

## Student Government holds open forum

By LAUREN VISKA  
Staff Writer

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Voting starts at 8 a.m. Monday and closes at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Students can go to [mnsu.edu/voting](https://mnsu.edu/voting) to vote. In addition to voting to student government positions, students will be voting on proposed fee increases for both the Student Activity Fee overall and the Athletics fee.

The proposed SAF increase is 11.86%, or \$1.04 per credit hour. Student Activity Fees help fund student groups such as Student Events TEam and Maverick Food Pantry. The proposed increase in the Athletics fee is 21.83%, which will amount to \$1 per credit hour. The Athletics fee helps the 603 student athletes at MSU, and provides all students with free access to most athletic events.

If both fee proposals are approved, a student taking 15 credits fall semester would see their fees increase by \$30.

Presidential candidate Roshit Niraula and his vice president candidate, Rebekka Jay, were asked



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questions about what they would do next academic year as president and vice president. (They are the

only team running student government's highest offices.)

They said they are looking

into helping students with mental health, and plan to communicate

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## Research month offers chances to check out student projects

By BIRUK MENGESHA  
Staff Writer

The month of April is Research Month for MSU. So there will be various events related to the month. These will focus on spreading awareness for the research conducted by students, staff and faculty.

Interim Associate Vice President for Research Teresa Wallace organized the events. She collaborated with a team that started the program four years ago.

The month is an opportunity for students and faculty to highlight the research using different forms.

"It shows the tremendous work students do here on campus. Often the research they engage in is very relevant to topics that will expand our knowledge in certain areas of importance whether to contribute to a broader discipline topic or to a community problem," Wallace mentioned.

Various events in undergraduate, graduate and faculty research will take place throughout the month. On April 18, as part of the Undergraduate Research, the 2024 Undergraduate Research Symposium will be held in the CSU. This event will showcase different presentations from undergraduate research, scholarly and creative activities.

As for graduate research, multiple presentations of projects are expected for the Spring 2024 Graduate Student Master Thesis Defense. The 50th annual Douglas R. Moore Faculty Research Lecture was showcased on Monday, kickstarting Research Month.

There are several opportunities for students to get involved, with the number of events expected.

Wallace said graduate students shared posters at the kick-off poster session Monday and several did so.

"This was the first time we held the event and we were pleased with the showing," she said. "We hope it will continue to expand in the future."

Students are encouraged to take part in the research month. It is the best time of

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## The Fountaineers bring drama to KMSU

By AMALIA SHARAF  
Staff Writer

Some time ago, Pierce's "Shuffle Function" morning show co-host Tim Lind (known to radio listeners as "Shyboy Tim") worked on radio dramas that aired on their radio show. Pierce said they wanted to bring it back and got an opportunity to do so.

The Fountaineers troupe is working together for its fourth year. They said working together on radio dramas brings them joy and excitement. Sheila Skilling, a member of the Fountaineers, said she had experience in community theater, where she wrote and voiced advertisements.

"In a play, you have all these lines you have to memorize, and you'd have all these students who help paint the set. It's like this huge commitment," said Skilling. "And this was just like the fun part. You could just come and use your voice to read from a script. It's really about getting people together and having fun."

Fountaineer member Kat Baumann had worked with Pierce in the past, so when she learned about the troupe, she immediately agreed



DAVIS JENSEN • The Reporter

The Fountaineers troupe is working together for a fourth year making radio dramas for Mankato listeners.

to participate. Another member, James Mackey, always wanted to do voice acting.

"I always loved voice acting, even when I was a kid watching ninja cartoons," said Mackey. "It'd be fun picking out the actors you'd always hear in the same roles and saying, 'Oh, yeah, they're doing this.' It's something I always wanted to get into but never had the opportunity to."

Gretchen Adolphson had experience in high school theater and had voice acting on her bucket list. Once she learned about the group, she used the opportunity to join.

"I didn't grow up in the United States. I grew up in Puerto Rico. So my only English language at the time was radio dramas," said Adolphson. "There was an army base, and they would play the old radio dramas. And so when I heard

that Shelley was going to do this, it was just like, my childhood was coming back to life."

Pierce said radio dramas are a crucial part of media.

"Radio dramas are such a big part of radio history," said Pierce. "That's how people would listen to essentially what television was like in the day before television."

"They require the listener to use their imagination, and I think that's more effective than actual visual prompts," said Mackey. "Listeners are given prompts that they don't look at and they are going to imagine the scene out of it. You have everything in your head already, and you're just filling it in with the sounds you hear."

Troupe members say they have to be creative when working on radio dramas.

Fountaineers create different sounds using objects around them so that the sounds feel real to listeners.

Students are encouraged to get involved with KMSU.

They can reach out with ideas or participate in a radio drama recording.

For more information email [kmsumnmusic@gmail.com](mailto:kmsumnmusic@gmail.com)

# 'Creating community well-being' at Health Summit



DYLAN LONG • The Reporter

The College of Allied Health and Nursing held its sixth annual Health Summit in the Centennial Student Union ballroom Wednesday. The focus this year was community welfare and building connections.

By EPHRATA BEZUAYENE  
Staff Writer

The College of Allied Health and Nursing held its sixth annual Health Summit at the CSU Wednesday, with this year's overarching theme being building connections with a focus on community welfare.

The event featured many Minnesota-based speakers and a keynote address from triple board-certified physician Dr. Sarah Vinson.

"Connections lead to better health outcomes, and that's part of why we felt it was important to bring people into a space together," said Megan Mahowald, interim associate dean of College of Allied Health & Nursing.

Keeping with the theme, a keynote address was made on Cultivating a Culture of Connection "within the varying health and wellness systems to create THE standard of community well-being."

Keynote speaker Vinson is a physician who specializes in adult, child and adolescent forensic psychiatry. She is also a professor of pediatrics and psychiatry and chair of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Morehouse School of Medicine.

"I always appreciate the opportunity to interact with people across disciplines because health and people exist across disciplines," said Dr. Vinson. "Our way of doing things is usually that nurses talk to nurses and occupational therapists; occupational therapists and sports medicine people talk to sports medicine people. We don't do nearly as much across professions as we should. When we start

to examine health care and health care outcomes, that collaboration is going to be really important."

According to Vinson, aspiring health professionals should take advantage of classrooms, social media platforms, and networking sites to interact with peers and faculty members. As for those who have already jump started their career in health care, Vinson says to "be deliberate in grabbing lunch or dinner with people and being involved in your professional community. It doesn't always have to be something dramatic, labor-intensive, or resource-intensive. The idea is that there are always opportunities for us to connect with other people, and we should use those opportunities."

Vinson also mentioned the importance of maintaining communication with peer mentors who may be at different stages of their careers or at different levels of leadership. She highlighted the importance of reaching out to peers to discuss managerial skills and all the other "things that they never really taught in medical school but are now the major components of the job."

Vinson explains that when we think about community, it is necessary that we not only discuss a professional community but also a personal community. The profession demands that healthcare personnel have a solid foundation and be grounded.

"It's great that I visit Florida because I'm not Dr. Vinson there — I'm Sarah, who they watched grow up," she stated. "Making time for the places where you don't have a title and where your profession doesn't matter gives you a foundation for the other stuff."

The event included 15 speakers in breakout sessions, a lunch presentation, and featured speaker sessions in addition to the keynote speaker's speech to provide a variety of viewpoints on the subject of community wellness.

"In the past, the summit was really to elevate research that was happening within health. But this year, we really focused more on building community partnerships and engagement," said Mahowald. "Post COVID, we moved to more online events. Now we just wanted to bring people back into one space to connect," said Megan Mahowald.

Mayo Clinic Health System was the lead sponsor of the summit. Additional sponsors included Mankato Clinic, Open Door Health Center, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, Ecumen Pathstone Living and Delta Dental of Minnesota.

According to Mahowald, the sponsor's contribution goes beyond financial support. A summit advisory board has been established for sponsors to get involved in planning the event.

"Those folks who are sponsors of the event are also able to participate in giving direction. That's a really exciting aspect of the summit — that we're coming together with those partners with a joint vision," said Mahowald.

Issatu Kamara, a nursing student, attended the summit for her coursework. "I learned that in Mankato, we have an integrated dental care program. It provides children from age zero to 18, pregnant women, and diabetics with free dental care. I didn't know they would have it here," said Kamara.

## Fierce earthquake rattles Taiwan



JOHNSON LAI • The Associated Press

A rescue worker stands near the cordoned off site of a leaning building in the aftermath of an earthquake in Hualien, eastern Taiwan on Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

By JOHNSON LAI  
The Associated Press

The strongest earthquake in a quarter-century rocked Taiwan Wednesday morning, killing nine people, stranding dozens at quarries and a national park, and sending some residents scrambling out the windows of damaged buildings.

The quake, which injured more than 1,000, struck just before 8 a.m. and was centered off the coast of rural, mountainous Hualien County, where some buildings leaned at severe angles, their ground floors crushed. Just over 150 kilometers (93 miles) away in the capital of Taipei, tiles fell from older buildings, and schools evacuated students to sports fields as aftershocks followed.

Rescuers fanned out in Hualien, looking for people who may be trapped and using excavators to stabilize damaged buildings. The numbers of people missing, trapped or stranded fluctuated as authorities learned of more in trouble and worked to locate or free them.

Some 70 workers who were stranded at two rock quarries were safe, according to Taiwan's national fire agency, but the roads to reach them were damaged by falling rocks.

Six workers were going to be airlifted on Thursday.

In the hours after the quake, TV showed neighbors and rescue workers lifting residents, including a toddler, through windows and onto the street.

Some doors had fused shut in the shaking.

Taiwan is regularly jolted by quakes and its population is among the best prepared for them.

But authorities expected a relatively mild earthquake and did not send out alerts.

The eventual quake was strong enough to scare even people who are used to such shaking.

"I've grown accustomed to (earthquakes). But today was the first time I was scared to tears by an earthquake," said Hsien-hsuen Keng, who lives in a fifth-floor apartment in Taipei. "I was awakened by the earthquake. I had never felt such intense shaking before."

At least nine people died in the quake, according to Taiwan's fire agency.

Most of the fatalities were caused by falling rocks, including four people who were struck inside Taroko National Park, according to the state Central News Agency.

One died in a residential building that was damaged, the news agency said. A small tsunami washed ashore on southern Japanese islands but caused no damage.

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the year to work together and allow the work to take the center stage and get students and faculty names out there.

"It truly provides experience in the investigative process that can build skills in inquiry and

problem solving that applies to most opportunities whether in further higher education or the workforce," Wallace said. "Often it leads to significant relationships with faculty and other students. And builds knowledge that is acquired in a more hands-on way."

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# US braces for retaliation after attack on Iran consulate



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In this photo released by the official Syrian state news agency SANA, emergency service workers clear the rubble at a destroyed building struck by Israeli jets in Damascus, Syria, Monday, April 1, 2024.

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER and LOLITA C. BALDOR  
The Associated Press

Shortly after an airstrike widely attributed to Israel destroyed an Iranian consulate building in Syria, the United States had an urgent message for Iran: We had nothing to do with it.

But that may not be enough for the U.S. to avoid retaliation targeting its forces in the region. A top U.S. commander warned on Wednesday of danger to American troops.

And if Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's recent broadening of targeted strikes on adversaries around the region to include Iranian security operatives and leaders deepens regional hostilities, analysts say, it's not clear the United States can avoid being pulled into deeper regional conflict as well.

The Biden administration insists it had no advance knowledge of the airstrike Monday.

But the United States is closely tied to Israel's military regardless.

The U.S. remains Israel's indispensable ally and unstinting supplier of weapons, responsible for some 70% of Israeli weapon imports and an estimated 15% of Israel's defense budget.

That includes providing the kind of advanced aircraft and munitions that appear to have been employed in the attack.

Israel hasn't acknowledged a role in the airstrike, but Pentagon spokeswoman Sabrina Singh said Tuesday that the U.S. has assessed Israel was responsible.

Multiple arms of Iran's government served notice that they would hold the United States accountable for the fiery attack.

The strike, in the Syrian capital of Damascus, killed senior com-

manders of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps for Syria and Lebanon, an officer of the powerful Iran-allied Hezbollah militia in Lebanon, and others.

American forces in Syria and Iraq already are frequent targets when Iran and its regional allies seek retaliation for strikes by Israelis, notes Charles Lister, the Syria program director for the Middle East Institute.

"What the Iranians have always done for years when they have felt most aggressively targeted by Israel is not to hit back at Israelis, but Americans," seeing them as soft targets in the region, Lister said.

On Wednesday in Washington, the top U.S. Air Force commander for the Middle East, Lt. Gen. Alexis Grynkeiwich, said Iran's assertion that the U.S. bears responsibility for Israeli actions could bring an end to a pause in militia attacks on U.S. forces that has lasted since early February.

He said he sees no specific threat to U.S. troops right now, but "I am concerned because of the Iranian rhetoric talking about the U.S., that there could be a risk to our forces."

U.S. officials have recorded more than 150 attacks by Iran-backed militias in Iraq and Syria on U.S. forces at bases in those countries since war between Hamas and Israel began on Oct. 7.

One, in late January, killed three U.S. service members and injured dozens more at a base in Jordan.

In retaliation, the U.S. launched a massive air assault, hitting more than 85 targets at seven locations in Iraq and Syria, including command and control headquarters, drone and ammunition storage sites and other facilities connected to the militias or the IRGC's Quds Force, the Guard's expeditionary unit that handles Tehran's

relationship with and arming of regional militias.

There have been no publicly reported attacks on U.S. troops in the region since that response.

Grynkeiwich told reporters the U.S. is watching and listening carefully to what Iran is saying and doing to evaluate how Tehran might respond.

Analysts and diplomats cite a range of ways Iran could retaliate.

Since Oct. 7, Iran and the regional militias allied to it in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Yemen have followed a strategy of calibrated attacks that stop short of triggering an all-out conflict that could subject Iran's homeland forces or Hezbollah to full-blown war with Israel or the United States.

Beyond strikes on U.S. troops, possibilities for Iranian retaliation could include a limited missile strike directly from Iranian soil to Israel, Lister said.

That would reciprocate for Israel's strike on what under international law was sovereign Iranian soil, at the Iranian diplomatic building in Damascus.

A concentrated attack on a U.S. position abroad on the scale of the 1983 attack on the U.S. Embassy in Beirut is possible, but seems unlikely given the scale of U.S. retaliation that would draw, analysts say.

Iran also could escalate an existing effort to kill Trump-era officials behind the United States' 2020 drone killing of Iranian General Qassem Soleimani.

How far any other retaliation and potential escalation goes may depend on two things out of U.S. control: Whether Iran wants to keep regional hostilities at their current level or escalate, and whether Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu's far-right government does.

## How brown rats conquered North American cities



ROBERT MECEA • The Associated Press

Rats swarm around a bag of garbage near a dumpster in New York on July 7, 2000. A study published Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

By LAURA UNGAR  
The Associated Press

Brown rats are the undisputed winners of the real rat race.

New research suggests that they crawled off ships arriving in North America earlier than previously thought and out-competed rodent rivals — going on to infuriate and disgust generations of city-dwellers and becoming so ubiquitous that they're known as common rats, street rats or sewer rats.

It didn't take long for them to push aside the black rats that had likely arrived with Columbus and thrived in colonial cities.

After first appearing on the continent before 1740, brown rats took over the East Coast from black rats "in only a matter of decades," said Michael Buckley, one of the authors of a study published Wednesday in the journal *Science Advances*.

Brown rats are larger and more aggressive than black rats — and they want to be close to human populations, said Matthew Frye, a researcher and community educator with the New York State Integrated Pest Management Program at Cornell University.

From this research, "we know a more exact time of when they arrived and then what they were doing once they got here," said Frye, who was not involved with the study. "Having that picture of the rat population helps us better understand what they're doing and maybe how we can manage them."

Neither rat species is native to North America, said Buckley, of the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom. Scientists used to think that brown rats arrived around 1776. The new study pushes that date back by more

than 35 years.

Buckley and his colleagues analyzed rodent bones that had already been excavated by archeologists. The remains came from 32 settlements in eastern North America and the Gulf of Mexico dated from the founding of Jamestown in 1607 through the early 1900s. Other samples were from seven shipwrecks dating from about 1550 to 1770.

The data suggests that shipping networks across the Atlantic Ocean "essentially functioned as rat superhighways," with brown rats gaining their earliest footholds in coastal shipping centers, said Ryan Kennedy, a study author at Indiana University who researches animal remains at archaeological sites.

One probable reason they dominated, researchers suggest, is that they ate food black rats would otherwise have consumed — which may have reduced reproduction among black rats. Historical anecdotes back up this finding, describing the near disappearance of black rats from cities in the 1830s.

Today, both types of rats exist in North American cities, though brown rats are more prevalent. Some urban centers are especially overrun. New York City, for example, last year hired a "rat czar" to tackle a growing problem there.

The biggest issue? Rats can carry diseases. Brown rats are known to spread a bacterial disease called leptospirosis, which is caused by bacteria in the urine of infected animals. They can also help spread murine typhus and food-borne germs like salmonella. Experts said knowing which type of rat leads the pack helps cities control the pests — even if it may not seem like it sometimes.

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## Push hard 'til the end

After 17 years of school from kindergarten to senior year of college, it is hard to combat the dreaded senioritis.

Senioritis is characterized by the decline in motivation and performance in students as the final months hit before graduation.

This not only affects students but can affect professors as well.

It is of utmost importance to stay on track before walking across the podium in May.

Students spend years building grade point averages, made countless connections with professors and classmates, completed projects they are passionate about.

Now is the time to finish strong.

Not attending class or turning in assignments late could jeopardize four years of hard work.

Not staying on top of classes could bring on a bad impression to professors.

It could also harm others grades and well being.

Not all of your classmates are seniors or experiencing the same decline; be mindful of this.

Approach these final months with a positive outlook.

Use this month to make final connections in class and practice time management skills before the real world arrives.

The slow crawl to the finish line is a test of academic endurance. It is not that we don't care to learn anymore; we're just ready to move on, ready to meet the next challenge.

The transition isn't easy; but it should be viewed as a positive, not a negative.

In the meantime, before the real world gets here, finish hard. Don't crawl to the finish.

Sprint. Empty the tank. Leave it all on the field. Make your final month be your best month.

As the light at the end of the tunnel approaches, make sure you can look back at what you did here with joy, like you achieved goals, and like you're ready for what's next.

So in this last month soak it all in.

Take time to reflect on your time not only at MSU but all the schools you attended.

It is a monumental thing to be a college graduate. Pat yourself on the back, congratulate yourself and continue to push on for the last month.

This has been one long marathon — don't take your foot off the gas until the end.

# Perspectives

## Transgender Day of Visibility is Still Necessary!



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President Joe Biden acknowledged Transgender Day of Visibility and issued a proclamation, which caused consternation among those who believed Biden chose Easter Sunday for Transgender Day of Visibility. Sorry transphobes, but March 31 has been the day for 15 years. I mean, for those who do not like the idea of transitioning, why are you rushing to the defense of a holiday that's always transitioning dates?

Anyhow, in a borderline unrelated bit of trivia, Jim Chalgren — founder of the LGBT center at MNSU Mankato — died on Easter Sunday in 2000, which fell on April 23 that year.

Transgender Day of Visibility was founded in 2009 by Rachel Crandell-Crocker as a counterpoint to Transgender Day of Mourning, as she saw a need to not just mourn but also celebrate the transgender community.



"I created it because I wanted a time that we don't have to be so lonely. I wanted a day that we're all together all over the world as one community. And that's exactly what we are," said Crandall-Crocker according to NBC.

Transgender Day of Remembrance, which was created to remember those individuals who had been murdered as the result of transphobia, has been observed since 1999.

The need for a day to celebrate transgender identity and culture is real. Transgender people face elevated

risks for being murdered and assaulted. Transphobia has driven a whole host of discriminatory anti-trans policies. Even something as simple as using the bathroom can be rendered a horrifying ordeal for transgender people thanks to transphobic bigots.

In the end, transgender people deserve the same rights as everybody else. Transgender people deserve safety, same as the rest of us.

The Jim Chalgren LGBT center observed this year's Transgender Day of Visibility on Friday with a showing of the Netflix documentary "Disclosure," which is about the history of Hollywood depictions of transgender characters.

"The transgender community is still fighting for basic human rights and an ongoing epidemic of fatal violence, especially against Black and brown trans women. We

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# Pulse

### "What's your hidden talent?"

Compiled by Nathanael Tilahun



BRIANNA SHROYER,  
FRESHMAN

"I'm super fast."



DAMI BABALOLA,  
SOPHOMORE

"I can speak multiple languages, I can play piano and I give good advice."



KAIA MARTZ,  
JUNIOR

"I play two instruments."



LE'NEHJA NORWOOD,  
FRESHMAN

"Can recognize just about any song."



MAEL DELAHAYE,  
JUNIOR

"I can make a good cocktail."



THEO MOSEMAN,  
FRESHMAN

"Funny without trying."

# Letter to the Editor: Vote for the Student Activity and Athletics Fee

Mavericks,

On March 20th, Student Government held our annual Budget Hearing, of which, the entire live stream is posted to the MNSU ITS YouTube channel for all students to access. For roughly seven hours, we worked to recommend a Student Activity Fee budget to the University President, that shows how students want to see their money used. Our biggest commitment of the budget process is to the Student Activity Fee, one of eight fees that make up "Student Fees". At the end of the budget hearing, the following recommendations were made:

Student Activity Fee: Increase of \$1.04 per credit to OR an increase of 11.86%

Currently: \$8.77 per credit à If approved: \$9.21 per credit

Intercollegiate Athletics Fee: Increase of \$1.00 per credit OR an increase of 23.86%

Currently: \$4.58 per credit à If approved: \$5.58 per credit

Beginning in January, the Student Allocations Committee student members began hearing the funding requests of the 15 areas that are supported in large by this fee. These areas include Fraternity Sorority Life, Maverick Food Pantry, Campus Recreation, Theatre, Homecoming, and SO MUCH MORE. Some requests include contractual full-time salary and fringe benefits that we are required to fulfill every year. A lot of the requests that we receive also includes student wages, whether as hourly student help, work-study opportunities, or graduate assistantships.

The reason that the Activity Fee and the Athletics Fee areas are being brought to referendum is because they are both requesting to increase above 2%, a threshold provided by the MN state legislature in Minn. Stat. §135A.0434 which says that should a campus wish to increase the mandatory Activity or Athletic fees only by greater than 2%, it must be approved by a majority of the students who participate in a campus referendum.

This means that we NEED and WANT to hear from as many students as possible! More impor-

tantly, these groups and many of your fellow students need to see you VOTE YES on the Student Activity Fee and VOTE YES on the Intercollegiate Athletics Fee. We understand that any increase in your fees may raise concerns, however, we assure you that every dollar of the Student Activity Fee is allocated thoughtfully and with the utmost consideration for the student body's needs and interests. Our goal is to enhance the overall student experience, foster a sense of community, and empower students to thrive academically, socially, and personally.

Other affordability measures that have been considered have included the launch of the North Star Promise, the Tuition Freeze for undergraduate students continuing into to the end of the 2024-2025 academic year, the honoring of the South Dakota reciprocity rates for our students who attend MNSU from South Dakota, and more. The Maverick Textbook Reserve, which provides free access to textbooks through the Memorial Library, is also supported by this fee and is accessible to students of any level.

What's the deal with wages? The current on-campus student minimum wage is \$12.00, but the 91st Student Government unanimously passed a resolution on February 7th, that requests the university increase the on-campus wage to \$13.50 and they discuss student wage impacts more frequently each academic year, and open discussions for more student representation. We are hopeful in the conversations that we have had so far with university leadership and hope to have an answer before the end of the year. But, for us to ask all these areas to support students through a large wage increase, it is important that we have a way to offset some of that burden. That is where this year's request for a higher increase of the Student Activity Fee comes in.

However, it goes beyond just student wages and supporting the work of our campus' key student driven areas, we also looked at how we can continue to improve the experiences and memories that students can create through

the support of the fee. A few examples: the MavMachine represented the Mavericks at the Chicago Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Closer to home, they are often seen at the sporting events, most recently supporting the Division II Basketball National Champions at their Welcome Home rally. Or Campus Recreation and their equipment, intramural sports, and Maverick Adventures which puts on outings to various parks and trails around the state for a minimal cost (and usually sold out) from students but providing them with maximum benefits.

What happens if the majority votes 'NO' on the referendum(s)?

If the referendum fails, the backup budgets will be referred to as the default. The backups call for an allocation that requires anything less than a 2% increase. The budget that we came up with required us to focus first on the contractual increases as these are non-negotiable. After those were calculated into what current funding levels are at, we were at 1.94% and could no longer increase by a single penny without going over the 2% mandate. In order to attain that, we would be required to take out roughly \$190,000 from the Reserves, aka, our savings account that comes with its own minimum funding requirements. This is not a sustainable practice and threatens the experience that students deserve to have when they come to MNSU, whether online, in-person, undergraduate, graduate, transfer, or first-year.

Students NOW is the time to make your voices heard. Vote YES on the Student Activity Fee and vote YES on the Intercollegiate Athletics Fee.

Voting opens at 8am on Monday, April 8th and will close at 6pm on Tuesday, April 9th at [mnsu.edu/voting](https://mnsu.edu/voting)

As always, if you have any questions, feedback, or want to learn more about the fees, or anything else your Student Government does, stop by CSU 280 or reach out to Amber Enz, Office Manager ([amber.enz@mnsu.edu](mailto:amber.enz@mnsu.edu)).

Sierra Roiger & Roshit Niraula  
President and Vice President,  
91st Student Government

# Letter to the Editor: Vote for the Athletics Fee

Fellow Maverick Students:

I would like to take time to ask for your support of a \$1.00 per credit/hour increase to the athletic fee in the April 8th and 9th referendum.

Over the span of the last few months, the Athletic Fee Advisory Committee has engaged in a process of working collaboratively with Student Government in order to garner their support to send the proposal into the student vote next week.

As President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC), I have heard numerous complaints from sports teams about how rising prices have impacted the way their teams operate.

These rising prices have forced teams to do even more fundraising in order to pay for things that student fees once covered such as travel, food and hotel costs.

Over the past decade, the total dollar amount of student fee support has been adversely impacted by declining enrollment and more recently the effects of inflation have had devastating effects on the overall purchasing power of each team's budget.

Voting in support of increasing the athletic fee by \$1.00 per credit/hour would allow teams to focus less on fundraising in order to cover for the where we have fallen behind due to inflation and more on building championship caliber programs and allowing student-athletes to focus their time on school rather than fundraising for their sport.

As student-athletes we already have our hands full with practices, lifts, and games on top of our already busy class schedules.

Many student-athletes have shared with me that they feel as though they are responsible for raising enough money just to be able to purchase uniforms, pay for meals, and to organize travel. If we were able to receive more student fee support for expenses, it would allow us to use the time spent fundraising on alternative areas such as community service efforts or supporting scholarship

budgets not covered by student fees.

As SAAC President, it is my responsibility to vouch for our student-athletes and to give all student-athletes a voice on campus. The time commitment required to be a student-athlete is already overwhelming, adding the responsibility of fundraising for a sport can negatively affect a student-athletes academics and/or force them to consider quitting or transferring to a school with less fundraising needs.

I once again urge you to support the \$1.00 per credit/hour increase during the referendum vote on April 8th and 9th.

While SAAC is aware of the rising costs of higher education, as students we also feel the effects of this, but we believe this is a good investment as you would be supporting more than 600 student-athletes that account for 25,000 student engagement opportunities through attendance at sporting events such as hockey, basketball, and football at over 200 regular season events annually.

As we just saw, these athletic fees support teams of elite caliber that are capable of winning championships like our men's and women's basketball teams that both won national titles this past week.

MSU is now just the third school ever in any division to have both teams win the national championship in the same year. I think we would all agree that Minnesota State is the best school in the system, however, my research shows the MSU has the lowest total cost for tuition and fees of any four-year school in the system and that would remain the case even after these small increases in fees.

Thanks for your consideration and please join me in supporting the proposed increase of \$1.00/credit hour for the athletic fee in next week's referendum.

Sincerely,  
Tony Anger  
SAAC President

# Government: 'That's why I believe students should go ahead and vote'

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with the Counseling Center to provide more student consultation.

"That way, students don't run out of visiting the Counseling Center midway through the semester, and they're able to better connect with the resources that are available to the students," said Niraula. "One of our priorities going into next year would be getting the conversation started with different campus groups, whether it be Faculty Association, whether it be through support from other sources and in getting the conversation started on how we can implement wellness days."

Niraula said he is running to

represent the students.

"I've always looked for places where I can feel more connected and belong. Student government has really helped me feel more connected here on campus," Niraula said. "I think we have a tremendous team (Mavericks United) that I'm running with for the next academic year, and I think we'll be able to get some things done."

One topic discussed at this forum was the student fees mentioned at last week's budget meeting. Niraula said it is important for students to vote yes, as these fees will help support over 20 programs on campus.

"It supports homecoming, it

supports Maverick Food Pantry, it supports Campus Recreation, Maverick Adventures, all of those different things that the students want, and it's all of those things that sets us apart from other colleges," Niraula said. "I think it's really important that we continue to serve on these different departments, the different programming, and the different clubs that we have here on our campus as a whole. That's why I believe that students should go ahead and vote yes."

Director of Athletics Kevin Buisman spoke at the forum about the intercollegiate athletics fee. He said this increase will help relieve some of the fundraising pressure

on student athletes and allow them to return to being students and athletes.

"The student fees really, in our case, support operations, recruitment, team travel, lodging, meals, those types of things. We don't use any student fee money for salaries. We don't use any student fee money for scholarships," said Buisman. "I think there's a misconception that it's funding scholarships and salaries and people maybe don't necessarily agree that that's where they want to invest their dollars, but it's simply for the team operations, meals, lodging, travel."

Buisman mentioned that some of the other colleges in Minne-

sota have higher athletics fees, while MSU has the lowest total fee amount of any four-year institution in the system. He said they are only asking for a \$1 increase to rationalize what is important to them.

"We're still sensitive to any kind of fee increase. What we felt we could rationalize was the loss of purchasing power due to inflation. And so we really just sort of looked at what do we need to have in terms of fee increase support to offset that loss, and it just happened to be right at \$1," said Buisman. "The priority was offsetting that loss of purchasing power. And that's where we settled on \$1 and not going any further beyond that."

# New poll shows Americans still agree on core values despite division



SCOTT APPLEWHITE • The Associated Press

The Capitol is seen as water sprinklers soak the National Mall on a hot summer morning in Washington, July 15, 2022.

By GARY FIELDS and  
AMELIA DEVEAUX  
The Associated Press

Despite the country's deep political polarization, most Americans share many core beliefs about what it means to be an American, according to a new poll.

The poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that about 9 in 10 U.S. adults say the right to vote, the right to equal protection under the law and the right to privacy are extremely important or very important to the United States' identity as a nation. The survey also found that 84% feel the same way about the freedom of religion.

The results, which included perspectives on a number of different freedoms and rights, have only small variances between Republicans and Democrats except on the right to bear arms, which Republicans are more likely to see as core to the nation's identity. The overall findings are striking because they come at a time of extreme partisanship when political agreements seem rare and concerns are heightened over the potential for violence during a volatile presidential election year.

"If you get a bunch of normal people at random and put them in a room together and chat about issues, there's a lot more convergence than you might imagine," said Michael Albertus, a political science professor at the University of Chicago.

A more pessimistic assessment of the country was reflected in another finding — that only about 3 in 10 Americans believe the nation's democracy is functioning well.

About half say the U.S. is a poorly functioning democracy, while 14% say the U.S. is not a democracy.

The tension between the broad consensus on the country's funda-

mental values and discontent with how well its form of government is working is not a surprise, experts say.

"Part of it is really our leaders are not reflecting the electorate, and they behave in a way that's much more polarized than what the electorate is," said Lilliana Mason, a political scientist at Johns Hopkins University.

Most Americans, she said, "are pretty moderate, but they've been riled up to hate people of the other party for being different from them culturally, racially and religiously."

The AP-NORC poll also found broad agreement on the importance of some key values for the U.S.'s identity as a country.

About three-quarters of U.S. adults agree that a democratically elected government is extremely or very important, and about 8 in 10 think the same about the ability of people living in the U.S. to get good jobs and achieve the American dream.

But what achieving that dream means — and which values are most fundamental to American culture — isn't something all Americans agree on.

Democrats are more likely than Republicans — 71% to 38% — to believe that the ability to come to the U.S. from elsewhere in the world to escape violence or find economic opportunities is core to the country's identity. A majority of Republicans, 58%, think a culture grounded in Christian values and beliefs is an essential characteristic, compared to only 18% of Democrats.

Juan Sierra, 51, a naturalized citizen whose family immigrated from the Dominican Republic after a hurricane destroyed his father's cement business, said it is very important to him that the U.S. be seen as a place of opportunity.

The industrial technician in Port St. Lucie, Florida, said he be-

lieves democracy is working and will continue to do so "as long as there are good people in government."

Sierra also said it was extremely important that people have freedom of religion, although he had concerns over the nation's identity being tied to Christianity.

"We're seeing what happens right now when laws are passed and decisions are made based on someone's religion," he said, citing the Alabama Supreme Court ruling in February that frozen embryos can be considered children and be afforded legal protections, a decision that temporarily halted IVF procedures in the state.

Susan Johnson, a 76-year-old Republican living in the Dallas suburbs, said the nation's standing as a beacon to others who need refuge is very important, but said that could not override concerns about border security.

"We need people working," she said. "We just need them to come the right way."

Johnson also said she believes it's extremely important that the nation's identity be grounded in spirituality.

"Whether or not you're Mormon or a Muslim or a Christian, they just have to have some higher power to reach up to," she said. "The country is going to fall apart if we don't believe in God."

The poll found few divisions on democracy as a system in theory, but it identified one notable gap: younger Americans between the ages of 18 to 29 were less likely than those 60 and older to say the U.S. is a well-functioning democracy.

They're also less likely than older Americans to believe that some characteristics are essential to the U.S.'s character as a nation, including having a democratically elected government.

About 6 in 10 younger adults see this as important, compared to about 9 in 10 older adults.

# Haiti experiences surge in gang violence



ODELYN JOESEPH • The Associated Press

Street vendors withdraw from the area where they were selling their bread, near the National Palace, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

By EVENS SANON  
The Associated Press

More than 53,000 people have fled Haiti's capital in less than three weeks, the vast majority to escape unrelenting gang violence, according to a United Nations report released Tuesday.

More than 60% are headed to Haiti's rural southern region, which worries U.N. officials.

"Our humanitarian colleagues emphasized that these departments do not have sufficient infrastructure, and host communities do not have sufficient resources, to cope with the large number of people fleeing Port-au-Prince," said U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric.

The southern region already hosts more than 116,000 Haitians who previously left Port-au-Prince, according to the report by the U.N.'s International Organization for Migration.

The exodus from the capital of some 3 million people began shortly after powerful gangs launched a series of attacks on

government institutions at the end of February.

Gunmen have burned police stations, opened fire on the main international airport that remains closed and stormed Haiti's two biggest prisons, releasing more than 4,000 inmates.

More than 1,500 people have been reported killed up to March 22, and another 17,000 have been left homeless, according to the U.N.

Among the rare travelers trying to head north instead of south from the capital were Marjorie Michelle-Jean, a 42-year-old street vendor, and her two children, ages 4 and 7.

"I want to see them alive," she said, explaining that stray bullets keep hitting the tin roof of their home. Last week, they tried twice to travel to her hometown of Mirebalais in central Haiti but were forced to turn back because of roadblocks.

"I will definitely try again," she said. "It's absolutely not safe in Port-au-Prince."

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must celebrate all trans and non-binary people everywhere and combat disinformation and discrimination on Trans Visibility Day and everyday," said the Jim Chalgren LGBT center on a facebook post about Transgender Day of Visibility.

I identify as non-binary, and while that technically makes me transgender, I don't usually use that term to describe myself.

However, I can say that I have seen first hand the violence transgender people face.

I have read the stories of transgender people who have been murdered.

I know the need for celebrating transgender identity is real. I realize the need to focus on the positive aspects of the transgender experience. We should talk about when people experience gender euphoria, as much as we talk about gender dysphoria.

I hope Transgender Day of Visibility continues to be celebrated in the future, long after the violence and hate is gone.

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# World Central Kitchen is saving lives with food but paying in blood



EFREM LUTATSKY • The Associated Press

Jose Andres, a Spanish chef, and founder of World Central Kitchen unloads the humanitarian food packages delivered with WCK's truck in Kherson, Ukraine, on Nov. 15, 2022.

By ASHRAF KHALIL  
The Associated Press

The deaths of seven World Central Kitchen workers in an Israeli airstrike in Gaza was a tragic turn for an American homegrown charity that, in less than 15 years, has mushroomed from the grassroots brainchild of a celebrity chef into one of the world's most recognized food relief organizations.

The killings also interrupted a crucial flow of desperately needed food into the besieged coastal strip, as international organizations and charities warn of a looming famine. World Central Kitchen, in partnership with the United Arab Emirates, had just delivered a cargo ship with 400 tons of canned goods from Cyprus to Gaza. Around 100 tons were unloaded before the charity suspended operations, in the wake of the attack; the rest was being taken back to Cyprus, Cypriot Foreign Ministry spokesman Theodoros Gotsis said.

It's an unprecedented crisis for José Andrés, the restaurateur who founded the charity to provide immediate food relief to disaster-stricken areas and has grown it into a global operation working in multiple war zones. Founded in 2010, the organization achieved international prominence for its work in Puerto Rico in 2017 feeding victims of Hurricane Maria. It also operates in Ukraine, providing more than 100 million meals to refugees, according to the group's website, and earning Andrés a medal from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

World Central Kitchen has quickly become a mainstay of American philanthropy, with contributions on par with much older organizations. The charity in 2022 reported \$518 million in total contributions and Andrés himself received \$100 million from Amazon founder Jeff Bezos in 2021. Andrés rose to prominence

with a string of successful restaurants in Washington, D.C., just as the celebrity chef phenomenon was taking off. He developed close ties with former President Barack Obama at a time when current President Joe Biden served as vice president. Andrés prepared meals at the White House, and Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama were frequent guests at his restaurants. The Spanish-born Andrés became a naturalized citizen during the Obama administration in a ceremony at the White House.

He remains connected to the Biden administration, serving as co-chair of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition. In February, he spoke at a conference on hunger hosted by second gentleman Doug Emhoff.

Andrés publicly feuded with former President Donald Trump over a planned restaurant in what was then the Trump International Hotel in Washington. The chef tried to pull out of a contract in protest over Trump's incendiary comments about Mexican and Latin American immigrants crossing the U.S. border. The pair sued each other and then settled out of court. When the hotel was sold and reopened as a Waldorf-Astoria, Andrés almost immediately announced new plans to launch a restaurant there.

In a statement Tuesday night, Biden said he had spoken with Andrés "to convey my deepest condolences for the deaths of these courageous aid workers and to express my continued support for his and his team's relentless and heroic efforts to get food to hungry people around the globe."

Biden said bluntly that Israel was not doing enough to protect aid workers. "This conflict has been one of the worst in recent memory in terms of how many aid workers have been killed," he said.

When fighters from Hamas — the militant group that controls

Gaza — breached the border on Oct. 7, killing some 1,200 Israelis and taking hundreds of hostages, Andrés quickly moved to organize support for Gazan civilians sure to be caught up in the Israeli military response. With funding from the Emirati government, his group organized an initial food shipment from Cyprus and set up more than 60 kitchens in Gaza producing thousands of meals a day. The latest food shipment was meant to expand upon that model.

In a March telephone interview with The Associated Press shortly before the most recent shipment launched from Cyprus, Andrés credited his campaign with sparking governments into action and helping inspire the U.S. government plan to build a temporary port in Gaza to receive aid shipments.

"We have awakened the international community to do more for the people of Gaza," he told the AP. "Everybody should have food and water, it's a universal right."

The loss of World Central Kitchen's efforts will be a serious blow to overall humanitarian efforts in Gaza.

"WCK is a key player in efforts to address food insecurity in Gaza and has provided essential food aid to thousands of families, contributing significantly to combating the catastrophic hunger there," said a statement from the U.N.'s World Food Program.

The killings may also represent a turning point in Andrés' public perspective on the Israeli government.

The chef was a vocal critic of Hamas in the immediate aftermath of the Oct. 7 attacks. He spoke on the X social media platform of Israel's right to defend its citizens and called for the ouster of a Spanish government minister who accused Israel of committing war crimes in Gaza.

But on Tuesday, Andrés harshly criticized the Israeli military.

# Disney shareholders rally behind CEO Robert Iger



JORDAN STRAUSS • The Associated Press

Disney chief executive Bob Iger arrives at the 96th Academy Awards Oscar nominees luncheon on Feb. 12, 2024, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

By DAVID HAMILTON  
The Associated Press

Disney shareholders have rallied behind longtime CEO Robert Iger, voting Wednesday to rebuff activist investor Nelson Peltz and his ally, former Disney Chief Financial Officer Jay Rasulo, who had sought seats on the company's board.

The company had recommended a slate of directors that did not include Peltz or Rasulo.

The dissident shareholders had said in a preliminary proxy filing that they wanted to complete a "successful CEO transition" at Disney and align management pay with performance. Despite their loss, they declared a victory of sorts following the vote, noting that since Peltz's company, Trian Partners, started pushing Disney in late 2023, the entertainment giant has engaged in a flurry of activity, adding new directors and announcing new operating initiatives and capital improvement plans for its theme parks.

"Over the last six months, Disney's stock is up approximately 50% and is the Dow Jones Industrial Average's best performer year-to-date," Trian said in a statement. Shares in Walt Disney Co., which is based in Burbank, California, were down about 3.4% in Wednesday afternoon trading.

The activist group previously said it wanted to see Disney achieve "Netflix-like" financial performance, specifically citing a 2027 target for Disney to raise a profit margin measure called EBITDA — earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization — to levels of 15% to 20%.

But Disney is already operating at that level.

In the quarter that ended in December 2023, Disney's EBITDA margin was 18%, according to data compiled by CapitalIQ. For the previous fiscal year that ended in September, Disney's EBITDA margin was 16.5%, according to the same data.

Iger announced in November 2022 that Iger would come back to the company as its CEO to replace his hand-picked successor, Bob Chapek, whose two-year tenure had been marked by clashes, missteps and weakening financial performance.

Iger was Disney's public face for 15 years as chief executive before handing the job off to Chapek in 2020, a stretch in which Iger compiled a string of victories lauded in the entertainment industry and by Disney fans.

But his second run at the job has not won him similar accolades.

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## SPORTS

## Sister Act: Gazdik twins tear up the ice

By MOHAMED WARSAME  
Sports Editor

For the Gazdik twins, their love for the sport of hockey can be traced back to when they would get up early to go skate with their father while carrying around a bag of cheetos at the age of four.

JuliAnna and Jenessa Gazdik are freshmen on the Minnesota State women's hockey team.

The pair from Somerset, Wisconsin helped Gentry Academy win 4A and 4AA section championships in 2021 and 2022. Their team also placed second and fourth in state tournaments during those respective years.

One of the biggest differences they have noticed between high school and college hockey is the speed and strength of their opponents.

"Being in the WCHA, we get the best game every night from every team. Like high school I thought some games it'd be super hard, and others it'd be like 10-1 games. What's more fun? Those close games," JuliAnna said.

During their time at Gentry Academy, Jenessa was a three-year captain and JuliAnna was a captain for two years. Characteristics such as their extreme competitiveness and having grit and determination, they say, helped them lead.



Courtesy Pliable Marketing

Minnesota State women's hockey players JuliAnna and Jenessa Gazdik signed NIL (name, image and likeness) deals with Nautical Bowls in January.

"Being around some of those same girls at Gentry helped us to fulfill those roles and really excel all over the board," Jenessa said.

They were thrown into the deep end right away as their first league

game was against the 2022-23 National Champions, the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The veteran players on the team helped ease the transition for the Gazdik twins.

"It was a really welcoming environment. I felt like there wasn't really much doubt instilled in yourself, and if there was, it wasn't there for long," JuliAnna said.

Just like any other siblings, they

say they bicker from time to time. But the disagreements don't last.

Their relationship is centered around complementing each other and making the other better.

Some people even say that they have twin telepathy.

"We've played together for so long and I know what she's going to do with the puck and most of the time she knows what I'm going to do with the puck," Jenessa said.

A pre-game for Minnesota State's freshmen is to sit on the bench together and visualize the game before the team heads out for warmups.

One thing JuliAnna does that is very different from her sister is braid her hair before a game.

"I can't wear a braid in my hair because I broke my wrist the one game I did that. I'm never doing that again," Jenessa said.

The Gazdik twins' impact at Minnesota State isn't limited to the ice. In January, they signed one of the first big NIL (name, image and likeness) deals at MSU by partnering with Nautical Bowls.

Greg Glynn, founder and CEO of Pliable Marketing, helped the twins secure the deal.

While Glynn is their marketing agent, he wasn't the only one to have his hand in the pot while this partnership between the Gaz-

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## Mavericks return home to take on Minot State

By AHMED HASSAN  
Staff Writer

After spending two months on the road, the Minnesota State baseball team finally returns home to face the Minot State Beavers in a four-game series with double headers Friday and Saturday.

The Mavericks are coming off a series sweep against the University of Minnesota-Duluth which saw them rise to second in the NSIC and kept their win streak going at five games. After the sweep, the Mavs currently hold a 15-10 overall record and an 11-4 conference record.

The Beavers are fresh off a four-game series against conference leaders Wayne State where they were swept. After being swept, the Beavers sit with a 8-17 overall record and hold a 5-10 conference record which places them 12th in the NSIC.

The Mavs will likely be eager to play in front of a home crowd as Louis Magers describes the team being tough to beat at home.

"I'm pumped to start playing some home series," says Magers. "We are right in the middle of the conference play right now and it's always tough for teams to play us on our own turf."

The Mavericks are one of the best fielding teams in the NSIC this



Courtesy Maverick Athletics

The Minnesota State baseball team currently hold a 15-10 overall record and an 11-4 conference record.

year with 863 chances (second in Conference), 615 putouts (second in Conference) and 224 assists (third in conference).

The Mavericks aren't too far behind in batting with 206 runs so far

(fourth in conference) and lead the NSIC in walks (147).

The Mavericks will look to Magers, Matt Fleischhacker and Aidan Byrne who all have all put up solid stats and performances for

the Mavs thus far.

Magers has had a good year pitching, averaging a 4.23 ERA, 1.41 walks and hits per innings pitched, and has allowed only 14 runs in 27.2 innings pitched with

a 2-1 record. Magers has only impressed batting, leading the team in homeruns (6) along with 26 runs and 24 RBIS.

Fleischhacker leads the Maverick in runs (32) and doubles (6) and averages a .280 batting average.

Byrne has been one of the Mavericks best hitters this year leading the team in batting average (.355), hits (38) and RBIS (29). Byrne also has three home runs and 29 runs on the season.

The Beavers haven't been great on the road so far with a 3-7 away record and a 5-10 record at neutral sites.

The Beavers will look to Ricky Apodaca, Grant Gabbert and Brian Parry to get it going for them offensively. Apodaca ranks third in Division II batting average (.492) while leading the team in hits (32) and RBIS (22).

Gabbert leads the Beavers in runs (23) and total bases (45). Gabbert also leads the team in homeruns with four and has 27 hits on the season.

Parry leads the team in bases on balls with 12 and averages a .359 batting average (second on Beavers). Parry has 21 runs along with 23 hits so far this season.

The Mavericks will play in double headers on Friday and Saturday in Mankato, Minnesota at Bowyer Field.

# Minnesota State tennis looks to close regular season out strong



Courtesy Maverick Athletics

Minnesota State women's tennis fell 5-2 to Nebraska-Omaha Saturday at Miracle Hill Tennis Center.

By HAYDEN LEE  
Staff Writer

The Minnesota State women's tennis team is 13 games through its regular season schedule, and it has its eyes set on the conference tournament as it closes the regular season out at home.

Last week, the team dropped its only contest 5-2 on the road against the University of Nebraska-Omaha at Miracle Hill Tennis Center.

The Mavericks lost two of three doubles sets while the other went unfinished.

In the No. 1 doubles match, UNO's Zoe Adkins and Paula Arcarons defeated MSU's Freia Lawrence and Avery Stilwell 6-3. In the 2's, UNO's Summer Shannon and Keegan VanPelt vs. MSU's Chiara Carnelutti and Podmogilnaia 5-5 went unfinished.

The third singles match had UNO's Colby Kelley and Addison

Miller defeating MSU's McKenna DeMarce and Elizabeth Felderman 6-4.

The Mavericks won two of six singles matches.

In the No. 1 singles, UNO's Zoe Adkins defeated MSU's Freia Lawrence 6-2 and 6-4. UNO's Khayli Buckels defeated MSU's Chiara Carnelutti 6-2 and 6-0 in the no. 2 match, but Avery Stilwell and Daria Podmogilnaia won the no. 3 and no. 4 matches, respectively.

UNO's Addison Miller and Brooke Covington defeated MSU's Elizabeth Felderman and McKenna DeMarce in the No. 5 and No. 6 singles matches.

Following the match, head coach Tristen Bryant-Otake reflected on their opportunity to play a school much bigger than MSU.

"It was a fun match today," said Bryant-Otake. "It's always good when we get an opportunity to face Division I competition.

I think we competed well, having some close doubles matches, then having two three setters in singles. Omaha is a great team and I was glad they hosted us. I believe facing this level is positive for us leading up to the conference tournament.

We are excited to close out the regular season at home next weekend."

Through 13 games the Mavericks are 7-6 and return home in St. Peter to host Minnesota Crookston 7 p.m. Friday.

They will close out the regular season the very next day against Bemidji State University in the Swanson Tennis Center.

The NSIC Tournament will be held April 26-28 in Sioux Falls, S.D.

The NCAA Regional Tournament is on May 6-7 before the NCAA Championships take place May 20-25.

## Twins: 'Being an athlete, that's a good way to fuel your body. So I knew that was a really good decision.'

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dik twins and Nautical Bowls was being cooked up.

Former teammate at Gentry Academy Cara Sajevic, who attends the University of St. Thomas, is a Pliable Athlete and a brand ambassador for Nautical Bowls in DinkyTown in Minneapolis. This allowed Glynn to strike up a relationship with the owner at the Nautical Bowls.

"So then I said to her, I've got two other athletes, they're down in Mankato. Are there any people you know down in Mankato that would be interested in partnering with two more athletes?" Glynn

said.

Once Glynn was able to get in contact with the owner at Nautical Bowls in Mankato, Devin Pokorney, things were off and running.

Promoting a product that they love is something that was appealing to JuliAnna and Jenessa.

"Growing up we always used to go there. There's one close to Gentry. Being an athlete, that's a good way to fuel your body. So I knew that was a really good decision, and something that we could help promote knowing that we eat," JuliAnna said.

This deal further pushes the

mission that Glynn has for his company that he talked about with the twins at the beginning of their partnership called mission E-50.

Mission E-50 is an initiative by the company to increase the popularity of women's sports.

"If you look up hashtag mission E-50, you will see the amount of female athletes that I work with, and some of the stories. Whether they're media stories, posts about NIL opportunities or brands they're working with. That is a very small screenshot on what is going to happen on a national level," Glynn said.

# Caitlin Clark will take the stage in a Cleveland Final Four



HANS PENNINK • The Associated Press

Iowa guard Caitlin Clark reacts to the crowd before cutting a piece of the net after Iowa defeated LSU in an Elite Eight round college basketball game during the NCAA Tournament, Monday, April 1, 2024, in Albany, N.Y.

By TOM WITHERS  
The Associated Press

The final shows for Caitlin Clark's tour are booked in an arena just a short drive from the Rock & Roll Hall Fame.

Hello, Cleveland.

College basketball's biggest act — men's or women's — will close out her magnificent Iowa career this weekend in the Final Four after Clark delivered a 41-point, 12-assist performance in a win over defending champion LSU.

It was vintage Clark, and typical Clark.

"When the stage is the brightest, when the spotlight is the brightest, she's at her very best," Iowa coach Lisa Bluder said Monday on a Zoom call. "She loves this. Some people wither in the moment. She just gets stronger in the moment.

"When it's her time, she's going to just shine."

Clark, who has spent this season rewriting record books, signing autographs for adoring fans everywhere she goes and excelling despite enormous pressure, will lead the Hawkeyes (33-4) in Friday night's second semifinal against UConn (33-5), one of the game's preeminent programs back for a 23rd time under Hall of Fame coach Geno Auriemma.

In the other semi, undefeated South Carolina (36-0) puts perfection on the line against North Carolina State (32-6), a No. 3 seed that already has pulled off two upsets in the NCAA Tournament and has sights on a third.

"Hey, we're coming to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, you got to crash the party, right?" Wolfpack coach Wes Moore said with a smile.

Make no mistake, this is Clark's party.

She has been the dominant story this season, a generational talent who has lived up to expectations and even pushed beyond them. So maybe it's fitting that Clark will take her last collegiate shots on the same floor where LeBron James rose from hyped high school phenom to NBA superstar.

The game's best outside shooter, Clark has hardly missed.

With the stakes as high as pos-

sible on Monday night in Albany, New York, Clark came through. Naturally.

A year after losing in the NCAA title game to the Tigers and star Angel Reese, who famously taunted her in the closing seconds, Clark got even in the rematch with a few flicks of her right wrist.

She dropped nine 3-pointers while passing UConn great Diana Taurasi's tourney record for 3s, and Clark moved past Oklahoma's Taylor Robertson for the most 3s in a career for Division I players.

At one point in the second half, LSU guard Hailey Van Lith, who was given the impossible assignment of guarding Clark, reacted with a shrug and a "what am I supposed to do?" expression after watching another 3 fall.

For Bluder, it was nothing new. But the setting made this more special.

"Her distant 3s were spectacular," Iowa's coach said. "We asked her to try to get to the rim in the first quarter. I thought she did. She did a great job of that. We wanted her to get some high-percentage easy ones to begin with, and she did.

"In the third quarter, when she took that distant 3 and she nailed it to get us going, I knew then we were in good shape. I never want to talk about her without talking about her passing. Absolutely unbelievable."

In some ways, so is UConn's presence in this year's Final Four, despite its blue-blooded pedigree.

The Huskies have been ravaged by injuries, forcing Auriemma to play four freshmen and leaving him with little depth. Fortunately, he's still got the marvelous Paige Bueckers, who has returned to her All-America form after missing last season with a knee injury.

Auriemma has had more talented teams, led by stars Breanna Stewart, Diana Taurasi, Sue Bird and Maya Moore, but this one is unique.

"There's something about this group that the intangibles are what's carrying us right now, that grit, that toughness," said the 70-year-old Auriemma, an 11-time national champion.

# Champions league quarter finals predictions



M. GRACIA JIMENEZ • The Associated Press

Real Madrid's Rodrygo celebrates after scoring his side's second goal during a Spanish La Liga soccer match between Real Madrid and Athletic Bilbao at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid, Spain, Sunday, March 31, 2024.

By AHMED HASSAN  
Staff Writer

With the UEFA Champions League quarter finals under a week away, it is time to predict the ties to see who will advance and who will perish.

The quarter finals this year are some of the most even matchups that have been seen in a long time in the Champions League, and will be a sight to see.

Dortmund vs Atletico Madrid  
Dortmund and Atletico Madrid are evenly matched teams. Both teams are top teams in Europe, but have yet to show anything for it in the Champions League in the past few years.

Atletico's gritty and defensive style of play have gotten them far before in the Champions League, but they were forced to play more offensively and possession based against Inter, which paid dividends in their phenomenal comeback win.

Atletico are defensive juggernauts with the ability to catch any opponent off guard.

With Diego Simone at the helm coaching and Antoine Griezmann up top, Atleti will be a force to be reckoned with.

Dortmund have won their past two games and displayed a world class performance against Bayern Munich by beating them 2-0 Saturday.

Dortmund have gone under the radar after their stale performances in December, but have really picked it up recently by stringing up a great run of performances.

Jadon Sancho has gained some of his form back since his return to Dortmund, which makes Dortmund very dangerous if he's at his best.

Dortmund have a good squad with great depth, but can't put a foot wrong if they want to beat the defensive block of Atletico.

I predict Atletico Madrid will beat Dortmund 4-3 on aggregate.

Barcelona vs PSG

Barcelona and PSG have both had seasons to forget by the standards that the clubs have set, but both teams will not be disappointed with this matchup.

Barcelona have really picked up things ever since Xavi Hernandez announced he was leaving at the end of the season.

Barca haven't lost a game since January 27th and have played some quality football lately.

They showcased it in the round of 16 against Napoli.

Barca will need to play with the poise and conviction that they've shown lately if they want to beat PSG.

Lamine Yamal has been the spark for this team offensively along with Robert Lewandowski, and if both players show up then Barca can find themselves in the semi finals.

PSG have seemingly claimed Ligue 1. They sit 12 points clear at the top, but have been inconsistent all year.

PSG have a deep squad with solid and talented players including Achraf Hakimi, Ousmane Dembele, Warren Zaire-Emery and Marco Ansensio who can all be game changers and win games for PSG.

However, there is one man who keeps PSG in contention and will keep them the favorites in this tie. Kylian Mbappe is the key factor for PSG.

The young star already has 38 goals in all competitions so far this year.

He's one of the best in the world, and if he's playing at the level he's been at this year, then PSG will find itself one step closer to the final.

I predict PSG to win 3-1 on aggregate.

Arsenal vs Bayern Munich

The last time Arsenal were in

the Champions League, they faced Bayern where they lost 10-2 on aggregate. So it's safe to say Arsenal will be looking for redemption.

Arsenal have had a great season so far, sitting top of the premier league and coming back from a 1-0 deficit to beat Porto in penalties to advance to this stage.

The Gunners have been waiting for this moment, and if they continue to play the way they have been thus far, then the only team that will stop them in this tie will be themselves.

Bayern Munich have had a terrible season. They're on the verge of losing their first league title in 11 years.

Bayern simply haven't been playing good enough football this year, and have looked very stagnant at times under Thomas Tuchel.

Harry Kane has been one of the few highlights for Bayern this year as he has scored 37 goals so far this season in the Bundesliga (31) and Champions League combined (6).

The Englishman is among the best in the world and can turn the tide around for Bayern along with young star Jamal Musiala.

I predict Arsenal to win 3-2 on aggregate.

Real Madrid vs Manchester City

The last two Champions League winners and arguably the favorites to win it all meet again.

Madrid and City have faced each other in the last two semi finals and the winner of the tie has gone on to win it all.

Real Madrid have been top tier this season, especially since the arrival of Jude Bellingham.

The Spanish giants have won their last three games and are set to be at full strength with the arrival of some of their players back from injury.

Real Madrid are the kings of  
**PREDICTIONS on page 13**

## LSU star Angel Reese declares for WNBA draft via Vogue photo shoot



MARY ALTAFFER • The Associated Press

LSU forward Angel Reese (10) looks to pass against Iowa forward Addison O'Grady (44) during the third quarter of an Elite Eight round college basketball game during the NCAA Tournament, Monday, April 1, 2024.

By BRETT MARTEL  
The Associated Press

Bayou Barbie is WNBA bound.

LSU star Angel Reese, who is known for her eyelash extensions, painted fingernails and ferocious play in the paint, formally declared for the WNBA draft on Wednesday.

Her announcement comes two days after the Tigers' season ended with a loss to Caitlin Clark and Iowa in the Elite Eight round of the women's NCAA Tournament.

Reese, who has expressed an interest in working in fashion and modeling, announced her decision via a photo shoot in Vogue, saying she was inspired by tennis great Serena Williams announcing her retirement in 2022 in a similar manner.

Reese, who publicly had left open the option of returning for another year at LSU, acknowledged having made up her mind to turn pro before March Madness began.

"Of course, I like to do everything big," Reese told the magazine. "I didn't want anything to be basic."

"I've done everything I want-

ed to in college," added Reese, who also has expressed interest in playing professionally in Europe during the WNBA offseason. "I've won a national championship, I've gotten (Southeastern Conference) Player of the Year, I've been an All-American. My ultimate goal is to be a pro — and to be one of the greatest basketball players to play, ever. I feel like I'm ready."

Reese, a dynamic, 6-foot-3 forward who can run the floor, guard the perimeter and block shots anywhere, likely will join Clark, the expected No. 1 pick by Indiana, as one of the top players drafted on April 15.

Draft analysts have projected Reese as a seventh or eighth overall choice.

An undeveloped outside shot is among the few questions about her game as she leaves college.

Reese grew up in Baltimore and began her college career at Maryland, where her brother, Julian, plays for the men's team. She transferred to LSU in 2022 and the Tigers won the program's only national title in Reese's first season.

"She helped transform our program," LSU coach Kim Mulkey said.

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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# Nikola Jokic scores 42 and outduels Victor Wembanyama

By ARNIE STAPLETON  
The Associated Press

Chalk this one up to Nikola Jokic after Victor Wembanyama came up just short of outdueling the player who is hoping to soon pick up his third MVP award.

Jokic scored 42 points and outdueled the Rookie of the Year favorite in Denver's 110-105 win over the San Antonio Spurs on Tuesday night to retake sole possession of first place in the West.

Jokic also grabbed 16 rebounds and had six assists. Wembanyama had 23 points, 15 rebounds, eight assists and nine blocks. Three of Jokic's baskets came on rare dunks, something he said he had to do facing the sensational rookie.

"He had like 600 blocks tonight, but we got the win," Jokic said after Denver leap-frogged Oklahoma City atop the Western Conference playoff race.

The Nuggets (53-23) took a half-game lead over Oklahoma City, which lost 109-105 at Philadelphia earlier Tuesday night. The Minnesota Timberwolves (52-23) kept pace with Oklahoma City when they beat Houston 113-106.

Jokic's hook shot broke a 103-



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI • The Associated Press

San Antonio Spurs center Victor Wembanyama, center, pulls in a rebound between Denver Nuggets forward Michael Porter Jr., left, and center Nikola Jokic during the first half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, April 2, 2024, in Denver.

103 tie but Wembanyama's layup at the other end knotted it up again

with a minute remaining.

Michael Porter Jr., who had

15 points and a career-best 16 rebounds, made a 3 with 28 seconds

left to put Denver up 108-105 and Wembanyama missed a 3-pointer with 18 seconds left but the Spurs burned 10 seconds before Wembanyama fouled Jokic, who sank both free throws with 8 seconds remaining.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said he couldn't be happier with how Wembanyama led his team to a near upset of the defending NBA champions despite missing several injured starters.

"That's one of the most competitive games I have been part of for many years," Popovich said. "For 48 minutes, under difficult circumstances, these guys just played ... the effort for 48 was really impressive, the best I've seen all year. And like I said (for) several years, losing sucks, but to see how far they have come this season is really a joy."

Wembanyama was exhausted after trying to keep up with Jokic and logging 34 tough minutes in Denver's thin air.

"It's very demanding" going up against Jokic, Wembanyama said, adding that the altitude was "just one difficulty among others. We have to adapt to this just like we have to adapt to plenty of other factors."

**◀PREDICTIONS** from page 12 the Champions League, and taking them down will be a heavy task for the Citizens.

Manchester City have had an

interesting season. They sit third in the Premier League after a run of very inconsistent and bad performances this year.

Manchester City can never be

counted out as the Citizens always find a way.

Erling Haaland looks like a shadow of the player he was last season and has been a big question

mark for City.

The return of Kevin De Bruyne has been having a strong impact, and with him in the game, you can never count the defending champi-

ons out.

I predict Real Madrid to win 6-4 on aggregate.

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# VARIETY

## ‘Senior Showcase’ unveils culmination of creativity

By MERCEDES KAUPHUSMAN  
Variety Editor

Graduating artists are preparing to leave their final mark on Minnesota State.

Inside the “Senior Showcase” exhibition in Conkling Gallery, the works of seniors obtaining BFAs in the art department will have their crafts on display in two halves from April 1-12 and April 22-May 2.

“The coolest thing that people can do is create and make things because what are we here for if it’s not to create something new, or create something that you see in your head?” MSU senior Liv Meinberg said.

Meinberg, a ceramics-focused student with a second concentration in printmaking, ties together elements of human and nature through her artwork. From clay legged fruits to a woodcut swan, she emphasizes her many different directions in the art program through her arranged pieces.

“I love how ceramics has a mind of its own,” Meinberg said. “The clay, sometimes it’ll just move or when you fire it, it gets smaller — you never really know what’s gonna happen until it does happen.”

Meinberg’s recent interest in printmaking soared since taking classes under Associate Professor Josh Winkler, who is also the gallery director and oversees the exhibition productions.



DAVIS JENSEN • The Reporter

MSU seniors graduating with a BFA in the art department are displaying their art in Conkling Gallery for the “Senior Showcase” exhibition part 1 April 1-12.

“We really need creative problem solvers right now and I think the more weird, quirky, interesting, off-the-wall ideas that creative people are coming up with, the better we’re gonna be for it in the future,” Winkler said.

The gallery itself shows work from all over the board, featuring graphic designs, sculptures, ceramics, photographers, printmakers, drawings and paintings.

“The themes are really driven by the students in the direction of their studies,” Winkler said.

This exhibition puts the cap on a trail of primarily graduate students, faculty and professional

touring artists, giving students the opportunity to reach an audience for potentially their first time.

“The process of curating their work into a space and hanging it and learning that practical process will be valuable for future exhibitions because this is just the beginning,” Winkler said.

Meinberg’s time spent in Winkler’s classroom since her secondary focus was born her sophomore year shines through her variety of printmaking pieces.

“I really have been appreciating Josh as a professor, just learning a new medium because the thing about being an artist is trying all

different things,” Meinberg said. “I feel like I’m trying something new every other week and I’m figuring out, ‘Oh, I like this. Oh, I don’t like that,’ or I’ll incorporate this thing into something else, so it keeps on developing over time.”

The art she holds dearest are her water-related pieces and aquatic creatures. Stemmed from her struggle and dedication during her time as a competitive swimmer, her work reflects the energy she put into improving her craft inside the pool and the studio.

“I have an interesting relationship with the sport that I did; I’m learning how to play in water at this

point, so it’s bringing something that I went through growing up and having fun with it now,” Meinberg said.

Meinberg will tackle her next venture in property management following her degree.

The exhibition entirely recognizes the effort of each graduating senior, and sets them afloat toward their future endeavors.

“We have some really strong students that we’re proud to have worked with, we have a great department, we all work really hard, faculty and students, and it’s a time to celebrate,” Winkler said.

## Crafting connections at leather bracelet making event

By JACK HARDING  
Staff Writer

The Student Events Team hosted a brand new event, “Leather bracelet making” Wednesday in the Wambdi Wapaha Lounge in the CSU from 12:30-4 p.m.

Students could participate for free and design their own leather bracelets using leather stamping tools. The process was fast as they only take about 5-15 minutes to complete, depending on how much time was spent decorating.

To craft a bracelet, participants first took strips of vegetable-tanned leather and got it wet so it absorbs the water. Next step: pick out stamps and hammer them in.

There were hundreds of stamps available — letters, different symbols, even a stamp of the Maverick logo was available.

The event wasn’t limited to bracelet making. Some students thought outside the box and made pet collars instead.

Many students enjoyed the comfort and convenience of this kind of the event, especially given that it’s in the middle of the day and most had recently gotten out of classes. However, even if the

process was quick, some students stayed for over an hour because they were having fun with friends.

Junior student Simran Gauchan talked about why she enjoyed the event with her friends.

“I think it’s very interactive because we don’t really be around here, but today was the day all of us were here together and for a while. So it was kind of an interactive and fun get-together for us,” Gauchan said.

This is the first time the Student Events Team hosted an event like this. Events Chair Meron Fre talked about how the idea came about.

“We were thinking of simplistic events to put up as finals are coming up we wanted an event where people did not have to spend much of their time doing in between classes,” Fre said.

The Student Events Team reached out to Pageen Rozeske to get all the supplies. Rozeske is a leather/shoe maker who works as a shop lead at the Mankato Makerspace, a multipurpose workshop for leatherwork, metalwork, woodwork, ceramics, etc. She got the supplies from Makerspace, Hobby Lobby and Tandy Leather.

Rozeske has been doing leath-



NATHANAEL TILAHUN • The Reporter

Pictured is leather and shoe maker Pageen Rozeske helping a student create a leather bracelet. The Student Events Team held its first ever leather bracelet making event Wednesday at the Wambdi Wapaha Lounge in the CSU from 12:30-4 p.m.

er crafting for 35 years. She talked about why students should attend events like this one at this point in

the semester.

“You’re creating. It’s a release. You’re not focusing on the severe studying that you’ve been doing,

you’re focusing on something creative and creating is always a release of energy,” Rozeske said.

# SADE, PHC and IFC present Narcan training to students



ALEXIS DARKOW • The Reporter

Minnesota State Students gathered in the Ostrander Auditorium Wednesday evening to learn about opioid overdose and Narcan use awareness. The presentation was put together by the Students for Alcohol and Drug Education (SADE), Panhellenic Council (PHC) and Interfraternity Council (IFC), and more than 200 students came to watch.

By ANAHI ZUNIGA  
Staff Writer

MSU students joined together in the Ostrander Auditorium on Wednesday night for a presentation on opioid overdose and Narcan use awareness, presented by Students for Alcohol and Drug Education (SADE), Panhellenic Council (PHC) and Interfraternity Council (IFC).

With over 200 students in attendance, the presentation was given by Molly Kortuem — a certified peer support specialist for Beyond Brink — who provided free training in administering Narcan, an emergency opioid overdose medication, to someone experiencing an overdose.

Narcan, which can reverse the effects of an overdose, can be administered by injection or nasally.

SADE students distributed free nasal Narcan to students, thanks to the grant Beyond Brink received to provide free Narcan to students.

It is also highly recommended that Narcan be held at room temperature.

Kortuem explained during the introduction of the presentation what the Minnesota Harm Reduction Team, an organization with a partnership with Beyond Brink, is.

“The Minnesota Harm Reduction Team is a response team assisting individuals in 43 counties across the state of Minnesota with resources and support surrounding substance use, which include resource navigation, education and advocacy, peer recovery support, Narcan training and distribution,” Kortuem said.

Before administering Narcan to someone, Kortuem suggests calling 911 beforehand as “EMS carries several doses of Narcan and you want to have them on the way to the patient.”

“This is a two dose spray. So if you can imagine if somebody is in an overdose, you would put it up there nostril and administer half the dose.

And then wait two to three minutes to see if they come out of it. And then if they don’t come out of it, then you can administer the other dose,” Kortuem explained.

Kortuem said Narcan medication won’t expire for three years.

Some studies suggest Narcan will still be effective after 31 years.

After the Narcan training, Kortuem shared her history with drug addiction, starting off at a young age.

“I was a person who struggled with substance use disorder my whole life.

I would say I started at a very young age around 16. It went from smoking cigarettes to smoking weed to drinking alcohol. And that was pretty much by the time I was up until the time I was 20 years old.

And then at that time I continued to use. My whole life became consumed by it,” Kortuem said

After 20 years of struggling with drug addiction, Kortuem explained how she was finally able to get sober for good.

“About 20 months ago, I had a spiritual awakening and I got down on my knees and asked God for forgiveness.

And I can’t really explain what

all happened after that. Because it’s something that was very unbelievable, to me but to people also. And I went home to my parents. I would never have gone home.

I was addicted fully but something was helping me. Something was helping assist me to bring me home,” Kortuem said.

During her long journey of recovery, Kortuem was able to get a job at Brink Beyond and shared how it’s changed her life for the better.

“It’s really given me purpose. And it’s really let me understand now that I went through all of that in my life, I can come out and help other people get out of the pit that they’re in and come back to life.

“That’s my main motto in life,” Kortuem said.

For students and the surrounding Mankato community, Kortuem explains how important it is for students to be educated on opioid overdose and Narcan use and listed ways to spread awareness.

“Social media. Keep talking about it. Join SADE.

I think the more we talk about it and understand that it is a real issue. And also that if you aren’t struggling with substance use disorder.

I can guarantee you that somebody you know is and so if we come together as a community and keep talking about it; keep talking to bring in resources out about it,” Kortuem said.

For information on Beyond Brink and their resources, visit [www.beyondbrink.com](http://www.beyondbrink.com) and for information on SADE, visit [www.mnsu.edu/SADE](http://www.mnsu.edu/SADE)

## A familiar American goes to Italy in the bloody Netflix series ‘Ripley’



Netflix • The Associated Press

This image released by Netflix shows Andrew Scott in a scene from “Ripley.”

By MARK KENNEDY  
The Associated Press

It’s time to take another trip to Italy, to the charming, cobblestoned streets of the Amalfi Coast, sipping coffee at cafes and looking for the la dolce vita. And it just wouldn’t be fun without our favorite serial killer, right?

Tom Ripley is back for another turn at wearing dressing gowns and having Champagne on the terrace in “Ripley,” a thrilling new Netflix series based on the endur-

ing character created by novelist Patricia Highsmith in “The Talented Mr. Ripley.” It premieres April 4.

“The idea that we know we’re not supposed to like him, but we do want to see him get away with it is very interesting. What’s it say about us?” asks Steven Zaillian, who created, directed and wrote the eight-episode adaptation.

Andrew Scott steps up to play Ripley, a scrappy check fraudster in grimy New York who is hired to locate a rich dilettante in Italy.

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