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Date ends in tragedy. Student dies in boating accident

One Mandrake University student died and another was in critical condition after their rowboat tipped over in the middle of Lake Mebidji last night.

According to Gary Augustine, the surviving student, he and Audra Preston went boating last night on a date at about 11:00 pm. When one of the oars fell into the water, he tried to retrieve it, but "only made it worse."

"I reached too far over and the boat tipped," he said.

Officials have accepted Augustine's story and are calling the incident an accident. "These things happen," said Sheriff Bill Kallestad. "Kids rent a boat, don't really know what they're doing, and never wear their life jackets. It's tragic, but it happens every couple of years, usually in the fall."

A memorial service for Audra Preston will be held on the campus of Mandrake University tomorrow at 10:00 am.