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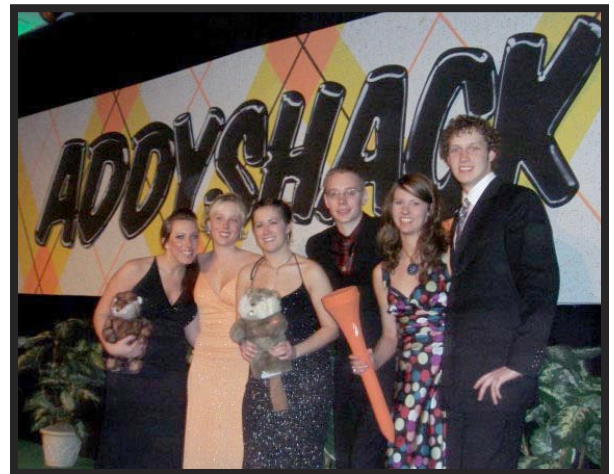
## Ad club tees off for year

By Jillian Scheeler

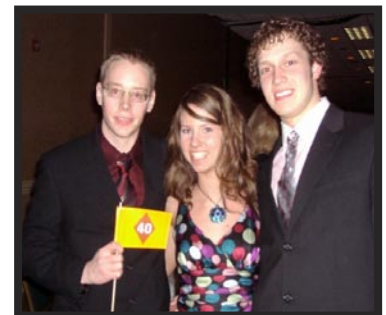
Plaid pants, golf tees and anticipation were all plentiful at this year's Addy awards, themed Addyshack. The annual Addy awards are given to local advertisers, as well as students, for their creativity in various areas of advertising. Every year, Ad Club holds their annual silent auction at the awards to raise money for the club.

“This year's silent auction went extremely well,” said Jill Burnosky, Ad Club president. “We raised plenty of money to help fund the club activities for next year.”

Club members also help out with the awards show, mingle with professionals and win awards themselves. Burnosky will be graduating this year, leaving Ad Club to be run by co-presidents Nick Neels and Josh Hummel next year. Burnosky ended the year on a high-note though by winning 13 awards at the Addys.



*Ad Club officers celebrate another successful year.*



*Meet the new Ad Club officers*

“Jill did a great job as Ad Club President this year, and she really deserved every award she won,” said Kayla Knudson. “It's great being recognized for something you've put so much time into.” Knudson is next year's Marketing Director and was also a Gold winner in Direct Mail category. Knudson and Burnosky were just a few of the many MSUM students that were winners at the awards show.

“With the year winding down, the Addys were a great way to prepare for next year and to remember and celebrate everything we've [Ad Club] done this year,” said Burnosky. For information regarding Ad Club visit their Web site at [www.mnstate.edu/adclub](http://www.mnstate.edu/adclub).

## Did you know...

- There are 120 student organizations on campus. A complete list of all these student organizations can be found at [www.mnstate.edu/osa](http://www.mnstate.edu/osa).
- There is a committee on campus composed of both students and university staff called the student activity budget committee (SABC). This committee is responsible for the distributing and supervising the money acquired from student activity fees to various campus clubs.
- A complete list of where all the student activity fee dollars are distributed to can be found by clicking on the "Budget Allocations" button on the SABC's Web site located at [www.msum.edu](http://www.msum.edu).
- There is an exhaustive Student Organization Handbook which is made up of over 90 pages with topics ranging from organization and structure to funding. The entire handbook can be found at



Warren C. Bowels performs in Minneapolis.

## CHI ALPHA: Learning, loving, growing

By Abbey Heesch

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship is a Christian organization on campus. The group meets every week on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the student union. Chi Alpha is about fun, fellowship, learning, loving and growing in the Lord.

Affiliated with First Assembly of God Church, this campus ministry is a tool intended to reach students for Christ at Minnesota State University Moorhead. "With college students leaving home, many of them for the first time, they need the love and support of a church body," said Chi Alpha member Bryce Wall.

To help provide the church body, discipleship groups meet weekly, in addition to attending spring and fall retreats. There are also Saturday night social activities. "I recommend becoming actively involved in whatever church ministries will provide you with the greatest opportunity to use the gifts God has given," recommend Wall.

As an added bonus Chi Alpha doesn't just stop when school does, but continues during the summer months as college and career-aged people meet at Fargo First Assembly of God Church on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Pastor Brad at 232-0003.

## BSA hosts Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. guest speaker

By Jessica Rowe

The Black Student Alliance is a prominent and very active group on campus. The BSA stays active throughout the academic year, but now is looking forward to an engaging and moving experience.

On April 20, 2006 the Mixed Blood Theatre will be presenting "Dr King's Dream," performed by a Minneapolis theatre organization. The performance stars Warren C. Bowels in a stirring solo performance as he depicts the life and career of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The play's setting begins at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968, as King answers a young colleague's question with an anecdote about the Montgomery bus boycott.

"This event is going to really rock us to the core," said Nicholas Gains, former vice president of the Black Student Alliance. "Martin Luther King was such a profound and influential figure of our history. To have it brought to life like this is definitely going to be moving."

The event will be held at the ballroom in the Comstock Memorial Union on Thursday, April 20, 2006. The event is open for all to attend.

# Poker League: Full house at CMU

By Paul Carney

Every week in the basement of Comstock Memorial Union dozens of MSUM students can be found shuffling cards, stacking chips and talking “smack.” For the past three semesters, the Recreation and Outing Center has hosted the MSUM Poker League. The league consists of a free, ten-week long set of poker tournaments where participants accumulate points based on how they finish each week. The top three point leaders at the end of the semester are awarded trophies.

“We had around 40 people sign up initially,” said Nick Taylor, the league’s director and an MSUM senior. “We’ve had a couple more join here and there, but it kind of boils down to about 30 or 40 people every semester.”



There was no trouble getting the program approved by the school, despite the fact that the game involves gambling. “We didn’t have any problems,” said Taylor. “We just had to state that we wouldn’t be playing for money or gambling.”

“It’s a great way to practice for free, no matter what your skill level is,” said Paul Carney, the league’s inaugural champion. “I’ve played for years, but it is still fun for me to come and screw around.”

“It’s definitely helped my poker skills,” said Mai Thao, this semester’s champion. “The playing time I’ve gotten in through the league has really improved my game. I especially honed my skills watching Paul Carney play. That kid really knows the game.”

If you are interested in playing in the league this fall, make sure to keep an eye out for posters around campus and check in with the ROC at the beginning of the semester.



Students gather in the ROC to begin the fall tournament.



## Japan Club

The Minnesota State University Moorhead Japan Club is a diverse group of students who are committed to learning about and promoting the Japanese culture and language.

Japan Club members welcome individuals of all ages from our community to attend sponsored events. The annual club events include: Setsubun, during which one traditionally performs mamemaki or throwing soybeans, Boys day or kodomo no hi, Girls day or Hina-matsuri, and various other cultural events held throughout the year.

Members of our club come from many disciplinary areas and various backgrounds including people majoring in accounting, East Asian studies, computer science and international business. Membership is open to all students and faculty of MSUM without discrimination.

For more information visit Japan Club’s Web site at [www.mnstate.edu/japan](http://www.mnstate.edu/japan).

# Lacrosse Club: No experience needed

By Paul Carney

The Minnesota State University Moorhead Lacrosse Club was founded in the late fall of 2000 by Brent Ege and Vicki Yager. It started with just a few guys and girls who wanted to play lacrosse. The two teams combined involve over 50 male and female students.

The popularity of lacrosse has increased steadily in past few years. There are currently 15 collegiate teams in Minnesota, and new teams are joining every year. “We’re hoping that in the near future that lacrosse in the Upper Midwest will make the transition to NCAA,” said men’s lacrosse president Mikal Kern.

Lacrosse players not only get the chance to play a fun, competitive sport, but they get to do some sightseeing as well. The teams travel all over the country to play games. “This year we went down to Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., to play during spring break,” said Kern. “Last year we made it down to New Orleans. We had a lot of fun on Bourbon Street during Mardi Gras.”

Both lacrosse teams welcome people who are interested in playing, even if they are not familiar with the game or the rules. “We take anyone who is willing to learn and try,” said Kern. “We give new players lessons in the fall, and by the time the spring season rolls around, they should be ready to suit up and play.”

If you are interested in playing lacrosse in the fall, e-mail Mikal Kern at [mikal\\_kern@hotmail.com](mailto:mikal_kern@hotmail.com) or stop by the lacrosse office in room 123 in Nemzek Hall.



*Mikal Kern goes for the goal during the last game of the season.*

## Editorial

### Club participation well worth the time

By Jillian Scheeler

College students often overlook the importance of extracurricular activities. Between work and class, students seem to have minimal spare time. However, spending a few hours a week participating in clubs and other extracurricular activities provide benefits that far exceed the time sacrificed.

Extracurricular activities are a great way to meet new people who share the same interests. With over 120 registered student organizations at MSUM, there are plenty of opportunities to become involved in something of personal interest.

Clubs also provide the opportunity to network with other students and area professionals as well. As a freshman or sophomore this may not seem important; however, as graduation time nears it will. Additionally, club participation helps beef-up resumes and provides real-world experiences. In particular, the leadership skills that one can develop through clubs can help one prepare for the future.

As recent graduate Sam Hunt said, “The experiences I gained from being president of PRSA gave me the extra edge against the competition when applying for jobs. It really helped me land my first job. And plus it