MSUM has Professor of the Year
Wallert named top teacher in state by Carnegie Foundation

Advocate staff reports

The Carnegie Foundation announced today Professor Mark Wallert, the Minnesota Professor of the Year for the Advancement of Teaching. Wallert is one of 46 professors nation-wide selected for the honor.

Dean of the college of social and natural sciences Ronald Jeppson and vice president of academic affairs Bette Midgarden nominated Wallert for his teaching, research he has done and his outreach efforts.

Wallert has been at MSUM since 1990. As a professor in the biosciences department, he began finding ways to expand the department and make it a better place for students to learn. He replaced the usual labs with more research-driven projects and is helping create a biology/chemistry double major with an emphasis in biochemistry and biotechnology, and developing teaching techniques to include research and inquiry based learning.

To further promote his department and research he has written many grant proposals for the department, bringing in around 1.3 million dollars for bioscience studies on campus.

He was also a part of initiating the outreach program between the college and area teachers and students. The program unites students and professors from MSUM and students and teachers in the MSUM community to work together to discuss new ways of teaching or hold labs in the new Science Lab building.

As a graduate student, one of my professors started each lecture with a quote from a famous scientist,” Wallert said. “One of them was from Albert Einstein: ‘It is nothing short of a miracle that the modern methods of instruction have not yet entirely strangled the holy curiosity for inquiry.’ Then the professor continued to give one of his classically boring and monotonous lectures. That’s why I eventually became a warrior for change.

‘Best of all, I get to change lives myself by sharing my enthusiasm for science one student, one class, one department and one institution at a time.’

Wallert will be in Washington D.C. to accept his award, as well as a group of legislators to ask for their continued support of higher education and the sciences.

Going back to Go
Strategy game challenges AI

By GLENN TORNELL
Special to The Advocate

If just one student in Andrew Chen’s Artificial Intelligence class next semester manages to create a computer program that can beat a skilled player in the board game Go, everyone in the class gets an A.

Sounds intriguing. But they might have a better chance at winning the Powerball.

“A computer program has yet to beat a strong amateur Go player,” says Chen, a professor of computer science and information systems at Minnesota State University Moorhead. “Yet sometimes a fresh perspective is all that’s needed to solve a problem.”

For years, the Ing Foundation of Taipei has offered a $1.6 million reward for the first computer program to defeat a strong amateur player. No attempt was ever made to claim the prize.

An ancient board game developed in China more than 4,000 years ago, Go may be the most popular game of strategy in the world today, with more than 100 million enthusiasts, most of them in China, Japan and South Korea.

Yet it’s hardly a blip on the screen in the West, except among some intellectuals. Remember in the movie “A Beautiful Mind” when mathematician John Nash (played by Russell Crowe) sits in Princeton’s courtyard ruminating over a strange looking board game dotted with what looked like small white and black stones? That was Go, and his frustration at losing that game, in part, inspired him to pursue the mathematics of game theory, which won him the 1994 Nobel Prize in Economics.

“It was just a coincidence that I even found a Go board on campus” said Chen, who grew up in New York and played his first game of Go as an undergraduate. “The game had been stored in a closet at the campus International Programs office for about 12 years.”

It was only checked out once.

Chen selected Go as the subject for the final paper in his GO, back page

Secretary of state candidate visits campus

By LINDSEY YOUNG
Managing Editor

2006 candidate for secretary of state for the state of Minnesota Mark Ritchie visited MSUM Monday to talk with students about his campaign against current secretary of state, Mary Kiffmeyer.

Ritchie has been traveling the state to promote his grassroots efforts to seek the endorsement of the DFL party and meet with groups to discuss his, and their, concerns about Kiffmeyer’s recent comments and proposals regarding voting. He specifically wanted to talk about what she is doing to make it difficult for students to vote.

“The secretary of state has the discretion to help or hinder how students can vote on campus,” he said. “They can make it welcoming or hostile.”

Ritchie said he’s found that students tend to have the most negative experience when it comes to voting. Many encounter obstacles, such as students living in resident halls not being allowed to vote because they cannot provide a utility bill as proof of residence.

“I’m working to oppose these obstacles and encourage participation,” he said. Ritchie is hoping to work on home turf

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American Red Cross to assist Hall on the Concordia campus today (Thursday) in Centrum to help Red Cross a cappella concert

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International dance night announced
International Dance Night welcomes all Tri-College students from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday in the MSUM Underground; tickets are $3 in advance, $5 at the door and can be purchased in the International Programs Office, Flora Frick 151.

Right now, there is an opportunity for students to participate in a Red Cross event. The Red Cross and MSUM are planning to form a human-made red cross at MSUM are planning to form a red cross.

Hendrix will not have flu vaccine
Hendrix Health Center is advising everyone to get a flu shot this year. Vaccines for university employees will be offered at 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov 21 in Owens C.
Call 477-2211 with any questions.

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At noon today (Thursday) in MacLean 171 (Womens Pastor) Randold Skow-Anderson and others will speak about their recent work in central Africa.

Also, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. today (Thursday) in MacLean 165 there will be a lecture on what can be done with a degree in foreign languages.
The grand prize winner of the international photo contest will be announced at 9 p.m. on Friday.
For more information on any event listed here, please contact the MSUM Office of International Programs by e-mailing them at stdyjabed@mnstate.edu, or by phone at 477-2956.

Upperclass honors scholarship offered
Up to 10 student honor's scholarship applicants are available online at www.mnstate.edu/finaid/upperHA.htm.
The scholarship is a $3,000 annual award for the final two years of a student's attendance. The requirements include being an MSUM student with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher by the end of the fall semester and must carry 12 credit hours.

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Candy corn winner and the jar of candy from the Society of Professional Journalists' Candy Jar Contest.

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Sodexho will host an open house for catering supervi- sor's retirement. The event will be between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Dec. 6 in CMU 101.

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Animation festival to be held in Weld
The MSUM film studies department is presenting an animation festival starting at 2 p.m. on Nov. 20 in Weld Auditorium. The event con- tinues at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 20. Admission prices at the door will be $2 per film. For more information, con- tact the MSUM film studies Department at 477-4622.
Lending a helping hand
St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center volunteers in community

BY BARBIE PORTER
Features Editor

Chris Yarnal, St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center coordinator, has visited a variety of underdeveloped countries: Bolivia, Guatemala and Jamaica. Although Yarnal was there to give, he ended up taking far more from the residents of the villages.

“Tight family life was so strong,” Yarnal said. “I guess when you look back it makes sense. The struggle, I guess, makes them stronger.”

Yarnal currently coordinates opportunities for students to experience the personal satisfaction gained from volunteering. Throughout the school year, every month, students have the opportunity to dedicate their time to those in need.

During the first week of the month Yarnal arranges to cook supper for the residents in the Dorothy Day house. Yarnal tries to avoid common meals like pasta and hot dishes while maintaining his budget. At their last visit Yarnal and the students cooked chicken and rice. After the meal was placed on the table, they joined the residents for dinner.

“It’s a family-type atmosphere and it breaks down the stereotype of them being on drugs or that they don’t want to work,” Yarnal said.

During the second week of the month students visit with the elderly at Evergreens or Eventide. They play bingo with the residents and spend time with those in the memory care unit.

“The contact there is pretty much one-on-one,” Yarnal said. He said students have gotten frustrated answering the same questions. “But then they remember, ‘I could be like that someday,’” he said. For Halloween students painted pumpkins with the elderly in the memory care unit and during the Christmas season they will be singing Christmas carols.

During the third week of the month the group participates in a variety of volunteer work, such as delivering food baskets, raking leaves in senior citizens’ yards and helping build a Habitat for Humanity home.

They will team up with Habitat for Humanity again during the Homeless Awareness week Nov. 15 - 20. A group of students associated with the two organizations slept in cardboard boxes on the night of Nov. 16. The students experienced what people living on the streets deal with the night after the regions first snowfall.

Over winter break, Jan. 2 - 6, Yarnal will bring a group of students to Winnipeg for the annual mission trip. The volunteers will spend time at a shelter for men who were just released from prison. They will help them fill out job resumes and share interview skills. Students will also serve at a soup kitchen, spend time in a shelter for children and possibly visit a hospice clinic for AIDS patients. Yarnal set up most of the activities through the use of the Internet and the help from the archdiocese in Winnipeg.

Yarnal recalls his most memorable MSUM mission trip to Chicago that took place two years ago.

The shelter they worked at was called Lake View, but it was nowhere near the lake. It sat in the center of Chicago’s graffiti filled streets.

“Chicago’s got different neighborhoods,” Yarnal began. “You could be in a very nice Italian neighborhood, turn a corner and all of a sudden you’re in a neighborhood you don’t want to be in after dark.”

Yarnal says most of the homeless residents were black. There was a distinct smell of poverty in the air, a body odor induced by the lack of showering facilities.

“The students were touched by these children who lived with nothing,” Yarnal said. “To see people take a step back and really appreciate what they will have and will want to give back from that.”

Yarnal says anyone who is interested in volunteering their time should speak to him for further details. Yarnal can be reached at newman@mnstate.edu.

Porter can be reached at porterba@mnstate.edu.

BARBIE PORTER/ADVOCATE

This design welcomes visitors as they walk through the front Newman Center doors.
Abortion insert represents freedom to speak opinions

Last week, an organization called the Human Life Alliance placed a paid advertising insert in The Advocate. The anti-abortion piece included testimonials from people who had or almost had abortions, abortion statistics, information on fetal development and graphic descriptions of abortion procedures, along with articles on topics such as “Reproductive Racism” and “The Silent Grief of Abortion.”

The response to this insert was immediate. The Advocate received several phone calls and e-mails from students and staff. Some applauded The Advocate for “getting the truth out” and “telling it like it is,” while others slammed us for “promoting a radical agenda” and discouraging women from getting “a legal, potentially life-saving medical procedure.”

One caller said she was planning to sue us for “spreading false information” through the supplement. She said inserting the supplement into our paper made it look like The Advocate, the school and (because MSUM is a public school), the state all condoned the Human Life Alliance’s message.

When I spoke to her on the phone, she said, “I just want to know if you saw this magazine before it ended up in your paper and why you put it in your paper if you did. I also want to know if you consider it a mistake.”

I did preview the insert and OK’d it to run in The Advocate. I knew that many people would not approve of the supplement, but I believed they have a right to state their opinion. The First Amendment guarantees freedom of speech for everyone—regardless of whether we agree with that speech or not. We accepted their money for the ad because we endorse or condone their position but because we endorse freedom of speech. We would also allow an abortion rights group to place ads for the same reason.

I don’t consider allowing the insert to run a mistake. If the Human Life Alliance called tomorrow and asked to run this piece again, I’d allow it. I know some people found the material offensive. Abortion is an issue people don’t agree on, but I believe strongly that everyone has the right to voice his or her opinion. Just because you don’t agree with what someone says doesn’t mean you can stop them from saying it, any more than they could censor you if they didn’t agree with you.

That’s the beauty of the U.S. Constitution. I hope students at MSUM are pleased each week when they pick up The Advocate to know that its content has not been censored by anyone and students are free to raise their voices. I know I am.

Alicia Strnad
Advocate editor

The supplemental advertisement from the Human Life Alliance is littered with misleading and false statements. As a result it has little purpose beyond preaching to the MSUM Collegians For Life choir.

First of all, like much of the pro-life literature, the advertisement is misleading when it writes that abortion was legalized in 1973 and offers figures on the number of lives (born and unborn) ruined as a result. By the 1960s abortion was legal for wealthy women (most of whom were white) in America as they had the means to travel to one of the 20 states or several European nations that permitted abortion.

Hence the United States Supreme Court ruling in Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 (1973) did not legalize abortion as much as they legalized early trimester abortions for the middle class. Playing fast and loose with the facts is not going to win you allies.

While the advertisement presents a hip and secular image of young (and noticeably mostly white and suburban middle class) college students that have no political agenda, the reality is that the Human Life Alliance is trying to mask its political agenda and the narrow religious origins of this agenda with secular glitter. This is misleading, just as it is misleading, not to mention offensive, to equate support of reproductive freedom with support of racism.

As a Jewish-American, the desire by some pro-life advocates to equate voluntary family planning with the Holocaust is deeply offensive and only serves to turn me and most other Jewish people or human rights advocates off from any claims that you may make.

Yes, many early advocates of reproductive health were racist and elitist, and you will find that until fairly recently the majority of people in the “civilized” and “civilized” world that said or did anything were racist, ethnocentric, sexist, xenophobic and homophobic. The movement to dismantle racism and bigotry is still on-going to this day, despite what some people (i.e. certain MSUM student senators) may think.

If the contemporary reproductive freedom advocates cannot be divorced from a racist past, then pro-life advocates are in trouble because a major force behind the initial 19th century movement to outlaw abortion in America was a sexist and myopsonist attack on midwives by the male domi- nated medical profession.

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DARS program to benefit students

Thank you for your article on the DARS/CAS advising programs which are being implemented to help students with degree program progress and transfer course articulation. The major programs and emphases within these programs being created in DARS work best for students who began their studies at the university fall semester 2005 and beyond.

Students who started before fall semester 2005 and who have not taken any transfer coursework may also find that the DARS audit works well.

As we add additional major programs and their emphases into DARS, this advising tool will be of great benefit to students and their advisors in determining course selection for each semester and the progress students are making in their major program. If you have questions regarding DARS/CAS implementation or how to use either system please feel free to contact the Records Office at 477-2565, or the Advising Support Center at 477-4318.

Jim Anderson
Assistant Director of Admissions

Send all letters to the editor to advocate@mnstate.edu.
Cover your ears, stay warm, winter is here

I grew up on a farm in North Dakota. I rode the school bus every day from kindergarten to ninth grade. I distinctly remember the bus driver checking to make sure I had snowboots, a hat and gloves during the winter; if any of the three were missing I’d get kicked off. The school district didn’t want news of a frozen third-grader splashing county newspaper headlines after a winter storm.

I don’t ride the bus anymore. But I still bundle up at the first sight of cold weather. I think everybody else should too. Remember “A Christmas Story”? Remember when the mom bundled up Randy, Ralphie’s little brother? Randy was so swaddled that he could barely walk. That’s what I look like from October to April.

My friends hate my hats. They hate them so much that they give me cuter ones as presents. I appreciate the cute stuff. But somehow, I always grab a blue and gray creation decorated with navy fabric ribbons. It looks like wool with the measles. I don’t care. It’s the warmest hat in the world. I might look freakish, but my head is a lot more comfortable than a naked one.

Knitting has made a strong comeback. I saw more wool on the MSUM campus last year than in my entire life. Some of you are doing really well!

The second part of the episode is that no matter what one of the cast members, sometimes it’s two or more, is exposed to a great opportunity usually involving a member of the opposite sex. The character has to make a decision. The decision they make is usually a bad one, and all their friends warn them but they still make the wrong decision anyway.

The second part of the episode involves the character going through with the bad decision and getting into trouble and then usually fighting with their friends or having to lie to cover up their mistake. By the end of the show the character, who is usually Zack, realizes that he made a big mistake and all his friends forgive him no matter what and everything is back to the way it should be at Bayside.

Now I don’t know what dream world the gang lives in, but where I come from everything doesn’t work out in 22 minutes. If you drink and drive, you get a minor. If you drive but he does it anyway.

Well, as the gang is driving home, they are singing along to “Wild Thing,” driving intoxicated. Then Zack takes his eyes off the road and hits a telephone pole.

Now in order to not get in trouble the gang has to lie to Zack’s dad about what happened to Lisa’s mom’s cat, and we all know that lying to our parents is wrong.

For all but the last few minutes of the show, the gang has to keep lying until they become so tangled up in their lies that they finally come clean, a thing they should have done in the first place. In the end, even though Zack gets grounded and loses his car, everything seems to work out and Zack learns a very valuable lesson.

Another thing about “Saved By The Bell” that made no sense was that in the middle of season five they completely replace Jessie and Kelly with a new girl named Tori Scott who has Kelly’s girl-next-door looks and Jessie’s feminism.

There is no explanation as to why Jessie and Kelly are suddenly gone and Tori became accepted into the gang, something that takes weeks to months at a normal high school.

I also loved how they used the same classroom for everything. In one episode the room across from Belding’s office would be the math room. Then in another episode it would be the science room and in a Tori episode the room was the Teen Line/ Rap Room.

One of the other things about Bayside that did not make sense was the fact that the gang seemed to be the only characters who had depth—all the other students where either dumb jocks, geeks, dorks, nerds, valley girls or just fillers.

I guess what I am trying to say is that Saved By The Bell did not make sense. I mean sure they were trying to tell us to make the right decisions and not make the wrong ones like the characters made.

But to tell the truth, as long as we knew what the right decisions were, I did not learn anything from that show, but I still watched it because it was fun watching the gang getting into their weekly conundrums.

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Do you like to knit? E-mail Alexa at orptsal@mnstate.edu.

Screech: dork or stud? E-mail Jeremy at churje@mnstate.edu.
Orchestra students turn pro

Five student musicians awarded seats with F-M Symphony

By S. HACKING / A. ORTS

A&E Editor Staff Writer

The sawing rhythm of the violin and cello bows in the MSUM orchestra came to a brief halt during a rehearsal of Joseph Haydn’s “Nelson Messe” at the Tuesday evening practice.

“Back to 30. Softer, soft ... shhhhh,” said Kirk Moss, director of orchestral and string education activities, motioning with his baton for the students to resume playing.

“Good,” he said. “Now we’ve got a rhythm.”

This fall, five orchestra members upgraded the rhythm and melodies they learned at MSUM to the professional level when they were awarded seats with the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Orchestra.

Lucas Bernier, percussion; Katelin Stanek, violin; Kiyotada Ota, percussion; Thane Nelson, cello; and Haley Rydell, violin, are all students and professional musicians.

Lucas Bernier

Bernier never expected to trade his spikes for a pair of marimba mallets.

“It just kind of happened,” Bernier said of his percussion career. The Larimore, N.D., native enrolled at MSUM to play football, but the gales of fate pushed him in a more musical direction.

When MSUM percussion studio director Kenyon Williams suggested Bernier audition for the F-M Symphony, he accepted the challenge. He’s now in his second year with the company, Bernier enjoys playing with an experienced orchestra.

“Just playing professionally—it’s a great experience,” he said, while acknowledging the responsibility that accompanies the honor. “We gotta play perfect.”

Katelin Stanek

Stanek, senior, is a professional musician, full-time student, and full-time employee of the BP company the honor. “We gotta work perfect.”

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Haley Rydell

Haley Rydell rehearses with the MSUM orchestra for an upcoming combined choir and orchestra concert at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

She began playing her violin professionally with the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Orchestra. She said auditioning for the F-M Symphony was an intimidating experience. The musicians received several excerpts of music to practice and also had to perform a 3-minute solo.

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Director praises students

Kirk Moss, director of orchestral and string education activities, attributes the number of string-instrument students awarded seats in the F-M Symphony Orchestra to the recent emphasis the music department has placed on the string music program.

“The fact that we have three stringed-instrument players in the F-M Symphony is certainly an indication that the program is moving in the right direction and has a lot of momentum,” Moss said.

Katelin Stanek, violinst, also attributes the success of the students to faculty members in the music department.

“We’ve recently gotten new professors that have added life and excitement to the program,” she said.

Thane Nelson, cellist, said Moss allows the students in the F-M Symphony to skip MSUM orchestra practice during the week of their professional concerts.

“Bernard Rubenstein (F-M Symphony conductor) was the person with the clipboard telling us what to play, so that was intimidating,” Stanek said about her audition.

Kiyotada Ota

“I was so afraid because everybody there was so talented,” Kiyotada Ota said about his audition for the F-M Symphony. “I felt like I was being watched and listened to.”

Indeed he was. Kiyotada Ota, a percussionist, is one of MSUM’s most seen and heard musicians. The F-M Symphony, MSUM orchestra, Fuego Tropical and various ensembles all claim him as a member.

I think it’s really exciting because we get to play alongside teachers and mentors that we’ve had for years.

Haley Rydell

MSUM sophomore

The MSUM orchestra practice schedule is a win-win situation, Moss said accommodating the symphony schedule is a win-win situation.

“When you can surround university students in a professional environment with other adults and musicians there’s a learning that’s going to take place because of the environment,” Moss said.

“Things more easily taught through experience than any single course.”
A holiday word association—‘A Christmas Carol’—Dickens, Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future. Everyone knows the story of this beloved Christmas tale, but this year the MSUM theater department is putting a new spin on the classic story.

Theater arts department chair Craig Ellingson has adapted Charles Dickens’ original “A Christmas Carol” into a shorter version for the theater department’s annual children’s theater production. “We bring in about 8,000 to 10,000 elementary school students,” Ellingson said.

Although this is a relatively short production, the cast and crew have been working hard to perfect it over the past four weeks. Junior Matthew Pitner, who plays Mr. Dickens, said the cast did not have a lot of time to put the production together but having Ellingson as a director helped things run smoothly.

“Craig is, I think, a very playful director. He will let you off, and he’ll let you try whatever you want,” Pitner said. “If you have suggestions he’ll take them into consideration, which I really appreciate.”

“I don’t think of this production as a children’s play, but rather as a serious play with a heartfelt ending,” Ellingson said. “This is a show that you have to take seriously, especially if you’re playing Scrooge. The comedy will come out with the other characters around you.”

Despite the fact that they are big roles, but they are not think of this production as are big roles, but they are comped into one person,” Frank said.

Besides Frank’s multiple roles, the primary female character is that of Mrs. Dickens. Junior Greer Webster, who plays Mrs. Dickens for Cast A, feels the relationship between Mrs. Dickens and her husband is what binds the production together.

“Mrs. Dickens is the narrator. I react and try to incorporate (the Dickens’ love story) into the story that’s going on. Mrs. Dickens is the life, the soul and the passion behind Charles Dickens’ writing,” Webster said.

“It seems that every member of the cast is working hard to bring passion to its revamped version of the Charles Dickens classic. This show is very important to the theater department because it will be entered in an upcoming theater festival.”

This is the first children’s show in a very long time that we get to nominate for the American College Theater Festival, which will be held this January at MSUM,” Frank said. “This show has been special because we are going to be able to get it reviewed and nominated.”

Public performances of “A Christmas Carol” will be held Nov. 19th at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Hansen Auditorium. Admission is $12 for adults, $10 for faculty, staff and senior citizens, $6 for Tri-College and under-17 and free for all MSUM students with ID.
Dragons leave Lions out in cold

Hensley’s slam-dunks spark crowd in home opener

By STEVE HARTMAN
Staff Writer

The Dragons men’s basketball team started their regular season off on a frigid Tuesday night at Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse with a 85-68 win over Trinity Bible College, Ellendale, N.D.

Senior Cedrick Hensley started the game off for the Dragons with two 3-pointers and ended the game with a couple of crowd-pleasing slam-dunks.

“We played well together,” Hensley said. “Even when the game got close.”

Hensley tallied 28 points to lead the Dragons going 3 of 6 from 3-point range. He went 12-for-16 overall from the field.

Junior Salumu Rajabu added 14 points for the Dragons going 7 of 8 from the field. Rajabu had some nice inside scores along the best home line,” head coach Stu Engen said.

Sophomore Lee Isaacson and senior Marcus Ebow both added 11 points for the Dragons.

Isaacson went 2 of 3 from the field and 7-for-8 from the free-throw line while Ebow went 4 of 10 from the field. He also made 2 of 3 from the free-throw line.

Hensley also led the Dragons with 10 rebounds. Sophomore Kyle Nelson added eight rebounds while freshman Jamal O’Neal had four.

At the half the Dragons were leading the Lions 43-25 but the Dragons only made 53.6 percent of their shots going 15 of 28 from the field. The Dragons also had 11 turnovers in the first half compared to the nine the Lions had.

“They’re (Trinity) been playing with people,” Engen said. “They’re sneaky.”

Lions forward Rex Causey began the second half with five straight baskets to cut the Dragons lead down to 13.

Vaughn Jordan added 17 more points for the Lions. He was 6 of 11 from the field. For the game, the Lions made 37.1 percent of their shots going 23 of 62 while the Dragons shot 31 of 56.

Eighteen of Hensley’s points came in the second half as he and Rajabu sparked the Dragons to victory.

On Friday the Dragons will have a huge rebounding edge with 45 rebounds compared to the 21 the Lions ended up with.

Hensley played a scrappy game and gave Engel’s squad problems all night.

“Your five guards created match-up problems,” Engen said. “We are a lot better defensively going small, but offensively against their zone we struggled.”

The 1-0 Dragons will head to Chadron, Neb., to compete in the Chadron Classic, Nov. 18 and 19.

On Friday they open play against Johnson & Wales College, Denver at 7 p.m.

On Saturday the Dragons will play Chadron (Neb.) State, the hosts of the tournament, at 9 p.m.

The next home action for the Dragons will be Tuesday Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m., when the red and white hit the hardwood against Upper Iowa, Fayette.

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Dragons v. Mustangs Round 2: Same place, bigger stage

By STEVE HARTMAN
Staff Writer

The Dragons will face the same team that knocked them out of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference volleyball tournament last week at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) in St. Paul.

MSUM will play Southwest Minnesota State, the team that beat them 30-25, 30-32, 30-19, 31-19 less than one week ago, in the NCAA Division II North Central Regional Tournament at the Gangelhoff Center at Concordia-St. Paul.

“We’re looking forward to beating them when it counts,” head coach Tammy Blake said.

“We have practiced all year for this.”

Last Thursday in the opening round of the NSIC Tournament, the Dragons swept Winona State 30-25, 30-14, 30-18.

Sophomore Tina Lerning led the Dragons with 14 kills while senior Sigourney Schaffer added 17 more kills.

Junior Jesseca White tallied 12 digs for the Dragons with sophomore Julie Vancura adding 45 assists.

On Friday the Dragons faced Southwest Minnesota State, a team the Dragons have split their regular season matches with.

Schaffer led the Dragons with 24 kills while freshman Calla Oftedahl added 26 digs.

White added 16 digs while sophomore Cortney Marr and junior Becky Anderson both had 10 digs for the Dragons.

Vancura added 52 assists and 13 digs for the Dragons.

The Dragons are now 25-5 overall and 10-4 in the NSIC.

The winner of today’s match will face the No. 1 seed Concordia-St. Paul on Friday at 7 p.m.

Any time out to get regionals you have a feeling of excitement,” Kath said. “We just have to take it one game at a time.”

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Late run lifts Hawkeyes over Dragons

By JEREMY CHURA
Sports Editor

The University of Iowa defeated the Dragons in women’s exhibition basketball with the help of Tiffany Reedy, who scored five points in 40 seconds to break a second-half tie, leading the Hawkeyes to a 84-75 win Sunday at the Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

“With six minutes to go, it was 66-67,” head coach Karla Nelson said, “and they (Iowa) went on a little bit of a run and took the lead and that was kind of the game.”

Junior Jessica Fesenmaier and sophomore Allison Swenson both tallied 16 points for the Dragons while sophomore Crystal Smith led the Hawkeyes with 27 points while Tiffany Reedy and Krista VandeVenter both added 11 points.

“Reedy also led the Hawkeyes in rebounds with seven.”

The Hawkeyes out shot the Dragons 46.5 percent to 44.6 percent on the game from the field.

“We did some things really well,” Nelson said. “So I was just proud of the overall effort.”

On Wednesday the Dragons traveled to Seattle University for their first regular season game. Wednesday’s game was not over when The Advocate went to press.

Friday the Dragons will travel to Central Washington (Ellensburg, Wash.) for a 1 p.m. game. Then on Saturday they are off to Seattle Pacific for a game at 5 p.m.

“At this point you just feel good about the things you are doing,” Nelson said. “We just have to keep improving each day.”

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Swimmers place high at St. Cloud Invitational

By JEREMY CHURA
Sports Editor

The Dragon swimming and diving team traveled to St. Cloud (Minn.) to participate in the St. Cloud Invitational.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the Dragon team of junior Crysta Johnson, freshman Lauren Baalman and freshmen Lauren Tuchscherer and Kristy Mosey finished fourth.

Sophomore Melissa Erickson finished sixth in the 100-yard backstroke in 1 minute, 7.43 seconds.

In the 100-yard butterfly, junior Jenna Nace tied for fourth with a time of 1:03.61. Baalman finished third in the 200-yard freestyle in 2:03.84 while Johnson was sixth with a time of 2:07.58. She also placed fifth in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 57.29.

Baalman also placed fourth in the 400-yard individual medley with a time of 4:58.35 while sophomore Barbie Brooks was fifth at 5:01.07.

In the 400-yard medley relay, Brooks, Erickson, Nace and Johnson placed fourth with a final time of 4:21.22.

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WRESTLING

Wrestlers clobber Cobbers

By JEREMY CHURA
Sports Editor

The Dragon wrestling team took to the mats last Wednesday (Nov. 9) and defeated Concordia 40-3 in their first dual of the season.

"It could potentially be one of best Dragons wrestling teams in the last 30 years," head coach Keenan Spiess said of his team. "We got some better talent and we got more upper-classmen."

Senior Dave Burgard pinned Leland Brincefield in four minutes, 21 seconds in the 125-pound class.

"They don’t seem to react any differently," Burgard said of having to face wrestlers 10 years younger than him. "I kind of have got used to it now."

"I ran into a few rough spots," Burgard said of his first few matches but he is "feeling pretty good."

Sophomore Troy McFarland beat Kevin Mcbride by a score of 7-6 in the 133-pound weight class.

Junior Nate Baker pinned David Ahmed in three minutes flat in the 165-pound class.

Junior Skip Toops beat Luke Vetvick by a score of 5-3 in the 174-pound class.

Senior Ben Keen defeated John Fradette in the 141-pound division.

Peter Hayes, a sophomore, beat PJ Mack 3-1.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY:

Women’s swimming at South Dakota, 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 18:

Volleyball vs. Southwest Minnesota State at Regional Tournament in St. Paul, 5 p.m.

Nov. 19:

Volleyball at Regional Tournament

Men’s basketball vs. Johnson & Wales at Chadon (Neb.) Classic, TBA

Women’s basketball at Concordia, 6:05 p.m.

Women’s swimming at South Dakota, 6 p.m.

Nov. 20:

Volleyball at Regional Tournament

Men’s basketball vs. Johnson & Wales at Chadon Classic, TBA

Women’s basketball at Central Washington, TBA

Wrestling at Cobber Open, TBA

Women’s swimming at Nebraska-Omaha, noon

Oct. 21:

Championships, Pomona, Calif., noon

Nov. 22:

Men’s basketball vs. Upper Iowa, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 23:

Women’s basketball vs. Jamestown College, 6 p.m.

Wrestling at Augustana, 6 p.m.

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Protection or invasion of privacy? Students voice concerns over residence hall security debate

Second Annual Governor George Sinner Public Policy Symposium
Rethinking public policy responses to the misuse of alcohol and other drugs
Thursday, December 1, 2005
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Gaeade Stage
Roland Dille Center for the Arts
Minnesota State University Moorhead

Schedule and Speakers
1:00-1:20 p.m. • Welcome and Opening Remarks
Patricia Irion, President, Concordia College
Susan Williams, Interim Provost, Tri-Cities University, and Assistant to the President, Minnesota State University Moorhead
1:30-2:10 p.m. • Keynote Address
Karen E. Wilcox, Director, North Dakota Higher Education Consortium for Substance Abuse Prevention
2:20-2:30 p.m. • Break
2:40-4:10 p.m. • Moderated Panel Discussion and Audience Q&A
Panelists
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Larry Drabik, State Health Officer, North Dakota Department of Health
Diane Munscheidt, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health
Joel Kietzer, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Minnesota
Federal Williams/Parsee, Secretary of Health, North Dakota
Patricia Irion, President, Concordia College
Roland Stadich, President, Minnesota State University Moorhead
George Watson, Vice President for Student Affairs, North Dakota State University
Eli Schaefer, Director of the Tobacco Free Center, Fargo, and Special Education Coordinator
Trudy Paske, Supervisor, Substance Abuse Prevention, Concordia College
Michelle Walley, Junior, Social Work, Minnesota State University Moorhead
Stephanie Martin, Senior, Hospitality and Tourism Management, North Dakota State University
Christopher Magnus, Chief of Police, City of Fargo
Monnie Levinson, (ROA) Minnesota House of Representatives
George Simmer, Former Governor, State of North Dakota
Moderator: Debi Gross, Deputy Director and Legal Counsel, North Dakota Consumer Council
4:35-5:30 p.m. • Closing Remarks and Observations
George Watson, Former Governor, State of North Dakota
5:00 p.m. • Reception
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Chen selected Go as the subject for the final paper in his class because most approaches to Artificial Intelligence can be considered in the context of solving the Go puzzle, he said, making it a compelling way to wrap up and discuss the main concepts in the class.

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Ritchie is hoping to work with students to find the campuses where students had the most problems with voting and fix them. He also plans to speak out against proposals that make it difficult for students to vote and to let students know what's going on with the state as far as voting opportunities and the importance of voting.

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Chen said that it is difficult for a computer to look at an in-progress game and determine who is winning and by how much. Skirmishes are occurring all over the board. "To win at Go, Chen said, a computer must be endowed with the ability to recognize subtle complex patterns and to draw on the kind of intuitive knowledge that is the hallmark of human intelligence, including that ineffable concept of common sense and the basic logic of learning from mistakes and successes.

That, Chen said, will involve research in several specialized branches of AI, including genetic algorithms, probability theory and evolutionary computations.

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Chen said another course offered at MSUM next semester, the Philosophy of the Mind, also addresses those issues from different perspectives. Meanwhile, Chen's class, will concentrate on the basics of AI, from learning how to think in a methodical, precise and non-ambiguous manner necessary to imagine how a computer might "think," to understanding the principles involved in problem solving.

The class is open to any student interested in the subject and doesn't require programming skills.

"But it's a 400-level course," he said, "so evaluation of student performance will focus on comprehension and understanding of concepts, the ability to solve problems, and the ability to integrate knowledge."

Go, a game that rewards patience and balance over aggression and greed, may offer insights into understanding its own complexity.

"For the field of AI to progress we will require the transference of knowledge about how natural biological intelligence occurs to the process of making artificial intelligence. It's an incredibly complex puzzle."

AI researchers may have learned a lesson from an old Chinese proverb: "Chess is a battle, but Go is war."

We've won some battles, Chen said, but the war is far from over.