Buyouts fall short, layoffs more likely

BY BRYCE HAUGEN & MEREDITH WATNHE

Ninety-seven professors faced a Friday deadline to accept or decline the early retirement offers MSUM mailed to them last month.

University officials were willing to grant about 35 buyouts to help solve next year’s projected budget deficit of $4.9 million – and potentially another $3 million the following year – through voluntary departures. In a Saturday email, Provost Anne Blackhurst indicated 19 professors accepted buyouts, as did two staff members.

“When the small size of some of the departments, I cannot name the departments where (buyouts) were accepted because it would, de facto, identify some of the individuals who accepted the offers,” Blackhurst wrote.

“We would have come very close,” to eliminating the deficit without further reductions, “if decisions were made earlier,” she added.

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Army reverses ROTC closure

BY ALISON SMITH

Following a brief scare of a Tri-College legacy being shut down, the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps program that serves NDSU, MSUM and Concordia, the “Bison Battalion,” will be given a two-year probationary period to prove their importance to the U.S. Army in hopes that the program will remain open.

On Oct. 2, the U.S. Army announced closure of 13 ROTC programs over two years. The “Bison Battalion” was targeted because it didn’t produce the average 15 graduate officers per year.

Since the decision, Szymanski contacted members of Minnesota’s congressional delegation, urging them to fight for the battalion, and also stayed in regular contact with NDSU’s Dean Bresciani.

Less than a week after the announcement was made, representatives from North Dakota and Minnesota wrote to John McHugh, secretary of the U.S. Army, urging reconsideration and asking for clarification on the decision. The letter stated: “these programs offer a value to their communities, students and

Moorhead elects first female mayor

BY BRYCE HAUGEN

Del Rae Williams’ house a few blocks south of campus is a bit of a shrine to Moorhead. Whether it be a local artist’s renderings of Dairy Queen and Atomic Coffee or her newest acquisition, a throw pillow with “56560” printed on it, the retired CPA and long-time community volunteer effuses pride for her adopted hometown.

A first-time candidate, Williams made history last week when voters elected her as the first woman Moorhead mayor. She defeated three challengers, including two sitting council members, with 37 percent of the vote. In January, she will replace Mayor Mark Voxland, who declined to run for reelection after serving 12 years.

“Del Rae Williams’ house is a must-see attraction,” she said in an interview Thursday at her home. “It’s just a bonus.”

After promising friends she would consider it and failing to convince a few other people to join the race, Williams decided to run just before the filing deadline, while lying in bed one August morning.

“I thought we needed another choice,” she said. “I’ve always regretted the things I don’t do, not the things I’ve done.”

When she whispered, “I’m going to do it;” to her husband, MSUM construction management professor Ron Williams, he knew exactly what she meant.

“Wool have anything to wear at the inaugural ball,” Ron Williams remembered joking to her.

The Williams’ daughter, MSUM archaeology sophomore Lyndi Williams, said she was not surprised, and was glad she

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MSUM Briefs

Take the Lead presentation today
The next Take the Lead presentation is today and, it’s called “How to use Social Media as a Professional Leader.” It will be from 4-5 p.m. in CMU 203. The workshop will be presented by Bobbie Delaney from the Career Development Center.

Another Take the Lead held Dec. 4 is called “Taking Your Leadership to the Next Level.” It will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in CMU 101. In this Take the Lead session there will be a panel of people who are involved in the MSUM campus and people involved with the community.

Free memory and hearing screenings offered next week
The Speech-Language and Hearing Sciences department is offering free memory and hearing screenings in Murray Hall on Nov. 19 from 10-11 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m. The screening will take 15 minutes or less. You can walk in on call the Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic to schedule an appointment at 218-277-2330.

Krajewski presents lecture at national conference
Dr. Michael J. Krajewski, music professor, presented a lecture at the national Association of Technology in Music Instruction (ATMI) and College Music Society (CMS) conference in Cambridge, Mass., in October. His lecture titled “Developing Interactive Course Material” received rave reviews. In addition Krajewski chaired a session at the conference titled “Big Sound, Small Devices.”

Dance team fudraises at Crave
Students are encouraged to support their dance team at Crave Burger Co. in Moorhead to help the Dance Team get to the 2014 nationals.

Those who bring in an item which can be found on the MSUM website will receive 10% off.

This will take place until Thursday.

Guest speaker Dr. Greenfield to present tomorrow morning
Tomorrow from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in the CMU Ballroom, guest speaker Dr. Derek Greenfield will be speaking on the topic of “Creating a Culture of Service” at MSUM.

A nationally requested speaker on a range of topics, from cultural diversity to motivation to youth empowerment, Dr. Greenfield has successfully worked with clients ranging from Hilton Hotels to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to the NBA’s Milwaukee Bucks.

Event explores doing business in China
A unique event at MSUM explores doing business in China. This free event is Tuesday from 3 to 6 p.m. in the CMU ballroom.

At “Global Innovation: Doing Business in China” a panel of regional experts will discuss from their personal experiences the opportunities and risks of doing business in China.

China has the second largest economy in the world. “We must learn about the world beyond our borders,” since China’s market is continuing to grow, it’s important to understand its business objectives,” said Dr. Ruth Lamb, professor in MSUM’s school of business. This year a special addition to the event will take place in the Center for Business from 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. This event is open to the public.

Security Update
Director of Public Safety
Greg Lenke

Suspended activity on campus, multiple containers of spoiled milk disposed of by Public Safety

Suspicious activity in G-10 lot, note left on vehicle
Marijuana odor in voxel, three referred to Campus Judicial

Suspicious activity near Maintenance Building, vehicle alarm activated
Auto boot placed in D-1 Lot for outstanding parking tickets
Fire alarm in John Neuhauser, false - burnt food

11.4 Medical in CA, refused medical attention
Suspicious people outside Dahl, gone upon arrival
Theft in the CA, Moorhead Police Department responded

Fire alarm in Dahl, false - burnt food
Alcohol container in Nelson, disposed of by Public Safety

Safety Tip of the week
Rape or sexual assault can happen to anyone, male or female and it’s never the victim’s fault. You may not be able to prevent all sexual assaults, but you can lessen the risks by following some simple tips.

• Always keep your cell phone charged and on you. You never know when you’ll need it. Always carry enough money to take a taxi home.

• Trust your instincts. Be clear about what’s okay for you. Don’t feel right to you, leave and get to a safe place immediately. TRUST your gut. If you feel uncomfortable, leave or yell ‘STOP’, ‘HELP’, and continue to yell until the person stops. Many perpetrators of sexual assault are someone the victim knows.

• Stay in control. Alcohol is the most common date rape drug. In fact, alcohol may be involved in almost 75 percent of all sexual assaults reported. If you are going to drink, don’t drink too much where you can make bad decisions. Avoid being alone with someone who has been drinking.

Fire alarm in Nelson, false - burnt food

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Full-size Image
Art senior has worked for Autumn Art Auction

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Meghann Hiblitchuk, art senior at MSUM, was chosen to show one of her paintings at the North Dakota Museum of Art’s Fifteenth Annual Autumn Art Auction in Grand Forks last Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

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BY ELLEN ROSSOW
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Businesman ousts incumbent, joins council

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Back in May 1969, Jim Haney signed up on a GTO in the Snar parking lot and zipped the 300 miles to Zap, N.D. He didn’t intend to be in the rioting at the legendary “Zip to Zap” gathering that drew 3,000 protesters to the North Dakota National Guard — to the 271-person town, but Haney said he would never forget the “frat frat beer bash with fights.”

Forty-four years later, voters elected the zany Moorhead businessman and Celtic horn-blower to represent Moorhead’s 2nd Ward, which includes MSUM, on the city council. He defeated one-term incumbent Mark Altenburg in last week’s election 51 percent to 49 percent and will take office in January.

“I was quite flabbergasted,” Haney said last week in a phone interview as he prepared to leave town for a deer-hunting trip. “I’m not a political professional by any stretch of the imagination. I’m elated of course.

“There was no question that people were ready for change in Moorhead.”

Altenburg, who had not responded to an interview request, was “jumping in” to help her in her first bid for Moorhead mayor in 1989, said Chuck Szymanski, MSUM’s Student Senate President, said it’s always tough to get people interested in an off-year election. “We always hope for a large turnout,” he said. “But we aren’t disappointed.”

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Jim Haney

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“I have a very high opinion of my mother,” Lyndi Williams said.

Until that point, Del Rae Dahlquist, a MSUM art photography alumnus who lost his race for a 3rd Ward city council seat last week, had been behind the scenes, serving as treasurer for Moorhead’s 2nd Ward city council, but MSUM art photography professor Edna Szymanski, whose late mother represented the 2nd Ward in the mid-90s, said she worries that, unlike Altenburg, Haney won’t focus enough on the university.

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Given Moorhead four good years of service, and this is not the end of the line for this guy. MSUM President Edna Szymanski wouldn’t comment specifically on the council election results, but said, “The university tries really hard to work with all of our elected officials.”

Kevin Struxness, the Student Senate president, said he was “bummed out” that Altenburg lost.

“She has my support,” Struxness said. “(Senate hasn’t) reached out to Mr. Haney yet. For all we know he’ll care as much as Mark did about students.”

Haney spent less than a year at MSUM before transferring to a technical college in central Minnesota, but he returned to Moorhead to start a photography business, where two of his three sons now work. His wife, Bonnie Haney, runs a dance studio. They have six grandchildren and two more are on the way.

“It’s good to have people with business experience in the city council,” said Chuck Chadwick, executive director of the Moorhead Business Association, which counts Haney as a member.

“We need concerned politicians and concerned citizens to help build the business community in Moorhead,” Chadwick said.

Haney said his priorities are developing the downtown area, reducing blight, improving city services, finishing the 20th Street South underpass project, and being a responsible steward of tax dollars.

“I’ve got a sound fiscal background,” he said. “I will bring that to the council.”

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That’s where she met MSUM sociology senior Clare Palmer, whose mother, the late Cindy Palmer, ran unsuccessfully for Moorhead mayor in 1989 before serving a term on the city council.

“(Williams) really does care about the people of Moorhead — temper, passion,” said Palmer, who marched in parades and distributed buttons on campus.

She said if her mother were still alive she “would have been campaigning for (Williams) right along side of me.”

Mayoral terms usually last for four years, but because last week Moorhead voters approved moving city elections to even years, Williams will be in office for an additional year.

During that time, she said she will focus on improving city services where that’s needed, improving the city’s arts, cultural and business environment and making sure citizens with great ideas get the support on campus.

She emphasized that she’s the mayor for the whole city, not just the people who voted for her. She said she looks forward to working with the diverse group of council members — including former mayoral opponent Mike Hulett, who represents 3rd Ward — even if they might disagree on some issues.

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Only 67 students voted at the CMU poll site in last Tuesday’s city election. Student Senate President Kevin Struxness said it’s always tough to get people interested in an off-year election. “We always hope for a large turnout,” he said. “But we aren’t disappointed.”

“The key to serving students, Haney said, is making sure there are more recreational and job opportunities this side of the river.”

“I hope (students) can find that this is a great community and choose to live here after school as I did,” he said. “I love this town. It’s a great place to live. I hope they stick around and help us build this town.”

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Dragon Caller position turns students into fundraisers

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After a slump during the economic crisis of 2008-09, the MSUM Alumni Foundation is seeing increases in donations. In his report for the 2012 fiscal year, Corey Elmer, president of the foundation, reported that total assets grew by more than $3.4 million.

That money is benefitting the university, with 76 percent of the Alumni Foundation’s assets being invested in student scholarships.

“We fundraise primarily for scholarships, but also academic program support; a variety of different things,” said Anna Miller, Director of Annual Giving. “A lot of funding will go to a specific department or just general scholarship funds.”

Much of this funding comes directly from MSUM alumni as they give back to current students who are following in their footsteps.

“When gathering donations, the Alumni Foundation utilizes students through their Dragon Caller program,” says Ashley Aurdahl, a former Dragon Caller who now works as a student supervisor. “It’s a great way to gain work experience with our alumni and the callers like getting advice from them.”

Students who work for the Dragon Caller program are in direct contact with MSUM alumni. They work both to maintain the relationships between graduates and the university and collect donations.

“It’s kind of a unique job,” said Miller. “The alumni enjoy the conversation, but the students really get a lot out of it. The nice thing about the Dragon Caller position is that it’s some actual skill building that you’ll use in your career... this job will teach you to overcome objections and strengthen your negotiating skills.”

“Alumni offer great advice to us as student,” Aurdahl agrees, adding, “many students ask for advice and some have even made some connections that could help them after school.”

However, some recent grads struggle with being asked to donate soon after leaving MSUM. While dealing with first jobs and paying back student loans, they often don’t have the means to donate to their alma mater.

“I feel like it’s a waste of time for alumni to call new graduates. We’re still getting on our feet and trying to figure out how the real world works now with loan payments and such,” said Danielle Krolak, a 2013 graduate.

“I think the Alumni Foundation should start asking new alumni for money one year after they have graduated and not before then,” adds Justin McDowell, another 2013 MSUM grad, though he says he would consider donating in the future. “I want to give back to MSUM since MSUM has given a lot to me.”

Asking for donations is not all the Alumni Foundation is interested in, and both Miller and Aurdahl say the attitude from the alumni they contact is generally positive. There are differences in the way calls are received depending on the length of time alumni have been out of school, and the callers try to adapt to that.

“We are not just calling to ask for donations,” says Aurdahl. “When talking to recent grads, it’s easier to talk about things like how they transitioned to life after school. When talking to older graduates, it’s easier to talk about new things on or about campus. Callers have to be aware of who they are calling and adjust to that.”

Whether through asking for donations or building relationships with alumni, the Dragon Caller program offers unique experience for students. Currently staffed with around 18 student workers, Miller says they are always looking for more.

“We run shifts Sunday afternoons and Sunday through Thursday evenings,” she says, adding that they are flexible to accommodate the schedules of busy students.

Interested students can contact the foundation to learn more about applying.

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Education group aims to help students find jobs

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Education Minnesota Student Foundation, also known as EMSP, offers education students valuable experience as they prepare for their future careers. The student-driven organization has been active both on and off campus this semester giving students the chance for hands-on involvement.

“We like to gear our programs toward educating the future educators,” says Lindsay Eide, president of MSUM’s chapter of EMSP.

EMSP aims to help current education students gain insight into their future jobs. Additionally, membership in the organization comes with the added benefits of liability insurance while in practicum to cover any damages and access to student functions and conferences. By joining the branch of Education Minnesota, a statewide union that offers services to Minnesota educators, professional support and mentorship for new teachers, all of which will be valuable as students move into their careers.

EMSP operates at the university level, and is a student-focused and driven organization that provides students the opportunity to assume leadership roles and give input to the direction of the group.

“The members bring the ideas to the table,” says Rebecca Theisen, faculty advisor to the group, while explaining some of the many events the group has been involved with. “In the past we’ve done some tutoring and worked with homeless children.”

Currently, EMSP is looking forward to a principal panel to take place today.

“The panel will give students an idea of what their future employers will expect from them after graduation,” said Theisen.

All are welcome to the event, which is at 7 p.m. in Lommen room 203, and Eide hopes the attendance numbers will give them a better estimate of student interest in EMSP this semester.

“We had about 15 people at our last event,” Eide says. “And hopefully the principal panel, our first big event, will show the students how important and interesting our organization is.”

All make-ahead students can gain from involvement with EMSP is an enhanced resume.

“Talking to a panel of professionals will help to find out how they can prepare themselves to be a strong candidate for hire,” Eide says in regard to what students in the group are learning. “I want our students to be ready in the real world, and that’s actually helpful for the students to become involved and active. It’s something they can put on their resume.”

Eide encourages all education students to consider getting involved.

“It’s worth looking into, especially for having your eyes peeled to what’s going on,” she said, “and this is a great way to do that because it has that professional development aspect outside of the classroom.”

Eide recommends looking into the EMSP Facebook page as a good place to start getting involved.

ROTC, from Front to the Army that has not been accurately calculated.

MSUM’s student senate also decided to take action, creating the ROTC task force. The task force planned to start a student petition against the closure and write to representatives for their support. However, the announcement to keep the program open, “came as a surprise, before the task force could take action,” Joao Cunha, diversity chair of the student senate, said in an email. Instead of rallying for support, the task force will be writing thank you letters to Senators (Heidi) Heitkamp and (John) Hoeven and Representative (Kevin) Cramer for their support.

Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken and Congressmen Collin Peterson said in a letter to McHugh that the Bison Battalion is ranked third in Third Brigade covering the Midwest. The letter went on to say that 43 percent of the students earned excellence ratings in 2013, a rate 21 percent above the national average.

Heitkamp said in an interview with WDAY, “NSDU ROTC has an incredible tradition.” To her, quality of the program counts most.

Justin Johnson, a criminal justice senior and ROTC member, has been in the Army for almost six years and said he is excited the Army has reversed their decision. “I am sure we will utilize this opportunity to grow and improve the Tri-College program to ensure it is around for years to come.”

Now the program needs to boost its numbers to avoid getting closed after the graduation period. “We need to make sure people know about it,” Szymanski said. She noted, Johnson was responsible for telling the story about ROTC and how it has an incredible tradition.

“It’s important to me that it’s an option for students,” said Heitkamp. The program went through the Air Force ROTC program during his college career.
Step aside Clint Eastwood—the real cowboys have arrived at the rodeo.

The Dragon Entertainment Group held its 7th annual Mr. and Ms. MSUM mock pageant last Wednesday in the CMU Ballroom. The theme was Western, making the night a hoedown for both contestants and spectators.

The program was emceed by “Cowboy Mike,” who wound up being the ultimate entertainer of the night. Three judges presided over the event to choose the winners: Becky Boyle Jones, assistant director of student activities; Annie Wood, assistant professor of communication and student engagement; and Briana Schepper, executive director for the Dragon Entertainment Group.

The night opened up with the introduction of the cowboys and cowgirls, who sported formal wear with a Western undertone. Jenna Polley, Jenae Olson, Caleb Abner, Mazono, and Srinith Bannar competed for the title of Ms.; Kasey Anderson and Pat Richard battled head-to-head for the Mr. crown.

Each contestant had to answer five questions as part of the Q-and-A section of the night:

- Would you rather have a trusty steed or a trusty dog as a sidekick?
- Your cowboy rival rolls into town and challenges you to a duel—how do you respond?
- If you were a prairie wind, which way would you blow?
- While you sit around the campfire, would you play the guitar or harmonica?
- What does the coyote say?

The talent portion was the highlight of the night, though unfortunately none of the contestants used bull riding to showcase their abilities. Among the talents were piano playing, dancing, singing, lip-syncing, and trumpet playing.

“It had been played the trumpet in five years,” Anderson said. “I didn’t know how it would go.”

After a long deliberation, the judges crowned Jenae Olson and Pat Richard Mr. and Ms. MSUM.

“I’m extremely humbled and honored to represent the amazing student body,” Richard said. “The pageant was so fun, jumping around, being crazy.”

“My favorite part was being backstage with everyone, laughing about the night. This will be one of my favorite memories of senior year.”

Although the judges said it was a close vote, they had standout moments from the pageant that sealed the deal for Olson and Richard.

“My favorite part was when Pat pulled out the lasso,” Wood said. “That helped him clinch the title.”

“I loved Jenae’s crowd interaction,” said Schepper, referring to Olson’s talent act in which she sang and danced through the aisles of the audience.

All in all, the Group considered the night a huge success.

“People were so excited during the show,” said Kelsey Metz, outreach coordinator. “In the end, that’s what it’s all about.”

Students involved in the program are expected to share something from their first three production classes. Meanwhile, students in their senior year will share their senior seminar project or the thesis of their project.

“It’s not just them showing their work,” Brandau said. “It’s also the process of getting to that point. In their senior year, they have the opportunity to integrate their ideas into their presentation, as it is ‘really important’ that students ask how they have learned and how they have been engaged in their history courses and what they have learned.”

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Mass Comm prof retires after 25 years of accomplishments

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After the fall 2013 semester, MSUM will say goodbye to an integral professor from the mass communications department, Wayne Gudmundson. Gudmundson, an MSUM alumnus responsible for bringing New Rivers Press and the Lincoln, England exchange program to MSUM, as well as publishing 15 books through the “Prairie Documents Photographic Book Series,” has been a professor at the college for 25 years.

From the Navy to teaching

While in the Navy stationed in Okinawa, Gudmundson took up photography as a hobby. Upon returning to the states, he enrolled at MSUM and spent the winter in Aspen at a photography class.

After graduating MSUM in 1974 with a BA in mass communications and a BS in education, Gudmundson student taught at a high school in Copenhagen, Denmark. It was there that he met his wife, Jane, who was teaching at an elementary school in Copenhagen at the same time.

The two were married in England and Gudmundson took a summer teaching job at MSUM. He later took a job for the Plains Art Museum, which led to an artist in residency position and eventually Gudmundson became the director of visual arts for the Fargo school system.

He learned early that he needed a change in his life, which led him to continue his schooling to receive a MS in educational administration from the Tri-College University and a MFA in photography from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, so he would be qualified to teach at a university level.

A career as a professor

For Gudmundson, “Teaching has always been the most important thing...there’s nothing like seeing the lights go on for someone.”

Dave Arntson, a current adjunct professor in the mass communications department and an MSUM alumnus who now teaches as a professor, said he’s taken note from how Wayne interacts with his students. “You realize that there are students that you’re leaving a lasting impression on and you’re giving them the skills they need to function out there in the world.”

Jessica Fleming, mass communications senior with an emphasis in photojournalism, has taken three classes from Gudmundson and said: “Wayne will be a seriously missed pillar of the Communications department and an MSUM alumnus who now teaches as a professor, he could also be considered a student for life. "I always tell people you gotta know what’s in front of the camera," he said. “The research is a very important thing for me...you can’t tell someone something interesting if you know nothing about it.”

Gudmundson’s research has led him to collaborating with individuals in creating a few books. Both “Minnesota Gothic” and “Allinedes” were collaborations of Gudmundson’s photographs and the poems of Mark Vinz, an English professor at MSUM during that time.

When looking for inspiration for a new project, Gudmundson says it usually falls together quite nicely. “One project will kind of point me in the direction of another project,” he said. When working on his first book on the North Dakota oil boom in 1981, which he considered a social phenomenon, he and his wife were approached to photograph German, Russian, grave markers in North Dakota, which he considered folk art.

While working on those two projects, “I discovered that I really liked the North Dakota landscape,” and photographing it with the large format camera, he said.

Gudmundson considers himself a cultural landscape photographer. “When I look at the land, it’s not just for scenery or beauty,” he said. "It’s the history, it’s the culture, all layered together there on the land.”

Looking forward

“I will continue to teach and make photographs and go,” Gudmundson said. “And I love building stuff.”

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Opinion

The journalism field can be a hard industry to break into. The members of The Advocate would like to say congratulations and farewell to one of its hard working employees and friends, Bryce Haugen.

Haugen worked professionally and diligently as the managing editor, and this issue is the last week the paper will be graced with his name.

Haugen will continue using his talents as a reporter at the Wadena Pioneer Journal. Though we are sad to see him leave, we are excited for his new endeavors.

He is someone we always looked up to for his in-depth reporting and ease of creating captivating headlines. His loveable sarcasm always brought humor even to the most trying of times, and his bright smile and distinctive giggle were a staple of the MSUM newsroom.

Best of luck, Bryce, visit often and never forget your roots. Once a Dragon, always a Dragon!

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Changes to improve America’s education

America could be a leader in education if a few steps were taken to improve our public schools.

The end of private schools is the first step. Every child in America should have a public elementary school education. If every child attended public school, every parent in America would be invested in public schools. Imagine all students receiving the same education; the same standards addressed at every school and no division between students because of private or public education.

Erasing the lines drawn by social economic status would help children learn about the world. Private schools would no longer distance more privileged children from the struggles of their peers.

The next step is embracing character education in our schools. It is education of the character that teaches children we are all on this world together. We need to teach that actions carry real consequences for other people on the planet.

Whether it is not recycling or failure to express empathy for another person, children need to think about the people with whom they occupy this world. Teaching children about the outdoors and letting them discover nature would enrich the child’s life and understanding of the world.

A funding model for schools would be a step in the right direction. Local property taxes should be collected to pay for local schools. The battle cry that more money does not mean a better education for students is worn out. Money can buy real facilities for students, pay teachers competitive wages and fully fund special education.

The public and schools need to enter into a social contract. They need to fully fund schools with a blank check.

The schools will act responsibly with our money and provide a top notch education to our students.

Early childhood education should be a priority for schools. The earlier we start, the more children benefit. Having a solid plan for children, even beginning at age one, will help children become learners when they enter school.

Exposing children to literature and teaching them simple basic numbers early would help them have a solid start when they entered public schools.

Education also needs to be taught year-round. We need to move from the model of summers off, to a more progressive model that will not allow the summer slump to occur.

The school calendar should be rotation of six weeks in classes, two weeks out of classes.

Schools need to be the center of the community. The buildings need to be a place where the community can come, and be involved in the lives of the students.

The resources of people in the community need to be tapped to shape the education of students. Expertise of community members could be used to shape children who are ready for real jobs, ready for college and ready to contribute to society. Attending to the needs of every child equally will require a lot of work, but it is achievable.

Jokes to ease the semester slumps

Two weeks ago, I wrote a little piece criticizing some bad thinking concerning the health care law.

I was pleased to read the responses and had planned to use these columns to offer a rejoinder to my critics and an affirmation to my allies. But, I have been walking around campus these past few days, and you all look as tired as I do.

We’ve reached the point of the year when the semester has begun to overtaken its welcome.

I recalled the words of Winston Churchill, “A fanatic is one who can’t change his mind and won’t change the subject.”

I haven’t changed my mind concerning the health care law, but for the sake of my sanity (and yours) I plan to change the subject.

In place of my usual column, I am here offering up a few choice jokes and witticisms which I turn to for mental renewal.

If you find them as amusing as I do, great. If not, at least you’ll understand where I’m coming from.

Tim Hawkins:

“Good friends are like fine wine. That’s why I keep mine locked in the cellar.”

Whenever I want to be left alone, I go to the mall and hold a clipboard.”

John Branyan:

“Hamsters are like cigarettes; perfectly harmless until you stick one in your mouth, and light it on fire.”

G.K Chesterton:

“Do not envy yourself. Enjoy dances and theaters and joy-rides and champagne and oysters; enjoy jazz and cocktails and night-clubs if you can enjoy nothing better; enjoy bigamy and burglary and any crime in the calendar, in preference to the other alternative; but never learn to enjoy yourself.”

“First two facts which a healthy boy or girl feels about sex are these: first that it is beautiful and then, that it is dangerous.”

“Bigotry is an incapacity to conceive seriously the alternative to a proposition.”

“Religious liberty might be supposed to mean that everybody is free to discuss religion. In practice it means that hardly anybody is allowed to mention it.”

Johnny W:

“Do dermatology conferences have break-out sessions?”

“Jolly Rancher is a weird name for a candy. If you meet a rancher who is jolly, chances are, he’s growing pot.”

Benjamin Spock:

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“Last week I helped my friend stay put. It’s a lot easier than helping ‘em move. I just went over to his house and made sure that he did not start to load shit into a truck.”

“I want to hang a map of the world in my house, and then I’ll go into all the locations that I’ve traveled to. But first I gonna have to travel to the top two corners of the map, so it won’t fall down.”

“The depressing thing about tennis is that no matter how good I get, I’ll never be as good as a wall.”

“What am I drinking? NyQuil on the rocks, for when you’re feeling sick but sociable.”

“If I didn’t go to college, but if I did, I’d taken all my tests at a restaurant because the customer is always right.”

“Frustration may attach it, ignorance may overwhelm us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals.”

“The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter.”

“The truth is incontrovertible. Malice may attack it, ignorance may deride it but in the end, there it is.”

“Ending a sentence with a preposition is something up with which I will not put.”

“A joke is a very serious thing.”

“Jokes are one of my serious things, which may make this the most serious column I have ever written. Have a good week.”
Yoga pants: From the girl and guy perspective

With yoga pants becoming extremely trendy among college students in the past year, it's been the topic of many people, including both men and women.

There are many arguments that occur when yoga pants are brought up. While many say women should be allowed to wear whatever they wish, others disagree and say that this idea is damaging to our society. It's just another way for women to get attention.

So, looking at it from a guy and girl perspective, we will go through the “Do’s and Don’t’s,” what we think and if this is a long-standing trend or just another phase with the ever-changing fashions of time.

From a girl perspective

I, like many girls on our campus have yoga pants. I have one pair exactly. I will admit they are quite comfortable, but I still don’t wear them very often. The reason I don’t wear them often is because they essentially are still sweatpants, so what’s the difference between the two?

The difference is pretty simple in my eyes and many girls of whom I have talked about with yoga pants. They make you look better by exposing your “assets.” By assets, I mean, they show all your curves and shape of your bottom.

In my eyes, yoga pants are pretty much another way for girls to grab the attention of others, guy or girl. While I agree that women should be able to wear whatever they want, I think that girls need to think about the consequences and causes that come with wearing these semi-revealing pants.

If you wear yoga pants in today’s society, women can expect to get more stares at their legs or bottoms. I have also heard many girls who think that wearing these pants with a dressy shirt or even a professional dressy attire. I’ve even heard a girl say that she would wear her yoga pants to a job interview.

I have interviewed people for jobs, been interviewed for jobs, and I know that one of the main things employers watch for at interviews is how you present yourself, attire being part of that. If someone showed up to job interviews wearing yoga pants, I would not take her seriously, unless they were leggings, and she was wearing a formal business dress over the pants.

I don’t really like this new trend, mainly because it seems lazy, but it also has a sort of effect, other day I overheard guy talking to his friend saying, “Yeah, I only go to the Wellness Center to see the girls bending over in their yoga pants.” I think that says enough.

From a guy perspective

Yoga pants can either be a “yay” or a “nay” in my book. Agreed that they can show off a ladies’ “assets” well, they can also show them off not so well. If you got the curves you go for it ladies! “Ow ow!”

But just be sure that is the kind of attention you want to receive. Do you want a man who will treat you right or a man who just wants to see more of your “assets”?

I personally enjoy a more dignified classy girl over one who wears yoga pants just to show off her booty. A bottom is a bottom, no matter what kind of pants you put it into.

Guys are fickle, hormonal creatures by nature, and if you want to keep our attention, don’t wear yoga pants. Keep them covered up the time; because if we constantly see what you’re working with, we won’t be too impressed if you decide to show us the rest.

Keep those yoga pants in the closet, and take them out maybe two to three times a month. It’s hard to make a guy’s jaw drop, but you see what you got going on every day.

Don’t fight for attention. Make us fight for you.

MOORHEAD'S SNOW REMOVAL PLAN OPRESSES THE COMMUNITY

Moorhead’s snow removal plan oppresses the community

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With the weather getting colder, I think everyone in Moorhead is anticipating when the first snow will fall. Everyone knows with snow, comes hot beverages, curling everyone in Moorhead is anticipating when Moorhead's snow removal plan oppresses the community.

If I cannot be ignorant of the law, why can I still don’t wear them very often. The reason I don’t wear them often is because they essentially are still sweatpants, so what’s the difference between the two?

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Sports

**Dragons’ basketball teams tip off the season**

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The MSUM men’s and women’s basketball teams prepare to make a run this season, and head coach Chad Walthall is excited to build on with young Dragons.

For the boys’ squad, MSUM head coach Chad Walthall happy with the performance of his team thus far and believes his team has a chance to have an even better year than last season.

“I think the key component to the team this year is that we have our veterans and our new guys interact with each other,” Walthall said. “Our team is good as far as the program’s expectations and the coaching staff’s expectations.

He’s at that point where he has to make that jump from a different guy to a leadership guy.”

Leading the group of newcomers is Moorhead native Aaron Lien. The young Moorhead High School alumnus will be one of the bright right up to help the Dragons and his coaches believe he’s ready physically and mentally.

“We were really excited to get him to commit to our program,” Walthall said. “He is an extremely hard worker, arguably the hardest worker in our program. His basketball IQ is very high, so he picked up on stuff very fast for a freshman,” Walthall said.

Walthall said on the women’s side, MSUM coach Karla Nelson is excited for the season’s start and has a great group of seniors to lead. Seniors Megan Strese, Morgan Zabel and Haley Thomforde are all heading into their third year as starters.

“They three can be good leaders and get us going on the right foot. We’re still relatively young and not as mature as where we need to be, but those three will help us there,” Nelson said.

MSUM has some new faces on the roster and will likely help the Dragons move up on their projected seventh in the conference ranking.

“I would say Drew Sannes is one of the players that will contend again. Those three can be good athletes that will contend again. Both teams will be powerhouses when they start in the spring and will look to continue the success of past seasons. The teams have had national championships in the past, and there will be a number of athletes that will contend again.”

The softball team brought back seven players that will contend again. And both teams return a solid core for eighth in the conference to make the conference tournament.

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“Jordie is a great player and a great person. That’s why he’s our lone captain. We’re going to rely on his leadership skills just as much as his playing,” Walthall said. “He knows the system as far as the program’s expectations and the coaching staff’s expectations. The MSUM men’s and women’s cross country teams finished their seasons at the NCAA Central Region Championship held by the women finishing eighth and 16th at the meet. The teams placed fourth and fifth respectively and competed against tough Division II opponents.

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The swimming and diving team is off to a stellar start in their young season. With both veterans and new swimmers and divers on the team, the Dragons are making strides in their first year. The wrestling team brought in 10 new recruits this year, and many of the wrestlers have won state championships at their previous high school level. With most of the team returning, the Dragons are looking to take down their opponents in a region that has expanded the last three years. With both of the wrestling rooms open, the Dragons have an opportunity to practice in a region that has expanded the last three years.

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Dragons earn third straight victory, win ‘Battle Axe’ for first time since 2008

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In a tale of two halves, the MSUM football team didn’t let a halftime deficit deter them from earning their third win in a row and fourth overall in the season.

Bemidji State controlled most of the first half on both sides of the ball, but the Dragons scored late in the second quarter on a 10-yard pass from quarterback Jake Hodge to wide receiver Adam Jiskra to put the Dragons on the board. The teams went into halftime with Bemidji leading 10-7.

At the end of the third quarter, the Dragons trailed by 10. That’s when Hodge and the offense took control of the game and didn’t look back.

Scoring the first of four touchdowns for the Dragons in the fourth quarter, Hodge ran in for a 37-yard touchdown and after the extra point, the Dragons were within three.

“Hodge’s run really turned the momentum in our favor,” head coach Steve Laqua said.

After Hodge’s run, the defense came up big forcing a three-and-out for the Beavers and setting up a great field position for the Dragons.

“We played really good defense, and in the second half the offense really kicked into gear,” senior defensive lineman Mike Mann said.

With the Dragons within three, they continued their scoring with a 3-yard run by sophomore running back Zayre Medhaus. Wes Kramer kicked the extra point, and the Dragons had their first lead of the game.

The team didn’t look back once they had the lead. The Dragons scored 28 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to seal the victory, 35-17.

“Our defense made a lot of big plays and gave the momentum to the offense. And the ‘O-line’ played big, picking up the blitzes and twists, which gave me time to throw the ball,” Hodge said.

Hodge was one of the leaders on offense for the Dragons. He threw for 286 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for 144 yards and two touchdowns.

Playing in their third trophy game of the season, the Dragons came in with a 1-1 record in the games thus far. With the Beavers controlling almost three-fourths of the game, the axe looked like it was going to leave Moorhead.

The axe, dating back to 1929, has been putting in throughout the last four years, but the Dragons weren’t going to let it go back with Bemidji, but the axe was within three.

“All aspects of the game were clicking for the Dragons, leading them to their third straight win in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference action. Hoping to finish the season on a four game streak, the team will travel to St. Cloud to finish out the regular season.”

“Next week when we play a playoff team, how close we are to the hump… we aren’t over it yet but it is the closest we have been,” Laqua said.

The team has a 4-2 record in the NSIC north and is in third place. Laqua said the team went out to chase the teams around them in the conference, and that they are getting closer to where they need to be.

With the team having both the “Paddle” from the game against the University of Mary and the "Axe" from Saturday’s game, the Dragons are riding the momentum of strong play.

“We had a complete game, and it was a total team win,” Mann said.

With strong play from everyone on the team, Hodge pointed that the team has confidence to make the big plays in the games and to keep moving forward.

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Sports

Wrestling team has strong showing at Bison open

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MSUM wrestling competed as a team on Saturday at the Bison open in Fargo and had a number of wrestlers place in the tournament.

Leading the way for the Dragons were seniors, Angel Vega and Matt Lewellen; they both placed third.

At the 125-pound weight class, true freshman Steve Novak went 0-2; while true freshman Blake Bosch went 1-2.

Bosch’s win came against Novak in the second consolation round, winning by decision 6-2. At the 133-pound weight class, freshman Tyler Tensen went 2-2, earning victories over Mitchell Dunlap of Northland Community and Technical College and Jacob Knuvsg of Minot State.

At the 141-pound weight class, sophomore Mario Tuccitto went 0-2 while senior Angel Vega went 4-1 to earn third place. Vega, who is using his redshirt year, will compete in open tournaments for the Dragons.

At the 149-pound weight class, senior Connor MacGregor went 2-2, MacGregor earned a tech fall over Nathaniel Rykerd of NDSU, winning the match 15-0. MacGregor also defeated Kyle Leet of SDSU, winning by decision 12-4.

At the 157-pound weight class, redshirt freshman Dan Murakemi went 0-2 for the Dragons on the day.

At the 165-pound weight class, junior Shawn Porter went 0-2 in the tournament.

At the 174-pound weight class, junior Michael Joseph went 4-2 on the day and took home fifth place for the Dragons. Joseph defeated Blake Lundgren of Northern State 15-5 to claim fifth. Also competing at 174-pounds for the Dragons was junior Conner Monk. Monk went 1-1 on the day.

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Wellness

Wellness is more than just exercise

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True freshman, Blake Bosch wrestles for the Dragons on Saturday. Bosch lost the match by decision 7-2, against SDSU’s Isaac Andrade. Bosch went 1-2 in the tournament. This was the first tournament for the Dragons as a team.
Throughout the month of November, American Indian Studies advisor Jody Steile and various community groups have organized a series of events that highlight students and people in the community to experience the culture of American Indians.

For the AISFA president, Cen Swanwa, a criminal justice junior, the events bring normacy to her life at MSUM. Having grown up at Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, much of Swanwa's culture comes from MSUM. Switwater gets homesick with the lack of opportunities to practice her culture.

"Being here, it’s diverse, but not Native American diverse, and so I come from a reservation where things like this are normal," Switwater said. "Everything that we’re doing these couple of weeks I do on a daily basis."

Switwater, who is pursuing a degree in Native American Heritage Month: Events
Tuesday Nov. 12 DreamCatcher Craft Workshop CMU 216 1:30 p.m.
Monday Nov. 18 Traditional Native Handgames CMU 1 4 p.m.
Tuesday Nov. 19 Dakota POW letters CMU 101 1 p.m.
Wednesday Nov. 20 Film: “Blury My Heart at Wounded Knee” CMU 101 6:30 p.m.
Thursday Nov. 21 Musical Performance by Indigenous Students CMU 216 7:30 p.m.
Friday Nov. 22 Native American Heritage Month Closing Event HS 140 2 p.m.
Saturday Nov. 23 Censored: A History of America’s School of Ignorance 7 p.m.
Sunday Nov. 24 Censored: A History of America’s School of Ignorance 7 p.m.

Sweats are something Swiftwater does weekly when at Pine Ridge Reservation. A sweat lodge has been in operation at the Santee Indian Community House and the Center for Business.

Laidenome “J.R.” Fox Jr., a Spirit Lake Nation spiritual leader, has over 30 years of lodge construction experience. Since constructing the lodge on Wednesday, people have been able to participate in sweats, which Fox explains as a cleansing experience. Since constructing the lodge, people have been able to participate in sweats, which Fox explains as a cleansing experience.

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Swiftwater said it’s exciting to have the sweats and other events throughout November because she doesn’t have to go home to practice her culture, and she can teach others.

"It makes it a whole lot easier; and it makes me feel so much better bringing that awareness to other people," she said. "We’re letting them know, ‘Yes we’re here and we do this.’"

Both hands-on workshops and listening events are integrated throughout the events said Swiftwater. "It’s a nice to see opportunity for natives and non-natives.

Swiftwater said the results is a mixture of speakers and participation from the audience that creates a welcoming atmosphere for people who want to learn from others.

Traditional Native handgames is one of the events in November. Swiftwater said, "it is a hobby comparable to basketball, her favorite hobby that is played at many of the tribal colleges that have their own teams and practices."

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Faculty members will learn Tuesday, Oct. 22, whether their department has a bounty or a hole there still is in the budget at their monthly meeting with admin. Thursday, Oct. 24, the Faculty Association President Ted Gracyk, a philosophy professor. Over the past month, a 10-member Deficit Reduction Advisory Group (DRAG), made up primarily of professors, met to develop the criteria, guidelines and processes to prioritize departments.

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