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Minneapolis College says no to tasers

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Last semester Minneapolis College administration approved Tasers for campus but ultimately decided not to allow campus security to carry Tasers, according to Curt Schmidt, Minneapolis College director of public safety.

Schmidt said the question of Tasers went through a long process of discussions over more than three years. Based on surveys and feedback over that period of time more students, faculty, and employees favored equipping campus security with Tasers than not.

Schmidt said he thought it was a good way to keep current with methods of keeping Minneapolis College campus safe for everyone. He thought Tasers would be another tool to help achieve that goal.

The debate as to whether Tasers are more beneficial than potentially harmful depends on the person, place or entity. The debate is ongoing. Their use remains controversial.

Tasers use compressed nitrogen to shoot out darts with electricity-conducting wires attached to them, New York Daily News reported. When the darts hit the targeted person, as much as 50,000 volts of electricity can go into the person's body causing involuntary muscle contractions and temporary paralysis.

You can read the rest of Scott's article [here](#).

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Students and staff fighting against hunger and homelessness on campus

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One could sense the dedication and camaraderie between meeting attendees, advisor to Students Against Homelessness and Hunger [SAHH] Liz McLemore, vice-president of SAHH Mariah Cannon, and Andrea "Mother" Hill. SAHH President Jessica Furuli was out sick when I sat in on one of their meetings. The main topic of discussion was SAHH's upcoming Open House event, Wednesday, October 30, 2019 from noon to 4 p.m. to be held on the first floor of the Helland Center. SAHH is an important resource here on campus for students dealing with food insecurity. "Food security is critical," said Cannon. According to SAHH, their vision is to develop partnerships with "fellow students, faculty, staff and community members" to assist students with basic needs like food and housing to help them experience educational success.

During the meeting, Cannon said that SAHH served 240 snack packs and 221 sandwiches in September 2019. Those numbers are expected to increase during winter. SAHH would like to gain greater support to help meet students' needs. "We need more students volunteering, to get involved in the group," said McLemore.

You can read the rest of Anya's article [here](#).

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Review

Adam and Eve struggle to be human

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The Diary of Adam and Eve is a love story between the first two humans on Earth. Mark Twain based the character of Adam on himself and the character of Eve on his wife Livy, who died in 1904. The book was published in 1906. Minneapolis College Student Life and Theater Underground at Metropolitan State University got together to produce a production of Mark Twain's story, adapted for the stage by Mark Bucci and directed by Obie Award Winner, Maxine Klein. The play opened Wednesday, Oct. 23 (7 p.m. through Oct. 25) and runs through Saturday, Oct. 26 (1 p.m. matinee).

The play stars Carissa Sommerfeld as Eve and Leonard Searcy as Adam. Neither actor appears to as yet to have grown comfortable in their roles, and with the play running only four days, neither may get a chance to do so. Sommerfeld's performance was energetic. Although sometimes her voice came across as whiny, it worked well in displaying her apprehensiveness about her relationship with Adam. Still, I'd like to hear greater confidence in her voice as Eve grows in self-confidence. Searcy also played his character with uneasiness about his relationship with Eve, which at times came across as rigid. This worked for much of the play, but too much rigidity interfered with the audience's ability to experience Adam's love and growth. Still, both actors maintained the light tone of the play and were fun to watch.

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Opinion

You might wonder: What's up with the vending machines?

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Let's say you've packed something to eat to take to school. You might have a water bottle in your backpack. Or, you might be one of those conscientious people who typically has some form of hydration with you most if not all the time.

Well then, good for you. But if you're one of those people who likes to travel light, or you just happened to forget your drink of choice that day, or for whatever reason you do not have a beverage handy, you might think you can always just hit one of the many vending machines that populate all the convenient places on your beautiful Minneapolis College campus.

Well, it is true, Minneapolis College campus is beautiful but if you're a student on the Minneapolis College campus, that vending machine idea just might be a crapsheet. You might be able to quench that thirst or you might not.

You just might want to take your chances at Mystic Lake, where you're probably going to have better odds of finding a vending machine that actually has stock.

At Minneapolis College, you'll find plenty of vending machines but instead of plenty of beverages to quench that nagging thirst or to knock out that tickle in your throat, you will most likely find plenty of empty spaces within the vending machine where the beverage should be but is not.

Julia Barrett, Max Prusak and Mihret Atherly are Minneapolis College students. They shared their thoughts about the vending machines while attempting to make a vending machine purchase.

You can read the rest of Scott's article [here](#).