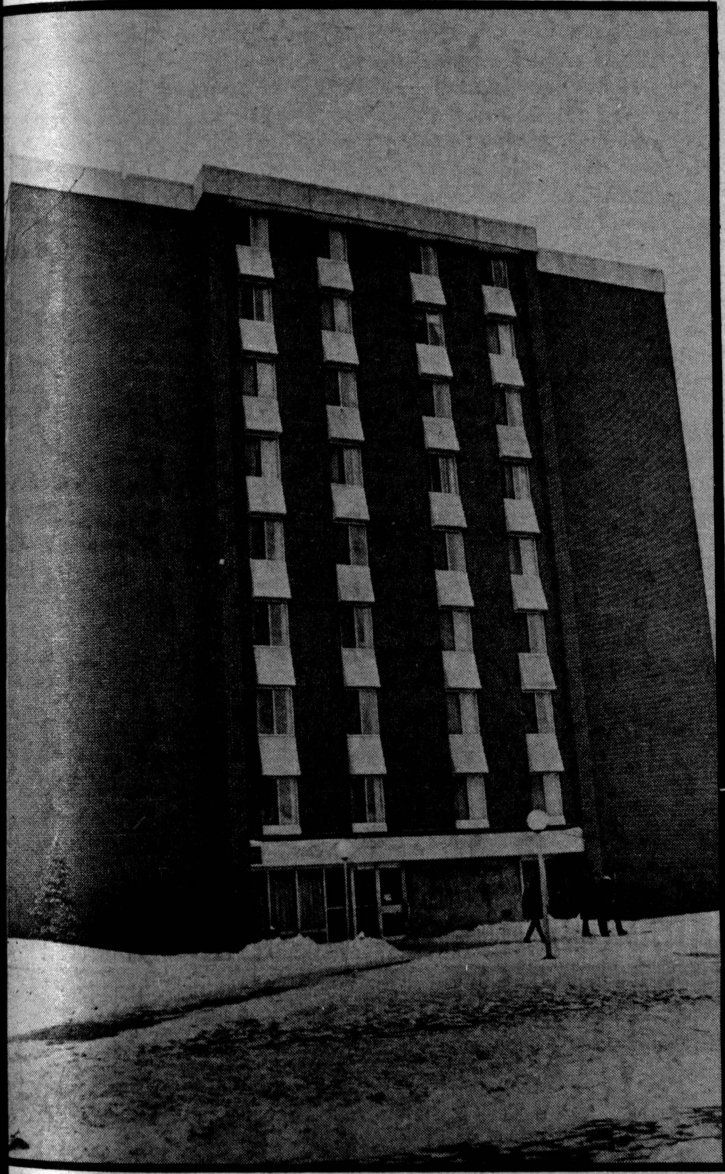


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Thompson residents question fire drills



Thompson Hall's fire drills in a fire of controversy.

By Mary Wallace Sandvik

Fire drills at Thompson Hall have not been held solely to learn procedures in the event of a real fire but have been held to check for men in the dorms after hours, according to some residents of Thompson.

According to some residents, who did not wish to be named, there were two fire drills, one before Thanksgiving and the other before Christmas in which they felt the primary purpose for the drill was to look for men.

The residents do not object to fire drills and believe that they are a necessary activity. They said what they object to is that women who have men in the dorms after hours are hiding them for fear of J-Board action and in the event of a real fire the men's personal safety would be endangered. "There would be some guys cooking in closets," one resident said.

Another complaint the residents have is that Resident Assistants (RAs) are not checking to make sure that everyone is out of the dorm. They believe the RAs are more interested in finding men in the hall rather than being interested in the safety of the people left in the dorm.

The residents of Thompson who were interviewed said they did not think that checking for men during a fire drill is a good procedure because people are not taking fire drills seriously. Residents said since they do not believe that in fact the dorm is burning and the drill is for checking if men are in the dorm. They

become complacent in their attitudes towards getting out of the building. "It's like crying wolf once too often," one resident said.

Residents said they first thought the fire drills were really checks for men when there were many reports of men in the dorm directly preceding the drill.

According to two residents of Thompson, the head resident of Thompson is "known for her guy checks." The head resident is responsible for calling all fire drills.

Another reason Thompson dorm residents cited as evidence to their belief that fire drills are really men checks is that RAs are not checking thoroughly for residents left in the dorm after a drill. According to some residents, at the last fire drill some RAs were down from the floors and on main floor before most of the residents were, "watching and staring at you."

Arlene Peterson, Thompson Head Resident, said she is required to hold one fire drill per quarter and it has been recommended that a fire drill be held once a month.

Peterson said she is not sure where Thompson residents get the idea that fire drills are held just to check for men.

She said last year she held fire drills between about 2 and 3 a.m. and the residents complained so this year she has held them earlier, after 12 a.m. when many of the residents are in.

Peterson noted that it was

her intention to have the two drills within the close time period between Thanksgiving and Christmas because women in the dorm did not think that they would have another one after the Thanksgiving drill. "The rumor was that we've had one this quarter so we won't be having another," she said.

Peterson said that to her knowledge RAs were checking the rooms during the drill to make sure that everyone was out of the building.

The main purpose of the drills was to practice procedures in the event of a fire she said.

According to Peterson checking for people left in the dorm is not a job requirement of RAs. She noted in many cases not even all of the RAs are present in the dorm during the drills. She also said RAs would not be required to check for residents left in the building in the event of a fire if their lives were in danger.

Peterson said the fire drill actually had two purposes, checking for men and conducting drill procedures.

She noted last year one man was discovered in the dorm after hours during a fire drill. The head resident said that man was "written up" and J-Board action was taken.

"Checking for men during a fire drill may not be a valid procedure but if one is found action will be taken against him,"

Thompson Hall to 8

Russian wheat deal causes marketing system

The Russians are using our grain marketing system to their advantage, claimed Rep. Bob Bergland (DMN) as he spoke with FarmHousers Wednesday night.

"I found no skullduggery evident in the grain deals," said Bergland, a member of the House committee investigating the '72 Russian wheat deal. They used the system to gain an advantage.

The Russians analyzed our grain marketing system until they understood it "better than all but a handful of Americans," Bergland said. "Then the Kremlin issued market depressing information" and entered the market while prices were low.

This type of trading is probably still being exercised by the Russians today, Bergland said.

We have to develop a food policy Bergland said. "I think we could sell to them but we should sell whatever we can spare and not more than we can spare.

"A lot of grain growers say we'll just sell grain to the highest bidder. If that's the Kremlin, fine, and if the American cattleman is chasing a scarce supply of corn that's his business.

"The country would never sacrifice animal agriculture just to sell corn to the Soviet Union," Bergland said.

Our government has to be

involved in this. "That's where Butz and I don't agree at all, he wants government out," Bergland said.

"I don't think we can afford to do that. If we take our government out we put the Russians in charge.

"If we want to pursue a free market that's okay, but we had better know exactly what we're getting into," he said.

"We're operating under a cycle of boom and bust," Bergland continued. "I believe that we need to introduce elements of stability and predictability in agriculture.

"I can't afford a policy of instability," Bergland said, "I owe too much money. Nearly everybody I know can't afford it, with a little bad luck they could be wiped out.

"I don't think that the producers are well enough organized to stabilize prices," Bergland commented. "It's been tried since 1890 and it hasn't worked yet.

"You can't get everybody in it, the only one that can is the government," Bergland said.

The market could be stabilized by a base price of \$3.50, coupled with a grain reserve system that wouldn't release any grain until prices reach \$5, Bergland suggested.

This would prevent extreme price fluctuations Bergland said.

Unexcused absences reduce pay

Senate vote restores salaries

A \$30 quarter salary for Student Senators was reinstated by Senate with only three dissenting votes.

Senator salaries had been terminated by an earlier Senate in a budget cut. With sufficient funds this year, the Senate reinstated the \$30 per quarter salary.

"Don't feel guilty about voting yourselves a salary," commented Student President Doug Burgum, "senators are about the only ones in Student Government that don't get paid."

A provision deducts \$5 from the pay of any senator having an unexcused absence from a Senate meeting.

Organizations To encourage communication between student organizations and Senate, liaisons are to be appointed to each student organization recognized by SU.

John Meyers, Mick Rostad, Dale Neil and Vicepresident John Strand were appointed to a committee to appoint senators as liaisons and to draw up a set of guidelines to be used in developing communications.

It was suggested if a Senator is already involved in an organization he be appointed its liaison. Liaisons are to attend at least one meeting of the organization, meet with the organization's president and read the organization's consti-

tution.

"This will really help when we have to budget funds to organizations this spring," Burgum said. "It will insure that at least one senator knows what an organization is doing when it comes up for funding."

New Organizations Senate approved the constitutions and recognized two student organizations.

The SU Student Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery (the Comp Sci club) and The Way, Campus Outreach (a religious organization) were recognized.

Being recognized allows an organization to use special rates on certain University services and be eligible for student funds, although budgeting of student funds to religious organizations is discouraged.

Finance Commission

Finance Commissioner Bruce Zavalney reported more than \$1400 available in contingency funds for the remainder of this year. An additional \$10,000 is in the process of being transferred from the slush fund.

Letters have been sent out reminding all student organizations that requests for student funds must be filed by Feb. 20. Zavalney said there might be a problem with organizations find-

ing their new mailboxes, placed in a room next to the information booth. Any organization that does not have a mailbox can contact the student government office.

Secretary & Parliamentarian Kathy Dean's appointment as student government secretary and Jim Johnson's appointment as Senate parliamentarian were approved by Senate.

Assistants Senators are to report their selection of assistants by next Sunday's meeting. Senate assistants help senators to stay informed, attend meetings in their absence and assist student government in serving students.

Elections Burgum reported that several complaints had been made concerning students voting for positions outside their academic areas.

Student Court was not able to attain a listing of students by colleges for the election, Burgum said. He suggested that legislation to provide a list for the next election be enacted in a future Senate meeting.

Report '75 Former Student President Steve Swiontek and former Vice-president Greg Vandal will report on the activities engaged in by student government last year during the next Senate meeting, Sunday, Jan. 25.



The TKEs will be hosting a regional leadership conference on campus Jan. 23-24.

Special guests to be present at the conference include William H. Wisdom, president of TKE National; Dr. William V. Muse, vice-president of TKE national; T.J. Schmitz, executive director of TKE; and Darwin Bouliette, regional director.

The conference will consist of several sessions where issues concerning fraternity life will be discussed. Social events will be held on Friday and Saturday evening.

Approximately 160 TKEs from 13 chapters in North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Manitoba are expected to attend.

Edwin M. Anderson, chairperson of the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, has been selected as the 1976 Faculty Lecturer.

Anderson will discuss the history, the present and the future of the rapidly expanding field of electrical and electronics engineering in his lecture, "Magic," Feb. 10 in the Union Ballroom.

SU earned one of four top awards during a district meeting of educational public relations specialists Jan. 11-13 at Des Moines, IA.

SU received a Judges' Citation in the Special Programs category of the Mid-America Council Acting in Support of Education (CASE) District VI Awards Competition.

Scholarships amounting to \$250 each have been awarded by the North American Coal Corpor-

ation to David Gilbraith, a junior majoring in zoology, and to Calvin Sperling, a freshman majoring in botany.

The Indo-American Fellowship Program has announced a new exchange program offering 10 grants for U.S. citizens to participate in advanced research in India for 10 months during the 1976-77 academic year.

Awards will be made primarily at the postdoctoral or equivalent level. Basic grants range from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Applications should be sent by Feb. 2 to the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 11 Dupont Circle, Washington D.C., 20036.

Students interested in learning French in West Africa can make arrangements to attend the University of Dakar in Senegal, Africa, a French-speaking nation.

The trip costs \$675 and includes round trip air fare from New York to Dakar, daily breakfasts and lunches, all tuition and on campus accommodations, five days of orientation at the Meridian Hotel in Dakar, field trips to expand French language usage, a visit to the game reserve at Niokolo Koba and all transfers including baggage handling.

For more information write to Accent on Africa, Suite 601, 295 Madison Ave., New York, 10017.

Student blood helps

Have you ever thought about giving blood but figured that the amount you donated wouldn't really matter much?

According to Laurie Rott, publicity director for Blood Services of Fargo, the amount of blood that college students donate is vital to the blood supply needed in Fargo-Moorhead. Rott said area college students were responsible for 15 per cent of the total amount of blood donated last year.

Blood Services of Fargo is part of a 22 member organization that serves more than 900 hospitals in the western United States. The Fargo blood bank provides more than 40 hospitals in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota with necessary blood.

Rott said with the innovation of blood banks, many of the former problems with blood transfusions have disappeared. The problem now, she added, is recruiting enough donors to keep up with the ever increasing amount of blood that is needed.

In the last two years, the need for blood in this area has increased by about 30 per cent. Rott said estimates project the amount of blood needed will double by at least 1980.

To meet this growing demand, Rott said the Blood Services is always looking for new donors. In order to accommodate people outside of the Fargo-Moorhead area who wish to donate blood, the blood bank operates two mobile vans that stop in various towns at a regular interval.

Blood donations are also taken at blood drives sponsored by various businesses in the community. On campus, individual organizations have held blood drives within their own groups.

Rott cited the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity as being a regular donor to the blood bank. Its last blood drive involved more than 65 donors from the fraternity.

The honorary engineering fraternity, Tau Beta Pi, has also held its own blood drive, recruit-

ing more than 55 people.

Campus-wide blood drives have been sponsored by groups as Pre-Med Club and Phi K. The drives are usually once a quarter with between 100 and 200 volunteers giving blood.

Rott is constantly thinking of new ways to attract volunteers. A program on which she is currently working is for volunteers on Blood Services list to bring or 30 of their friends to a meeting to acquaint them with blood donations.

Another method of recruitment that has been tried is award a traveling trophy to a campus group that has the most volunteers in a blood drive.

Rott said that Blood Services statistics show that at present three per cent of the population provide all of the blood needed in the United States. They also said that if everyone who was eligible to donate would do so, one person would only need to donate once every five years.

South High students can now earn early college credit

Five SU courses will be taught at South High School beginning Monday, Jan. 26, according to Ed Raymond, South High principal.

Raymond developed the new program, the first of its kind in the area, in cooperation with SU officials. Four English courses and one engineering course will be taught during the second semester at South High School offering students an opportunity to begin their college education while enrolled in high school.

Termed a spinoff of the SU Early Entry Program that provides high school seniors in the area an opportunity to enroll in on-campus SU courses during their senior year in high school, one SU official noted that the new program at South High School will better serve students at that school. The distance between South High and the SU campus has been seen as a roadblock to enrollment of South High School students in the SU Early Entry Program.

SU and South High School officials noted that the new program conforms with the Carnegie Commission recommendations on education that call for a reduction in the arbitrary lines dividing high school and university education.

The four English courses scheduled during this first semester of the program will apply towards the freshman English requirement at SU or other colleges and universities, and the engineering course is a part of the normal course sequence carried by students in engineering.

Offered for university credit, the five courses will provide high school students an opportunity to earn two credits for the engineering course and three credits for each of the English courses. A three-credit university-level course, according to Raymond, would involve about 25 hours in class and 50 hours outside of class between Jan. 26 and May 20.

The five courses to be offered beginning Jan. 26 are as follows: "Fundamentals of Engineering," Engineering 101, Dr. Joseph Stanislaw, dean of the SU College of Engineering and Architecture; "Survey of American Literature," English 227 and 228, Dr. William Cosgrove, associate professor of English, and "An Approach to the Humanities," English 300 and 301, Dr. Tom Matchie, assistant professor of English.

Pre-registration forms are available in the South High School Guidance Office. While designed

specifically to offer an opportunity to South High School students for enrollment in SU courses classes are open to other interested area high school students.

Both Raymond and George Wallman, coordinator of the program from SU, indicated the program would be a continuing one with additional courses offered in the future.

Career symposium to be held

Phi Upsilon Omicron, a professional home economics organization, is sponsoring a symposium entitled "Kaleidoscope '76."

The symposium will focus on different career avenues open to people with a home economics background.

The symposium will be composed of a series of guest lectures and workshops covering topics related to job opportunities in traditional home economics areas.

The symposium will be held Jan. 23-24. On Friday, Jan. 23, registration will be held from 6 p.m. followed by a banquet. Featured speaker at the banquet will be Dr. Eldon Baber, chairman of the Department of Interpersonal Communication at the University of Montana.

The Saturday Jan. 23 session will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Each person attending the symposium can register for a lecture per session and one of the workshops.

Cost for the symposium for the banquet which is optional and \$3 registration fee which includes the cost for breakfast lunch at Sat., Jan. 23.

Persons interested in more information can call 237-7071.

Shuttle bus shows limited student use

Response to the intra-campus bus shuttle "has been less than enthusiastic," Kilbourn Janecek reported to the Campus Committee Friday.

The shuttle received the greatest use Monday, Jan. 12, when 15 students used the bus,

Janecek reported.

The problem is that students haven't yet heard about the shuttle, Janecek surmised. Posters and flyers explaining the time schedule haven't been distributed due to production mixups, Janecek said.

The shuttle is to make it easier for students to use the library at night.

The shuttle makes a complete circuit of the campus, including University Village and the dorms twice every hour between 5:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Students can get on at any of 12 pick up points or can wave it down anywhere along its route.

A time schedule is posted in the library and should be posted around campus in the near future.

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Johnson responsible for head residents

The head resident (HR) is responsible for one particular residence hall, its occupants and facilities, and seeing that the administrative and operational functions of the hall are carried out.

The HR is responsible to Ed Johnson, housing coordinator, in meeting the needs of both the Dean of Students Office and the Department of Housing.

Each HR meets individually with Johnson once a week; HRs also meet with Johnson once a week as a group to discuss things that are going on. If anyone has a problem, they may bring it up in front of the group for suggestions and help from the group.

"Very seldom do I lay down black and white rule as far as changes I want to see. More often it's a suggestion," Johnson, third-year coordinator, said.

The HRs and hall staff are responsible for maintaining in their halls an atmosphere conducive to pursuing academic, social and cultural activities.

"We expect HRs to be leaders in these types of areas, not to take away the responsibility of all government or the individual students, but the head resident can be a facilitating force to see that some of these things do occur and are made available," Johnson said.

The HR and staff are first

responsible for the welfare of residents as individual students in the university setting and second for the care and maintenance of the physical facilities of the residence hall.

HRs supervise the staff of resident assistants and it's up to them to decide how the duties and responsibilities are carried out as a staff, Johnson said.

General duties include maintaining records of residents moving in and out or changing rooms. Also damage reports, when needed, must be completed. Students must be checked in and out of the hall and room inventory must be done.

The HR must be prepared to assist students with questions regarding rules and regulations of university housing. Also, the HR must be prepared to listen to students' personal, educational, or occupational problems.

In all areas the HR must be prepared to refer student problems to the appropriate person or department if unable to assist the student further.

"We have large groups of students together and we have certain responsibilities we can't ignore," Johnson explained.

"We are not locking anyone in or out of the building who belongs there. The security is provided for the people within the

building to use. They are given card keys and there are monetary penalties for card key losses as well as other key losses," he said.

Replacement cost for the card key system is greater because it affects more people, Johnson continued.

"But no one is prohibited from using their card key whenever they need to go in or out of the building. We are very aware of the fact that the security system of women's halls, as we perceive it, is for security from people who do not belong in the building. This is for the benefit of the people who live in the building; security of that building is only as good as the women there want it to be," Johnson said.

The minute someone props the door open so someone can get in after that door has been locked, the security system, at that point, is wiped out. Security has been provided, but an individual student has seen fit to jeopardize the security of everyone else in the dorm, he said.

"It's a very difficult point to get across and we can do all the talking we want and yet the end decision is left to the individual student," Johnson said.

Students, especially females, would like to know that the door is locked, but it can't be guaranteed even if the hall staff checks it

periodically, he said.

"Every year we try to make hall government aware that they need to work with us to convey to the students that the responsibility is theirs," Johnson said.

"The students need to come to a point where they say, 'hey, I am living in a situation that demands that I get along with a group of 180 to 400 students and my actions affect anywhere from one to that number.' That's the only basis on which we can operate," Johnson continued.

"As a public institution we are required to have fire drills," he said.

Johnson told of a time when he was a college senior living on the third floor of a dorm. "At two o'clock one morning everyone woke up to the strangest sound they had ever heard. In the total time I had been there no one had ever even heard the fire alarm. There was one person in that dorm who left the building; he was the only one who knew it was a fire alarm. I feel enough responsibility from that one experience that I feel the need to have fire drills," Johnson explained.

"We try to schedule drills when they are not particularly inconvenient but not convenient either. It wouldn't do any good if everyone knew about it. We might as well make it a drill," he said.

HRs act as advisors to the halls in matters of programming and conduct. Each hall has its own student government that plans activities and functions and recommends actions in disciplinary cases. The HR is expected to help these organizations function. In addition to advising J-Boards, the HR will be the administrator who will carry out most of the disciplinary action.

"As much as can be" the HR lets J-Board handle penalties in the dorm. This is something that has really grown, Johnson said. A better understanding on the part of the administration and the students as to the disciplinary system has been set up, he said.

"We would like to see the philosophy carried down to the students that this is a responsibility of living together. It's not a responsibility that is a rule," he said.

The majority of students support the idea that SU is a conservative institution in many of its regulations, he said.

"We get requests for liberalization of policies, but we have not normally found that these come from a majority of the students and we definitely don't feel that they have a majority of support from the taxpayers. That's something I don't have to worry about, but the president does," Johnson said.

Plants becoming new craze for creative dorm decorating

By Kathy Kingston

Decorating with posters and wall hangings to brighten up otherwise typical dorm rooms has been outdone by a new fad — decorating with plants.

The increase in plant life in dorms is evident by the attention now given to "plant-sitting" over quarter breaks and holidays.

"I took care of about 200 plants in Thompson Hall over Christmas break," junior Linda Larson, resident assistant (RA) in Thompson Hall, said, "and one girl brought her orange tree over from Severinson."

Larson started collecting her own plants last year and now has 15 in her room besides slips she has taken to start more. "These rooms are so bare," she said, "and I needed something that was living."

"I've called the North Dakota Extension service and florists and found they're very helpful when it comes to sick plants," Larson said.

The rising interest in plants and plant care is also evident by the increased enrollment in horticulture classes. Although there are many reasons for the increased enrollment over the years, other than a new interest in plants, Lab 207 has changed from a more commercial aspect to an emphasis on developing interest in home horticulture.

The students have an opportunity to work with house plants, as about one-third of the lab involves learning to propagate plants from stem cuttings, leaf cuttings and leaf-bud cuttings and to transplant them.

Part of the course involves a

unit on greenhouses that also provides some plant care instruction.

Dr. E.W. Scholz, a horticulturalist specializing in vegetable crops, teaches this lab with the idea that practical application will benefit the student, he said.

"I wish the class could be taught spring and summer quarters so the student could work with outdoor plants," he said.

Light is the limiting factor in the winter months," Scholz said, "so fertilizing isn't necessary. "South and west windows are best for providing enough light, he suggested.

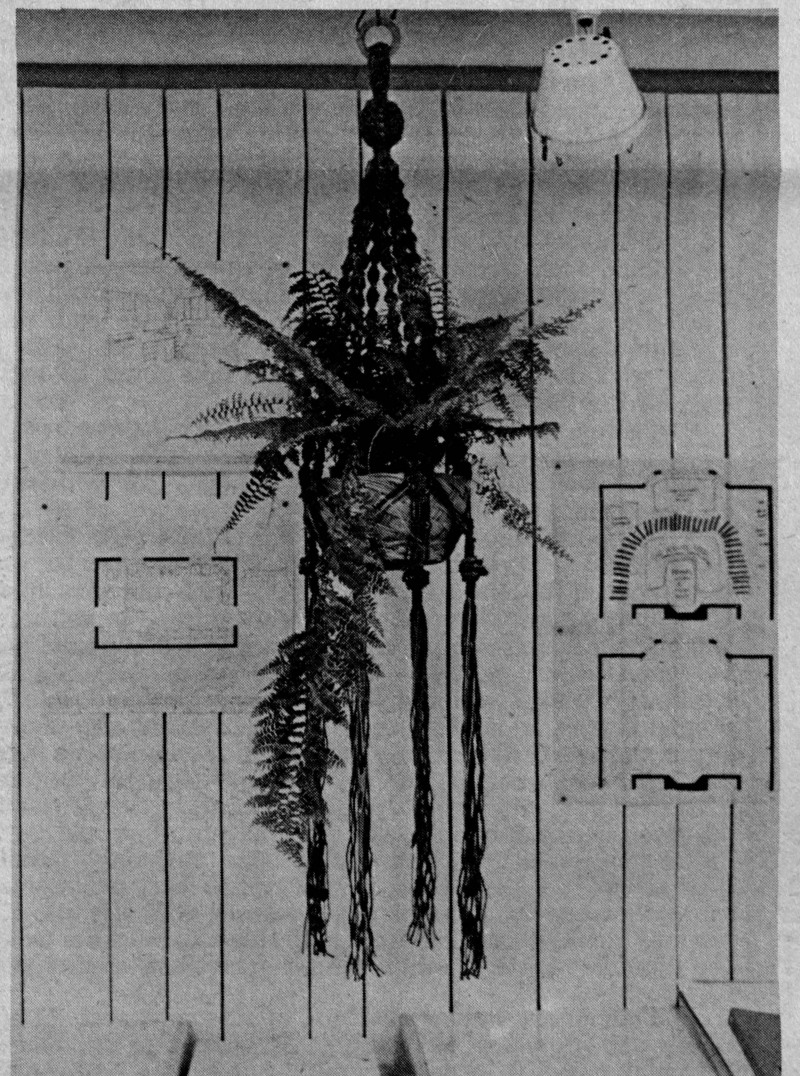
"Not too many of my students ask about problems with their plants unless they have the misfortune of having a north window, he added.

Plants that aren't as dependent on light as others are the



Everybody is trying to make a buck off the plant craze.

(photo by Ken Jorgensen)



Plants can be found almost anywhere—from dorm rooms to the Home Ec. building.

ferns, African violets, begonias and philodendrons and would probably survive in dorm rooms with limited light, according to Scholz.

"The rule in caring for plants is to soak them well, let them dry out, and soak them again," he said. "Misting plants is good, too," Scholz said, "as it adds humidity when the relative humidity indoors is low in the winter.

Cactus plants will also survive with very little care. Michelle Anderson, an SU senior, has made sandpainting one of her hobbies to decorate the glass containers she plants her cacti in.

"It takes about three hours to finish a scene, using cuticle sticks and teaspoons to move the colored sand into patterns of mountain, oceans, seagulls and clouds, zig-zag designs, or just about anything," she said.

"I give a lot of them away as gifts," she said, "and even my brother has time to take care of a cactus that only has to be watered once every two weeks."

Plants in dorm rooms are found in anything from clay pots to ceramic knick-knacks to peanut butter jars. Macrame hangers, metal stands, book cases, plant poles add to the existing space for students with an abundance of plant life taking over their rooms.

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editorial

To grade or not to grade

Charges of grade inflation and poor student performance coupled with the changing of the evaluation of student performance from a letter grade to a pass/fail option has once again brought the grading system and its relevance, or lack thereof, under fire.

Gary Engstrand, administrative assistant to University of Minnesota Vice President Walter Bruning, found, in a recent study of grades and grading, that more students than ever are receiving As and Bs. A short synopsis of his study of U of M grades from 1955-1974 shows that in the General College the number of As and Bs given rose from 29 per cent in 1955 to 60 per cent in 1974. A similar decrease was noted in the number of Cs and Ds handed out.

The issue is stark: How relevant and accurate an evaluation are today's grades of student progress and performance?

Our answer is "not very."

The grade itself is perhaps the only constant (the only item universally recognized; A is better than B, B is better than C and so forth) in the entire grading system. A Zoology course in which an A is given may be twice as difficult (or twice as easy) as the Botany class in which an A is also given. Or, the Zoo class could require twice as much preparation, twice as much lab work, twice as much reading, etc.

To continue with the list of unconstants, the test given by Professor Z could be twice as long or twice as complicated as that given by Professor B. And, perhaps Professor A has a grading range in which an A is anything from 85-100 per cent whereas Professor B's criteria insist upon at least a 94 percentile for an A to be awarded. To further complicate the grading process, Professor C may grade on a bell curve while Professor D may grade on personal preference.

Thus the obvious: A grade in one class MAY NOT and most probably DOES NOT mean the same as the same grade in another class. Furthermore, grading standards may vary from university to university, thus a grade from one institution may not be the equivalent of the same grade from another institution.

This problem is very real and very immediate. Students are finding their transcripts of grades almost meaningless in their applications for jobs or continued education. Those who study hard for their academic excellence and take difficult classes are being viewed with the same suspicion as those who do not work as hard and take only "slough" classes from "easy" professors.

If grades are serving no purpose, or very little at best, it is time for the academic institutions of this country to establish new and more relevant criteria on which to evaluate students.

The possibilities are endless and complicated. Institutions could switch from a letter grade system to one monopolized by the pass/fail system, with the pass mark encompassing only those students who fulfilled more than a minimum of class requirements. Or, professors could pass everyone, replacing the conventional grade with a short synopsis of each student's performance entered in that student's transcript. The same professor could also recommend the re-enrollment of a student in the same class if the professor feels that the student has not adequately fulfilled class requirements or has not gained sufficient expertise to be given credit for that class. Another option would be to revise the credit requirements of the university, making them more flexible and making the credits awarded per class more flexible--an A letter grade earning four credits, a B earning three, C earning two . . . In this way students would be required to take more classes if grades and credits were deficiently low.

Failing the implementation of any new system, students and professors alike should be warned of the dangers of grade inflation. Students should not expect As for work poorly performed. Professors should not feel required to give As if none are deserved. Nor should they feel required to lower class standards if students are not willing to work for the As they lust after.

The real irrelevance of grades per se is emphasized by those scholars who realize that it is not the letter grade that is the pinnacle of importance in education. Long after that grade, A or C, is forgotten, the essential matter is the remembering of that which the class propelled you to learn. And, that knowledge, not the superficial exhibition of its attainment, is the real meaning and purpose of education.

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to the editor:

A situation that has baffled me since I began school here is why and how can textbooks be bought at staggering prices, sold back for half the original price, and then resold by the bookstore for nearly the same price as at the beginning of the vicious circle.

Inquiring about this, I learned that the underlying cause of the depreciatory transaction is not my previously held suspicion of huge profits made by the bookstore and/or the publishing companies, but the short life span of most books.

We all know that it is becoming increasingly difficult to hand down and exchange books from year to year, even from quarter to quarter because of constantly changing texts required for the exact same course.

Maybe a more planned, long-range selection of texts by instructors for their courses would help to diminish this seemingly unnecessary premature obsolescence.

Brian Lee

to the editor:

"I am black (light brown skin complexion), 32 years old, 5'10" tall, weighing about 159½ pounds, seeking a white female pen pal to correspond with me. I'm very honest, sincere, and frank, and I like people to be honest, sincere, and frank with me. I love music, mostly jazz, some rhythm and blues, a little rock and roll, depending who the artist or group may be. My astrology sign is Pisces (Feb. 20), born around 1:15 a.m. in the morning, but on what day I don't know. (Smiles). I like sports, such as baseball, basketball and football games, track and tennis meets. I'm very fond of children. I do a lot of painting and drawing in my spare

time, as a hobby. And, I am a little handsome, too. (More smiles.) I'd write a letter up to the moon, if I thought someone was on it that would answer it. (Another smile.) John L. Wright No. 124730, P.O. Box 787, Southern Ohio Correctional Facility, Lucasville, Ohio 45648.

Sincerely,

John L. Wright 124730

to the editor:

Recently I attend a coffeehouse on one of the local campuses, I was amazed by the size of the audience compared to coffeehouses sponsored by Campus Attractions (CA). Wooden Nickel attendance for Barry Drake was capacity each of the three nights he played compared to a sparse handful when he performed at the West Dining Center.

Apparently the people of SU don't care where their money goes, or what it does for them in CA. Of the \$64,000 allotted to CA, only \$13,000 is used for concerts. Which leave \$51,000 of student money for films, mini concerts, TV and Coffeehouses.

Most of the people on this campus must take CA for granted and expect them to produce a concert when there is a need. As stated earlier, CA is more than just concerts, its your money, CA spends it in your interest and apparently 6,000 students are very busy in the nights of the coffeehouses because only 30 people manage to attend.

These events are for you the student, its your money.

Jeff Myers

Former Business Manager CA

to the editor:

With all the discussion about the seemingly inability of anyone to resolve the traffic problem which has been devoted so much

space in the Spectrum recently am disillusioned as to whether the problem has been blown out of proportion by some students.

It seems to me that if one breaks a traffic rule that is set up for his benefit, he should be aware of the consequences. If afraid if there were no regulations at all on campus, as far as regulation and parking are concerned, we might quickly find that any movement on campus would be quite unpleasant.

I feel that the campus security personnel are necessary for protection as well as other services we don't easily recognize not only for towing cars and writing out tickets. I must be able to say that some reform is necessary, though.

Possibly the whole problem could be solved by either of the general changes.

The banning of all service motor vehicles from campus. This would entail parking on the perimeters of campus and walking to where ever one needs to go.

Another general change would be to place the campus under the Fargo Police Department. I'm not in favor of myself, since we might have problems with this arrangement. It would be quite possible that Fargo police might react differently than the campus police if they entered a dorm and saw little marijuana or saw someone drinking on the grounds. There are different ways of handling different situations and I think that with the understanding of the Administration has with the Fargo Police Department a potentially unfavorable situation are averted.

I think we must balance the present system with what might eventually have and our conclusions from that.

Rob K

Working as problem solving group for change

NoDaPIRG

By Steve Bolme

NOTE: This is the second of a six part series relating to efforts to establish a Public Interest Research Group in North Dakota (to be called NoDaPIRG).

In seeking to represent broad areas of public concern in the decision-making process, the North Dakota Public Interest Research Group (NoDaPIRG) will operate as a problem solving group working for change within established legal and political terms. NoDaPIRG is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization controlled by a state-wide board of student representatives.

NoDaPIRG is now filed with

the Secretary of State of North Dakota as a non-profit corporation and is filing with the Internal Revenue Service for tax exempt status as appropriate for a public interest lobbying organization.

NoDaPIRG's board of directors, selected by students at participating schools, will seek to identify issues on which to focus the attention of the professional staff and the student researchers. These issues will be areas of student concern and problems which students agree to be deserving attention.

Issues will be presented to the NoDaPIRG board of directors by students, faculty members,

community groups and the NoDaPIRG professional staff. After thorough investigation of an issue, NoDaPIRG will make an evaluation of the seriousness of the problem presented, the possible effectiveness of NoDaPIRG action, the priorities between conflicting issues and the value of remedies available.

After a determination by the student board of directors of the issues on which NoDaPIRG is to act, the professional staff will begin a course of action designed to accomplish the objectives as set by the board. It is expected that NoDaPIRG will normally embark on a program of public

education--publishing the findings and conclusions of the scientists and lawyers on its professional staff, student researchers and outside experts who may be brought in for consultation. Hopefully, public concern aroused by this means will help to bring about satisfactory resolution of a problem.

However, NoDaPIRG will seek to represent the interests articulated by its board on several fronts at once, where appropriate. Thus full representation of the public interest on an issue may require simultaneous representation before four independent forums: the public itself (through a program of public education), the legislature, administrative and regulatory agencies, and, if necessary, the courts. Only through this full orchestration of public interest action can NoDaPIRG hope to achieve satisfactory results.

The Young Democrats are reorganizing for political year 1976. Anyone interested meet in Room 203 of the Union at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 21. State Convention will be discussed and all interested be there or contact Steve Tomac, 2378887

ASCE will meet Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. at the Dean's Palace. Annual elections will be held. Richard Madsen, representing the Audobon Society will speak on the Garrison Diversion Project.

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Chinese observe Lunar New Year

The Chinese Student Association, a tri-college organization, will sponsor a China Night celebrating the Chinese Lunar New Year. The celebration is open to the public and will take place in the Union Ballroom at 6 p.m. on Jan. 31.

There is a charge of \$5 per person. Tickets are available through the Chinese Student Association, the YWCA, and the Student union activity desk.

Teresa Feng, president of the association, said this is the year of the Dragon, which means that people born in 1964 celebrate their first birthday of the Dragon. Dragon people are supposed to be powerful, active and full of energy.

9:30 p.m.

The exhibits will be Chinese paintings, Chinese handicrafts, Chinese foods and a slide presentation on Taiwan.

Dinner will be a six course meal. The meal appetizer will be fried wonton, after this a chicken and corn soup will be served. Next comes wrapped chicken and ham followed by a special pork dish. Fried rice followed by a dessert of a special jello and fruit cocktail will complete the meal.

of what they call lucky money. The lucky money they are allowed to spend on what ever they live.

There are many parades and fireworks in China on New Years Day. The reasons for the use of firecrackers in China is to honor the immortals, scare away evil spirits and to bring delight to the people.

Chinese mark their calendars in cycles of 12 lunar years. Every year has an animal for its name. 1975 was the year of the rabbit. The only mythical animal is the dragon. The other 10 animals are the snake, horse, sheep, monkey, cock, dog, pig, rat, ox and the tiger.

The New Year also is a time for the Chinese to visit their friends and relatives.

Since it includes the Li Ch'un (the beginning of spring and life in general) it gives each Chinese a chance to turn over a new leaf, both personally and commercially. Everyone wishes to make every effort to pay off old debts in money and in loyalty. On this clean slate everyone hopes to write better success and greater happiness.

Feng says this is the first such celebration at SU since 1972 and she hopes that she and the 35 member association can make it time to remember.

China Night will be a cultural change for the Fargo-Moorhead area, Feng noted.

The evening schedule will be as follows: exhibits from 6 to 8:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and programs from 7:30 to

The program will include members of the club singing Chinese songs, playing Chinese instruments and giving a dance exhibit. There will be a special dress exhibit showing the different types of dress worn under the different dynasties. A film documentary on Taiwan will also be shown.

To end the evening there will be a door prize given away.

Feng says that the Chinese New Year is the largest festival in China.

The celebration is a chance for the people to show off their new clothes.

There are no gifts given away during the holiday. Just a packet

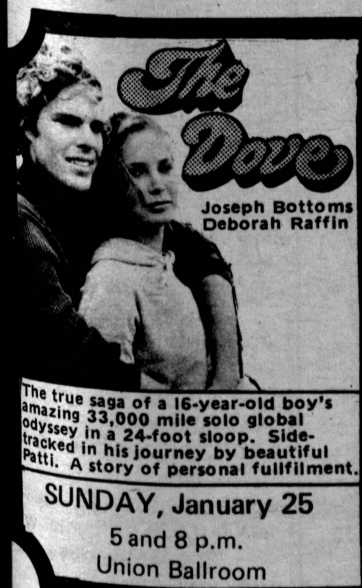
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the arts file

Gallery continues series

TODAY

7:30 p.m.--"Pygmalion" (1938), starring Leslie Howard and Wendy Hiller, is this week's Campus Cinema Nickelodian film in the Ballroom. This is the original version of George Bernard Shaw's play upon which "My Fair Lady" was based.

8 p.m.--KFME, Channel 13, "The Adams Chronicles-John Adams, Lawyer." Premiere episode in a 13-week series of one-hour programs dramatizing 150 years (1750-1900) of history through the events in the lives of four generations of America's Adams family.

WEDNESDAY

8 p.m.--SU Art Gallery presents F.W. Murnau's "Nosferatu" as part of its Film Classics Series in the Main Gallery. This first film version of Bram Stoker's "Dracula" is free to the public.

8 p.m.--KFME, Channel 13, "Dance in America-The City Center Joffrey Ballet." The company performs from its repertoire Gerald Arpino's rock ballet "Trinity," and excerpts from "Parade," "Olympics," and "The Green Table." Also included will be an excerpt from Robert Joffrey's recent and significant classical masterpiece "Remembrances."

THURSDAY

8 p.m.--KFME, Channel 13, "Austin City Limits--Townes Van Zandt and Clifton Chenier." Two musicians with very different styles present the music of their respective traditional folk music background.

8:15 p.m.--Chamber music will be performed by the Mirecourt Trio in Festival Hall. The concert is part of the SU Fine Arts Series and SU students will be admitted free with their Series tickets.

**Red River Art Center
Timothy Ray**

By Beth Bradley

A panel of blues and greens blending together in slender stripes describe "Crow Wing River."

These paintings by Timothy Ray are done without images, but with color and line. Many of them represent rivers, and if you stand far away, you can imagine rippling water and reflections of sunlight on the water.

The striped effect looks like it was created by laying strips of masking tape across the canvas and painting between strips making subtle changes in shade and color as it goes up and down.

"Saltarello" (ink) is done in gold, with purple and green accents. Ray uses a spotted technique in the background that resembles water running together with color.

The largest and most unusual painting is "Big Brushy Run" (acrylic enamel.) Red brick tones mingle with browns and cover a whole wall with different patterns of color.

Ray's study of line and color is a new visual experience. You have to be able to look at the works without even an abstract suggestion of form and finding the meaning.

The Film Classics Series presented by SU's Art Gallery continues Wednesday at 8 p.m. with the showing of F.W. Murnau's "Nosferatu." All shows will be held in the Main Gallery which holds less than 100 seated viewers, but there is room to sit on the floor and people are invited to bring cushions along.

In case of an excess turnout, the movies will be moved to the Ballroom.

The objective of the series, which started with the successful showing of "Potemkin" last month, is to introduce cinema as a fine art. Films for the series were chosen for their high artistic level rather than their entertainment value (not that the films aren't entertaining.)

"Nosferatu," (1922) the first film version of Bram Stoker's "Dracula," is a 63 minute long, silent movie. The importance of this film is that it was the first

horror fantasy and its utilization of atmospheric cinema.

"Metropolis" (1926) will be shown Feb. 11 and is the next film in the series. This German movie by Fritz Lang was the most expensive ever made in Europe in its time.

It is an expressionist film about a city of tomorrow with such intensity that Hitler asked Lang to make movies for the Nazis, despite the film's anti-authoritarian overtones. For fear of his life, the young director fled Germany.

Alfred Hitchcock's best remembered early thriller, "39 Steps" (1934) will be shown March 3.

Ingmar Bergman's classic, "The Seventh Seal" (1956) will be presented April 28. This film watches the Black Death as it ravages Europe and casts a suspicious eye at Block, a knight returning home from the Crusades

to play an infamous game of with the spectre.

Cannes Film Festival Academy Award winner, "Orpheus" (1960) is the final of the series to be shown. Marcel Camus' film retells legend of Orpheus and Euridice in a modern setting, a negro setting of Rio de Janeiro.

Beautiful music and photography contribute to the exoticism of this movie.

In addition to the films, "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" (1974) will be shown March 24. This film was chosen because of the creative animation of Terry Gilliam that is employed in this crazy story of King Arthur.

Additional information on these films is available from Gallery Director Susan M. who related that the films in this series are comparable to those shown in an undergraduate cinema course.

AA workshop helps relieve blues

By Kandy Matzek

"I love being a sober drunk," Barbara Berry H., one of the featured speakers at the Alcoholics Anonymous Interaction Workshop held Jan. 10 and 11 at the Moorhead Holiday Inn, said.

Sponsored by the West Fargo AA, the Into Action Workshop was a first for this area, with close to 200 members from across the state of North Dakota in attendance.

The workshop included programs for all the various branches of AA, including Al-Anon for the spouse and friends of the alcoholic, and Ala-Teen for children whose parents have an alcoholism problem.

Activities Saturday after-

noon included small group discussion sessions and the opportunity to view several movies relating to alcoholic problems, including "Alcohol, Drugs or Alternatives" with Christopher George and Tommy Smothers. The banquet Saturday evening was highlighted by the presentation given by a St. Paul, Minn., couple, Barbara Berry H. and Rob E. H.

Rob E. H. had been involved in the use of both drugs and alcohol before becoming an AA member, and he defined the dependency theory of addiction for the workshop group. Consisting of three parts, Intention, Technique and Goal, he explained how chemical addiction arises. Intention is to find adventure, love and joy.

Technique is through drug and alcohol, with the final Goal of happiness. While the Intention is successful for a time, it eventually is short circuited and technique becomes Goal. This intention, with it then becoming necessary to change the Technique the pursuit of the original Goal happiness.

Rob. E. H. also explained the Johari Window, a definitively self. Originated by two psychiatrists, the Window consists of four parts of human realization. Secret is the part of self that is hidden from others, Secret is the part of self that is known to others but not expressed. Blind is the part of oneself that is developed through other people's reactions toward that self. Self-Concept is one's own opinion of self.

Barbara Berry H., an alcoholic of twenty-one years, described her struggle with alcoholism and the changes that have taken place within her self since she went through therapy and in coming to sobriety.

"Faith in ourselves is the hardest part of all," she said. "Faith is the bird that feeds on light and sings when the sun is dark."

Anxiety and worry turn into slaves, destroying prosperity in life and love. The average person is a resentful person and a regretter by nature. The alcoholic is also a resentful person, resents both the people he loves and those he doesn't. He is the regretter, regretting what he has done and what didn't happen, she said.

The workshop was held from 8 to a close with breakfast on the morning. The speakers at the workshop were a Minot, N.D., woman who lived with an alcoholic husband. Nada B. was a housewife whose social drinking developed into problem drinking. Her husband Allen and daughter described their experiences living with an alcoholic.

The workshop will be held annually in January, a tradition that is an especially difficult one for the alcoholic after the holiday season.

"The workshop helps you get rid of the blues," one speaker said. "We can get together and talk out our difficulties."

Anyone interested in joining an Alcoholics Anonymous group at SU is asked to contact Dianne at 237-7334.



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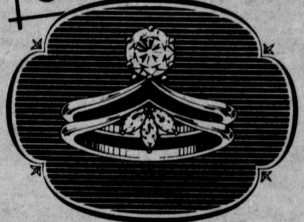
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Herd picks up two wins to tie for second

By Jake Beckel

The Thundering Herd left the University of South Dakota Morningside College in a cloud of dust this weekend as they pulled out their first and second wins of the young season in the North Central Conference. These games marked the beginning of the Herd's climb to the top of the NCC title as they moved into a tie for second place. UND leads the NCC with a 10-1 record and have won the title for the past two years, but if anyone else can win the title Saturday night will disagree who will win this year.

The Bison played some of their best basketball this weekend as they are not going to play second fiddle in the conference as they have for the past two years. Morningside 85-75

On Friday night 3,500 fans watched Mark Emerson show his sophomore All-Conference form as he scored his career high of 29 points. This, with his outbreak against the Sioux last week gave him a 26.5 points per game scoring average in the NCC.

Steve Saladino could not play any better scoring 25 points and collecting 19 rebounds. Saladino was 10-18 for the field and 5-6 at the free throw line. Davidson rounded out the team in double figures with 17 points.

In the first half it was all SU. The Herd shot a fair 47 percent, rebounded Morningside 28-18 and led at half time 45-33.

The Maroon Chiefs were really never in the game, but in the second half they did get as close as five points with 9:15 remaining, 60-55. The Herd played the rest of the game with a 10 point cushion and in the final three minutes the Bison went into their stalling weave and capitalized on four easy layups.

The Maroon Chiefs were led by forwards Doug Schultz and Keith Koehler both with 16 points. Schultz came off the bench in the second half to score all of his in the last 18 minutes.

University of South Dakota 76-68

Saturday night was a little different from Friday as the University of South Dakota Coyotes were almost more than a match for the Herd. They pulled the rug out from under the Herd only to lose in the final minutes by eight points, 76-68.

With only eight minutes left in the second half, the Herd found themselves down 56-49 and sinking lower. The Bison were getting beat at both ends of the floor and Head Coach Marv Skaar returned a rested Saladino and Emerson to the lineup.

In the next three minutes the Herd outscored the Coyotes 13-2 and the Bison had the lead 62-58 and never lost it. After this outburst the Coyotes came within two points three times, but the Bison used their usual stall and ran out the final few minutes getting five easy layups in the process.

The Bison had well balanced



SU's Mark Emerson goes high to stop this shot during their game against USD.

scoring with Bob Nagle hitting 18, followed by Saladino with 17, Davidson 16 and Emerson had 11 points.

South Dakota was lead by sharpshooter Brian Powers with a game high of 28 points, but the big news was the Herd holding the Coyote's leading scorer Rick Nissen to four. He did have a semi-sprained ankle from the game against UND.

SU is now 10-5 on the season and 2-1 in NCC play. Our next

games are away Friday and Saturday against the University of Northern Iowa and Mankato State University.

they expect to keep up with the high flying Sioux, UND plays the same team only on the opposite night of the Bison.

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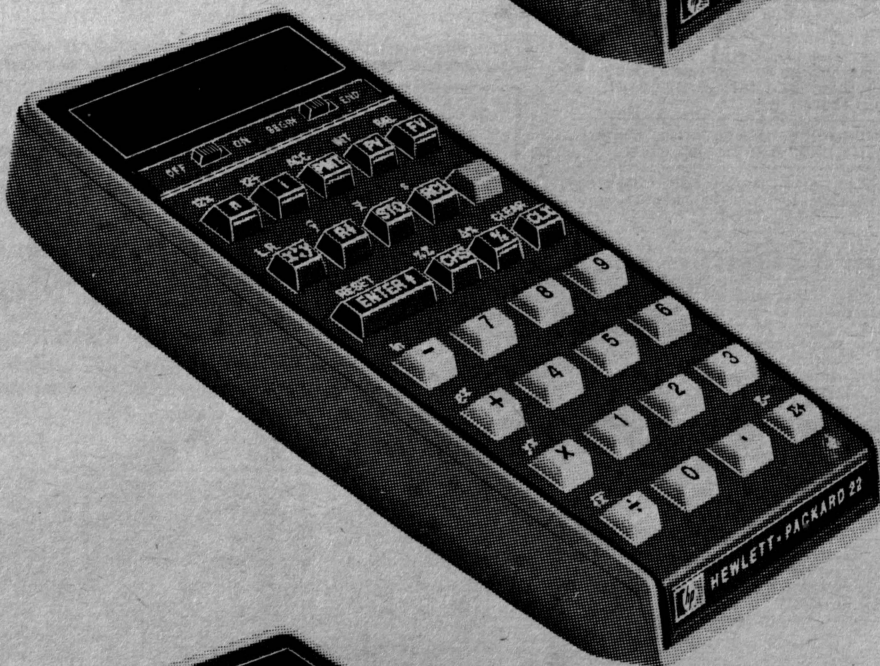
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