to the decision to obtain a New York Times subscription. One factor was the fact that the New York Times has the reputation for being the newspaper of record for the country.

"The New York Times has historically been the newspaper of record for the US. So it's the newspaper historians use to go back to learn about historical events in the US," said Gustafson-Sundell.

Another factor for obtaining a subscription according to Gustafson-Sundell included the high journalism standards the New York Times adheres to.

"The New York Times adheres to journalism standards more strictly than other newspapers," said Gustafson-Sundell.

According to Gustafson-Sundell, the subscription also comes



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with many features that students and faculty will find useful.

"The New York Times subscription provides numerous special features. It includes lesson plans that are ready made for K-12 teachers or even for university professors. There's full access to the Spanish and Chinese editions. What was really interesting for us, from the perspectives of collection develop-

ment, was the enhanced multimedia experience," Gustafson-Sundell said as well.

Gustafson-Sundell also praised The New York Times for its inclusion and presentation of statistical information.

"In particular, the New York Times is very strong for its statistical data and data visualizations. They are, along with the Wall Street

Journal, the best at providing deep dive statistical information. New York Times itself tracked covid more thoroughly than any other news source," said collections librarian Nat Gustafson-Sundell.

According to Gustafson-Sundell, the cost of the subscription comes out to about \$1.00 per student per semester. Dean of Library and Learning Christopher Corley emphasized the importance of keeping informed and using reliable news sources to do so.

"What the library has provided, what Nat has helped provide in the New York Times, that subscription to the New York Times I have on my phone, I have it on my iPad, I have it on my computer, and so I'm using our university subscription to the New York Times to keep me informed of what's going on in the world," said Corley.

Corley also described the ease of accessing the subscription on personal devices.

"All you have to do is in google is put in 'MNSU library New York Times' and you'll find a link that just guides you to how to do it. It's super easy. I'm 53 years now and I did it on my phone in 30 seconds," said Corley.

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Orientation Peer Assistants help guide new students on campus



Courtesy Alexis Edmundson

Orientation Peer Assistants is pictured above. They are a community filled with students that help other new students feel welcomed on campus and guide them with any questions they have.

By BIRUK MENGESHA
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Think back to your orientation week. Did you need help figuring out where to go and what to look for? It's quite a common experience.

Luckily, we have Orientation Peer Assistants to help — a community filled with students to help guide and welcome new students.

Alexis Edmundson, New Student and Family Programs Graduate Assistant, explained how students could benefit from being an Orientation Peer Assistant.

"There are several benefits to becoming an OPA. You have the option to live on campus during summer term. And receive a free meal at the University Dining Center on Summer Orientation Dates," she said. "Finally, OPAs develop strong leadership skills and life-long connections with their fellow OPAs."

Orientation Peer Assistants can provide many options for new students. They guide students by engaging with them and helping them make connections.

"They have the opportunity to offer direction on orientation dates, conduct large and small group conversations, interact with new students, and help with class

registration," she said.

Edmundson said Peer Assistants have different responsibilities when working in the summer.

"These work days are typically 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Outside of summer orientation dates, there will be some opportunity to complete office work as needed. Typically, OPAs can expect to work 15-20 flexible hours per week with some opportunity to reach 40 hours per week as needed at a rate of \$13 per hour," she said.

For students who are currently interested in applying, Edmundson had this to say.

"Students must submit an OPA application form, resume, essay questions, and three references to alexis.edmundson@mnsu.edu," she said. "The application's due date has been extended to Friday, March 1st."

There are different traits that a student may possess when joining the program. Edmundson said she believes that successful OPAs are "curious," "kind," and "adaptable."

A previous Orientation Peer Assistant, Madelin Brussel, said she wanted to become a welcoming face to new students coming to the university.

"I remember how nervous I

was coming in, I couldn't pass up the opportunity," Brussel said.

Working as an OPA, Brussel recalls a memorable experience when helping students during their orientation week.

"My favorite memory of being an Orientation Peer Assistant is at the end of an orientation day all the thank yous I would get from parents and students for helping them that day. Hearing this reassured me how important my role was in helping these new students and made me excited for the next orientation to see and help more new faces."

There are plenty of experiences students get from working as an OPA. Brussel shared more about hers.

"My favorite part of my job was getting to meet the new students and receiving questions and giving advice before school started," she said. "I like to say that I had an impact on these new students as they were adjusting to college life."

Brussel encourages students to join the program. Students can help their peers by "sharing their knowledge about the university." They also benefit themselves with "a great resume builder" and create an opportunity to "learn from fellow students and the university."

everyone," said Jacobi. "Students will use it for many different reasons. Some students may not have as much of a grasp on the material. Other students feel like they understand the material, but it gives them the opportunity to practice and reinforce it."

MavPASS Leaders run the MavPASS sessions. Jacobi said they like to take students who have used the program successfully and turn them into MavPASS leaders.

"We've had leaders who failed the class the first time they took it, and then the next time they took it with going to MavPASS regularly and ended up becoming MavPASS leaders," said Jacobi. "Then, when they become MavPASS

leaders, they can empathize with that, know how to solve problems, and give tips on what worked for them."

Jacobi said there are two valuable things about MavPASS: students can use their resources and grow in amazing ways.

"I've seen MavPASS leaders who've come who've just been shy or apprehensive and just blossom into people who are so comfortable with public speaking and whose interpersonal skills have developed, and it's just really fun to see how much people grow with it as an attendee or as a MavPASS leader."

Travel to learn and earn credits



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The Education Abroad and Away Fair allowed students to get information about places they can visit when studying abroad.

By ANNISA ECHOLS
Staff Writer

26 countries.

(For more information on USAC programs contact study-abroad@usac.edu or visit USAC.edu.)

The MAV Food Court was bustling with tables, coffee and recruiters. Areas were scattered with prospects, students eagerly making inquiries concerning international travel and studies. Plans are individual in nature and based on each student's needs or interests.

Minnesota State's Center For Global Engagement held its annual Abroad or Away fair on Tuesday. If you are a theology major who has always wanted to visit the Vatican, or just want to visit another country to learn a new language, many options lie ahead to explore.

University Studies Abroad Consortium, a participating non-profit, hosted one of the tables, A USAC rep said,

"Students could benefit from the exposure to more cultures," a USAC rep said. "Studying overseas can prepare students for future employment, looks favorable to future employers and can possibly make more opportunities available later on."

The USAC has been a non-profit since 1982 and provides students with opportunities to live and learn in countries around the globe. They provide more than 50 study abroad programs in

Alex Halvorson was also in attendance representing ISA WorldStrides. According to Halvorson, "Students have many great reasons to choose international studies. See the world. Expose yourself to other cultures. It builds your resume."

Halvorson also states that "ISA has amazing program managers who will be there with you, walking you through the whole process. Teams assist with picking students up as soon as they land, as well as making travelers comfortable with the transition."

According to the ISA website, "Hundreds of top-ranked programs across Europe, Latin America, Africa and more are available."

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One student was attending as a participant.

"As a freshman, I am looking for resources and trying to find out the process," the student said. "So I can be prepared to study abroad later in my education."

She was also asked where she would like to travel to and why.

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dents are having trouble succeeding," said Jacobi. "And oftentimes, those courses just happen to be in CSET: College Science, Engineering Technology, so that's why we support a lot of courses in STEM."

MavPASS is not required; it is entirely up to the student, but Jacobi strongly encourages students to attend regardless of their ability levels and GPA. She said students can ask their professor if their class has a MavPASS session.

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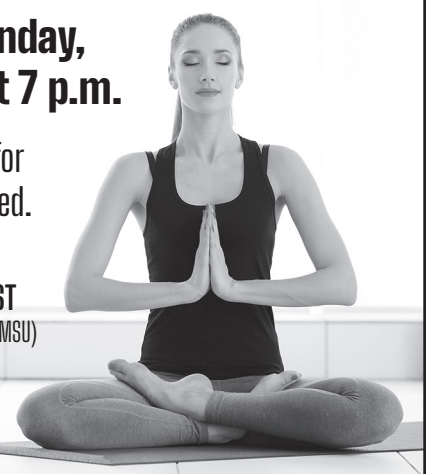
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1 dead and 15 injured after shooting at Kansas City Chiefs parade



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A woman is taken to an ambulance after an incident following the Kansas City Chiefs NFL football Super Bowl celebration in Kansas City, Mo., Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024.

By NICK INGRAM and HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH
The Associated Press

One person was killed and at least 15 were injured, including some children, in a shooting at the end of the parade to celebrate the Super Bowl win by the Kansas City Chiefs, sending terrified fans running for cover and marring yet another high-profile public event with gun violence.

Kansas City Police Chief Stacey Graves detailed the shooting's toll at a news conference and said two people had been taken into custody. She said she has heard that fans may have been involved in apprehending a suspect but couldn't immediately confirm that.

"I'm angry at what happened today. The people who came to this celebration should expect a safe environment," Graves said. Police did not immediately release any details about the people taken into custody or about a possible motive for the shootings.

It is the latest sports celebration in the U.S. marred by gun violence, following a shooting last year in downtown Denver after the Nuggets' winning an NBA championship that injured several people, and gunfire last year at a parking lot near the Texas Rangers' World Series championship parade.

Social media users posted shocking video of police running through a crowded scene as people in attendance hurriedly scrambled for cover and ran away. One video showed someone apparently performing chest compressions on a shooting victim as another person, seemingly writhing in pain, lay on the ground nearby. People screamed in the background.

Another video showed two on-lookers chase and tackle someone, holding that person down until two police officers arrived.

Kansas City has long struggled with gun violence, and in 2020 it was among nine cities targeted by

the U.S. Justice Department in an effort to crack down on violent crime. In 2023 the city matched a record with 182 homicides, most of which involved guns.

Mayor Quinton Lucas has joined with mayors across the country in calling for new laws to reduce gun violence, including mandating universal background checks.

Lucas, who attended the celebration with his wife and mother, said he was heartbroken and angry.

"This is absolutely a tragedy, the likes of which we never would have expected in Kansas City, the likes of which we'll remember for some time," Lucas said.

Lisa Money of Kansas City, Kansas, was trying to gather some confetti near the end of the parade when she heard somebody yell, "Down, down, everybody down!"

At first Money thought somebody might be joking until she saw the SWAT team jumping over the fence.

"I can't believe it really happened. Who in their right mind would do something like this? This is supposed to be a day of celebration for everybody in the city and the surrounding area, and then you've got some idiot that wants to come along and do something like this," she said.

Kevin Sanders, 53, of Lenexa, Kansas, said he heard what sounded like firecrackers and then people running. After that initial flurry, calm returned, and he didn't think much of it. But he said 10 minutes later, ambulances started showing up.

"It sucks that someone had to ruin the celebration, but we are in a big city," Sanders said.

University Health spokeswoman Nancy Lewis said the hospital was treating eight gunshot victims. Two were in critical condition and six were in stable condition, she said. The hospital also was treating four people for other

injuries resulting from the chaos after the shooting, Lewis said.

Lisa Augustine, spokesperson for Children's Mercy Kansas City, said the hospital was treating 12 patients from the rally, including 11 children, some of whom suffered gunshot wounds.

St. Luke's Hospital of Kansas City received one gunshot patient in critical condition and three walk-in patients with injuries that were not life-threatening, spokesperson Laurel Gifford said.

"When you have this many casualties, it's going to get spread out among a lot of hospitals so that you don't overwhelm any single ER," she said.

Chiefs trainer Rick Burkholder said he was with coach Andy Reid and other coaches and staff members at the time of the shooting, and that the team was on buses and returning to Arrowhead Stadium.

"Praying for Kansas City," Chiefs quarterback and Super Bowl MVP Patrick Mahomes said in a post on X, formerly known as Twitter, that also included three emojis of hands in prayer.

Missouri's Republican Gov. Mike Parson and First Lady Teresa Parson were at the parade during the gunfire but were unhurt. "Thanks to the professionalism of our security officers and first responders, Teresa and I and our staff are safe and secure," Parson said in a statement.

President Joe Biden has been briefed on the shooting in Kansas City and will continue to receive updates, a White House spokesperson said. White House officials have been in touch with state and local leaders, and federal law enforcement is on the scene supporting local law enforcement.

Areas that had been filled with crowds were empty after the shooting, with police and firefighters standing and talking behind an area restricted by yellow tape.

Harvey Weinstein is appealing 2020 rape conviction



SETH WINIG • AP File

Harvey Weinstein arrives at a Manhattan courthouse for jury deliberations in his rape trial, Feb. 24, 2020, in New York. He will return in his quest to overturn the landmark #MeToo verdict.

By MICHAEL R. SISAK
The Associated Press

Nearly four years after Harvey Weinstein was convicted of rape and sent to prison, New York's highest court will hear arguments Wednesday in his quest to overturn the landmark #MeToo-era verdict.

Weinstein's lawyers are asking the state's Court of Appeals in Albany to dismiss the disgraced movie mogul's 2020 conviction, arguing the judge trampled his right to a fair trial by "succumbing to the pressure" of America's reckoning with sexual misconduct perpetrated by powerful figures.

The judge, James Burke, allowed testimony from three women whose allegations weren't part of the case and ruled that prosecutors could confront Weinstein about other, unrelated misbehavior if he had testified, which he declined to do.

"What we're arguing is that there should not be a different set of rules for an individual in society who becomes vilified," Weinstein's lawyer, Arthur Aidala, said. There can't be "the Weinstein rule that just applies to that little sliver of society that everyone decides to really hate," he said.

Weinstein, 71, was convicted February 24, 2020 of a criminal sex act for forcibly performing oral sex on a TV and film production assistant in 2006, and rape in the third degree for an attack on an aspiring actress in 2013. He was sentenced to 23 years in prison and is incarcerated at the

Mohawk Correctional Facility, a state prison about 100 miles (161 kilometers) northwest of Albany.

Weinstein was acquitted at the same Manhattan trial of first-degree rape and two counts of predatory sexual assault stemming from actor Annabella Sciorra's allegations of a mid-1990s rape. The Associated Press does not generally identify people alleging sexual assault unless they consent to be named; Sciorra has spoken publicly about her allegations.

Last year, Weinstein was convicted in Los Angeles of raping and sexually assaulting an Italian actor and model, who said he appeared uninvited at her hotel room door during a film festival there in 2013. He was sentenced to an additional 16 years in prison in that case, meaning he'd still be locked up even if the Court of Appeals were to rule in his favor.

Weinstein maintains his innocence. He contends any sexual activity was consensual. He is not expected to attend Wednesday's arguments, which pertain only to the New York case, but may monitor the court's livestream from prison. The court is not likely to rule immediately.

The New York Court of Appeals agreed last year to take Weinstein's case after an intermediate appellate court upheld his conviction. Weinstein's lawyers want a new trial, but only for the criminal sexual act charge. They argue the rape charge can't be retried because it involves alleged conduct outside the statute of limitations.

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Ukrainian military says it sank a Russian landing ship



BURAK GEZEN • The Associated Press

A Russian ship named Caesar Kunikov passes through the Dardanelles strait in Turkey en route to the Mediterranean Sea, on Oct. 4, 2015.

By ILLIA NOVIKOV
The Associated Press

Ukraine's military said Wednesday it used high-tech naval drones to sink a Russian landing ship in the Black Sea, a report that has not been confirmed by Russian authorities.

The Caesar Kunikov amphibious ship sank 4 kilometers (2.5 miles) off Alupka, a city on the southern edge of the Crimean Peninsula that Moscow annexed in 2014, Ukraine's General Staff said. It said the ship can carry 87 crew members. The ship was also transporting ammunition, a Ukrainian official said.

Sinking the vessel would be another embarrassing blow for the Russian Black Sea fleet and a significant success for Ukraine 10 days before the second anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion on Feb. 24, 2022.

Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov declined to comment on the claim during a conference call with reporters Wednesday. He said questions should be addressed to the Russian military.

Several Russian military bloggers confirmed the attack on the ship but stopped short of confirming that it had been sunk.

Ukraine has moved onto the defensive in the war, hindered by low ammunition supplies and a shortage of personnel, but has kept up its strikes behind the largely static 1,500-kilometer (930-mile) front line.

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which is already open to fill out. According to Sherlock, institutions will start receiving copies of that application in the middle of March. However, the financial aid office expects to see official awards information in the middle of summer, which will allow students to see if they qualify for the program.

"The good news for students is

It is the second time in two weeks that Ukrainian forces have said they sank a Russian vessel in the Black Sea. Last week, they published a video that they said showed naval drones assaulting the Russian missile-armed corvette Ivanovets.

Ukraine's Military Intelligence, known by its Ukrainian acronym GUR, said its special operations unit "Group 13" sank the Caesar Kunikov using advanced Magura V5 sea drones on Wednesday. Explosions damaged the vessel on its left side, it said, though a heavily edited video it released was unclear. The same unit also struck on Feb. 1, according to officials.

GUR's Andrii Yusov declined to say how many drones were deployed. But he told reporters that the operation took "a long time to prepare — routes are tracked, data is collected."

The private intelligence firm Ambrey said the video showed that at least three drones conducted the attack and that the ship likely sank after listing heavily on its port side.

The Caesar Kunikov probably was part of the Russian fleet escorting merchant vessels that call at Crimean ports, Ambrey said.

The landing ship can carry tanks, troops and other cargo to support amphibious assaults, with doors in the bow that open onto land without the ship needing to dock.

that it's actually not a separate application," said Sherlock. "So if students have applied for the FAFSA, if they filled that out, we're going to automatically review them to see if they're eligible."

Students can receive additional information at the Campus Hub or by making an appointment with a financial aid advisor.

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"Europe, France, Japan— anywhere with a different culture from the U.S. I would love to go sightseeing and traveling abroad is definitely on my bucket list."

MNSU's Center For Global Engagement can help students walk through the steps needed to apply for education abroad.

Their website states, "Find a

program, apply, and explore financial resources."

Application deadlines are October first for spring programs as March first is their deadline to apply for summer or fall programs.

Visit mnsu.edu/academics/global-education/centers-of-global-education/center-for-global-engagement for more information.

Winter storm brings storm North

By DAVE COLLINS
The Associated Press

A quick-moving winter storm battered cities in the Northeast with snowfall, sending huge waves crashing into the New England coastline and forcing New York City schools into glitch-filled remote learning reminiscent of the early days of the pandemic.

Airlines canceled or delayed flights while accidents were reported on slippery roads, and at least one person died.

The storm quickly passed through the region, producing snowfall totals that were significant in some cities but much less than expected in others. New York City recorded just 3 inches (7.62 centimeters) of snow in Central Park, but areas of Pennsylvania and Connecticut were blanketed with 15 inches (38.10 centimeters) of fluffy snow, according to National Weather Service reports.

"It's been a quiet winter, so it's kind of welcoming," Ricky Smith said as he made his way to a construction job in New York City. "I just hope nobody gets hurt."

In New York City, the nation's largest school district opted to shift to remote learning instead of giving students and staff a snow day, sparking criticism by many. And when classes began, technical problems prevented many of



STEVEN SENNE • The Associated Press

Nelson Taylor, of Providence, R.I., left, uses cross-country skis while making his way along a residential street, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024, in Providence.

the 915,000 students from logging in, exacerbating the discontent.

PS 112 in East Harlem had a promising start to its virtual school day with a schoolwide read-aloud, teacher Jessica Roach said.

But the rest of the morning, when teachers and families tried to access the district's domain, cascading technical problems confused her young special education students and inconvenienced their parents.

"A lot of kids lost out because of technical issues," she said.

Chong Bretillon, a parent in

Queens, said she received repeated errors as she tried to gain entry to a Zoom room for her elementary school student, while messaging with dozens of other parents who were encountering the same problems.

"I just spent almost an hour trying to log in and log out," Bretillon said. "Everyone's frustrated."

New York Mayor Eric Adams defended the decision to go remote in the schools, saying it was necessary because of learning losses during the coronavirus pandemic.

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Make sure to leave your comfort zone

We as students need to use the time that we have in college as an opportunity to get out of our comfort zone.

College gives us the platform to explore different things and find out about what we do and don't like.

So get out and try to do things that we normally wouldn't do.

If we are somebody that is living in the dorms, do not be shy about talking to your floor mates or other students that are in the same building.

In the dining hall, strike up a conversation with someone that is also waiting in line to get their food.

When heading to class, how about we ask people around us about what they thought about the assignment that was given, or how they are feeling about the course.

Instead of studying alone, ask somebody in class if they will be willing to be a study partner or be part of a study group.

Study groups are a great way to make learning more enjoyable.

How about going up to your professors before or after class and asking them a question or making a comment about what the class is learning. How about just talking to them about other things and trying to get to know them as people also.

Think about all the different clubs and events that are taking place on campus all the time.

Would it hurt us to show up at some of those events from time to time and potentially learn about something new and meet some new people?

The point of these few of many possible ways that we as students can get out of our comfort zone, is it helps us grow as people. There is no reason not to try and challenge ourselves and seek the possibilities of getting something out of exploring new things.

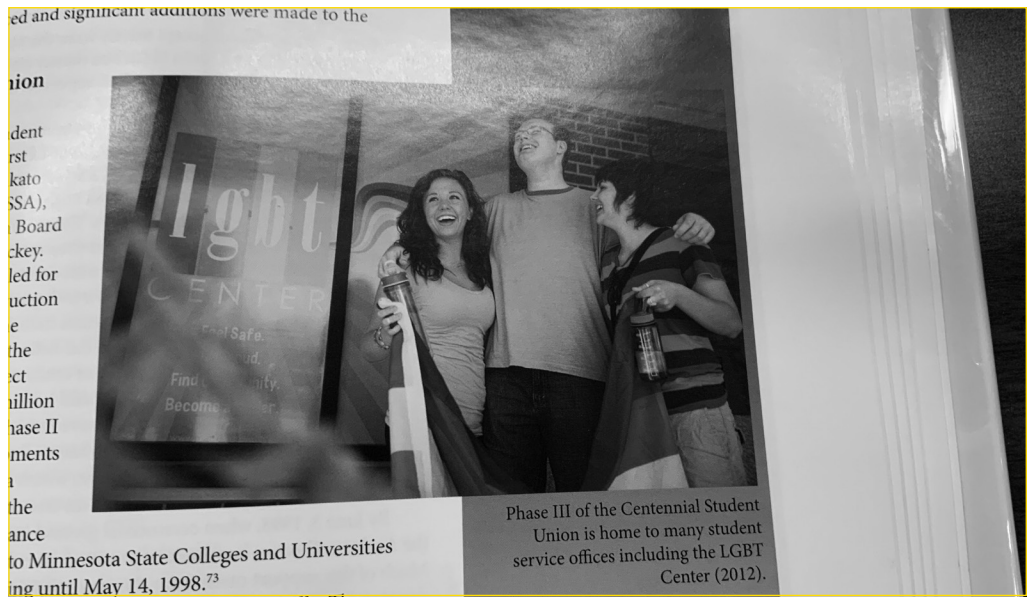
Another thing that getting out of our comfort zone does is that it diversifies us as people. Especially on a campus like ours where there are so many people from so many different backgrounds, it gives us the opportunity to interact with one another and learn about each other's different perspectives.

Lastly, do not think that everything that we go out and try to explore is going to be appealing to us.

There is a very real chance that we may not enjoy certain things that we try, and that is ok. Even in situations like those there are valuable lessons to be learned.

Perspectives

Historians wrong, queer people always existed in Mankato



Phase III of the Centennial Student Union is home to many student service offices including the LGBT Center (2012).

Courtesy Jeremy Redlien

The only reference in Minnesota State University, Mankato 1868-2018: A Sesquicentennial History by William Lass to the LGBT center.

In 1973 an anonymous poem appeared in the alternative publication The Medicine Jug and was called There Are Homosexuals in Mankato. The same poem appears in Jim Chalgren's Mankato Poems under the title "There Are Faggots in Mankato". In Mankato Poems, Chalgren includes the note that the title of the poem had been changed by the editors of The Medicine Jug without his consent.



Jeremy Redlien
Staff Writer

Mankato has been home to a significant amount of LGBTQ history. For example, MNSU Mankato hosts the second oldest campus LGBTQ center, which was founded mainly thanks to the work of Chalgren in 1977.

Several other historically significant LGBTQ related events have also taken place locally.

For example, Jack Baker and Michael McConnell who

formed the oldest legally recognized same sex marriage in the United States when they got legally married in Blue Earth County courthouse.

Many of you are probably familiar with the Boy Scouts of America's history of discriminating against LGBTQ individuals. While the Boy Scouts no longer discriminate against youth members on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, for several decades they were notorious for kicking out LGBTQ members.

The BSA's policy has roots

right here in Mankato, with the first two individuals to be kicked out of any scouting program for being gay were kicked out of the local police explorers' post by a Mankato police officer. The two individuals in question were Scott Ford and Scott Vance. In February 1978, Ford would go on to protest his expulsion to the city council who ignored his plea.

In the Mankato Free Press article, "Homosexuality admitted as cause of youths' exclusion" (1/21/78) the then director of public relations, Russell Bufkin, is quoted as saying, "we support the action taken by the post advisor (Creel) as a prerogative of the organization to accept or reject members."

The Mankato Free Press article also adds, "the director noted this was the first known action by a Boy Scout group against a homosexual."

COLUMN on page 7

Pulse

"How do you celebrate Valentines day?"

Compiled by Nathanael Tilahun



SYLVESTER KORANG-AMOAKO, FRESHMAN

"Travel somewhere nice and spend the weekend."



FRANK AMOLO, FRESHMAN

"I don't celebrate."



MAKDA ASMELASH, JUNIOR

"With my best friend."



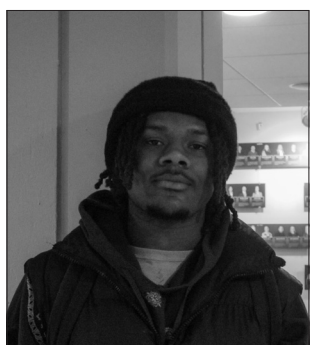
NIYAT AFEWORK, FRESHMAN

"Hanging with my friends."



IKARAN ABDIRISAK, SENIOR

"Spend the day with friends."



DUANN KAMARA, JUNIOR

"Watch a movie alone."

US inflation slows but stays elevated

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
The Associated Press

Consumer inflation in the United States cooled last month yet remained elevated in the latest sign that the pandemic-fueled price surge is only gradually and fitfully coming under control.

Tuesday's report from the Labor Department showed that the consumer price index rose 0.3% from December to January, up from a 0.2% increase the previous month. Compared with a year ago, prices are up 3.1%.

That is less than the 3.4% figure in December and far below the 9.1% inflation peak in mid-2022. But the latest reading is still well above the Federal Reserve's 2% target level at a time when public frustration with inflation has become a pivotal issue in President Joe Biden's bid for re-election.

Excluding volatile food and energy costs, so-called core prices climbed 0.4% last month, up from 0.3% in December. On a year-over-year basis, core prices were up 3.9% in January, the same as in December. Core inflation is watched especially closely because it typically provides a better read of where inflation is likely headed.

Tuesday's report showed that the drivers of inflation have decisively shifted from goods, like used cars, gasoline and groceries, which are now falling in price or rising much more slowly, to services, including hotel rooms, restaurant meals and medical care. That shift could raise concerns for the Fed, because services inflation typically takes longer to cool.

At his most recent news conference, Fed Chair Jerome Powell singled out persistently high services prices as a concern and indicated the central bank's policymakers would like to see services inflation ease further before starting to cut their key interest rate.

"There's still some inflation in the system that's going to take some time to work through," said Omair Sharif, founder of Inflation Insights, a research firm. "This



CHRIS O'MERA • The Associated Press

A customer buys a cup of coffee at the Blind Tiger Cafe on Jan. 10, 2024, in Tampa, Fla. On Tuesday, the Labor Department issues its report on inflation at the consumer level in January.

justifies the Fed wanting to wait and see how things are going to go."

Tuesday's unexpectedly sticky inflation data sent stock and bond prices tumbling, with financial markets now envisioning the Fed's first cut rates in June, rather than in May or March as many traders had previously expected.

The S&P 500 was off nearly 1.2% in early afternoon trading, and the yield on the 10-year Treasury note jumped by a sharp one-tenth, to 4.28%.

Biden administration officials responded to Tuesday's report by noting that average hourly pay, adjusted for inflation, rose in January and is 1.4% higher than it was a year earlier. But the average work week has declined because some businesses have reduced their employees' hours, leaving weekly inflation-adjusted pay slightly lower than it was a year earlier.

"We understand there's more work to be done, but this is an economy that is in a much different place than it was a year ago," said Karine Jean-Pierre, the White House press secretary. "When you see eggs and milk and products like that at the grocery store going down, they're lower than they were a year ago, that's important."

Some economists cautioned against assigning too much weight to January's inflation data, noting that many companies impose annual price increases in the first month of the year, imparting a temporary boost to January's figures.

The government seeks to seasonally adjust the data to account for such trends but doesn't always do so perfectly.

A raft of forward-looking data, in fact, suggests that inflation will continue to cool. The pace of wage growth has slowed, which reduces the pressure on companies to raise prices to offset higher labor costs. And consumers and business owners collectively expect lower inflation in the coming months and years, surveys show, a trend that can itself hold down price increases.

From December to January, average national gas prices tumbled 3.3%, the government said. Yet so far this month, the average price has climbed higher, rising 15 cents to \$3.23 a gallon as of Tuesday, according to AAA.

Grocery prices rose 0.4% from December to January, the biggest such rise in a year, though compared with 12 months earlier, food prices are up just 1.2%.

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He admitted the same action could be taken elsewhere at the discretion of other local units."

At the same time of the expulsion of Scott Ford and Scott Vance, the local LGBTQ community led by Jim Chalgren was embroiled in a push to legally ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

That push was the result of six men being kicked out of the Trader and Trapper and Discoteque for dancing together. Chalgren would be interviewed about that incident and his activist work in 1978 by Time Magazine.

The effort to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in Mankato would reach its zenith in 1987. This effort would ultimately fail when the Mankato City Council rejected the proposal 4-2. The failure resulted in Jim Chalgren leaving Mankato for the Twin

Cities.

Much of Mankato's LGBTQ history has been extensively documented by Kellian Clink in her thesis "A History of the Center for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Students on the Campus of Minnesota State University, Mankato".

Yet other than Clink, local historians rarely acknowledge local LGBTQ history.

In 2018 the late William Lass wrote, "Minnesota State University, Mankato 1868-2018: A Sesquicentennial History" for the school's sesquicentennial anniversary. This extensive tome covers just about everything you might want to know about MSU Mankato's history. Well everything, except one thing.

As I mentioned, before our campus has the second oldest LGBTQ center, yet there is only one mention of the LGBTQ cen-

ter even existing in the entirety of Lass's account. There is no mention of the work of Jim Chalgren, the LGBTQ center's historical significance, nor the impact of either on the local community.

Furthermore, the Blue Earth County Historical Society newsletters and blog make no mention of Chalgren, the MNSU Mankato LGBTQ Center, nor to the marriage of Jack Baker and Mitch McConnell. Furthermore, I was unable to find any references to the expulsion of Scott Ford and Scott Vance. I even tried searching their site for LGBTQ related terms (gay, lesbian, queer, homosexual, etc.) and came up with nothing.

I am documenting this, not to point fingers or to shame anyone or any organization, but to demonstrate that there is a systemic issue at play here. An issue that is in need of correction.

Black History Month celebrations across both parties



ANDREW HARNIK • The Associated Press

President Joe Biden takes a photograph with Housing and Urban Development Secretary Marcia Fudge, left, and United States Ambassador to the United Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield, right.

By MATT BROWN
The Associated Press

Black History Month, often a time to recognize the contributions of African Americans in U.S. history, was marked in the nation's capital this week with a focus on present divides and the November election when Black turnout will be integral to the outcome.

At the White House, the Biden administration on Tuesday hosted more than two dozen family members of civil rights icons and major historical figures for a gala celebrating Black history. Vice President Kamala Harris made a surprise appearance where she praised the families and recounted the administration's commitment to Black communities.

A few hours later, Republicans held a reception in Washington's

U Street neighborhood, a key part of Black history in the city, to celebrate former GOP officials and activists who have engaged Black voters.

The White House has taken Black History Month as an opportunity to highlight the administration's efforts on priorities such as education, voting rights and jobs.

Republicans see a chance to win more votes from a core Democratic constituency, noting President Joe Biden's lower popularity with Black adults and the criticism he has taken for inflation and his handling of the border.

Biden's approval rating among Black adults was 42% in a January poll by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, a substantial drop from the first year of his presidency.



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What's at stake for Trump's criminal case?

By MICHAEL R. SISAK
The Associated Press

Former President Donald Trump is expected in court Thursday for an important hearing in his New York hush-money criminal case, which now appears increasingly likely to go to trial next month.

Judge Juan Manuel Merchan is set to rule on key pretrial issues and say for certain if the trial will begin as scheduled on March 25. If that happens, the New York case will be the first of Trump's four criminal indictments to go to trial.

Trump's lawyers have asked Merchan to dismiss the case entirely. The judge's recent activities suggest that's unlikely to happen. In recent weeks, court records show, Merchan has been communicating with defense lawyers and Manhattan prosecutors to plan jury selection for a March trial.

A delay might cause conflicts in Trump's crowded legal calendar.

Trump, the Republican front-runner in his quest to return to the White House, has not been in court for the New York case since his arraignment last April, though he did appear by video for a hearing in May where the judge warned him against posting evidence to social media or using it to attack witnesses.

Here's a refresher on where the case stands.

WHAT IS THIS CASE ABOUT?



ELIZABETH WILLIAMS • AP File

This artist sketch depicts former President Donald Trump, far left, pleading not guilty as the Clerk of the Court reads the charges and asks him "How do you plea?"

Trump's New York case involves an alleged scheme to prevent potentially damaging stories about his personal life from becoming public during his 2016 presidential campaign.

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg charged Trump last year with falsifying internal records kept by his company, the

Trump Organization, to hide the true nature of payments made to his then-lawyer Michael Cohen, for helping bury stories alleging Trump had extramarital sexual encounters.

The case centers on payoffs to two women, porn actor Stormy Daniels and former Playboy model Karen McDougal, as well as to

a Trump Tower doorman who claimed to have a story about Trump having a child out of wedlock. Trump says he didn't have any of the alleged sexual encounters.

Cohen paid Daniels \$130,000 and arranged for the publisher of the National Enquirer supermarket tabloid to pay McDougal \$150,000 in a practice known as "catch-and-

kill."

The Trump Organization then reimbursed Cohen at an amount far more than what he'd spent, prosecutors said. The company logged the payments — delivered in monthly installments and a year-end bonus check — as legal expenses, prosecutors said. Over several months, Cohen said he got \$420,000.

The records at issue include general ledger entries, invoices and checks that prosecutors say were falsified.

WHAT IS TRUMP CHARGED WITH?

Trump is charged with 34 counts of falsifying business records. The charge is a Class E felony in New York, the lowest tier of felony charges in the state.

It is punishable by up to four years in prison, though there is no guarantee that a conviction would result in jail time.

Because it is a state case, Trump would not be able to pardon himself if he were to become president again. Presidential pardons only apply to federal crimes.

To convict Trump of a felony, prosecutors must show he not only falsified or caused business records to be entered falsely, which would be a misdemeanor, but that he did so to conceal another crime.

Prosecutors did not specify the other crime in Trump's indictment, but have since said that evidence shows his actions were meant to conceal campaign finance crimes.

Indian farmers march toward capital for change

By KRUTIKA PATHI
The Associated Press

Tens of thousands of Indian farmers are marching toward the capital to demand guaranteed crop prices, renewing a movement from two years ago that succeeded in getting the government to repeal contentious new agricultural laws.

On Tuesday, police used tear gas, detained a number of farmers and heavily barricaded border points to block the protesters from entering New Delhi.

Authorities are determined to control the new demonstrations to avoid a repeat of the 2021 protests, in which tens of thousands of farmers camped outside the capital for over a year, enduring a harsh winter and a devastating COVID-19 surge.

WHY ARE FARMERS PROTESTING AGAIN?

The farmers, who rode on tractors and trucks from neighboring Haryana and Punjab states, say the government has failed to meet some of their key demands from the previous protests.

In 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi repealed a set of agricultural laws that had triggered the first round of protests from farmers, who said the legislation would hurt their incomes.

But farmer groups that are leading the current march say that since then, the government hasn't made progress on other important demands such as guaranteed crop



RAJESH SACHAR • The Associated Press

Farmers marching to New Delhi gather near the Punjab-Haryana border at Shambhu, India, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024. Farmers are marching to the Indian capital asking for a guaranteed minimum support price for all farm produce.

prices, a doubling of farmers' income and loan waivers.

The demand for legislation that will guarantee minimum support prices is at the heart of their protests.

Currently, the government protects agricultural producers against any sharp fall in farm prices by

setting a minimum purchase price for certain essential crops, a system that was introduced in the 1960s to help shore up food reserves and prevent shortages.

But the farmers are demanding that this be extended to all farm produce, and not just essential crops.

WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME?

In November 2021, Modi's announcement that his government would quash the controversial laws was widely seen as a win for the farmers and a rare retreat by the populist leader.

The government had defend-

ed the laws as necessary reforms to modernize Indian farming, but farmers feared the government's move to introduce market reforms in agriculture would leave them poorer.

The protests, which began in northern India, triggered nationwide demonstrations and drew international support.

Dozens of farmers died due to suicides, bad weather conditions and the pandemic.

Political commentators said the protest movement was the biggest challenge until that time for the Modi government, which then tried to paint its decision to scrap the laws as a move that prioritized farmers.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR MODI'S GOVERNMENT?

The protests come at a crucial time for the governing party and Modi, who is widely expected to sweep upcoming national polls and secure a third successive term.

In 2021, Modi's decision to do away with the laws was seen as a move to appease farmers ahead of crucial state polls.

Farmers form the most influential voting bloc in India and are often romanticized as the heart and soul of the nation.

Politicians have long considered it unwise to alienate them, and farmers are also particularly important to Modi's base.

Northern Haryana and a few other states with substantial farmer populations are ruled by his party.

SPORTS

Men's basketball remains at no. 5 heading into final road contest

By HAYDEN LEE
Staff Writer

A few days removed from their two home victories last weekend, the Mavs held their no. 5 ranking in the National Association of Basketball Coaches Poll.

The Mavericks continue to be the choice of the NSIC, while three other teams join them in the top-25 rankings. MSU Moorhead moved up this week, jumping up a spot to no. 8 after they beat no. 23 Minot State and UMary. Minot dropped eight spots after dropping both games last weekend. The final ranked team in the NSIC is UMD, who climb five spots in the newest poll, after close wins over SMSU and Sioux Falls.

This weekend, the Mavs will travel to Aberdeen, S.D. for their final road game of the regular season. They will take on the Northern State Wolves. Earlier this season, the Mavs hosted the Wolves in the Taylor Center, where they would send the Wolves home howling after securing an 81-66 win. In that game, Elijah Hazekamp, Malik Willingham and Justin Eagins were a dynamic offensive trio, combining for 49 of their 81 points en route to taking the lead in the all-time series, 18-15.

Despite leading the series, the Mavs are 2-8 in their last ten match-



DYLAN LONG • The Reporter

MSU held its spot in the poll after it defeated Wayne State (79-63) and Augustana (89-81) last weekend at home.

ups with the Wolves. Saturday's game will mark the 34th meeting between the two teams, dating back to 1970. In the first game played between these two teams, the Mavs were able to squeak out

a highly contested overtime win by the score of 65-59.

Northern State will enter the weekend with a 10-14 record, with eight wins and 10 losses coming in NSIC play. They are coming off of

a weekend in which they were triumphant over Minnesota Crookston at home and were defeated by Bemidji State on the road. The Wolves will have the luxury of playing at home, but it will take much

more than home-court advantage to beat the Mavs.

Two players that could help the Wolves' case are Jackson Moni and Josh Dilling. Moni is the bigger offensive threat of the two, averaging 21.4 points per game on the season, along with 8.3 rebounds per game. Dilling, on the other hand, averages a solid 18.5 points, 4.6 rebounds and 4 assists per game, and has taken on more of a point guard role. Augustin Reede is the team's sniper. He leads the Wolves in three-pointers made, with 60 while averaging 11 points per game.

As a team, the Mavs are averaging 87.8 points and 39.7 rebounds per game, while shooting 49.4% from the field and 37.2% from three-point range. The catalysts for this astounding offensive attack are none other than the Willingham brothers. Malik leads the team in scoring with 18.7 ppg, while still averaging over three rebounds and four assists per game. Kyreese is not far behind him with 14.2 points, but he averages 5.2 rebounds per game.

Truth be told, the entire Mavs starting lineup has been playing great this season, and they certainly play better together. The other three members of the starting lineup each average over 10 points per game. Hazekamp makes his mark

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Takeaways from the Chiefs win in Super Bowl 58

By MOHAMED WARSAME
Sports Editor

After a thrilling Super Bowl between the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers that saw the Chiefs outlast the 49ers in overtime, here are three takeaways from the game.

Never a doubt

When the Chiefs got the ball back with less than two minutes to go in the game and when they got the ball after the 49ers kicked a field goal in overtime, was there ever really a doubt that Patrick Mahomes was going to march down the field and at least tie the game?

At the end of regulation he almost got them the game-winning score, but in overtime, the clock struck midnight on the Niners.

After watching Tom Brady for all those years, I never thought there would be another quarterback that would have the inevitability of coming through in big moments that he did. Mahomes now has that.

I felt like he already did, but this championship run solidified it.

This was supposed to be the year that the teams in the AFC took advantage of the Chiefs' offensive struggles.

There will not be a worse offense in the Andy Reid and Mahomes era.



ASHLEY LANDIS • The Associated Press

Patrick Mahomes completed 34 of 46 passes for 333 yards and two touchdowns on his way to winning Super Bowl MVP for the third time.

They led the league in dropped passes, had poor play from both of their offensive tackles and Travis Kelce was battling injuries throughout the season and looked as though he had lost a step before

turning it on for the postseason.

The thing that people kept on underestimating about the Chiefs all season long was just how great their defense is.

In the regular season, the

Chiefs' defense ranked second in opponents' points per game, fifth in opponents' yards per game and second in opponents' points per play.

They also became the fifth team

in the Super Bowl era to never concede 28 or more points throughout the season, including the playoffs.

Two years ago, they shocked the NFL world after they traded arguably the best wide receiver in the league Tyreek Hill.

They were able to rebuild that defense thanks in part to the trade capital they got for Hill, and two years later they are a dynasty.

Brock Purdy's composure

It seems that it is pretty difficult to have a rational conversation when it comes to Brock Purdy.

People either think he is the second coming of Joe Montana or Drew Brees, and if you offer some pushback to the rush to anoint him as one of the games' best, you're deemed a hater.

Because I happen to be in the camp that believes he is a good player that is elevated by his coach and great teammates, I guess that puts me in category two of the Purdy debate.

Nonetheless, I was very impressed with Purdy's composure throughout the game.

I wouldn't classify his performance as incredible in any way, but he was pretty good.

He completed 23 of 38 passes, for 255 yards and one touchdown.

One of the reasons I thought that the Chiefs would win the game

SUPER BOWL on page 10 ▶

Women's hockey set to take on Bemidji State at home



Courtesy Maverick Athletics

The Minnesota State women's hockey team is set to take on Bemidji State this weekend to try to end their nine-game losing streak.

By AHMED HASSAN
Staff Writer

The Minnesota State women's hockey team is back at home again to face the Bemidji State Beavers after being swept by No. 1 ranked Ohio State at home last weekend.

The Mavericks have not been on a great run of form recently, having lost nine games in a row and being swept by the top four teams in the conference (WCHA).

"When you're playing the top team in the nation, it needs to be a 60-minute effort," stated head coach John Harrington when asked about Ohio State scoring six straight goals.

"That is something we can learn from in this game and apply it to our efforts against Bemidji State."

The last time the Mavs and Beavers met, it was not disappointing, as they split the series in two thrilling overtime games in Bemidji.

The Mavs currently sit with a 10-21-0 overall record and a 4-20-0 conference record.

This puts them at sixth in the WCHA, with 13 points.

The Beavers currently hold a

4-24-2 overall record and a 3-20-1 conference record.

Which places them seventh in the WCHA, with 17 points.

The Beavers have been on a bad run as well recently losing nine of their last 11 games.

They are currently on a four-game losing streak.

The Mavs will look again to their elite trio of Syndey Langseth, Jamie Nelson and Whitney Tuttle, who are the Only Maverick players to accumulate over 20 points.

All three players have combined for 74 total points on the season.

The Gazdik duo (JuliAnna and Jenessa Gazdik) will be ones to keep an eye out for on defense for the Mavs, as they have both combined for 99 total blocks this season.

Which has proven to be a dynamic defensive duo.

Saturday's game will be senior night.

The Mavs will recognize six seniors and graduate students.

The Mavs will recognize seniors Syndey Langseth, Jamie Nelson and Madison Mashuga, along with Graduate Students Charlotte Akervik, Kennedy Bobyck and Lyndsey Howard.

◀**SUPER BOWL** from page 9 was because I thought that Purdy would make a few crippling mistakes.

He didn't do that.

We saw him help the Niners make comebacks against the Green Bay Packers and the Detroit Lions earlier in the playoffs, so we know he has intangibles.

Although it didn't lead to victory, it was impressive seeing him make some plays after escaping pressure, and not costing his team.

His mobility is something that

has added a new dynamic to this offense that it never had with Jimmy Garoppolo.

Big thumbs up on the new overtime rules

This was the first time that a playoff game has gone to overtime since the rule change that was put in place after the incredible Divisional Round playoff game between the Buffalo Bills and the Chiefs two years ago.

Prior to the rule change, if a team got the ball first and scored a touchdown, they won.

If they scored a field goal, then

the other team would get a chance to tie or win.

Now no matter what, both teams are guaranteed at least one possession.

In the Super Bowl, the Niners decided to receive the ball first and they went and scored a field goal.

We know how that turned out. That decision has led to a lot of debate as to whether that was the right decision.

Regardless of if it was the right or wrong decision, the rule change has made overtime a much better viewing experience.

Women's basketball looks for 20th consecutive win



DYLAN LONG • The Reporter

After beating Wayne State and Augustana, the Minnesota State women's basketball team is looking for their 20th consecutive win.

By LUKE JACKSON
News Editor

The 14th-ranked Minnesota State women's basketball team plays just one game this week in Aberdeen against the Northern State Huskies.

The Mavericks are first in the NSIC with a 21-4 record, while Northern State is second at 17-7.

A win for the Mavericks would propel them to a 20-game win streak.

MSU won its 18th conference game of the season against the Vikings, 97-75.

In doing so, they solidified the third conference regular season title in program history.

The Mavericks have the best offense in the conference, averaging 80 points per game and winning by an average margin of 19.5 points per game.

They also have the best defense in the NSIC.

They lead the conference in steals with 427, which is 228 more than St. Cloud State, who are second.

Across the nation, the Mavs are second in steals per game, second in turnover margin and third in forced turnovers.

All this defense adds up to 31.5

points off of turnovers per game.

The team also ranks first in the NSIC and fifth in the nation in offensive boards.

Each win they earn they continue to set program history as the previous win streak record was 17 games.

This streak is the longest in NCAA Division II women's basketball currently.

Destinee Bursch and Joey Batt lead the team.

Bursch earned NSIC Player of the Week due to her efforts last weekend. She led the conference in scoring and shooting percentage last weekend, averaging 23 points per game on 77% field goal shooting. She also averaged 4.5 assists, three rebounds and 2.5 steals per game. She is averaging 15.2 points, 3.8 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 1.6 steals per game.

Batt became the second-highest scorer in program history with 1,717 points.

This year she averages 14.6 points, three rebounds, 2.4 assists and 3.6 steals per game.

She shoots an automatic 45% from the field, 35% from beyond the arc and 77% on free throws. She recorded 22 points and four steals last weekend against Augustana.

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Real Madrid and Man City still the favorites to win it all



MATTHIAS SCHRADER • The Associated Press

Real Madrid's Vinicius Junior reacts during the Champions League round of 16 first leg soccer match between RB Leipzig and Real Madrid at the Red Bull arena stadium in Leipzig, Germany, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024.

By AHMED HASSAN
Staff Writer

The UEFA Champions League kicked off Tuesday with the defending champions Manchester City facing FC Copenhagen, and Real Madrid facing RB Leipzig.

After Tuesday's games, it's safe to say that Man City and Real Madrid will definitely be the favorites to win it all again after dominant displays.

Madrid and City have faced each other two years in a row in the semi-finals, with the winner eventually going on to win the Champions League.

Real Madrid went into Leipzig facing many injuries, but it came off of a dominant display in their 4-0 win against La Liga contenders Girona.

Madrid came into the game missing arguably their best player, Jude Bellingham, due to an ankle sprain. Madrid were also without their starting centerback Antonio Rudiger.

Real Madrid took a risk that paid off starting Aurelien Tchouameni at center back, which proved to be one of the best decisions of the game.

Leipzig thought they had opened the scoring at home, as Benjamin Sesko hit a shot from outside the box. The goal was marked off for offside from the referee and supported by VAR.

This decision was met with controversy in the world of football, and especially with the home fans of Leipzig, who were enraged by the decision.

The first half was a very cautious affair between the two teams, as both teams weren't able to put up many chances.

The Spanish giants found their way early in the second half, after Brahim Diaz fired a screamer to give Madrid the lead and eventually the win.

The game changer for Madrid was Andriy Lunin. He saved nine shots, and kept a clean sheet to secure the win for Madrid in his first ever Champions League start.

Manchester City came into Copenhagen having finally regained their form after the return of Kevin De Bruyne, who opened up the scoring for the Citizens.

Copenhagen responded to make it 1-1 after a mistake from Ederson.

The Citizens responded almost instantly at the end of the first half, as Bernardo Silva finished it from an assist from who else, but Kevin De Bruyne.

Phil Foden's late goal gave City a deserved 3-1 lead going into the second leg.

Manchester City's dominant display yet again showed that they have nothing to fear, as time and time again they do what they do best.

Which is outpossess and absolutely suffocate their opponents.

From top to bottom, they're stacked with the best players in the world. With players like Erling Haaland, De Bruyne, Rodri and Bernardo Silva, winning is the expectation. Especially with Pep Guardiola coaching.

You simply can never count out Real Madrid though, as they are 14-time champions and prove every single year that they're here to play. Madrid handled Leipzig with key pieces being out.

Championship DNA is a thing which is what Madrid have.

Along with Don Carlo Ancelotti coaching this squad, the squad has experience and talent of the highest level, and are poised to make another run for the Champions League yet again.

With stars like Vinicius Jr., Bellingham, Eduardo Camavinga, Toni Kroos and Luka Modric, this Madrid squad has all the pieces it needs to win its 15th Champions League

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The 49ers fire defensive coordinator Steve Wilks after their Super Bowl loss



GEOEGE WALKER IV • The Associated Press

San Francisco 49ers defensive coordinator Steve Wilks walks on the field before the NFL Super Bowl 58 football game against the Kansas City Chiefs.

By JOSH DUBOW
The Associated Press

The San Francisco 49ers fired defensive coordinator Steve Wilks on Wednesday, three days after losing the Super Bowl to the Kansas City Chiefs.

Coach Kyle Shanahan announced the decision to move on after one season with Wilks in charge of the defense. Shanahan called it a "really tough decision" but said he wants to find a coordinator who was a better scheme fit for the talent on San Francisco's defense.

"We felt pretty strongly that this was the decision that was best for our organization," he said. "Even though it was one I didn't want to make, it was something that once I realized that a different direction was what's best for our organization, it's something that I

have to do."

Shanahan hired Wilks after losing DeMeco Ryans, who was hired as head coach in Houston after helping San Francisco field the top defense in the league in 2022.

Shanahan wanted to keep the same system that had been successful, and Wilks had the difficult task of trying to add his own wrinkles to an unfamiliar scheme.

"That was the hardest part. I knew that was a challenge," Shanahan said. "We have committed to not just a system, but the players that have been in the system from our D-line, our linebackers, they played in it for such a long time.

It was my goal to not have to change all of them and bring in Steve who was unbelievable and how loyal he was and him trying to do it.

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Consecutive: 'Average 67 points'

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Lastly, Natalie Bremer has been the rising star of the team.

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percentage and third in steals per game.

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VARIETY

Let's talk about (safe) sex

By MERCEDES KAUPHUSMAN
Variety Editor

Many college students recall taking a sexual education course prior to university, but implementing safe sex practices during the college experience is a different story.

To prevent the risks of unprotected sex, Student Health Services put on a safer sex carnival for Minnesota State students in Preska Wednesday night.

"I feel like in high school and stuff, there is talk about it (sex), but it's mostly abstinence based," graduate student Taylor Ferrazzo said. "We tried to kind of incorporate non-abstinence based, safer sex, and then we also still promote abstinence for total security and safety."

According to an American College Health Association study, more than 24% of college students reported having two or more sexual partners in the past academic year, and nearly 48% of sexually active students did not use protection during their last intercourse.

"I feel like with STD's and STI's, students don't particularly think that that's going to affect them," Ferrazzo said. "When I was in college, I didn't really even think twice about that, but it's something that can happen to anyone."

Ferrazzo, who is undergoing a graduate assistantship through



Minnesota State Student Health Services put on a safer sex carnival with educational games and prizes Tuesday evening.

MSU Health Pros is in charge of planning and creating events and social media content, among other responsibilities. The team intended for the carnival to be, "educational, but in a fun way."

"The students are interacting with different material and still getting the education part," Ferrazzo said. "We have our little booths, and our volunteers educate and

spread that information while students are engaging in the activity."

The carnival held an array of different games including condom cornhole, a prize wheel, questions and answers and more. From these games students had the opportunity to win different snacks, candy, safe sex kits with condoms and more. The theme as a whole was centered around Valentine's Day.

"It's all games and stuff, but there's still that educational aspect, which we find that students enjoy and definitely learn more from engaging and interacting with different things," Ferrazzo said.

Attempting to make the space more comfortable, many of the Health Pros volunteers are undergraduate students themselves, "so

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Being single isn't the worst.

By EMMA JOHNSON
Editor in Chief

After years and years of complaining about being single, I'm finally giving up the battle and embracing being alone. Typically, that's not what single people say, especially in the month of February.

It's as if you can't admit you're fine being single. If you're not dating someone, a small ounce of pity is dropped into any conversation where you talk about doing things you enjoy on your own.

I've been single my entire life and for many years, I used to complain about going another year without getting into a relationship.

I would roll my eyes at my social media timelines of all the cute couple photos and the overly sappy captions that would make even the most talented romance author cringe.

I would either spend the day sick when I was a kid in elementary (I missed most of my Valentine's Day parties due to strep or some other virus going around) or count how many hours were left so I could go and get discounted chocolates the next day.

The older I've gotten, the more I've realized I was making such a big deal out of nothing.

My mom would even say that, while it's not terrible to celebrate Valentine's Day, we should be showing our love and gratitude to the people we love every single day, not just on February 14.

When I thought about it a little bit more, I realized I try to carry that attitude every day. I tell my family I love them every time I call them. I tell my friends how much I appreciate them whenever we hang out.

When I was in high school, I also used to view Valentine's Day as a day where I would have to lock myself in the house and lay around because if I walked out of the house alone, I'd be shunned.

Now, I have no problem walking down the street by myself and doing things couples would do.

One of the activities I love doing by myself is going to the movies by myself. I can make silent comments while the movie is happening, have all the snacks and don't have to compromise on what movie we want to see.

Taking myself to grab a coffee or going shopping around town are some of my other favorite ways I like to treat myself.

I can't lie, some days I wish I was gladly taken by someone.

On days when it feels that way, I listen to one of my favorite podcasts, "Date Yourself Instead" by LyssBoss. This podcast has given me such confidence and reassurance that I don't need

International students try out speed dating

By ANAHI ZUNIGA
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day has arrived at Minnesota State University and the Kearney International Center organized its very own speed dating event in the Centennial Student Union Wednesday. International students were invited to experience a night of connections by meeting new people, dancing to music, engaging in a friendly and lovely atmosphere and participating in the main event: speed dating.

Senior Rohit Paruchuri, leader of the retention team organizing the event and a Maverick Global Ambassador, explained how speed dating helps both international and domestic students build connections.

"Within this event, it promotes interactive and engaging platforms for all the international students and also domestic students to connect with each other and I think speed dating also allows participants to have brief but also meaningful conversations at the same time. And in a short period of time, I would say they can meet as many people as possible which would also foster more interactions for them," Paruchuri said.

Sophomore Marwa Adem, a

member of the retention team and also a Maverick Global Ambassador, shared how the idea of speed dating was developed for the Kearney Center to celebrate Valentine's Day.

"I wasn't there last semester, but there was an event similar that the Kearney International Center did which was a speed-friending event. So we wanted to bring the idea back because it was all successful last semester. So we wanted to bring it back, but with a different thought. So since it was February, since it was like the month, we're like 'How about we just do the speed dating? To add a new idea?'" Adem said.

The Kearney International has the goal of welcoming international students from around the world and helping them adjust and gain a great experience in both academics and community engagement at Minnesota State.

"I think this is one of the ways for international students to kind of overcome the cultural barriers. And also, I believe that it could help them build confidence and also foster new relationships with people. So speed dating, but also help them to get different perspectives of people, traditions and customs," Paruchuri said, "But as we have students from so many different



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The Kearney International Center organized a speed dating event for Valentine's Day in the Centennial Student Union Wednesday evening.

countries, and I think to speed dating, they could meet people from different diversities. And a lot of Indonesian students and also, domestic students want to experience this diversity."

Both Paruchuri and Marwa agree that this event gives international students the chance to meet new faces and experience the celebration that is Valentine's Day and engage in different cultural aspects.

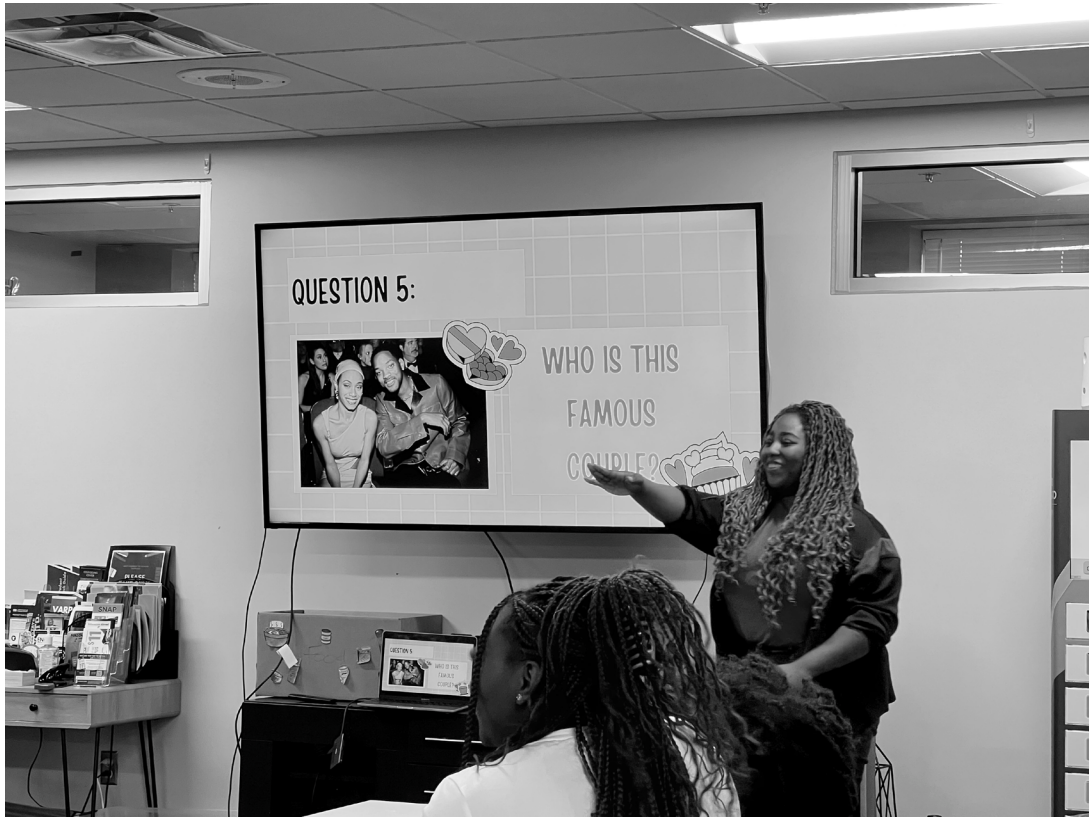
"I think it's a great event for

Valentine's Day, because I honestly think Valentine's Day is not only about making romantic relationships, it is also about making connections. So this is one of the ways people can celebrate love, or maybe just friendship in general," Paruchuri said. "So this would give the students an opportunity to make new friends from connections and maybe also make some new romantic connections. Honestly,

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The Black Student Union hosts Black Love Trivia



DAVIS JENSEN • The Reporter

The Black Student Union hosted a Black Love Trivia event for Valentines Day with about 20 students and staff members.

By JACK HARDING
Staff Writer

On Feb. 13th at Minnesota State, the Black Student Union hosted a Black Love Trivia event. The event took place in the Multicultural Center, which quickly filled up with around 20 students and several staff members. It was free to attend and candy was even available for students to snack on.

During the first part of the event, simple trivia questions popped up on the TV, asking about famous black people throughout history and their spouses. Things took a turn for the second part of the event. The questions were no longer multiple choice and sparked debate among the students. Should women propose? Can wives be the breadwinners?

Emily Hodge, Learning Community Coordinator for the Multicultural center, said she enjoyed this social aspect.

"This event is very communal. I've never gotten to have this question and be so down-to-earth with people in this community, which is really cool," Hodge said.

Freshman student Atrinity Tipton also said she likes the so-

cial aspect.

"The vibes are very chill and welcoming. Everyone feels that they can share their opinions and join in. So that's nice to have a space to be able to express your thoughts, your opinions and stuff like that at events like this one," Tipton said.

The Black Student Union is a student organization that hosts a variety of events throughout the year centered on the black community at MSU. Since February is the month all about love as well as Black History Month, they had the idea to collaborate the two.

Although the BSU is catered towards African-American students, they welcome all diversities. The organization's Secretary, Fadima Daramy, believes it's important for all students to celebrate love during Black History Month so they know they're acknowledged and loved across communities. Daramy then went on to talk about the deeper meaning of Black History Month and why it's important.

"Black History Month means to me basically acknowledging all of the hard work that our black pioneers done to bring us to where we're at here. Just basically

appreciating them and keeping that knowledge, reinforcing our knowledge throughout the university and making sure that it keeps being repeated and being brought up so that it's not forgotten," Daramy said.

The Black love trivia event certainly did a great job of raising awareness and increasing knowledge. Celebrating both black culture and love can also help create positivity within the community. Freshman student, Amir Evans, talked about the negativity sometimes felt and how it changes in the month of February.

"When race comes up I know there's a lot of negativity that kind of gets brought up with this so having to focus on love instead of the negatives and think about the things that we love that are a part of black history like the different art, the different people and then the relationships that we have with each other I feel like kind of pushes a better outlook," Evans said.

The Black love trivia event is just one of the few Black History month/Valentine's day events that MSU offers. But in case you missed it, the event will return next year, according to Daramy.

but also the way of having speed dating events, I even heard my friends, they'll be like 'Marwa, are you organizing this event? Can we help and just see how it goes?'" Adem said. "So this event, the good part about it is that it doesn't have to be about dating; you don't have to date this person you're going to meet. No, it could be like

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As far as becoming a volunteer, Health Services promotes students interested to join them in future educational events to come. "Health pros is a great oppor-

tunity for students in any major, but specifically those in a healthcare related major," Ferrazzo said. "You get experience speaking about more uncomfortable topics, so then you feel more comfortable with them, and I just feel like it's a great opportunity for students to engage in."

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Berlin Film Festival brings Israeli-Palestinian tensions



JENS KALAENE • The Associated Press

The red carpet is rolled out in front of the Berlinale Palast ahead of the Berlinale Film Festival, in Berlin, Germany, Tuesday Feb. 13 2024.

By LOUISE DIXON
The Associated Press

The 74th Berlin International Film Festival opens Thursday with the world premiere of "Small Things Like These" starring man of the moment Cillian Murphy.

Murphy, a front runner at next month's Oscars for his turn in "Oppenheimer," plays a coal merchant in 1980s Ireland who uncovers shocking secrets kept by the convent in his town. Based on an Irish novel, the drama reunites Murphy with "Peaky Blinders" director Tim Mielants and co-stars Eileen Walsh, Michelle Fairley and Emily Watson. The film explores Ireland's Magdalene laundries, Catholic-run institutions from the 18th to the late 20th century intended to reform those deemed "fallen women."

Politics is never far from the agenda at the Berlinale, but it's the ongoing war in Gaza that is likely to spark debate and demonstrations. Festival directors Mariette Rissenbeek and Carlo Chatrion, who will step down after this year, expressed their aim for "open dialogue" surrounding the war. When they introduced this year's program, they said they were "concerned to see that antisemitism, anti-Muslim resentment and hate speech are spreading in Germany and around the world."

Plenty of films and documentaries this year support this desire for dialogue, including the documentary "No Other Land." It's about Israeli settler violence in the West Bank and the unlikely friendship that develops between a Palestinian activist and an Israeli journalist, directed by a Palestinian-Israeli collective.

The Berlinale has also partnered with social activists to create the "Tiny Space" project, with a small, intimate cabin set up for

several days near the red carpet where festival attendees can discuss and debate the crisis in the Middle East.

But these efforts haven't stopped some, including Ghanaian director Ayo Tsalithaba and Indian American artist Suneil Sanzgiri, from withdrawing their films from the festival in protest of Germany's support for Israel.

Meanwhile the festival, which has long championed Iranian directors, has made a plea to Tehran to allow directing duo Maryam Moghaddam and Behshad Sanaehea to attend this year. They are due to present their new movie "My Favourite Cake" but face a travel ban by Iranian authorities. The Berlinale said in a statement that they have had their passports revoked and face a court trial in relation to their work as artists and filmmakers. The festival, which has made a plea to Tehran to allow directing duo Maryam Moghaddam and Behshad Sanaehea to attend this year. They are due to present their new movie "My Favourite Cake" but face a travel ban by Iranian authorities. The Berlinale said in a statement that they have had their passports revoked and face a court trial in relation to their work as artists and filmmakers. The festival, which has made a plea to Tehran to allow directing duo Maryam Moghaddam and Behshad Sanaehea to attend this year. They are due to present their new movie "My Favourite Cake" but face a travel ban by Iranian authorities. The Berlinale said in a statement that they have had their passports revoked and face a court trial in relation to their work as artists and filmmakers.

Politics are at play again when it comes to the festival guest list. Last week, organizers uninvited representatives of the far-right Alternative for Germany party, or AfD, to the opening gala. Five AfD politicians had been expected because members of all parties in Berlin's state legislature are invited to events that are supported with public money. In recent weeks, Germany has seen large protests against the far right following a report that extremists met to discuss deporting millions of immigrants, including some with German citizenship, and that some members of AfD were present.

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Sean Wang's grandmothers are going to the Oscars



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Sean Wang, from left, Yi Yan Fuei, Sam Davis, and Zhang Li Hua pose for a portrait during the 96th Academy Awards Oscar nominees luncheon on Monday, Feb. 12, 2024, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, California.

By JAKE COYLE
The Associated Press

Sean Wang's two grandmothers live together. They read the newspaper together. They dance together. They sleep in the same bed and complain about each other's farts. The older of the two, Yi Yan Fuei, is 96. The younger, Chang Li Hua, is 86. They're in-laws but they act more like sisters.

When Wang, their 29-year-old grandson, was getting into filmmaking, one of the first he made was a short where Yi and Chang feed him blueberries. When Sean refuses, they kill him and bury him in the backyard.

Wang kept shooting them in their Bay Area home, especially after he moved back in with his nearby mom during the pandemic. They got accustomed to his camera being around. But they never thought it would lead to the Academy Awards.

"Wai Pó and Nai Nai," Wang's deeply charming portrait of his grandmothers, is nominated for best documentary short at the Academy Awards. In it, Wang films Yi and Chang going about their daily lives with bits of playfulness mixed in. They arm wrestle. They play dress-up. They watch "Superbad." But mostly, "Wai Pó and Nai Nai," which translates as maternal grandmother and paternal grandmother in Mandarin, captures the joy of two spirited ladies in older age as they occasionally chide their grandson's attempts to turn them into movie stars.

"When you first asked us to be movie stars, we were like, 'This must be a joke,'" Chang says in an interview by Zoom alongside Yi, with Wang joining from Los Angeles. "But now that we made this movie and it's going to the Oscars, we do kind of feel like movie stars. Now that this whole experience has happened, we do feel a little prettier."

When Oscar nominations were announced last month, it wasn't Bradley Cooper's or Emma Stone's reactions that went viral. It was the celebration, caught on video, of Yi and Chang, with Wang, his mom and producer Sam Davis standing over them.

In the film, which is streaming on Disney+, Yi and Chang reflect on mortality and the essential things in life. "As long as I have the newspaper, I can live," says Yi in the film, with magnifying glass in hand. Now, they're in the news, themselves.

"Every day I open the newspaper and if I got to see you, that'd be amazing," Yi tells Wang, who, after translating, shrugged: "I don't think we've made it into the Taiwanese newspapers yet."

A prominent news story a few years ago partly inspired Wang to make the movie. During the pandemic, when Asian and Asian-American hate crimes were escalating, he saw his grandmothers as a perfect antidote to the hateful stereotyping that followed COVID-19. At the same time, the short, which premiered last year at SXSW, was meant to essentially just be a simple home movie.

"That's kind of why we made this movie," Wang says. "It's just so we could have this recollection, this time capsule that captures the essence of these two women. Long after they've passed away, we can have some sort of memento to remember what their lives were like."

Yi and Chang both grew up in poverty in wartime Taiwan. Their vivacious attitude ("Doesn't matter if we know how to dance," Chang says in the film. "We'll shake our hips.") is a conscious reaction to hardship they've experienced. In the film, Chang notes that days spent sad pass the same as those spent happy. "So I'm going to choose joy."

"There was so much pain in our childhoods," Chang says now,

tearing up. "Our late lives are so much more fortunate than what we experienced when we were young. And then to be surrounded by our family, there's so much more joy around us than when we were young."

That includes Wang who, when not brightening the days of his grandmothers, has emerged as one of the breakthrough filmmakers of the year. At the same time that "Wai Pó and Nai Nai" was landing its Oscar nomination, Wang's feature film directorial debut, "Didi," was a sensation at the Sundance Film Festival.

At Sundance, "Didi," a semi-autobiographical coming-of-age comedy about a teenage Taiwanese American skater kid growing up in Los Angeles, won the U.S. Dramatic Audience Award and the special jury award for best ensemble cast — a cast that includes Chang as the mother-in-law. Focus acquired the film, the title of which can mean both "little brother" or a term of endearment for a family's youngest son in Mandarin.

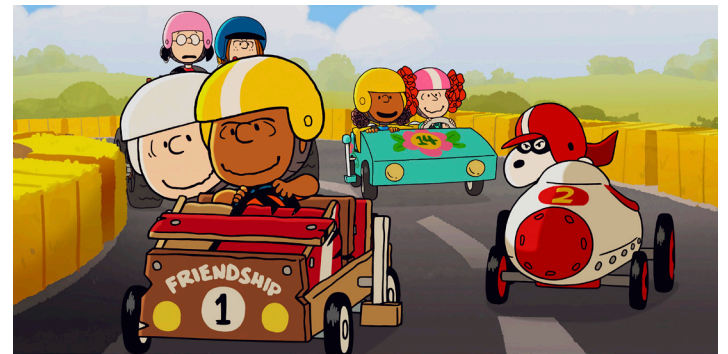
"Surreal and bonkers," Wang says of the twin successes. "To have these spotlights on global platforms for these stories that come from such a deep personal place is bonkers."

A through line for Wang in his rapidly unfolding filmography is family. An earlier short of his, "3,000 Miles," tenderly stitches together voicemails left by his mother while Wang was living in New York. It concludes sweetly in their reunion. To Wang, his role as a filmmaker is to consider his strongest emotions — and more often than not, those feelings are connected to family.

"Making films about my family helps me bridge the gap in my life as a human — seeing my mom not just as my mom or my grandmother not just as my grandmother but as people," Wang says.

"I'm still learning to bridge that gap."

Franklin from 'Peanuts' gets to shine in new Apple TV+ special



APPLE TV+ • The Associated Press

This image released by Apple TV+ shows Peanuts characters Charlie Brown, left, and Franklin in a scene from the animated special "Snoopy Presents: Welcome Home, Franklin," premiering Friday.

By MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

The mild-mannered Franklin — the first Black character in the "Peanuts" comic strip — gets to shine in his own animated Apple TV+ special this month in a story about friendship.

Franklin is a newcomer who bonds with Charlie Brown and is welcomed to the Peanuts universe in "Snoopy Presents: Welcome Home, Franklin," which premieres on Friday.

Co-writer Robb Armstrong, the cartoonist behind the "Jump Start" strip, says he's building on the blueprints that "Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz left. "Whenever you start with good ingredients, you have to work hard to make a bad cake out of it," he says.

Race is never explicitly mentioned but Armstrong and co-writer Scott Montgomery make a subtle nod when Franklin surveys the kids in his new town and remarks, "One thing was for sure: There was a lack of variety in this place."

"I never wanted to come off preachy or anything, but it needed to be handled in the same way that I handled it in 'Jump Start,'" says Armstrong. "I don't come out and call people anything. I let the characters participate in a problem solving process."

The portrait of Franklin that emerges is of a boy who likes baseball and outer space, is good with his hands and listens to Stevie Wonder, Little Richard, James Brown and John Coltrane.

When he arrives in town, he's tired of a life constantly moving, since his father's military job takes them from location to location. "I have lived in lot of different places but none that I can call home," he says.

But his introduction to the "Peanuts" gang initially goes poorly. He mistakes Lucy's psychiatric booth for a lemonade stand and he freaks Linus out by picking a pumpkin from his patch. "If I didn't know better, I'd swear I was in 'The Twilight Zone,'" Franklin says.

"Every time he's moved, he's had to learn how to make friends quick and that meant that he didn't feel he could ever be his authentic self," said director and story editor Raymond S. Persi. "So when he comes to this town, his normal tricks don't work because these are kind of weird kids."

Franklin made his first appearance in the newspaper strip on July 31, 1968, prompted by a request from a school teacher for Schulz to integrate his comic strip world in the wake of the assassination of The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Schulz introduced him by having Franklin return Charlie Brown's wayward beach ball one day by the sea. It was a historical meeting and a statement: Many public beaches, like other public facilities such as schools, swimming pools, theaters and restaurants, were segregated at the time.

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