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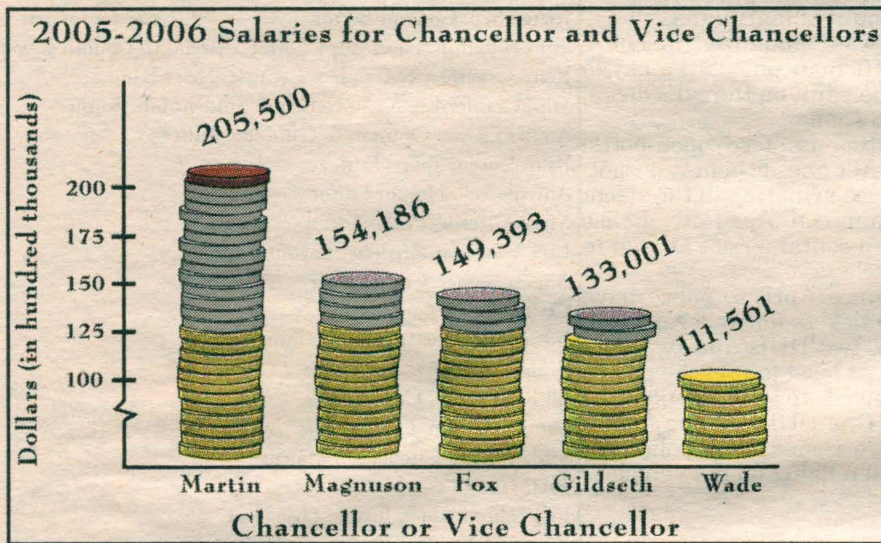
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Martin's salary over \$200,000



This graph represents the chancellor and vice chancellors' salaries for 2005-06. Martin's salary is similar to those of Minnesota State University-Mankato's president, who was paid \$202,734 and MSU-Moorhead's president who received \$194,055, plus \$24,000 for housing and \$7,200 for travel.

By Kieren Sell
Statesman Staff Reporter

For the 2005-06 school year, Chancellor Kathryn Martin received \$205,500 in salary, a \$5,400 salary augmentation and a \$15,000 contribution to her retirement plan. Martin's salary and benefits are in line with similar college presidents at Minnesota State University-Mankato and MSU-Moorhead.

The chancellor's salary is determined yearly by University of Minnesota President Bob Bruininks and the President's Office. Salaries are determined based on performance, and can increase up to 3 percent per year, according to Judith Karon, director of UMD's Department of Human Resources. This year, Martin's salary increased 3 percent, or \$6,100 from 2004-05.

In determining Martin's salary, the President's Office looks at aspects including performance, accomplish-

ments and market factors, said Daniel Wolter, head of U of M News, in an e-mail.

"Chancellor Martin has an impressive record at UMD. Enhancing enrollment [and] expanding UMD's campus and leadership is a challenge for any university, which is why enhancing the Chancellor's compensation is an important part of helping UMD and its students grow and prosper," said Wolter.

MSU-Mankato has about 4,000 more students than UMD and their president was paid \$202,734 for the 2005-06 school year, according to their human resources office. MSU-Moorhead, which has an enrollment of about 3,000 fewer students than UMD, paid its president \$194,055, plus \$24,000 for housing and \$7,200 for travel, according to their human resources office.

Martin does pay for her home, car and parking spot, said Karon.

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ACTIVISM

Duluthians enjoy sun, music, politics at Summit

By Keith Grauman
Statesman Staff Reporter

Last Saturday, one of the nicest days so far this year, about 650 people turned out to see Minnesota native and liberal political commentator Al Franken as part of the third annual Free Democracy Summit (FDS). Franken's visit was part of a weekend of forum discussions, workshops, speakers, art and music put on by the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG).

"A lot more students attended this year," said Chad McKenna, one of the organizers. "Overall I'm happy with the result."

McKenna took to the stage first at Saturday's street festival. He talked about the origins of the FDS and, as a surprise to all, proposed to his now fiancé and

MPIRG member Jayme Larson.

McKenna said after a group of "MPIRG'ers" took a trip down to Florida to protest the Free Trade Area of the Americas. They saw people from all different backgrounds working together toward one cause, and he was inspired to try to bring some of that feeling back to Duluth.

Franken said he was happy to come and be a part of the FDS because of how impressed he has been in the past by the MPIRG students who organized the event.

"I was impressed by the results they got in the [2004 presidential election]," said Franken in an interview before his speech. "And when I met with them, everyone knew exactly what they were doing."

Duluth Mayor Herb Bergson

said events like the FDS are important to bring about a feeling of social consciousness.

"It's important to discuss issues most people want to go away," said Bergson. "These events uncover the truth."

One forum aimed at doing just that was entitled "Toxic Waste in Our Big Lake?" The panel discussed the issue of the barrels of miscellaneous material dumped into Lake Superior by the Honeywell Corporation and the Army Corps of Engineers after WWII.

"I fought that fight as mayor of Superior," said Bergson. "We need that youthful energy, us old guys are tired."

About 40-50 people attended the forum and the *Duluth News Tribune* and a few local TV news stations covered it.

SUMMIT to center



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Mayor Herb Bergson, left, and Al Franken stop for a photo op. during the Free Democracy Summit in front of Pizza Luce on Saturday, April 22. Bergson introduced Franken during the street festival.



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Safewalk calls increase after robbery

Students get busted with fake I.D.s, more alcohol charges on campus

By Chris Olwell
Statesman Staff Reporter

Since the assault and robbery of a UMD student on April 17, and the subsequent campus wide e-mail from Lt. Anne L. Peterson of campus police urging people to be follow personal safety procedures and use UMD's Safewalk services, requests for Safewalk escorts have increased "big time," according to Craig Miller, a senior at UMD and Safewalk's co-chair.

Safewalk provides two escorts — one male, one female — who walk people anywhere within a two-mile radius of campus. Before the robbery, Safewalk got about two requests for escorts on a busy night; since the robbery, requests have increased by roughly 50 percent, Miller said.

After learning of the robbery that occurred on April 17, another student reported to police that he had been riding his bike in the area an hour before the robbery took place when two people jumped out of a car and attempted to assault him. The student was able to escape.

In addition to assaults and rob-

beries, young people around town are getting busted for using fake I.D.'s.

There have been two separate instances of people using fake California driver's licenses recently. The first occurred at about 2:30 a.m. on April 9, when an individual was charged with underage consumption and unlawful driver's license and taken to detox after police discovered his California I.D. was fake.

The second incident occurred at 11:30 p.m. on April 13. A student was stopped in his car after police noticed that he had been driving on the sidewalk — with a flat tire. Police discontinued sobriety tests after deciding that the student was so intoxicated that it might be dangerous to continue them. The student was taken to jail after being charged with second degree DUI, possession of marijuana, and unlawful driver's license (the fake California I.D.).



**CAMPUS
CRIME**

A student seeking signatures for a petition on gay marriage in Cina Hall was threatened by an unknown individual.

Two students were caught in the act of smoking marijuana by police on Griggs Beach on April 8. Both were charged with possession of a small amount of marijuana.

A car was vandalized in Lot T on April 10. Someone used a key to scratch the paint on the car's doors, trunk and spoiler.

Two students face open-bottle charges after one of them was spotted by police urinating in the street at 3:20 a.m. on April 21. Police found open containers of alcohol in their vehicle.

Also, since April 6, police have issued 40 tickets for underage consumption, two DUIs and two "Not a Drops." At least four of the people who received tickets spent time in detox. One DUI and one "Not a Drop" were issued after police noticed broken lights on the vehicles.

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NEWS NOW

UMD LOSES TWO STAFF MEMBERS

Two UMD staff members passed away in April.

Pam Slotness passed away on April 5, according to a UMD press release.

Pam worked in the Financial Collections office for almost five years. She worked extensively with students and staff collecting tuition accounts.

Suzanne Ruhnke passed away Sunday, April 23, after a brief illness.

She had worked for UMD Food Services for the past five years, as a cashier in the Cafe Deli and in the new Food Court.

Suzanne is survived by her husband Ron and five children. Funeral services are pending.

GRAD PARTY AT GLENSHEEN

UMD graduating seniors are invited to attend the annual Grad Party at Glensheen Mansion, Thursday, May 4, from 6-9 p.m.

In order to attend you must RSVP with the Alumni office by Monday, May 1 by phone, 726-7164, or e-mail, alumni@d.umn.edu.

HOUSE PASSES TWINS STADIUM PLAN

ST. PAUL (AP) - The Minnesota House gave the Twins stadium hopes a big lift Wednesday, voting 76-55 in favor of an open-air ballpark that would be paid for mostly by Hennepin County taxpayers.

The focus now shifts to the state Senate, where the proposed increase in the county's sales tax could run into some early trouble. The Senate Taxes Committee, headed by a foe of the plan, will begin its deliberations on Thursday.

THREE SEX OFFENDERS ESCAPE

ST. PAUL (AP) — Regular checks of patients' rooms at a St. Peter treatment facility apparently failed to detect tampering with a security window that allowed four sex offenders to escape, officials with the Minnesota Sex Offender Program said Wednesday.

While three of the offenders were caught within hours of their escape on April 15, one remained at large as of Wednesday, April 26.

RUMSFELD, RICE MAKE TRIP TO IRAQ

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Success in forming a new Iraqi government may let some U.S. troops leave the war zone within months, the top American military commander in Iraq said Wednesday. Paying a surprise visit, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld embraced the country's fledgling leaders as independent and focused on the future.

"I came away most encouraged," Rumsfeld said after he and Rice spent a day meeting with Iraqi politicians and U.S. military and diplomatic advisers in the capital city.

Rice called the priorities and commitment of Iraq's newly selected prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, "refreshing and really heartening."

The double-barreled show of support for Iraq's first permanent democratic government was meant to resonate in Iraq and among Americans, whose frustration with the war effort has helped drive President Bush's poll numbers to new lows.

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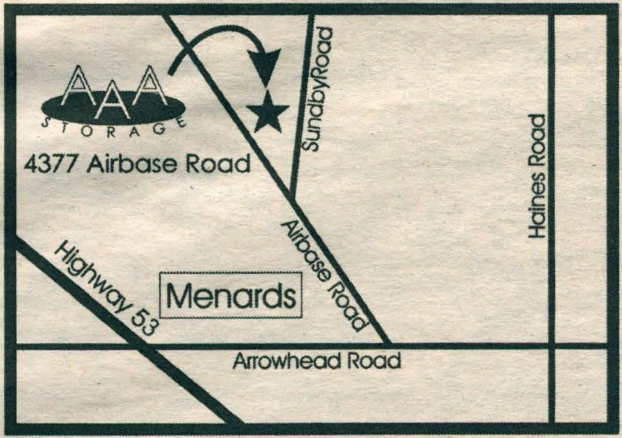
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Guitarist, farmer, traveler ... and professor

By Eric Ludy
Statesman Staff Reporter

A book of Islamic poetry sits on the shelf. A Tibetan prayer flag hangs on the wall. A man sits in the corner strumming an old American folk song on his guitar.

"You get a line and I'll get a pole, honey," he sings.

Sounds like a scene from a back alley café; but there's no cup of joe for sale here. This is an office in the Solon Campus Center, and the man strumming his guitar is Joshua Jacobs, a first-year math instructor at UMD.

Jacobs' life has been filled with hobbies and interests, many not related to mathematics. In fact, he never foresaw himself becoming a math instructor.

"I was very bad at math when I was a kid," he said.

It wasn't until high school that Jacobs began to see his ability in mathematics, when a teacher presented it to him in a different way.

"It just started clicking then," said Jacobs.

His life then took a few turns. He spent six months hitchhiking through New Zealand and working on or-

ganic farms and orchards. He spent a little time in India taking in the culture. He spent six years working as a computer programmer, and he spent another six years studying to get his Master's in mathematics.

And now he's in Duluth, in his first year of teaching algebra and calculus courses.

On a Friday morning, Jacobs is explaining double angle formulas to a class of around 70 students, mostly freshman.

"I'm so confused," whispers someone in the back. Another student chats with her friend about something unrelated to trigonometry.

This atmosphere of befuddlement is typical of a calculus class, and Jacobs isn't sure if he'll make a career out of it.

"I don't know if it's my bag," he said.

Jacobs does say, though, that he has gained valuable experience from his first year of teaching.

"There's a lot they just can't tell you about teaching," said Jacobs. "You learn about it by just hitting the ground and running."

Jacobs also enjoys studying biochemistry. He spends

a lot of time conducting genetic experiments with a friend in the College of Science and Engineering.

Outside the university, Jacobs likes to go biking and to play music when he can. He began playing guitar when he was 15.

"It's a great avenue for expression," he said.

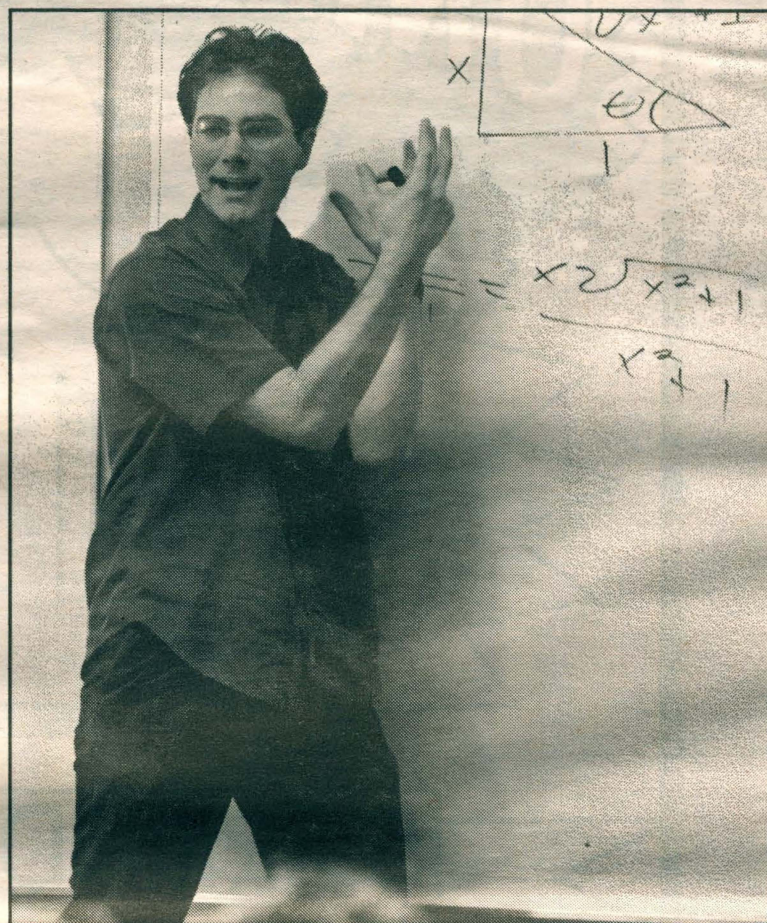
Jacobs also takes an interest in learning about different cultures and languages.

"I once got the best Chinese food I've ever had in Jackson, Missouri, because I knew how to say 'hello' and 'thank you' in Chinese," he said.

Next year, Jacobs will be headed to Seattle, where he plans to get his Ph.D. in mathematics and also to enter a program in computational molecular biology. For now, though, he's just looking forward to summer.

"There's a reason we get three months off a year," he said with a smile.

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First year math instructor Joshua Jacobs explains a problem during one of his classes in Solon Campus Center 120.

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Enter the virtual world

First ever video game symposium at UMD a success

By Keith Grauman
Statesman Staff Reporter

My day started out with a concert in front of screaming fans, followed by a leisurely round of golf with Tiger Woods. Then I practiced my dance steps at a nightclub and ended up walking a thin plank above a 50-foot drop to a pit of spikes. It wasn't a dream, it wasn't a movie — it was the Video Game Symposium last Friday at UMD.

Amidst a slideshow of the evolution of games throughout human history, students and faculty mingled with people from the video game industry in what proved to be quite a successful event.

Lisa Fitzpatrick, who

helped setup the event, said that as video games emerged, academia stayed away from them for the most part. She said events like this bring video games into a realm where they have to be taken seriously.

"Its time has come," said Fitzpatrick. "People have always played games, this is just a new variety."

Throughout the day people had a chance to participate in a variety of events including, playing Guitar Hero, a musical game played with a toy guitar, play games created by UMD students, try out "Dance Dance Revolution" and "Tiger Woods '06" as part of a Best Buy demo and even try a virtual reality head-mounted

display.

A virtual reality lab has recently been set up in the computer science department and Pete Willemsen, a computer science professor, is excited about its possibilities in a variety of fields but recognizes that it still has to be improved.

"People act differently in this virtual world," he said. "So we need to perfect the technology to make it more real."

Willemsen talked about using virtual reality to train people in a variety of fields, from doctors and nurses to welders. He also said that being able to manipulate certain situations could be a power-

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KEITH GRAUMAN/STATESMAN

Chris Schwartz, an undergraduate computer science student models the virtual reality head-mounted display in the VR lab. Participants of last week's Video Game Symposium got a chance to try out the technology, navigating through three rooms in a digital environment.

Letters to the Editor

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Genocide center opens at UMD

Goal: to educate people on human rights

By Chike Uduku
Statesman Staff Reporter

Everyone has heard the saying: those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. Our world is one that has made lots of mistakes in the past, and learning about them hopefully helps prevent these mistakes from being repeated in the future. This is an idea which UMD has embraced in the recent opening of the new Center for Genocide, Holocaust, and Human Rights Studies, Cina Hall 110.

Alexis Pogorelskin, the chair of the history department, said that the interest of students in moral issues gives more importance to their work.

"Of all the courses I teach, my history of the Holocaust class has the most number of students with diverse majors as I actually see lots of students from CSE," she said. "Students have interest in moral issues which are very difficult to teach in an academic setting, and we hope to address that curiosity through this program."

The new center will "invite speakers to campus to educate and inform people, show films, organize special events and panels and provide outreach and resources to teachers in the community," said Pogorelskin.

There have already been activities to commemorate the opening of the new center and more are set to follow in the coming weeks.

Steve Feinstein set the commemoration activities off with a talk titled "Art and Remembrance." His talk was accompanied by a Holocaust exhibition of clay artist Daisy Brand, whose parents were

Holocaust survivors. The exhibition is on display at the Tweed Museum of Art.

On May 2 at the Rafters, leading human rights attorneys Bret Thiele and Mayra Gomez will be speaking on the topic "Enforcing Economic and Social Rights: Global Experiences."

While the new center is still in its infant stage, Pogorelskin is already making plans to ensure that it does not fail to deliver.

"We are just getting off the ground," she said. "In fall we hope to add more genocide programs because right now there is more focus on Holocaust by the Baessler-Kaplan committee. We hope to do a program on Darfur as well as the Armenian Genocide. We also hope to conduct a program on the torture at Guantanamo and Abu-Grahib."

In order to achieve these goals, Pogorelskin said she would like to bring a few different speakers to UMD. The names on her list include Holocaust expert Barit Reisel. She also mentioned Taner Akcam, one of the few Turkish academics who has done very serious research on the Armenian Genocide.

The new center will also look to support local teachers who want to incorporate Holocaust and human rights issues in their material. Pogorelskin said that library materials will be made available to such teachers.

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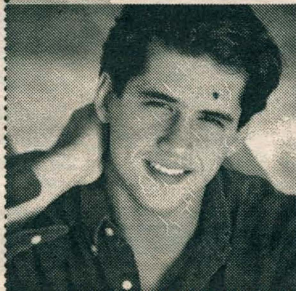
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tool in psychological research.

Participants got the chance to walk through three rooms in a virtual world, one of which forced you to walk across a wooden plank above what felt like a 50-foot drop. One room was large, bright and full of colorful, cylindrical towers.

Back in the real world, Sandra Voelker of Electronic Arts gave a presentation tracing the production of a video game from its design stages to the retail shelves. Voelker is a shading and lighting artist with a background in film and commercials. She worked on Star Wars Episode II and the recent re-make of The Hulk, doing "digital cinematography." However, for the last few years she has worked for EA on the Tiger Woods Golf

series.

"With film you have to be there to see it, but with video games there are a lot of little pieces that can come together independently," said Voelker.

A Minnesota native and now resident, Voelker "telecommutes" to San Francisco everyday via her laptop. She uses MSN Messenger to stay in touch with the people in her office. Her constantly—updated buddy list serves as her connection to the rest of her co-workers.

"I feel like I'm in a cave without my messenger," she said.

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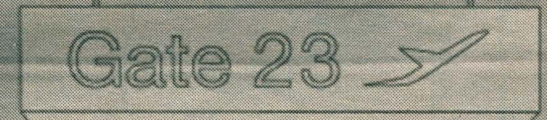


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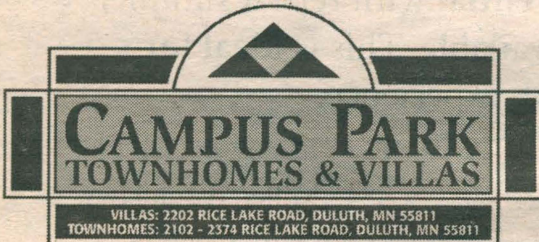
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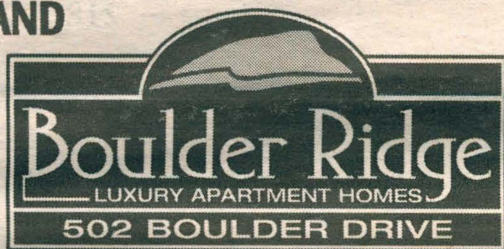
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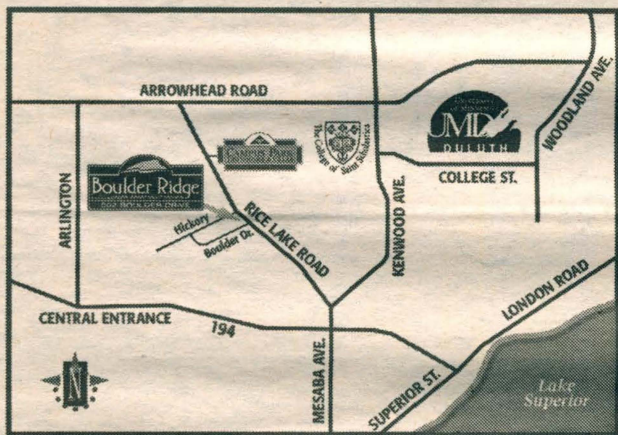
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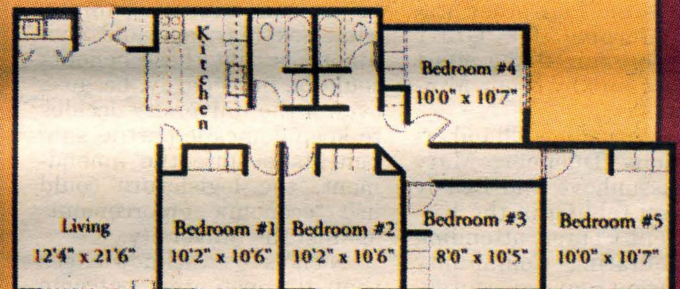
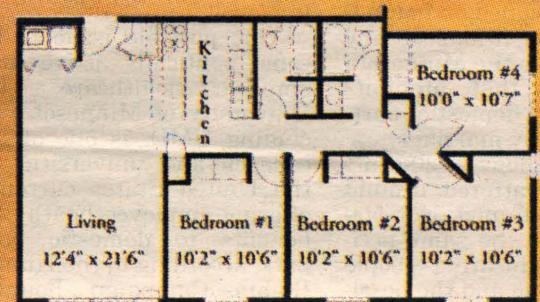
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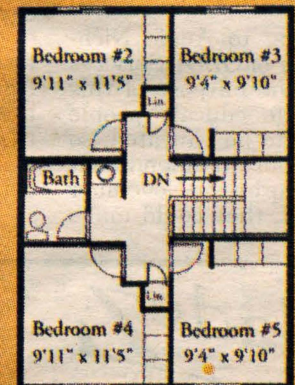
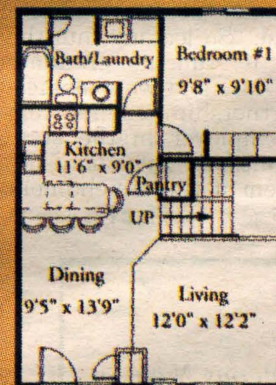


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GLBT Services' interns reach out to campus, community

By Kathleen Grigg
Statesman Staff Reporter

Chris Beasley is not afraid of Al Franken.

Before Franken's speech at the Free Democracy Summit on Saturday, Beasley walked right up to the Air America radio show host and liberal political commentator and explained what he was petitioning for.

Franken signed an individual resolution to oppose any amendment to the Minnesota Constitution that prohibits civil unions, domestic partnerships or gay marriage.

Last Monday, 20-some volunteers scattered around UMD and obtained over 500 signatures on the same petition while educating people about the issue and the possible impacts of the legislation on gay and non-gay families.

Beasley and four other students interning for GLBT Services organized the effort as part of an OutFront Minnesota effort.

The interns Jen Chamberlain, Molly Duepner, Mary Van Massenhove and Beasley have been tabling in the Kirby Student Center, attending and facilitating Community Action events, and encouraging students to take an active role in their government.

Chamberlain likes to call it "snowball-type" activism, because their goal is to open a dialogue on the issue.

"It's really cool to hear 'what can I do?' because there is so much we can do," she said.

According to Angie Nichols, director of GLBT Services at UMD, the purpose of this project is to educate people who want to be educated, so if the vote for an amendment does come up on the November 2006 ballot, they could make

well-informed decisions.

The interns hope this will expand the network of people and motivate them to take action in their local community and state government.

"We'll get community members together and try to present to them what this is about, and how this impacts people," Beasley said. "What we'll do is train them to go out and talk to other people about it as well."

One possible issue to become politically active in is employee healthcare. The University of Minnesota, including UMD, is one of 295 colleges and universities in the United States currently offering employee health care benefits to domestic partners, according to the Human Rights Campaign Foundation.

One possible consequence of an amendment banning same-sex marriage and civil unions is that these benefits could be in jeopardy, because even if the university decides to keep domestic partnership benefits despite the amendment, the legislature could use "economic enforcement" against the university.

Nichols acknowledges that the potential outcome remains uncertain until May 22, the end of the first legislative session.

"I think it has a direct impact on the climate for gay and lesbian people living in the state of Minnesota, which includes many of our employees and students and our community at large," Nichols said. "So looking into the future if students graduate from UMD and want domestic partnership benefits from their employer in the state of Minnesota, they may not get them if this amendment

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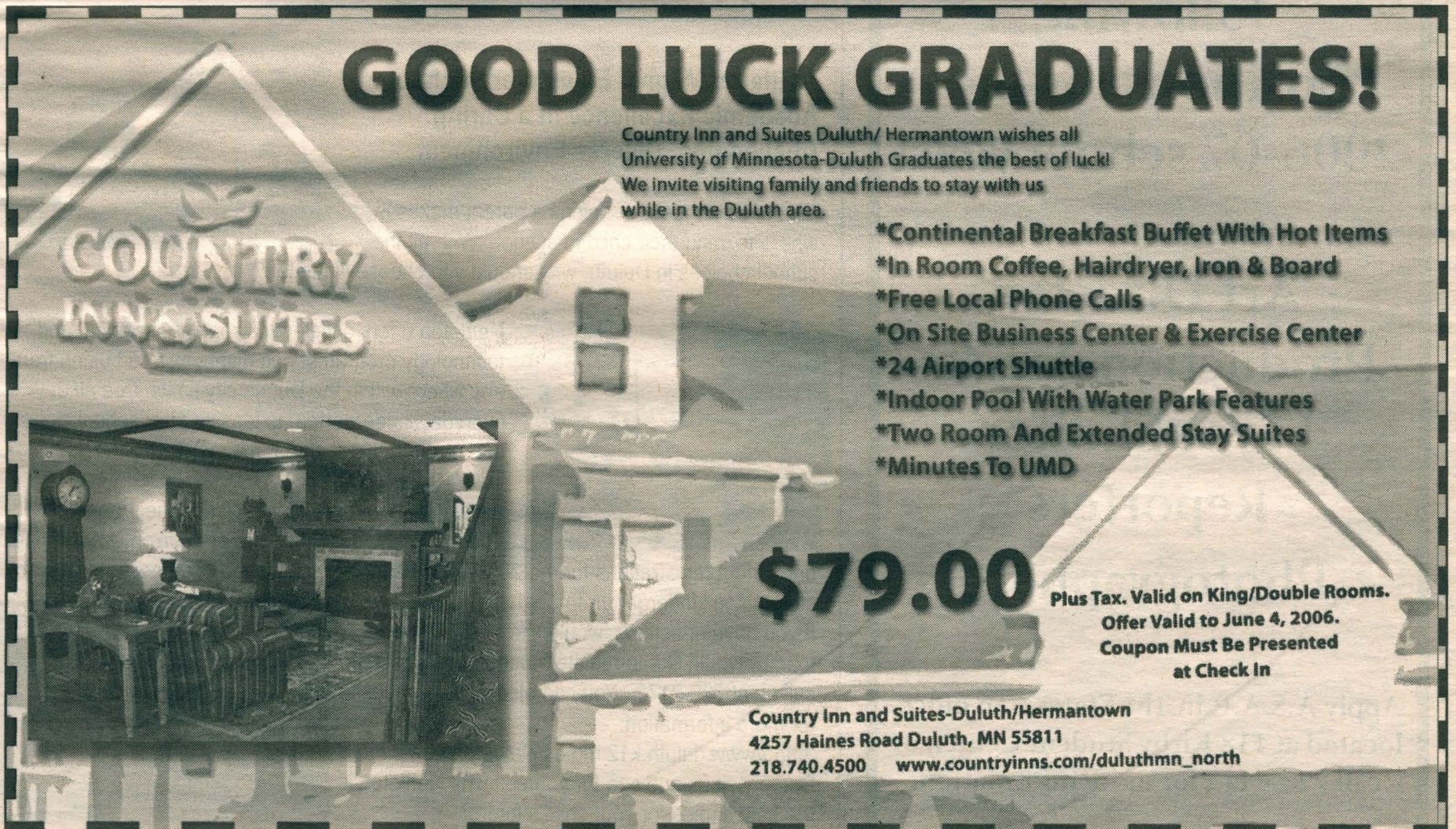
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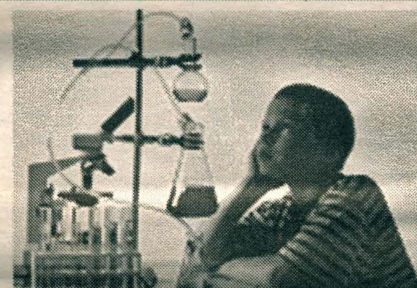
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The four vice chancellors' salaries are determined by Martin and are based on the same factors as hers.

According to UMD human resources, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Operations Greg Fox made \$149,000 for the 2005-06 school year. Vince Magnuson, vice chancellor of Academic Administration, was paid \$154,186, with a \$9,228 augmentation. Bruce Gildseth, vice chancellor of Academic Support and Student Life, made \$133,001 and Vice Chancellor of University Relations William Wade made \$111,561.

The U.S. Department of Labor reported the mean annual salary for the Duluth-Superior area in November 2004 as \$33,910. The same report said that the mean annual salary for post-secondary administrators in the Duluth-Superior area was \$82,640.

Martin and Magnuson received augmentations to their salaries over the 2005-06 school year.

"An augmentation is usually given to an employee when they have gone above and beyond their position's requirements, like taking on an extra project or filling in for someone," said Karon.

Martin received the \$5,400 salary augmentation in 2005-06 for her monthly membership dues to the Northland Country Club, as was stated in a letter from Bruininks to the Chancellor obtained through an information request from *The Statesman*.

According to Wolter, Martin has to pay all membership-related expenses associated with the country club and also pay taxes on the augmentation. Though the money was said to be used for the club membership, it is an increase to Martin's base salary and there are no constraints on how she uses the money.

"Like many other university employees, there may be memberships to professional organizations and/or conferences for which the university pays the fees," said Wolter.

While all academic employees have the same retirement plans, according to Karon, Martin does receive an additional retirement component to her salary.

The university will contribute \$15,000 for the 2005-06 and 2006-07 school years to an Optional Retirement Plan. The amount will then increase by \$5,000 each year, according to Bruininks' letter.

"This is a form of compensation, and like the salary, these amounts are negotiated between the chancellor and the president," said Wolter.

The chancellor's retirement money is a form of deferred compensation, said Wolter. The money acts as a retention tool, which is sometimes needed at the chancellor level because of high turnover rates.

"It makes sense to increase (the amount of money) as time passes, because it provides a larger incentive for a chancellor to stay," said Wolter.

The chancellor, who has been at UMD for 11 years, also holds a tenured professor appointment at UMD in the School of Fine Arts, which does not affect her salary, said Wolter.

This is in place so that if Martin's position as chancellor is terminated she would still have a guaranteed position on the faculty.

Martin's benefits are based on the same formula as all other academic faculty, which is approximately 33 percent of her salary. Benefits include health, dental, retirement and life insurance, according to Karon.

For the 2005-06 school year, Martin received \$67,815 in fringe benefits.

If Martin's salary increases by 3 percent again this year, she will be making \$211,665 for the 2006-07 school year, which is a \$6,165 increase.

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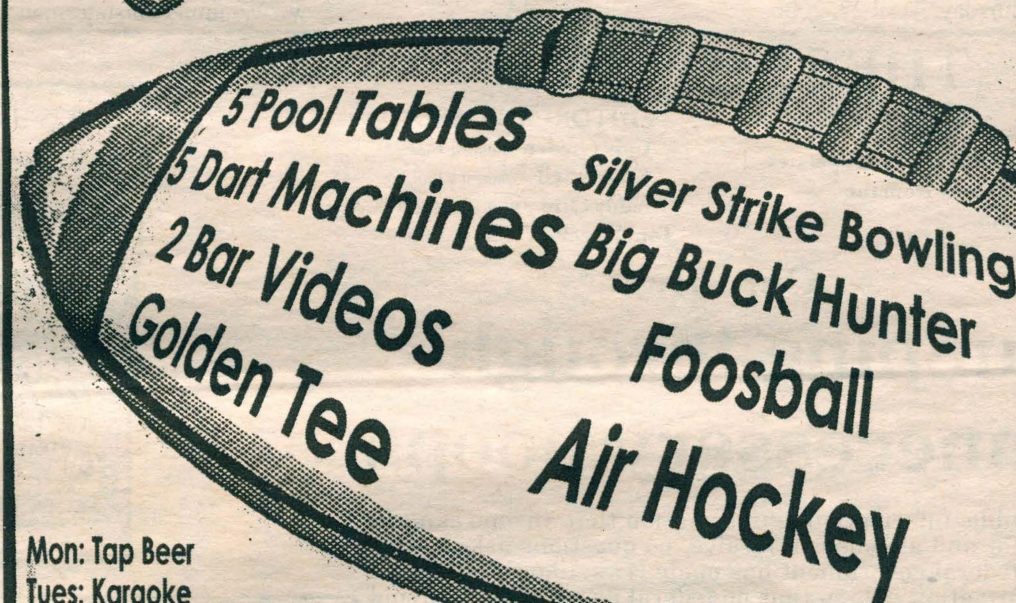
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Our View

Jumping through unnecessary hoops

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At UMD, we are a state university, meaning that these laws cover information about what goes on at our campus, making it public information. So, you would think that getting the information about the salaries of Chancellor Kathryn Martin and the Vice-Chancellors would be as easy as making one phone call. Wrong.

It has taken me nearly an entire semester to get all of the information I needed to write the story on the front page this week. In trying to get the information, I was passed along to department after department, had to make numerous phone calls and sat in people's offices until they gave me what was rightfully mine to have.

Throughout the process, I was sent to the Library where I only found the salaries of university employees from two years ago. I also was told many times to look at a Web site that I did not have access to as a student. I was sent back and forth between UMD's and the Twin Cities campus' University Relations offices, neither of which helped me at all.

Even at our own Department of Human Resources, when I asked for the chancellor and vice-chancellor's salaries, I was told, "It's public information, but..." There should be no "but" after that sentence. It is public information, so we have every right to have it.

Because Chancellor Mar-

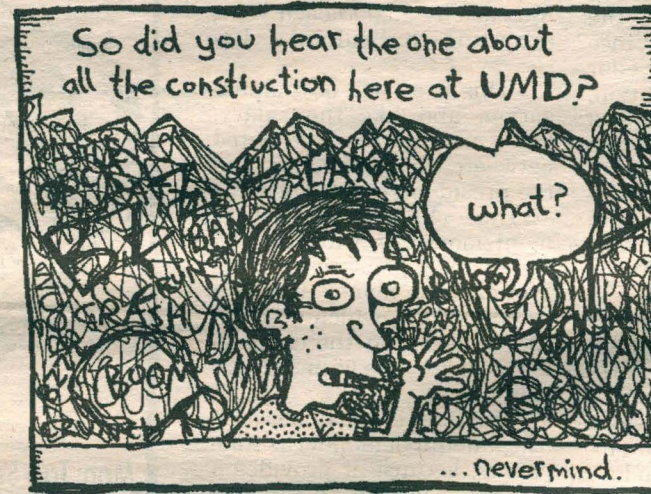
tin's salary is determined by the President's Office in the Twin Cities, I had to talk to people down there to get information. While the distance shouldn't be a problem, because of e-mail and the telephone, it took me longer to get some of this information than anything else. I could only talk to the U of M News Service and the Office of Records of Information Management. Every time I called a different office, I was referred back to either of those offices.

In the end — literally the end of the semester — I got the majority of the information I needed and could write the story. While I was patient because I needed to have this information to make the story complete, I shouldn't have had to be. I could have filed a Freedom of Information Act request, forcing them to give me what I was looking for, but that can take a lot of time and money.

Hopefully my work inspires everyone on this campus to go after what they want, even if it's hard.

Don't be afraid to ask for information like what the chancellor is paid. We have the right to know this, as students and as taxpayers, because we are paying these salaries. We also have the right to get this information for whatever reason, at whatever time. Don't let anyone tell you that you can't. Keep pushing, keep asking.

— Kieren Sell



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

High-tech library is good

I am a dinosaur. I had suspected it for a long time, but realized it when I saw the story in the April 13 issue "Librarians on buddy lists." This is a fantastic development that should be heartily welcomed by students. I wish it could have happened in my time. When I came to UMD in 1975 as Library Director, I introduced the policy of having reference librarians with an advanced degree in a subject area as well as the graduate degree in Library Science. Now this is paying off in spades. Students now have access to expert help in a way which could not have been done before and I hope that they will take advantage of it. The Library staff are to be congratulated for using a modern technology in such an innovative way.

Don Pearce
Library Director Emeritus

Be thankful for police

In response to your editorial "You do the crime, you do the time ... in pink" on 4/13: The best reason you can find for our being proud of and thankful for our UMD & Duluth police is that we "aren't" living under the threat of Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's brutal jails? Hmmm. Perhaps you could consider setting your sights a bit higher. Certainly our police do.

Steve Chilton
Associate Professor
Political Science

Leave politics out of Jazz

On Monday, April 17 2006 there was a rather offensive announcement in Jazz Studies that I believe should have consequences for the professor.

Before our test one of the teacher's assistants made an announcement about the definition of marriage and that they are preparing a constitu-

tional amendment that would ban same-sex marriage in the state of Minnesota. The just of her announcement was that she wanted people in the class to sign a petition opposing this ban. Such a biased political pitch does not belong in the classrooms of UMD, especially not in Jazz Studies.

I first of all found this offensive as a Christian. Second of all I believe that this is an extra-curricular activity and should be left out of the classroom. Third of all, this issue has nothing to do with the class Jazz Studies or a music class in general.

I realize that Duluth is a very gay friendly community but that in no way entitles a UMD faculty member to turn a Jazz Studies class into a gay rights political rally. In such a large class someone is going to be offended by this type of "announcement" and you must respect the religious beliefs and morals of those people.

I hope that this type of classroom behavior is not disregarded.

Jeff Balts
CSE Junior

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“An ungrieved loss remains forever alive in our unconscious, which has no sense of time.”

— B.G. Simos

Class attendance: a student's choice

By Jake Ogbozo
Statesman Staff Writer

I have never been the ideal student. I am that guy who shows up 20 minutes early on exam days to cram in some last minute studying. I know the value of education, but I often find myself wondering if that's the real reason I'm here at UMD. A big issue with students like me is the emphasis on attendance in some college courses. I don't know if I think it's unjust or if I'm just too lazy, but I don't think mandatory attendance makes sense.

I've heard people say that they're going to college to get a diploma. I'd like to think I'm going to college to learn. I've also heard people say, "All you have to do to pass is show up every day," meaning that some classes are reliant on attendance

points as part of the grade. That's great for some, but those are the pointless classes I tend to skip.

There have been too many times that I forced myself to attend an awful class, only so my attendance doesn't drop my grade from an A to a B. If I can go home and read the book faster than a professor can regurgitate the main points of the reading in a lecture hall, shouldn't that be encouraged?

I want to be in classes, or I would not be at UMD. But I'd like to see more professors really give us something to do if we are required to be in class, besides boring busy work or chapter summaries.

If class discussion and participation is a big part of a given course, then give out participation points, not daily attendance points. Com-

ing to class should be in our best interest for learning, not just a means to earn a daily point

We students are paying thousands of dollars a year to gain the knowledge and skills we want for our futures. Unless mind-numbing compliance is a career skill, I've got better things to do; and if it is a career skill, I don't want the job.

We might not show up to class every day, but most of us who plan on making it to graduation will show up on test days and know the material that has been covered. Isn't that part of being an

adult? If we are legitimately here to better ourselves, then we will make the effort on our own time. If we're not, then we won't be wasting so much of our time.

As long as students pay for this optional education

we call "college," professors should understand that it is optional and we do pay to go to school, which means it is our choice to attend or not.

Grades should have nothing to do with compulsory attendance, as college is not compulsory. Give us the requirements and expectations and, if we are so inclined, we will meet them.

Don't waste your time on attendance policies, but instead put that effort into more interesting lectures. That's how to get students to show up on time and ready to learn.

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Are we ready yet?

Five years later, 'United 93' reopens 9/11 wounds



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Visitors take turns holding the "Flight 93 Hero Flag," in this file photo from Sept. 7, 2002, in front of the field where United Flight 93 crashed on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, in Shanksville, Pa.

By Amber Glawe
Statesman Staff Writer

9/11/01. Every college student in the United States understands the significance of that date. Chances are that most can recall exactly where they were when they were informed of the hijacked planes flying into the Twin Towers. We all remember the news footage of the buildings burning, the home videos broadcast to the world of people running down the streets of New York, away from Ground Zero. More than a few of us can say that we watched fellow Americans jump from skyscrapers to meet their deaths.

No, we have not forgotten that day. The media saw to it that those images would be forever stamped into our memories.

Tomorrow, a new film will give us an opportunity to relive that day, to experience the feelings of helplessness that we all felt. "United 93," a Universal Studios movie, will premiere in the United States. It is the first feature film to concentrate on the events of 9/11. Is this movie too soon? Or just at the right moment? The answer to those questions depends on where you stand with respect to all that has occurred since that September day.

To me, it seems that the filmmaker Paul Greengrass is capitalizing on morbid curiosity and exploiting the lasting pain of many American people. In an interview with *Newsweek*, Greengrass says that every family of the more than 40 victims of the United 93 crash is in support of the film.

Greengrass's team was "meticulous" about their research for the film, attempting to be as respectful as possible in the process of filmmaking. It's understandable that these fami-

lies want everyone to remember their loved ones, to remember that day, to never forget.

"United 93" is not only a way for us to remember the victims of that day, but also it will likely cause many to remember why we are currently at war. Though our administration has admitted that Saddam Hussein did not have any real connections to 9/11, many Americans still believe that our forces are still fighting to avenge the loss of lives on 9/11.

I can only hope that the possible resurgence of support for the war does not cause people to forget that we have not yet caught the supposed leader of the terrorist attacks, Osama Bin Laden, who is still possibly alive somewhere out there in our world.

It seems awfully convenient that, at the time when Presidential approval ratings are at an all-time low, this film is coming out with the potential of reminding us all of the anger we felt on that day. We vowed not to forget that day, and it is doubtful that many have forgotten the false sense of unity that the war brought us in our nation's quest for justice.

What good will "United 93" do? Some may argue that no one is ever "ready" to view such horrific scenes. "Schindler's List" is an incredibly difficult movie to watch, but it has helped young people to understand what happened during the Holocaust. "Saving Private Ryan" helped our generation to understand the horrors that soldiers experienced during World War II.

But "United 93?" At this point, we do not need to remember, because we cannot yet forget.

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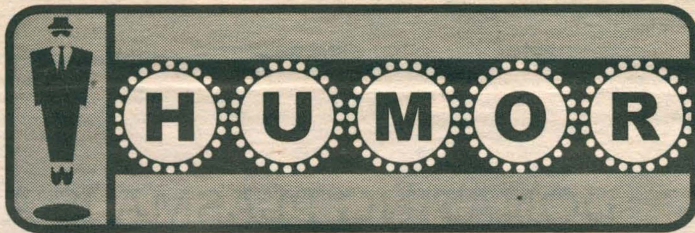
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By Amy Forsell
Statesman Staff Writer

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1. American Idol: Who Can be the Most Obese Young Star in America?

Simonisms

By Eric Simon
Statesman Staff Writer

10. Give it a year before Red Bull starts putting trace elements of crack in their energy drinks
9. If possession is 9/10 the law, shouldn't exorcism be illegal?
8. Ducks give out quack cocaine cheap; just give them some bread
7. If Altoids are curiously strong maybe they killed that cat
6. I can't follow the Bible anymore because I was trying to love my neighbor as I love myself and wound up in court for sexual assault
5. Why is it called Scotch Tape? He must've been a drunkard
4. I think a lemon is just a confused melon
3. I bought the heaviest weights in the store and have been doing 50 reps daily for two months, and not noticing a difference; I'm going to tell the guys at Office Max that there's something wrong with these paperweights
2. I've never met a lawn gnome I didn't like; people should be more gnomish
1. You don't know how much you use the letter "r" on your keyboard until it stops working

Top Ten Signs You're Trying Too Hard To Save Gas Money

By Justin Sorensen
Statesman Staff Writer

10. Every route you drive is now 'as the crow flies'
9. Your summer road trip destination changes from Denver to Hardee's
8. You trade your Moped to some guy for his wheelchair
7. You spent last Saturday converting your four-banger into a one-banger
6. You've started holding in farts just on principle
5. You've planted a cornfield in your backyard in hopes of erecting a mini ethanol plant
4. You keep your eyes peeled for 1,000-footers in hopes of a free boat ride to Superior
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Above: A group of patient smelters slowly pan the Lester River in hopes of catching some smelt. Inset: An unlucky smelt rests across the palm of a fisherman's hand.

Saavy smelters fish the Lester

By Luke Kavajecz
Statesman Staff Writer

Word that the smelt were running spread fast last week, prompting many Duluth anglers to put down their fishing rods, pick up a dip net and make their way to the Lester River.

“Smelters” came out in droves to sweep their nets through the Lester’s swift current, hoping for a chance to take home a bucket full of the tasty morsels. Smelt may not be very big — most can fit into the palm of your hand — but they have a pretty big reputation.

Jim Peterson made his way down to the river early in the early evening of Wednesday, April 19, to check out the action.

“I haven’t smelted for

about four or five years now, but I just thought I’d give it a try tonight because they did so well here a couple days ago,” said Peterson.

He hadn’t netted any yet, but with 55 years of smelting experience under his belt, Peterson was optimistic that it would get better as the evening progressed.

“Usually they run in the evening when it’s darker, but you never know, you can’t tell,” said Peterson. “I think the water temperature has something to do with it.”

Peterson, along with some of his family, was one of the few smelters out on that Wednesday evening. As they stood on the bank, every once in a while they would wade out into the current and make a few sweeps through the deep run with their nets. They came up empty every

time, but it didn’t seem to matter.

“We grew up here, and always come every year,” said Debbie Klopp, Peterson’s daughter.

As the clouds increased and the light was getting dimmer by the minute, more and more smelters showed up and took experimental sweeps with their nets. Ross Olcott of Duluth said he just started smelting this year and seemed to love every minute of it.

“This is my third time out, it’s awesome,” said Olcott. “Last night I got a five-gallon bucket full, the night before I got 91 dozen. It took about an hour and half, two hours (to count them).”

Although more smelters were mulling around the banks of the river, their nets remained empty.

“I’m getting hungry, so I’ll

have to see if I can get some,” said Peterson. “Either that or go home and eat peanut butter sandwiches.”

Eating the smelt seemed to be everybody’s favorite thing about the small silvery fish.

“They’re a lot better cooked than uncooked,” said Peterson.

By the time darkness had set in over the Lester River, there was a fairly good sized crowd crawling on the river’s rocky banks. They looked like a huge flock of seagulls, all perched up on the rocks carefully eyeing the river. A little bit of rain forced some of them under the bridge beneath Highway 61. There were probably 50 to 60 smelters of all shapes and sizes, but only a handful of them were in the river, their nets still empty. It seemed like there were

more smelters than smelt in the river at the time.

Some of those who gathered did not carry nets, but instead carried coolers full of cold beverages and talked about the good ol’ days of smelting, when the rivers would run black with smelt.

“Oh, when you would scoop up a five-gallon bucket full on one scoop, that was fun,” said Tom Alvar, who has been smelting his whole life.

Sitting back on the bank and listening to the river’s whispering current while sharing a few beverages with your family or buddies, along with a chance to take home a tasty smelt dinner: it doesn’t seem to get any better than that.

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Above: People hold signs that were passed out by local veterans at the Street Festival.

Right: Al Franken speaks at the Street Festival on Saturday afternoon. Franken said he was told to be bipartisan, because the day was about activism, but that he was partial to one side. "I'm not going to say which one," he said.

Free Democracy music wrap-up

By John Cranford
Duluth Staff Reporter

For a dozen musical performances, jugglers, magicians and other activities for all over the Free Democracy Summit was about more than just activism. The weekend's performances kept a steady flow of unique music blasting from amps and acoustic guitars all over town.

Fitger's complex was the place to be on Friday. UMD's Annie Ragsdale, whose name is Annie Ragz, played the Lakeview coffee shop. "It was one of my most successful and exciting," said Ragsdale. "It was one of my first times playing a long set, and it was really supportive with all the people that I met."

Minneapolis-based Root City Band, with Living Spoon, added an electric mix to the Tap Room, where the crowd of over 350 had a high-energy feel. Bands such as Pretty Boy Thorson and the Fallen Angels, The Gleam and The performed at RT Quinlan's on Friday as well.

Friday started with a bang at the Street Festival downtown on Lake Avenue Superior Street. The festival included not only speakers such as Al Franken but also entertainment from The No Name Jugglers and Booker the Insane Magician. The evening, Pizza Lucé was filled to the brim with fans waiting to see a mix of four bands, including the Midwest hip-hop favorite, Heiruspecs. Friday night wrapped up the weekend with more bands at the Tap Room, including the heavy metal sounds of Screaming Mechanical Brain.

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SUMMIT

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During another forum, "Civil Liberties and the War on Terror: Warrantless Surveillance and the Future of Democracy," many Duluth community members shared their opinions on what they saw as the biggest injustices on the part of our government.

"This goes on now, what's stopping us from becoming who we are?" wondered Al Franken, a Duluth woman in her 20s who said she was pretty much a life of activism.

Franken's grandmother was a labor activist and her father was blacklisted during the McCarthy era and she remembers her father taking her to Vietnam War protests as a kid.

Franken is concerned with the lack of social involvement in this country in the last 30 years," said Zagar. "But it's comforting to see college students engaged in the political system."

McKenna said that although a lot of the organizers of this year's event are graduating, some younger students have stepped up and are planning a FDS for next year.

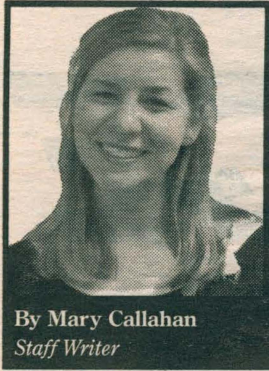
During Franken's speech he quoted Paul Wellstone several times, saying, "The future belongs to those who are passionate and work hard."

"I really believe we can change this," said Franken. "Look around, you're the people who are going to do it."

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Breakups: the good, bad and ugly



By Mary Callahan
Staff Writer

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ups don't go as smoothly as planned, emotions get scarred and trying to stay friends becomes an obstacle. It seems as though the excuse "we'll always be friends" usually ends up being a false promise.

"I don't think you can actually stay friends because there are just way too many built-up emotions and grudges to be held," said a sophomore female. "After a four-year relationship with a guy, we tried to maintain a friendship, but I realized that it was just way easier to cut everything off."

One of the major reasons for breakups in the first place is when the couple has different levels of feelings for one another.

"After a nine month relationship, I decided to break things off because I felt like she was way too in love with me, while I just liked her," said a senior male. "It's hard to date someone that believes that you're 'the one' and that someday you're going to get married, when you just don't feel the same."

When breaking up with someone, there are many common excuses that one uses to cut ties off. According to www.

girlposse.com, there are three bad break-up excuses that some use.

The number one reason is that one of the persons may claim they need to "find themselves." This line only seemed to work for Dawson and Joey on Dawson's Creek, but is there really anything to find?

The second reason is that someone may believe that you're spending too much time together. Rather than breaking up, some couples find it easier to "take a break" rather than just end it.

"Breaks do not work. They're stupid; you might as well just break up," said a senior female. But if you do take a break, she advises to "set clear boundaries so that you don't get to that awkward gray area."

The third line one may use is "I'm not good enough for you, and you should find someone better," which a freshman male said he used once.

"I used this reason for breaking up with someone before because I couldn't think of a nicer way to let her down," he said. "It didn't seem as though she fell for it

because she got really angry."

If you're reading this and considering breaking up with your loved one, there are some things to consider in your reality check. Have they cheated on you? Do they lie to you on a frequent basis? Do they listen to Kenny G or something as equally boring? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, a break-up may be on your list of things to do.

If you're someone that has recently been broken up with, keep on truckin' — there will be something better out there for you. Remember that there are benefits to break-ups. The best part is that you live and learn. If you learn from your last relationship, you won't be doomed to make the same mistakes again.

[Editor's Note: All unnamed sources wished to remain anonymous for personal reasons.]

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Post-Breakup commandments from "It's Called a Breakup because it's Broken," by Greg Behrendt:

- 1) Don't see or talk to him/her for at least 60 days.
- 2) Get yourself a break-up buddy. Sometimes you just need a friend to talk to.
- 3) Get rid of his/her stuff and anything that reminds you of him/her.
- 4) Get your ass in motion every day. The busier you are, the less time you have to think about him/her.
- 5) No break-up sex. It will only mess you up more.
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Fiesta celebrates Latin culture

By Anne Davis
Statesman Staff Reporter

The Latino/Chicana Student Association (LCSA) held its 17th-annual fiesta last Saturday, and more than 300 people filled the decorated ballroom.

Susana Pelayo-Woodward, the LCSA advisor, kicked off the evening with a welcoming speech. Her expressions of excitement and gratitude were followed by a brief yet provocative mention of immigration and its effects.

"Latinos work hard to help make America a better country," she said. "It is important to treat them with compassion."

Junior Katie Heisel, an international studies and Spanish major, was attending the annual fiesta for the second time.

"It's so inspiring to listen to all this amazing music and experience the cultural vibrance (of this event)," she said. "I'm captivated by the variety; there are so many different people and different things to see."

Linda Belote, a recently retired professor of anthropology, has attended all but two of the past 17 fiestas. Belote reminisced on her involvement in the formation of the first Latino/Chicana Student Association back in 1989, when Pelayo-Woodward was one of her students and was involved in planning that first fiesta.

Chancellor Kathryn Martin also attended Saturday's event. Martin echoed Pelayo-Woodward's opening comments.

"Susana's words were so important, it is not easy to leave your home and your country to come here," she said during the fiesta. "We (as a nation) should sort out the legality (of immigration) and do all we can to offer assistance. We are a country which prides itself on our variety of traditions and customs."

The LCSA's Fiesta demonstrated some of those traditions and customs. This year's theme was "Fiesta de las Americas," or "Festivals of the Americas." Four festivals, from Bolivia, Peru, Mexico and Brazil, were described by the emcees, giving those present an enlightening history lesson.

Five groups of entertainers performed during the three hour celebration. Two of them were ethnic dance troupes, and the other three were bands. The final band to perform, The Latin Fire Trio, was headed by Richard Lopez, a professional pianist, bassist, guitarist and vocalist whose resumé includes tours with artists such as Jennifer Lopez, Mark Anthony and Gloria Estefan.

Guests were also treated to a buffet-style feast featuring food from various Spanish speaking countries, complete with a plethora of appetizers, drinks and deserts.

"(Putting this event together) was a lot of hard work, but we stuck it out and got it done," said junior Bengé Ortiz.

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'Caesar' and Floyd are off 'The Wall'

By Ryan Jensen
Statesman Staff Reporter

All Hail Caesar? Probably not.

The UMD theatre department's modern adaptation of William Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" leaves much to be desired.

The performers themselves presented many strong parts, including excellent perfor-

REVIEW mances from Eric Johnson, who played a very convincing Marc Antony, and David Muhs, who, as Julius Caesar, could not have been a more convincing dead man if he had actually been stabbed.

The set design and the costumes were also wonderfully constructed and fit into the story perfectly.

Unfortunately, strong acting and impressive sets cannot make a bad script into a good play. Personally I felt a little deceived by the claim that this performance was a modern interpretation of a classic.

The use of iPods, Coke cans, televisions and more bordered on tacky in an attempt to make characters seem more modern. Failure to include

these modern objects in the plot, except for a random use of televisions onstage, which are supposedly there to represent the dangers of modern media to democracy, left the audience more confused than convinced.

The heavily-advertised use of Pink Floyd's *The Wall* album also left me wanting more. While there were some strong points, including the opening and closing chorus scenes, the majority of the music seemed out of place and didn't match the events onstage.

The concept of using the isolationism expressed in *The Wall* as a way to describe the barrier between the government and the people fell short of its intended goal.

If I had any suggestions, I would recommend that audiences attend the first half of play, which ends with the murder of Caesar, but the post-intermission war that was intended to represent America's struggle in Iraq and other modern political issues left me bored and disappointed in the performance.

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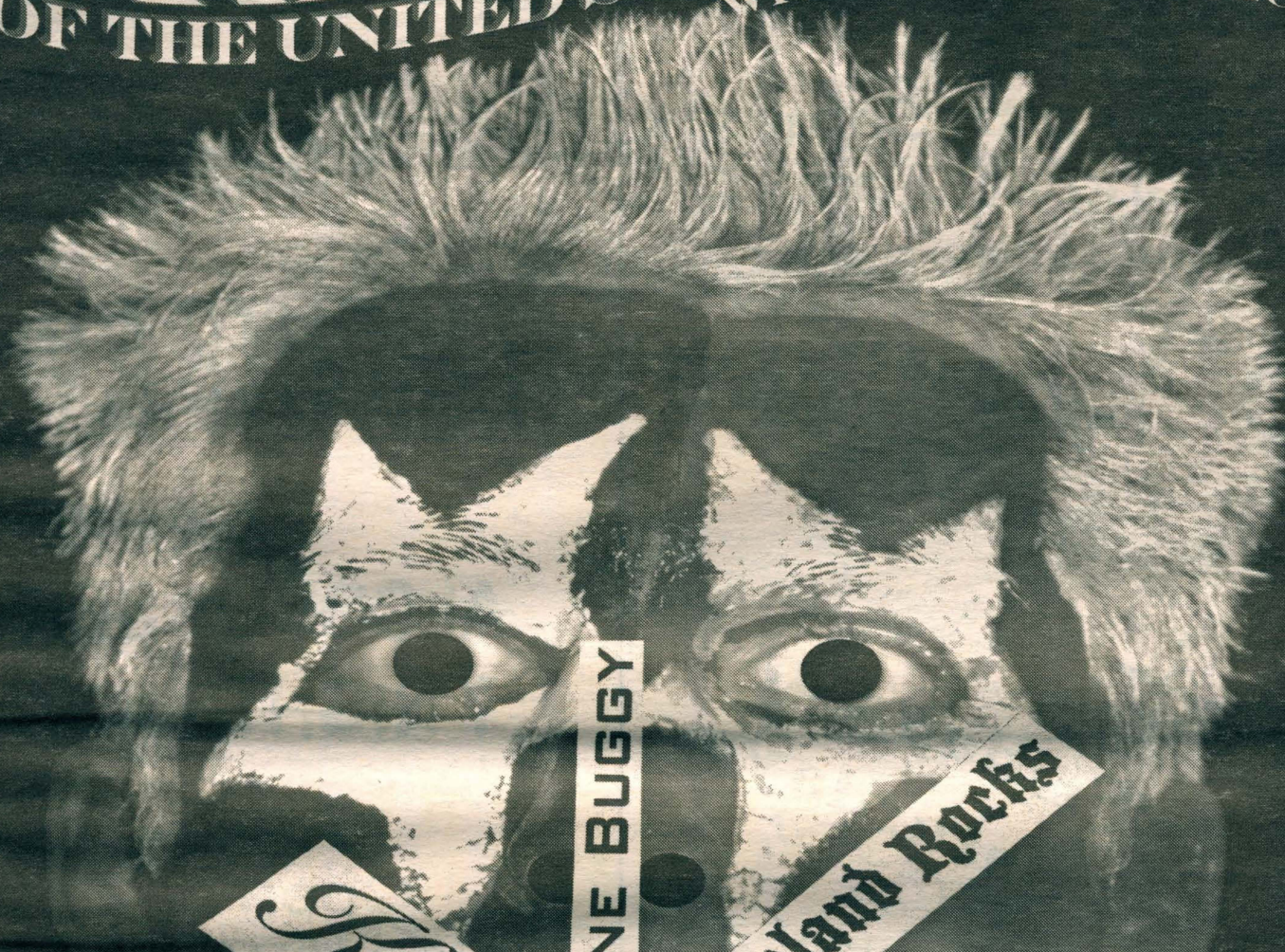
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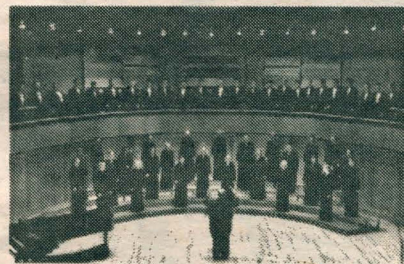
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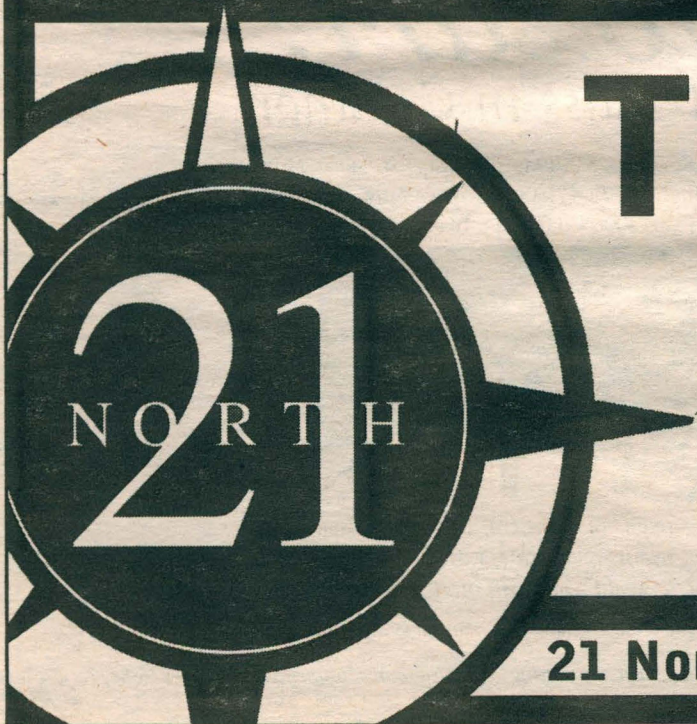
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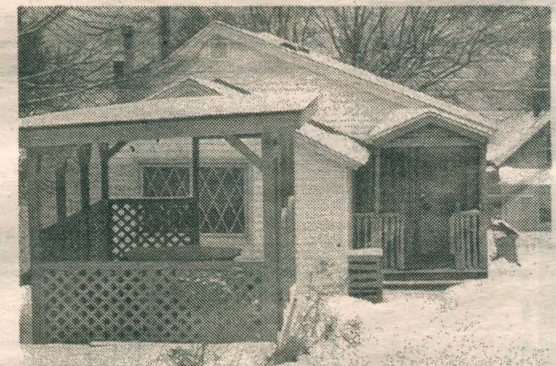
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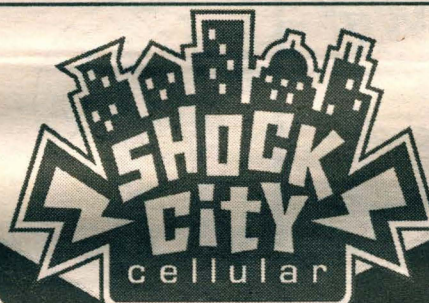
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Reaching higher

Vikings draft picks still up in the air

By Pat Brannan
Statesman Staff Reporter

As the National Football League's draft approaches us, April 29-30 in New York, sports writers around the country begin to speculate what team will take what player in the draft.

Here in Minnesota, many experts say we need linebackers to help our defense, while others say we need help at running

COMMENTARY back and quarterback to help our offense. I studied mock drafts and have put together a list of what I think the Vikings should do with their draft.

On day one of the draft, the Vikings have five picks including their first round pick (No. 17) and two picks in the second and third rounds.

Of the players likely to come to Minnesota, the one that is being mentioned the most is linebacker Chad Greenway from Iowa. He offers a lot of speed and has been marked as a reliable tackler. Those qualities are important in the new defense the Vikings are trying to install.

Besides a linebacker, the Vikings also need to consider a quarterback or running back to help our new "West Coast" offense.

This offseason, the Vikings added running back Chester Taylor, fullbacks Tony Richardson and Joey Goodspeed and quarterback Mike McMahon.

I look at these signings as average at best. I know we got a reliable running back in Taylor, but he has been injury prone in the past and has been mainly used as a backup, and I am not completely sold on him being a star for our team.

There are many running backs available in this draft that could be available to the Vikings with their first round pick. If the Vikings pick a running back in the first round, it will be DeAngelo Williams from Memphis.

Williams led the country in rushing yards last season and has been labeled as a steady back that can catch the ball out of the backfield, which is important in the Vikings' new offense.

There is also speculation

that the Vikings might trade some of their picks to move up in the draft to take one of the three premier quarterbacks in this year's draft. Of the available quarterbacks, I would like to see either Jay Cutler of Vanderbilt or Ken Clemens of Oregon end up in a purple uniform if the team selects one.

There is also talk that the Vikes might trade some of their picks to get the Atlanta Falcons' backup quarterback, Matt Schaub.

Schaub would be a perfect fit here for Minnesota as he has led the Falcons the past few years when Michael Vick, the team's starting quarterback, has been injured. Plus, the Falcons have used a "West Coast" system the past few seasons and Schaub would be already accustomed to the offense in Minnesota.

Here is what I would like to see happen with the Vikings day one picks.

I would like them to draft Williams with their first round pick. After that, I would send Atlanta one of our second and third round picks to obtain Schaub. With our other two picks (one second round and one third round left), I would select some of the value linebackers that would be available in those rounds. If a top tier linebacker was still available in the second round, I would trade both of our remaining day one picks and move up to draft him.

However, I do not see that happening, and see the Vikings selecting a linebacker out of Iowa by the name of Abdul Hodge in the second round. Finally in the third round, the Vikings will probably select a safety to groom to be their starter of the future. I think that Pat Watkins from Florida State would be a great value pick here.

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Hockett, Skildum lead tennis to fourth place finish in NCC

By Rebecca Coleman
Statesman Staff Reporter

The UMD women's tennis team wanted to make a statement in the NCC this season. Last weekend the Bulldogs traveled to Grand Forks, N.D. for the NCC tournament, where they finished fourth out of seven teams.

Junior Anna Hockett, finished third in No. 1 singles.

During the regular season, Hockett combined with teammate Kara Skildum and finished with a record of 9-3 in No. 1 doubles.

Hockett credits her team as a large part of her success.

"Anna and I have seen a lot of success this season when we play doubles together," said Skildum. "I think both our games mesh well together."

"Our team is great," said Hockett. "We have a lot of fun, get along great and really like to work hard. Having such a super team makes it easy on the court. We have an amazing strength coach who has helped us to prepare for this season."

Hockett, who played Division I tennis at Montana State, is happy with her performance this season and is glad to have chosen UMD.

"I decided to transfer to UMD for many reasons," said Hockett. "I really love the school, I enjoy the major they have here and the team has really helped to make me feel at home."

Hockett looks at the game of tennis a little differently when she plays singles than she does when part of a double.

"When I play doubles I become more aggressive. I like to get to the net to get more points," said Hockett. "When I play singles, I wait for the right shot."

Head Coach Dan Doyle credits captains Kara Skildum and Beth Standke, who finished 1-0 in No. 2 singles and 6-6 in No. 3 singles this season, with part of the team's success this season.

"Our captains are awesome," said Doyle. "They held very strenuous captains' practices that really helped to prepare our team for this season."

"Often times tennis is thought of as an individual sport, but without everyone contributing to the team, we wouldn't have been as successful as we are this year," said Skildum.

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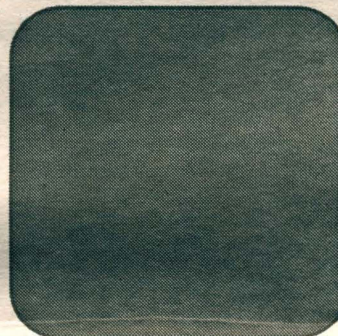
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Bulldogs successfull at home



The Bulldog Rundown



By **Ryan Jensen**
Statesman Staff Reporter

Track and Field

The UMD track team hosted their only home meet of the season on Tuesday.

The Bulldogs won 26 of the 44 events featured in the meet, including some record breaking performances on both the men's and women's teams.

Freshman Brian Ott broke the school record in the 200 meters, qualifying him for the NCAA Division II meet.

For the women, freshman Rebekah Kok also broke a school record and qualified for the NCAA DII meet in hurdles.

Softball

The UMD women's softball team split their double-header against North Dakota on Tuesday, losing the first game 6-5 but coming back to

win the second game of the day 5-4.

The Bulldogs head to Mankato this weekend for four games in the MSU/Microtel Inn and Suites Classic Tournament.

Record: 3-7 NCC
25-16 Overall

Baseball

The UMD baseball team has played well in the last half of the season, winning four straight games against NCC rival North Dakota and splitting a non-conference double-header against Winona State at home on Wednesday.

The NCC has taken notice by awarding senior shortstop Nate Taran with NCC Player of the Week honors.

The Bulldogs face Bemidji State today before returning home for two games against St. Cloud on Saturday followed by two games at St. Cloud on Sunday.

Record: 6-8 NCC
13-25 Overall

Football

The UMD football team will finish their spring season with the 32nd-annual Maroon and White scrimmage on Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

The Bulldogs will kick off the 2006 season on August 31 at Bemidji State.

Men's Basketball

The UMD men's basketball team released the schedule for the 2006-07 season.

UMD will host Div. II National Champions Winona State on Dec. 15 marking the second time in school history the Bulldogs will face the reigning national champions.

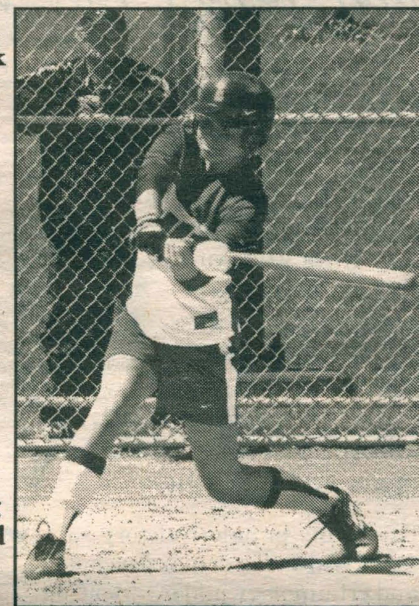
The season kicks off on Nov. 15 with the Bulldogs hosting Bemidji State.

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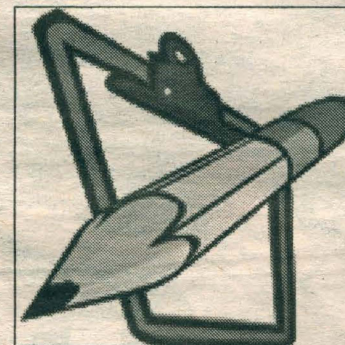
Above: Freshman hurdler Rebekah Kok (left) set a school record during the Bulldog Open on Tuesday, qualifying her for the NCAA Division II meet. Right: Freshman Kalli Kucharyski swings for a base hit in Tuesday's game against NCC rival North Dakota. The Bulldogs split the double header, losing the first game 6-5 and coming back to win the second game 5-4.



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WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

Zach 'Jungle Boy' Walters defeats Teddy Muller with third-round knockout

By Ryan Jensen
Statesman Staff Reporter

Amidst the blood spatter, sweat, a few knocked out teeth and hundreds of screaming fans, Zach "Jungle Boy" Walters celebrated his three-round knockout victory over veteran Teddy Muller.

"This is my proudest victory so far," said Walters, a senior psychology and criminology major. "Beating Muller has helped me move to the next step and now that I have reached that next step, I need to maintain my status."

Walter certainly took a big step moving into 33rd place in the World Boxing Association rankings, 50 places above where he was ranked before the fight.

"I'm still walking on clouds," said Walters (14-1, 11 KOs). "The victory is

still sinking in. I didn't think I would actually be able to knock Muller out, but it was a pleasant surprise and it was nice to treat my fans to a knockout at home."

The fans certainly appreciated the fight as Wessman Arena in Superior roared with the sounds of fans chanting "Jungle Boy" from beginning to end.

"Not many boxers get to fight in their hometown because they can't draw a large enough fan base," said Walters. "Without my UMD fan base, a fight like this one wouldn't have been possible. The fight was a great success and we sent everyone home with something to talk about."

Walters kept fans at the edge of their seats after a rough first round left the audience shaken, but a strong second round and a dominating third-round finishing in a knockout.

"He had me a little worried after the first," said Andy Kolle, who trains with Walters at Horton's Gym. "I knew if he could get out of the first his conditioning would pay off and he would be able to make a comeback."

"I knew if I made it through that first round I would be okay," said Walters. "It wasn't a pretty win by any means and he shook me up a bit mentally, but I was able to regain my focus in the second and come back and finish the fight in the third."

Walters is going to focus on finishing his degree over the summer and plans to travel to Connecticut to cheer on Kolle before preparing for his next match, which will hopefully take place this June.

Kolle (9-0, 7 KOs), who will be fighting 2004 Olympic gold medalist Andre Ward on HBO on Saturday, said he is 100 percent confident in his ability to beat Ward, thanks to his training.

"I couldn't be more excited," said Kolle. "I have been training with both Trainer Chuck Horton and UMD Strength Coach Justin May in preparation for this fight, and I think I am well prepared to take on Ward."

Horton said he is hoping to have Walters and Kolle, nicknamed the "Midwest Surprise," on a card sometime this June in North Dakota and then possibly some camps in Las Vegas later this summer.

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