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DEREK MONTGOMERY/DULUTH NEWS TRIBUNE  
Joe Berini, time keeper for UMD football, passed away this past Sat. Berini was 89.

## UMD takes time to remember

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A UMD legend has died. Joe Berini operated the time clock at UMD football games for 50 years but his time stopped on Saturday at the age of 89 in his Lakeside home.

Berini was a long-time fan of Duluth sports. He worked at multiple junior and high schools in Duluth including Ordean and East as a teacher, counselor and coach. He began keeping time at UMD football games in 1958.

In 2007, Berini told the Duluth News Tribune that when he was asked to be a timekeeper at UMD he said, "What the heck? If they need me, then I'll do it." I'd be there anyway."

Berini was keeping time when UMD's Sports Information Director, Bob Nygaard started in 1983.

"It's hard to believe that was halfway through Joe's career [at UMD]," Nygaard said.

Berini retired from his timekeeping position after the 2008 football season but he returned in 2009 as a spectator and even gave the ceremonial coin toss at UMD's last regular season football game of 2009.

Prior to that, Berini won the Bruce Benett award in 2004 for his volunteer service to UMD athletics.

Nygaard remembers the presentation of that award well and even keeps a picture of Berini accepting the plaque in his office.

"He's the kind of guy with a twinkle in his eye" Nygaard said. "I think he's the most genuinely kind man you'll ever meet."

### Friends of Berini share memories on Duluth News Tribune's Web site

"What a kind, gracious gentleman. Joe Berini was the quiet heart and soul of the PSS press box for many a year. We are poorer for his passing."  
-Robert P. Cloquet, MN

"I remember Joe very well from my years at East and UMD. Guys like Joe Berini and Joe Mirkoñich were from the "old school." You couldn't help but learn just by being around them. My condolences to the family of Joe Berini. My guess he's already found a scoreboard to operate and a game to watch!"  
-Tom Coombe East High Class of 88

"I will always remember Joe as Youth Director of the downtown First Methodist Church Community Center. He was a mentor to so many young people. His wife, Millie was right there at his side. A great team!"  
-Gayle P. Johnson, Denfeld Class of 1953

"Mr. Berini was a great man. I had the pleasure to get to know him through the youth rec basketball league at Ordean and then through my years at East and UMD. A real class act who made me a better person just for knowing him. He will be sorely missed."  
-Chuck Elliott, East High, class of 82 UMD football 82-86.

## Student Association hopes to bring Zipcar, cheaper textbooks to campus next year

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Student Association (SA) strives to take concerns that students have about their UMD experience and improve the situation. Each semester, SA takes on different issues and comes up with a solution for them.

"This semester, our big project is the Online Course Guide Drive," Victor de Meireles said, a member of the Academic Affairs Committee on SA. "The aim is to increase faculty usage of this great tool for students. Faculty can put information up on their courses before registration so students are better prepared for classes."

The goal is to have information about readings, quizzes and expectations right on the online course catalog so that students can better judge what a class entails, without having to contact a specific instructor about every class.

The project is in the works right now, and the Academic Affairs Committee hopes to have it up and running by March 1 in time for registration in the spring.

Another one of the projects is a program called Zipcar,

which is an hourly car rental for students. Jonaton Mitchell, Vice President for SA, said this is already widely popular at the Twin Cities campus.

"Students can use them to run errands or go grocery shopping for around \$8 an hour," Mitchell said.

This project is still in the preliminary stages, but SA hopes to have it set up by next fall.

"Additionally, we are hoping to co-sponsor a huge roundtable discussion on the rising cost of textbooks," Meireles said. "And what UMD administration, UMD students and faculty, and the UMD Bookstore can do to help curb inflation of the textbook costs."

SA is behind the Bulldog Taxi program as well, and Mitchell would like to remind students to renew their taxi cards for second semester, since the old ones won't work anymore.

"Our office is right across from the Kirby Information Desk," Mitchell said. "Just stop in and get a new card."

For students interested in getting involved in SA, congress is held every Thursday at 5 p.m. in EduE 16. There are positions open for students who would like to join and have a vote in which issues SA takes on.

## Students rally behind Randy

BY DAVID COWWARDIN  
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UMD Student Representative to the Board of Regent Jenny McCabe hand delivered a letter to three University of Minnesota administrators on Dec. 10 asking them to reappoint Randy Hyman to his previously held position as vice chancellor for Academic Support and Student Life—Hyman was reassigned to associate professor with tenure on Sept. 1, 2009.

Reasons for Hyman's reassignment are still private knowledge and have yet to leave the confines of the chancellor's office. Despite confidential circumstances, however, McCabe still felt the need to defend Hyman's integrity.

"He was always there to help [the students] and I think that's something everyone wants to see in a vice chancellor," McCabe said.

The letter displays her gratitude for Hyman both as an individual and leader at UMD.

"During our time here at UMD we have gotten to know Dr. Randy Hyman both as an administrator as well as on a more personal level ... While the circumstances for Dr. Hyman's reassignment to an Associate Professor remain unclear, we are writing to urge you to reappoint Dr. Hyman to his former position of Vice Chancellor of Academic Support and Student Life," McCabe wrote.

The letter was delivered to University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks, Human Resources Vice President Carol Carrier, and Systematic Academic Administration Senior Vice President Robert Jones. It included 12 additional signatures, six of which belong to current members of UMD Student Association (SA).

"I think he was not offered due process to keep his position," Victor de Meireles said, SA vice president of Academic Affairs.

According to the university's policy regarding non-renewal of appointment for academic professional and academic employees, such as Hyman, "Appointees serving in their second year through their fifth year of employment are entitled to three months' notice of non-renewal." Hyman is in his third year of employment, however, he was notified on July 10 of his non-renewal, less than two months in advance.

Prior to her visit to the University of Minnesota, McCabe shared a cup of coffee with Hyman to gain further context on the issue. During that conversation, Hyman provided her with a series of events leading to his reassignment. The chronological events have been confirmed by Hyman and read as follows:

**July 3** – Hyman left for vacation.

**July 6** – A weekly Chancellor's office meeting is held. Hyman is still on vacation at the time and absent from the meeting. Hyman later hears from others in attendance that Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin announced that he would be reassigned.

see HYMAN, A3



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## Police ask for help to find missing person

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An 18-year-old man has been missing since Jan. 17 after he left Stargate Night Club in Superior, Wisc. that night.

Sylvester "Sly" McCurry is a light-skinned black male with short, curly brown hair and brown eyes. He weighs approximately 150 lbs. and stands 5 foot 11. He was last seen wearing white Nike shoes and blue jeans, according to a Duluth Police Department press release.

Anyone who has any information about McCurry is urged to call 911.

## How to stay out of the crime beat this semester

see CRIME BEAT, A4



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- "Two days into pre-historic cultures and I'm puking everywhere."
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- "Party my place right meow. Celebrating the loss of the Vikings. Great season with the king, drinking myself to sleep."
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- "Vikes lose, parking ticket, \$330 on books I'll probably never use. Great start to the week. But the worst part is still the vikes."

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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- Bridges of "The Big Lebowski"
  - River projects
  - Ritz cracker alternative
  - Swedish furniture giant
  - Ostrich cousin
  - Neighborhoods
  - Longing for a fronded plant?
  - Connection
  - H.S. dropout's test
  - Zinfandel, but not sake?
  - Oxygen emanating from a lawn?
  - Spews
  - Bench press target, briefly
  - Côte d'Azur view
  - Scratch or dent
  - Ed.'s pile
  - Rural skyline cylinder
  - Rock collection specimens
  - Mother Goose offerings, or in a different sense, this puzzle's title
  - Cloverleaf element
  - Follower of once?
  - Some TVs
  - Scrap for Spot
  - Anaheim team, on scoreboards
  - Claire, Wisconsin
  - Pair of blows
  - Steep, e.g.?
  - Like areas above the timberline?
  - Govt. auditing gp.
  - Fruit soda brand
  - Group devoted to small, woody plants?
  - "I Kissed \_\_\_": Katy Perry hit
  - Diggs of "Private Practice"
  - Golfer Isao
  - Kidney-related
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  - Joan at Woodstock

- Down**
- Choice of "Choosy moms," in ads
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- Cry of realization
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- "Riders of the Purple Sage" author
- "Maid of Athens, \_\_\_ part": Byron
- Discrimination fought by suffragists
- Talks trash to
- Size up
- Polite country affirmative
- Not o'er
- Modern rental car feature, briefly
- Hold back
- Scopes Trial gp.
- Turkish mount
- Christie heroine
- Plata counterpart
- Place where sweaters get fit?
- The Mustangs of coll. football
- Winter wonderland creator
- Shortstop's boot
- Foil alternative
- Fly high
- Worn-down pencil
- Was successful
- Bring to a boil?
- Shown to a seat
- Pleas in court
- Simple poetry pattern
- Aquarium denizen
- "\_\_\_ it coming": "Serves him right"
- Eng. lesson
- "¿Cómo \_\_\_ usted?"
- Bakery product
- Mauna \_\_\_
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Kirby Rafter.  
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- Jeremy Messersmith  
Kirby Rafter  
Saturday, Jan. 30. 9 p.m.-11:30 p.m.
- Open Mic Night  
Kirby Rafter  
Tuesday, Feb. 2. 9 p.m.-12:00 p.m.

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# Dance instructor and long-time friend to help Haiti

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Jamie Somrock and Heather Hughley have been best friends since kindergarten. To this day, they refer to each other for support, something they have been able to rely steadily on over the years. After hearing of the devastating Earthquake in Haiti that left thousands dead and a whole country in ruins, Somrock and Hughley decided to give the same support they've provided each other to those less fortunate overseas.

"Everyone needs help sometimes," Somrock said.

Somrock, a junior at UMD, is a dance instructor at Stacey Studios where she instructs eight classes. Her plan is to organize a dance recital where all funds would go toward Haitian relief.

She has already notified two of her classes of the impact their dance could have if her vision becomes reality. Girls in those two classes range from five to seven years of age.

"They were so excited and just

begging to help," Somrock said. Somrock has yet to find a venue to host the recital but is eager to find a place willing to provide the space for free considering the cause.

The Marshal Performing Arts Center (MPAC) said they are booked through spring break but if they had an opening the recital is something they would consider, according to MPAC Facilities Manager John Heil.

In the meantime, Somrock and Hughley continue to brainstorm fundraising ideas ranging from bake sales and block parties. They have gained the support of the Northland chapter of the American Red Cross by entering a third party fundraising agreement—a contract that ensures all fundraising proceeds go to the Red Cross.

"Jamie is great, I think her enthusiasm is infectious," said Judy Hanne Gonzalez, executive director of the Northland American Red Cross.

Gonzalez worked with the Red Cross in Washington, D.C. during the Asian tsunami in

2004 and is familiar with the relief situations.

"It's going to be a long, long-term effort," she said.

Already, the Northland American Red Cross has received upwards of \$50,000 in donations for Haitian relief, much of which came from a telethon last week sponsored by the Northland News Center and US Bank.

"People here have been incredibly generous," Gonzalez said.

Most of the relief, she said, tends to fall within the three-week period following the disaster. We are currently in week three and Gonzalez is still fielding questions as to how people can help.

For Somrock and Hughley, their contribution has only just begun.

"We're pretty much at ground zero," Somrock said. "We're trying to build it up and make a difference."

If you want to help Somrock and Hughley in their efforts, they are looking for assistance. Somrock can be messaged at somro005@d.umn.edu.

# Letter to the editor; Bride to-be urges others to donate to Haitian victims

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Leah Bogen is engaged to Will Nicholson. Both are UMD graduates -- Bogen in 2007 and Nicholson in 2002. Their generosity toward Haiti relief has sparked others to give but to a different cause. People have offered to donate to their wedding fund. As the couple receives wedding donations they plan to continue to donate the money that they would have spent on their wedding to Haiti relief. Their story was shown on Kare11 news last week.

The couple resides in Maplewood, Minn. Bogen is a personal trainer at a YMCA in Woodbury and Nicholson is a family practice physician at St. John's Hospital in Maplewood. Their wedding is set to take place on June 19, 2010 at Nicholson's grandparents' home in Mahtomedi, Minn.

Dear Editor,

Today I donated the food budget for my wedding to relief efforts in Haiti.

Getting married and planning the perfect wedding is something most women, including me, dream about for a very long time. The perfect dress, decorations, catering, flowers, cakes, the list goes on and on. It is my chance to be "queen for a day" and it feels great. My fiancé and I have been planning our wedding for a few months now, meeting with vendors, setting our budget and having many long conversations about creating the perfect wedding.

Running in tandem with our wedding planning conversations over the past few days has been the horror and human tragedy in Haiti. I woke up Sunday morning and sat down with a cup of coffee and the newspaper and read about people with no food or water, having limbs amputated in makeshift hospitals in a last chance effort to save their lives. I suggested to my fiancé right then that we should donate part of our wedding budget to disaster relief in Haiti. Anyone who has planned a wedding knows how tight the budget can get, but without a moment's pause he said "YES! I love you SO much!"

We have decided to donate our food budget - 25% of our wedding funds - to aid victims of the Haiti earthquake. Our friends and family can go without a fancy wedding dinner, especially if it means helping provide food, medical care and shelter for those desperately in need.

The tragedy in Haiti is so huge I hope that other brides-to-be will take this message to heart and find a way to donate to a relief organization. Find something in your wedding budget that you don't need and just cut it out. Assess what is most important to you on your wedding day, harness your bride-power, and take action to do something that will make your wedding unbelievably meaningful. Your wedding will be spectacular, and the money you donate will make a huge difference to someone in dire need.

Sincerely,  
Leah Bogen (UMD Alum 2007)

# Local fitness instructor asks for more than just sweat

BY KRISTEN KREBS  
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Jessica Rossing's job is to make people sweat. Last Thursday she made her clients sweat for a cause.

She called it Evolve for Haiti, a play on the name of the studio she owns, Evolve Personal Fitness. Brave souls, some her regular clients, got their sweat fix by hopping on spin bicycles, and working their muscles in a stretch fusion class. Many of Rossing's clients that day decided to donate money to Haiti relief per her request.

"People stepped outside the box to try something new for a great cause," Rossing said.

An estimated 20 people came through Rossing's studio for the Evolve for Haiti event. With dona-

tions ranging from one to 20 dollars, Rossing was able to raise \$250. She exceeded her original goal by \$100.

"Every little thing counts," Rossing said.

Although Rossing lacks the experience preferred for volunteer aid relief traveling to Haiti right now (relief organizations are asking for people with ten years of disaster relief experience), she wanted to do something personal to help the people of Haiti. She asked herself "what can I do to make a difference first-hand."

Rossing took the \$250 that she raised to the Duluth Red Cross last Friday and is waiting to hear what the money will be specifically used for in Haiti.

She said she might try to travel to Haiti in the next year or two to continue with relief efforts.

# Pizza Luce to host two night fundraiser event



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Event organizers Sarah Nordlund and Alex Bauer pose with donated art from local artists.

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It only takes a couple of people to speak up and make a difference. Sarah Nordlund and Ashley Ojala, both servers at Pizza Luce, came up with similar ideas on how to raise money for Haiti. The two decided to work together and came up with a brilliant plan.

What started out as a small benefit ended up turning into a two-night benefit show. "It is easy to just donate money, but to see people come together on a larger scale can make such a big impact,"

Ojala said.

The two-day event started last night with bluegrass performers Two Many Banjos and Hobo Nephews of Uncle Frank and Rich Mattson. Today, starting at 9 p.m., the lineup includes hip-hop/reggae artists Crew Jones, Prince Paul, Zone8 and Miss Mae.

The doors open at 8 p.m., where a silent auction will take place and raffle tickets will be sold for \$3. Prizes and gift certificates for restaurants, bars and retail stores will be handed out to lucky winners.

One hundred percent of the proceeds go to Haiti. The pro-

ceeds are split between two organizations; 75 percent of the proceeds will go to Oxfam America and the other 25 percent of them will go to Kako Foundation.

"All proceeds go to Haiti, the \$5 you pay at the door and the \$3 you pay for a raffle ticket," Ojala said.

If you could touch someone else's life, have fun with your friends and watch an amazing lineup of performers for \$5, would you? If you would, then you should make your way down to Pizza Luce tonight and support the cause.

## HYMAN, from A1

July 10 - Upon returning from vacation, Hyman receives a letter at his home from Martin notifying him that his contract will no longer be renewed. The letter indicated that Hyman could meet with Martin to discuss the issue.

July 15 - With a list of accomplishments prepared, Hyman met with Martin to discuss the matter.

July 16 - Martin tells Hyman that her decision stands. Hyman said Martin did not specify a reason.

Martin could not be reached on campus or at her home Tuesday for comment. UMD Director of Public Relations Susan Beasy Latto said the administration is unable to comment on the issue since it's a personnel matter. Likewise, the Statesman was denied interviews with all three letter recipients since the subject is of personal nature. President Bruininks responded to McCabe's request to reappoint Hyman in a Jan. 8 letter:

"I appreciate your concerns, and deeply admire your strong support and advocacy of Professor Hyman's accomplishments when he was Vice Chancellor of Academic Support and

Student Life at the University of Minnesota Duluth," he wrote. "However, because this is a personnel issue, and therefore considered private and confidential, I am afraid I cannot discuss with you any details related to his change in appointment."

When McCabe delivered the letter to Bruininks on Dec. 10 she had a chance to speak with him in person. During that interaction, she said that Bruininks assured her that the issue is being looked into and is not going unnoticed.

"They were all pretty receptive," she said.

While the reason behind Martin's decision to reassign Hyman remains unclear, McCabe said that her support is rooted in her personal experiences working with him.

"I don't know what [Chancellor Martin] based her decisions on," she said, referring to Hyman's reassignment.

Hyman served as vice chancellor from July 1, 2007 to Aug. 31, 2009. He is now a tenured professor in the Department of Education.

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# The chancellor search committee begins their task

BY KRISTEN KREBS  
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"We're looking for a highly motivated, talented individual to lead an institution of some magnitude with many challenges and opportunities," Vince Magnuson said, UMD's Vice Chancellor and co-chair of the Chancellor Search Committee.

UMD's current chancellor, Kathryn Martin, will step down on July 31, after serving as the chancellor for 15 years. She became the first woman chancellor in the University of Minnesota system when she was appointed in Aug. of 1995.

The committee finding her replacement is made up of about 20 individuals including faculty members from UMD and the U of M Twin cities, Duluth community members and even a UMD student.

Joshua Gillson, president of Student Association, is the sole student on the Chancellor Search Committee.

"I'm the youngest guy at the table," Gillson said.

And although he said he might be the guy with the least amount of experience, Gillson said that he brings the "student experience" to the table.

Gillson hopes to bring in another student voice later in the search process as a guest to the committee.

So far the Chancellor Search Committee has drafted the position description and hired the professional search firm Spencer Stuart to identify candidates and advertise the position nationally.

The search will involve costs for candidates' travel, hospitality and entertainment. A budget has not been projected for the committee and Magnuson could not make an estimate for how much the search will cost.

"There's no price tag," Magnuson said. The chancellor is, "arguably the most important position at the university."

Last week the committee published the Chancellor Position and Candidate Specification with the help of Spencer Stuart.

The committee hopes to present a list of candidates for public interview in April and have



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Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin will be replaced next year with the selection of a new chancellor.

someone hired to be presented at the Board of Regents meeting in May.

# CRIME BEAT

## Avoid being in the crime beat

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Last weekend, I sat down with Sgt. Tim LeGarde of university police to talk with him about common questions students have about their rights.

**Is it illegal to lie to a cop? For example, if you have been drinking and you tell the police you have not.**

No. Not unless you are misleading police in a way that hinders an investigation.

"In a minor case like [lying about drinking] we're probably not going to issue a citation. But it's never a good idea. Even in minor cases like that, it could play into the officer's discretion and whether they will cut you a break."

**Can you get a DUI while riding a bike?**

"No. It has to be a motor vehicle."

**Is it beneficial to take a ticket to court?**

Yes. If you have reason to believe that you are not guilty or the procedure was faulty.

"I always encourage people to take them to court if they think it's the right thing to do."

**What are my rights when it comes to searching my things? Example, a cop asks to search your car, do you have to let them?**

No. You don't have to let them.

"If there's no probable cause or warrant they're going to need to get your consent. You can legitimately decline."

However, if you are under arrest you are subject to search without your consent.

**If a student is having a house party and the police come to the door, do you have to answer? If you answer do you have to let them into the house?**

In short, no, you don't have to do either.

"You don't have to let anyone into your house, but don't assume they are just going to leave."

**If police believe there is a crime being committed they will find a way to access the house. This is through either a search warrant or by putting a freeze on the house by not letting anyone in or out.**

"It's always a good idea to at least answer the door if it's just a house party situation... It's already in the records. If they can't take care of it then, then they will come back. They will find some way to solve the problem."

Keep in mind that if you are an on-campus resident you are required to open the door. It is part of your housing contract.

**If you are 21 and drinking with people who are not, will you get a "supplying to minors" ticket if caught?**

No, not necessarily. The police would need to establish that the alcohol was either given to the underage drinkers or purchased for them. This can be hard to do, according to LeGarde.

## Campus recycling simplified

BY ADAM WHEELER  
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The UMD Sustainability Office has issued a new recycling system for students to use. New signage on all garbage and recycling bins has been issued in an attempt to simplify the process throughout campus.

The stickers that can now be seen on nearly all trash cans on campus feature a symbol with the phrase, "UMD and you."

"The system is wonderful, the flaw is the lack of education with students," Jordan Cataldo said, one of the students responsible for the change.

The idea is to adopt a co-mingled stream, which is to allow all recyclables to be disposed of in one place, as opposed to the old way, which consisted of three separate bins

that were used for three different forms of waste.

According to Cataldo, "New bins were just too expensive." The need for a new recycling system, as well as several budget constraints, made this the best option.

The progress made so far is only the beginning, according to UMD Sustainability Coordinator, Mindy Granley.

"Currently we send our waste and recycling to the Twin Cities to be sorted," she said. "The next step is to find a way to have that done more locally."

Although the new system intends to make recycling easier for students, Granley said that recycling should not be your first option.

"Try to avoid waste first, then recycle," she said.

## UMD wireless should be faster, according to ITSS

BY ADAM WHEELER  
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The speed of the Internet on campus should have doubled since winter break, according to a statement released by Information Technology Systems and Services (ITSS) Director, Linda Deneen.

"On Dec. 22, our Internet feed doubled from 250 megabits per second to 500," Deneen said.

Amber Blake, a resident of Goldfine apartments, said that she has experienced a change for the worse.

"The Internet is either slower compared to last semester or doesn't work," she said.

Information Technology Professor Josh Richard said that the Internet connection should be faster.

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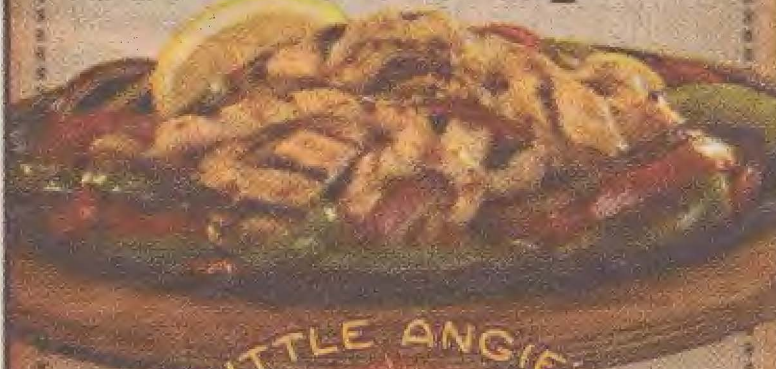
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## Post cold war prints in Tweed exhibit

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The Tweed Museum of Art's newest exhibit, "The Atomic Edge: Design in Print Imagery," provides a window into the post World War II world of the 1940s to 1960s that dealt with the terrible angst of the dropping of the first atomic bombs and fear of Russian response, a change in aesthetic perspective across all dimensions of popular culture, in addition to experimentation in printmaking, which led to its shift as a high art form rather than a technique used to recreate art.

The ending of the war and dropping of the atomic bombs in 1945 affected culture and art by influencing the way forms were represented. In addition to this sudden change in artistic perspective, there was a dramatic shift in artistic leaders as the United States began to produce more art than Europe for the first time in history.

In 1944, the omnibus G.I. Bill stated that World War II veterans would be provided with college or vocational education, along with unemployment compensation for up to one year. This allowed for further artistic experimentation, which led to new techniques in printmaking, a type of art that consists of the production and multiplication of works on fabric, plastic, paper, metal or wood.

The exhibit, "The Atomic Edge," is filled with prints created during the post-war era that demonstrate the overall anxiety many Americans felt at the time. Many of the pieces have an atomic flare to them as most of them contain geometric and almost machine-like shapes that possess nuclear qualities.

Some of the work displayed in the exhibit is a part of the artist visitation program that took place here in Duluth from 1950 into the late 1960s. This program allowed artists, many of whom were from New York, to stay in Duluth for the summer and teach art seminars as a way to share ideas.

Bill Shipley, one of the Tweed Museum of Art's current volunteer tour guides, was a UMD student during the 1960s and studied under many of these artists from the program. He saw drastic changes in artistic representations during the nationwide panic over potential bomb threats.

"It was like suddenly seeing the results of invisible physics and the huge idea that the invisible world really mattered," Shipley said.

The Atomic Edge mainly consists of pieces of work donated from the Kiser Print Collection by former UMD Art Profes-

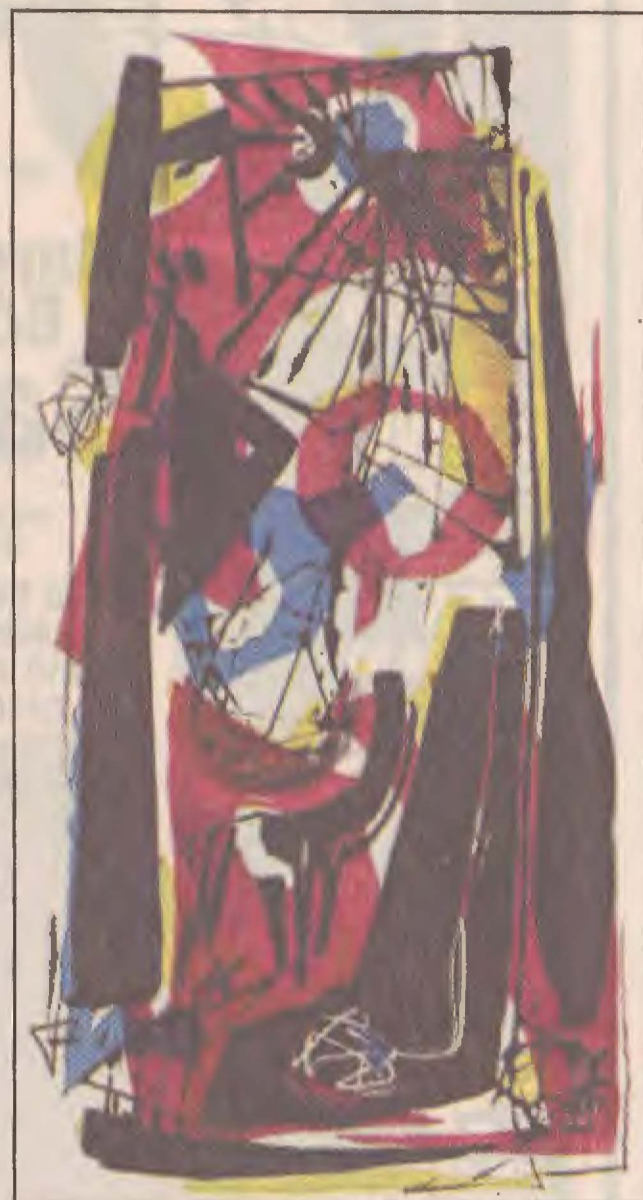


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sor Jesse Dorrance Kiser. Kiser, a printmaking professor, collected the pieces as a way to educate his students on the several unique techniques used to create prints.

The exhibit is presented with assistance from the Daniel Kasle Print Fund thanks to the contributions from Rob Leff, a founder of the Kasle fund, in addition to many of the pieces Leff loaned to the museum for the current exhibit.

Organized by the Tweed Museum's second year interns, Michael Cason, Marla Peterson, Adam Rosenthal and Erica Whalen, "The Atomic Edge" proves to be an explosive exhibit full of windows to post WWII American history.



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## UMD professor featured in Popular Science Magazine

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In the Feb. 2010 issue of Popular Science magazine, the question was asked of how to update America's four million miles of crumbling roadways. UMD Professor Xun Yu has part of the answer.

Dr. Yu, along with Dr. Eil Kwon and Dr. Baoguo Han, is hard at work with a new style of concrete. By mixing carbon nanotubes, roads in the future could withstand more weight with less cracking, sense how many vehicles are on the road in real time and even know how fast traffic is flowing.

"Current traffic detection technologies need sensors to be installed either in the road or over the road, which has issues with maintenance and has a relatively short service life," Yu said.

Yu and his team are working on integrating carbon nanotubes into concrete. In a way, the road would become the sensor and would clear up problems currently in the system.

The future of the project relies heavily on getting the right mix of carbon nanotubes (CNTs) and concrete. The CNTs are relatively new technology and their properties are still being studied. In this application, CNTs show changes in electric potential when a stress is applied. A stress, like a car



JORDAN CATALDO/STATESMAN  
Dr. Yu poses for a photo in one of UMD's labs.

passing over the concrete, would be sensed in a linear response. These stresses would change in magnitude, depending on the size and speed of the vehicle.

"We are still in the stage of proving the concept, and there are still many problems to be solved before it can be deployed in the actual roadway. For instance, the reliability and durability of the new sensors," Yu said.

The research that Yu and his team are working on would not

only be useful in the practical sense, but it is also a huge step for nanotechnology.

"As for the carbon nanotube nanotechnology, this research would extend the applications of carbon nanotubes. It is a very interesting nano material with excellent properties," Yu said.

Confident that the problems with the technology will be solved, Yu's work could be seen in U.S. roadways in the near future.

## The Reel Review with Adam Wheeler

### Avatar: I still haven't blinked

BY ADAM WHEELER  
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To paraphrase the words of Will Ferrell during his comical impression of James Lipton, there is no word in the English language that suffices to describe brilliance of the movie "Avatar"... So I am forced to make one up. The film is scrumtrilescent.

James Cameron, co-writer and director of the movie, has an unusual resume in his long movie-making career. With films varying from cheesy action flick "True Lies" to the widely acclaimed and artful "Titanic," he returns from his 10-year hiatus with unprecedented success.

The story follows a crippled sol-

dier that is admitted into a research program after the death of his twin brother that allows for a person to vicariously use the body of the other species that plays a large role in the movie, the Na'vi. Hence the name "Avatar."

The most surprising part of the movie is its lack of standout actors. The most notable actor in the movie would be Sigourney Weaver who plays a convincing hard-nosed scientist with a quick wit, which is not much of a reach for her.

The humans occupy the planet of Pandora, the indigenous home of the Na'vi. The metaphor between the plot and the European occupation of the Native American's land is an obvious one.

Visually, the movie is an absolute spectacle. The images jump off the screen, whether you see it in 3D or not. The level of detail into the character models sets the new standard

in movies based on computer generated (CG) actors.

The voice acting is dead on, which could not have been easy, as the characters aren't doing what they usually do in CG films. There are times you will forget that the Na'vi aren't real, as their facial expressions and their in-depth conversations are so similar to any of the human actors they are interacting with.

If you have been to a movie not named "Avatar" in the last month and a half, you are doing yourself a disservice. It demands the viewer to feel emotionally invested in characters and situations that are completely absurd.

Moviegoers, I beg you, allow yourself to fall in love with a great story, told by a great storyteller and embrace the absurdity.

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# UMD students study, teach in Belize



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(L to R) Chris Lorenz, Amanda Van Effen, Chris Parno, Anna Hoffman and Kyle Wilson travelled through Belize together last semester.

BY EMMA FROMBERG  
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Imagine trying to teach Belizean teenagers how to play basketball. They think you have a funny accent and it's hard for you to understand them, and each time the ball hits the ground they kick it because they are used to playing soccer. Did I mention there are 40 kids you have to keep in line?

This is exactly what UMD student Chris Parno did for eight weeks in Belize last semester. UMD has a study abroad program for students in the education department to stay with host families in Belize and student teach at local schools there.

"We had more experience teaching than half the teachers down there," Parno said. He said that the school he worked at was very welcoming, but also very demanding. "We needed more direction than they gave us."

Parno and another student, Chris Lorenz, spent their time in Belize student teaching physical education to high school students. Other students were at elementary schools, and each experience was challenging but rewarding for the students. Belize is the only English-speaking country in Central America, but Parno said that it was still hard to understand each other.

"The kids were like any other kids, but if anything, there was less structure," Parno said.

He said the schools were much more laid back than in the United States, referring to what he called "Belize time," where students were allowed to come to school late and given much more free time than American students are usually allowed.

"It's strange being back here and having a set schedule again," he said.

The students lived with host families in Punta Gorda, where they paid \$115 a week for room and board. Parno said it was interesting seeing the lives of the six, seven and 14-year-old children that he got the chance to live with.

"I think kids have a lot more responsibility with helping out around the house," he said, comparing the amount of chores the 14-year-old did with his own experience growing up in America. "No American kids do that much work."

This semester, the program has more applicants than there is room for, but Parno wants to encourage students to apply.

"It's a resume builder and a great experience," Parno said.

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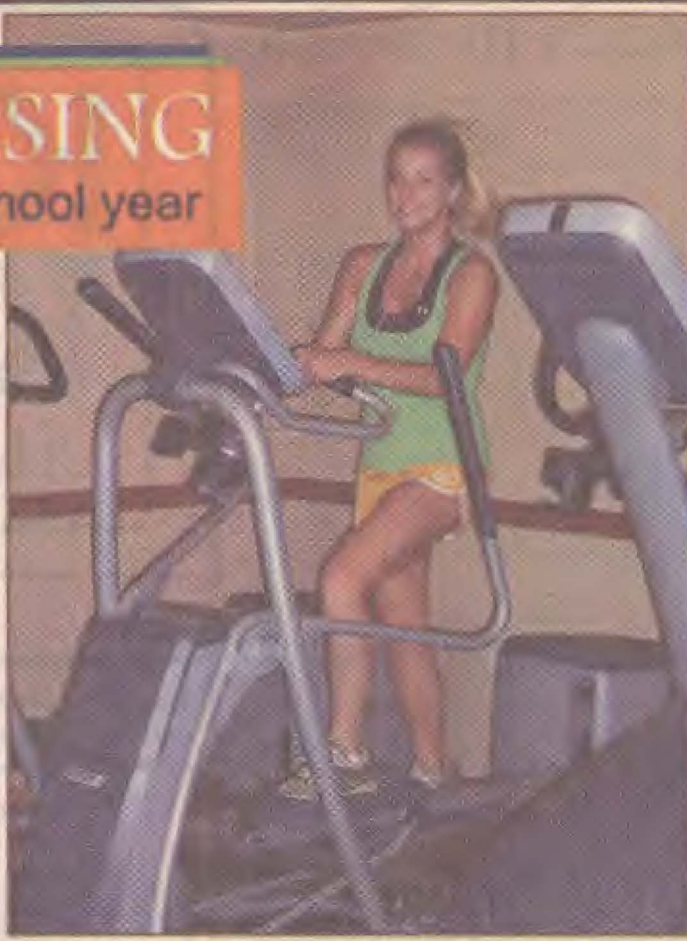
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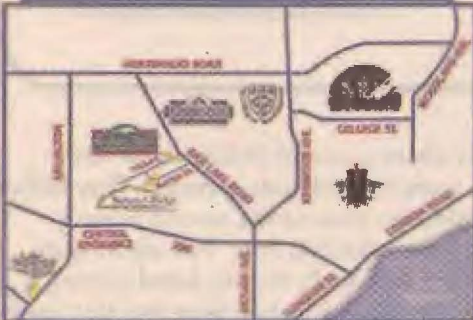
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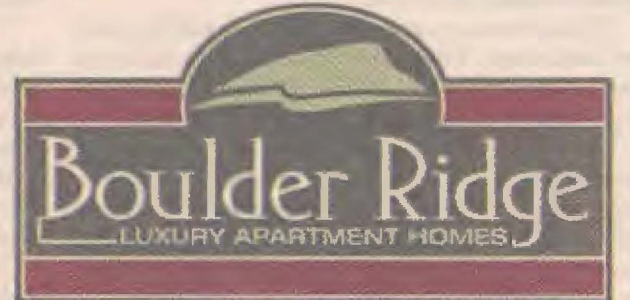
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# The Bulldogs fall to Bemidji State Beavers

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After a 4-1 upset on Bemidji ice last Friday, the UMD men's Hockey team came home to the DECC the following night in hopes of stopping the Beavers from a weekend non-conference home-and-home series sweep. A controversial goal at the end of the third period, showing zero seconds on the clock, went in Bemidji's favor and sent the game into overtime. Thirty-six seconds into overtime the Beavers took their first shot and slid the puck past sophomore goaltender Brady Hjelle, encompassing a 5-4 victory.

"It's never a good feeling when you lose two games and I hope the guys know that and take it to heart," UMD Head Coach Scott Sandelin said. "I do think that we competed better tonight than we did last night, so that's something positive."

Starting off with a strong offense in the first period, junior defenseman Chad Huttel scored the first UMD goal of the night and his first goal of the season to tie up the score against the Beavers 1-1.

"At that moment I was excited to make a big play and to get momentum swinging back in our direction," Huttel said. "When I shot the puck I was just trying to get a good hard shot on net and it went in."

Senior left winger Jordan Fulton shined in the second period as he was the only player to score for either team. Following in Huttel's footsteps, this goal was also Fulton's first goal of the season.

Starting the third period with a 2-1 Bulldog lead, the Beavers took the first step and scored. Less than a minute of play later sophomore center Travis Oleksuk snuck the puck past Beaver goaltender Dan Bakala. In the last half of the period Bemidji scored on Hjelle again, and this time the Bulldogs responded with another goal within 30 seconds by freshman right winger Mike Seidel, his fifth goal of the season. With eight seconds left on the clock and a 4-3 lead, Bulldog fans started to relax with visions of another home victory. But just as soon as those feelings arose, they disappeared even quicker when Bemidji's Ben Kinne scored a goal with just over one second left on the clock.

Overtime lasted all but 36 seconds. Bemidji freshman Jordan George slid the puck into the goal for the victory and the weekend sweep.



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ABOVE: Senior Ron White puts a shot in over two defenders Friday night against Bemidji State. RIGHT: Bemidji State Beavers score on UMD goaltender Brady Hjelle.

"I've gotta give them credit, they played 60 minutes," Sandelin said. "I mean, you've got to give credit where credit is due. We have to regroup and get back to work, and correct the things that are correctable."

Next year Bemidji State will be a member of the same conference as UMD, the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA). Last weekend's upset may have been the games that set the stage for another new conference rivalry.

"Bemidji was already a pretty big rival before, but after an overtime game like this between two high ranked teams, I only expect the rivalry to grow when they enter the WCHA," Huttel said.

This weekend the Bulldogs will go head to head with WCHA conference rivalry, the University of Wisconsin Badgers, at the DECC. Play starts at 7:07 p.m. both Fri. and Sat. night.



## Athlete of the Week: Jheri Booker

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Adversity is a word that invokes depression in most. It represents insufficiency and involves strenuous work in overcoming some obstacle barricading you from a goal. It can crush most people. Yet, some feed off of it. Some live for it. Some conquer it. For the UMD women's Basketball team, adversity is just a way of life. They deal with it each and every day, and it never ceases to make itself apparent. The more apparent it becomes, the easier it becomes to push it aside and rise to the top. The Athlete of the Week is no stranger to adversity, in fact, she's quite the opposite.

Jheri Booker made her way to UMD all the way from Rome, Ga., where she grew up and polished the basketball skills that led her 1,100 miles north to the shores of the Great Lakes. Her college career didn't begin here, either. Booker transferred to UMD following two seasons at Tennessee State University, where she competed at the Division-I level.

Booker returns to UMD for her senior season in all-star fashion; she leads the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) in scoring. Combined with the recognition she received after being chosen as last year's conference Player of the Year, there is no shortage of adversities to overcome. The coaches know



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"We strive for team success and that's how we conquer."

-Jheri Booker

who she is, the players know who she is and they will strive each minute of every game to stop her from living up to her potential.

"Leading the NSIC in scoring only means that I have to have consistent performances. As well it means that teams will look to double team me, so I have to practice and prepare for what I need to do in those situations," Booker said. Obviously her plan has been working. She recently recorded her eighth double-double in UMD's win over Bemidji State on Sat. Leading the pack in points, rebounds and steals, Booker is a triple threat. The team will look to her to carry them deep into the playoffs this postseason.

"I see us winning the Conference Championship. Going to Nationals and winning that Championship as well," Booker said. But in sport, there will always be an opposition to your goals. There will always be that adversity.

"We have adjusted to adversity. That is one of the main things that coach Wiles and coach Abrahams stress to us; battling and showing mental and physical strength in times of adversity. We have grown to work more together and stick together. That is what makes us different from other teams. We strive for team success and that's how we conquer," Booker said. I couldn't have said it better myself.

## WEEKLY BOX SCORE

### Women's Basketball (13-5) No. 3 in NSIC

1/23 vs. Bemidji State  
W 69-56

Point Leaders: Booker 23,  
Mayr 10, Miller 10

### Women's Hockey (17-7-2) No. 5

1/22 vs. Mankato  
W 3-1

1/23 vs. Mankato  
W 2-1

Scoring Fri.: Fridfinnson,  
Tuominen, Cournoyer

Scoring Sat.: Wong, Wilson

Saves on Fri.: 33 by Harss

Saves on Sat.: 19 by Steck

### Men's Basketball (7-11)

1/23 vs. Bemidji State  
L 69-71

Point Leaders: Rasmussen  
29, White 14

### Men's Hockey (16-10-2) No. 4 in Nation

1/22 vs. Bemidji State  
L 4-1

1/23 vs. Bemidji State  
L 5-4(OT)

Scoring Fri.: Connolly J.

Scoring Sat.: Huttel, Fulton,  
Oleksuk, Seidel

Saves on Fri.: 10 by Reiter

Saves on Sat.: 19 Hjelle

## Big TV, bigger failure

The Vikings loss was a team effort, not just Favre's fault

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After coming back to school from break, it suddenly hit me that the TV screen in my apartment is only 19 inches big, or small rather. As an ecstatic Vikings fan, this television just wouldn't do for Sunday night's game. So before I even went to buy my books I was on a mission to find a friend with a bigger tv than mine to watch the Vikings-Saints game.

I soon found out that this task wouldn't be very hard, as most people's laptop screens are bigger than my TV. Taking the 30-minute trek to Cloquet in snowy and rainy conditions may have been a bit unnecessary but I wasn't going to complain; I had a big television, close friends and good hospitality. What more could I ask for? Well, the Super Bowl would have been nice.

I am the type of sports spectator that is always staying optimistic and hoping for the very best outcome for my team. I only let myself have a bad attitude when the game is officially

over and my team loses. This was the case on Sunday. After every fumble and every turnover by the Vikings I still stayed true to my team despite the crude comments around me by a few upset, and still whining, Packer fans.

A competitive and evenly matched game kept me especially optimistic. After every touchdown that resulted in tying up the score I found myself saying, "Well it's like the score is 0-0, it's a fresh, new start." This mentality lasted until the end of the fourth quarter.

I'm sure every Minnesotan will never forget the last 19 seconds of the fourth quarter when it was third and 15, with the Vikings looking to get into field goal position for the win. This experience, for me, was even more dramatic when a fuse blew in the house and the TV went out just before the play started. Never before have I seen so many people running around frantically trying to fix the problem. After all that hustle and confusion, and with 20 people huddling around a 10-inch screen, we only had disappointment to take away from it. An interception. Really? Overtime should not have

been an option.

Holding my breath for the whole duration of the overtime, I kept thinking, "We can still pull this off." Even when Garrett Hartley went out for the field goal, I had hopes that the ball would be blocked or there would be a bad snap, or maybe he would just trip and miss the ball completely. But once I saw the ball go precisely in the middle of the uprights, disappointment and anger sunk in.

I've heard many people say that it is Favre's fault that they lost, but I don't think that many 40-year-old quarterbacks who took a beating like Favre did would go back out there. Let's face it, if Favre never went back out we most likely would have lost anyway with Tarvaris Jackson in. In the end, it is a team sport and Peterson, Harvin, Barrian, Shaincoe, and even the beloved Jared Allen, are equally to blame for the loss.

Although it is hard to find a bright side to this upset, we will still be able to watch ten of our players in the Pro Bowl this Sunday.



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## Thousands watch internet bear birth

Den Cam and Updates



The North American Bear Center has an updated view of the den on the video. **WWW.BEAR.ORG/SUBMITTED**  
The live webcast logon screen to Lily the Bear's not-so-private den.

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Grab your laptop, log on to [www.bear.org](http://www.bear.org) and navigate to the "Den Cam" link to see a stunning sign of the times for ecological technology. As part of a long-term study near Ely, Minn., on black bear ecology and behavior, Lily the black bear's den was retrofitted with a webcam that is currently broadcasting in real time across the Internet.

But here's the kicker—she just gave birth. After what Wildlife Filmmaker Doug Hajicek called on the Today Show a "violent labor" lasting 21 hours, Lily gave birth to a cub live on the Internet.

The North American Bear Center (NABC) stated that Lily went into labor at 1:59 p.m. CST on Jan. 21 and bouts of labor continued for nearly 24 hours.

With 63,000 fans on Facebook, Lily is nuzzling her way into the limelight as interested and undoubtedly curious bear enthusiasts watch all over the globe.

**"Daily urine volumes [during hyperphagia] for two bears were 2-4 gallons."**

—North American Bear Center Web site

Twitter account, LilyBlackBear, updates reads.

Though Lily certainly has a large following on the internet, the sex of her new cub probably won't be determinable for another couple of weeks, keeping thousands of Lily fans waiting in suspense.

The average size for this type of

newborn cub is only 3/4 lb. and nine inches long, which is remarkably small compared to the size of the mother. The reason for this is hibernation, according to a Lily update by the NABC, "The mother's lowered metabolism means lower blood oxygen levels for the fetuses. Early birth gets them out breathing on their own as soon as possible."

On the morning of Jan. 25, there were nearly 3,000 viewers watching the bear rear her cub. On the day of the birth there were over 14,000, biting their nails waiting for Lily to deliver.

It is a grand stroke of luck for the cub that he or she is the lone cub in the litter. Eliminating competition and maximizing one-on-one time will make growing up easier.

As it is winter and bears hibernate during this time of year, Lily is in a state of hibernation. According to the NABC Web site [www.bear.org](http://www.bear.org), there are five stages of the black bear hibernation schedule.

The first stage is hibernation itself, which Lily is in, an approximately seven-month long period (there is some variance based on the location of the bear, but about seven months is accurate in Ely) of time in which a bear does not eat, drink, urinate or defecate. During hibernation, "They can reduce oxygen consumption and metabolic rate by half and breathe only once every 45 seconds," the NABC said.

The second stage takes place in the two to three weeks following the bear's long winter slumber. It is called walking hibernation.

"Normal activity" follows walking hibernation as stage three and lasts from spring to midsummer when bears consume 5,000 to 8,000 calories every day, leading right up to hyperphagia in the fall. Stage four,

## Soggy snowshoeing at the trails of Downer Park

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It was a tough weekend for outdoor activities in Duluth: Rain took over on Saturday with warm temperatures and then snowy roads on Sunday, which made driving dangerous and caused events to get cancelled. I decided to stay away from my car on Sunday and try out snowshoeing instead.

Though I love cross-country skiing, I've never understood the allure of snowshoeing. "So, it's like hiking but you have to wear these big metal things on your feet?" I've thought to myself, "And it's really slow? What's the point?"

Trying to be open minded, I put my reservations aside and borrowed my housemate Ben's snowshoes for a late morning outing. He briefly showed me how the straps work and how not to fall over myself when maneuvering before I was out the door and down the street to an area known as Downer Park.

This city-owned property is on the east side of Duluth, located to the west of Jean Duluth Road near the Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory. Lucky for me, I was able to walk to the end of Livingston Avenue from where I live and enter the park's sizable network of trails that wind through wooded areas and small fields.

My first experiences on snowshoes didn't totally sell me on it: I took my first few steps off the packed-down trail and was dismayed to plunge a foot or so through the snow. I slogged on like this and only occasionally had moments where I felt like this was a sensible way to travel. For the most part though, I can't remember a time when I've felt less graceful. This was brought to light the two times I couldn't get my feet positioned correctly, fell into the snow and struggled to get back up.

Between falling and clumsily snowshoeing, I was able to catch a glimpse of a snowshoe hare darting



NATHAN WILLIAMS/STATESMAN  
The entrance to Downer Park, at the northern terminus of Livingston Ave. on Duluth's east side.

through the woods and got up close to lots of small birds as I took a rest with a thermos of green tea. I also saw spots where deer had tried to walk and instead plunged through the snow surface with their small hooves.

Being able to explore Downer Park when it's not hidden behind fully-leaved trees and underbrush was a treat. I was able to find the old gravel pit that had eluded me on earlier visits. Signs of treehouses were also abundant, built by children from the adjoining neighborhood. There were even a couple of makeshift shooting ranges with paper targets tacked to old, large logs that reminded me why I like wearing a blaze orange jacket.

The artifacts that I came across would have been difficult to come across without the snowshoes I was wearing, so I was thankful. I'm not totally sold on them as a means of travel, and I can't wait until our new snow is groomed for cross-country skiing, but I will give them another try.

If you're interested in trying out snowshoeing, rent a pair of snowshoes from the Recreational Sports Outdoor Program (RSOP) Rental Center or check out some of the upcoming RSOP trips: Full Moon Candle Light Ski and Snowshoe on Feb. 1 and Snowshoe Jay Cooke State Park on Feb. 10.

hyperphagia, is the stage where a bear binges on food and water, consuming 15,000 to 20,000 calories per day to get ready for hibernation. The NABC Web site states that, "Daily urine volumes [during hyperphagia] for two bears were 2-4 gallons."

Finally, the fifth stage of hibernation is fall transition. Fall transition is the stage at which bears become increasingly lethargic as they prepare for their painfully long winter siesta.

The NABC is now calling for volunteers from the public to help watch Lily around the clock, monitoring cub and mother interaction. Volunteers would likely watch Lily on the webcam for a two hour time period and record the movements of the mother, her breaths, strength of the baby's cries and more. For more information about volunteering, check out Lily's Facebook page, "Lily the Black Bear," under the "notes" category.



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In ancient times, the fields of astrology and astronomy were interwoven into one single science. But by modern standards there has been a split; astrology is now the study of how the cosmos provide information about one's personal affairs and astronomy is the study of celestial objects.

Astrology has eroded scientifically through the annals of time, but people of Earth have yet to take their eyes off the sky.

"You need a dark sky," UMD Professor of Geological Sciences and Instructor of Astronomy Howard Mooers said. "Locally, the sky over the lake is a great place to look if you are looking to the southeast, but to look north you're going to need to get about 20 miles out of town."

Once used by the ancients to remember which stars were which, constellations like Orion, the hunter, Cetus, the sea monster and Pegasus, the winged horse, among others are all visible at this time of year in our region.

"On a clear night for just a couple of hours after dusk, if you have a pair of binoculars you can see Jupiter and all four of its moons," Mooers said. Jupiter, the third most brilliant object in the night sky when it's at its brightest (outshined only by Venus and the moon), can be seen if a stargazer cranes to Duluth's southwest horizon.

The red planet, Mars, will also be visible, but in the East at around 8 p.m., this time of year and will stay there for most of the night located within the constellation Cancer. Similarly, all the planets are located within one of the 12 astrological constellations at any point in time. In the pre-telescopic days of ancient culture the visible planets were known as "wandering stars" because their positions were always changing, uncharacteristic of what was normally thought of as a star.

One of the most spectacular and largest objects in our night sky is, of course, the Milky Way galaxy. The



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Images captured with the telescope of Jim Schaff.

Milky Way contains many planets and celestial objects, but what many do not know is the reason for the galaxy's odd, somewhat linear shape in the night sky.

The objects contained within the Milky Way are suspended, similar to the solar system, on what is called the galactic plane. When you look up from the ground and see the long streak of stars arranged in a somewhat linear shape, what you see is the stars of our galaxy aligned on that plane.

When looking out at the stars, another cool thing to check out is the North Star, Polaris. The Earth's axis points to the star from our north, meaning that when we look at the star we are always looking north.

Interestingly enough, Polaris is the source point of Earth's latitude lines as well. "Duluth's location is approximately 47 degrees North latitude, which means that the North Star is 47 degrees above the horizon," Mooers said.

It's easy to find, too. The two stars at the end of the big dipper (the scooper part of the ladle) are known as the "pointer stars" and they point



right to it. Or, if you are able to find the little dipper, Polaris is located at the end of the handle.

For smartphone users, astronomy apps like StarMap and GoSkyWatch Planetarium make stargazing and identification a synch. Another app, Google Sky, provides an overlay on the screen of the constellations that are in view when the phone is held up to the sky.

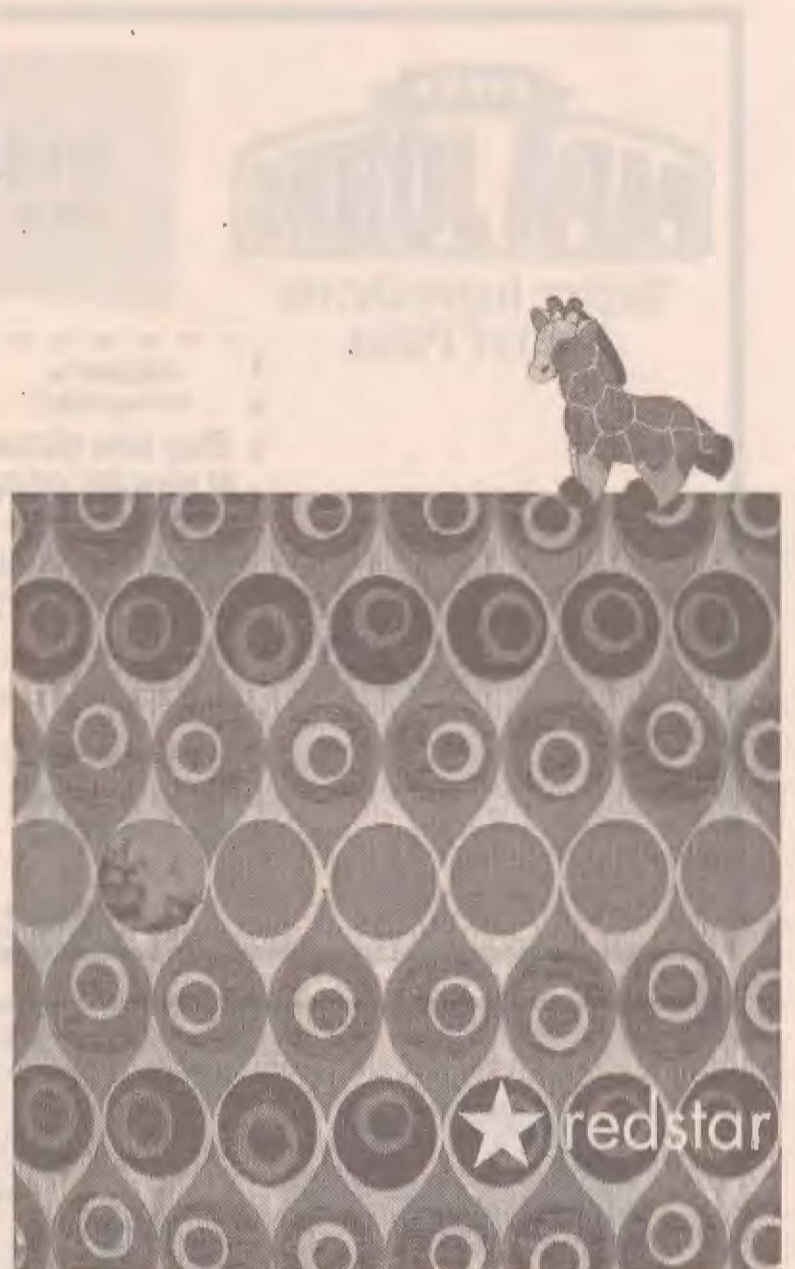
There will be a new moon on Feb. 14, just in time for Valentine's day. So guys, grab some coats and take her about 20 miles outside of town for a not-so-typical Valentine's date. Talk about the galactic plane. It'll probably save you a couple bucks and you won't have to go see the new Julia Roberts movie she's been dying to see.

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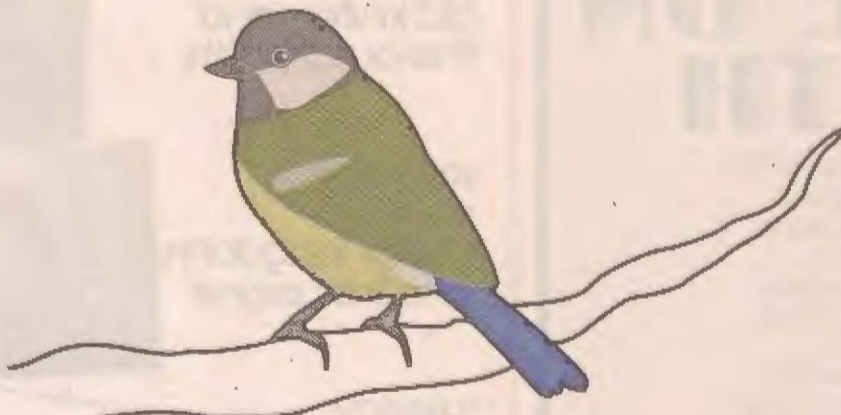
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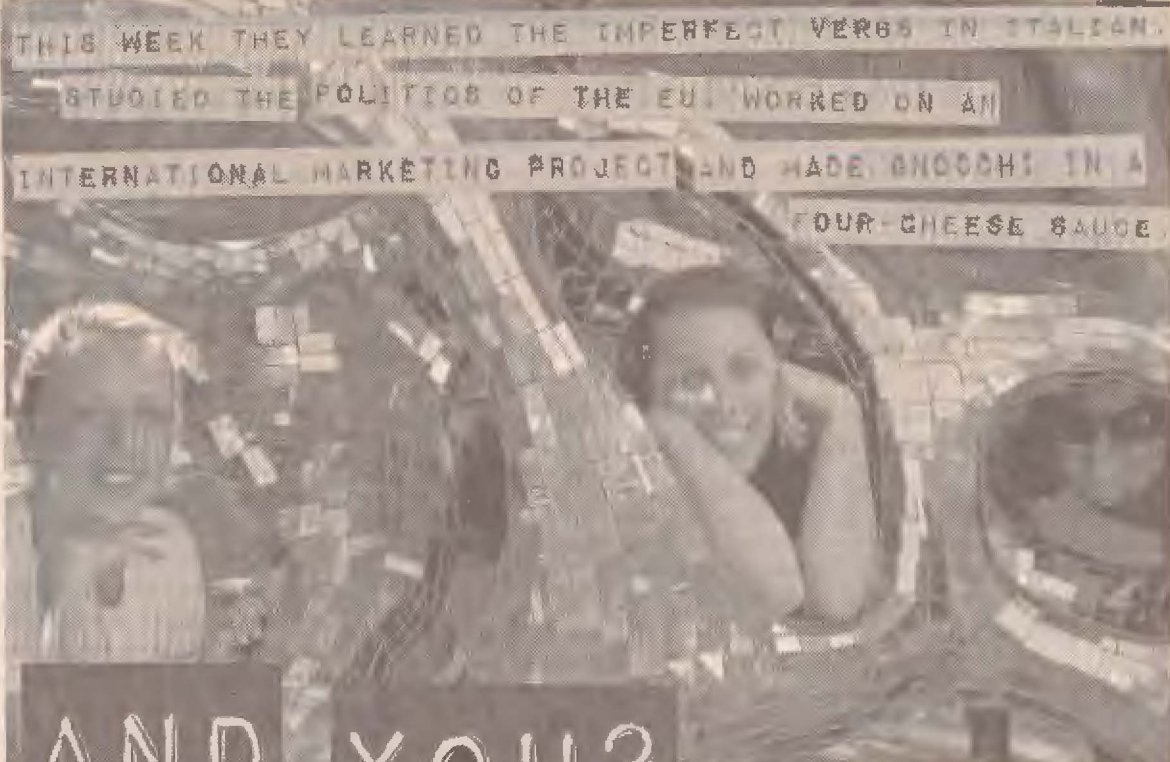
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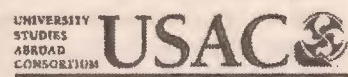
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### OUR VOICE:

#### America's celebrity obsession is a hindrance

Every week I make a trip to the grocery store, do my shopping and push my cart up to the checkout lane. Upon arriving, headlines scream about celebrity divorces, marriages, sex scandals and mundane details about their lives. Every trip to the grocery store thus results in me leaving distressed about the quality of this country's reading material.

This country's obsession with the lives of celebrities is beyond ridiculous. When multiple magazines with the exact same content are printed weekly, some even daily, then you know the obsession has reached an all time depressing high. Does it really matter if Brangelina are potentially getting divorced when a grueling earthquake hit Haiti? Is it truly important to discover the best and worst dressed celebrities when the state of our country's health care is on the line?

Though I can understand not having an extreme interest in politics, but these important issues affect our everyday lives and therefore require our attention. On the other hand, knowing whether Julia Roberts took a breath and walked across the street to buy diapers is unimportant to our everyday lives.

Not only do people obsess over celebrities' every move, but they also talk, shop, eat and dress like celebrities. Many celebrities are talented for various forms of entertainment but that does not make them valuable sources of expertise. For example, just because a celebrity is on the Atkin's diet, does not mean that you should go on the Atkin's diet. Doing exactly what a celebrity does is like taking advice from a monkey.

However, the worst celebrity obsession of all is the Jon and Kate phenomenon. These people simply had six children at once, not that that's a small feat, but is it truly worth giving them their own television show and millions of fans poring over the pages of Star Magazine or Life and Style to read about all the scandalous events regarding their divorce? I think there are more valuable things that could be discussed by society that would actually make other countries stop viewing us as ignorant and arrogant Americans.

Instead of focusing so much on celebrity news, more people need to tune in to things that will actually impact our lives, not mundane details about people who are really just normal but rich.

-Mandee Kuglin

#### Letter to the editor: Student advocacy should be the main priority for new chancellor

There is a search for a new chancellor. I hope we're looking for someone who wants student advocacy to be a big part of the job description.

There is no doubt that any university's chancellor has limitless responsibilities. One of which is to be an advocate for the students. I am worried that this part of the job description is taking a back seat here at UMD. I've been here less than two years, but that's long enough to be disappointed by the current chancellor's student advocacy efforts.

I've spent much of that time fighting a smoking policy, which was created against student advisement. But hey, at least we got to call ourselves the first public college to go smoke-free. Unfortunately, the university refused to sanction it, putting the responsibility of "peer enforcement" in the hands of students. This accomplishes nothing other than the admonishment of those attempting to enforce the policy. Calling a campus smoke-free looks good on metal signs, but that's about all it has accomplished. After a year of fighting Student Association, the official voice of the student body, our chancellor has finally agreed to look into enforcing this policy. So that's a start.

We have a new alcohol policy on campus, which is hoping to bring down the number of complaints the community has about "intrusive college students." But it won't. Instead of looking into ways of further bridging the obvious gap between students and the community, the students get to go to a review board that has the power to expel a student after getting two minors during their entire enrollment period at UMD. How is this being an advocate for the students?

But it's not just all about policies involving the students at UMD. It's about how the staff and faculty of a university affect its students' educations. Last year, the executive committee of Student Association was admonished by our chancellor for making efforts to save the job of a beloved faculty member, who could potentially have been wrongfully terminated. A year later, an administrator is being admonished by our chancellor for making efforts to terminate a personal trainer who has taken sexual advantage of our fellow students. It seems like personal friendships are standing in the way of student rights.

My point is not to call out all the administrative decisions the chancellor has made that I disagree with. It's to bring up some examples of how important it is that our university's chancellor is an advocate for the students. These decisions are probably made differently with student advocacy in mind. That is why the chancellor search is so important.

However, I find myself worried that the student voice may be drowned out in this search. Only one student is on the chancellor search committee, a student who is graduating at the end of this semester. It's not that I do not trust our president to fight for the student voice, it's that I'm worried he's outnumbered. Students should be playing just as big of a role in this search as staff and faculty. It's really the only way to guarantee our new chancellor is one that will work with us.

-Jonaton Mitchell

# Obama's Haiti relief needs improvement

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The devastation in Haiti is something we all feel sorrow for, but like with anything, there is a political side to it, as well as an emotional one. What happened here seems to be familiar. Obama was faced with one of the first big events of his administration. Oddly enough, George Bush had a similar challenge when he took office. Part of the disgust with Bush was his failure to handle Katrina. This disgust helped give the Democrats the momentum to win Congress and take back the White House, but has anything really changed?

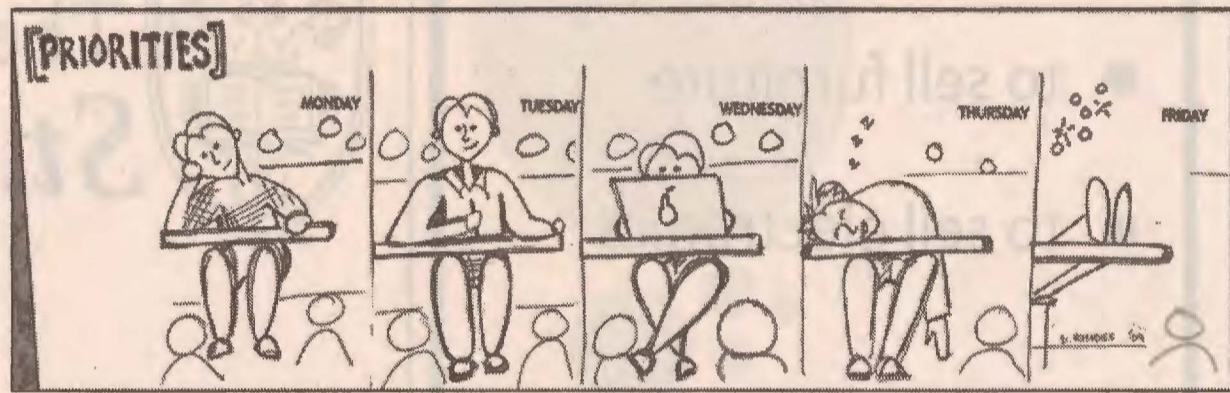
Bush was highly criticized for how he handled the situation, among many other issues. Obama was sent to the White House to "change" the former president's failures. Despite this, Obama has not ended the Iraq war, has not closed Gitmo and did not increase disaster relief effectiveness at all. If anything, the crisis in Haiti was almost handled worse than Katrina.

According to the Wall Street Journal article "Haiti: Obama's Katrina," it actually took longer to send relief to Haiti. The location of Haiti is just south of America and not too inconvenient to get aid to. The Katrina response

was not the most effective, but the response happened faster. The real question facing us now is what can we expect? Obama has another chance to prove his worth as our leader. Let us hope he takes it to heart.

The administration is well aware people are comparing Haiti to New Orleans, and we can expect the president to act accordingly. Therefore, we should expect more money being sent, more military being sent, more doctors being sent and a much better relief program. If the president fails to meet any of these criteria it will show in an even lower approval rating. Fortunately, the president decided to send relief because it is clearly needed, and although the response was late, already showing that the president has not handled the situation very well, he has a chance to redeem himself. I expect all news commentators to keep an eye on the situation and the president's progress because it will be compared in depth to Bush's situation, and it will have a considerable affect on the president's bid for re-election.

All we can do now is sit back, donate to the local group trying to help out and see what does more help: The president and his government or the private charities that swarmed the island days before Obama allowed the government to step foot on it.



# CoCo made right choice

## NBC to blame for Tonight Show drama with Conan and Leno

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"Welcome to the Tonight Show! With your host Jay Leno... again." As you all may already know, Jay Leno will once again be hosting the Tonight Show, replacing Conan O'Brien after only seven months. Leno began hosting a show of his own at the 10 p.m. (eastern time) time slot in Sept. and struggled to get high ratings. The lack of ratings before the local news also had a domino effect on O'Brien's Tonight Show. NBC, feeling the heat from its local affiliates, decided to pull the plug on O'Brien.

At first, NBC asked O'Brien to move to the 12:05 a.m. slot and allow Leno to move his show to 11:35 p.m. O'Brien was insulted that the network would consider moving the historic show past midnight. He did not want his old job back, pushing Jimmy Fallon to a later time, or removing him altogether. So, after only seven months as host of the Tonight Show, O'Brien decided to call it quits.

This controversy over the Tonight Show has many people choosing sides: Some claiming that Leno had his time and now it's O'Brien's turn and others stating that O'Brien is not suited for the job and that he is too silly or immature. Personally, I enjoy watching O'Brien and believe that he is more clever and intelligent than Leno ever was or is.

The problem I have is not with either man; my problem

lies with NBC. Leno did not go and beg for his old job back, granted he was not ready to give up his post in the first place. Conan did not do anything wrong except have little to no help from other primetime shows. NBC, as it has done so many times, panicked and acted unreasonably and unfairly. Instead of taking a step back and trying to find a suitable show to fill the 10 p.m. time and give the Tonight Show some help, they decided that O'Brien needed to go after only seven months on the job.

NBC was not only embarrassed the network, but have put Leno in an awkward spot. Would you turn down a second shot to host the dream job that you held for almost 17 years? I do not blame Leno for wanting his old job back; my only problem is that he never spoke out in support of his late night comrade. Also, I do not blame O'Brien for wanting to leave the Tonight Show and NBC. He was promised a shot to make his show great, but he was never given the time. He did what he felt was right, and that was not pushing the Tonight Show to a later time slot, it was him saying goodbye.

O'Brien hosted the Tonight Show for a final time last Fri. His future plans still remain in question, but rumors have swirled that Fox may have another go in the late night talk show realm. After their failures with Joan Rivers and Chevy Chase, Fox has never had another late night host. But with an established fan base and huge popularity among young viewers, O'Brien seems to be the right fit at the right time. As for Leno, he is scheduled to start as host March 1, after NBC's coverage of the Winter Olympics.



# MTV's Jersey Shore, a great show or the greatest show?

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Last week marked the end of the best summer of my life. We laughed, we cried and we went to jail. We fist pumped at Karma and we got in fights on the boardwalk. We will never forget the Jersey Shore.

MTV's Jersey Shore follows the lives of eight guidos and guidettes as they share a house for the summer in Seaside Heights, N.J. The show is both horrifying and fascinating at the same time. Part of me wants to be as loud and fun loving as Snooki, the rest of me wants to take a shower to get the spray tan off, but nobody can pull off a Bump-it quite like Snooki.

The sheer cost to keep enough hair gel in the house must be bankrupting MTV as Pauly D does his hair both in the morning and before going out. Coining the phrase, "GTL," Pauly D makes me want to spend my mornings at the gym, then tan and do laundry.

The alcohol flows as girls happily come home with Vinny, Mike "The Situation," Pauly D and Ronnie. Why are so many girls drawn to these Ed Hardy-wearing douche bags? I would crawl into a hot tub with Vinny anytime, granted I had enough to drink. It has something to do with being mesmerizingly sexy but not someone you take home to your mama.

How did Jersey Shore become the huge hit that it is? I can't tell you. The lives of these 20-something Italian-Americans is an awe-inspiring, fist-pumping and drama filled show, and I love every minute of it.

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