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Students know little about fees

By Stephanie Kudrie
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Every semester, students find fees on their tuition bills. Most of them — like Student Services Fees — are mandatory and non-refundable.

This year, thousands of University students will pay about \$277 each semester in Student Services Fees that help fund student groups, campus organizations and facilities.

Although many do not know how the fees are used or who decides how they are distributed, the process of dividing the money has already started.

In the next four weeks, a committee will be formed to review applications from groups seeking funding for the 2003-04 school year. Final amounts will be determined in March and funds distributed in September.

Juniors Caron Peterson, Amy Jechort and Annika Swan said they pay the fees each semester without asking questions.

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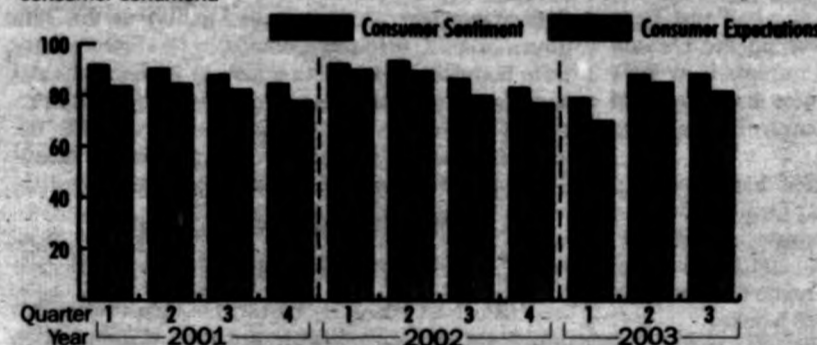


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Sophomore Eric McFee stretches colored poly gel during his chemistry lab Monday in Smith Hall. The viscous gel is the result of McFee's experiment involving a mixture of anhydrous isopropyl alcohol, polyethylene glycol and water.

CONSUMER CULTURE

The University of Michigan has found that the chance people have of being unemployed and how much they plan to buy are generally tied to each other. It has also reported a steady connection between gross domestic product growth and consumer sentiment.



Each monthly survey questioned 500 randomly selected adults, with a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

Source: Survey Research Center, University of Michigan Institute for Social Research

More people compete for holiday-season jobs

By Nathan Hall
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Students hunting for seasonal jobs might have been encouraged by October employment statistics showing increased jobs in nearly every sector.

But looks can be deceiving. Several local economists and retail analysts said while there will

be more seasonal retail jobs nationwide than in recent years, students could have more competition for those positions.

Although students typically receive the lion's share of seasonal

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IN BUSINESS

Lab to transform research

By Beth Horaby
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A new lab in St. Paul will revolutionize biology research, University students and professors said.

Plant genetics, AIDS and cancer research are just a few of the projects that will transpire in the

Supercomputing Institute lab, which is equipped with the most current software for genetics and biological research.

"It lets you visualize the numbers you are working with," said Zheng Jin Tu, a computational

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Marine delays graduation to serve

By Cheisie Hanstad
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Technically, University student Jake Aldean did not have to go back. Not yet, anyway. But he did.

As a sergeant in the Marine Corps Reserve, Aldean could have waited until he graduated in May to return to active duty.

But when his military police company was called up a week before his brother's wedding, Aldean decided he should go, too.

"He felt if they were going, he had to go with them," Aldean's father Charles said. "Along with being scared, I was extremely proud of him for wanting to take care of all the kids he was in charge of."

Aldean is one of four University students the Daily interviewed who recently returned to the Twin Cities after serving in the military in Iraq. Their stories will be featured through Thursday.

Military police companies, like Aldean's, control prisoners of war, train local police forces, direct traffic, escort convoys and take on security missions.

"We've got a lot of sharp kids:

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Photo/Jonah Nielsen

Sgt. Jake Aldean, a political science student, serves in a military police company in the Marine Corps Reserve. Aldean was deployed to Kuwait and Iraq earlier this year.



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U.S. will stay in Iraq to aid new government

U.S. officials expect a
new Iraqi government
to be elected by July 1.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pres-
ident George W. Bush said Mon-
day the United States will not pull
out of Iraq when a provisional
government is established by
July 1.

Bush made the promise in a
meeting with Iraqi women who
told the president of the hardships
they had suffered under Saddam
Hussein. "I assured these five
women that America wasn't leav-
ing," Bush said in the Oval Office.

"When they hear me say we're
staying, that means we're stay-
ing," Bush said.

Under a plan reached between
the United States and the Iraqi
Governing Council, the country's
political transition will be sped up
with the formation of an interim
government by midyear.

Bush, in a brief exchange with
reporters, brushed aside a ques-
tion about whether the creation of
a provisional authority marked the
start of an exit strategy for the
United States.

"The politics will go forward.
The political process is moving
on. The Iraqi people are plenty
capable of governing them-
selves," the president said. He
said the United States was work-
ing with the Iraqi council to put
in place laws to get the country
running.

Pledging no hasty withdrawal
of American forces, Bush said,
"We fully recognize that Iraq has
become a new front in the war on
terror. He said various factors and
terrorists "want to test the will of
the civilized world."

"We will work with Iraqis to
bring people to justice," Bush
said.

Bush said a free Iraq was in
the interest of the United States.
"A free Iraq in a part of the

world that is troublesome and
dangerous will set such a good
example," he said. "We're talking
about a historic opportunity to
change parts of the world. And
Iraq will be the leader of that
change."

One of the women pleaded
with Bush to keep U.S. forces in
Iraq.

"We don't want them to leave
us ... we need them at this time,"
she said, seated on a couch by the
president.

Bush also said recent terrorist
attacks around the world demon-
strate the true nature of the al-
Qaida terrorist network.

"They'll kill innocent people
anywhere, anytime," he said.
"That's just the way they are.
They have no regard for human
life."

He said al-Qaida tries to create
chaos by killing. "There's only
one way to deal with al-Qaida:
Find them and bring them to jus-
tice," Bush said.

At 75, Mickey Mouse is an American cultural symbol

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Mickey Mouse arrived
on the world's cultural stage 75 years ago Tuesday as
a scrawny but buoyant black-and-white product of
the Jazz Age.

He was a symbol of American pluck in his screen
debut, "Steamboat Willie," on Nov. 18, 1928. The
film at New York's Colony Theatre showed an irrever-
ent rodent who takes Captain Pete's steamboat on a
joyride and woos Minnie Mouse by making music
on the bodies of various farm animals.

The years have dulled Mickey's personality, a re-
sult of him becoming the corporate face of a multi-
billion-dollar entertainment empire. In the process,
Mickey has also become a cultural Rorschach test —
a symbol of American opti-
mism, resourcefulness and en-
ergy or an icon of cultural com-
modification and corporate imperi-
alism.

"There are a number of quali-
ties Mickey represents on which
people like to stick their particu-
lar view of the world," said Janet
Wasko, a University of Oregon
professor and author of "Under-
standing Disney: The Manufacture of Fantasy."

For Roy E. Disney, whose uncle, Walt Disney, cre-
ated the character, Mickey Mouse is "this friendly lit-
tle guy," which were Walt's words for describing him.

For Penn State professor Henry Giroux, however,
Mickey Mouse represents the vast reach of American
cultural power, symbolizing a company that has
turned childhood into a function of consumerism as
children feel obligated to purchase the latest "Find-
ing Nemo" DVD or Mickey Mouse watch.

"Mickey Mouse offers up a ... symbol of in-
nocence while hiding the role it plays in commodifying
children's dreams and extending the logic of the mar-
ket into all aspects of their lives," said Giroux, author
of "The Mouse That Roared: Disney and the End of

Innocence," a cultural critique of the company.
Mickey wasn't always so complex.

Walt Disney started his animation career in
Kansas City, Mo., producing films that were a com-
bination of cartoon and live action and starring an in-
quisitive little girl named Alice. Hoping for greater
success, he moved to Los Angeles in 1923, joining
his brother, Roy. Once the creative possibilities with
the Alice series were exhausted, Disney started pro-
ducing films for a new animated character, Oswald
the Lucky Rabbit, in 1927.

Mickey Mouse was conceived the next year dur-
ing a cross-country train ride, according to the "offi-
cial" company history. Walt Disney had just been
forced to give up the Oswald
rights to his ruthless New York
distributor, who had exercised
copyright control over the
character.

On the ride back home to
Los Angeles, Disney conjured
up a little mouse named Mor-
timer. His wife, Lillian,
thought the name too pompous
and suggested Mickey.

But others have argued that Mickey's creation was
more likely a collaboration between Disney and his
chief animator, Ub Iwerks, with Disney taking the cred-
it. Mickey Mouse was first drawn by Iwerks' hand.

Disney and Iwerks initially produced two silent car-
toons for Mickey Mouse, "Plane Crazy" and "The Gal-
lopin' Gaucho." But in the wake of the success of the
nation's first "talkie," Al Jolson's "The Jazz Singer" in
1927, Disney decided to produce a cartoon that would
be synchronized to songs, music and sound effects.

"Steamboat Willie" was an instant hit, arriving at
a time when technological advances in motion pic-
tures, radio and the phonograph were transforming
mass culture. By the end of the 1930s, Mickey had
starred in more than 100 cartoons.

Court to rule on 'enemy combatants'

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal
appeals judge said Monday it
would be "a sea change" in the
Constitution to allow the Bush ad-
ministration to designate a U.S.
citizen suspected in an alleged
dirty bomb plot as an enemy com-
batant.

In a critical showdown be-
tween the government and civil
rights lawyers, two members of a
three-judge federal panel seemed
hesitant to embrace the govern-
ment's reasoning for why Jose
Padilla, 33, should be held indefi-

nately without access to a lawyer
and without being charged.

Padilla, a Muslim, is accused
of plotting with al-Qaida to deto-
nate a "dirty bomb," which uses
conventional explosives to dis-
perse radioactive materials.

In the two-hour hearing before
the appeals panel Monday,
Deputy Solicitor General Paul D.
Clement suggested that the ur-
gency of the war against terrorism
necessitated such moves.

"Al-Qaida made the battle-
fields the United States and

they've given every indication
they're trying to make the United
States the battlefield again," he
said.

The hearing marked the first
time a U.S. government official
has said a limited number of en-
emy combatants could eventually
have access to an attorney.
Clement told the judges that com-
batants such as Padilla — a U.S.
citizen being held on U.S. soil —
could get a lawyer once their val-
ue as intelligence sources has
been exhausted.

UNIVERSITY BRIEFS

U gets \$7.7 million cell research contract

The National Institutes of Health has awarded the
University a \$7.7 million contract to find ways to
move cellular research developments toward human
clinical research and treatments that could directly
help patients, according to an Academic Health Cen-
ter press release.

Under the contract, the University's Academic
Health Center will collaborate with the Baylor Col-
lege of Medicine's Center for Cell and Gene Therapy
and the University of Pittsburgh's Cancer Institute.

The project will work to move basic University
cellular research to the human clinical trial stage, a
process called translational research.

Most of the translational research will be done at
the University's Minnesota Molecular and Cellular
Therapeutics Facility on the St. Paul campus.

The University research represented will include
the use of adult stem cells, umbilical cord stem cells
and tumor vaccines.

— Geoff Ziezulewicz

INTERNATIONAL BRIEFS

Five suspected al-Qaida fighters killed in dash with U.S. and Afghan troops

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Suspected al-Qai-
da terrorists attacked a contingent of U.S. and
Afghan troops in eastern Afghanistan, sparking a
firefight in which five fighters were killed, a
spokesman for the U.S. military said Monday. The
attack occurred Friday in the Barmal district of east-
ern Paktika province, U.S. military spokesman Maj.
Bryan Hilferty told The Associated Press.

Schroeder tells party Germany must put its house in order

BOCHUM, Germany (AP) — Chancellor Ger-
hard Schroeder said Monday that Germany must put
its house in order to maintain its strong international
stature, urging his center-left party to support him in
reforming the country's generous welfare state. The
Social Democratic Party has been divided since the
chancellor launched his "Agenda 2010" reform pro-
gram in March. Schroeder has argued that benefits
and workers' rights must be trimmed to keep the
welfare state alive and create badly needed jobs.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

Arnold Schwarzenegger sworn in as governor of California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Arnold
Schwarzenegger was sworn in Monday as the 38th
governor of California, completing a meteoric rise
from bodybuilder and action hero to leader of the na-
tion's most populated state in a historic recall elec-
tion. The 56-year-old Austrian immigrant took the
oath of office on the steps of the Capitol before an au-
dience of 7,500 dignitaries and supporters.

Muhammad convicted of capital murder in sniper trial

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — In a verdict that
could cost him his life, a stone-faced John Allen
Muhammad was convicted Monday of using a high-
powered rifle, a beat-up car and a teenage sidekick
to murder people at random and terrorize the Wash-
ington area during last year's sniper attacks. The ju-
ry immediately began hearing evidence on whether
he should get the death penalty or life in prison.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

Monday's article "Smelly surprise awaits tree
thieves" contained an error. It would cost the Uni-
versity \$6,300 to replace spruce trees stolen or dam-
aged last winter with similar trees, not baby trees.

The Nov. 17 column "Project Lighthouse should
focus on unfair over-occupancy law" contained an
error. The Minnesota Student Association has passed
only one of the four resolutions that comprise Pro-
ject Lighthouse.

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Advocacy group asks to keep alcohol ads out of college sports

The alcohol industry spent \$58 million on 6,251 advertisements during college sports broadcasts in 2002.

By Paula Haynes
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A health advocacy group is asking universities to keep alcohol advertising off the air during college sports broadcasts.

The Washington-based Center for Science in the Public Interest launched a campaign last week aimed at curbing alcohol advertising.

Jay Hedlund, spokesman for the center, said it is hypocritical for schools to allow the advertising, which can fuel alcohol misuse.

"It's very hard on the one hand to warn students about the risks of underage or excessive drinking and on the other hand profit financially from the beer companies," Hedlund said.

According to the Center on Alcohol Marketing and Youth, the alcohol industry spent \$58 million on 6,251 advertisements during college sports broadcasts in 2002.

University athletics and health officials said they have not been contacted by the center but said alcohol advertising is an important issue that should be reviewed.

"Alcohol advertising gives the impression that everyone is drinking in all events," said Dave Golden, director of public health and marketing at Boynton Health Service. He said he would support a ban on alcohol advertising during college athletic events.

When the University signs broadcast contracts directly with stations, it does not allow alcohol advertising. However, many broadcasts are coordinated through the Big Ten or the NCAA, which set their own standards, said Mark

Coyle, assistant director of intercollegiate athletics.

University Athletics Director Joel Maturi said the University has limited control over these regional or national broadcast contracts.

"I am one of 11 votes," Maturi said of the Big Ten contract, which applies to all 11 Big Ten universities.

Maturi said while a ban on alcohol advertising might be right for one university, it might not be right for other schools. Maturi said he personally does not oppose alcohol advertising during games.

"If it's legal to advertise it and the audience is of age, I'm not opposed to it being advertised," he said.

Howard Liszt, University senior fellow of journalism and mass communications and former CEO of the Cambell Mithun advertising agency, said he does not think alcohol advertising during college events is wrong if most of the audience is of legal drinking age.

University health officials, however, said alcohol advertising can harm viewers.

It's very hard on the one hand to warn students about the risks of underage or excessive drinking and on the other hand profit financially from the beer companies.

Jay Hedlund
spokesman, Center for Science in the Public Interest

"I think advertisers in the alcohol industry do not always have health as one of their goals," said Dana Farley, a Boynton associate program director who designs alcohol awareness ads.

He said many young people watch college sports on television. If the University signed the center's pledge to ban alcohol advertising it could help reduce adolescent drinking, he said.

But television advertisements are only a small part of the problem, said Traci Toomey, an epidemiology professor who researches alcohol misuse.

"I think that saying there is one magic pill and then our work is done is naive," she said.

Toomey said factors such as the number of bars near a campus and other types of advertising are equally if not more dangerous than television ads.

Behind bars



A pedestrian passes through the skyway connecting the mechanical engineering building with the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Building on Monday afternoon.

Photo/Jonah Nelson

U department hosts symposium on Latin American human rights

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It is necessary to discuss human rights abuses to prevent them, Yale professor Rolena Adorno said in a symposium the University's Spanish and Portuguese department sponsored.

The department attempted to raise awareness of the issue Thursday through Saturday when it hosted lectures, panel discussions and theatrical performances focusing on human rights abuses in Latin American countries and how people in the United States can help stop them.

The symposium was part of the Iberoamerican Studies Series, which the University's Spanish and Portuguese department founded in 1995 to examine issues in Latin America and the Latino community in the United States.

Adorno said remembering history is essential to overcoming human rights abuses.

"The recovery of historic memory of violence is an essential dimension of human rights work," Adorno said.

Beatriz Rizk, head of the Florida-based International Hispanic Theater Festival's education com-

ponent, said theatrical performances can also help address human rights issues.

Rizk, who is Colombian, said women in her country have faced violence for years, but no one talked about it because they considered it a women's problem.

"Women have been raped, become widows and lost sons in the conflict, but yet they have not been able to talk about these problems," she said. "It is time we talk about them."

Gerardo Garza, a graduate student who attended the symposium, said even though Latin America is made up of many different cultures, the human rights issue bonds all cultures together.

Garza said most illegal immigrants from Latin America come to the United States from politically unstable societies that have many social problems. But he said this does not mean they should have limited

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Palestinians turn to Internet to cope with Israeli restrictions

Palestinians use the Internet to keep in touch with relatives they cannot easily reach.

about life under Israeli occupation. A 10-year-old boy played "Project IGI," a violent spy-adventure game that its manufacturer recommends for mature audiences.

"They are a radical generation," said Ziad Abbas, co-director of Ibd-aa. "The children look for shooting. It reflects something inside them."

Abbas sees that as a problem, but says the children won't come to the center if he doesn't let them play the games. His aim is to introduce them to computers, then teach them more useful skills such as sending e-mails or surfing the Web.

Ultimately, people use the Internet to keep in touch with relatives in other countries — or even nearby cities — that they cannot easily reach, Abbas said. Two students have recently gone on to study at universities in Germany.

"I learned how to throw stones before I could read and write," Shamrouch said. "We want the children to struggle for their rights, but they should learn other ways."

By Western standards, Internet use remains low in the Palestinian areas. The Madar Research Group, a research firm based in Dubai, says about 8 percent of Palestinians were online in June. In comparison, about 40 percent of Israeli households have

DEHEISHE REFUGEE CAMP, West Bank (AP) — Cooped up in their communities for most of the past three years of fighting, Palestinians have found a way to escape: going online.

Internet use has risen sharply, putting the Palestinians ahead of much of the Arab world. Business people use the Web to place orders with suppliers, university students keep up with lessons and relatives separated by Israeli closures stay in touch through chat rooms.

"People are using the Internet a lot more for practical reasons than their counterparts in other regions," said Maan Bseiso, owner of Palnet, the dominant Palestinian Internet service provider. "The political issue, as well as security issues in Palestinian areas, make people use the Internet for business and information and news. It's not a luxury thing. It's for practical use."

The Ibd-aa Cultural Center, home to Deheishe's first computer center, typifies this electronic revolution. On a recent afternoon, giggling schoolgirls could be found exchanging notes in electronic chat rooms. Teenage boys surfed the Web and young children were busy playing games.

Despite the apparent frivolity, the impact of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on the youngsters becomes clear at the cultural center, at the entrance of a refugee camp where 11,000 people live in cinderblock homes on less than one square mile near Bethlehem.

In one large mural in a hallway at the cultural center, a young man confronts an Israeli tank. Images of barbed wire and tents abound. A tattered child's shoe, a reminder of fighting five decades ago, sits in a display case. And in the computer center, a painting of a man cradling a bloody child looks down on the work stations.

The giggling girls, it turns out, were chatting with pals in Chatilla, a Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon best known as the site of a 1982 massacre by an Israel-allied militia.

"My friend wants to know whether anyone has been arrested or killed," 13-year-old Maram Adel said.

The male teens were updating Ibd-aa's Web site with information

Internet connections, according to the Ministry of Communications.

Still, the Palestinian numbers are ahead of such countries as Morocco, Egypt and Jordan, according to Madar. And the figures are much higher than they were before fighting broke out three years ago.

Mashhour Abudaka, vice chairman of the Palestinian chapter of the global Internet Society, said only 2 or 3 percent of Palestinians used the Internet before the uprising.

Although some of the increase was "natural" it has been spurred by Israeli crackdowns, Abudaka said. He cited surveys with Internet providers showing many Palestinians use the Web to do business or communicate with people in their local areas.

"That's a strong indication that people have used the Internet to break the siege," he said.

The Internet has also brought the outside world to the Palestinian areas, he added. He said international news sites, including The New York Times and the liberal Israeli daily Haaretz, are popular with Palestinians. "The Internet has made our local media a waste of time," he said.

Palnet's Bseiso noted that Internet use spikes during the most severe travel clampdowns by Israel.

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Light rail transit testing starts in downtown Minneapolis

Public education on living safely with the rail line will increase as testing extends into downtown.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The opening of the first half of the Hiawatha light rail line is five months away. The tracks are down, the first 12 stations are built and overhead lines are ready to power the trains.

It took three years to get the project this far, and rail workers will be busy leading up to the

April opening.

Before Metro Transit officials accept ownership of the first half of the Hiawatha line, there will be final tests of the trains, tracks, power system, warning signals and communication systems. Those tests begin in mid-December.

For those tests, six train cars will circulate on the track between the First Avenue station in downtown Minneapolis and the park-and-ride lot at Fort Snelling. Acceptance of this segment is scheduled by year's end.

Service training will begin in January. Eight trains will make daily trips between downtown Minneapolis and Fort Snelling as

operators train for the start of passenger service in April.

Initial testing downtown began over the weekend in the relative quiet of Sunday traffic. A single train car moved down Fifth Street South, attended by a team of technicians who inspected its connection with the overhead power source and monitored traffic signal coordination.

Public education on living safely with the rail line will increase as testing extends into downtown and more cars are put into circulation.

The finished but empty tracks on Fifth Street have promoted bad habits downtown, officials say.

On cue



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Ryan Knutson, a psychology senior and Gold's Gameroom employee, watches as the number 11 ball approaches a corner pocket while Knutson practices pool Monday afternoon at Gold's Gameroom. Knutson said access to free pool was one of the best perks of his job.

Study shows some parents support their kids to age 34

By Farayha Arrine
Michigan Daily

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (U-WIRE) — Young adults benefit from their parents' financial support until age 34, according to findings in a research project sponsored by the Institute for Social Research.

The research, led by University of Michigan economics professor Bob Schoeni and graduate student Karen Ross, examines just how responsible parents are for the financial security of young adults between ages 18 and 34 and how significantly that responsibility has changed from the past.

The findings show parental contribution has gone up 13 percent

since the 1970s. The researchers also found that the number of young adults in their 20s who live with their parents has gone up 50 percent.

According to the study, parents spend on average about \$170,000 on each child until age 17 and \$35,000 until the child is 34.

Schoeni said these contributions have increased because of a change in lifestyle.

"Students are staying in school longer and are less likely to be married early," he said. "They are not making an earning that allows them to live on their own so they tend to stick with living with their parents."

Although the research focused on

parents' contribution, it did find that as age increases the money from mom and dad decreases. From the 18-20 range, the money coming annually averages \$3,499 and drops to \$1,556 by ages 33-34.

This is not true for all students. A deeper look into the study's averages reveals disparities in parental contribution depending on the parents' financial status.

Families in the lowest two economic categories help their children with about \$25,000 after age 17, and families in the top one-fourth financial bracket provide their children with \$70,000 between ages 18 and 34.

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EDITORIAL

Over-occupancy is not about safety

Minneapolis is in the midst of a frenzied inspection sweep of about 900 rental houses near campus. The city has been quick to act under the guise of public safety, but in reality it is proving to be an opportune time for them to target what they deem over-occupancy.

The relative term of over-occupancy invokes images of cramped housing conditions. In actuality, housing capacity rules are unlike other capacity regulations. It has nothing to do with how big or small a rental unit is, how much parking it has, the size of its yard or its distance from other buildings. All that matters is which zone a rental unit is in, and if the people living in the unit are related.

So, five unrelated people in another part of Minneapolis, or four in St. Paul, can live safely in the same size house in which three can reside near campus. Furthermore, students can cram into an apartment or dormitory but can't fully occupy (in common-sense terms) a house. Four can share a two-bedroom apartment at Dinnaken House, but only three at a larger two-bedroom — or any number —

non-apartment with more parking.

Besides being unrelated to safety, making inspectors look for "over-occupancy" is only going to deter focus from rental unit safety because it will turn the city's effort into a public debate over zoning laws. Instead of regulating occupancy based on safety, it appears it is determined by which neighborhoods are deemed problematic for nuisances extra tenants are thought to bring, such as noise and parking. However, these concerns should be addressed through a different method.

While students have been silent about the inspection sweep, this is sure to change once they begin receiving eviction notices. Maybe the hundreds, perhaps thousands, who live in over-occupied houses think they will be able to trick housing inspectors. However, there are bound to be many who are not smart enough to figure out how or lack the time to enact elaborate schemes.

Instead of helping students, the city's response to a tragedy is to give them unwarranted adversity. Students need to wake up and act before they have no bed on which to wake up.

Senate talkathon was a shameless publicity stunt

Last week U.S. Senate Republicans held a nearly 40-hour filibuster to protest the Democrats' filibuster of judicial nominees. This was really a slumber party, complete with blankets and cots. No solutions or new ideas arose, and there were no pillow fights. The Republican filibuster was a shameless publicity stunt and a colossal waste of time.

Under the Constitution, the president nominates federal judges, subject to the "advice and consent" of the Senate. The Senate has approved 168 of the 174 judges President George W. Bush nominated. Democrats claim the blocked nominees are individuals who have extreme political views and, furthermore, allow those views to influence their rulings. The advice and consent provision exists specifically to weed out such nominees.

One blocked nominee, California Supreme Court Justice Janice Rogers Brown, publicly questioned incorporation, the accepted legal doctrine that important parts of the Bill of Rights apply to the states.

Another, Alabama Attorney General William H. Pryor Jr., has called Roe v. Wade "an abomination." Whatever a judge's personal opinion is, his or her responsibility is to interpret the law. As such, these statements question their qualifications for the job.

Rejection of judicial nominees is not a novel concept. Republicans filibustered Abe Fortas' Supreme Court chief justice confirmation in the 1960s and blocked 60 Clinton nominees in the 1990s. Given a Republican Senate, party-line votes and no House input, the filibuster is effectively the only obstacle stopping lifetime appointments of extremist judges.

While the Senate talked themselves silly, people continued to be unemployed and soldiers died in Iraq. Conducting a nearly 40-hour publicity stunt to protest a functioning process in an attempt to demonize it is irresponsible and reprehensible.

The framers created the U.S. Senate to be the "greatest deliberative body in the world." We hope it will return to behaving that way.



LETTERS

Letters expose hypocrisy

I am writing in response to Jason Pauly's Friday letter in the Daily explaining how the right to hate is "valid." Let me see if I understand this correctly. On the one hand, Pauly, you say that "No matter how many laws we pass to make hate speech illegal, the need to hate will always reside within us" and "if you do not believe in hate, then you similarly cannot believe in love because, by definition, you hate someone only because you don't love him or her and vice versa."

Yet, you also maintain "there is something very dangerous and almost fascistic" when David Galt asserts, "I don't believe in hate."

Because I don't believe in being coarse in print, let me simply adapt the idea you use in the final sentence of your letter and tell you: Thank you for your insight; may it somehow become less logically flawed, and poorly expressed, with the help of some god in future days.

As for myself, I found both David Johnson's and Galt's Nov. 7 opinion pieces on hateful speech toward gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons to be well reasoned and very much to the point.

Dennis A. Hejhal
mathematics professor

Evolution is a theory

One must not forget that macroevolution is a scientific theory, not a theorem. A theorem, by definition, "has been demonstrated as true," while a theory is defined as "a set of statements or principles devised to explain phenomena," "speculation" and "an assumption based on limited information," none of which sound iron-clad to me. So until the Darwinists can present a shred of concrete proof to support their belief, we must not set evolution on a pedestal above the other theories of origin that are similarly unproven, such as creationism and intelligent design.

Christopher Finke
computer science junior

Origins a matter of faith

In response to the support of evolutionary theory, all beliefs

concerning our origins must be accepted with a certain degree of faith. None of us witnessed the beginning of the human race, so essentially no theory can ever be totally proven. However, the recent biased support of evolution as an unquestionable truth neglects our most elementary understanding of science.

The theory of evolution by natural selection has been observed and accepted within a species, producing small adaptive changes as a direct result of some significant natural strain. This was the type of change originally observed by Darwin in the beaks of finches.

The two most fundamentally flawed topics concerning evolution include macroevolution, or the change of an entire group of organisms into a new species, and the formation of the first form of life.

There are many observed and accepted barriers to the change of a species, which makes them much more likely to retain their unique characteristics. Also, proponents of macroevolution must account for the trillions of successful, as well as failed, transitional forms that no longer exist today. The barriers preserving unique species hold in the present as well as in the fossil record.

Furthermore, the most obvious contradiction comes from the "cell theory," the statement that every living cell must come from a pre-existing cell. The second law of thermodynamics states "the universe will tend to maximize its disorder." The explanation given is that humans and other organisms create disorder faster, and therefore do not violate the second law. Considering this, how would nature, in its blind unintelligent forces, violate the second law as well as the cell theory by exponentially increasing the order of a group of elements in order to eventually decrease order in the future?

Evolution is clearly not quite as solid a theory as some claim, and its flaws must be expressed objectively alongside its strongest claims. The only other possibility is to hypothesize that an intelligent being has control of what we know as natural law.

Jon Holstad
biological sciences

Partial birth not necessary

Lest one think from Shannon Gabriel's Friday column that the medical establishment firmly supports the use of the dilation and extraction or "partial birth" abortion procedure, it is helpful to hear what physicians and physician groups are saying about this procedure.

The Minnesota Medical Association, a group certainly not in the abortion-opponent camp, states that "according to scientific literature, there does not appear to be any identified situation in which intact dilation and extraction is the only appropriate procedure to induce abortion." The association very precisely describes the procedure as "dilatation of the cervix, breech extraction of the body, excepting the head; and partial evacuation of the intracranial contents of the fetus to effect vaginal delivery of a dead but otherwise intact fetus." One need not have a great handle on medical jargon to understand the brutality of the procedure this statement describes.

According to an article in the Christian Medical and Dental Associations newsletter, Dr. Yvonne Moore said, "As a board certified obstetrician-gynecologist with over 20 years of experience, I have never seen a situation in which it is necessary to kill a child to save the life of a mother in the second or third trimester... (intact dilation and extraction) has no place in a civilized society."

Gabriel ended her column by saying the new law prohibiting intact dilation and extraction is the first instance in history in which a previously legal medical procedure has been banned. This is not true. In 1997, Congress overwhelmingly (and justifiably) passed a law criminalizing the previously legal female circumcision/genital mutilation procedure on women under age 18, with harsh penalties for physicians who violate the law.

The fact that a medical procedure such as intact dilation and extraction exists and is used by abortion providers does not make it immune from ethical scrutiny.

There are many in the medical community who find the procedure to be incompatible with the virtues that drew them to medicine.

Adam Walker
second-year medical student

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Learning too late elderly health-care changes

By Aaron North

The last day of my grandfather's life was supposed to be the first day of his new job delivering newspapers for the Ottumwa Courier. He died of a heart attack in the middle of the night Nov. 3 — right around the time — 1 a.m. — he had set his alarm to go off so he could get up and go to work. Unfortunately, his new job was not the inspired effort of a senior citizen trying to stay active in his twilight years. Delivering newspapers was how he intended to pay Medicare premiums no longer covered by Iowa for my grandmother and him — a recent and, supposedly, temporary development in their medical benefits package.

My grandfather worked all his life, including a good many years after his "retirement" in 1992. Typically, these jobs — working in a meat-packing plant and driving semis back and forth across the country — had no formal retirement or pension plans. So, for most of the last decade, my grandparents' income consisted of about \$1,200 per month in Social Security benefits and whatever my grandfather could earn in various jobs around Ottumwa, Iowa.

For the most part, they managed to make ends meet, though with little room to spare. My grandfather bore the burden of managing their limited finances, not fully cluing anyone in to their difficulties and never asking for help in managing paperwork

associated with the miasma of their social services benefits. What he dealt with concerning health-care costs and available benefits did not fully come to light until my dad began going through his father's papers and checkbook, pursuing information concerning my grandma's future entitlements.

What he found is a potentially wide array of services and assistance, but with few answers or accommodations from the agencies dispensing them. For the better part of two days, he drove from office to office in Ottumwa, being referred and re-referred to other agencies, given interminable forms and asked to make appointments for future dates to receive answers to basic questions. He will return to Iowa in December to meet with various agency representatives — who will likely provide five-minute answers to simple yet necessary queries. In the meantime, my grandmother's available benefits are languishing in a bureaucratic limbo with no clear answers as to what exactly will be covered and what will be out-of-pocket.

This is not intended to be an account of personal hardship and frustrations concerning the death of my grandfather. Rather, it is an attempt to illustrate some street-level issues facing seniors in the latter

years of their lives. My dad is 53 years old, has a master's of business administration, a reliable car and personal resources to take the necessary time and expense in pursuing the status of my grandmother's situation. What happens when he is 30 years older, has difficulty traveling all over a city with no public transit, cannot wait weeks for answers to medical benefit questions and is treated as a confused, elderly annoyance rather than a concerned, middle-aged son? In short, what happens when he enters the same situation as my grandfather?

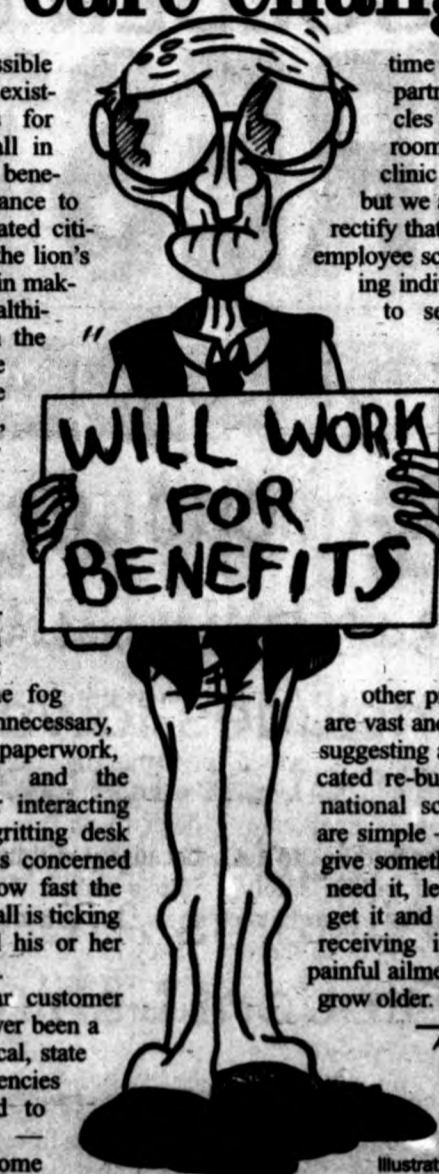
Add to these logistical concerns a small fixed income and the desire to preserve a sense of personal dignity and competence at the end of a life spent working hard, raising a family and trying to do the right thing. That is the state of affairs

faced by many of this nation's senior citizenry: seniors who don't have a lot to begin with and are only asking for the assistance they think is available, but are unsure or uninformed when it comes to accessing that assistance.

While prescription drug benefits, universal health care and the repercussions of welfare reform are banded about in the public eye, we might be turning a blind one to the

real gains possible in simplifying existing processes for seniors. I'm all in favor of better benefits and assistance to the superannuated citizens who did the lion's share of work in making this the wealthiest country in the history of the world. More than that, though, current and future benefits must be made accessible to seniors in an environment in which they are not exposed to the fog machine of unnecessary, bureaucratic paperwork, taxing travel and the propensity for interacting with a teeth-gritting desk zombie who is concerned more about how fast the clock on the wall is ticking than how well his or her client's heart is.

Sure, stellar customer service has never been a hallmark of local, state and federal agencies dispensing aid to U.S. citizens — just spend some



time in line at the Department of Motor Vehicles or sit in the waiting room of a public health clinic if you doubt that — but we are smart enough to rectify that situation. Training, employee screening and assigning individual case workers to seniors rather than asking them to spend a good deal of their remaining time standing in lines to nowhere are good places to start.

The realms of Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and other programs for seniors are vast and complex. I am not suggesting any kind of complicated re-budgeting or shift in national scope. My concerns are simple — if we're going to give something to people who need it, let's make sure they get it and that the process of receiving it is not the most painful ailment they face as they grow older.

Aaron North, a columnist, wrote this with his father Jim. Aaron welcomes comments at anorth@hh.umn.edu

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Delivering newspapers was how my grandfather intended to pay Medicare premiums no longer covered by Iowa for my grandmother and him.

Workers lose more under bargaining than under original U proposal

By Michael Teachout

Several weeks ago, I lamented that as one of its fair-share workers, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3800 refused me the right to vote on the contract — along with 40 percent of those AFSCME Local 3800 represents. I had not joined because I do not want to contribute to the union's political views. Just last week, at the national level, AFSCME officially endorsed Howard Dean for president. For those of you who think the endorsement is a great choice, what if you were told that you were being forced to contribute to President George W. Bush's campaign?

It took about 10 days before we were officially notified of the terms we were told would be sent to us. This time lapse could not have been because of a lack of ability; during the strike we received numerous updates through the mail regarding what was happening on the "front lines." As I learned about the terms from other sources, I thought the lack of communication — other than glowing generalities about respect and support — was because of the fact that the union actually got a worse deal than it was first offered.

Previously, we were told we would not receive a wage increase for the current year, but to offset the health-care increases, we would receive a \$200 lump sum payment in January. Although step increases (2 percent raises on the anniversary of employment) were also frozen during the two years of the contract, everyone would receive a 2.5 percent raise beginning in July.

After two weeks of striking without pay, the union negotiated a settlement that would actually be worse in the long run than the one the University first proposed. Those whose anniversary fell between July 1 and the contract's ratification date would re-

ceive their step increases for the year. Those of us who didn't will receive a \$300 lump sum in January. No across-the-board raises will be given July 1. Instead, step increases will be allowed next year. So instead of a full year with a 2.5 percent raise, most will only have a few months of a 2 percent raise. We would also be given a \$200 contribution to a health-care reimbursement account in January 2005. The only positive is those at the tops of their steps (very few) would receive a 4 percent raise as of July 1. Part-time workers who are not part of the health plan would lose out on all the lump sums and would only receive their step. Lump sums do not replace percentage raises as a large part of the sum is lost to taxes and has no lasting value like a salary increase would.

The union does not have the support of its members or those it represents, as was evidenced by the 65 percent who crossed the picket line. If members would actually look at the contract, they would realize it is a worse deal and would refuse to ratify it, sending the union back to the bargaining table.

Secondly, we would begin to seek either decertification of the union or replacement of the union officers who are out of touch with their constituency. Leadership is not personified by refusing to listen to the concerns of those you lead. The union knew going into the strike that more than 50 percent of its members would refuse to strike.

The University could help by actually allowing its workers a choice in whether they wish to be represented by the union. In the three years I have worked at the University, I have lost more than \$1,200 in union dues for contract bargaining and negotiations. Now after all of their bargaining, I am losing more than I would have without their bargaining efforts.

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Confronting America's colonial past and present

I have always heard there are pockets of news and news realities that fly way under our collective radar screen. It took a trip through the Southwest last week for me to understand firsthand that there are countless stories that are not censored, but curiously and tellingly overlooked.

On the train from Albuquerque, N.M., to California, I stumbled onto a daily from Gallup, N.M., that is almost entirely devoted to American Indian news. To me, American Indian daily newspapers represent alternative — at least additional — news and information sources, describing a country few of us — myself included — know enough about.

If we read the native press, we learn a great deal about how local and federal governments treat the first peoples of the United States. We also learn there are pockets of resistance we are just not privy to, such as the American Indian communities in Minnesota and in other states that strive for federal recognition as sovereign nations while also fighting to preserve their lands, culture and history.

Three American Indian women I met along my journey last week can trace their roots back to Yosemite National Park, a place that, according to historian Mark Spence's book "Dispossessing the Wilderness," "Native peoples either abandoned



JOEL HELFRICH
Columnist

involuntarily or were forcefully restricted to reservations." The women I met spoke of their struggles with nearby tribes, the National Park Service — which claims the women's ancestors lineage died out — and the media. The women told me they have difficulty getting the media to listen to and understand the complexity of their stories and to learn about their efforts to stop the development of 52 acres at the base of Lower Yosemite Falls.

The Lemhi Shoshone of Idaho are similarly struggling for federal recognition while they fight over Sacajawea (note: their spelling) and the ownership of her identity. Currently, the Mandan (Sakakawea) and the Eastern Shoshone also lay claim to her.

The Lemhi Shoshone story is not unlike that of the Mendota-Mdewakanton Dakota Community, which has been struggling for federal recognition in Minnesota while trying to stop the construction on Highway 55. That same community is now trying to stop the construction of a housing development on Pilot Knob hill in Mendota Heights, Minn., the site of numerous Dakota burials and

several Dakota and Ojibwe treaties. All these tribes — the Yosemite, Lemhi Shoshone and Mendota-Mdewakanton — are trying to attract attention from the mainstream press.

Many of you think you have an answer as to why these noteworthy stories have barely seen the light. You say, "Oh, these stories are not important enough to make national or even regional news." I argue that there is a different reason why we do not hear about these issues and it is a reason that implicates all of us. We are all partners — aiding and abetting — in a persistent process couched in the legacy of colonialism.

Indeed, as the cases above illustrate, the remnants of colonialism are powerful and unfold daily in, around and regarding indigenous communities throughout the United States.

November is National American Indian Heritage Month, yet we are more than halfway through November and the Daily has now only published two columns and no news stories about native America.

We should always be careful when we think we know what is going on in the world, or even in the United States. Our gross collective ignorance affects millions of other people, particularly indigenous peoples globally.

The myth of the vanishing American Indian is pervasive. All of us, including the media, help promote and demonstrate daily the deep tragedy of that message. But if we begin to understand the history of American Indians, we learn a radically different history of the United States, and we can begin to confront our colonial past and present.

Joel T. Helfrich's column appears alternate Tuesdays. Send comments to letters@mndaily.com



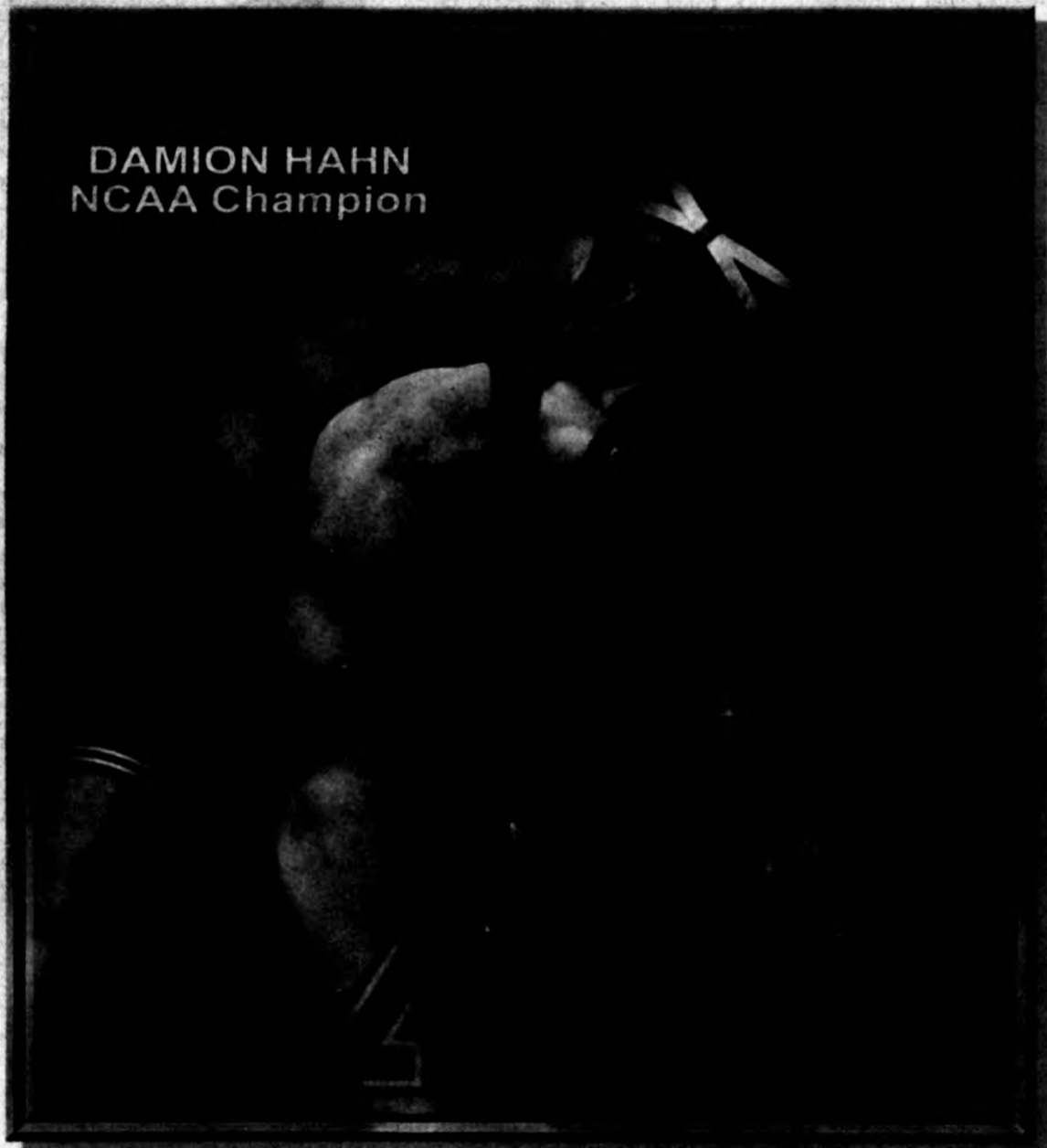
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Quantum physics lend to advancement in data encryption

Natural characteristics of photon transmissions will notify senders and receivers of spy activity.

NEW YORK (AP) — Code-makers could be on the verge of winning their ancient arms race with code-breakers.

After 20 years of research, an encryption process is emerging that is considered unbreakable because it employs the mind-blowing laws of quantum physics.

This month, a small startup called MagiQ Technologies Inc. began selling what appears to be the first commercially available system that uses individual photons to transfer the numeric keys that are widely used to encode and read secret documents.

Photons, discrete particles of energy, are so sensitive that if anyone tries to spy on their travel from one point to another, their behavior will change, tipping off the sender and recipient and invalidating the stolen code.

"There are really no ways around cracking this code," said Lov Grover, a quantum computing researcher at Bell Laboratories who is not involved with MagiQ.

Called Navajo — a nod to the American Indian code specialists of World War II — MagiQ's system consists of 19-inch black boxes that generate and read the signals over a fiber-optic line.

MagiQ (pronounced "magic," with the "Q" for "quantum") expects that with a cost of \$50,000 to \$100,000, Navajo will appeal to banks, insurers, government agencies, pharmaceutical companies and other organizations that transmit sensitive information.

"We think this is going to have a huge, positive impact on the world," said Bob Gelfond, MagiQ's founder and chief executive.

Encryption schemes commonly used now are considered safe, though they theoretically could be broken someday.

But even before that day arrives, Gelfond believes quantum encryption is superior in one important way. In some super-high-security settings, people sharing passwords and other

information must have the same key, a massive string of digits used to encode data. Sometimes the keys will be transferred by imperfect means — via courier or special software. They are not changed very often and can be susceptible to interception.

"Even if you have the perfect encryption algorithm, if someone gets your key, you're in trouble," Gelfond said.

The Navajo system not only transmits the keys on snoop-proof photons, it also changes them 10 times a second. "Even if somebody could get a copy of the key, it wouldn't do them any good," Gelfond said.

Of course, unbreakable codes would neutralize the ability of intelligence agents to intercept and read messages. That would necessitate greater reliance on human intelligence.

So does the world's foremost code-making and code-breaking organization, the U.S. National Security Agency, worry about the spread of quantum encryption? Better yet, is the NSA using the technology itself? Like most things about the NSA, those answers remain secret.

MagiQ is seeking the government's approval to sell Navajo boxes overseas. Gelfond hopes officials have realized — after trying and failing to restrict encryption exports in the 1990s — that there's little point in trying to "put the genie back in the bottle" once encryption methods have been invented. After all, he said, researchers in China are known to have experimented with quantum encryption.

At least one other company, Switzerland-based id Quantique SA, has produced a system similar to Navajo, though that remains in pilot phase.

Meanwhile, other organizations are exploring different ways of using subatomic particles as code carriers. QinetiQ, the commercial arm of Britain's defense research agency, and the national lab in Los Alamos, N.M., have experimented with transmitting quantum keys through the air rather than over fiber-optic lines.

Researchers at IBM, where quantum encryption was first demonstrated in the 1980s, are exploring ways to shrink quantum systems so they can plug more efficiently into existing computing and communications networks.

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Gophers hang tough, move on in preseason NIT

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By the time Kris Humphries left the game to a standing ovation with 3:03 remaining Monday night, Minnesota's men's basketball team had turned a close game into a rout and for at least one night answered questions about its defense.

While the 11-point margin of victory against Missouri-Kansas City sounds close, Minnesota built a 22-point second-half lead and won, going away 78-67 in the preseason NIT contest.

"This was one of our better games thus far," Gophers coach Dan Monson said.

The Gophers (1-0) will now face Utah at 9:30 Wednesday night in Salt Lake City, with a chance to make a trip to New York for Thanksgiving. The Utes defeated Georgia State 46-38.

The winner of Wednesday's game will travel to New York for the preseason NIT Final Four next week.

The offensive star of the night was Humphries, who finished with 26 points and 15 rebounds while delighting the crowd of 10,797 at Williams Arena.

The forward displayed his jump shot in the first half and his low post ability in the second stanza. Humphries joined the Gophers after he was granted a release from Duke over the summer.

"I am most upset at (Devils coach) Mike Krzyzewski," Kangaroos coach Rich Zvosec said with a smile. "It was a tough matchup for us. He's going to be a heck of a player."

Going against 6-foot-9 center Carlton Aaron, Humphries faced his first true test.

Humphries' dominance in the low post coincided with a solid all-around team effort in the final 20 minutes. The Gophers out-rebounded Missouri-Kansas City 24-13, outscored the Kangaroos 45-40, and got the defensive stops the Gophers lacked in the first two exhibition games.

In the opening stanza, Missouri-Kansas City fought for 12 offensive rebounds. In the second half, the Gophers only allowed four. With limited second chances, Minnesota went on runs of 13-3 and 9-1.

"In the first half, they were coming out at us," Humphries said. "I think we can match up well no matter what our opponent's strengths are. If they are bigger than us, we can use our athleticism. We will take what they will give us."

Kangaroos star guard Michael Watson found himself getting little and, in the process, learned a lesson about making promises.

The senior, who averaged 25.5 points per game last season, was held to eight points on 3-for-19 shooting.

Guarded by Moe Hargrow for most of the night, the Gophers limited the quality shots and Watson's ability to drive to the basket.

And if Minnesota needed any extra motivation, the Gophers found a printed out version of a newspaper article in each of their lockers prior to the game.

In the story appearing in a Kansas City newspaper, Watson guaranteed a victory for Missouri-Kansas City.

"I wanted to focus and stay low on him," said Hargrow, who finished with 18 points. "I had to keep him out of rhythm."

On the strength of an almost five-minute Kangaroos scoring drought to end the first half, Minnesota built a 33-27 lead at intermission.

While Humphries scored 12 points in the half, it was the play of point guard Adam Boone that turned a 27-27 tie into a six-point lead at the break.

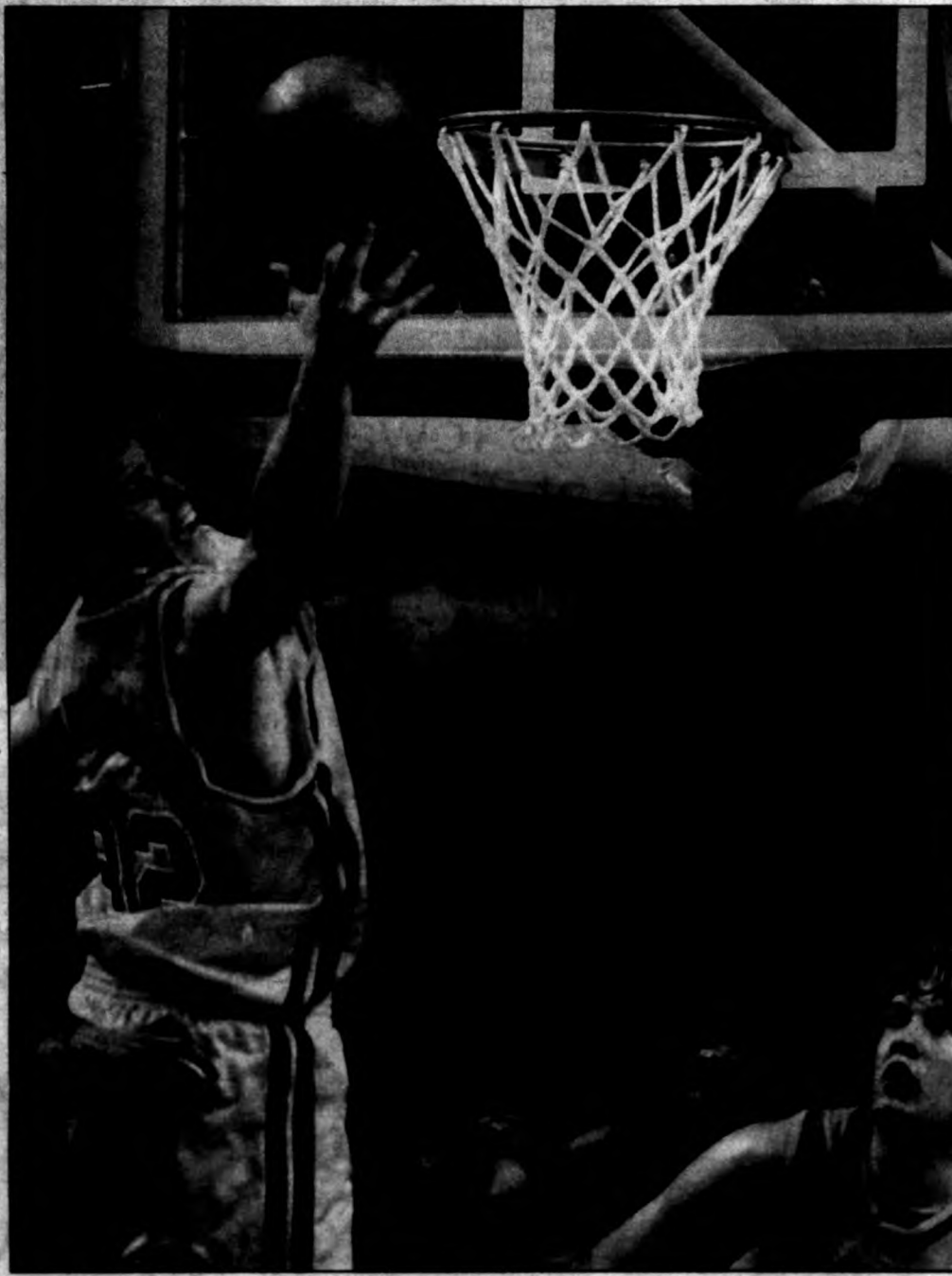
On successive trips down court, Boone broke through the Kangaroos defense and made no-look passes to Jeff Hagen and Humphries for easy baskets.

"A point guard and a coach are in the same realm," Boone said. "They are measured by wins. I just want to win."

The junior finished with eight assists, five rebounds and zero points. But it was another zero in his statistics that might be just as important.

The Minnetonka, Minn., native did not turn the ball over.

"It shows how a kid can have a good game without scoring a point," Monson said.



Minnesota men's basketball forward Kris Humphries goes up for a rebound in the second half of Monday night's game. Photo/Jonah Nielsen

Loss at Iowa likely means no New Year's Day bowl

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As the final seconds ticked off the clock at Iowa's Kinnick Stadium on Saturday, Minnesota Athletics Director Joel Maturi stood on the field shaking hands with Minnesota football players.

Many Gophers somberly offered their palms as they made their way toward the locker room after being dismantled by the Hawkeyes 40-22.

But there was a feeling that for Minnesota, this was supposed to be a day when handshakes offered congratulations rather than condolences.

With the opportunity to basically assure themselves an invitation to a New Year's Day bowl and their best conference record in 30 years, the Gophers stumbled their way to another disappointing finish in a season that promised so much more.

"Let's put it in perspective, we've had a good year," Maturi said. "But we were close to making it a great year."

Minnesota linebacker Ben West had an interesting perspective to his team's up-and-down season.

"When we came in here (to Iowa City) my freshman year (in 1999) our team was about the same and they went to the Sun Bowl," West said. "That was a good team, but I think we're a lot better."

Few would argue with West that Minnesota's football team this year



Minnesota's football team will likely miss out on its goal of a New Year's Day bowl game. Photo/Nate Denay

had more potential than the 1999 version that went 8-4 before losing to Oregon in the Sun Bowl. But despite higher expectations and team goals of playing on New Year's Day, West and his teammates now find themselves in a strikingly similar situation to that 1999 team.

After its disheartening loss to Iowa, Minnesota finished its regular season with a 5-3 conference record

and could potentially end up back in El Paso, Texas, this holiday season. Realistically, the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, Texas, might be a best-case scenario for the Gophers, while the Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tenn., remains a possibility.

The final Big Ten regular season games will be played Saturday while Minnesota sits idle. The games will further determine who is traveling

where for the postseason. But regardless of where Minnesota ends up playing, there is a prevailing sense on the team that it could have accomplished more.

"I don't think any bowl in itself is a bad one," Minnesota quarterback Asad Abdul-Khalik said. "But our outcome of the season should be a lot better. I just wanted so much more for this team because I know we were capable of it."

It's not the kind of talk one might expect to hear from a team that recorded its first nine-win season since 1905, or one that is headed to its fourth bowl game in five seasons after a 13-year drought.

But the reality is Minnesota fans will now question just how far this program has really come in the last four years.

Any bowl the Gophers are likely to be invited to in the coming weeks will probably not be played in the 2004 calendar year. And that remains a step Minnesota's football program as failed to take in Glen Mason's seven years as coach.

"The prospect of playing on New Year's Day has some magic to it," said Dylan Thomas, a representative of the Capital One Bowl, who was scouting the Gophers on Saturday.

Postseason accomplishments — and venues — have become the standard by which aspiring collegiate football programs are measured. And

without seeing Minnesota elevate itself to that next tier, it's difficult for many fans to see the progress.

"I think it might be what is necessary to convince the people of Minnesota that the program is for real," Maturi said. "You don't have to convince me, but for some reason we haven't been fully endorsed by the Minnesota faithful."

Not that being invited to a New Year's Day bowl ensures any kind of future success.

Illinois won the Big Ten title and played in the Sugar Bowl just two years ago and now finds itself struggling to stay out of the conference basement. But at least the Illini know the feeling.

"Obviously I'd rather be there and find out what it does for your program, but it doesn't guarantee anything," Maturi said.

As the head man in a revamped athletics department, Maturi always has the long-term goals of the program in mind.

But seniors on this year's team have only one concern left. And that's leaving a legacy behind they can point to after they have concluded their collegiate careers.

"That's the job of kids coming in is to leave the program better than it was," West said. "I think the only way we're going to feel that we

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Stephens, Ashley not afraid to get physical

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Minnesota's top-ranked women's hockey team is known for its speed and quickness. But the squad is not afraid to flex a little muscle now and then. Two players in particular, junior forward Kelly Stephens and freshman defender Danielle Ashley, excel at playing a physical style of hockey.

"They play with a sort of no-fear philosophy," coach Laura Halldorson said. "They're not intimidated by anybody. They're not going to back down to anybody."

Occasionally, the aggressive tendencies displayed by both players can lead to prolonged stays in the penalty box. The duo has combined for 16 of the team's 41 penalties this season. Stephens has amassed 71 penalties in 80 career games for the Gophers.

"We still have to be very disciplined because it does no good to have them in the box," assistant coach Brad Frost said. "They're two great players on our team, and if they're in the penalty box that hurts us more than anything."

Both Stephens and Ashley have backgrounds in boys' hockey, so both had to change their style to adjust to the women's game.

"It's different for me to go in a corner and have to hold up," Stephens said. "It's something now I'm aware of, and I have to pay attention to."

Ashley faced the same difficulty in her transition.

"Coming from boys' hockey it was really tough because I was so used to the hitting," she said. "Then going into the female it's just more riding out and playing the man."

Ashley has learned from her older teammates and from her coaches how to avoid getting sent to the penalty box.

"They taught me different ways of maneuvering my body so I won't get as many penalties," Ashley said. "So that I'll play smart defensive hockey instead of going right at the girl and hitting her into the boards."

During a scrimmage early in the season, Ashley had two separate collisions with teammates. After practice Stephens pulled Ashley aside to give her advice on what to expect from officials in the WCHA.

"She explained to me that it's good to be aggressive, but keep your head in the game, play smart and know what your job is," Ashley said. "That really calmed me down and helped me out."

Despite her visits to the sin bin, Ashley's strong play has helped solidify a Minnesota defense that lost two seniors to graduation last season.

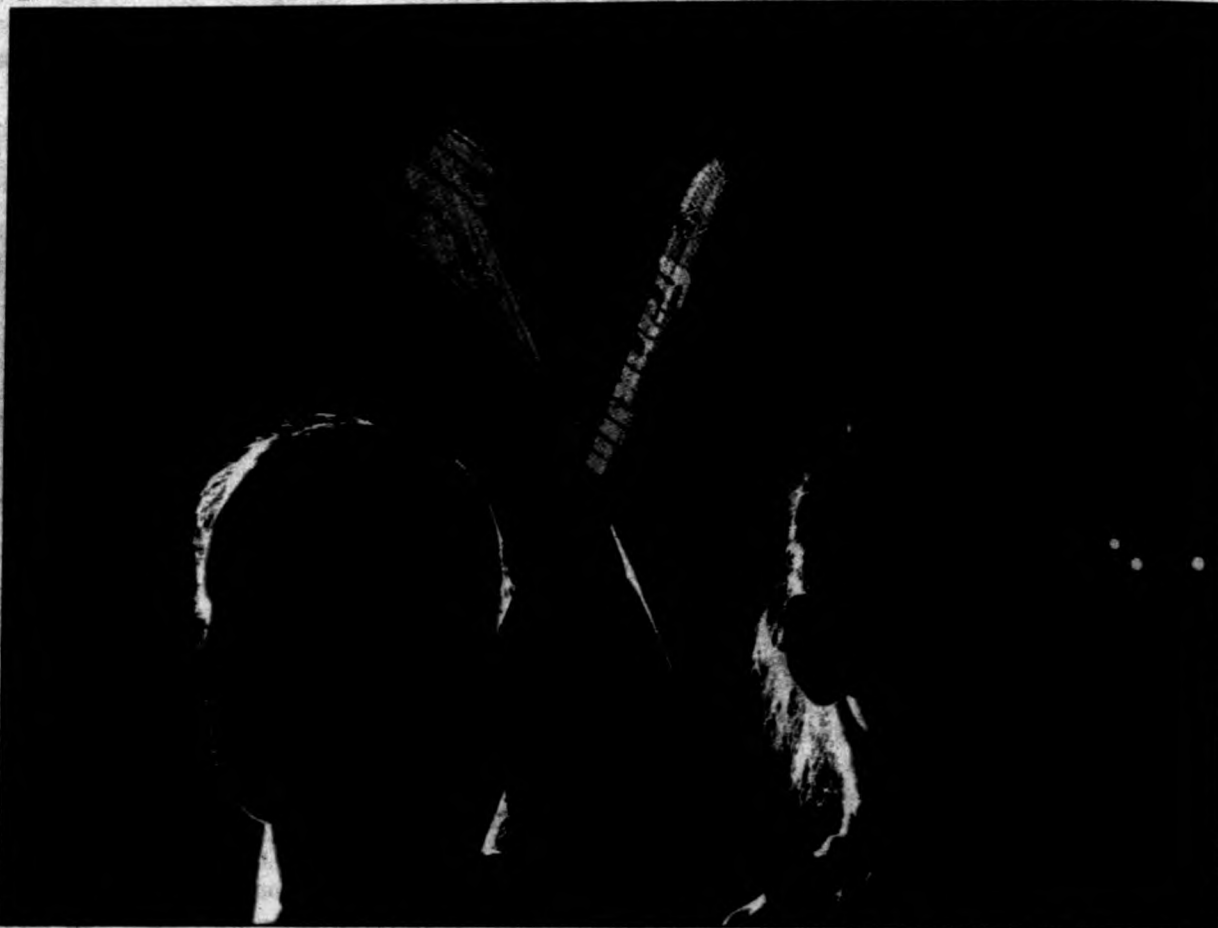
"It's an element that every team needs is the ability to play tough and play physical in your defensive zone," assistant coach Joel Johnson said. "And she is certainly one of our best."

A native of Burlington, Ontario, Ashley started playing hockey when she was seven and signed with the National Women's Hockey League in Canada when she was 14 years old, the youngest person ever to sign a contract in the NWHL. Playing professionally before college helped her adjust to playing Division I hockey.

"Playing at such a high level when I was 15 really helped me with pressure situations, understanding different plays," Ashley said. "It just helped me understand a bit more."

The learning experience in the NWHL paid off, and is evident to her coaches.

"She's got great hockey instincts and knows where to be and when to be there," Johnson said.



Minnesota women's hockey players Kelly Stephens (left) and Danielle Ashley have combined to rack up 16 of the team's 41 penalties this season. Both played with boys' teams growing up, which is a more physical style of hockey.

"Combine that with the skills that she has, and that puts her in an elite level."

Stephens also has plenty to boast about. The Shoreline, Wash., native played for the United States in the Four Nations Cup in Skovde, Sweden, last week and is a member of the U.S. Women's Under-22 Team. Stephens leads the WCHA with 13 assists, and is second in point scoring.

Stephens plays tough, but has also matured as a hockey player.

"She's now started to have more composure," Frost said. "She's continued to become faster, stronger and a more complete hockey player."

Because of this, Stephens and Ashley complement each other at each end of the ice.

The two are not enforcers, but they don't mind doing some of the grunt work.

"For us, it's good to have that presence on the ice," Frost said. "They don't even have to do any-

thing, but if the other team knows that they're there it may hinder the opposition from doing some things."

Stephens and Ashley skate hard and carry big hockey sticks. The duo plays a big role in setting the tone for the team.

"Every team has players that can go out and change the style of the game," Stephens said. "Setting the pace is huge in the beginning of the game."

Gophers 'not ready to win right now,' but getting there

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Minnesota's wrestling team lost five All-Americans from last year's team, but Robinson believes in this year's squad.

Minnesota wrestling coach J Robinson knows his team isn't ready to compete for its third national championship in four years — yet.

"We're not ready to win right now," Robinson said. "We're not ready to win the national tournament or the Big Ten tournament right now. But we can be in four months."

Robinson's squad experienced some turnaround this offseason, but the expectations remain as high as in years past.

The team lost All-Americans at heavyweight (Garrett Lowney), 133 pounds (Ryan Lewis), 149 pounds (Jared Lawrence), and 157 pounds (Luke Becker). These four combined for a 103-20 record last season.

All were seniors but Lowney, who left the team to train for the 2004 Olympic games.

But don't tell Robinson that the talent isn't there. His expectations are as high as in past years, and he said that this team is still capable of the greatness which has become protocol inside of Minnesota wrestling circles.

"At some point in time, when you wrestle for Minnesota, you have to realize that you have to step up and do what's required," Robinson said.

"That's what we need to do. Just because they're not All-Americans doesn't mean they couldn't be All-Americans."

Like any coach, Robinson noted that rankings don't count for anything. Still, a team that has finished in the top three in each of the past seven NCAA Tournaments is ranked as low as fifth in some polls.

This is largely because Robinson is still waiting for some of his wrestlers to assert themselves where others have departed.

He said returning starter Bobbe Lowe has the inside track on Andrew Domingues at 125 pounds. But Domingues' performance Saturday at the Harold Nichols Open in Fort Dodge, Iowa, was encouraging.

Redshirt freshman Quincy Osborn "really impressed" his coach this weekend where he took Lewis' spot at 133 pounds. His coach said he has asserted himself in front of Will Holst.

Lawrence's departure has left the 149-pound slot wide open, with true freshman C.P. Schlatter filling it in victory Saturday.

Jon Duncombe, a junior transfer from St. Cloud State, will likely fill last year's trouble spot in the Gophers' lineup at 184 pounds.

And at heavyweight, the spot Lowney and two-time All-American

Brock Lesnar have held down for the past four years, Minnesota will probably go with redshirt freshman Cole Konrad.

What it all adds up to is a team that could start three freshmen and one new-comer.

Though Robinson emphasizes developing all of his wrestlers, he places the onus on whomever the starters might be this season.

"There is a little bit of pressure and a little bit of responsibility, but there is a lot of opportunity," Robinson said. "They're going to have to step up."

Robinson stays steadfast in his expectations, as if losing has slipped from his consciousness.

It's probably because he feels like he's done it before.

"We like to try and compare (this year) to the 2001 team (which won the national championship)," he said. "Nobody expected a lot from that team, but our guys came through."

The dotted line

Minnesota wrestling has signed two high school state champions to national letters of intent to start competing in the 2004-05 season.

Tyler Safratowich, a senior at Park Rapids Area High School in Park Rapids, Minn., is a Junior National All-American and a two-time Minnesota state champion. He will likely wrestle at either 133 or 141 pounds for the Gophers.

Nick Davis won the Florida 2A, 171-pound championship and had a 45-0 record at Gainesville High School in Gainesville, Fla., last season. He is likely to wrestle at 174 pounds.

No. 7 seed Wettengel wins Big Ten men's tennis singles title

Minnesota men's tennis player Chris Wettengel won the 2003 Big Ten singles championship Monday in Ann Arbor, Mich., going 5-0 at the fall season-ending tournament. Wettengel, a senior, defeated the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds en route to the first Big Ten singles championship crown of his career.

Wettengel, the No. 7 seed, cruised through the draw without losing a set. He defeated Dima Ish-tuganov of Indiana, 7-6 (3), 6-2 in the first round; Troy Havens of Purdue, 6-3, 6-4 in the second round; Ryan Heller of Michigan, 6-3, 6-3 in the third round; and Cameron Marshall of Michigan State, 7-5, 6-2 in the quarterfinals.

In the semifinals, Wettengel upset second-seeded Andy Formanczyk of Michigan State, 6-3, 7-6 (2). He then shocked No. 1 seed Michael Rubin of host Michigan in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4.

The Gophers' fourth-seeded Avery Ticer went 2-1 in the event, winning his first two matches before being upset by Roddy Canteley of Penn State, 6-3, 6-3, in the third round. The Gophers' Clay Estes also went 2-1, losing in straight sets to Formanczyk in the third round.

Three other Gophers — Sion Wilkins, Mikey Kantar and Brian Lipinski — fell in the first round and advanced to the first-round con-

solation bracket. Wilkins was eliminated in one match, Kantar in two. Lipinski won the bracket with a 5-0 record. Lipinski defeated Scott Green of Ohio State in three sets in the semifinals and won in the final by double opponent default.

Busse on academic team

Minnesota senior volleyball opposite hitter Cassie Busse was named first-team Academic All-District for the second year in a row. The first-team honor allows Busse to qualify for Academic All-America honors, which will be announced in early December.

Busse leads the Big Ten in service aces, is third in kills and is sixth in hitting percentage. She comes in to the week averaging 4.73 kills per game, 2.20 digs per game, 0.81 blocks per game and hits .311. Busse leads the team in kills, hitting percentage and service aces. She is second in blocks and third in digs.

In eight matches this year, Busse has tallied 20 kills or more. She has tallied double-figure kills in 25 of 28 matches this season. Busse also received Big Ten player of the week honors twice this season (Oct. 13 and Oct. 27), making her one of only three players in Minnesota history to receive player of the week honors on four different occasions. She became the fourth player in school history to be named the American Volleyball Coaches Association national player of the week Oct. 27, in a week where she had 57 kills in two matches (30 against Michigan State and 27 against Michigan).



J Robinson



Chris Wettengel

Oh brother, where art thou?

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This season was to be a dream come true for the Potulny brothers.

Freshman Ryan Potulny came to Minnesota to join his older brother, Grant, who helped lead the Gophers to the last two national men's hockey championships. Fans envisioned the younger Potulny at the point on the power play, finding the elder Potulny near the net for a game-winning goal on the way to the Gophers' third straight national title.

But those dreams came to an abrupt end Friday when Ryan underwent surgery to repair a torn lateral collateral ligament. He is expected to miss at least four months.

Now, Grant is playing for the two of them.

"First thing's first,

After waiting years to play on the same team, brothers Grant and Ryan Potulny got their chance this year — for eight games.

it's a huge blow for our team," Grant said. "Not only was he leading our team in assists, but as a freshman you really start catching your stride. I think he really would have taken off."

Before this season, the brothers had never played competitive hockey together. While playing in the United States Hockey League in Lincoln, Neb., Ryan watched his brother play on two NCAA championship teams. They both looked forward to this season for years — the opportunity to play together, to win together.

The opportunity taken away just eight games into the season hurts the brothers, especially Grant.

"If I shut down and not produce, I think that would hurt him more," he said. "He wants to see me do well, so I'll try to play for both of us this year."

Ryan's injury, which is uncommon, occurred Nov. 7 during the Gophers' game against North Dakota. He was holding the puck against the wall with six minutes left in the third period. He said his foot was planted and his knee opened up and caused the injury.

Ryan did not initially think the injury was serious, and

percent of the Gophers' season games, he is eligible for a medical redshirt and four additional years of eligibility.

But come playoff time, if Ryan feels healthy and the Gophers are in a position to use him, he could return if he wishes.

"We're not thinking about that right now," Ryan said.

Coach Don Lucia has dealt with injuries to top players Keith Ballard and Chris Harrington already this season.

But Ryan's injury and its severity were disappointing to coaches especially because of the development the forward was making.

"He was really coming along and certainly was going to have a big impact on our team this year," Lucia said. "Everybody's going to have to pick up the slack a little bit and give somebody else an opportunity."

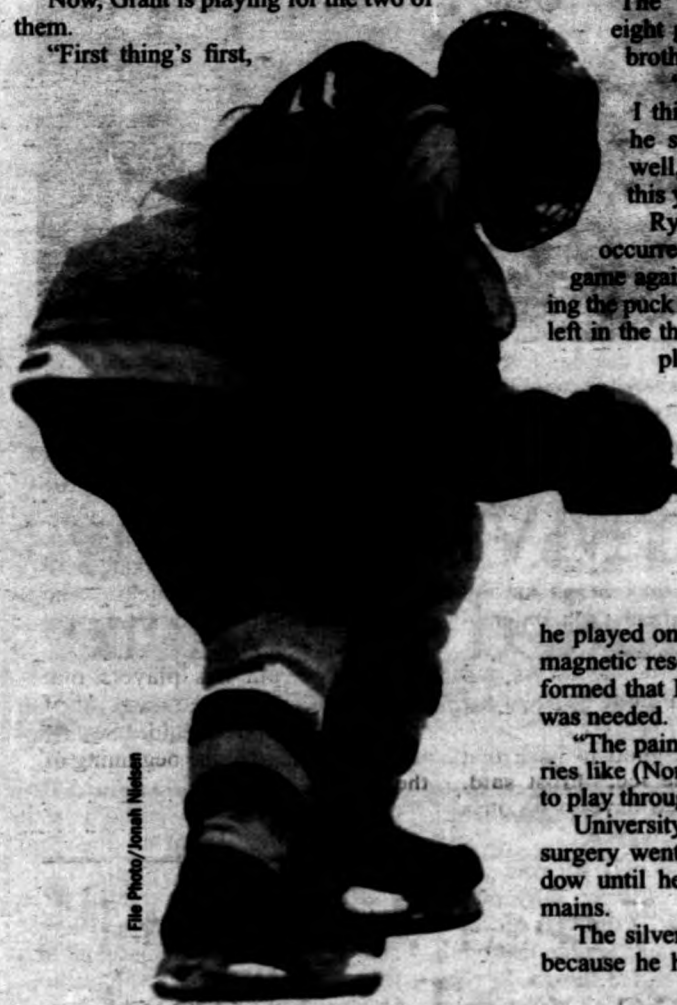
After Ryan's last game, he led Minnesota with five assists. Now, the early season injury mirrors last season when Grant went down with a fractured ankle. Fortunately, Grant's injury only forced him to miss 22 games. In the 23 games he did play, Grant scored 23 points.

"That's the worst thing I can imagine, to take a guy's hockey season away from him," assistant captain Troy Riddle said. "But Ryan's a tough kid. He's got a good head on his shoulders, and he'll come out of it, just

like his brother."

In the meantime, Ryan is looking forward to doing things with the team and still getting the most out of his first season with the Gophers. He has plenty of time to make his impact at Minnesota.

"It's tough luck, but I'm still a part of the team," Ryan said. "I'll still be able to learn from Grant. I'm the team's number-one fan now."



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Brothers Ryan (left) and Grant Potulny played eight games together on Minnesota's men's hockey team this season before Ryan tore his lateral collateral ligament against North Dakota.

he played on it the next night. A magnetic resonance imaging scan performed that Monday confirmed that surgery was needed.

"The pain wasn't unbearable, and in a series like (North Dakota), you obviously want to play through a little pain," he said.

University officials said Monday that the surgery went well, but the four-month window until he slips back into his skates remains.

The silver lining for the freshman is that because he has not played in more than 20

Whalen garners all the Gophers' attention

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The annual women's basketball poster hanging in the windows of McDonald's and Papa John's displays six different figures, but all of them are of the same player — Lindsay Whalen.

The program's poster girl for the last three years, Whalen has become arguably the most prominent female athlete to play at Minnesota, not to mention a first team All-American and a self-projected top-15 WNBA pick next season.

But how has this small-town Minnesota player, who earned only honorable mention all-state accolades in high school, blasted her way past national high school All-Americans and become a local and national icon for basketball?

The answers might lie in the journey. In her three-plus years with the Gophers, few college players have had to deal with the changes, questions and letdowns Whalen has seen.

The Hutchinson, Minn., native, who didn't know she wanted to or could play college basketball until her junior year of high school, came to the Gophers as an unknown. She came during a year when few really knew or cared who was joining the messy program.

Her first collegiate coach, Cheryl Littlejohn, was let go months later after infractions and NCAA violations.



Photo/Jonah Nielsen

Minnesota women's basketball senior Lindsay Whalen has gone from an honorable mention all-state selection to a local icon in four short years. Whalen is now a first team All-American and a self-projected top-15 pick in the WNBA draft.

Whalen found herself on a team looking for answers.

"Throw in some violations, and all of a sudden you have a little controversy," she said. "It was definitely challenging at times."

In 2001, Brenda (Oldfield)

Frese became the Gophers' coach and the team was re-energized. Whalen was named Big Ten Player of the Year and the team turned around an 8-20 season into a 22-8 season and advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament.

But turmoil would hit the team again as Frese, the 2002 Associated Press National Coach of the Year, would leave following the season for the University of Maryland. With questions abounding, Whalen decided to speak her mind.

"After coach 'O' left, I tried to step up a little and say we are going to be all right," she said. "You're going to have your coaches, but it comes down to what is in the team."

"Coaches aren't out there playing; they can put you in the best possible situation, but you still have to make the shot and perform."

Frese's departure taught Whalen some hard lessons about basketball.

"It taught me a lot about the business aspect of the sport," she said. "If you are not winning, you're out, and if you are, you have to look to the next best opportunity. That's the way it is."

Whalen took it upon herself to call the incoming freshmen during the summer and told them they would be fine next season.

She was right.

Coach Pam Borton came into a program that had a core of players who wanted to win, and that's exactly what they did.

Whalen and the Gophers, despite having to learn another system, advanced to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen and remain the 13th-ranked team in the nation.

Whalen, the honorable mention all-state player, dealt with three coaches, controversy and departure, and somehow brought her game and a program in disarray into the national elite. But she shares

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Digging it: Gentil leads U volleyball's defense

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On Friday night, Minnesota's 22nd-ranked volleyball team (17-9, 10-4 Big Ten) defeated Purdue in straight sets. Before the match, there was a short presentation that merited high applause from the crowd.

Coach Mike Hebert walked onto the court with a volleyball. The majority of the 3,039 fans in attendance — Minnesota's second largest home crowd of the season — stood in elation as Hebert handed a specially marked volleyball to his All-American libero Paula Gentil.

"I was surprised," Gentil said. "I heard the announcer say 'Paula Gentil' and then I just ran out there and got the ball."

The ball represented Gentil's 1,000 career digs, a sensational achievement for the Fortaleza, Brazil, native. Only seven players in Minnesota history have collected more digs than the second-year player.

Gentil, a 21-year-old sophomore, now has 1,052 career digs after scooping up 37 in her team's matches against Purdue and Indiana this last weekend.

Though her accomplishments are admirable, Gentil is not the only

Gophers player making contributions to the team's success at making digs.

The Gophers lead the Big Ten in digs, with 1,680 in 26 matches. Minnesota led the conference with 2,216 digs in 38 matches last season.

The dig total can be attributed much in part to the efforts of a small group of defensive standouts.

"We have three or four defensive specialists and liberos who are very accomplished defenders," Hebert said. "I think our entire team has followed their lead. It has become a digging parade and everybody wants to get in on the act."

Gentil's 478 digs not only lead the Gophers this season, she also stands atop the Big Ten. Next in line on the team is setter Lindsey Taatjes with 268 and Cassie Busse's 216 digs.

Rounding out the Minnesota dig leaders are freshman defensive specialist Marci Peniata and junior defensive specialist/libero Lisa Reinhart. Peniata and Reinhart have



scooped up 196 and 164 digs, respectively.

Taatjes praised Reinhart. "She has a really good attitude in keeping us loose on the floor," Taatjes said. "She always gets the balls you don't think she's going to get to."

As an upperclassman, Reinhart knows how digs can play a key role in making long rallies and coming up with a point for the team.

"I like it when we get a really

good combination play," Reinhart said. "When somebody just hustled a lot to get a really good dig, then we get a really good set and somebody's there to knock down the kill."

She said this type of effort is the thing she likes to see most when she's out on the court.

Reinhart is a dig specialist. She primarily comes off the bench to serve, play the backcourt and contribute to team defense.

Taatjes, on the other hand, is a setter who has improved on her digging ability.

"She's really improved a lot in being really aggressive," Reinhart said. "She'll read (the movement of the ball) and then she'll make a really good move on it. She's a silent leader, but she can get really revved up when she needs to."

Taatjes quietly collected a career-high 19 digs in last Friday's match versus Purdue.

She has been joined by Peniata, an up-and-coming freshman.

A player from Plymouth, Minn., Peniata has learned how to dig at the collegiate level. And she knows it's a whole new level of play in the Big Ten.

"It's definitely the speed of the game," Peniata said. "I'm adapted to it now, but in the beginning, I was like 'whoa, this is pretty fast.'"

Peniata, Gentil and the rest of the Gophers will continue to exhibit their defensive efforts by digging their way to the top.

Minnesota currently trails 15th-ranked Penn State (22-4, 11-3) by one match for the reins of Big Ten supremacy.

To fight for this title, Minnesota will rely on good defense. Similar to their 2002 championship team, Minnesota volleyball looks primed to repeat atop the Big Ten leaders in digs.

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Minnesota volleyball sophomore Paula Gentil leads the Gophers and the Big Ten with 478 digs this season.

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the team's success.

"I don't take credit myself for any of the turnaround; it has always been a big group effort," she said. "We took a lot of pride in turning things around."

And people have responded to the turnaround. Ticket sales have increased and a buzz surrounds the team — and Whalen.

Posters and TV commercials star the hometown girl who has become an icon for Minnesota women's athletics and a role model for screaming children at Williams Arena.

"Whatever we can do to make it the best possible situation for the sport," she said with a grin. "If that means I'm on posters and I have my jersey running around then that's the way it is."

Little children courtside at Williams Arena go crazy when Whalen walks by during warm-ups and gives them a nod.

"The kids love you, win or lose," Whalen said. "You could have just played the worst game in the world, and it doesn't matter to them. They just love that they got to meet you. I enjoy that."

For Gophers fans, regardless of gender, Whalen has become an icon for women's basketball's popularity and success.

"Not many people get to play at a University like this, and have the

opportunity to have people look up to you, and you have that influence on people," she said. "You just have to enjoy it while it lasts."

She will have a chance to make her mark nationally as well, hopefully moving on to the WNBA next season.

"Dana Taurasi (Connecticut) and Alana Beard (Duke) are going to be the main keys to make the WNBA go," she said. "But I am one of 15 kids who can make an impact in the WNBA next year, and you take pride in that."

But here and now, the Gophers try to live up to expectations and hype. And Whalen will be at the center of the pressure.

"The pressure for me is playing basketball and having fun," she said. "Of course you want to win games, but if we don't win the Big Ten championship and we don't go to the Final Four, I'm not going to look back on my career and say, 'I crumbled under the pressure.' The important thing this year is realizing everyone on the team has pressure to affect the game."

Through the changes, questions and letdowns, Whalen brought her game to another level, which helped turn around a program and warm Minnesota up to women's basketball.

"For this state and this University, I think I have done my fair share and helped the state of the game," she said.

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accomplished that is with a win in the bowl game."

As for the playing on New Year's Day, Maturi will most likely have to wait for another year to see if the football team can accomplish the feat.

"It has to happen and I think it will happen," Maturi said. "I don't care how critical anybody is, we were close."

"We didn't get the job done — and coach (Mason) will be the first one to admit that — but there have been many years when we haven't been close."

Contract talks to begin

Despite a disappointing finish to the season, Maturi has asked Mason to meet with him to discuss a possible contract extension as coach.

Mason currently has three years

remaining on a previous extension he signed in March 2000. But Maturi is looking to solidify Mason's long-term future with Minnesota's football program.

"He's an outstanding teacher, he's tremendously thorough in his preparation and, most importantly, he really cares for kids," Maturi said.

"I like the way he coaches the game and I'm hopeful that (Mason) and I can come to an agreement that he'll spend more years here."

Maturi said it is important for Minnesota to offer potential recruits the solidarity of a single coach for an athlete's entire collegiate career, if possible.

No official timetable has been set for negotiations, but Maturi is confident the two will sit down sometime soon.

"We'll find a time in the very near future," Maturi said.

A-Rod wins AL MVP, then says he might be traded elsewhere

NEW YORK (AP) — For sale: American League MVP.

Asking price: about \$179 million.

An hour after becoming only the second player from a last-place team to win a Most Valuable Player award, Alex Rodriguez confirmed that the Texas Rangers have talked to him about a possible trade.

"Management has approached me with a situation and some choices, and I'm just going to keep my doors open right now," Rodriguez said Monday from Mexico during a conference call.

Rodriguez received 242 points for the American League award in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Toronto first baseman Carlos Delgado was second with 213 points, followed by

New York Yankees catcher Jorge Posada with 194.

Showing the split among the writers, 10 players received first-place votes, one short of the record set in the 1947 NL vote and matched in the 1977 AL vote.

Rodriguez was the only player picked on every ballot. He hit .298, tied for the major league lead with 47 homers, and led the AL in runs (124) and slugging percentage (.600). He had 118 RBIs, second in the AL to Delgado's 145.

Regarded by many as the best all-around player in the league, Rodriguez became the first AL player to win the MVP while playing for a last-place team. Andre Dawson won the 1987 NL award with the last-place Chicago Cubs.

Last year, Rodriguez finished second in MVP voting to Oakland

shortstop Miguel Tejada and in 1996 he finished three points behind the Rangers' Juan Gonzalez.

"It means the world to me," Rodriguez said. "I'm so proud. It really is a validation to all the hard work and dedication."

Rodriguez has completed three seasons of a \$252 million, 10-year contract, the richest in baseball history. He has been paid \$56 million, gets another \$1 million on Dec. 1 and is owed \$12 million plus interest in deferred payments from the first three seasons. An additional \$4 million of the signing bonus is due in 2004 and 2005.

Since the team signing the original contract usually pays the signing bonus that leaves \$179 million remaining over the final seven years, an average yearly payout of \$25.57 million.

Ohio State leapfrogs USC for No. 2 in latest BCS standings

The Associated Press

Ohio State moved past USC into second place in the BCS standings Monday. Even so, the Buckeyes might need more than a win at Michigan to defend their championship.

The Buckeyes edged ahead of Southern California by 0.19 points following their 16-13 overtime win over Purdue. The Trojans lost ground in the computers and strength of schedule after winning 45-0 at Arizona (2-9).

"That's great, I guess, but it doesn't really mean anything until we go up and play Michigan," Ohio State defensive end Will Smith said. "After we play Michigan and hopefully come out with a win, then we can see where we're ranked then."

Oklahoma (10-0) remained the runaway leader in the standings that will determine which two teams will play for the national championship in the Sugar Bowl.

The Sooners have a 1.0 for poll

average, 1.0 for computer-rank average, 0.40 for strength of schedule, zero for losses and 0.6 bonus points for beating fifth-place Texas for a 1.8.

Ohio State was second with 7.52 points, followed by USC at 7.71 and LSU at 12.21.

"I wasn't concerned about it last week and I am not concerned about it this week," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "We have a big game coming up against UCLA. We're just trying to take care of business this week."

TCU, the only undefeated team in Division I-A along with Oklahoma, fell from sixth to eighth. The Horned Frogs, who finish the season against Southern Mississippi and SMU, need to be in the top six to guarantee an at-large berth in a BCS bowl.

"The only thing we can control is how we play in the last two games of the season," coach Gary Patterson said. "We understand with the system that's currently in place, we need to win our last two games to have a chance for a BCS bowl."

The biggest development this week was Ohio State's move to second, although it might just be temporary.

Even with a win against a quality opponent like Michigan, the Buckeyes can't improve their computer ranking unless Oklahoma loses. They are second in six of the computers and third in the other, but the lowest ranking is dropped.

Also, Ohio State's strength of schedule will only improve marginally after this week's game.

USC, which ends the season against UCLA (6-5) and Oregon State (7-3), could edge up a bit in the strength of schedule and the computers. The Trojans also could benefit with a bigger quality-win bonus if Washington State moves up from 10th in the BCS.

The BCS formula uses the AP media and USA Today/ESPN coaches' polls, seven computer rankings, strength of schedule, losses and a bonus-point system for quality wins.

Janklow's records won't go to trial

Janklow has 12 speeding tickets and three accidents on his driving record.

FLANDREAU, S.D. (AP) — A judge has reaffirmed a ruling not to allow U.S. Rep. Bill Janklow's driving record into his upcoming trial.

The former attorney general and governor is charged with manslaughter and three misdemeanors for an August accident at an intersection near Trent, S.D., that killed Randy Scott of Hardwick, Minn.

Judge Rodney Steele called a hearing Monday to reconsider the prosecution's request to allow jurors to hear about 12 speeding tickets and three accidents on Janklow's record. But after hearing arguments from the lawyers, he concluded they will not be admitted.

"I can't find any similarity between the speeding violations in Exhibit A and the act involved here," Steele said of the speeding tickets.

"I can't find any similarity there either," he said of three accidents prosecutors wanted included in the trial.

But Steele said he might allow testimony on two of the accidents in which Janklow reported seeing a vehicle that nobody else did if the defense brings up the so-called phantom vehicles.

One of those happened Dec. 27, 1993, when Janklow rear-ended a vehicle while traffic slowed on a Sioux Falls, S.D., street to make way for two police cars with their lights and sirens on. Janklow said he saw an oncoming blue Bronco that appeared to be getting out of the way of the police cars and he was trying to avoid it. The other driver "stated he did not see the blue Bronco," according to court documents earlier released.

In the other accident, on Nov. 24, 1993, Janklow collided with a Sioux Falls city bus after pulling forward "to avoid being struck by a phantom vehicle."

He also reported a similar sighting in the Aug. 16 crash.

Janklow told a highway patrol officer he had swerved to avoid a vehicle in his lane, according to the accident report. Janklow "stated there was a vehicle in his lane of traffic, and he had to make an evasive maneuver to avoid the vehicle."

Moody County State's Attorney Bill Ellingson and his deputy prosecutor, Roger Ellyson, argued that Janklow's state of mind will be key to the case. They said in order to prove their case, they must show Janklow had a habit of speeding and ignoring other traffic laws.

"We're simply asking the court to use relevant evidence," Ellyson said.

But Ed Evans, Janklow's lawyer, said his client acknowledges that he did run the stop sign and was speeding, so inclusion of the driving record would merely prejudice the jury.

"The speed issue doesn't change anything," he said of the prior record.

After an open hearing, the judge and lawyers met in private to consider an earlier ruling on documents that have been sealed.

Steele also was considering two requests to sequester the jury after it's seated.

Israel plans to raze Bedouin villages

The raze will encourage residents to give up claims to scattered tribal grounds in return for housing lots in new towns.

BIR HADAJ, Israel (AP) — Like a mirage, this sprawling desert shantytown of thousands of Bedouin tribesmen fades in a twilight dust storm. There is no electricity, and it is soon lost in the night.

Israel refuses to run electricity, water or roads to 45 Bedouin encampments in the southern Negev Desert, or even list them on maps, because it rejects the tribes' land claims.

With some Israeli officials warning the country is losing its last frontier for Jewish settlement to an exploding Bedouin population, the government has adopted a plan to remove the encampments gradually. It will encourage residents to give up claims to scattered tribal grounds in return for housing lots in new towns.

But similar efforts to settle the Bedouin in towns over the last three decades have largely failed, and there is growing Bedouin resentment over neglect. Some Jews worry about the possibility of violence.

Approximately half the 140,000

Bedouin in the Negev have refused to leave villages that Israel considers illegal squatter camps. Many of those who did move to seven towns built by the government to house Bedouin since the 1960s have suffered bleak lives afflicted with drugs, poverty and unemployment.

Some in the outlying camps — though without running water, electricity or sewers — say they are better off than those in the towns because they have held onto their lands and a traditional livelihood of herding sheep and goats.

The harsh landscape mirrors a difficult life. On a recent afternoon in the Bir Hadaj encampment, wind and dust blasted dilapidated shacks. A few solitary figures moved about, silhouetted against the orange sky. A group of men left a mosque with their faces wrapped in scarves against the sand.

Under the new program, approved at an April meeting of a ministerial committee on the Bedouin, \$110 million — yet to be budgeted — would be used to start building the infrastructure for seven new towns.

Bedouin activists and human

rights lawyers say Israel isn't so interested in Bedouin welfare but rather wants to clear Israeli Arabs from large swaths of land that the government hopes to settle with Jews.

"The aim is to concentrate as many (Arab) people as possible on as little land as possible," said Marwan Dalal, an Arab civil rights lawyer in Israel.

One town is planned for the area of the Bir Hadaj encampment, which is home to 5,000 Bedouin.

“The aim is to concentrate as many (Arab) people as possible on as little land as possible.”

Marwan Dalal, Arab civil rights lawyer

Ayid al-Azazmeh, a 35-year-old at Bir Hadaj, said he would welcome living in a place with electricity. But he worries a town here might suffer the same ills that have befallen other government-built Bedouin towns. And, he said, the Bedouin could end up with considerably less

land. Bedouin tribes, most of them once semi-nomadic, began migrating to the Negev from the Arabian Peninsula and North Africa around the fifth century. In a desert of scrub and sand, they herd sheep, goats and camels.

After Israel's creation in 1948 and the Middle East wars, many Bedouin fled or were pushed out with other

Arabs. Retroactive zoning laws in Israel classified much of their land as nonresidential, effectively making Bedouin villages illegal, civil rights groups say.

Traditionally, Bedouin land contracts were oral, and with no documents to prove ownership, few have made successful claims to keep land, said Alean al-Krenawi, a Bedouin college professor.

Yaakov Katz, director of the Israeli government's Administration for Advancement of the Bedouin, denies the intent of the new town plan is to uproot the Bedouin. He said towns will help the tribesmen as well as stop illegal construction in the encampments.

Katz also said the government hopes to reverse past mistakes, most notably the neglect of the 70,000 Bedouin who moved to the government towns only to languish in poverty.

Those towns have Israel's highest jobless rate — about 5 percent, compared to about 10 percent for the country as a whole. With more than half the people in the towns under age 18, academics and experts warn of the danger of an entire new generation's impoverishment.

The plan allocates \$55 million over the next six years to improve roads, electricity, sewage systems and build sports centers in the existing towns.

Closed courses reopen

Last week a number of large courses had to be temporarily closed to registration because rooms large enough for these courses were unavailable.

These courses have now been reopened for registration. A list of the courses that were affected can be viewed on the Web (at oess.umn.edu/alerts/).

If you were unable to register for one of these courses, you can do so now. Students who have not yet reached their registration appointment time may register for these courses on or after their appointment time, subject to course availability.

A number of other problems have also occurred with Web courses and are being corrected. We apologize for any inconvenience these problems may have caused you.

Questions? Contact One Stop Student Services, 612-624-1111, or e-mail helpingu@umn.edu. In-person service is available at 200 Fraser Hall, 130 West Bank Skyway, and 130 Coffey Hall.

Office of Enrolled Student Services

Varied skills might lessen competition for seasonal jobs

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jobs, they might now be competing with the thousands of manufacturing and technology workers laid off over the past few years.

"There may be a lot more competition for these types of jobs because there are more people looking for jobs in general," said Brian McCall, a Carlson School of Management industrial relations professor. "It's not just students on break anymore."

The U.S. Labor Department reported earlier this month that retail employers added 30,000 jobs last month, the largest increase for the industry since February 2001.

The Washington-based National Retail Federation reported that nationwide, retailers hired 3.2 percent more personnel, the same as last year.

But Minnesota Department of Economic Security data shows retail employment in Minnesota is down 1.3 percent from last year.

Despite this, David Brennan, a University of St. Thomas marketing professor and co-director of the Institute for Retailing Excellence, said he does not think students should worry about their prospects for earning extra spending money over break.

"Manufacturing jobs, for example, are typically higher-paying, so those laid off more recently are more inclined to collect unemployment than settle for a \$7 (per hour) job," Brennan said.

"It may appeal of course to those who have been laid off for a really long time, but the job skills and interests remain totally different," Brennan said. "It's a completely different mindset so I don't think you can just simply plug them into the retail service industry."

John Fossum, an industrial relations professor at the Carlson School, said the number of seasonal retail jobs is affected by the previous summer's consumer

confidence numbers.

Consumer confidence surveys measure Americans' spending sentiments and expectations. When people feel secure in their jobs, they typically spend more money, meaning better bottom lines for retailers. This can lead to more jobs.

"Most retailers make their estimates and place their (holiday) orders during the summer," Fossum said. "Any major negative shock, like a major loss of life in Iraq, for example, could still definitely dampen the retail season."

Most economics professors interviewed said the University of Michigan's Survey of Consumers is the best indicator of consumer confidence.

Paula Thornton-Greear, a spokeswoman for Minneapolis-based Target Stores, said in a prepared e-mail statement that Target will hire the same number of seasonal employees as last year.

She estimated Target will hire between 50,000 and 80,000 new temporary employees nationwide. This translates to between 50 and 80 temporary workers per franchise.

Thornton-Greear said a high percentage of seasonal workers return for several years because they enjoy the atmosphere and flexible hours.

Richfield, Minn.-based Best Buy will increase holiday season staffing 32 percent, up 2 percent from 2002.

"These jobs are fairly popular with young people and the college-age crowd, but it really runs the gamut," Best Buy spokeswoman Dawn Bryant said. She added that seasonal jobs with her firm are a possible "great stepping stone for more permanent employment."

Other smaller, independent chains, such as St. Paul-based Biblot, said they have no plans to increase their usual holiday sales forces.

There may be a lot more competition for these types of jobs because there are more people looking for jobs in general.

Brian McCall,
Carlson School of Management industrial relations professor

WHERE'S MY MONEY GOING?

Student Services fee process:

- 18** In process: Fee selectors review applications (Nov. 12) and appoint members for student service fee committee (in process).
- 30** January: Groups and organizations apply for Student Service Fees, applications are due by Jan. 30 for the next school year.
- Feb.-Mar.**: Fees committee review applications through Feb. and March. Fees committee holds public meeting for students to voice opinions.
- 5** March: Fees committee makes final proposal to associate provost for student affairs, Jerry Rinehart, on March 5.
- May** Meeting: Rinehart reviews fees committee proposal and presents proposal to the Board of Regents in May.
- June** Vote: Board of Regents vote on Student Service Fees funding in June.

Fees breakdown:

All students enrolled for 6 or more credits must pay Student Service Fees. Each student pays \$277.12 per semester in addition to tuition and other fees.

Who receives what:

A total of 34 groups and organizations receive funding.

The largest recipients (groups receiving more than \$10 from each student) of Student Services Fees are:

Boynnton Health Service:	\$91.02
Student Unions bond repayment:	\$52.37
Student Unions operating costs:	\$51.08
Recreational Sports operating costs:	\$28.53
University Student Legal Service:	\$11.81
Student Unions capital:	\$10.20

Source: Aaron Asmundson, student fees adviser, Office of Student Finance

Some students are skeptical about whether they benefit from student fees

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"I just wish we could choose what to put it towards," Peterson said.

All three students said they did not know which student groups received funding or how much the fee was.

Student fees adviser Aaron Asmundson said a complete list of groups that receive fees is online and on students' tuition bills.

But first-year student Steven Grootaert said he would like to see a clear list of the services the fees provide — not just a list of the groups.

"I know it goes towards Boynnton, but that's all I really know," Grootaert said.

This year, student service money funds 34 organizations not financed by other fees, such as Boynnton Health Service and student unions.

The amount of Student Services Fees also draws ire from some students. Postsecondary student Kaija Wuollet said tuition is high even without extra charges.

"Student organizations are getting a lot of money," Wuollet said. "And I don't see a lot of them doing things that are very worthwhile."

In order to make sure fees are spent appropriately, groups are audited every other year and are required to document their spending when re-applying for fees, Asmundson said.

June Nobbe, director of student

affairs, has worked with the fees process since the 1980s.

"The overall climate during the fees process is to try to hold fees to a reasonable level," Nobbe said. "We're not going to approve increasing fees above what tuition is increasing."

While Nobbe said most students support mandatory service fees, students were not so sure.

First-year student Mike McGarhwaite said because he commutes to campus and does not use many services, the fees should be optional.

"I'm not on campus," he said. "I can't think of anything I use it for."

But Nobbe said mandatory fees are necessary to reduce user fees at the recreation center and other places students use frequently.

"We could have students pay a lower mandatory fee," she said. "But the cost for usage of services would go up."

Nobbe also said students depend on a fixed amount in their bills each month and would be unable to budget their money for varying user fees each month.

Complicated process

Asmundson said the process for deciding which groups receive funding is complicated.

First, the Minnesota Student Association and the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly appoint four fees selectors. MSA President Eric Dyer and GAPSA President Todd Powell each chose two selectors, and the other members of the groups approved those selectors at their respective meetings Nov. 4.

The selectors are reviewing fees committee applications, and they will appoint nine students to the positions by the end of fall semester.

Groups wanting fees money must submit applications for funding by Jan. 30. In February, the fees committee will review applications, and in March it will present a proposal to Jerry Rinehart, associate vice provost for student affairs.

Rinehart will then present a final proposal to the Board of Regents in May, and the board will vote on the Student Services Fees as part of the budget in June.

Asmundson said the fees committee should represent student interests. It holds three public hearings to ensure students can voice concerns.

"These groups should reach the most people as possible through programs, awareness and services," Asmundson said.

Dyer said Student Services Fees were \$280 last year but decreased \$3 because the fees committee was more selective.

"There were some groups getting so much money and not doing anything for it," he said. "We saved students three dollars."

All groups that want fees money must apply each year, regardless of whether they received funding in the past. Two or three groups are denied funding each year, Asmundson said.

Nobbe said groups are usually denied funding because they do not provide enough documentation on the services they offer or they duplicate services provided by an existing group.

Student organizations are getting a lot of money. And I don't see a lot of them doing things that are very worthwhile.

Kaija Wuollet,
postsecondary student

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Kiffmeyer recall is dismissed

ST. PAUL (AP) — An effort to have Minnesota Secretary of State Mary Kiffmeyer recalled from office over allegations related to how state lawmakers take their oaths of office has been dismissed.

Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Kathleen Blatz ruled that the petition, filed Nov. 10 by the host of a conspiracy-themed cable-access TV show, didn't meet the most basic test that it would warrant a recall if it were true. She made the ruling Friday.

T. Glen Glidden, a paralegal, said he filed the petition out of a belief that state statutes require the

oaths of office of lawmakers to be filed with the Secretary of State.

In practice, the House keeps its own records of written oaths and senators only take an oral oath. Blatz didn't consider the argument, instead determining that the petition "alleges no specific facts concerning the grounds for recall."

Glidden said he has presented his documents to Attorney General Mike Hatch's office as well and might try to file a different petition against Kiffmeyer.

Glidden hosts "Spotlight on Conspiracy," which appears on various public-access cable channels.

Aldean encounters frustrated locals, language barriers

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guys going to college, successful businesspeople — a good cross-section," Aldean said of the Marines in his company.

When he first arrived in the Middle East, he went to Kuwait. There, before the war, he trained, doing "a lot of physical fitness stuff," he said.

Then he did customs work, checking other Marines leaving Iraq to ensure they did not try to transport forbidden items such as agricultural products and weapons.

"There's always a moron who will try to bring back a hand grenade," he said.

Regulations on items taken out of Iraq are tight. People could not even remove items such as rocks and dirt.

"We didn't go there to loot their country," Aldean said.

His company also spent 10 or 11 days repairing a bridge over the Diyala River, east of Baghdad, where he interacted with the locals each day.

Aldean knew how to say a few Arabic words — "no" and "Don't do that" — and some of the Iraqis spoke English, but he communicated with people primarily through hand signals. And this was not always pleasant, he said.

People became frustrated when bridge repairs were slow and people could not cross.

Medical vehicles were allowed across the bridge, so people began to pay fares for ambulances to take them across.

Aldean said he was frustrated with some aspects of the Iraqi culture.

"You can't judge a culture on limited experience, but the way they treat their women is totally different," he said. "They don't treat (them) very well, but I think that's going to change."

When he saw Iraqi families walking together, the fathers would always lead the group, followed by the sons and then the women, who carried all the family's belongings, "usually on their heads," he said.

"Towards the end (of the war), you'd see the guys sitting on the street corner with nothing to do, and the women would be doing all the work," Aldean said.

After his time in Iraq, his company returned to Kuwait before heading home.

Aldean talked to people at home one or two times before the war, but

communication became easier as time went by.

"He's not much of a letter writer, so we would wait for him to call," Aldean's mother Lori Aldean said.

The first time he called, he asked his mother what people in the United States were saying about the war.

"He wanted to know if it was like Vietnam," she said. Aldean's father served in Vietnam as an Air Force pararescueman recovering downed pilots and aircrews.

"But even the people who are not for the war seem to want to make sure people know it's nothing against the soldiers and the Marines," Lori said.

Though there were no embedded reporters in his company, his family watched for him in the media.

"At one point, my dad saw a picture in the Times and thought it was me. He told everyone it was me. I think he still tells everyone it was me," Aldean said.

Charles Aldean found it hard to read the papers.

"Just like everybody else in that boat, we probably didn't hear from him for about six weeks from the time he got over there. You had no way of knowing for sure," he said.

At first, his mother was hooked on the news.

"It got to the point where I would be at work and would click on the Fox News

page to see if there were updates, and if there was a casualty I'd call my husband and ask if he knew anything," she said. "But eventually we started watching 'The Bachelor' and 'The Bachelorette,' those stupid shows ... because it was a departure from everything."

Aldean's family gathered at the Fort Snelling Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center with families of other Marines in September to welcome him home.

"It's fun to come back, but it's surreal," Aldean said. "Right when you step off the boat, it seems like a dream, and it's hard to believe you were gone for eight months."


Aldean, a political science student, wants to become an officer and make the Marine Corps his career after he graduates, Charles said. Aldean's company might be headed back to the Middle East — this time for a year.

"Wars aren't great, but it's not a perfect world we live in," Aldean said. "At this point in time, I'm doing my part."

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From Ian Maitland, Professor, Carlson School of Management

Settlement of *Ian Maitland v. University of Minnesota*

As part of a settlement of a lawsuit, the University of Minnesota this summer promised that it will not disfavor or favor any employee on the basis of his or her gender with respect to pay.

If the University uses gender as a factor in any pay decision after June 2003, anywhere on campus, it will have broken its promise to me, and I will return to court to seek an order enforcing that promise.

If you become aware of any such cases of discrimination, please let me know at imaitland@csom.umn.edu.

My lawsuit challenged a 1989 consent decree and salary settlement agreement that gave all women faculty and academic employees at the University (the Rajender class) an automatic salary increase despite the existence of the University's own pay study showing no statistically significant difference between men's and women's salaries. I challenged those pay raises in the federal courts because they created discrimination where previously there had been none.

For more information on the litigation see the Center for Individual Rights website at http://www.cir-usa.org/press_releases/maitland_v_minnesota_pr2.html

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Computer software builds color-coded DNA models

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biology consultant. "It is much easier to understand if you can see the different colors on the screen and look at it from every angle."

Because sifting through genetic data can overwhelm even the smartest scientist, the lab software allows researchers to look at DNA in colors and forms.

Several computers in the lab can produce detailed three-dimensional images of molecules invisible to the human eye. One program produces a rotating image of a DNA strand, each part a different color.

For his AIDS and HIV research, Ashley Haase said, the technology might make the crucial difference in a breakthrough.

"We are looking for a surprise, a new relationship we haven't seen before, and something we may not have ever imagined," he said. "There's going to be an even greater need for organization."

Doctors from Rochester's Mayo

Clinic cancer research department and researchers from the University's Duluth campus are among more than 12,000 faculty and private sector researchers who will have access to the lab, Tu said.

Scientific Computer Group manager Runesha Birali said the lab will transform the way students study biology, perhaps forcing them to trade microscopes and lab coats for computers.

"Until recently it was traditional for biology students to be in the wet labs," Birali said. "Now they are in the (computer) labs more and more."

The lab also stores genetic information Birali said will be tremendously valuable because scientists often make predictions based on previous discoveries.

Ronald Phillips, director of the Center for Microbiology, said the database allows researchers across the world to freely exchange information through the Internet.

Although University researchers have not yet contributed to the genome database, he said the agriculture department will soon become a reputable source for grain genetics information.

"You need this software to be able to compare the data from different species," Phillips said.

He said knowing how different plant genes work will allow farmers to predict how specific plants will react in different environmental conditions and among other plants. This kind of specific information will be a powerful tool in agriculture, he said.

University Executive Vice President and Provost

Christine Mazier said it is difficult to find another college campus with the same facilities. While other campuses might have similar equipment, the St. Paul lab is unique because it is accessible to the public and all University departments.

"Let's avoid Midwestern humility and tell everyone who we are," Mazier said.

Sun Microsystems, IBM and SGI contributed equipment to the lab. The lab is open 24 hours per day, seven days per week to anyone who receives permission from the Supercomputing Institute.

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Runesha Birali,
 Scientific Computer
 Group manager

Human rights abuse program featured Latin theater groups

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human rights in the United States.

"We all have inalienable rights of freedom, liberty and the pursuit of happiness no matter where we come from," he said.

Luis Ramos-Garcia, the department's chairman, said this year's program was unique because it was the first time there was an interdisciplinary dialogue with English-speaking faculty, human rights activists, scholars and practitioners.

He said it was important that people begin to see human rights as a universal issue everyone needs to address.

In addition to the academic discussions, a series of theatrical performances were held at the

University campus and at the College of St. Benedict. Groups featured included Cuatrotablas and Clavo y Canela, two of Peru's well-known theatrical groups.

Cuatrotablas performed "The Ship of Memory," a play about the Spanish Conquest. Clavo y Canela performed "Gorillas Walking on the Balls of Their Feet," which explores the testimonies of incarcerated and victimized refugees in Latin American countries.

Mas Caras, a U.S.-based theatrical group, also performed.

Ramos-Garcia said half the events' cost came from the University's Humanities Institute. Other organizations and University departments paid the rest of the cost for the symposium.



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From WorldFree
 The vikings suck...and that damn GOP Stand at the Coffman escalator is starting to bug me. A wise man once said (Winston Churchill) I believe, "my child who stands conservative has no heart, and my adult who stands liberal has no brains." **Net:** We already went over this a couple of weeks ago. Haven't you been paying attention? This isn't exactly how the quote goes, and the relevance of it is of little consequence. **Net:** Now you talk. Back to the Vikings. There are many a fan who spend the money to have a Vikings jersey, only to taint it by placing their own name on the back. **Net:** There

are many a wanker who spend the time to write in to Network, only to taint it with bad grammar and ludder spelling. At the Green Bay game, there was a #22 named "Big Will." These people are stretching beyond the simple destruction of all self-respect and dignity, as is the case with Mulletts and people from St. Paul. These putzoem are disgracing our team, city, country, most of all my family. **Net:** Your family consists of potzes with mulletts and Vikings jerseys? Another wise man once told me, "you better check yo'self before you wreck yo'self." This icon, Ali G, is right on the money. **Net:** That was Ice Cube, schmuck. Have some pride people. Also, to the angry man Gramma/unkles, who inspired my entry today, I've did some serious pondering after reading your stuff and to put it bluntly, you are an angry dude. Try yoga. **Net:** Try taking a piss in the ocean, schmendrick.

From T-REX
 Ok Not, this is a rant and a suggestion about NUTTING respect. I was at a friend's house last weekend and some fellow students decided to break and steal some things in the house. **Net:** These students sound like our kind of scum. I say these people are letting you into their house, putting themselves at risk, the least you can do is RESPECT THE NUTTING HOUSE. **Net:** Jeez, we get it, ya' don't have to scream. If everyone would follow this simple suggestion I think that we could all get drunk in peace and harmony like it should be. Oh yeah, one more thing...I would like to say that the 3am mcDonalds is a life-saver, nothing tastes better than a double cheese on saturday night. **Net:** Um, yeah, that's EXACTLY what you should be fantasizing about eating at 3 a.m. on a Saturday night. A cheeseburger. Mmmmm.

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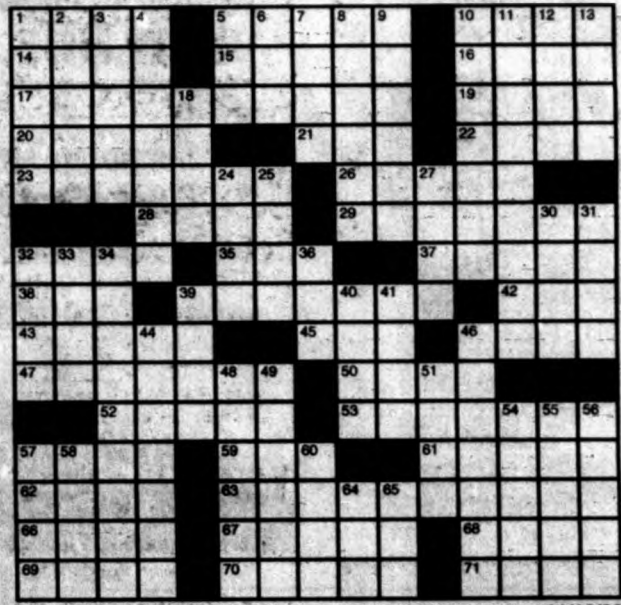
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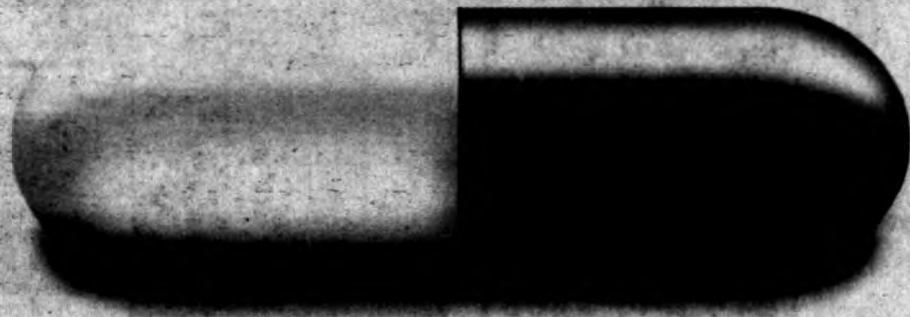
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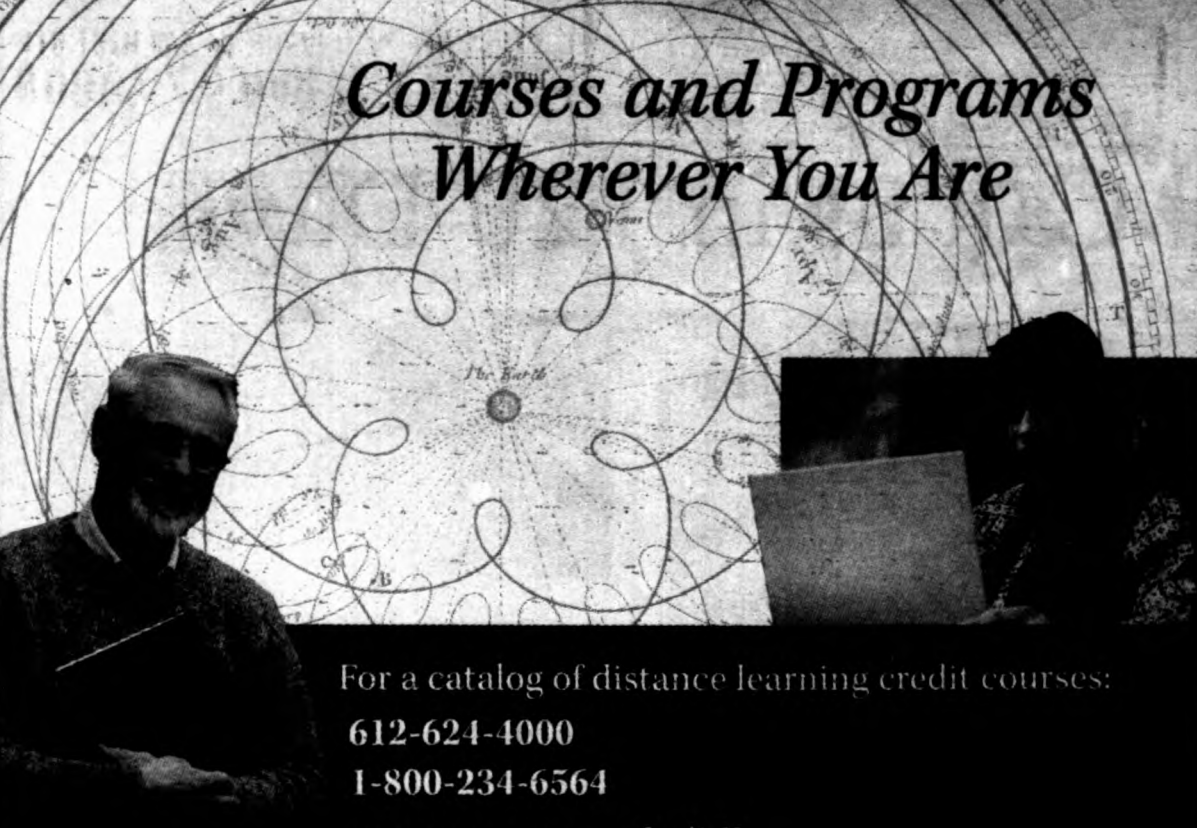
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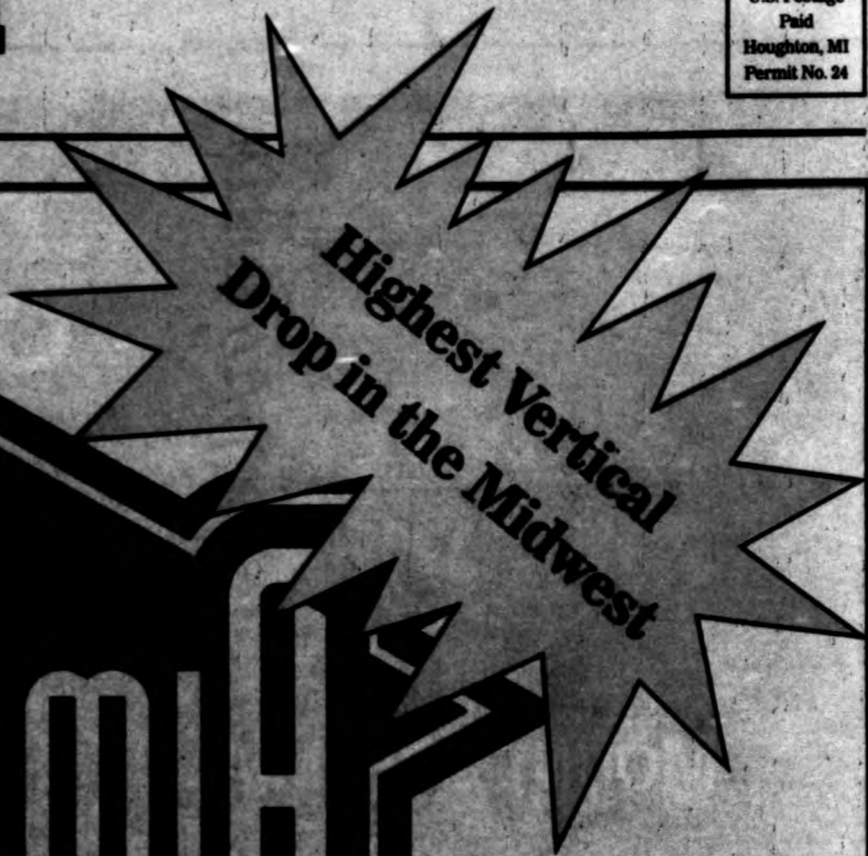
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It's definitely the best college ski party in the Midwest. It's like having an extra spring break. It takes place January 2-5 at Mount Bohemia and throughout the historic ski towns of the Keweenaw in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. College students from all over the Midwest are again expected to attend what most are calling the wildest ski party ever to hit the Midwest. Deep powder days followed by great times at night. Get ready for the highest vertical, biggest 80's party and the best \$1000 swimsuit contest in the Midwest.

Ladies ski free!

For the second year Bohemia will be allowing ladies to ski free every day at Bohemia all season long. No ski resort has ever dared make an offer like this. No matter what day it is ladies of all ages ski free.

Dance the night away to the biggest 80's party!

Each night there will be events and specials going on. This year on Friday night there will be a totally awesome 80's party taking place at the Downtowner Lounge. Dance the night away to the best of the 80's. Dress in your best 80's outfit and you have a chance to win \$500. Not only will you dance to the best new wave, funk and other 80's hits don't forget your swimsuit because this 80's party also comes with hot tubs. You may have been too young to celebrate back in the 80's but here is your chance to relive one of the best decades.

The best \$1000 bikini contest is back!

Last year's bikini contest at Uphill 41 is still being talked about. Ladies from all over the Midwest compete for \$1000 cash prize. The bikini contest

which takes place on Saturday's beach party promises to be an awesome time. Remember to get there early to get a good viewing location since the audience will be voting for the winner.

\$500 Bohemia vertical challenge

New this year is Bohemia's \$500 vertical challenge. Taking place on Saturday, January 3rd contestants at Mount Bohemia will have the chance to win \$500. They will start at 10:30 am and the individual who skis or rides the most vertical at Bohemia by 2:00 pm wins the \$500.

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Lots to do at night

Remember after skiing the fun is just getting started. The Keweenaw is home to two universities, Michigan Tech and Finlandia. Because of this you are right in the middle of a great collage ski town with lots going on. During college week things will be rocking every night. The fun goes all day and night long from Friday night's 80's hot tub party at the Downtowner to Saturday's Après ski party at the Ramada Inn to Saturday night's beach party at Uphill 41 featuring the \$1000 bikini contest. Make your reservations soon so you don't miss out on what promises to be one of the best college ski parties found anywhere in North America this year!

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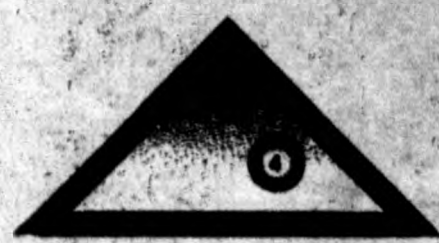
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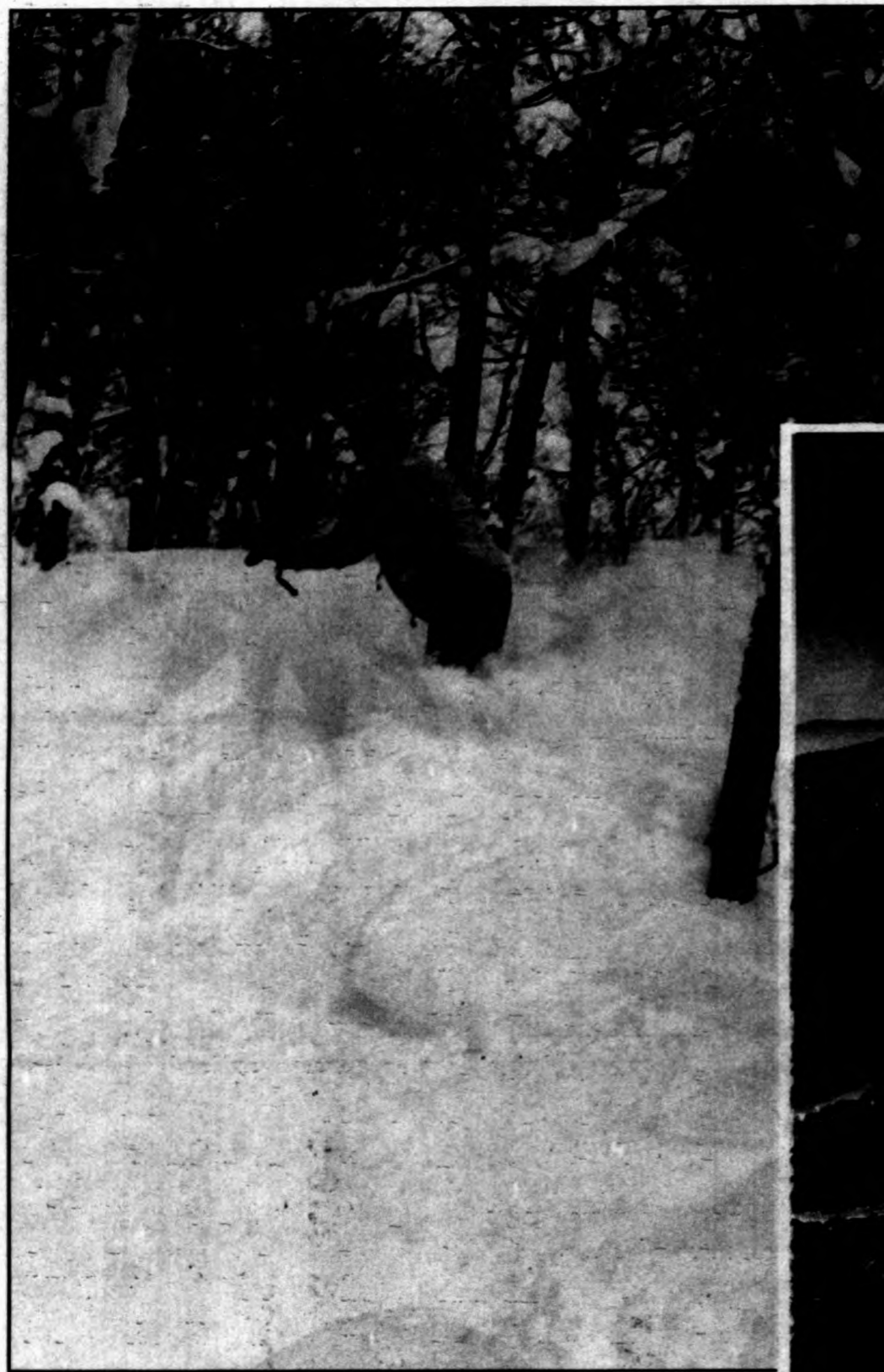
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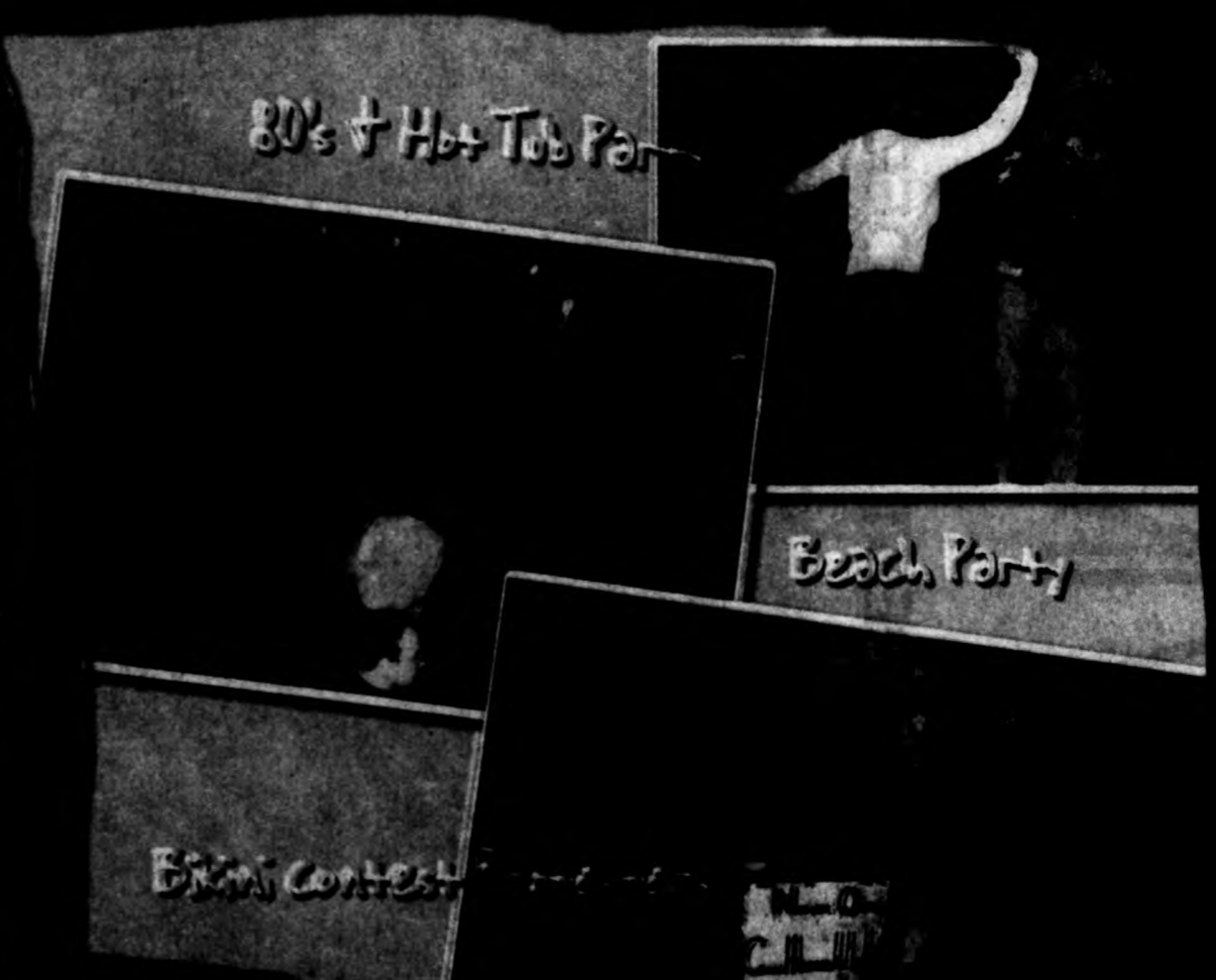
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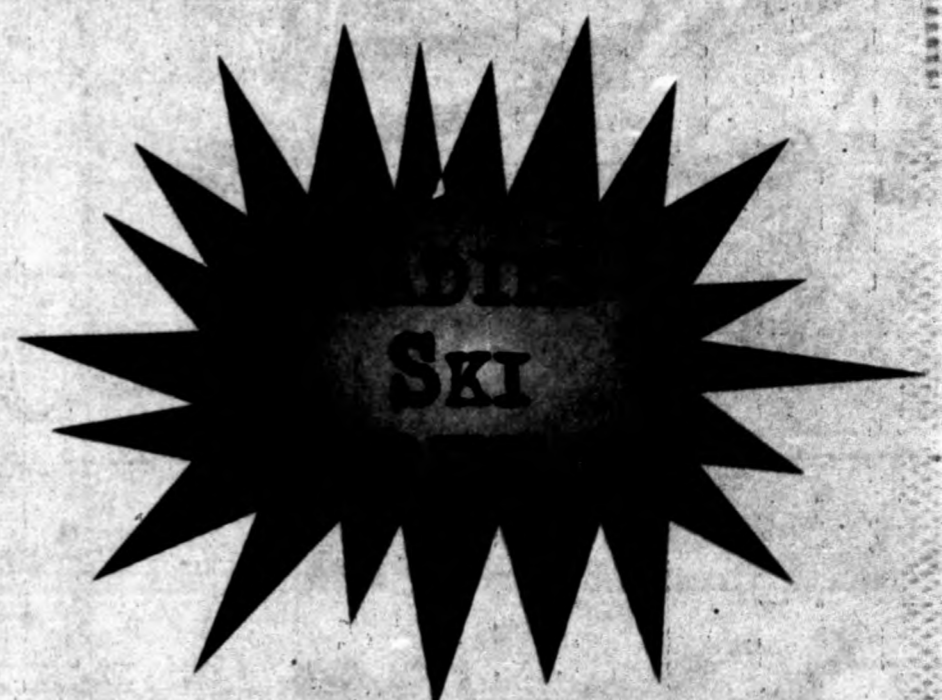
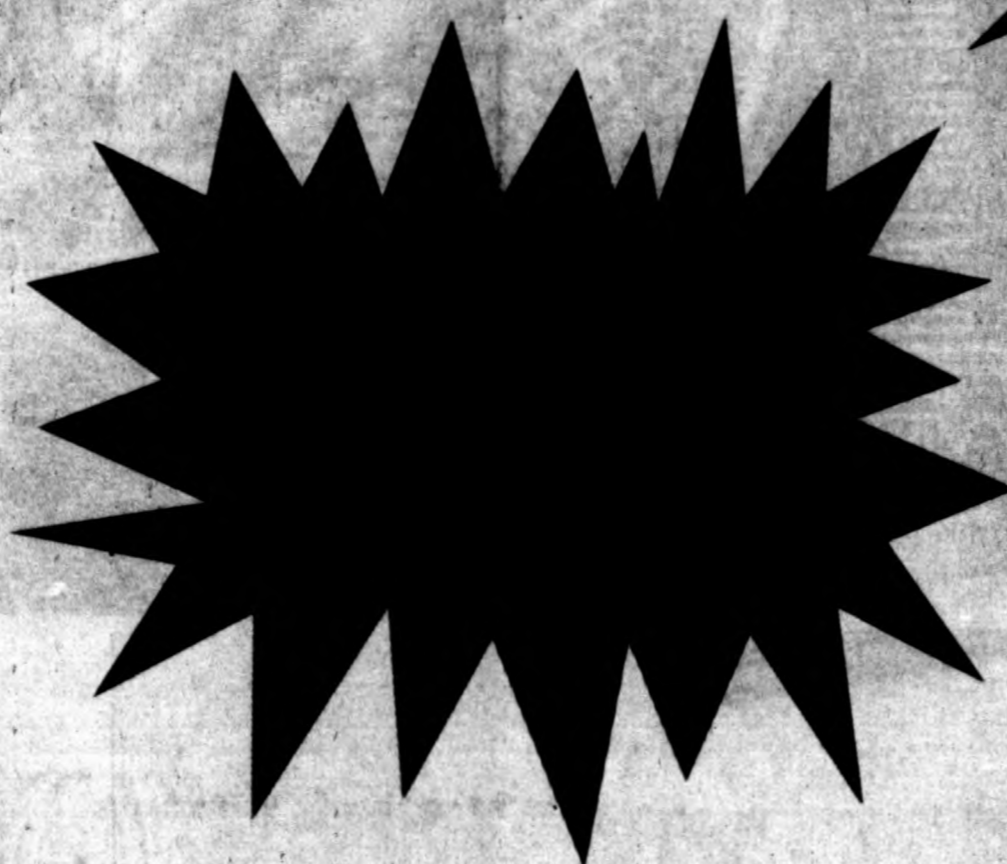
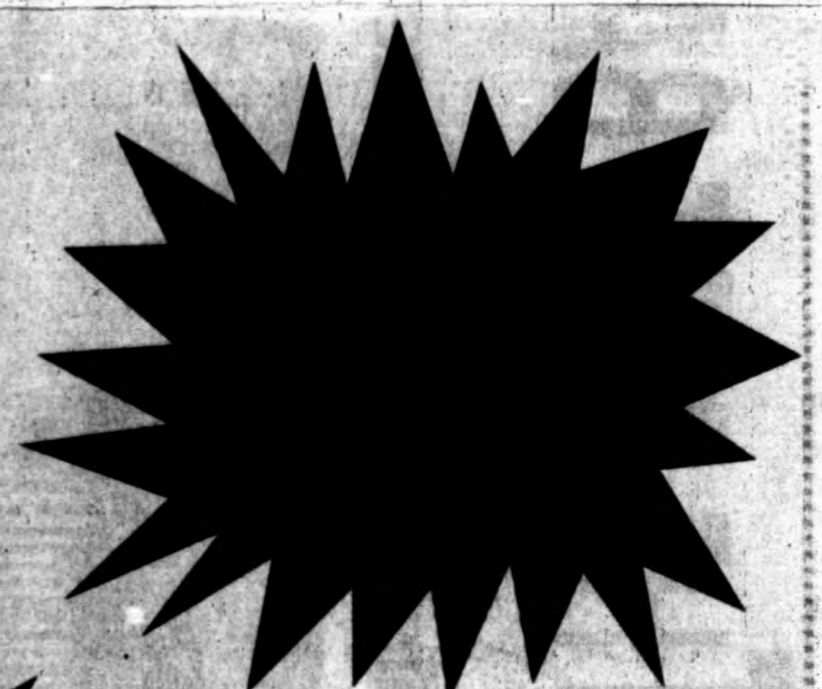
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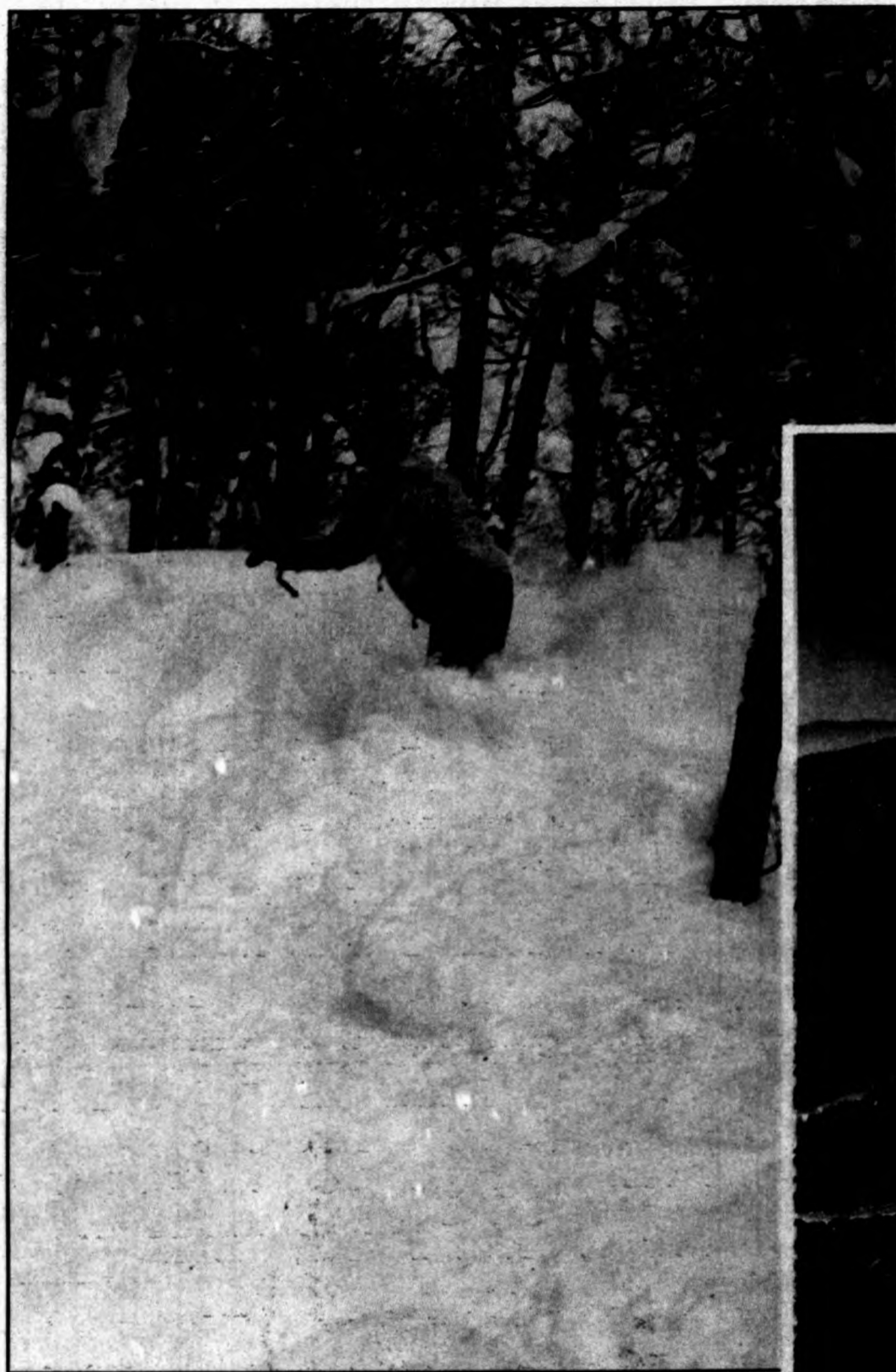
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