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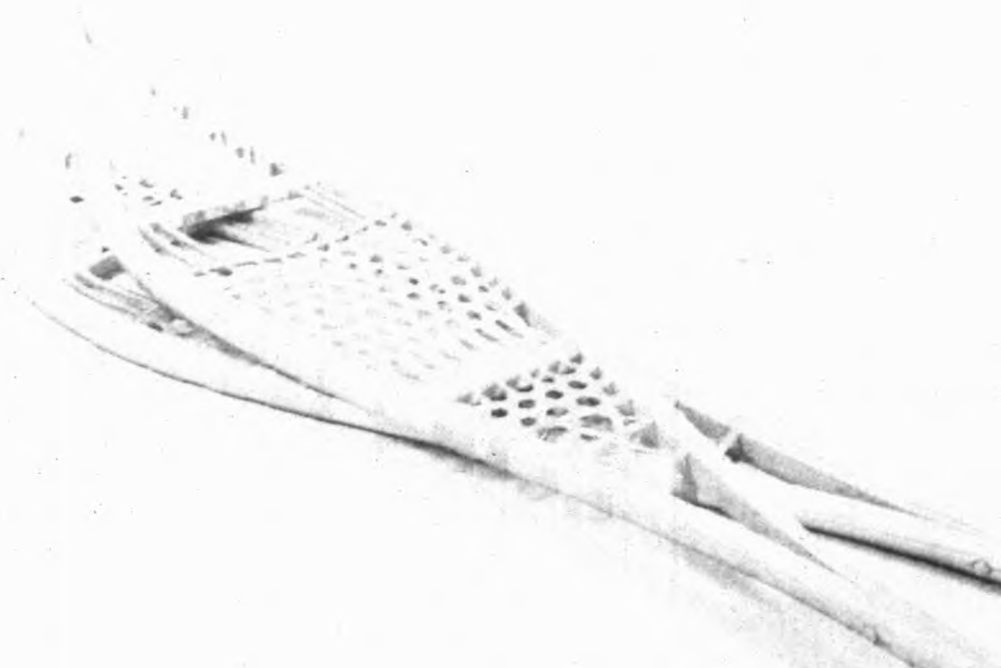
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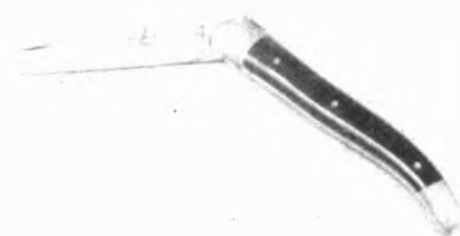
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- The St. Paul Pioneer Press reports allegations that former tutor Jan Gangelhoff wrote more than 400 academic papers for at least 20 members of the Gophers men's basketball team.
- The University suspends four players implicated by the newspaper, including Antoine Brossie, Kevin Clark, Jason Stanford and Miles Tarver from an NCAA tournament game in Seattle. Gonzaga University beats the Gophers 75-63.

March 19

- University President Mark Yudof announces an internal investigation will be conducted into the alleged academics fraud. Minneapolis attorney Don Lewis and Michael Glazier, a Kansas City attorney who specializes in collegiate athletics scandals, are hired to conduct the internal probe.

May 21

- Yudof expands the investigation to include charges that men's athletics officials intervened in sexual misconduct cases involving student-athletes. The move is prompted by a Star Tribune report alleging officials interfered in at least six assault and harassment cases involving men's basketball and football players between 1993 and 1997.

July 9

- Yudof releases the sexual misconduct report after a six-week investigation. The findings detail a "pattern of favoritism" among officials toward student-athletes but does not reveal systematic interference in sexual misconduct cases.

Oct. 26

- Yudof announces the University will ban the men's basketball team from postseason play.

Nov. 18

- The University releases the 1,000-page academic fraud investigative report; findings document "systematic, widespread academic misconduct in the men's basketball program."
- Men's athletics director Mark Dienhart resigns after a representative from Yudof's office notifies him that his contract will not be renewed in the spring. Dienhart's resignation is effective Dec. 6.
- McKinley Boston, vice president of student development and athletics, also tendered his resignation. He will stay at the University until June 20, 2000.

Nov. 23

- Tonya Moten Brown presents the report to the NCAA.

April 2000

- The NCAA completes its investigation.

June 2000

- The NCAA Infractions Committee meets.

Sept. 2000

- The final sanctions will be imposed by the NCAA.

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Middle East

DESPITE DETENTIONS, DISSIDENTS STAND BY ANTI-CORRUPTION MANIFESTO

JERUSALEM (AP) — Despite a string of arrests and the threat of further punishment, Palestinian dissidents refused Monday to retract a stinging manifesto that blames Yasser Arafat for widespread government corruption.

Infuriated by the allegations, the Palestinian leader moved swiftly to silence his critics. He ordered 11 of the signatories arrested hours after the document was released Sunday, and urged parliament to lift the immunity of the nine others, all lawmakers, at a special session Wednesday.

Arafat aides said he was stung because he was named directly. Past allegations of widespread government corruption have focused on Arafat advisers and Cabinet ministers, while sparing the Palestinian leader.

Arafat's critics say hundreds of millions of dollars in Palestinian Authority income are unaccounted for each budget year, including revenue from the government's monopoly on the import and sale of cement and fuel.

Public opinion polls have indicated that Arafat's government is widely perceived as corrupt by the Palestinians. The complaints range from rampant nepotism to mismanagement to actual fraud.

The declaration said "the president of the Palestinian Authority has opened the doors to corruption" and urged the Palestinians to "stand together against this tyranny and corruption."

Several of those arrested had long records of fighting against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Arafat's advisers said the dissidents had gone too far. "This is direct incitement against the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian leadership," said Planning Minister Nabil Shaath.



Asia

MALAYSIA'S RULING COALITION WINS LANDSLIDE VICTORY

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's coalition won a resounding victory in Monday's parliamentary elections after a year of political and economic turmoil that threatened the Malaysian leader's reign.

Mahathir's 14-party National Front retained its two-thirds majority in the 193-seat Parliament with a campaign that focused on economic and civil stability. The strong showing announced Tuesday assured Mahathir, 73, of a fifth consecutive term.

The opposition did win a crucial victory when the wife of Mahathir's imprisoned former deputy, Anwar Ibrahim, trounced a former Cabinet minister in the race for the rural northern seat that Anwar held for 16 years before being sacked and convicted of corruption.

Anwar is serving a six-year sentence for corruption and is on trial for sodomy. Since being jailed and beaten, the 52-year-old Islamic scholar had become the opposition's leading symbol for change.

Mahathir could see his landslide victory as vindication of his risky actions in the past year, from the firing of the popular Anwar to his controversial economic policies that brought sneers from Western financial gurus, yet brought the country out of recession.

The new government was expected to be formed later Tuesday, with the Malaysian king reinstating Mahathir as prime minister in a formal ceremony.

The National Front won 148 of the seats and a small opposition party won the remaining three.

The country's Election Commission said that voting Monday proceeded calmly and turnout was between 60 percent and 70 percent.



Asia

PRO-DEMOCRACY PARTY SUFFERS SETBACK IN HONG KONG ELECTIONS

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong's pro-democracy party was dealt a major blow Monday after it barely managed to win more seats than its pro-Beijing rivals in the territory's first local elections under Chinese rule.

The polls for the 18 district councils were seen as a test of how political factions have fared since the former British colony was returned to Chinese rule in July 1997.

Overall, the key opposition Democratic Party won marginally more seats than its main foe, the pro-China Democratic Alliance for the Betterment of Hong Kong, or DAB.

But it was the first time the Democrats failed to score a landslide victory in a popular election. Also several party heavyweights suffered surprise defeats.

The Democratic Party won 86 of the 390 seats, while the DAB took 83. In 1994, the Democrats won 75 seats to the DAB's 37.

Pro-business groups and independents won the rest of the seats that were up for popular election.

Another 27 village heads are guaranteed seats in the rural district councils, and Beijing-appointed Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa will appoint 102 members. The partial appointment system ensures that pro-Beijing forces will have majority control in the district councils.

Before the handover, the Democrats earned wide support—but angered Beijing—by playing up fears of China's interference in local affairs and demanding more democracy to safeguard Hong Kong's freedoms.

But they are losing their appeal as threats of Beijing's intervention largely go unrealized, analysts said.



Europe

HISTORIC DAY AS ENEMIES JOIN EXTRAORDINARY BELFAST GOVERNMENT

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — On a day many thought would never come, Protestant and Catholic adversaries on Monday formed an extraordinary Northern Ireland government that attempts to bring together every branch of opinion within this bitterly divided society.

The unprecedented four-party administration—due to receive powers Thursday from the British government—includes Catholics who long vowed never to accept Northern Ireland's right to exist, and Protestants just as unwilling to accept Catholics as political equals.

Triggering an exercise envisioned in the Good Friday peace accord but delayed for more than a year, the four biggest parties within Northern Ireland's legislature took turns unveiling their choices for a 12-member Cabinet.

Even the Democratic Unionists, the province's most uncompromising Protestant party, took their two allotted posts within a Cabinet they had hoped would never be born.

The British government in London, which abolished the province's longtime Ulster Unionist-dominated government in 1972 at the height of bloodshed, will retain control of policing, taxation and other important policy areas under the new arrangements.

Northern Ireland's only previous attempt at a joint Protestant-Catholic government, a joint Ulster Unionist-SDLP administration, collapsed after just five months in 1974 under the weight of a Protestant general strike.

The SDLP's then-leader, Gerry Fitt, noted the irony of Monday's unlikely events at Stormont.

"Many of these people fighting to get into government today were the exact same ones who murdered the dream back in 1974. They are very slow learners indeed."

State

Wellstone leaves open possibility of gubernatorial bid, third Senate run

ST. PAUL (AP) — Despite a pledge to serve only two terms in the U.S. Senate, Sen. Paul Wellstone kept his options open Monday for his political future after his Senate term expires in 2002.

When asked on WCCO Radio about a gubernatorial bid, the senator said he "can't rule it out. I love the state."

The decision "will all be based on how I can make the biggest difference in people's lives," he said.

Wellstone's comments late last week to the Mesabi Daily News provided the strongest indication yet that Minnesota voters haven't seen the last of the former Carleton College political science professor and proud liberal.

In his interview with the Iron Range newspaper, Wellstone laid out scenarios in which he might seek a third U.S. Senate term. He

noted that if the Democrats regain a majority in the Senate, he would be in a position of seniority with the ability to shape public policy. If Republicans stay in charge and regain the presidency, Wellstone said he might reconsider a run to provide a liberal voice.

Wellstone was in Seattle on Monday at the World Trade Organization's global trade talks and unavailable for an interview about his plans for 2002.

Spokesman Andy McDonald said Wellstone was only speculating about a gubernatorial bid or a run for a third Senate term. "The bottom line is that he has made no change in his plans," McDonald said.

DFL Attorney General Mike Hatch for months has been openly encouraging Wellstone to run again and took his latest comments as a good sign.

"The great currency in the United States

Senate is seniority. You've got to have seniority to get clout and you've got to have clout to get things done for your state," Hatch said.

State DFL Party Chairman Mike Erlandson said he hadn't discussed a gubernatorial or 2002 Senate bid with the Wellstone, but said he "certainly would be a formidable candidate running for re-election."

Erlandson acknowledged that Wellstone's self-imposed two-term limit could be a "very difficult issue."

On the flip side, Erlandson said Wellstone might get encouragement to rethink the pledge.

"If a majority of Minnesotans were asking him to reconsider, it would be a legitimate thing to reconsider," Erlandson said.

As for the governor's office, Reform Party Gov. Jesse Ventura's term expires in 2002 and he hasn't said whether he would seek a second

four-year term. When asked about Wellstone, Ventura said the senator had become a "career politician."

"It wouldn't surprise me if he continued in a political career forever and ever, amen," Ventura told Minnesota Public Radio.

The governor also criticized Wellstone for breaking an initial pledge against taking money from political action committees.

"He's said a lot of things he's changed his mind on," Ventura said.

McDonald said Ventura's comments deserved no response.

If Wellstone decides to run, he'll find the Web site domain name Wellstone2002.com already reserved. Peter Lucas of Bridgewater, N.J., bought the domain name as an "investment."

Lucas said he had no connection to Wellstone and was merely hoping he would be paid for it.

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No notices today.

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Campus Briefs

Workshop: U-Swing, a volunteer-run club, will be meeting to teach swing dancing from 7 to 11 p.m. at Peik Hall gym. Admission is free. For more information, contact the Whole Music Club at 625-6984.

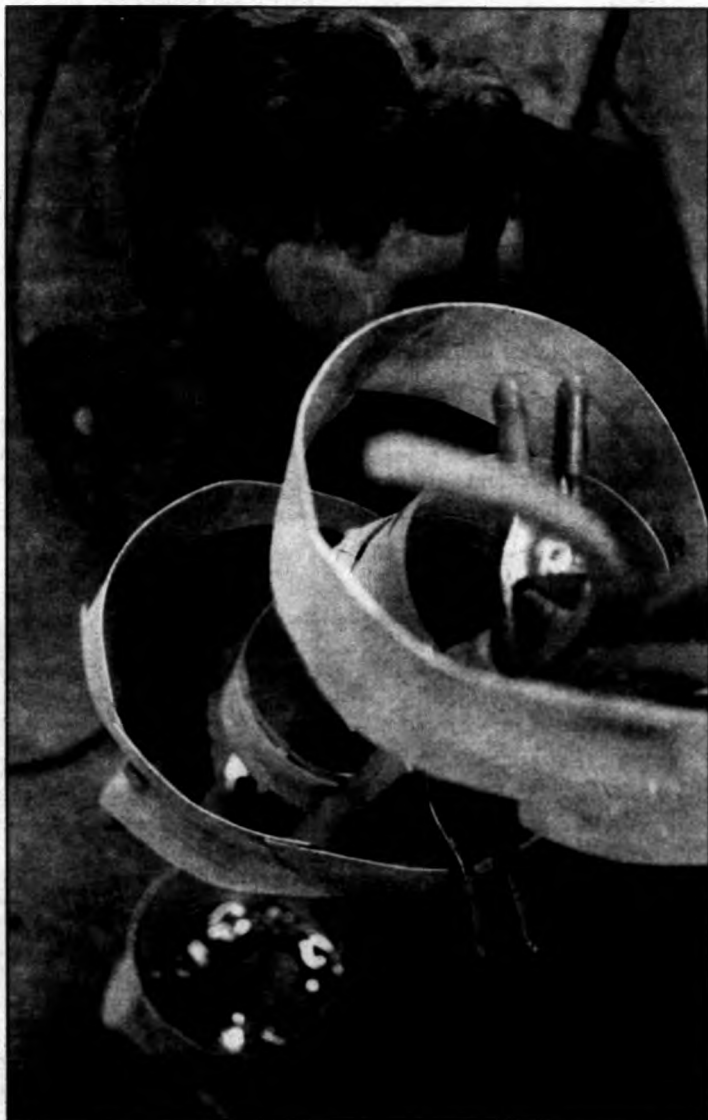
Performance: The U of M Faculty Recital will feature organist Dean Billmeyer at 8 p.m. at Northrop Auditorium. Admission is free. For more information, contact Tom Donaghy at 624-1069.

Check out more campus events online at <http://events.tc.umn.edu>

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Loopy lamp



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Second-year architecture graduate student Jon VanderVelde constructs a lamp in the wood shop at the Architecture building Monday afternoon. VanderVelde uses thinly shaved pine in the lamp's structure to create a translucent, grainy effect.

Holiday sales already meeting expectations

Peter Frost
Staff Reporter

A strong economy and record economic growth have added vigor to this year's holiday shopping season.

U.S. retailers expect a strong 6 to 7 percent increase from last season, and so far the numbers back up their expectations.

U.S. consumer spending increased a healthy 0.6 percent in October, a sign that people's confidence in the economy is at peak levels.

Also, personal income — an indicator of consumer demand — rose a significant 2.75 percent since May. Last month alone, it jumped 1.3 percent, the largest increase in five years.

"People are feeling very optimistic," said Annette Henkel, president of Minnesota Retail Merchants Association. "They have jobs and are investing. The economy is strong and people have money in their pockets."

Retailers are confident they will have a successful selling season, and their confidence has so far rung true, she said.

Part of the buying frenzy will take place online, where consumers attracted by convenience and ultra-competitive prices are spending more than ever.

Henkel expects online sales to account for 10 percent of total holiday purchases this year, up from 5 percent last year.

She said most retailers see e-commerce as a way to expand sales,

Holiday spending



Source: San Jose Mercury News

Illustration/Nathan Walsh

but other smaller businesses are scared by the Internet.

But overall, the Internet should help provide information about products and expand sales internationally.

"Sales so far have been brisk, and we expect that to continue," said Joy Harris, a Best Buy spokeswoman.

Harris said people tend to spend more on the holidays.

The season's hot ticket items so far are DVD players, digital cameras and TVs, and computers — all sold by Eden Prairie-based Best Buy, a leading seller of digital technology and consumer electronics.

But while most agree that traditional and online retailers will rake in record amounts, some differ over what is driving the spending spree.

A small increase in personal earnings will have a drastic effect on holiday spending, said Vernon Eidman, head of the applied economics department.

"I think the major impact on holiday spending is going to be with people who had healthy stock market gains," he said. "These are going to be the people doing the big spending."

A prosperous stock market helps drive consumer confidence, which in turn makes people feel like they can spend more during the holidays.

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Morris chancellor search in final stages

The search committee will narrow the pool and recommend those chosen to President Yudof by Jan. 15.

Jessica Kimpell
Staff Reporter

Starting today, University of Minnesota-Morris officials will begin interviewing finalists for the campus' highest administrative position.

The nine-month process began in April, when University President Mark Yudof appointed a 15-member committee to sift through applications.

Yudof instructed the chancellor-search

committee to select candidates according to certain requirements. One candidate said his criteria were like looking for someone to walk on water, said Arden Granger, the executive secretary to the chancellor search committee.

But Granger also called the criteria "a fantastic wish list."

The committee, made up of Morris students, faculty and staff members, used Yudof's recommendations to narrow the pool of national applicants when they conducted interviews in Minneapolis this fall.

The five finalists from that round of interviews will be re-interviewed this month.

Interim chancellor Samuel Schuman, an English professor at Morris, is one of the five candidates to be interviewed. Schuman has served as the western

Minnesota campus' leader since Morris Chancellor David Johnson retired July 1, 1998. A chancellor search that year was called off after the University's four campuses failed to agree on a candidate.

The other four candidates are Jerome Garris, director of foundation and corporate relations at Claremont McKenna College; Nicholas Henry, professor of political science and former president at Georgia Southern University; Roy Austensen,

provost and vice president for academic affairs at Valparaiso University; and John Ettling, interim vice president for academic affairs and provost at the University of North Dakota.

The committee will further narrow the pool and recommend those candidates to Yudof by Jan. 15, and he will select the new chancellor in the spring.

"President Yudof has asked for two or three names of people that the Morris campus would back no matter who ended up getting the position," Granger said. "Basically, the campus doesn't have the final say."

— The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Seattle summit draws more protesters than international media coverage

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modified foods and intellectual-property rights.

"There seems to be a ludicrous quality to this whole thing," Runge said. "These trade negotiators are being depicted as being evil when most of them are meek diplomats."

But diplomats and protesters have one thing in common: lobbying.

"(The summit) is a necessary step in the process that allows various ... interest groups to stake their positions," said Terry Roe, another

University professor of applied economics. "They will provide the raw data for setting the agenda."

High-level haggling will determine the issues to be discussed over the next few years. But no action will come out of the summit.

"All the controversial issues are going to be relegated to working groups," Runge said. "Their scripts are already set."

The lack of U.S. leadership has taken wind out of the summit's sails, leaving the protesters breathless, but without much ahead in terms of action.

"They wanted to get something rolling, but nothing is going to come out of this," said Tim Kehoe, a University economics professor. "The WTO talks are stalled until the U.S. has a new president."

Instead, the summit might provide a forum for Democratic presidential candidates Al Gore and Bill Bradley to differentiate themselves on international trade issues.

"The rest of the world isn't taking this seriously," Kehoe said. "It is a bit of a disaster for the U.S."

A disaster because the summit, which has attracted thousands of protesters, is being snubbed by much of the international media.

But trade issues will receive more attention than the last WTO ministerial meeting 10 years ago. The Montreal summit drew few, if any, protesters.

"Unfortunately, I think the issues have been hijacked by people whose primary motives are protectionist," Runge said.

Protesters seem to be anti-trade as well as anti-WTO, which might be counterproductive, according to economists.

"We're all concerned with child labor, but restricting trade is probably not the way to solve this problem," Roe said.

Instead, economists and experts argue trade liberalization will lead to harmonization of industry standards and technological spillover as well as other positive effects.

"You want countries to increase their trade," Roe said.



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AFL-CIO agenda

There will be four days of action, each day...

Monday, Nov. 29:
Environment

Tuesday, Nov. 30:
Labor (planned as the largest of the week's events)

Wednesday, Dec. 1:
Democracy/sovereignty, development, women's issues

Thursday, Dec. 2:
Agriculture, food safety

There will be scores of events over these four days and on the days leading up to the week. For calendars of the events, see some of the Web sites listed on page 7.

Source: Resource Center of the Americas

WTO agenda

Monday, Nov. 29:

- Role of international trade in poverty elimination
- Effects of globalization on developing country economics
- Integration of LDCs into the multilateral trading system
- Public concerns toward WTO

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Source: World Trade Organization

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**Africana Student Cultural Center
Executive Mandate I
Tuesday November 30, 1999**

Be it publicly known that We, the executive board of the Africana Student Cultural Center, are initiating an executive mandate on behalf of Dr. McKinley Boston against the University of Minnesota. We introduce this mandate in direct protest to the wrongs and injustices Dr. McKinley Boston is suffering at the hands of the University of Minnesota.

The refusal to renew Dr. McKinley Boston's contract is yet another example of the destructive forces that are in operation on the University of Minnesota's Campus. These forces include a devastating concoction of capitalism, imperialism, and racism.

Africana objects and will stand in direct protest to the continuing hypocrisy that is robbing the University of Minnesota of its Black leaders. Students, faculty, and staff are being robbed of Black leaders whom have integrity and devotion to the University of Minnesota; Black leaders who are important role models and members of the community at large.

Africana demands the renewal of Dr. McKinley Boston's contract on June 30, 2000.

No evidence has come to light that Dr. McKinley Boston knew or approved of the academic fraud that took place in the Men's Athletic Department. President Mark Yudof has stated that there is an abundance of reasonable doubt that Dr. McKinley Boston had any connection to academic misconduct. President Mark Yudof made these statements, "...nothing in the report demonstrate that either Dr. Boston or Dr. Dienhart knew of the cheating..." and "I also want to note Mac's strong commitment to improving access to the university for disadvantaged students and students of color. He worked tirelessly to build better linkage between the University and the broader community, and for that we are all grateful" (Minneapolis Star Tribune November 19, 1999). The refusal to renew Dr. McKinley Boston contract is based on assumptions and no concrete evidence that he did anything wrong. This is wrongful termination.

The Executive Board of Africana will no longer remain silent.

We declare that this mandate in its entirety expresses the emotions and concerns of this glorious organization, Africana. We as the living body of a unified resurrected nation, refuse to be denied any of the substances vital to our existence. We consider any system, organization, or board in conflict with our objectives an adversary.

Let it be known if you, the hearers of our declaration, find yourself on the other side of the line or if you have aligned yourself with the forces that seek to divide and oppress our

opportunity to fully develop as intellectual beings of divine character and conscience; Consider yourself warned that we will not cease until the struggle no longer confronts us.

In conclusion to our mandate, we ask that all of the organizations that have benefited from the nourishment Africana has provided during its existence can come to her aid in this time of need. Africana offers herself as the fertile ground on which to converge and become the apotheosis of the unified nation and the beautiful embodiments of the spirits we are. We send this as our call and plea to all organizations listed below. We ask that you recognize and understand the urgency of this situation and become part of this glorious reversion.

- The City Inc.
- African Student Association
- The Nation of Black Artist
- NESBE
- Urban League
- NAACP
- Akephran Society
- Afro- African American Studies Department (U of M)
- African American Learning Resource Center
- Black Sororities and Fraternities
- Nation of Islam

- Black Panther Party
- Coalition for Mumia Abul Jamal
- Veterans of the Million Man March
- Veterans of the Million Woman March
- The Black Hebrew Israelites
- The Black Masons
- The International Nation of Hip Hop
- The Zulu Nation
- The Five Percent Nation
- The Black Nationalist
- Jack and Jill
- The Democratic Black Caucus

- Black students of Macalester College
- Black Students of Hamline University
- Black Students of Concordia University
- Black Students of Augsburg College
- Black Students of the University of St. Catherine
- Black Students of St. Cloud University
- Black Students of MCC
- Black Students of Normandale College
- Black Socialist Movement
- Black Radio
- Black Press

- Black Students of St. Paul Technical College
- Black Students of Mankato State
- All Black Churches
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“ The grant will have a very positive effect on research and treatment for hearing loss in infants. ”

Hearing-loss grant will benefit many

In 1993 a National Institutes of Health panel recommended hearing tests for all newborn infants. In response, Minnesota, along with several other states, passed legislation to help hospitals develop screening programs. Unfortunately, the state did not back up its legislation with the appropriate funds, leaving hearing-loss testing a low priority for many institutions.

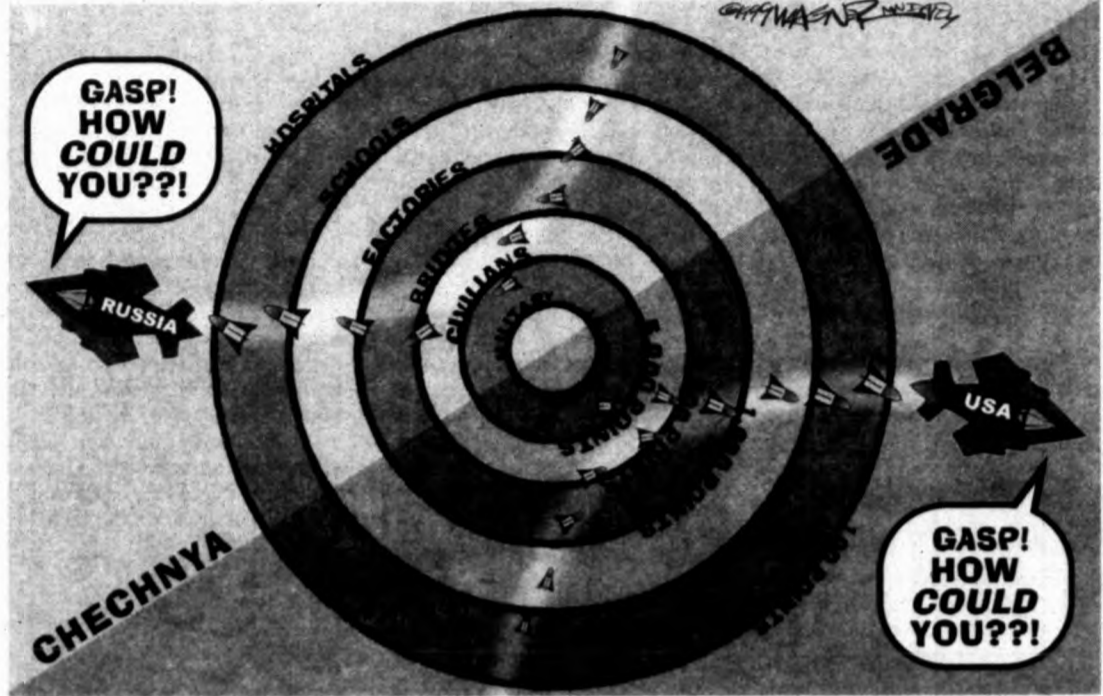
About two weeks ago, the Minnesota Lions Club rewarded a University program that screens newborns for hearing deficiencies with a large grant of \$575,000. The grant will have a very positive effect on research and treatment for hearing loss in infants.

The money will be used for two primary purposes. The University will share portions of the grant with other institutions willing to develop the facilities necessary for screening and staff education. It costs about \$15,000 for each location, a cost that has prevented many institutions from developing appropriate facilities. However, in the short time since the grant was announced, more than 40 institutions have already expressed interest in applying for the money. The remainder of the money will be used to help families purchase hearing aids for children found to have hearing loss.

Hearing loss can occur for numerous reasons. Serious infections, low birth weight or a difficult birth all can cause serious hearing loss in infants. It is often difficult for parents to determine if their child is suffering from hearing loss, though, because children can react to touch and sight. Professional screening is essentially the only way to determine if an infant has lost some of his or her hearing, particularly if the loss is not large or is a type that grows worse with time.

Currently only about 25 percent of Minnesota newborns are screened for hearing loss, which has caused many children to go untreated until they reach school age. By providing the screening while the infant is still at the hospital, the costs are significantly lower. Children who are diagnosed with hearing loss in infancy are able to begin treatment immediately and can minimize or even eliminate any detrimental effects to their development. If the problem is not detected until later, the costs, both in human and monetary terms, grow much larger. Robert Nemeth, chairman of the Lions Hearing Foundation, claims “the money that it would cost to catch a child up (after years of hearing problems) is astronomical and might not even help.”

In 1993, Minnesota's Legislature began the process of early detection of hearing loss but did not go far enough. The grant from the Minnesota Lions Club will be highly beneficial to the entire state. Their generosity will help thousands of children and families detect hearing loss early enough to minimize problems and will also spur interest in expanding the availability of screening.



Letters

Bias inevitable on fees committee

I would like to take a moment, as a past subcommittee chair of the student services fees committee and as a Minnesota Student Association veteran, to comment on the recent comments by the fees selection committee.

While the rhetoric put forth by the fees selection committee concerning ethnic and gender makeup sounds good theoretically, it is the same tired representational argument put forth by those wanting to justify continued ideological, racial and gender domination.

It is my opinion that it is easy for a fees selection committee with a particular ideological bent to comprise a committee that reflects their personal beliefs while still paying lip service to ideological diversity.

I believe the root of the problem is not the makeup or the process of selection of the fees committee itself, but the process of selecting the fees selection committee. This process is naturally biased and has been noted as unfair and compromised in the past. Currently the selection committee is selected by the presidents of the Graduate and Professional Student Association and the MSA. The candidates tend to reflect the personal ideologies of the presidents of the respective student governments, and it is not

unusual for them to enter the process with their own political agenda.

It is obvious that a fees committee comprised of a majority of people with a particular ideological bent will be biased in the extreme toward organizations seeking funding that do not share their same beliefs. As a former fees committee member, I can vouch for the fact that, at the beginning of the process, I was able to determine exactly how each conservative member of the committee would vote before the budgets had been reviewed or interviews had been taken. And, the truth be told, I could determine the votes of most of the progressive members of the committee as well.

This is a tradition that will not be broken by the rhetoric of compositional fairness put forth by this year's selection committee. The problem with being a minority is simply that one is a minority and by definition one's voice is made less by historic factors and socialization. If anyone believes that history and socialization stop at the University, I contend that this person should not now or ever be a member of the fees committee or the fees selection committee.

I urge GAPSAs to reject the slate and open the door for a fair process, one that is truly reflective of diversity in substance as well as rhetoric.

Brandon Lacy Campos,
senior,
College of Liberal Arts

Web registration system is worthless

The new University Web registration process is out of control! First, registering went from being a simple 10-minute process last year to a two-hour trip into hell this year. Last year, it was hard enough to navigate the simple, user-friendly Web page. However, just when we all figured out how to use it, they changed everything. Now, if you're not a computer science Ph.D. or the University Webmaster, you might as well forget about using the Web page if you have less than three hours to spend.

Once you actually find the page to register, one of two things can happen. Either there are so many people trying to register at once that it's slower than plate tectonics, or else it's not available and being updated for changes — just in case somebody figured out how to use it. Then, when you actually get to register, it tells you that the classes you want are full, even though 26 out of 40 seats are still available. What was wrong with the old Web page? This new “one stop” thing is a piece of shit. Please give us back the registration system that works!

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sophomore,
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Erik Ugland

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Opinions

The Minnesota Daily

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Daily ad policy should be consistent

Several years ago, the University campus was the stage for what became a landmark debate about sexual exploitation. The Daily was caught in the middle of this debate and was faced with a confounding ethical question: Should the newspaper continue to accept advertisements from Sally's Saloon and Eatery, even though the bar was shamelessly capitalizing on the sex appeal of its mascot and namesake — a mutated, squirrel-like cartoon character with shapely gams and a heaving bust?

The Sally character, whose gender is clear but whose species remains a mystery, initially appeared in ads wearing a tight, low-cut sweater that displayed her substantial cleavage. While Sally's endowment was no doubt the envy of the animal kingdom, it was less appreciated by some women on campus whose outcry ironically led to Sally's first cosmetic surgery.

After a breast reduction and a fashion makeover, a less bawdy, post-operative Sally appeared and was met with tolerance, if not enthusiasm. In any event, calm was finally restored to campus.

Today's advertising content should make us miss those Ozzie and Harriet days of yore, when a cartoon rodent's deformities could set the campus awitter.

An advertising insert in the Nov. 18 issue of the Daily illustrates just how far the boundaries have been pushed. The insert was for a new brand of chewing tobacco called Rooster — a product name that rivals Hooters in its lack of subtlety. The fact that Rooster is "long cut" tobacco and that the canister declares "It Lasts" makes clear the company's intent: to appeal to that ever-abundant cohort of young men who want their own roosters to be "bolder, smoother and bigger," just like their chew.

The Rooster insert was filled with these laughable double-entendres. Its main purpose, however, was to announce a contest in which readers were given the chance to go where only bold men dare — to the Playboy mansion to meet and mingle with a "Playmate of your choice." Below a full-color photo of four women in bikinis, the ad said, "Choose which one of these Playmates you want to escort you around the Playboy Mansion."

Careful not to mislead its readers, Rooster added a barely perceptible disclaimer that said — I kid you not — "Playmates subject to availability."

The Rooster ad was so sophomoric and its sexual appeals so thinly veiled that it bordered

on self-parody. Its offensiveness was tempered by its absurdity. Still, it managed to upset some readers, partly because of its demeaning treatment of women, and partly because of the dangerous nature of the product it promoted.

So should the Daily have accepted this ad? The Daily's advertising acceptance policy contains two relevant provisions — one dealing with tobacco advertising and one dealing with sexual depictions.

The guidelines regarding tobacco advertising simply point out that all tobacco ads must conform to state and federal law, but that the Daily is not responsible for ensuring that these requirements are met. The Rooster insert does not appear to have violated any law. We can debate another time whether the Daily should print tobacco advertising at all, but in this instance, the Daily staff did not violate the tobacco portion of its policy.

The Rooster ad was inconsistent, however, with the Daily's guidelines regarding sexually demeaning depictions of people. Actually, these types of ads are now common in the Daily. The recent practice has been to allow these types of ads to run, as long as they appear only in the Arts and Entertainment section of the paper.

Under the Daily's Erotic Imagery Guidelines, there are four types of prohibited content, none of which were at issue here: (1) the display of breasts or genitals; (2) pornographic poses; (3) explicit sexual references; and (4) use of minors or anyone appearing under 18.

In addition to these prohibitions, however, the Daily staff and its advertisers are encouraged to consider a number of questions, which are adapted from the National Organization for Women's Guidelines for Advertising. Among the 12 questions:

- Do the women portrayed serve as sexual orientation for a product rather than as intelligent spokeswomen?
- Are women



Erik Ugland
Readers' Representative

shown in positions or stances subordinate or subservient to men?

• Are women limited to traditional, stereotypical roles?

Yes, yes and yes. The women in the Rooster tobacco ad were certainly used to add a sexual dimension to the product and to suggest a link between Rooster tobacco and men's sexual pleasure and performance.

The women are also shown in blatantly subservient positions. Remember, they are the prize in the Rooster contest — subject to availability, of course.

And the women are also clearly presented in stereotypical roles — as horny sex kittens, eager to please — provided you have the length and stamina of a "Rooster man."

Another question posed in the guidelines is whether the women are portrayed by body parts rather than as complete people. This was not the case with the Rooster ad, but it is true of many of the adult entertainment ads that routinely appear in the Daily. One typical Déjà Vu ad from Nov. 18, for example, shows a woman lying down, pictured from her knees to just above her crotch, with her white bikini bottom peaking out from between her legs.

The decision to start accepting these ads was admittedly made for commercial reasons. Business Manager Marty Brown says the Daily needed to start accepting them in order to stay competitive with City Pages, Pulse, Skyway News and other local publications that publish adult entertainment ads.

Brown says this is not a problem, however, because the ads are exiled to the A & E section, which is a more open and explicit forum. A & E readers are less likely to take offense. There are three problems with Brown's explanation.

First, because the Rooster ad was an insert, it was not really attached to a specific section of the paper. Inserts inevitably fall loose from the paper when it is opened and read.

Second, it assumes that A & E readers have a higher tolerance for both sexually explicit and sexually demeaning ads. This is unlikely, particularly with the latter.

Third, it assumes that the purpose of the NOW guidelines is to prevent people from being offended. In fact, these guidelines are rooted in the belief that sexually demeaning depictions are not merely offensive, but also harmful. NOW leaders would no doubt argue that these images are part of a social system that denigrates women's roles and perpetuates inequality.

If the Daily does not accept this rationale, it should make that clear. If it does accept this rationale, then its policy should be uniform throughout the paper. While it might make sense to say that A & E readers have a higher tolerance for offensive content, such as the use of profanity, it does not make sense to say that a certain type of content is harmful in one section and innocuous in the others.

None of this is meant to suggest that the Daily's policy is necessarily wrong. But it does need a clearer rationale and a more consistent application.

Erik Ugland is the Daily's Readers' Representative. He welcomes comments about his column or the Daily at ugland@daily.umn.edu.



Illustration/Nate Melcher

Find a winter buddy for those cold nights

The commencement of winter is here. As I walk about campus, I see squirrels scurrying to and fro, gathering nuts and, I'm sure, layering their little treehouses with pink fiberglass for better insulation. I reflect that, like these squirrels we, too, need to scavenge for our last provisions for the long winter. Yet it is not food we need to ensure, but companionship. Like nuts and berries become increasingly scarce as snow covers the ground, so too the opportunity to obtain the rations of love.

As spring is the mating season, winter is the frigid season. It is a season where people bundle themselves up in six or seven layers of clothing to trudge through the freezing snow. Everyone mummifies themselves in warm clothing and end up resembling the Michelin Man. Unfortunately, with all this bundling, gender becomes hard to distinguish.

In the winter, it's as if all the women in Minnesota had suddenly turned Muslim, hidden behind a veil of Gore-Tex. I am sure that, come mid-January, I'll find myself blushing at a woman provocatively wearing only three layers of clothing as if it were lingerie. I'll pine for the moment that I perhaps catch a glimpse of an uncovered feminine brow. At some point, I'm sure I'll find myself fantasizing over the mere thought of a bare ankle.

And just from the pain of getting from point A to point B, the Minnesota singles scene promises to be bleak. I find it unlikely that women are going to brave blizzards at minus 30 to go to some seedy bar just so that some grizzly guy can hit on them. Of course, men would pitifully walk over broken glass in

subzero weather on the off chance they might meet the opposite sex. That just leaves the average winter pub full of desperate men — which might be redundant.

So now is the time to act if you haven't already. As a friend put it, you need to find that special someone to "hunker down" with for the winter. Come spring, you can review your contract and determine whether or not to renew. Typically, you'll dump your partner and proceed to date for spring and summer, and in autumn begin looking for likely winter candidates. This is the seasonal cycle of love.

If this is your first winter in Minnesota, here are some suggestions on what qualities to look for in a winter buddy.

For males looking for females:

1. Good metabolism: Buyer beware, the petite girl you fall for might now look like Ashley Judd, but from long winter inactivity — e.g. TV watching or snack munching — she might end up looking more like Wynona Judd.

2. Substance above beauty: though beauty might be a factor, beauty can wear thin over a long of winter, not to mention that as the season wears on, you cannot expect shaven legs, makeup or any demure compartmentalization of bodily functions.

For females looking for males:



Matthew Brophy
Columnist

1. Good provider: will your man meet your needs through the winter months — e.g. Will he go get you "feminine hygiene products" during a snow storm? How about chocolate? Will he shovel your driveway?

2. Furnace: does the aforementioned party generate a lot of heat for your cold feet on those wintry evenings?

Does he like to snuggle?

It's important for both genders to make a good selection. One easily develops cabin fever in which little things get excruciatingly annoying. So try to discern early on whether your provisional winter buddy has any quirks that might become homicidally annoying over time. For example, does (s)he have an annoying laugh? spit when speaking? talk too much? sleep with your friends?

Also, does your provisional winter buddy know how to cook anything besides Top Ramen, jarred pasta and Rice-A-Roni? If not, it might be a long winter of cold pizza.

It's not an easy feat, however, to find that seasonal Mr(s). Right Now. It is particularly difficult for men to find eligible heterosexual women in Minnesota. Part of the reason is the predominance of short hair among the Minnesotan lasses. Combined with the large lesbian population, this makes finding a

heterosexual woman like trying to find a pin in a stack of needles.

I have nothing against lesbians. In fact many of my ex-girlfriends have become lesbians. It's just that the choice of heterosexual women to wear their hair short confuses the whole mating process. I've inquired as to why there is so much short hair among the Minnesotan females. One girl said, "Maybe it's to keep guys like you from hitting on them." Now, putting aside that obvious fawning flirtation, my only conjecture is that it takes too much energy to maintain long hair in the winter.

But long hair brushed aside, as winter is bearing down on us, I think it's necessary to demarcate the heterosexual from the homosexual, and the women from the men. Thereby, it is my good-natured proposal that we all start wearing teletubbie symbols on our winter hats. The University could pass these out at Coffman Union — after all, they couldn't be any worse than those yellow construction hats. Let's learn our lessons from the righteous Tinky-Winky who bravely declared his sexual identity despite the consequences to his professional career and private life.

These are just suggestions. I hope that I haven't come off as misogynistic in any way. If I've been insensitive, I hope I've been equally sexist. So good foraging to you all; don't forget to bundle up, and have a happy winter.

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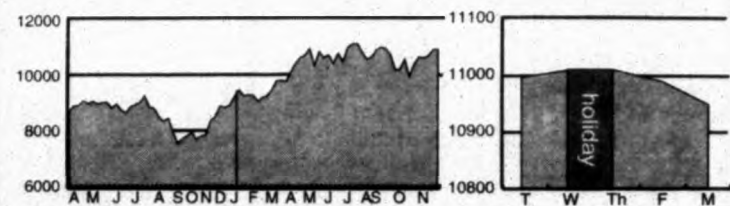
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NCAA looks favorably upon Yudof's management changes

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McKinley Boston, vice president of student development and athletics, and Mark Dienhart, men's athletics director.

"I think it would not be a good thing," Yudof said last week. "It would be largely symbolic. I think the report showed a systematic breakdown in procedure, and I was largely concerned with that."

Yudof also said the overhaul in the men's basketball program was not an attempt to appease the NCAA and avoid future penalties. He pointed to his one-year ban on postseason play.

"It was not a big factor," Yudof said of future NCAA sanctions. "I wanted to do the right thing, but I was also trying to send a message of good faith. The chips will fall where they may with the NCAA."

Brown said the meeting in Indianapolis went well.

"I think it's fair to say they did appreciate the president taking aggressive action," Brown said. "The findings of the report clearly

warranted new management."

Pending approval from the Board of Regents, Brown will become vice president of administration and oversee the athletics departments.

Brown said while she would not want the University to forfeit the 1997 Final Four, other sanctions might be in order.

"Certainly, I think forfeiture would be damaging, but there are rules we play under, and they exist for a reason. The University must compete fairly," she said.

Brown also acknowledged the difficulty in taking over an athletics department soon to be searching for

a director and rife with ruffled feathers over the departure of Dienhart, who was supported by all the men's athletics coaches.

"It is a tough time to take this job. It certainly is a mixed blessing," Brown said. "We're going to start by having an open house with all the employees of the men's athletics department. It should be a chance for them to vent, and I know President Yudof

welcomes the chance to explain why he took the action he did."

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— **Tonya Moten Brown**,
chief of staff for
University President Mark Yudof

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administrators will be appointed when MSA and the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly ratify the student slate.

"There is not a lot of room for personal bias," Walters said.

Members do not have authority to withhold funding from student groups with ideologies different than their own, she added.

But MSA members presenting the motion to nullify the vote disagreed. They said student representatives were responsible for recruiting a wide variety of students.

"The fees-committee slate is faulty in a number of ways. There is an extreme lack of diversity on the slate," said Jason Vorbeck, MSA representative for the Queer Student Cultural Center. "There are also four candidates who are former or current officers in the Minnesota College Republicans."

Vorbeck and other MSA members will introduce the motion at the Law School forum this afternoon. If the motion passes, MSA will re-vote on the committee slate.

A four-member selection committee originally chose the fees committee. MSA chose two mem-

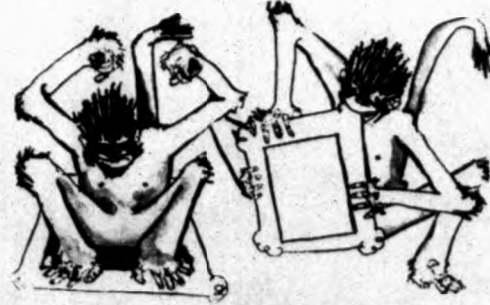
bers; GAPSA chose the other two. The Minnesota Daily and 27 other student groups receive funding from student-services fees.

Those opposing the committee's composition said they question the political leanings of some of the candidates.

"The fees committee is extremely conservative, and some students regret voting for it," Dvorak said.

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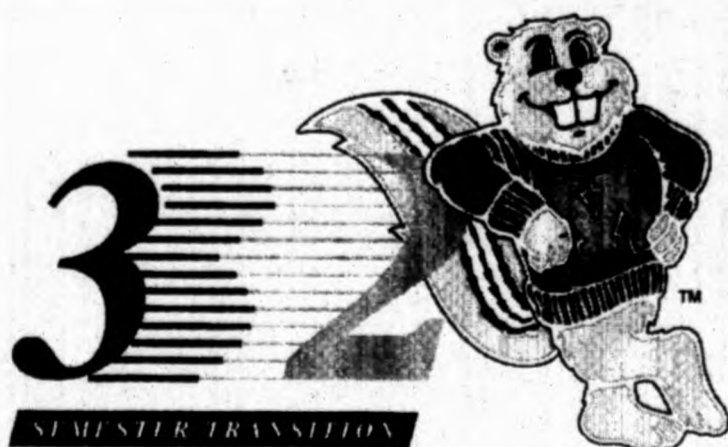
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Tough Meyer makes strides with Gophers

Sarah Mitchell
Staff Reporter

Minnesota left winger Doug Meyer proudly rolled up his sleeve to show off his lion tattoo. Unlike the one in "The Wizard of Oz," the hockey player's lion is fierce-looking and gray in color.

"It stands for a bunch of different things," Meyer said. "A pack of lions come in pride. A lion stands for courage. King of the jungle, stuff like that."

It's a fitting mark. In his sophomore season, Meyer is beginning to take on that feline persona.

Gophers assistant coach Mike Guentzel — the only current Minnesota coach still around from Meyer's recruitment — said the second season is a telling year. By its end, the staff will know if Meyer is a flop or not.

As the Gophers prepare for Alaska-Anchorage on Friday, it seems like Meyer is just starting to make his impact.

"His confidence is coming more and more. Sometimes you jump into this thing and you're a little bit timid about what you can and can't do," Guentzel said. "I think Doug's gaining more and more ability to make plays based on his confidence growing."

Besides confidence, Meyer has also matured.

"One of the things I saw here last year was an extremely competitive kid who sometimes got a little over-frustrated," Guentzel said. "I've never seen a guy hit himself in the head with his stick any harder than Doug hits himself."

"I haven't seen as much of that this year. When you come to the box, your shift is over. You can't take your last shift out on your next shift."

With his temper in check, Meyer has the potential to be a hunter on the ice. Standing 6-foot-2 and 200 pounds, the only player on the roster with a shaved head is one of the more physically dominant Gophers.

Guentzel said Meyer's size was one of the attractions when he was recruited by the Gophers while playing with the U.S. National Team in Michigan.

"That year, that class, we tried to identify players that had good size and good strength," Guentzel said. "We thought he could skate. He had some skill, but it was his size and strength."

Meyer's size compliments his style of play, a style Guentzel described as "gritty play." The sophomore is a bruiser on the ice, going more for the opponent than the puck.



Photo/Jonathan Chapman

At 6-foot-2, Gophers winger Doug Meyer uses his size to overpower his opponent on the ice. In his sophomore season, Meyer is still defining his role on the team.

It wasn't always that way. There was a time when Meyer — who was highly recruited by Colorado College — was on the other end of the beating stick.

"In high school, I was getting tossed around because I wasn't strong enough. I was kind of skinny," Meyer said. "Now, I probably won't be the big goal-scorer. But I just try to do my job, which is take the body, let the other guys come and take the puck, forecheck hard

and go to the net hard. I just try to be more physical than a finesse player."

And by looking at his numbers and watching Meyer play, it's clear he is more of a defender stuck in an offensive position. Through 12 games this season, Meyer has only two points from two assists.

But because of the other contributions Meyer makes, two points is acceptable.

"We're still looking for him to settle in as somebody who's able to bring

something to the table," Guentzel said.

"Now whether it's physical play, speed, strength along the rail, ability to shoot a puck, he hasn't quite arrived in maybe the areas that you hope he's going to. So we're just trying to make him feel at home by playing."

Maybe that will only come with time.

Sarah Mitchell covers men's hockey and welcomes comments at smitchell@daily.umn.edu.

University should consider editor for athletics director

To University President Mark Yudof:

The purpose of this letter is to officially apply for the position of men's athletics director.

I'm a self-motivated people-person with a deep sports background. Some will tell you that the reason I'm applying is because I haven't gotten an internship for next summer and I'm a little concerned.

They're absolutely right. I need a job, and you have some positions that need filling.

We're a match made in heaven. I know about sports, and I understand you're running short on paper-pushers.

My involvement with sports began with teaching 7-year-olds

how to play tennis. Our curriculum ran the educational gamut, from running races to trying to hit the ball more than twice.

But it doesn't end there. While some have said that I'm "woefully unprepared" and "not attractive," I believe I've earned the skills of an athletics director (or at the very least, an assistant). After my teaching job, I painted soccer fields and chalked baseball fields for a local school district.

How many athletics directors know exactly how wide a penalty box is on a Division-I field?

While on the job, I became familiar with a local radio show (located between 92.3 and 92.7 on the FM dial) which frequently heckles everyone in the Twin Cities.

Though I was never the subject of its often brutal attacks, I think I got the gist of it.

We can't have a weak-kneed athletics director. I know all about taking a beating. Last week, somebody wrote in saying that my column on Dennis Green was trash (note to that avid sports reader: Cris Carter's name is spelled without an "H". Nice one.)

In my job most closely related to the positions you have available, I worked for the St. Paul Saints last summer as a front office intern. Over the summer, I did everything from watering flowers to writing press releases.

I also got to know how a sports operation runs. While the levels of deceit at the Saints are substantially lower than those previously within the University's athletics department, I think I have ample grasp on the term "spin control." After all, I've seen enough of how the other side plays the game.

So what can I do for the University?

For starters, I can provide the athletics department with innovative leadership. The Sun Bowl? Forget about it. I wouldn't have even wasted the University's time by going to the Sun Bowl. I would have decided that the 13th-ranked team in the nation would just sit out the bowl to



Jim Schortemeyer
Columnist

make a point.

Secondly, I like to think that my media experience will benefit the school. Gone are the days of Clem Haskins' bunker. Open practices for all and for all more media exposure.

This seems like a fair place to note that I would also give men's basketball coach Dan Monson a pat on the back for already opening the basketball team to the media. But every sport should relax for a change and open its doors to the media (as scared of them as the teams are).

But perhaps the best thing I can offer this University is a clean slate. Aside from pouring maple syrup on a student-teacher's car in high school, I'm pretty much scandal free. I've only been arrested three times (and since when is public nudity REALLY a crime?).

The bottom line is, I can provide the direction the men's athletics department needs and I could really use the \$160,000 a year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jim Schortemeyer is the sports editor and welcomes comments at schortem@daily.umn.edu.

Gophers hope to pick up pace for Cavaliers

David La Vaque
Staff Reporter

Talk about a scheduling shift. The Virginia men's basketball team comes into Williams Arena tonight fresh off a fifth-place finish at the Puerto Rico Shootout.

For Cavaliers second-year coach Pete Gillen, the inaugural Big Ten/ACC Challenge provides a different climate.

"It's a little change," Gillen said. "Minnesota is beautiful, but it's a different type of beauty."

And just like the change in temperature, there's a contrast in tempo for Minnesota (3-0) and Virginia (4-1).

The Cavaliers pile up points at a techno-music pace. Led by point guard Donald Hand (17.0 points per game), Virginia scores an average of 83.2 PPG.

"I don't know how well it's working, but we try to play fast," Gillen said. "Pressing and running, changing defenses. I think it's a fun way to play. Our fans enjoy it."

While the scoot-and-score Cavaliers offense brings home fans to their feet, it brings opposing coaches to their knees.

"Virginia is going to test us with 40 minutes of baseline-to-baseline pressure and relentless athleticism on the boards," Gophers coach Dan Monson said.

"This is going to be our sternest challenge to this point," he added.

Though a lack of enthusiasm isn't likely, Minnesota's biggest challenge is sustaining intensity.

Monson and his players noted that Saturday's win against Morehead State lacked a critical element.

"We won the game," forward Dusty Rychart said. "But I think we lost the game by means of preparing ourselves to get better."

To get better overall and to fare well against Virginia, the Gophers need to improve in the rebounding department. Monson called rebounding "a huge concern for me on Tuesday."

The 6-foot-7 Rychart leads the team with 10.7 rebounds per game, with 7-foot-1 Joel Przybilla a surprising third with 5.3 RPG. The sophomore center is still without an offensive rebound.

Things might get better for the big man tonight — the Cavaliers' roster features no players over 6-foot-10. Last year, Virginia was out-rebounded by 6.9 RPG.

"We're improved in that area," Gillen said. "But we're still a little undersized so rebounding is still a concern."

The ability for the Minnesota

See BASKETBALL page 15

Carter's hot streak starts other receivers

(AP) — Nobody in the 29-year history of the Minnesota Vikings has played two straight games better than Randy Moss.

The second-year star broke Paul Flatley's 1963 two-game record by amassing 331 yards on 21 catches against Chicago and San Diego.

And he isn't even the hottest receiver on the team right now.

Cris Carter holds that distinction. He has had four straight 100-yard games, the latest coming in a 35-27 victory over the Chargers on Sunday.

During that span, he's caught eight touchdown passes, including a career-high three against Chicago, helping the Vikings (7-4) recover from their 2-4 start.

Carter's tiptoe sideline grabs were on full display Sunday, a game in which he also spiked a ball that accidentally hit an official in the nose.

"I've never seen Cris play like this since I've been here," running back Robert Smith marveled. "I just can't say enough about how impressed I am with him. I mean, he's no spring chicken. I tell you, he's getting better every week. It's just unbelievable the fire the guy has."

Before this spectacular stretch, Carter had never recorded more than two straight 100-yard games in his 13-year NFL career. On Sunday, he joined Jerry Rice, Art Monk and Andre Reed as the only receivers to surpass 900 career catches.

Carter's been so spectacular lately it's easy to overlook Moss. Moss set career highs with 12 catches for 204 yards against Chicago, then added nine receptions for 127 yards and a touchdown on Sunday.

Carter has 20 catches for 277 yards and five TDs during the same span.

About the only one not impressed by his stratospheric level of play is Carter himself.

"I'm supposed to make plays," he said.

Carter, who turned 34 on Thanksgiving, always assumes he could have done more: "There were a couple of balls that I could have had," he said.

But there's no disputing this is his finest stretch.

"I've been amazed by him since I came into the league," Smith said. "He's probably played his best in the last five weeks. It's just hard for me to believe that he's gotten any better. But I think he has."

Carter's recent run coincides with the ascension of quarterback Jeff George, who is 5-0 as a starter after replacing Randall Cunningham.

After catching just one TD in 5 1/2 games with Cunningham at quarterback, Carter has 10 touchdown catches in the same span with George.

"I don't know if there's a quarterback who's come into a system in his very first year and had the kind of success that Jeff has had," coach Dennis Green said.

Even Jake Reed, who was benched two weeks ago after dropping his fifth pass in three games, got into the act Sunday with four catches, including a 5-yard touchdown, his first TD in nine games.

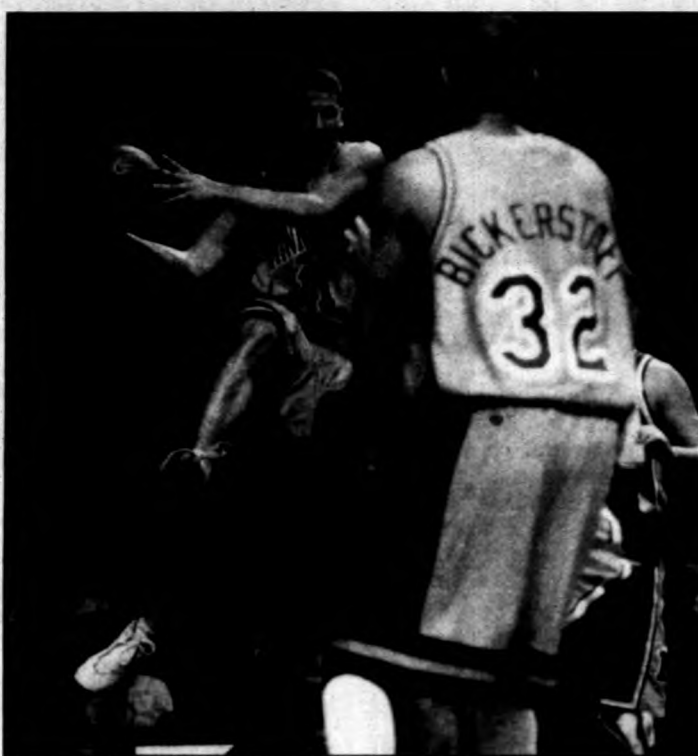
"We knew he was going to come back," Carter said. "It's tough when you have a guy like him, not only as a football player, but as a friend — he's probably my closest friend on the team — to see him struggle. There was nothing I could do to help him but try to encourage him."

Reed said he and his wife attended the circus and a comedy show and didn't think about football during the bye week.

"On my way back, on the plane, I did a lot of thinking and soul searching," Reed said.

On Sunday he found some answers. And for the first time, Reed, Moss and Carter caught a touchdown pass on the same day.

Wrap-around pass



Photo/Michael Stenerson

Minnesota guard Mitch Ohnstad looks for an open man during the Gophers' 86-67 win over Morehead State on Saturday. Morehead State is located in Kentucky.

Michigan State's Saban pondering LSU coaching job

After being turned down by Gophers football coach Glen Mason, Louisiana State will reportedly hire one of his Big Ten colleagues, Michigan State coach Nick Saban.

Louisiana television stations named Saban as the front runner for the position vacated when Gerry DiNardo was fired with one game remaining in the season. LSU's sports information office would not confirm the report.

Mason met with LSU officials last Tuesday to discuss taking over the troubled team, which has gone 4-7 and 3-8 in the last two years despite being expected to contend for the SEC championship.

But Mason elected to stick with the bowl-bound Gophers, who finished 8-3 this year and accepted a bid to play Oregon in the Sun Bowl on Dec. 31.

"I have removed myself from any consideration as a candidate for the head coaching position at Louisiana State University," Mason said in a statement last Wednesday.

Speculation Mason would leave the University was fueled following the resignation of men's athletics

director Mark Dienhart, who hired Mason.

Saban guided the Spartans to a 9-2 record this season, good for a second-place tie in the Big Ten and a bid in the Citrus Bowl in Orlando. He is reportedly making \$697,330 at Michigan State.

LSU Chancellor Mark Emmert told LSU players Monday he hoped to have a new coach named within 36 hours. LSU officials have previously stated they would like to have a replacement for DiNardo by Dec. 10.

Michigan State player Amp Campbell told WLNS-TV in Lansing, Mich. after a team meeting Monday evening that Saban was considering the job and has returned home to discuss the matter with his family before making a final decision.

— The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Leaf returns to Chargers

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Ryan Leaf returned to the San Diego Chargers on Monday, apologized to general manager Bobby Beathard and his teammates for the outburst that got him suspended and then started throwing passes again.

"Concerning the reason for suspension, the incident, it was something that you can't do," the second-year quarterback said at a news conference. "You just cannot speak to your boss in that type of manner. ... I don't disagree with the way they went about things in suspending me. I regret doing that."

"Right now, I just want to play football. I just want to contribute any way I can."

The Chargers have heard similar apologies during Leaf's short, troubled NFL career, but believe he means it this time.

Leaf was at the Chargers' headquarters at 5:45 a.m. Monday. After apologizing to Beathard, then standing up in a team meeting to do the same thing, he began throwing passes.

"It was a touching speech," running back Kenny Bynum said. "We're all glad he came back as a man."

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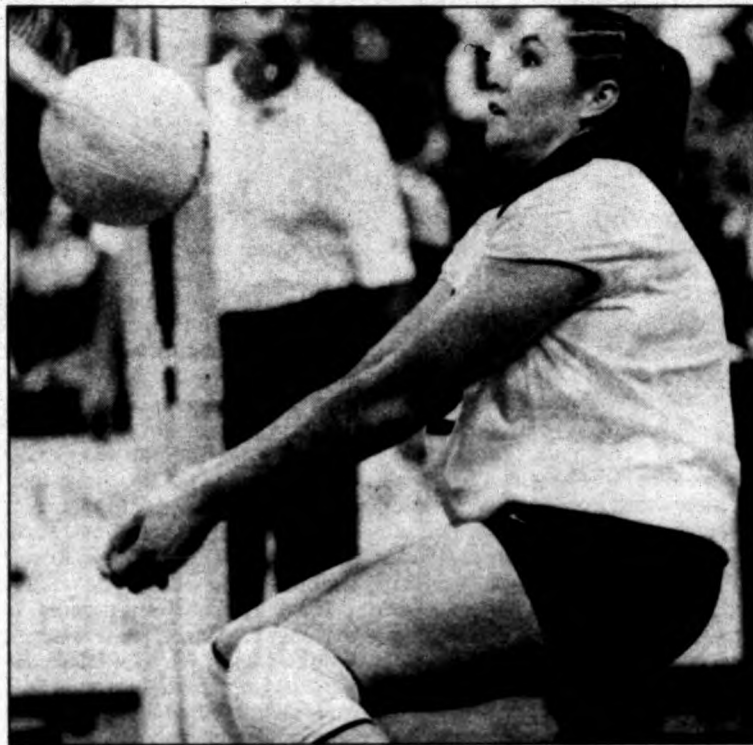
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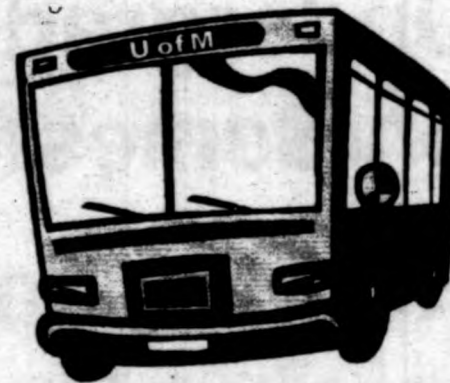
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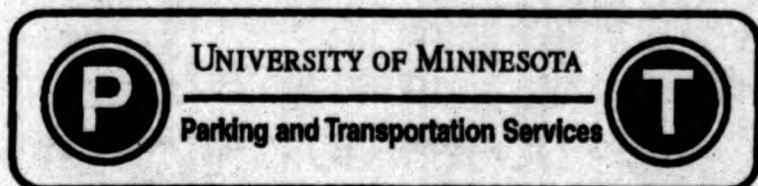
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Carter's hot streak starts other receivers

(AP) Nobody in the 29-year history of the Minnesota Vikings has had two straight games better than Paul Moss' second straight broke Paul Moss' 1997 two-game record by catching 11 yards on 21 catches for 100 yards and San Diego's Tomlinson even the hottest on the team right now.

Carter holds that distinction. He had four straight 100-yard games, the first coming in a 38-17 win over the Chargers on Sunday.

During that span, he's caught eight touchdown passes, including a career-high three against Chicago, helping the Vikings (7-4) recover from their 2-4 start.

Carter's tip-of-sideline grabs were on full display Sunday, a game in which he also spiked a ball that accidentally hit an official in the nose.

"I've never seen Chris play like this since I've been here," running back Robert Smith marveled. "I just can't say enough about how impressed I am with him. I mean, he's no spring chicken. I tell you, he's getting better every week. It's just unbelievable the way he plays."

Before this, and earlier, 30-year-old Carter had been considered more than a 30-year-old. He had 100 and 100 yards in his last two NFL games. On Sunday, he joined Jerry Rice, Art Monk and Andre Reed as the only receivers to cross 900 career catches.

Carter's been so spectacular lately, it's easy to overlook Moss. Moss set career highs with 12 catches for 204 yards against Chicago, then added nine receptions for 127 yards and a touchdown on Sunday.

Carter has 20 catches for 277 yards and five TDs during the same span.

About the only one not impressed by his stratospheric level of play is Carter himself.

"I'm supposed to make plays," he said.

Carter, who turned 34 on Thanksgiving, always assumes he could have done more. "There were a couple of balls that I could have had," he said.

But there's no disputing this is his finest stretch.

"I've been amazed by him since I came into the league," Smith said. "He's probably played his best in the last five weeks. It's just hard for me to believe that he's gotten any better. But I think he has."

Carter's recent run coincides with the ascension of quarterback Jeff George, who is 5-0 as a starter after replacing Randall Cunningham.

After catching just one TD in 512 games with Cunningham at quarterback, Carter has 10 touchdown catches in the same span with George.

"I don't know if there's a quarterback who's come into a system in his very first year and had the kind of success that Jeff has had," coach Dennis Green said.

Even Luke Reed, who was benched two weeks ago after dropping his fifth pass in three games, got into the act Sunday with four catches, including a 58-yard touchdown on his first TD in nine games.

"We know he was going to come back," Carter said. "It's tough when you have a guy like him, not only as a football player, but as a friend. He's probably my closest friend on the team. To see him struggle, there was nothing I could do to help him but try to encourage him."

Reed said he and his wife attended the circus and a comedy show and didn't think about football during the bye week.

"On my way back, on the plane, I did a lot of thinking and soul searching," Reed said.

On Sunday, he found some answers. And for the first time, Reed, Moss and Carter caught a touchdown pass on the same day.

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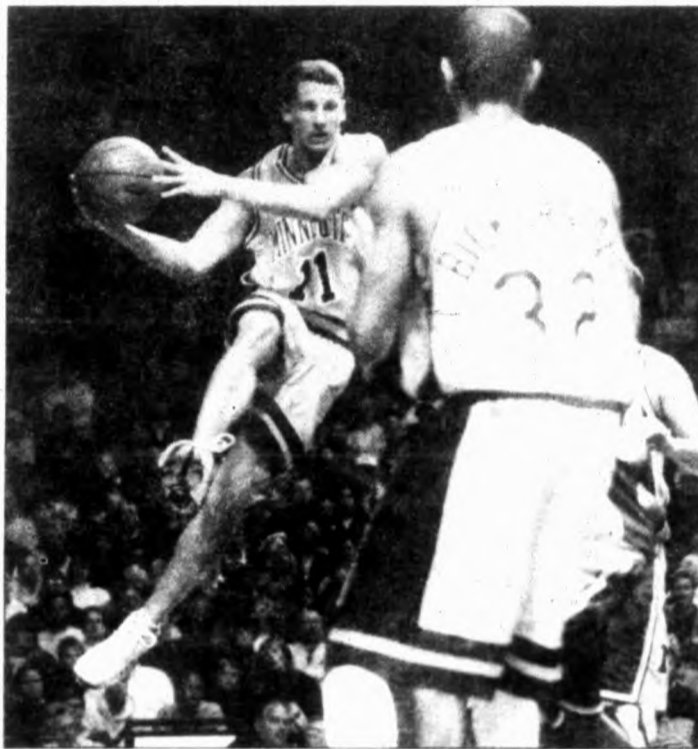


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Minnesota guard Mitch Ohnstad looks for an open man during the Gophers' 86-67 win over Morehead State on Saturday. Morehead State is located in Kentucky.

Michigan State's Saban pondering LSU coaching job

After being turned down by Gophers football coach Glen Mason, Louisiana State will reportedly hire one of his Big Ten colleagues, Michigan State coach Nick Saban.

Louisiana television stations named Saban as the front runner for the position vacated when Gerry DiNardo was fired with one game remaining in the season. LSU's sports information office would not confirm the report.

Mason met with LSU officials last Tuesday to discuss taking over the troubled team, which has gone 4-7 and 3-8 in the last two years despite being expected to contend for the SEC championship.

But Mason elected to stick with the bowl-bound Gophers, who finished 8-3 this year and accepted a bid to play Oregon in the Sun Bowl on Dec. 31.

"I have removed myself from any consideration as a candidate for the head coaching position at Louisiana State University," Mason said in a statement last Wednesday.

Speculation Mason would leave the University was fueled following the resignation of men's athletics

director Mark Dienhart, who hired Mason.

Saban guided the Spartans to a 9-2 record this season, good for a second-place tie in the Big Ten and a bid in the Citrus Bowl in Orlando. He is reportedly making \$697,330 at Michigan State.

LSU Chancellor Mark Emmert told LSU players Monday he hoped to have a new coach named within 36 hours. LSU officials have previously stated they would like to have a replacement for DiNardo by Dec. 10.

Michigan State player Amp Campbell told WISN-TV in Lansing, Mich., after a team meeting Monday evening that Saban was considering the job and has returned home to discuss the matter with his family before making a final decision.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

John Linehan welcomes comments at jlinefan@daily.com

Leaf returns to Chargers

(SAN DIEGO (AP)) Ryan Leaf returned to the San Diego Chargers on Monday, apologized to general manager Bobby Beathard and his teammates for the outburst that got him suspended and then started throwing passes again.

"Concerning the reason for suspension, the incident, it was something that you can't do," the second-year quarterback said at a news conference. "You just cannot speak to your boss in that type of manner."

I don't disagree with the way they went about things in suspending me. I regret doing that."

"Right now, I just want to play football. I just want to contribute any way I can."

The Chargers have heard similar apologies during Leaf's short, troubled NFL career, but believe he means it this time.

Leaf was at the Chargers' headquarters at 5:45 a.m. Monday. After apologizing to Beathard, then standing up in a team meeting to do the same thing, he began throwing passes.

"It was a touching speech," running back Kenny Bryant said. "We're all glad he came back as a man."

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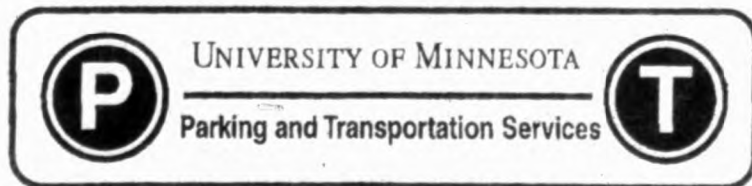
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Rose starts online fight for hall of fame

Rose signed an agreement in 1989 which banned him from Major League Baseball.

NEW YORK (AP) — Pete Rose is launching an Internet petition and may sue baseball to end his lifetime ban.

"You can't keep a guy from making a living," he said Tuesday in an interview with The Associated Press. "It's not the American way."

Following an investigation of his gambling, baseball's career hits leader agreed in August 1989 to a lifetime ban from the sport. He applied for reinstatement in September 1997 and while commissioner Bud Selig has said several times that he has seen no evidence that would make him change the ban, he hasn't formally responded to Rose.

"If you find in your heart you didn't want to give me reinstatement, just write back and say, 'No,'" Rose said. "I know he has stationery. I know the mail is delivered in Milwaukee."

Rose claimed baseball's lawyers "blackmailed" witnesses against him during its investigation 10 years ago. When pressed for details, he referred comment to his lawyer, Roger Makley, who declined comment when contacted at his Ohio office. Those who led the investigation at the time, Fay Vincent and John Dowd, denied Rose's accusation.

Rose was in New York for

Tuesday's launch of sportcut.com., which through Jan. 15 will contain a fan petition calling for Rose's admission to the Hall of Fame. As long as he's banned from baseball for life, Rose is ineligible for the Hall.

"One thing you have to understand is we're not looking for a fight," Rose said. "If that has to be an option, that will be an option. That's a last resort. I don't need it. The game doesn't need it."

While baseball's rules allowed Rose to apply to reinstatement after one year, he's waited eight. He didn't want to apply while Vincent was commissioner — Vincent headed the Rose investigation as deputy to commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti and hired Dowd, who compiled the report on Rose's gambling.

"Fay Vincent wasn't going to give me a chance," Rose said. "I have no respect for John Dowd. He didn't do an impartial investigation. We're sick and tired of him going on the air and talking about all this evidence he has."

Rose also is angry Dowd put his report on the Internet.

"How much is he making on the Dowd report?" Rose said. "If I died tomorrow, we wouldn't hear about John Dowd again until the day he died."

Dowd said Rose is wrong. "We did it to educate the public, and we did it solely at the firm's expense," he said. "We never charged anyone a dime."

The document Rose signed says, "Nothing in this agreement shall be deemed either an admission or a

denial by Peter Edward Rose of the allegation that he bet on any major league baseball game" but it also says, "Peter Edward Rose acknowledges that the commissioner has a factual basis to impose the penalty provided herein, and hereby accepts the penalty imposed on him by the commissioner and agrees not to challenge that penalty in court or otherwise."

Giamatti said he personally had concluded that Rose bet on the Cincinnati Reds, the team he was managing, to win. Rose repeatedly has denied betting on baseball.

Rose said baseball originally proposed he wait 22 years to apply to reinstatement, then cut it to 11 and then to one — the period specified in the Major League Rules.

"At some point, there was talk of a specific time period, but it wasn't 22 years," according to Vincent.

Rose's election to baseball's All-Century team and his confrontational interview with NBC's Jim Gray following the on-field ceremony at Turner Field have brought renewed attention to his quest for reinstatement.

Rose said the broadcaster convinced him to do the interview by saying he had "inside information" that would "help your case." Gray repeatedly pressed for Rose to admit he bet on baseball.

Rose said Gray's NBC on-field partner, Craig Sager, apologized to Rose afterward.

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Big Ten places eight teams in big dance

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Hagen earned her first honor as well. She was second in the conference in hitting percentage at .361, finishing behind Big Ten player of the year, Lauren Cacciamani of Penn State.

Hebert was especially happy for Hagen, who was not heavily recruited out of high school but has blossomed into a Big Ten all-star.

"Hagen brings a glow to the coaching staff," Hebert said. "Our first impression of her was that she was a high school player who we didn't think would ever be that good, but here she is an all-conference member. That is a real story."

Big Ten is best

The Big Ten landed eight of its 11 teams in the tournament with only Purdue, Iowa and Northwestern missing out on post-season play.

Top-ranked Penn State was given the No. 1 seed in the Central region and will host the first and second rounds this weekend.

If Minnesota escapes from Los Angeles with two wins, it will most likely head to State College to face the Lions at Rec Hall.

The remaining six Big Ten teams will all head out on the road this weekend.

Along with Penn State, the other top seeds are Stanford in the Pacific region, Hawaii in the Mountain, and Pacific in the East.

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Gophers need to stop turnovers, poor play

BASKETBALL from 11

guards to get the ball up-court in the face of the Cavaliers' press-happy defense will also be key. Virginia boasts 67 steals this season: 13.4 per game.

Against an occasional press by Morehead State the Gophers coughed the ball up 20 times.

More taking on the glass, less giving away on the floor. Sounds

like standard basketball strategy. But in this case, Monson's assessment has an air of urgency.

"If you turn the ball over 20 times and give up 19 offensive rebounds against Virginia," Monson said, "forget it."

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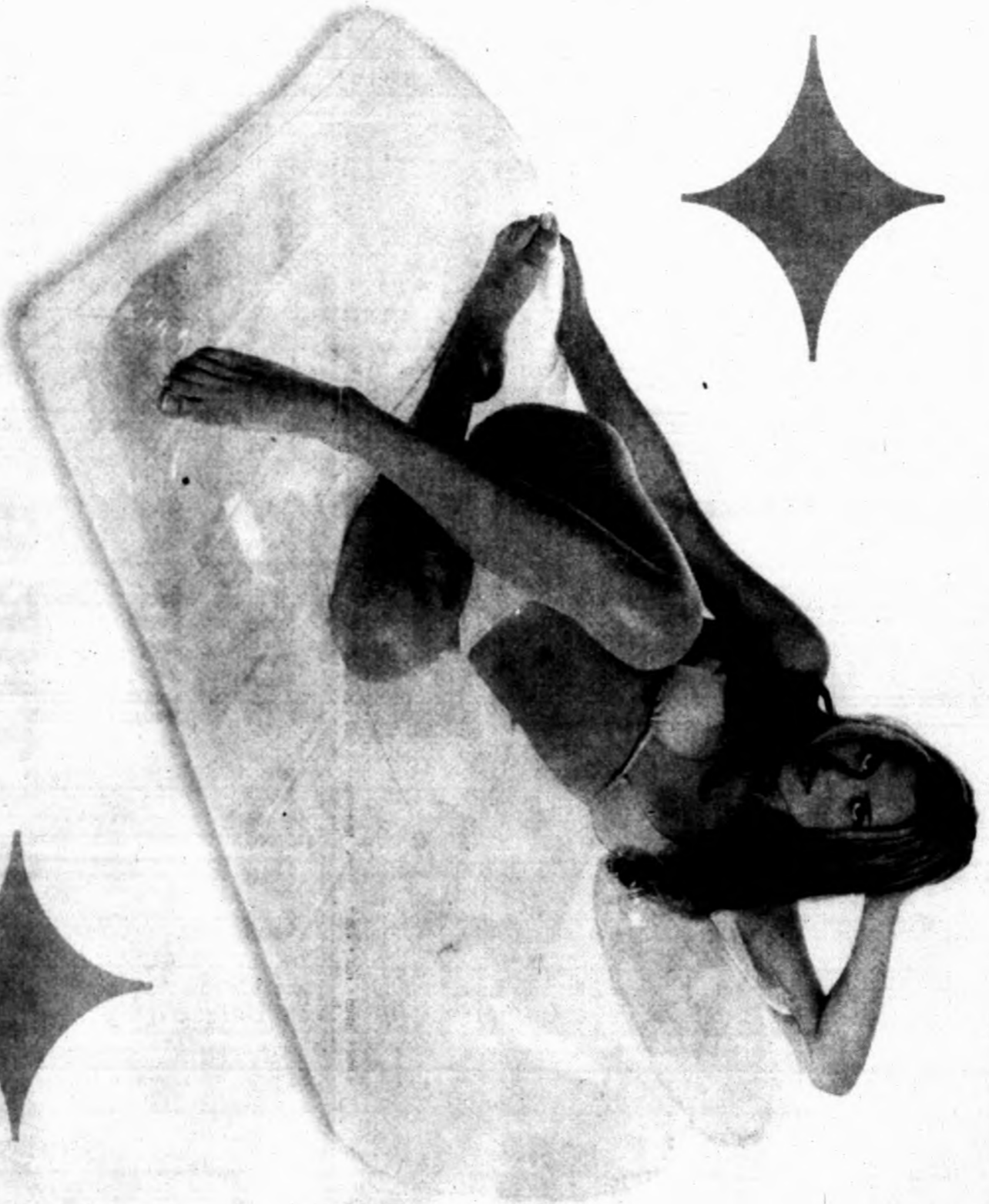


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NETWORK

Net: *Rolla? PeeWee? Phlegm? Ob? Tiggs? Ted C.W.? Have we offended thee? Are we no longer privy to thine divine opines? Pray tell, when shall ye return?*

WHAT'S A MARIUCCI?

From *S.J. Hi*. Does anyone else think that it is odd that every single hockey player is from Minnesota? Net: Only the people who have been following Gophers hockey for, like, three days. Nobody really has a choice of where they go to high school ... that shouldn't count when picking a hockey team. Net: While you were sleeping, the brain wizards in marketing whipped up a little something called "Minnesota's Pride on Ice," which, believe it or not, was because of the fact there hasn't been a non-Minnesotan on the team since 1987. But rumor has it Lucky Lucia has a couple of foreigners in his sights, leading us to wonder if the slogan might soon change to "Minnesota's Winning Team on Ice."

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SPACE FILLER

From *Abortion Survivor*. EXTRA! EXTRA! NETWORK GETS ITS MIND BLOWN!!! Net: Not since we took in a peep show in a seedy Manhattan joint. But that's another story for another Network, preferably one in a parallel universe. I would like to take this moment to suckle at the tit of depravity. First of all, I want to speak out against the media's complete indifference to the fact that another great golfer was on that plane with Payne Stewart. Yes, comrades, I'm talking about the legendary golfer Dorf. ... All they found were mini golf clubs floating on the water. Too hot to handle, Network, or should I proceed? Net:

Actually, the milk of depravity runneth over said tit, but we're all eyes. Offend away. Anyway, I was walking to "frat row" on University there, and what I saw took me to the f&@kin' depths that only Dante could appreciate. A certain "fraternity" that shall remain nameless Net: Oh, come on ... what's another knock against fraternities going to

do? participated in an act of pure carnality and debauchery. Yup, folks, I'm talkin' 'bout GAY SLIP 'N' SLIDE. Net: Sounds like a good name for a cable variety show. I couldn't believe it. I swore it was a casting call for Caligula, but I was mistaken. Gangelhoff, draped in a black cloak, was running around with a oversized novelty feather, tickling all who refused to slide. Net: Did Clem pay her to do that, too? I also saw one of the nastiest tickle fights in history. There was I, a mere random, privy to the inner workings of a fraternity. At the end, there was nothing but a pile o' wet man-meat. Did anyone else catch this? Net: We're thinking the participants might have caught something. Sometimes I am vain ... others times a monster. I am the garage flower!

RIGHT BACK ATCHA

From *Carpatheman*. Dear Network, this is in response to *Spartacus*: How dare you! I haven't heard such blasphemy in all my days of reading the Network! The brave men and women of our police units are out there protecting our streets and keeping our pastry business alive, and what do you have to say but insults. Net: *Spartacus*, it's clear you're a dirty, cold-blooded bastard. Attaboy. Here's a hint: Look when you drive! Cops, as sneaky as they might be, don't always have the advantage. Net: What they do have is radar, a laptop and a shotgun behind the seat, and if that ain't an advantage, we don't know what is. Nothing a little attention to the road might cure. Talk about bad drivers. At least those people driving 55 in the fast lane have their eyes on the road. So don't be so neurotic. The cops' main job is not busting up your little Jeff Gordon wannabe freeway trips. In fact, one of their special duties is accepting sexual favors from willing, buxom babes like yourself. Net: Huh? Maybe we weren't paying attention, which is entirely possible, but we didn't realize *Spart* was so endowed, hoping to weasel their way out of impending fines! So what have we learned: 1) Pay attention to the road, 2) loosen up your sexual inhibitions with officers. Net: Or 3) keep a few bear claws in the glove compartment. Thank you for your time, Net.

OKAY-POKE

From *Premoking*. Net, I am determined to cash in on this goddamn Pokémon craze with a few short Poké stories of my own. Note: This is only a test Pokéstory. The full version will be available when the polls show that the demand is sufficient. Net: What a tease. You kids enjoy.

Once upon a time there was this little water Pokémon named Squirtle. Net: Isn't that the word for the process of relieving oneself of the last few drops of ... oh, never mind. He wasn't a little bitch, even though everyone else said he was. One day, he went down to the bar and ordered a beer. The whole forest was soon buzzing with the news. The elder Pokémon were concerned that the drink would go straight to his little head. Sure enough, the elder Pokémon were right. Net: We might actually get caught up in this Pokémon craze if it were revealed some of the characters are struggling with chemical dependence. That always makes for a good laugh.

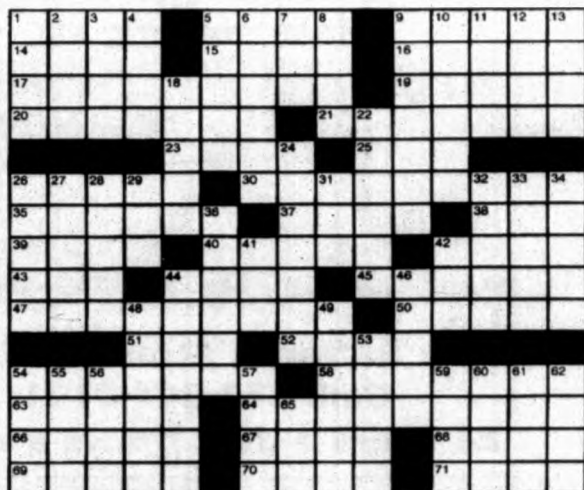
Before he knew it he was talking s@t to everyone in the forest: At first, Charizard tried to ignore him, but his poking and prodding became just too much. He smacked his bitch-ass up a bit and sent him on his drunken way. Net: This is truly the only way to deal with a belligerent drunk. Unless he's bigger than you.

Psyduck had just come home from the store where he had stolen a handful of groceries. He had an incredible headache. Squirtle began eating girdloads of Psyduck's stolen Cheetos. Psyduck was very unhappy. He first threatened to kill him and then felt sorry for the poor bastard and decided to let him off easy. Net: So Psyduck just severed one of Squirtle's stubby limbs. He even let the little guy pick which one would go. Squirtle stumbled back to his home and carefully slipped into his pokébed without disturbing his parents. That night, he dreamed a fantastic dream of the Nidoran. She was a slut and everyone knew it, but little Squirtle had a great crush on her. But that, my friends, is a whole 'nother story ... Net: One which, and we believe we speak for all of Networkia, you should keep to yourself.

The Daily Crossword

ACROSS

- Vexes
- Bit of gossip
- Pick up the tab
- Cheer
- Timbuktu's country
- Avoid a clear response
- Model's tote
- Painter Degas
- Former orphan
- Oriental
- Successful punchee
- "Gracias"
- Financial share
- Mugger
- Romp
- Dimensions: abbr.
- Fuss
- Down with: Fr.
- Mr. T's outfit
- South of France
- King of France
- Indian nursemaid
- Buy's time
- Temporary bed
- View again
- Live on
- Newman movie
- Indistinct sounds
- Fiction genre
- Particles
- Betty Grable, e.g.
- Military trainee
- Related
- Happy mollusk?
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- Dam it?
- Poisonous evergreens



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- Highway
- "Mikado" character
- Dance movement
- Mile High Center architect
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- Teacher of Samuel
- Parasitic arachnid
- Slayer of the Minotaur
- Colorful grass
- Advantage
- Bacterial culture base
- Sea swallow
- King Arthur's father
- Cartoonist Charles
- By hook or by crook
- Table runner
- Prohibition
- Benefit
- Boxer's stat
- Meadow
- Posts
- Muddle
- Cacophony
- Interfere
- Tic-toe tie
- Actress West
- Mobius and Strindberg

- Hobo
- Obstructed, like a river
- Hit the hay
- Like a dollar?
- Apple PCs
- Jazz home
- Verbally abused

- Canned pork product
- Part of CIA
- Green shade
- Crop of a bird
- 'Desire Under the ...
- '50s candidate to like?

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Bizarro by Dan Piraro

...and this is my dad. He wears this shirt on his birthday each year to remind us he's one of the best-known & most respected local institutions.



The Duplex

by Glenn McCoy



Dr. Date

Dear Dr. Date, Wow! I never thought I'd be writing to you! I have a guy friend who I have a very good friendship with. We also have sex. When we started this relationship, we were both involved with or just ending a relationship with someone else, so there was never really a question of whether or not our relationship with each other would go further. This "friends-with-benefits" thing has been going on for

about three months, and, if anything, we have become much closer friends. No problems there.

However, the other night when he came to visit me on campus, we hung out for a while and consequently started doing "what we do," when all of a sudden, he stopped. So we lay there for a while and then he got up to leave. Long story made short, he admitted that while the sexual relationship was awesome when we started hooking up, he wasn't sure if he wanted to do it anymore because he was starting to "have

feelings" for me. He left shortly thereafter, leaving me in shock. We spoke the next night, and he was very honest about his feelings and his wants.

My question is this: I am not sure if I am capable of making a decision right about this right now. All I know for sure is that I care about this guy very much, and I don't want to hurt him. The sex is great, and I don't want to lose that, but more importantly, I also don't want to do anything that will ruin our future as good friends. I feel as though if I just "go with the flow" and something more ends up developing, it will for sure ruin our chances of being friends when the "something more" ends. Any advice? I could use it.

— In a Mess

You're lucky. Usually when a rebound relationship like this gets weird, the people involved have a hard time talking about what they are thinking. I'm impressed by both you and your sweetheart's ability to express your feelings.

I hope you weren't offended by the label rebound relationship. I think this type of thing can be wonderful for a person like you who is trying to get their life back in order after another relationship has ended.

If you "go with the flow," your relationship with this man will invariably become much more complex. You could fall madly in love with each other and share a wonderful lasting love. It could also end in an ugly manner. What you need to

decide is whether you are ready for that risk. You say you aren't ready to even make that decision right now, so don't make it.

Keep the friendship strong. Experience leads me to believe you'll be having sex again soon.

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