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Approaching INS deadlines worry advocates

By Elizabeth Dunbar

As deadlines approach for nonimmigrant males from 18 countries to report for special registration, Justice Department officials say additions to the list of countries could be announced as soon as the end of this month.

Nonimmigrants are citizens of other countries who are in the United States on a temporary basis, such as those with student visas.

With a little more than a month to discover and comply with the new requirements, many immigrant-rights advocates are concerned those affected will not hear about the requirements in time.

"How people are supposed to know about it is a very big question," said Anwen Hughes, an attorney for the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, a national organization based in New York.

The new special registration program requires male nonimmigrants from designated countries already in the United States to appear at Immigration and Naturalization Service offices for interviews, fingerprints and photographs. The deadline for some countries, such as Iran and Iraq is Monday, and for other countries including Somalia and North Korea the deadline is Jan. 10.

Willful failure to comply with the new requirements will lead to fines, incarceration and possible deportation, said Justice Department spokesman Jorge Martinez.

"People can be subject to one or all of those three," he said. "We know who we issue visas to, and anyone deemed noncompliant ... is subject to those penalties."

With such harsh consequences, Hughes said, the Justice Department and INS have not done enough to get the

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MSA follows GAPSA's lead, votes to withdraw from SLC

MSA's president said the Twin Cities student groups could be more effective lobbyists.

By Seth Woehrl

The Minnesota Student Association unanimously voted Tuesday to withdraw from the Student Legislative Coalition and called for a restructuring of the lobbying body.

The vote put MSA in line with the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, which unanimously approved the same resolution Monday.

The resolution claimed the SLC, which provides student voice on legislative issues, is ineffective, citing a lack of action during the recent midterm election.

It also claimed MSA and GAPSA sponsored events, such as voter rallies, that should have been the SLC's responsibility.

GAPSA President Chris Frazier said the unanimous approval

marked the second joint resolution ever adopted between MSA and GAPSA — the first being a resolution supporting efforts to bring Gopher football games back to campus.

The decision was controversial because of SLC support from other University campuses, such as Morris and Duluth.

Kevin Vogeltanz, an SLC representative from Morris, told The Minnesota Daily in an interview earlier last week that he would rather see the organization retooled with support from Twin Cities' student groups than have the Minneapolis and St. Paul campuses walk away from the group.

MSA legislative affairs representative Andy Pomroy said other University campuses have claimed lobbying the state government would be too expensive

without support from the Twin Cities campus, whose students pay the majority of SLC's \$100,000 budget through refundable \$3 fees.

MSA President Josh Colburn said he was still interested in supporting a restructured SLC and working in coordination with the other campuses but that MSA and GAPSA could lobby more effectively for the Twin Cities campus' students.

"This means that (undergraduate and graduate students) would be spending \$57,000 less money on legislative programming," Colburn said, explaining the resolution at the MSA forum.

"Fiscal responsibility means holding people accountable and trimming the fat," MSA Vice President Eric Dyer said. "SLC is fat."

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Eric Dyer
MSA vice president

'A health club for the mind,' ElderLearning schools the aging

By Jake Weyer

MINNESOTA ELDERLY are giving the phrase "back to school" a whole new meaning.

As the state's elderly population continues to grow, so too does the demand for post-retirement education. The University's ElderLearning Institute is helping to quell this demand while letting people know school is not just for kids anymore.

The 8-year-old institute is part of the College of Continuing Education and is run entirely by volunteers. Students pay \$195 per year, which allows them to take two classes from each of the fall, winter and spring sessions. Course offerings include classes such as sports and the American psyche, ethnic eating adventures, warm art for a cold winter and more than 100 others.

"Classes are held all over the Twin Cities wherever there is room — in churches, libraries, residential areas and on campus," said institute board director and teacher, Dave Johnson, who admits to being less than 104 years old.

Courses are led by current and retired University faculty as well as faculty from other universities, community professionals and institute members.

The institute tries to offer courses equivalent in rigor to those offered at the University for younger students, but they are taught differently, Johnson said.

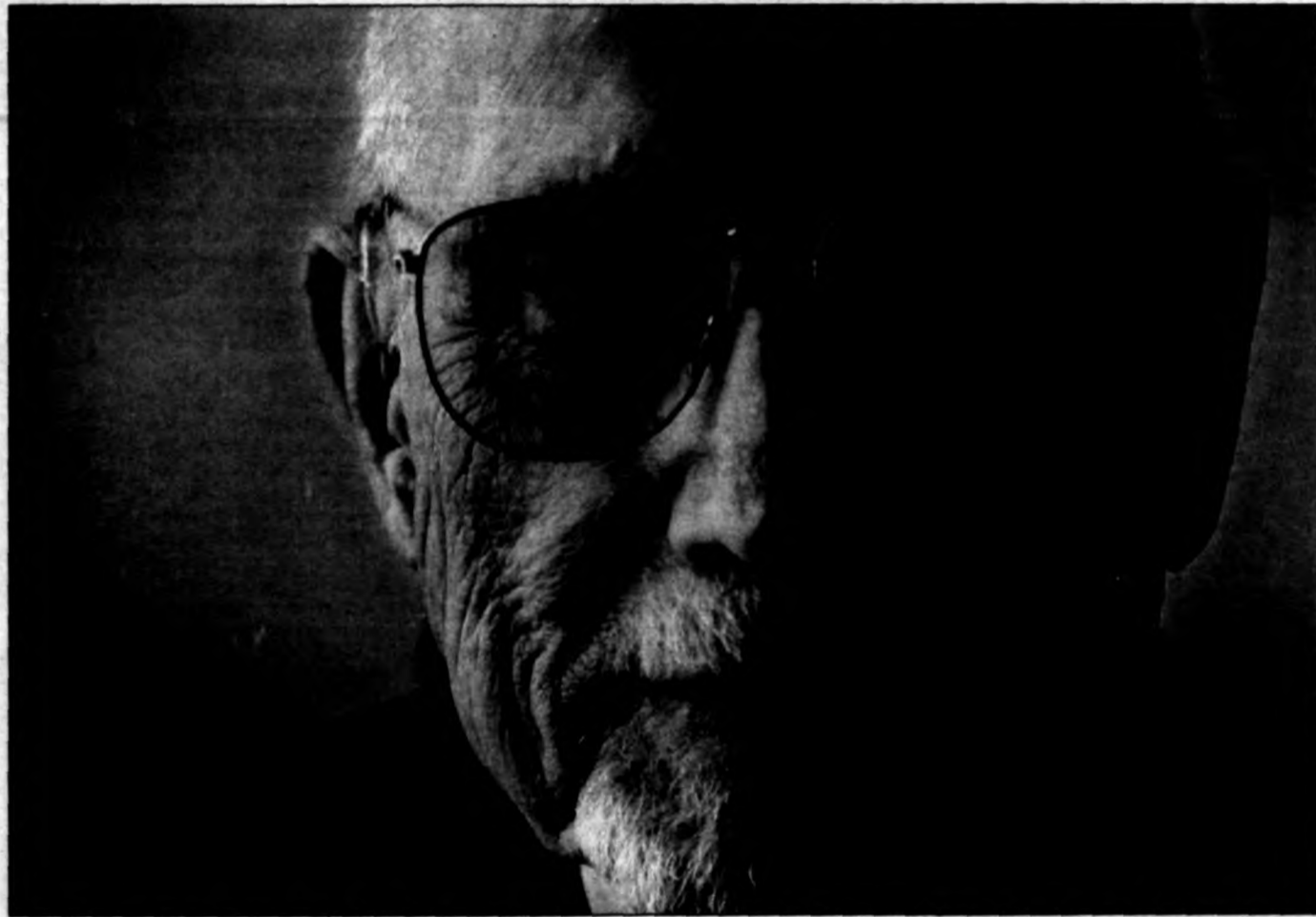
"Students aren't lectured at as much. There is a lot of discussion," he said. "Sometimes it's hard to get students to stop talking."

Courses require no prerequisites, have no exams and are not worth credit. They are offered purely to enrich those who want to continue learning, said Charles Turpin, an institute board member.

"We don't care about credits or receiving a degree — that's not our objective anymore," Turpin said. "Our objective now is to learn."

The ElderLearning Institute is often referred to by its students as a health club for the mind.

"Keeping intellectually alive is the best



Photo/Thomas Whisenand

Earl Johnson, 86, is an active member of the ElderLearning Institute at the University. The program allows senior citizens to take classes on a variety of subjects including poetry and history without having to take tests or turn in assignments.

way to grow old," said 86-year-old Earl Johnson, who has been an ElderLearning Institute student for three years.

Activities are also offered outside the classroom, such as biking, backpacking and international travel opportunities.

Turpin said the average age of institute students is approximately 70 years. There is not an age requirement to be a student, but

the youngest are in their 60s, he said.

Of course, the institute is not for everyone. A handful of elders do want to take classes for credit in the hopes of earning a degree. According to the University's Web site, Minnesota residents over the age of 62 may take classes for \$9 per credit whenever space is available after the first day of class.

Chuck Gribble, 63, is a University gradu-

ate student hoping to receive his master's degree in liberal studies sometime next year. After working a variety of jobs in several different states throughout his life, Gribble decided in 2000 he wanted to go back to school.

"I'd like to get into the arena of practical education and try to hook up with an organ-

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Ship carrying a dozen North Korean Scud missiles intercepted in Arabian Sea

U.S. officials, who were tracking the ship, believe the missiles were headed for Yemen.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A ship carrying a dozen Scud-type missiles from North Korea was intercepted in the Arabian Sea on Tuesday, U.S. officials said. They said the missiles were believed to be headed for Yemen.

The ship contained about a dozen short- to medium-range missiles, similar to the Scud missiles used by Iraq in the Persian Gulf War, officials said.

The ship allegedly carrying the missiles was stopped by two ships from the Spanish Navy participating in Operation Enduring Freedom, the U.S.-led global anti-terrorism coalition, said Alberto

Martinez Arias, a spokesman for Spain's Defense Ministry. Crews from the Spanish ships stopped the unflagged ship "Sosan" east of the island of Socotora.

The North Korean captain initially told Spanish officials the ship was carrying cement. The Scuds were discovered shortly thereafter, Martinez said.

State's leaders contemplate budget fix

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Campuses will not be closed but tuition may rise. State aid for cities and counties will not disappear but it may only go to the neediest communities. And if your car breaks down on I-394, be prepared to change your own tire, because Highway Helpers may not be around anymore.

Those were among the bits of advice the state's next governor and the leaders of the House and Senate offered Tuesday on how the state's budget troubles may affect people.

In a forum sponsored by The Associated Press, the leaders agreed that the state's budget morass may well get worse before it gets better.

Gov.-elect Tim Pawlenty said the prospect of war or another terrorist attack could deepen the hole the state must face.

The next budget forecast — the one lawmakers will actually base a budget on — is due in late February or early March. The process begins with Pawlenty submitting his budget, due by Feb. 18.

"This is the equivalent of a fiscal tornado, of a fiscal flood, of a fiscal blizzard," he said. "Minnesotans rally around each other in times of crisis."

Among the ways Minnesotans may find themselves affected by the disaster, according to House Speaker Steve Sviggum:

- Tuition at state colleges and universities may rise;
- The state's planning agency may disappear;
- Highway Helpers, which help stranded motorists, may be garaged;
- Part of the state's \$900 million tobacco endowment may disappear, and the state may try to cash in the expected 20 years of direct payments from tobacco companies so it can use them all this year.

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Tim Pawlenty
governor-elect

Baghdad bitter over U.S. grab of arms report

U.S. officials said much of Iraq's 12,000-page report appears to be recycled from earlier documents.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The Iraqi government accused Washington on Tuesday of taking control of a U.N. master copy of Baghdad's arms declaration in order to tamper with it and create a pretext for war.

In the United States, specialists at the CIA and other U.S. agencies began poring over the 12,000-page declaration, in which Baghdad is supposed to "tell all" about its chemical, biological and nuclear programs. U.S. officials said much of the material appeared to be recycled versions of earlier documents.

U.N. inspectors have said Iraq's earlier declarations were incomplete. The United Nations was beginning its own analysis of the mammoth declaration, a process officials say could take weeks.

Inspectors stepped up their search Tuesday, fanning across Iraq on surprise missions to 13 sites — the largest number of inspections since the U.N. operation resumed two weeks ago. One team moved in on a uranium mining site 250 miles west of Baghdad.

President Saddam Hussein, mean-

while, spoke of war and sacrifice in a meeting with top lieutenants, men U.S. strategists hope will abandon the Iraqi strongman in the event of war. If war comes, Saddam told them, "your heads will remain high with honor, God willing."

The U.S.-Iraqi tensions flared again in the southern "no-fly zone" Tuesday, when the U.S. command said its warplanes bombed an Iraqi anti-aircraft missile site 165 miles southeast of Baghdad. Just across Iraq's southeastern border in Kuwait, U.S. Army units were conducting desert exercises.

Iraq insists it no longer has weapons of mass destruction or programs to make them. The Bush administration says it issues Baghdad does and has threatened war if, in the U.S. view, Saddam's government does not comply with U.N. disarmament demands.

Secretary of State Colin Powell denounced Saddam's claims, saying, "He's a liar."

"We'll see now whether he decides that the cost of lying is too great. The cost of lying now might result in his regime being destroyed by the armed forces of the international community," he said during a Dec. 5 interview with the French television station France 2. The State Department released the transcript Tuesday.

Federal appeals court overturns ruling declaring death penalty unconstitutional

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal appeals court upheld the federal death penalty Tuesday, firmly rejecting a lower court's conclusion that it was unconstitutional and declaring that only the Supreme Court can change "well-settled" law.

The three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reached deep into history to show that Judge Jed Rakoff found no new legal territo-

ry when he ruled the death penalty amounted to the "state-sponsored murder of innocent human beings" because so many death row inmates are later exonerated.

Rakoff's July ruling was issued in a case involving two men charged in a drug-murder conspiracy.

The appeals court noted that European nations from which the United States derived its

laws recognized in the 1700s that capital punishment carries the risk that innocent people will be executed, which abolitionists have argued since the 1800s was a reason to shelve the death penalty.

Since then, the appeals court said, the Supreme Court has recognized that risk but repeatedly left the death penalty intact "because our judicial system — indeed, any judicial system — is fallible."

INTERNATIONAL BRIEFING

Malaysia widens terror spat with Australia to include Japan, United States

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Malaysia criticized the United States and Japan on Tuesday for supporting Australia's stance that it has the right to launch pre-emptive strikes against terrorists outside its borders. Australian Prime Minister John Howard said last week he was prepared to launch pre-emptive strikes on terror targets overseas. U.S. and Japanese officials voiced support in separate interviews Tuesday. Malaysian Trade Minister Rafidah Aziz said the Australian position a threat to national sovereignty and said any strike on Malaysian soil would be considered an act of war. U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, who is visiting the Asia-Pacific region, told the Australian Financial Review that Australia's stance is "a wake-up call to some neighbors that they have to better police themselves." Rafidah countered that Malaysia "did not need alarm bells or wake-up calls from anyone."

International Red Cross launches 2003 appeal

GENEVA (AP) — The international Red Cross launched an appeal Tuesday for \$644 million for next year, saying part of the money was needed to boost aid operations in Liberia, Ivory Coast and Colombia. The appeal is a reduction of 8 percent, or \$47.7 million on the 2002 budget. The International Committee of the Red Cross said relief work in Afghanistan would still take the largest slice of its money — \$61.4 million. But it added that this represented a \$42.9 million cut in spending on the country.

Rumsfeld pledges long-term Africa partnership

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — The United States is committed to a long-term partnership fighting terrorism in the Horn of Africa, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday. Leaders of Ethiopia and Eritrea pledged support but struck no new deals on U.S. access. Rumsfeld said he did not come to this region to negotiate the use of military bases for U.S. forces, but he left open the possibility that the United States eventually would expand its presence.

NATIONAL BRIEFING

Stanford University will clone human embryos

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Stanford University announced Tuesday its intention to clone human embryos, becoming the first U.S. university to publicly embrace the politically charged procedure. The intent of the project is to produce stem cells for medical research. The stem cell work will be part of the new Institute for Cancer/Stem Cell Biology and Medicine, launched with a \$12 million anonymous donation to the school. Much of the institute's research will be geared to treating cancer. Any stem cells created will be shared with outside researchers, many of whom complain of inadequate access to currently available stem cell lines.

Black lawmakers say Lott apology not enough

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black lawmakers said Tuesday that Senate Republican leader Trent Lott did not go far enough in apologizing for remarks he made praising the 1948 presidential run of then-segregationist Strom Thurmond. Democrats should not be too quick to drop the matter either, one black House Democrat said. Separately, the NAACP said Lott, who will be Senate majority leader in the next Congress, should resign from his leadership position. "Hateful bigotry" has no place in Congress, the organization's president said.

Morris Brown College loses accreditation

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Debt-ridden Morris Brown College in Atlanta has been stripped of its accreditation, an action that will cost the historically black school the federal financial aid most students depend on to help pay their tuition. Another historically black institution, Grambling State University in Louisiana, will remain on probation for a second year because of problems with its financial records, according to the decision released Tuesday from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The suburban Atlanta-based association is holding its national meeting here.

STATE BRIEFING

St. Cloud lawmaker calls for end to arts board

ST. CLOUD, Minn. (AP) — A St. Cloud lawmaker wants the Minnesota State Arts Board to pull its funding for its Central Minnesota chapter. In a letter dated Monday, Rep. Joe Opatz, DFL-St. Cloud, asked the state arts board to end its relationship with the Central Minnesota Arts Board after a year of problems. The Minnesota State Arts Board gives money to 11 regional arts councils, which distributes the money locally. In 2002, the Central Minnesota Arts Board allocated \$166,771 in project grants to a four-county area; next year the board plans to give out \$152,505. Grants have gone to projects such as art exhibits, plays and concerts. Earlier this year, the Minnesota State Arts Board expressed concerns about the St. Cloud-based board's leadership and compliance with the state's Open Meeting Law after the resignations of six members.

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The newly opened East River Road Garage faces the Mississippi River on East River Road and houses 1,900 parking spaces. The parking lottery for students ends today, with approximately 1,200 spaces throughout campus raffled off.

Minneapolis City Council to raise property taxes amid residents' concern

By Joe Mahon

Minneapolis is responding to budget difficulties by raising property taxes next year, and that might mean higher rent for some University students living in houses.

The Minneapolis City Council held a hearing Monday night — "Truth in Taxation" — which invited members of the public and private sectors to speak their minds about plans to raise property taxes by 7.9 percent.

"I've been on city council for five years, and this is easily the largest turnout I've seen," City Council President Paul Ostrow said about the meeting, which was so crowded that people had to stand in the hall outside the chambers.

The meeting included almost

two hours of testimony from city residents and business people.

Victoria Heller, who owns property on the University's West Bank, said the average tax hike on all of her properties was 27 percent.

"The typical landlord would have to pass all that on to tenants," she said.

The rates of increase depend on the value of the property, city officials said. Less valuable properties will face higher increases.

"The city can only control the total amount to increase tax revenue," said Laura Sether, spokeswoman for Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak.

"The state government sets the rates." Sether noted that even with a recent economic downturn, property values are still on the rise, which

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New on-campus housing, lots ease parking strain

By Dan Haugen

As the University continues to wrestle with its commuter-campus identity, demand for on-campus parking is less strong than it has been for several years, according to Parking and Transportation Services.

For the first time ever, there are no waiting lists for some faculty parking facilities, said Lori Ann Vicich, communications manager for Parking and Transportation Services. As a result, the department has added 150 spaces to the student parking lottery for spring semester, bringing the total number to be raffled off to approximately 1,200.

More than 3,000 students have registered for the lottery, which ends today. While that's twice the number who entered the last lottery, Vicich said the increase is not an accurate measure of demand because it can be credited to an e-mail sent to remind students of the lottery. The office had never previously sent out such a reminder.

"Parking demand on campus, in general, is down," Vicich said.

Reasons for the relaxed demand can be contributed to a variety of

factors, she said.

New housing options have cropped up on and near campus in the past several years, which means fewer students are driving to and from school. In a report to the Board of Regents last year, then-University President Mark Yudof said the number of beds on or near campus doubled between 1991 and 2001.

For those who do commute, public transportation has become a more popular choice. Bus ridership to and from campus has soared since the U-Pass program was introduced in 2000. More than 14,000 bus passes have been sold this semester.

And added to that, Vicich said, "There's more parking on campus

than there's ever been before."

The East River Road Garage, which opened early this year, created 1,900 new spaces. Before that, the Gortner Avenue Parking Ramp in St. Paul created 600 new spaces in 2000.

Still, those numbers are of little comfort to the 1,800-plus students who will be shut out of a permanent parking space this spring.

Sophomore Jen Grady said she'll have to look for a new job if she can't keep her car on campus.

"I don't like the fact that they don't base it on seniority," she said. "As a sophomore, I should have dibs over freshmen."

Dan Haugen welcomes comments at dhaugen@mnndaily.com

RECOMMENDED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

Residential City/Homestead Property Taxes

The estimated impact of recommended property tax increases on residential/homestead property

Value	2002 City Property Taxes	2003 City Property Taxes	\$ Change	% Change
\$83,300	\$170	\$260	\$90	52.94%
\$118,800	\$400	\$530	\$130	32.50%
\$215,100	\$1,020	\$1,260	\$240	23.53%
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Pentagon prepares for terror suspect tribunals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is completing final details of plans for military tribunals to try terror suspects, including guidelines for which crimes would be considered.

The Defense Department also is compiling lists of judge advocates, military lawyers who could serve as chief prosecutors and defense attorneys, as well as officers to serve on the tribunals themselves, Pentagon spokesman Maj. Ted Wadsworth said Tuesday.

The military has no firm deadline

for finishing its work, Wadsworth said. It is up to President George W. Bush to decide who would be tried by a tribunal, when and where the tribunal would convene or even whether the option will be used at all.

After the Sept. 11 attacks, Bush ordered the military to prepare to try terrorism suspects with military tribunals. Under guidelines announced by the Defense Department in March, the tribunals would be reserved for suspects who are not U.S. citizens.

The tribunals would provide more secrecy for trials and fewer rights for the accused than trials in the civilian court system. Critics say that would create a dangerous double standard for those accused as terrorists.

U.S. and international law on war crimes and terrorism is not compiled in any code, so the guidelines being prepared by Pentagon General Counsel William J. Haynes II will help prosecutors and defense lawyers understand what crimes to recommend for prosecution by tribu-

nal, Wadsworth said.

The guidelines do not say that membership in al-Qaida alone would be ground for a terrorism conviction, Wadsworth said. The Wall Street Journal quoted Haynes Tuesday as saying al-Qaida membership would be defined as a war crime.

The fact that preparations for the tribunals are continuing does not indicate that one will convene soon, Wadsworth said.

The tribunals — officially, military commissions — would com-

prise three to seven military officers who would serve as both judges and jury. A two-thirds vote would be required for a conviction and a unanimous vote for a death sentence.

A defendant accused of terrorist crimes would be provided a military lawyer and could hire an outside lawyer as well. The president would have the final say on what should happen to a convicted defendant but could not order an acquittal. Appeals would be handled by a special panel of three people, including a military official appointed by the president.

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Thursdays: 4:00-5:00 pm (1st Floor lunchroom)
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Too soon to go south



University graduate student Nemanth Bilhalli walks by a flock of resting Canadian geese on the east river flats Tuesday. Bilhalli does research work in the chemical engineering department and was taking a walk in the warm weather. "It's a rare day in December," Bilhalli said.

Australian defamation suit could have worldwide implications

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — In a landmark case, Australia's highest court yesterday gave a businessman the right to sue for defamation in Australia over an article published in the United States and posted on the Internet.

Analysts believe the ruling against international news service Dow Jones & Co. — believed to be the first by a nation's final court of appeal to deal with Internet defamation — could set a precedent for courts around the world and affect publishers and Web sites that post articles in the 190 nations that allow defamation cases.

"It's a judgment that will be looked at very closely by people in this area including the media right around the world," said Dr. Matthew Collins, a Melbourne lawyer and

academic who has published a book on defamation and the Internet.

"What it means is that foreign publishers writing material about persons in Australia had better have regards to the standards of Australian law before they upload material to the Internet," he said.

The High Court of Australia unanimously dismissed an appeal by Dow Jones & Co. aimed at stopping a defamation suit in Australia by mining magnate Joseph Gutnick.

Gutnick claimed that a 7,000-word article that had appeared in Barron's in October 2000 portrayed him as a schemer given to stock scams, money laundering and fraud. The article was also published online.

The decision means Gutnick can

sue New York-based Dow Jones & Co. in his home state of Victoria, in Australia.

Dow Jones & Co., which publishes The Wall Street Journal, Barron's, Dow Jones Newswires and several stock market indicators, said it was disappointed with the ruling and promised to continue its defense.

"The result means that Dow Jones will defend those proceedings in a jurisdiction which is far removed from the country in which the article was prepared and where the vast bulk of Barron's readership resides," it said in a statement.

Several media and Internet organizations, including The Associated Press, Amazon.com and AOL Time Warner, filed legal briefs in support of Dow Jones.

Investment banker chosen to head SEC vows to restore market confidence

WASHINGTON (AP) — William H. Donaldson, an investment banker with ties to Wall Street and the Bush family, was chosen by President George W. Bush on Tuesday as the new chairman of the besieged Securities and Exchange Commission. He pledged to work to restore confidence in the markets and corporate America.

At a White House ceremony, Bush said Donaldson's mission would be "to vigorously enforce our nation's laws against corporate corruption and to uphold the highest standards of integrity in the securi-

ties markets."

Bush said restoring confidence in the markets was essential to the country's economic well-being. "It's time for all of us to pull up our socks," Donaldson said.

He noted the numerous cases of corporate wrongdoing over the past year and said he would deal with them swiftly.

Amid uncertain markets and a shaky economy, Bush is moving to revamp his economic team in advance of the 2004 election campaign. On Monday, he named railroad executive John Snow to succeed Treasury Secretary Paul

O'Neill. Still to be named is a replacement for White House economic chief Larry Lindsey, who, like O'Neill, was forced out.

Wall Street investment banker Stephen Friedman was said to be the leading candidate, but a final decision by Bush is awaiting the resolution of unspecified personal and professional issues that recently cropped up for Friedman.

Bush is also promising a new tax-cut package, which aides say could cost as much as \$300 billion over 10 years, as the White House tries to control political damage from the ailing economy.



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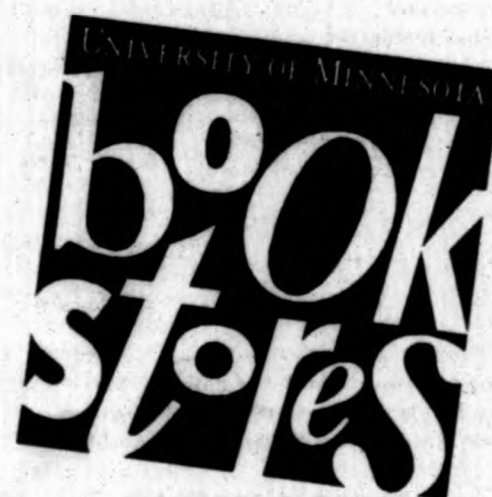
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Challenges await Bush's new economic team

After the recent resignations of three members of his economic team, President George W. Bush this week named two of their successors. Bush requested that Lawrence Lindsey, the chief White House economic advisor, and Paul O'Neill, the secretary of the treasury, resign last week because of concerns his administration was not effective at quickening the nation's economic recovery. Harvey Pitt, the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, resigned under the smokescreen of election night in November. Bush has named Pitt's successor, as well as O'Neill's, although there is only speculation about who he will choose to replace Lindsey. The president's new team is facing a daunting task, as they will assume the onus to quickly improve an unstable economy before the 2004 presidential election.

Bush has named the chairman of railroad giant CSX, John W. Snow, to replace O'Neill as secretary of the treasury. A lawyer with a doctorate in economics, Snow has been CSX's chairman since 1991. He also served alongside Vice President Dick Cheney in the Ford administration as the assistant secretary of transportation. In the mid 1990s, he served as the chairman of the Business Roundtable, which represents chief executives of the nation's largest corporations in Washington. As secretary of the treasury, Snow will be responsible for the administration's positions on international economic issues, but he has little international experience, and he will inherit a policy of hostility toward international bailouts of developing nations.

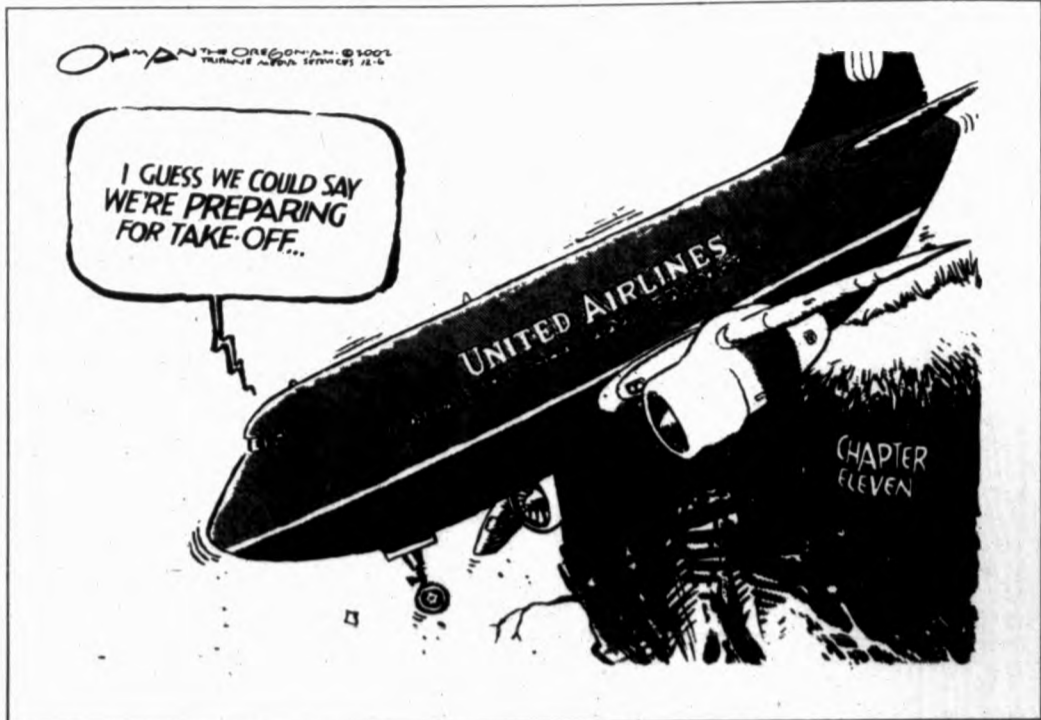
Snow's performance at CSX, however, is questionable enough to warrant concern. In 1991, CSX's sales totaled \$8.6 billion, although after a decade as the corporation's chief executive, its total sales slipped by \$500 million. During the same period, the company's profits also fell nearly \$100 million, from \$382 million to \$293 million. However, Snow's compensation only increased during this time. In 1991, he received \$1.6 million in pay, while in 2002, his salary was \$10.1 million. Snow was also involved in a corporate loan deal of dubious company value. In 1996, CSX approved a subsidized loan to Snow for \$25.4 million in order for him to purchase company stock. Four years later, after

the value of the stock had decreased significantly, CSX forgave the loan and requested the return of the stock. Snow is currently the third-highest paid chief executive of the 37 largest transportation companies, even though CSX's stock value has only increased half as much as that of similarly-sized companies.

To replace the outgoing Pitt as chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Bush named William H. Donaldson. Another former Ford administration executive, Donaldson also worked in the Nixon administration and was chief executive of the New York Stock Exchange from 1990-95. He also served as chairman of the insurance giant Aetna. Donaldson has been a close friend to the Bush family for many decades, as he attended Yale with George W. Bush's uncle, Jonathan Bush, and was first employed on Wall Street by Herbert Walker, the uncle of George H. Bush.

Bush, however, has delayed the expected nomination of former Goldman Sachs Chairman Stephen Friedman to replace White House economic advisor Lindsey. Friedman is considered by many conservatives to be an opponent of deficits and therefore unfriendly to further tax cuts. Stephen Moore, director of the Club for Growth, accuses him of being "hypersensitive" about budget deficits, which would further increase with more tax cuts. Friedman has been associated with the Concord Coalition, which advocates budgetary discipline.

Bush's new economic team will assume sole responsibility for the nation's economic recovery, as the Federal Reserve Board has set interest rates so low they can be reduced only another 1.25 percent. These three will have to sell to the American public the value of Bush's agenda to accelerate the timetable of last year's \$1.35 trillion tax cut, reduce taxes on stock dividends to return investors to the market and ease corporate write-offs of new investments. Many economists agree that tax cuts will have a negligible effect in the near term, and the most effective way to restore investor confidence is to return liability for stock performance to boards of directors, not to reduce the taxes on stock dividends. The three new members of Bush's economic team are confronting a formidable challenge.



LETTERS

Don't regulate chalking

I am skeptical of any efforts to limit the ability of student organizations, or even individuals, to chalk our University campus, as addressed in the Dec. 10 "U officials might adopt a chalk policy to eliminate 'distasteful chalking'." University officials counter with the claim that it undermines their campaign to support a "Beautiful U." What? One of the best aspects of the University is the diverse set of opinions and the freedom to express them.

For most student groups, chalking remains one of the most effective ways to spread their message. All it takes is a few dollars worth of chalk, a negligible amount of artistic ability and the willingness to spend some time crawling around on the ground to make a message thousands will see on a daily basis. (By contrast, it takes hundreds of dollars to acquire a one-time usage right for the residence hall mailing list.)

One of the unique benefits of chalking is the current lack of regulation concerning it. If the University were to regulate (read: censor) this practice, it would have a series of unintended consequences.

First, it would simply create more bureaucracy in an already exceedingly bureaucratic system. Before long, it will take weeks of time, require an application fee and a small herd of pink elephants to obtain a coveted permit.

Second, this process allows the University to censor messages it might deem critical of the University, lest any potential student be exposed to the subversive ways of the University's student organizations. Who determines exactly which messages are offensive? What if I am equally offended by a poster that has been placed

on one of the many bulletin boards around campus? Should student organizations need to ask for approval for their posters too?

Third, it creates a dangerous precedent of University regulation where regulation should not be allowed.

Chalking provides an effective way for students to express their opinions and publicize events. Any policy regulating chalking only seeks to undermine these values in lieu of more control and nebulous aesthetic values and should therefore be rejected.

Ryan Black
president, University
Parliamentary Debate Society

Keep the GPT

This is in response to Sean Cahill's Dec. 9 column "Language proficiency tests should be dropped," regarding language proficiency testing here at the University. Cahill asserts that the required College of Liberal Arts Graduation Proficiency Test for languages should be eliminated.

His main argument is that the "daunting" GPT is generating enough fear within the CLA student body to prevent many from exploring languages other than the common European ones offered at most high schools. This claim is preposterous for a number of reasons.

First, the GPT is designed to assess one's basic understanding of a foreign language. It tests three very fundamental concepts of a language: one's ability to speak and write in the present and past tenses and to utilize essential vocabulary. If this instills fear in most students, then it is undeservedly so.

These skills are taught and can

be mastered after only two semesters of language study at the University. If one has a high school background in the same language, then it is likely that even less time would be necessary. The University only recommends students take four semesters of one language.

The attitudes of the students, rather than the exam, dictate language enrollment. Nearly every fellow Spanish student I have encountered here is taking a language solely to fulfill the CLA requirement. Most students I have spoken with despise this requirement and are only looking to take the easy way out. This attitude likely arises from language courses in high schools that are often treated as trivial slacker classes that seldom test students' knowledge.

Thus, it seems the root of Cahill's problem is the language requirement itself. However, each college requires mastery of a number of academic areas, and certainly, a language must be just as important. It is then ridiculous to think the University should not test us to verify that we meet this very basic requirement.

The GPT was developed because many students were not satisfactorily emerging from their language classes, and it continues to fulfill this purpose. Those with a true passion for a different language should not let this unjustifiable fear get in their way.

Sean Corcoran
sophomore
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Bonding roads is right direction

By Shannon Fiecke

The Daily's Nov. 25 story about the Hiawatha light rail corridor development problems, "Light rail's imminent arrival spurs neighborhood concerns," shows the purpose of the light rail system is not cleaner, more efficient transportation. Instead, the goal is "smart growth" designed to control our lives.

The Metropolitan Council is deeply concerned over the lack of dense population along the Hiawatha corridor line. Its worries are needless because if its proposed rail system actually works, development will naturally occur. A stereotypical young adult who works in Minneapolis and likes living in a packed urban center would move into such an area.

But the members of the Metropolitan Council are trying to force everyone to live like that. They hate urban sprawl; their cronies want us to all live like sardines in huge skyscrapers along their light rail lines.

Minnesota is facing a \$4.5 billion deficit caused by a decade of spending that has nearly doubled our state's budget. To create its wonder world, the council is pushing an inefficient and costly light rail system that will further choke our state economy and ruin the chance of actually having an efficient rail system.

The only way to increase our state's budget is to increase pro-

duction output, creating additional tax revenues. Besides lowering taxes and cutting spending, the quickest method of improving our economy will be to increase state commerce through faster interstate transport of goods and services.

Right now, our groceries sit rotting on Interstate 35. Work hours are lost to increasing commutes. Rather than shopping on my way home, I skip it to beat rush hour. But when is rush hour on Interstate 494, anyway?

Because of traffic congestion, employees are limited in job choice, diminishing comparative advantage. It is not just problematic for Minneapolis workers but also those who work in the suburbs where most of the economic growth will take place.

Our highway money spent on road construction ranks 49th in the nation because we spend it on everything but roads. Traffic volume has increased by 33 percent in the last decade, while road capacity has only increased by 2 percent. Meanwhile, transportation funding has doubled.

In 2002, less than one-third of the motor vehicle sales taxes were earmarked for the road budget. In the next 10 years, \$4.5 billion in car taxes will be transferred into transit and the general fund.

Minnesota families pay the fourth-highest state taxes in the nation, on average annually dishing out \$16,000 in taxes. But if we want more roads, we are told

we must pay the additional proposed 5 cent gas tax the Minnesota Department of Finance estimates would only result in an additional \$180 million a year.

The Metropolitan Council's mass transit plan will not work either. By the time we would actually get enough legs in the right places, our economy will be far behind and we will have a bill we can never pay.

Mass transit, especially light rail, is inefficient and cost prohibitive. More than \$675 million is being spent for a small line in Minneapolis that will transport an estimated 24,000 people. For \$848 million in increased road capacity, 500,000 daily people would benefit.

Approximately \$1.29 in taxes will be spent on each light rail passenger per mile traveled, but even commuter rail costs less at 33 cents per mile traveled, and roads actually bring a profit of 2 cents, according to National Transit Profiles 2000. Roads profit because of increased commerce.

Immediately bonding a few billion dollars for roads will be the fastest and most effective measure to quickly increase state revenue and expand the metropolitan area. It is similar to a loan for a house or college education, which is an investment that pays off. Without it, saving ahead of time for the purchase does not work. New taxpayers and

increased revenue will pay for the bonded roads. Schools and cities do the same thing when they bond for schools and other projects.

Building roads to keep up — or shall I say catch up — with population increases will create tax surpluses. Only when our economy rebounds and we regain state surpluses will we have the resources to invest in more costly but environmentally friendly mass transit. And then we should build commuter rail in places that people will actually use it. Not this more expensive light rail, a new, untried technology that is impossible to move with changing population patterns.

By putting moratoriums on road construction, the Metropolitan Council has helped create this congestion problem. Instead of keeping up with transportation needs, the government has forced the congestion mess to force us to believe that light rail and "smart growth" are our only ways out.

The Metropolitan Council's social engineering plans will drown our economy. Without immediately adding road capacity, our metropolitan area will not grow, and the council's dreams of a web haven of rail will never occur.

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U.S. should abandon death penalty

By Simon Samano

SAN DIEGO (U-WIRE) — The state of Illinois is a prime example that reinforces the need to abolish the death penalty in the United States.

The Los Angeles Times reported that Moses Harrison, a former chief justice of Illinois, along with 20 other judges, has urged Gov. George Ryan to issue clemency to scores of inmates because of flaws in the justice system. Among these flaws were inadequate defense attorneys and testimony from jailhouse informants, accomplices in exchange for such incentives as lenient sentences and coerced confessions.

More importantly, Illinois courts have found 13 condemned men were wrongly convicted. Of these, 12 having been executed since capital punishment resumed in 1977. This is, without a doubt, a capital crime itself. Government is supposed to protect people not kill them, and there is no evidence that has ever proved the death penalty to be a deterrent of crime.

Since 1972, more than 70 people have been released from death row as a result of being wrongly convicted. That rounds out to more than one out of every 100 death row inmates.

I have always been against the death penalty for one fundamental reason: What if they have the wrong person? And what if that person happens to be me? If I am ever in the wrong place at the wrong time where the murderer is described as a "Mexican male with a bald head," I can easily become a suspect, and my life can change in the blink of an eye. Many will say that is a far-fetched story, but it was not for those 12 in Illinois.

Whether you support or oppose the death penalty is in the abstract when you consider race and class determine who receives capital punishment. According to a study conducted by Don Cabana, a former warden for Mississippi's death row, a black man who kills a white person is 11 times more likely to receive capital punishment than a white man who kills a black person. Until racial and economic inequality is eradicated in the United States, so should the racist death penalty.

Economically speaking, a death row inmate is far more expensive than any other inmate. For example, Florida spends approximately \$3.2 million on each death row inmate, compared with approximately \$535,000 for an average of 40 years on an inmate with a life sentence. Even this is not enough of an incentive for the money-hungry politicians to abolish the death penalty.

So what does this all come down to? What we have is people who think they have an upper hand on death by using it as a means of revenge, when, in actuality, no one does.

For those who support the death penalty, I can only ask, "How?" How can someone support death as a form of punishment while knowing the system producing it is fatally flawed? And why does the United States continue to be the leading country in the world that advocates this to the maximum?

My hope is the United States will soon ban the death penalty so it can become a leader for the respect of human life and not just the leader of economy by having 7-year-old Hispanic kids make the newest Air Jordans at a quarter an hour while the corporation sells them for \$125. That might be asking too much, but I, along with many others, will keep hoping.

Simon Samano's column appeared originally in San Diego State University's The Daily Aztec on Dec. 9.

OPINION

This originally appeared in The Daily Aztec at the San Diego State University.

U.S. policy against drugs hits wrong target

By Claire Kirchhoff

Part of the Plan Colombia legislation passed under the Bill Clinton administration includes crop fumigation as a tactic in the U.S. government's "war on drugs." Briefly, this aspect of Plan Colombia entails spraying coca fields with pesticides to kill the crop. Coca is the plant from which cocaine can be derived. Several flaws exist in this plan, which adversely affect both the Colombian people and the so-called drug war.

Crop-dusting planes fumigate with a more powerful concentrate of the commercially available Roundup. This highly toxic chemical not only kills coca plants, but also yucca, beans, rice, coffee and other crops that people sell or eat. Killing a farmer's crops is devastating, and Roundup makes it impossible to continue cultivating the land. It leaves the farmer with two choices: He can clear more forest for new land, which further depletes the rainforest. Or he could move to the already-crowded Colombian cities where unemployment rates are high. This is an important example of the economic and public health consequences borne by the people who are most closely affected by this U.S. policy. Direct exposure to the toxic chemicals used for fumigation as well as contaminated water sources has begun a disturbing trend of health problems in Colombia.

The solution might seem obvious. Colombian farmers should not grow coca to avoid having their crops fumigated. This

solution is not realistic for the same reason that Plan Colombia is a wasted effort in the war on drugs. An entire growing season is lost to a farmer when crops are fumigated. It takes more than a year for a crop of bananas or yucca to mature, especially when it is necessary to establish a new field. On the other hand, it takes only

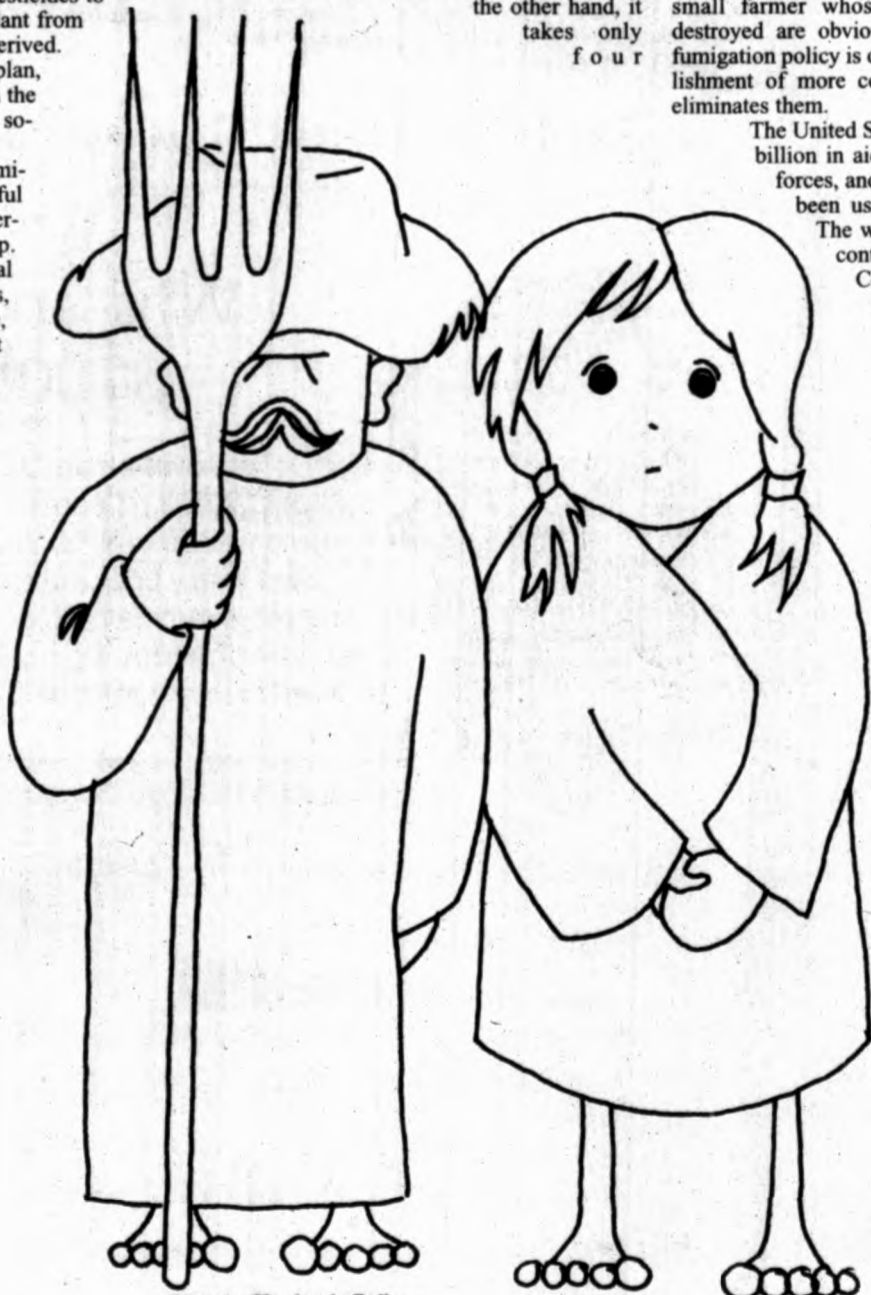
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months for a crop of coca to mature and be ready to sell. Besides, it is easier to grow coca than food crops on soil contaminated by the fumigation, and drug cartels are often willing to provide the coca seed and pay in advance for their crops. The immediate economic benefits of growing coca as a cash crop for a small farmer whose livelihood has been destroyed are obvious. The Plan Colombia fumigation policy is one that fosters the establishment of more coca fields, not one that eliminates them.

The United States has spent over \$1.9 billion in aid to Colombian security forces, and most of this money has been used for crop fumigation.

The war on drugs is already a contested U.S. policy. Plan Colombia begs several questions: Is crop fumigation an effective tactic in the war on drugs? The annual U.S. military budget, at \$396 billion, is far larger than the budgets for health and educational services combined. Is this the most effective use of the United States' extravagant military budget? Should the majority of the monetary aid sent to Colombia be used to degrade the environment and threaten people's health? Why are our tax dollars being spent on a futile effort that not only kills plants but also people?

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In Business and Finance

UAL Seeks Shelter Of Bankruptcy Code

UAL Corp., bleeding as much as \$22 million a day this month, became the largest airline and sixth-largest U.S. company by assets to file under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code.

Chief Executive Glenn Tilton said in an interview that he intends to examine every aspect of the airline with the goal of lowering costs, streamlining operations and improving the carrier's value proposition to customers.

The filing represents the start of what will be long and probably difficult deliberations as UAL seeks to lower its debt payments and reduce the wages and benefits it provides to workers. Although UAL's United Airlines is the industry's second largest, it is No. 1 in costs. UAL said it expects to remain in bankruptcy proceedings about 18 months.

UAL said it will continue flying safely, honoring its frequent-flyer program and cooperating with its partners in the Star Alliance global marketing group and its domestic commuter affiliates. But the company clearly will be forced to shrink as it restructures its operations in the hopes of regaining financial stability.

Bush Overhauls Economic Team

President Bush is gambling that restocking his economic team from corporate boardrooms and Wall Street will boost flagging business and investor confidence in his economic leadership and help sell a new round of tax cuts to Congress early next year.

The hope is that the nominee for Treasury secretary, CSX Corp. Chief Executive John Snow, replacing Paul O'Neill, will bring Mr. O'Neill's corporate savvy and public-service credentials without Mr. O'Neill's habit of making unscripted public-policy statements. The appointment depends on Senate confirmation.

Stephen Friedman, the new head of the National Economic Council, is a Wall Street hand like Robert Rubin, who served President Clinton both as NBC director and Treasury secretary. Mr. Friedman and Mr. Rubin were co-chairmen of Wall Street investment bank Goldman Sachs & Co. Outgoing NBC director Lawrence Lindsey was a gloomy economist with no special feel for Wall Street and with-

Holding Patterns

UAL isn't the only airline facing head winds:

CARRIER	FLIGHT STATUS
American Airlines	Slowed by huge losses
United Airlines	Filed for bankruptcy protection
Delta Air Lines	Rough ride in turbulence
Northwest Airlines	Surviving
Continental Airlines	Flew through two bankruptcies
Southwest Airlines	Still landing profit
US Airways	Holding pattern after bankruptcy filing
America West	One bankruptcy; won loan guarantees

out the organizational skills needed for a coordinating job.

As the 2004 presidential election approaches, Messrs. Snow and Friedman are likely to be salesmen for such Bush economic policies as tax cuts, a prescription-drug insurance program for the elderly and reshaping of Medicare. The White House may also try to revisit restructuring Social Security with individually controlled investment accounts.

In another new appointment, Mr. Bush chose former investment banker William Donaldson to head the Securities and Exchange Commission, succeeding Harvey Pitt, who resigned under pressure amid a spate of corporate scandals.

Jobless Rate of 6% Amid Growth Signs

The unemployment rate jumped back to an eight-year high in November as signs of economic revival have proved too faint to spark hiring. The jobless rate rose to 6%, equaling the eight-year high hit in April, from 5.7% in October, the Labor Department said. At the same time, nonfarm employers cut 40,000 jobs, after a 4,000 increase in October.

Despite the poor performance, there were signs the overall economy is firming. The number of unemployed workers filing first-time claims for unemployment insurance declined to 355,000 from 382,000 in mid-November, which is when the Labor Department collected the data for its jobs report.

The Labor Department also revised up the length of the average workweek in October to 34.2 hours from 34.1. The upward revision implies an increase of hours worked in the fourth quarter, an encouraging

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'Rings' to New Line's Rescue

Initial Success of Trilogy Raises Studio's Status Within AOL Empire

By JOHN LIPPMAN

The Lord of the Rings is the story of a Hobbit named Frodo Baggins who sets out on a quest to destroy a magical ring with evil powers. But the movie version has achieved an equally formidable goal: elevating the status of New Line Cinema Corp. inside corporate parent AOL Time Warner Inc. When New Line was still making "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy with its \$310 million budget, Hollywood insiders joked that the movies would become the most expensive made-for-cable miniseries ever on TNT, the AOL-owned cable channel where, the joke went, the sequels would be dumped if the first one failed.

Turning the 54-year-old tales of Oxford don J.R.R. Tolkien into a Cecil B. De Mille-style epic seemed particularly risky at a time when audiences were flocking to see movies featuring pop-culture icons like "Spider-Man" and "X-Men," and Harry Potter appeared to have a lock on the fantasy-film category for years to come.

Moreover, New Line was committed to making all three "Lord of the Rings" movies simultaneously, and it had entrusted the

Box-Office Enchantment

New Line Cinema hopes to repeat box-office success with "The Two Towers," the second installment of its "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. An estimated financial breakdown of the two movies:

	Fellowship of the Ring	The Two Towers
Production cost	\$100 million	\$110 million
Marketing cost	\$60 million	\$45 to \$50 million
Promotional partner	Burger King	Verizon Wireless
Domestic ticket sales	\$313 million	Opens Dec. 18
International ticket sales	\$547 million	
Total ticket sales	\$860 million	
Domestic DVD and VHS units shipped	20 million	
International DVD and VHS units shipped	15 million	

whole shebang to Peter Jackson, an obscure New Zealand director who boasted that he had hardly ever set foot in Hollywood. "It wasn't just a departure for us," says Michael Lynne, co-chairman of New Line. "It was a departure for anybody."

But as New Line prepares for the release of "The Two Towers," its second "Rings" film, the landscape has changed. The first installment, "Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," which came out in December 2001, sold \$860 million in tickets, the fifth-highest global box-office sales ever. New Line already has shipped a total of 35 million "Fellowship" DVDs and videotapes, and it expects to sell more than 18 million in the U.S. alone by the end of the holidays.

Audience "tracking" data circulated to Hollywood studios last

week showed very high interest in "Two Towers," which doesn't open until Dec. 18. In fact, the positive buzz for the second "Rings" movie exceeds the buzz for the second Harry Potter. Nearly double the percentage of potential moviegoers identify "Two Towers" as their first choice of a movie


to see, compared with those who picked "Chamber of Secrets" 12 days before that movie opened.

In addition, Fandango, an online ticketing service that represents about 20% of the country's movie screens, says advance ticket sales for "Two Towers" are running higher than those for any other movie in the service's history, including "Chamber of Secrets."

All in all, the "Rings" juggernaut is a striking turnaround for New Line, which just two years ago was suffering from a series of missteps. With the exception of "Austin Powers in Goldmember," "Blade 2" and "Rush Hour 2," most of the studio's movies besides "Lord of the Rings" have performed only so-so at the box office.

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Hot Sneaker Is Nowhere to Be Found

By MAUREEN TKACIK

What's \$80, white all over, and about as easy to get this Christmas as a ride on its namesake, the presidential plane?

The Nike Air Force 1. The sneaker, designed in 1981 when Michael Jordan was still wearing Converse and Kobe Bryant was still wearing diapers, is pushing into its third decade as a sought-after fashion item. Over the years, it has also shown up—with a high or low top—in an assortment of limited-edition colors, as well as basic black. But the white version has always had the most buzz, and it's getting an extra lift going into this holiday season from an unusual combination of cultural kismet and corporate

craftiness.

"Air Force One," a new rap-music single from the platinum-selling Nelly, captures the aura of the shoe, at one point boasting, "You couldn't get this color if you had a personal genie." And Nelly's co-rapper, Ali, says: "I'm a sneaker pro, I love Pumas and shelltoes. But can't nothin' compare to a fresh crispy white pair" of Air Force 1s. The single has reached No. 7 on the Billboard Hot 100.

Meanwhile, though, Nike is making the shoe scarce on retailers' shelves. Shawn Neville, president of the 462-store FootAction retail chain, believes Nike wants "to build excitement through the season so there are lots of customers waiting in January." In fact, "excitement" may be an understatement. At the Northline Mall in

Houston last weekend, the arrival of a special-edition black-and-red Air Force 1 was met by hundreds of eager shoppers—and, eventually, the police. Shoppers accused Foot Locker employees of scalping the shoes from the back of the store for \$200 a pair, and Foot Locker Inc. promised to investigate.

Mr. Neville and other retailers say Nike exploits the popularity of the AF1 to get both retailers and consumers to buy its other shoes for Christmas. Retailers are allotted quotas of AF1s based on their purchases of the company's newer and flashier sneakers. Parents frequently snap up these more expensive offerings as gifts when they can't find AF1s. After New Year's, when the kids are back in the stores, awash in holiday cash, Nike will release more AF1s into the market.

'Rings' to New Line's Rescue

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ney and film buff Robert Shaye to distribute "Reefer Madness" to college campuses, New Line built its early reputation as a purveyor of imports and exploitation movies such as "Texas Chainsaw Massacre." The studio later created the "Nightmare on Elm Street" and "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" series. Then in the 1990s it started producing higher quality pictures such as Robert Altman's "The Player" and "Short Cuts." Sold to Turner Broadcasting in 1994 and then absorbed in Turner's merger with Time Warner, New Line in recent years has focused on midsize budget movies with fast-rising talent including Chris Tucker, Mike Myers,

Ice Cube and Adam Sandler.

Then New Line fumbled. The studio had megabombs with Mr. Sandler's "Little Nicky" and "Town and Country" with Warren Beatty. Those setbacks came not long after then-parent Time Warner almost sold the studio, but "because we had an off year they couldn't get that great a number" from interested parties, says Mr. Shaye. And Ted Turner fought the sale, arguing that a second source to supply the company's cable channels with movies was more valuable than a one-time gain.

So by last year New Line still needed to show that its big-budget "Lord of the Rings" project could perform as well as the studio claimed.

Today, there's no question that it has. Retail ticket and video sales are approaching \$1.3 billion. And "Lord of the Rings" is no longer suffering from second-banana status inside AOL Time Warner. The trailer for the sequel premiered on AOL before it appeared on the movie's own Web site. The company's WB television network is broadcasting a one-hour special about the movie, and sister cable network TNT will repeat the special at 11 p.m. on Wednesday—one hour before tickets go on sale for midnight showings.

Moreover, a recent cover story in AOL Time Warner-owned Time magazine trumpets that "Two Towers" is "even better than" "Fellowship of the Ring."

What's News—

In Business and Finance

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sign for economic growth.

Prices Increase

For Allergy Drugs

Claritin, the nation's most popular allergy drug, goes on sale over the counter this week, but don't expect that to mean immediate savings at the cash register.

The move is ultimately going to push down the price of Claritin for consumers, particularly once generic competitors hit the shelves. They'll likely have to shell out at least \$30 for a month's supply.

At the same time, the costs of a whole variety of other allergy drugs are rising as insurers try to drive people to over-the-counter drugs. Several insurers have already taken steps to raise the amount patients pay out of pocket for the rival drugs that most resemble Claritin. That includes Allegra, Zyrtec and Clarinex, which now require co-payments of as much as \$50 under some insurance plans.

AT&T, Intel, IBM Join 'Wi-Fi' Venture

In a potentially significant boost for wireless Internet access, AT&T Corp., Intel Corp. and International Business Machines Corp. said they are backing a new venture that plans to deploy a nationwide wireless data network in coffee shops, hotels and other public venues.

The new venture, called Cometa Networks Inc. of San Francisco, will install wireless-access devices in locations throughout the U.S. and operate the network. But the company won't sell the service directly to users, instead relying on Internet service and telecommunications providers to market to, bill and support customers.

Cometa says it wants to install a wireless antenna within five minutes of anyone in the top 50 U.S. metropolitan areas.

Odds & Ends

A federal judge criticized a proposed \$1.5 million salary for WorldCom Inc.'s new chief executive, Michael D. Capellas, saying the amount raises serious concerns as to whether the bankrupt company's new management is "committed to reform." ... Wall Street firms are pressing securities regulators to reduce the level of fines they will pay as part of an agreement to settle allegations that they misled small investors with faulty stock research.

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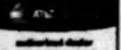


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OT win enables Gophers to overcome themselves

In the final 30 seconds of overtime, Minnesota missed four free throws to keep the Trojans in the game.

By Anthony Maggio

The faint of heart need not apply at Williams Arena.

As the final seconds of overtime ticked away Tuesday night, all 12,066 in attendance breathed a collective sigh of relief.

Minnesota's men's basketball team held off a quick, hot-shooting Arkansas-Little Rock team 86-84 while doing everything it could to keep the Trojans in the game.

"Those are the kind of games you learn a lot from," coach Dan Monson said. "It was a real character check to be down. We had a game or two like that in the past we weren't able to scrap out."

After playing catch-up for most of the second half, the Gophers (5-1) surrendered a two-point lead with nine seconds left as Columbus Willis sneaked inside for a layup.

On the ensuing possession, Kevin Burleson turned the ball over with three seconds to play, forcing Minnesota to stop Arkansas-Little Rock and send the game into overtime.

In the final 30 seconds of overtime, Maurice Hargrow and Burleson both missed a pair of free throws, again keeping the Trojans in the game.

But the Gophers were the recipient of the biggest gift of the evening, an early Christmas present from the officials.

With 6.5 seconds left, Rick Rickert knocked a rebound out of bounds under Arkansas-Little Rock's basket.

The officials incorrectly awarded Minnesota possession. Game over? Not on this night.

Burleson missed his pair of ensuing free throws, but the Gophers played solid defense to seal the two-point victory.

"What started in the game being our Achilles' heel became our savior down the stretch," Monson said.

Minnesota's defense lacked intensity early on, allowing the Trojans' shooters to

get hot.

Minneapolis native Jibrahn Ike torched the Gophers in the first half, scoring 15 points from all over the floor.

Arkansas-Little Rock (4-3) shot an amazing 65.4 percent from the field in the first half, and Minnesota entered intermission down 46-44.

The Trojans continued their hot shooting in the second half, opening up an eight-point lead with just under 10 minutes to play.

Rickert kept the game close, scoring eight straight points midway through the second half.

"I noticed we were (in a lull), so when I got the ball I was just trying to take it strong to the hole, draw some fouls and make some free throws," Rickert said.

Then the Gophers clamped down on defense.

"You've just got to put your foot down and put a little more effort into it," Michael Bauer said. "We did that in the second half."

Arkansas-Little Rock's shooting percentage soon fell below 60 percent, then below 50 percent.

Minnesota held the Trojans scoreless for almost five minutes, and the crowd finally had something to cheer about when Bauer flipped a no-look pass to Jerry Holman, who thundered down a left-handed dunk to tie the game.

After a Rickert three on the next possession, Ike, who finished the game with 20 points, hit a three of his own to tie the game.

Rickert, who said he felt better this morning after suffering from the flu the since Thursday, led the way with 25 points.

When Ike fouled out with 1:58 left, Nick Zachery took over, scoring nine points in the final two minutes and overtime — including a 30-foot bomb over Holman — to keep the game interesting.

But in the end, the Gophers managed to squeak out their third game at home by three points or less.

"A win is a win; it wasn't the prettiest or the best shooting night," Hargrow said. "But we just have to keep finding ways to win."

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Minnesota's Kevin Burleson blocks Arkansas-Little Rock's Tony Travis during the first half of Tuesday night's game at Williams Arena.

Photo/Diane Cebula

Minneapolis natives relish return home

By Aaron Blake

Minnesota's men's basketball team walked onto the court Tuesday night versus Arkansas-Little Rock with something to prove after an 80-60 loss to Nebraska on Sunday.

Unfortunately for the Gophers, so did a pair of Minnesotans playing for the Trojans.

Guards Jibrahn Ike and Tony Travis — both from Minneapolis — did their best to put Minnesota on a losing streak, but ended up disappearing when the game was in the balance. Minnesota won in overtime 86-84.

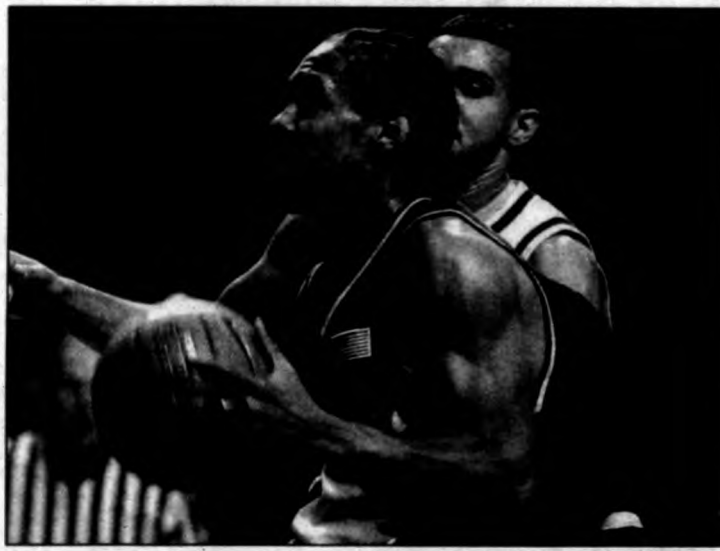
"I definitely came out with something to prove," Ike said. "We wanted to prove we could play with this team, and I think we did."

Ike, who attended St. Anthony High School, led the way for the Trojans with 20 points in 27 minutes of play. He carried his team in the first half, coming out firing and heading into the locker room with 15 points on 6-for-11 shooting.

Travis, a former student at Patrick Henry, scored 14 points, hitting all three of his three-point attempts at key junctures of the game.

Both of them nearly disappeared in the early part of the second half. But Nick Zachery took it upon himself to keep the Trojans close.

Ike was suffocated by the Minnesota defense in the second half and wound up fouling out



Arkansas-Little Rock guard Jibrahn Ike originates from Minneapolis. Tuesday night's game was the first time Ike had the opportunity to play in his hometown at the collegiate level.

Photo/Diane Cebula

after only managing five second-half points.

"I figured if he can't touch the ball, he can't be a threat," said Gopher guard Maurice Hargrow, who played a big role in shutting down Ike in the second half. "I did whatever I could to keep the ball out of his hands."

Ike exited the game after being called for his fourth foul with about nine minutes remaining in the game. He returned briefly four minutes later, hit a tough three-pointer over a crowding Ben Johnson to knot the score at 71

then fouled out with 1:58 left in regulation.

"I could only root for my teammates," Ike said. "But I felt like we were still in the game."

Travis put Arkansas-Little Rock in front by seven with 8:25 remaining on a fast-break layup, but he wouldn't score for the remainder of the game.

"I knew we were going to come out and compete," Travis said. "It feels real good (to give Minnesota a challenge). I'm glad they gave us a shot by signing the contract to play us."

Not only did Ike and Travis give Minnesota a challenge, but they got to do it in front of family and friends from their high school days.

Ike was a Nike and McDonald's All-American his senior year for St. Anthony. That year, he averaged 35 points per game and was courted by the Gophers but didn't qualify academically and was forced to play for Southeastern Community College.

In his freshman year, he won a National Junior College Athletic Association national championship and was a Junior College All-American his sophomore year before transferring to Arkansas-Little Rock.

Asked if he would like to have stayed closer to home for college ball, Ike didn't think twice.

"It's good to come back and play in front of the family," Ike said. "But it feels good enough just to play this one game."

Taylor led Patrick Henry to a state title and was all-state and the Class 3A player of the year as a senior. He attended Northeastern Junior College before signing up to play for Porter Moser and the Trojans.

"The two Minneapolis kids really made a difference tonight," Moser said. "Jibrahn and Tony played with such confidence. Those kids were key to us, and I'll take their efforts with anybody's."

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Holiday food drive going on Friday

The Students of Minnesota Athletics Council (SMAC) is hosting a holiday food drive at Friday's basketball games with all proceeds benefiting the Emergency Food Shelf Network.

Gopher basketball fans can bring canned and other non-perishable food items to the men's basketball game against Fairleigh Dickinson and women's basketball game against Missouri-Kansas City on Friday, Dec. 1, at Williams Arena.

Monetary donations will also be accepted.

Bins will be located at the entrances of Williams Arenas where student-athletes will be collecting donations from 4:30-5:30 p.m., for the men's game and from 7:30-8:15 p.m., for the women's game.

The men's game begins at 5:30 p.m., while the women's game tips off at 8 p.m.

All donations will go directly to the Emergency Food Shelf Network for distribution to charities throughout the holiday season.

Cold, snowy winter actually benefits farmers

RICE, Minn. (AP) — This time of year in Minnesota, everyone watches the weather. But just like every other time of year, farmers watch the skies a little more seriously than most people.

Next year's income depends on the thermometer and the snow cover. It also depends on the countless chores that just won't wait for spring, no matter how cold it gets in the meantime.

Just inside the barn on her central Minnesota dairy farm, Natalie Schmitt is happy to dispel one of the great misconceptions about farm life.

"When my husband and I were married about 15 years ago, he promised me that, you know, 'In the wintertime we slow down, we don't work as hard as we do from spring to fall,'" she said. "In 15 years, I'm still waiting for that

slow time to hit."

Just outside, her husband Mark pounded from the inside of a cold, metal soybean bin, lying on its side. He and his brother Al were trying to get the lid off so they could add segments and make it larger for the spring.

With the harvest in, their 500 acres of corn, soybeans and alfalfa near Rice don't demand constant attention at the moment. And that's fine, because the rest of the operation gets a little more complicated.

"The colder weather makes the equipment run harder," Schmitt said. "The diesel jells up into the tractor so you have to keep them on heaters, the manure freezes into the spreaders when you're hauling out manure every day, water pipes freeze, cattle slip on ice, gates jam, silo unloaders will block up because the feed has frozen into

the silos, and you have to climb up there and chop that out to get the feed down for the cattle."

A few more steps inside the barn, the climate shifts. Eighty cows, at 102 degrees each, add up to a heat factory. These Holsteins are comfy as can be, and they've grown longer hair to keep them warm outside. But what worries the Schmitts are large temperature swings.

"When the temperature gets above freezing, into the 40s and even the 50s like we've seen earlier this winter, it causes problems with pneumonia," Natalie Schmitt said. "The cattle can't sweat, they can't get the moisture off of them, they get cold, they get chilled because the temperatures at night will drop down. And so the temperatures fluctuate, causing pneumonia to set in, and that can set a

lot of animals back for rate-of-gain and for production."

Warm days can also melt the frost on the barn and keep things damp, making it easier for other diseases to spread. Non-farmers might not like it much, but zero to 20 degree days are ideal out here.

Cold is also good for the fields. It can kill off crop pests and keeps alfalfa in the ground from germinating early. But it is possible to get too much of a good thing.

Not only does extreme cold make winter chores miserable, but fields can freeze up. If frost extends deep into the soil, it can delay planting in the spring and damage perennial crops such as alfalfa.

Mark Schmitt said the best insurance against frozen fields can be a little bit of snow.

This year, there's extra reason

to hope the frost won't go too deep. The summer was extremely wet in some parts of the state; the Schmitts' soil, for example, was saturated with 40 inches of rain between July and September.

El Niño might mean farmers like the Schmitts won't get exactly what they want this Christmas. University climatologist Mark Seeley said weather patterns far away, over the Pacific Ocean, suggest warm temperatures on the way to Minnesota.

While there are no clear answers from modern science, there is a more confident forecast in the Old Farmer's Almanac. But even the prediction there offers little comfort this year to farmers like the Schmitts: temperatures typically four degrees above normal this winter, with well below-normal snowfall for the upper Midwest.

Backers of Venezuelan President Chavez hold second night of protests

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Supporters of Hugo Chavez surged into the streets Tuesday for a second straight night of raucous protests — trying to drown out opposition demands that the leftist president give up power.

Hundreds of "Chavistas," as the president's followers are known, ringed the headquarters of the private Globovision television network and rallied at the headquarters of the state oil monopoly.

The new protests came amid the tumult of a nine-day-old national opposition strike that has created shortages of food and drinking water and disrupted the country's oil industry. Earlier Tuesday, thousands of opposition demonstrators marched in the capital, Caracas, to

protest Chavista demonstrations at media outlets and an assault by Chavez supporters on a regional branch of Globovision.

Tensions were further raised when nearly half the judges on the Supreme Court decided Tuesday to suspend work to protest what they said was political harassment by the Chavez government.

Eight of 20 magistrates play to work only on urgent cases of national interest, said Magistrate Alberto Martini. The protest which would disrupt most court work came after the pro-Chavez Congress fired court vice president Franklin Arrieche, saying he wasn't qualified.

Martini accused secret police of investigating justices as part of a

campaign of "threats and harassment."

There was no immediate government reaction to the judges' announcement.

Chavez had long controlled the Supreme Court, but that changed in August when justices defied Chavez by absolving four high-ranking military officers of charges that they led an April coup.

Labor, business and opposition political groups called the strike on Dec. 2 to demand an early referendum on Chavez's presidency, which is scheduled to end in 2007. They upped their demand to Chavez's ouster after three people were killed and 28 wounded at an opposition rally Friday. No one has been charged in the shootings.

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From Braundatcom:

After watching the Vikes/Packers game on Sunday a very peculiar fact was brought to my attention. **Net:** That the people involved in the game are not, in fact, meat packers or Nordic warriors but overpaid men in tight suits who will end their lives broken and penniless, cursing the sport that stole their youth? All of the stereotypes about people from Wisconsin are true. **Net:** They're vampire-Nazi's sent through time to topple our government with affordable, wholesome cheese? Over the course of the game the cameras panned the crowd only to show some fat guy with a cheese hat on sucking a bottle. Previous to the game I was basing the stereotypes on my ventures over to Wisconsin, where I was met by an angry mob with pitchforks and chewing tobacco. **Net:** Oh, the simple joys of pitchforking with a big ol' chew o' tobacco. I know this will anger many of the students from Wisconsin, but the truth can hurt at times. Besides, remember where Jeffery Dahmer is from. **Net:** That deep, dark place that we hide from everyone, even ourselves? So here is my proposition: We should move Wisconsin to the South, where it belongs. Let trade it with Louisiana, seeing as we're going to have an abundance of drunk neighbors, at least they'll be good looking. **Net:** You know all those topless women only show up for Mardi Gras, right? The natives are all disfigured and misshapen from the constant diet of pure carbon they call "Cajun food."

From Atlas:

You need to get a new word for f ck. Nut just sucks ass. You could try f ck. Or f k. You could pretend that it's a Mongolian word like Yurt, hell you could even try yurt. **Net:** We already have. Got some yurt and a side of au gratin, that's good eatin'. Would that get past your censors? How long has it been since network had a competition? **Net:** Well the last competition featured a chariot race but we're not quite sure of the century. Listening to some random person complain about living in the dorms just isn't cutting it. It was interesting that they never mentioned they actually live in the dorms, but who else has fire alarms go off where you actually have to go outside? **Net:** Prison. How about worst Christmas presents, or smelliest bathrooms on campus (bottom floor men's in Nicholson), or dumbest bathroom graffiti. **Net:** "Here I sit, broken hearted. I just pooped out my intestines and I'm dying." As you might guess I usually do my Network reading in the bathroom. Why do they sometimes call them restrooms? Do people ever rest in them? Would you really want to sleep in a bathroom? Has anyone ever seen a bed in a bathroom? **Net:** One of the Daily reporters made a nest out of toilet paper in ours. He snarls and scratches the calves of those who dare to use the urinals. Does that count? Bathroom doesn't even really make sense, at least for most public bathrooms, which don't have baths. They should be called toiletrooms. **Net:** Or poopplac... or cruptanks... or grumperdumppers... OK, we'll stop. Damn that was a little too much like Seinfeld. I'm just trying not to work on my final projects and thought of no better way that to babble to the Net, because really that seems to be all you're good for. **Net:** We can always wipe out all you glorified monkeys with a precision KCBM strike, would you like that, slick? Of course, that has nothing to do with you directly, but the entries you choose to print, like this one. Maybe with the impending finals no one really has anytime to write anything interesting. Have you ever noticed how the

Beachboys were really big man whores? They named a song "I Get Around" proclaiming it. That's pretty cool, Beachboys kick ass. I guess that's it for now. Oh ya, my shoolin monks could kick your ninjas' asses. **Net:** Stupid monks would be busy prayin' and crap and then the ninjas would be all "YAAAAA!!" and the monks would go "uuu-haaa!" and then the swords would go "swish!" and the monks would go all dead.

From FlashdanceFanatic:

I got your back Net. **Net:** We've been looking for that forever. Now we're got a disembodied brain, genitals and a back floating in the tank. Those Yoploit bitches need to go down! Especially the white on that looks like my little brother, it's disgusting! I thought that there was a certain level of moral decency on television, to the fact that you are either attractive, or you get shot in your dog like face and your car rolls off a cliff! **Net:** TV has taught us so much. Down with bad advertisement!

From Rascals_Movin_On:

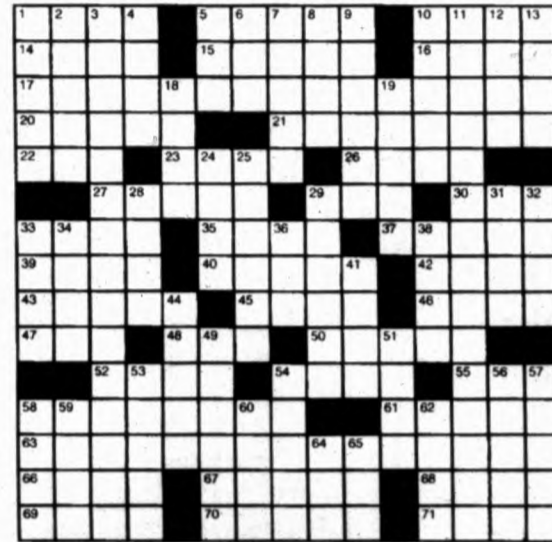
Hey Net! You ever get kinda sad at the end of the semester? **Net:** This feeling, "sad," is it anything like when you hack into the Whitehouse computer system and order a metric ton of gay porn in the President's name? Because we know what that feels like and it feels good. I know I do. I mean, who likes homework (except for IT folks and those people who need to keep studying until they can get it through their thick skull that Minneapolis is mostly Caucasian)? **Net:** And Ragin' Caucasian at that! How can you forget all of the cool shizness that happened this semester? Break is just a time to drag your yellow, no-good keister off the U's property and back home, where you have no money and have to listen to the 'rents. Who's with me? WHO'S WITH ME?!?!? **Net:** <tumbleweed> Just in my life alone, this semester rocked like an extended game of double dragon, AWK \m/, and a Stryper concert all rolled into one! **Net:** AWK = Andrew W.K.? How can someone match seeing a St. Paul student drink milk straight from the cow? **Net:** We saw someone drink honey straight from the bee. TOP THAT! Or Politics 1054, the class with the craziest bunch of people EVER, including a Dixie Chick Natalie Maines look-alike? **Net:** Is that the tubby one with the tight clothes? Or how about seeing one of my best friends passionately embrace and engage in a sultry game of tonsil-hockey with a cardboard box man, named "Chow Box"? Or the time I almost dated the box-kisser's little sister and then single-handedly screwed it all up in the span of a mere five minutes? **Net:** Haha, "box-kisser"! And how can I forget the time I got mono and couldn't eat solid foods for 3 weeks! Craaaaaazy Mono! And what about the time I fell for one of my currently involved friends? See, Net? This year was FAAAN- wait a minute! This semester was BASS ACKWARDS!!! Awww, NUT IT, NET!!! Go home! But remember: if a man wearing a cardboard box approaches you at the bus station, JUST SAY NO!!! He just wants your hot body. **Net:** Listen to this man. He speaks the truth. We sure won't be fooled again.

Hey! Send your entry, name & phone to:
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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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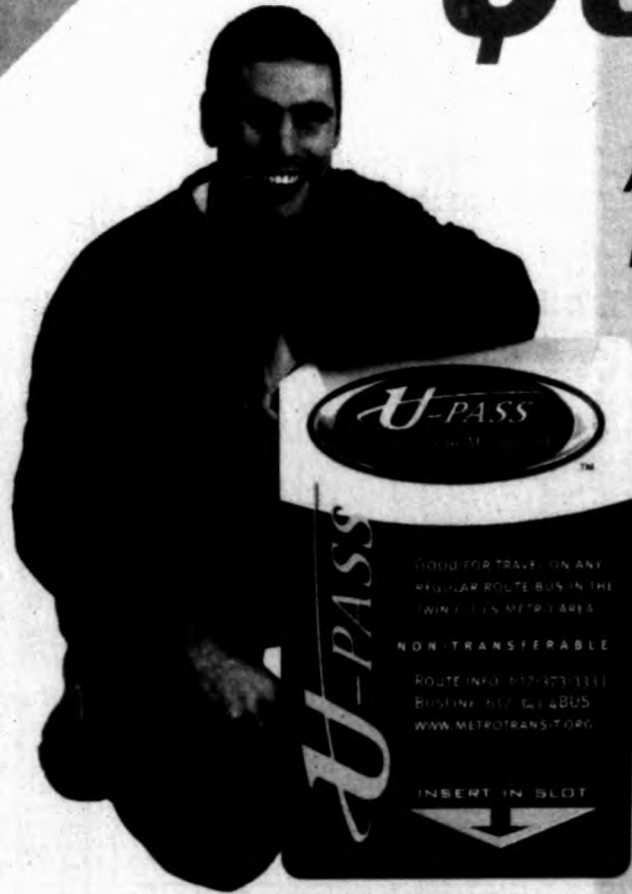
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