National Women's Conference historic milestone for women
by Ellen Kosse
For the first time since 1848, women met under national auspices to discuss women's concerns. Taking women's concerns. Taking
place in Houston, Texas, the National Women's Conference was held Nov. 18 through 21.
It was one of the most historic things that women have done, according to Katherine Burgum, dean of Home Economics, who was one of 12 delegates chosen last June in a free election in Bismarck to represent North Dakota.

Representatives elected to attend the national conference were to be representative of the "make-up of the state," said Burgum. "We were trying to get a group to represent different ethnic, represent different ethnic,
geographic, and economic groups," she explained.
This goal was realized in North Dakota's case. "The diversity was fantastic. There were women from every walk of life."
"This was one of the most exciting things about the conference," said Burgum.
There were exceptions to this commendable diversity, however. The delegation from Mississippi, whose population is 35 per cent Black, attended with an allwhite group of representatives. Their group was censured by the National Committee at the opening of the conference, explained Burgum.

Other problems encountered at the conference included the activities of the anti-ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) faction.
"They very deftly tried, through parlimentary procedure, to slow the conference down," said Burgum. She expressed criticism of the faction on this basis, as they did not present their views in a concise pro and con manner, a concise pro and "on manner," but relied on "sabotage."
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politicial manuevering at the conference," she said.
The basis of the conference revolved around resolutions, written by the individual states prior to the national conference.
"The concerns that were addressed were a broad range of concerns," explained Burgum, "not only the issues of abortion and ERA centered on by the media.

About 35 topics were discussed in Houston, ranging from the controversial issues of abortion and ERA to decisions concerning credit and child abuse.
The most important issue discussed in Burgum's view was ERA. But she expressed
of anti-ERA publicity surrounding the topic recently. "I think there's a lot of confusion about ERA," she of confusion about ERA, she
said. Those against ERA have created this "climate of confusion." Three more states are needed by 1979 to ratify ERA.
"The first issue everyone agreed on was credit," she said. This resolution restated the original IWY (International Women's Year) Commission recommendation that was adopted by 38 state meetings urging enforcement of the existing Federal Equal Credit Opportunity Act of 1974 and an additional IWY recommendation stating that the "Federal Reserve Board should conduct a nationwide educational campaign to inform women of their rights under the law."
The resolutions concerning reproductive freedom and sexual preference were the most hotly debated issues, according to Burgum.
The reproductive freedom resolution included support for sex education in all schools, U.S. Supreme Court decisions guaranteeing reproductive freedom to women, as well as opposing the exclusion of abortion or childbirth and pregnancyrelated care from federal, state or local funding of medical services or from privately financed medical services.
The sexual preference resolution urged Congress, State and local legislatures to enact legislation to eliminate discrimination on the basis of sexual and affectional preference and to reform penal codes that restrict private sexual behavior between consenting adults.
North Dakota has already reformed its penal code regarding the points made in this resolution, according to Burgum.

The issues that moved me the most in terms of compassion for others was the minority resolution," she said. The original resolution


Katherine Burgum
was brief and a strong attempt was made to amend it. This attempt gathered powerful support, even by blocks of anti-ERA women.
The outcome reflected this support as the resolution was amended. "I was really so pleased with the women," said Burgum.
"Most surprising to me was that this diverse group could move through this procedure and accomplish our goals."
The conference as a whole was a "success" according to Burgum, although "I didn't agree with everything that was passed."
"These resolutions were recommendations," she explained.

Some things that I believe in I wouldn't vote for (legisation) perhaps because of economic feasibility.
This year's National Womens Conference was made possible through an appropriation of $\$ 5$ million from Congress to be spent over a two year period. Since women from any economic background were thus enabled to attend, this allocation "made it the broadbased conference that it was," said Burgum. "Granted this is a lot of money," she said, "but when you're looking at half the voting population, it's worth it.'

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The American Institute of Industrial Engineers will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec.
13, in Room 225 of the IE, CE Building. Planned are discussions of the Engineering Day project, intramural activities and dues collection. Refreshments will be served during the meeting.
Civil Engineers
The American Society of Civil Engineers will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, in Room 101 of the IE, CE Building. Henry Grossgreatz will speak on foundation engineering.
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This ruling only applies to job security and does not include sick pay for time taken off due to pregnancy. Even though this was not included it isn't considered a major setback for women.
As was pointed out at the Women's Conference in Houston women have been fighting for their rights since 1898 so any legislation that helps the situation is an improvement.
At least allowing women to retain seniority rights gives them some security in careers. If a woman wants to have a career and a family both, she shouldn't be penalized for that. If a woman can handle both and do a good job at both then let her.
Women will no longer have to worry about losing jobs and being laid off due to lack of seniority. Since
in the past women and minority people been the first to be laid off and this will be an in provement.
The Supreme Court, by taking this action, going to cause some controversy with the busine community but once the newness wears off it w become standard practice without a secor thought.
Any change takes time for people to become customed to but it is about time that acceptance women's rights becomes a fact, not just a conver ational topic over cocktails or something.
The Congress could help this acceptance along at least giving in and allowing abortions for heal reasons and in cases of forced rape. Allowin federal funding for these two cases wouldn't asking for too much. At least then every woms would have the opportunity to govern her own li to some degree.


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## backspace <br> by Andre Stephenson

attendance policy is in the news and Monday it again comes up for val in the University I'll wager that if it won't end up all as it was
because few ors listen to what's said. Each one has his idea of the issue and re all too busy massacrthe language and intent amendments to listen to other.
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been our minimum requirement of our instructors.

This gives students something they're afraid of and don't always want-responsibility. It says that students can't be graded on attendance, but they can be graded on participation. If they are not there to participate, that lack of participation can affect their grades. There's little difference between an absent student and one who merely warms the chair.

In the words of the Student Affairs committee, "Education is a two-way street.'

## treet.

When considering the new language Monday, I urge the University Senate to include this "class participation" wording.


He decided to see her again.
She asked him, "Where and when?"
"Rather than fight snow
To the fieldhouse we'll go."
But they found they couldn't get in.
(Among you, who would have supposed The "Palace" would have been closed. That home for the jocks
For students has locks,
Yet that's where "activity fee" goes.)

## to the editor:

Whenever a large number of teams compete in one intramural sport, the intramural director divides the teams into leagues, the teams play a round robin tournament within each league and determine a champion. The primary reason for dividing the teams into leagues for the entire season is to minimize the creative thinking used by the intramural director.
There is an alternate tournament format known as the Swiss System. It is similar to the elimination tournament in that teams with similar scores are paired in every round. The Swiss System differs from the elimination tournament in that a team's number of wins is the team's score and the order of wins is

to the editor:
There once was a guy at SU
Who often had little to do.
He liked to go swimmin',
There lookin' for women;
He met there a girl named Lou.
immaterial. This produces a much fairer ranking of teams at the end of the tournament, especially if the Harkness Variation (automatic seeding within each score group) was used. Tie games are allowed under the Swiss System and no team is ever eliminated. The Swiss System is flexible enough that it can easily be adapted to any dual team sport or any dual individual sport. A variation of the Swiss System could be developed for wrestling that would eliminate the need for weight classes and still produce even pairings and
fair results.
Most of the potential communications problems for the intramural director and also for the team captains can be prevented by careful planning and scheduling by the intramural director. The scheduling limitations of men's intramural basketball are not sufficient to limit the director's choice of tournament format. If you want the Swiss System to be used in any intramural sport, call Peter Dittman at 237-7447 and Dr. Thomas Barnhart at 237-8981.
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An escape from this crazy routine was offered to SU students during the Fine Arts Fair held Dec. 5th through the 7th in the Memorial Union.
There were 14 artists involved in the fair.
"We wanted everyone to have the opportunity to purchase some nice handmade gifts for Christmas," said Carol Morrow, coordinator of the fair.
"This fair adds to the festivities of the season. It's nice to have all of this going on," explained Morrow.
The artists were very pleased with the way the fair was going.
"One woman who was selling salt dough items sold out the first day," said Morrow.
"This is the nicest place to have a fair. Everyone is very helpful," said Romayne Fuglestade, an artist involved in the fair.
Pat Gjerde entitled her display "Natural Designs."
This display included handmade candle holders, Christmas flower arrangements, woodcraft and boutique items.
"This is my second year in the Art Fair. I really enjoy it," explained Gjerde.
Paul Anderson has taken two adult education classes in pottery. "Other than that,

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cluded vases, cups, ashtrays and goblets.
The price of his pottery ranges from $\$ 3.00$ to $\$ 85.00$.
"For this time of the year, it's an excellent idea to have an Arts Fair," said Anderson.


Friday
The second performance of the sixth annual Madrigal Dinner will be presented tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.

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Jelly Roll Morton compositions as played by Earl Hines, Fletcher Henderson and other groups will be offered at 8:30 p.m. on KDSUFM, Stereo 92, when Hazen Schumacher presents National Public Radio's "Jazz Revisited."

William Shakespeare's comedy classic "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is presented tonight on KFME, Channel 13, at 10:30 p.m. Cast includes James Cagney, Olivia de Havilland, Mickey Rooney, Dick Powell, Joe E Brown, and Victor Jory.

## Saturday

Graduate and professional education for doctors, lawyers and businessmen is the fastest growing level of higher education. On "Options in Education" at 11 a.m. on KDSU-FM, Stereo 92, the question is whether the growth is in response to society's need for professionals, or are professionals themselves and the schools for that train them shaping society's need for them? This is the first in a two-part series titled "The professional School Syndrome."

The Barry Harris Trio with Gallery hours are from. guest, alto Wednesday through Su

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# Iomen's basketball records rst season win Tuesday 

eSU women's basketball jumped to a 10-point in the first half, and held to defeat the NDSSS to defeat $78-64$, at the Old cats, thouse Tuesday evening. e victory was the first of e victory was the first of
season for the youthful n , as they evened their dat 1 and 1 .
m really happy to have victory," said first year Paul McKinnon, shortter his first victory as a
collegiate coach.
"We did some things right, but there is still a lot of room for improvement," said McKinnon. "We still aren't playing as well as I believe this team is capable of playing."
The Bison were ahead 10 to 6 with 16:14 left in the first half, before they outscored the Wildcats 12 to 2 in the next four minutes to take a commanding 22 to 8 lead.


## ecreation Center sponsoring eek of campus tournaments

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evening at $5: 30$ p.m. at the Recreation Center and con tinues at 10 a.m. tomorrow.
The top five bowlers in total pins will make up the team. The entry fee is three dollars.
Last year the women's team finished second in the Regional Tournament and fourth in the Sectional Tournament.

Selection of the men's bowling team will start tomorrow at 2 p.m. at the Recreation Center and continue on Sunday at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$.
The top five bowlers in total pins will also qualify for the men's team. The entry fee for the men is four dollars.
The Recreation Center will also hold a chess tournament on Monday and Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

The chess team will consist of two members. The two qualifiers will be determined

The score stood at 40 to 31 at the half, after the Wildcats had some success with a new man-to-man defense.

The teams traded baskets throughout most of the second half until the Bison lead was cut to 68 to 60 with 3:30 left to play.

That was as close as the Wildcats could get as the Bison used the "bench strength" to expand their lead to the final 14 -point bulge.
Mary Olinger led the Bison with 18 points, Julie Glasoe added 16, Jan Christensen contributed 15 and Diann Fischer netted 10. Fischer led the Bison with 14 rebounds and Carol Devich added eight as the Bison outrebounded the taller Wildcats 43-39.
Jeanne Rettig led the Wildcats with 19 points and 6 -foot 1-inch Joan Brockhaus scored 19 points and grabbed a game-high 16 rebounds for NDSSS.
The Bison shot 44 percent from the field end and they shot 9 of 13 from the free throw line for 69 percent as the Wildcats were forced to foul late in the game.
"Defensively we were sharp in the first half," said McKinnon. "We were playing tight defense later in the game and we started to get some costly fouls.'
"Our defense must learn to adapt to defensive changes much quicker," continued McKinnon. "We have to run and be effective on the press to keep their big people from controlling the boards."
McKinnon explained why two freshmen started, "Our freshmen are playing a big role and they are very poised for freshmen."
"I have no starting five," added McKinnon. "I want to have competition between the players for the betterment of the team.'
under the Swiss Point System and the entry fee is one dollar.

Table tennis will be held in the New Fieldhouse Concourse next Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

The competition will be double elimination and there will be one man and one woman qualifier. The entry fee is one dollar.
A double elimination pocket billiards tournament was held yesterday and Wednesday. Both men's and women's teams were chosen.
Table soccer or foosball was held yesterday and it was a double elimination tournament with one team of two members selected.
For more information on the bowling, chess or table tennis tournaments call 237 8911 or contact Jim Hubred, Recreation and Outing Center Manager.

## Track meet open to any interested runner

The Annual Bison Open run in sequence. No pretrack meet will begin at noon registration is required to entomorrow at the New Fieldhouse, and according to Track Coach Bruce Whiting anyone interested in running is invited to participate.
"The Open is a meet designed to be open to anyone," said Whiting. "Anybody who is at the starting line before the gun sounds can run."
The Open is an opportunity for people to compete on an individual basis, and there are no awards given on a team basis.

Members of the Bison track team will be running individually and some runners from area colleges are also expected to compete in the pre-holiday meet.
Heats in the meet will begin at noon and all events will be
ter and the meet does not affect a runner's eligibility.
"It is an early-bird meet to just see what kind of shape all the guys are in," said Whiting. "It is also a lot of fun for students who want to come out and do some running."
The Bison track team will start competition following the Christmas break.
"I'm happy with the team thus far," said Whiting. "We don't have any great sprinters, but from the middle distances and up, we are excellent."
The meet is also open to spectators who want to watch the track meet and some early and interesting indoor competition.

## Men's BB team wins third over Bemidji

The SU basketball team picked up its third straight victory in an $86-55$ nonconference win over Bemidji Tuesday.

The Bison, shooting 60 percent during the first half, were in command throughout the game.
Junior
forward
Paul Shogren led the team with 22 points. Shogren has been leading the team with a 21 point average this year.
Freshman Mike Driscoll

## Wrestlers maintain championship status

by Patrick Seeb
SU wrestlers maintained their champion status at the Omaha Inyitational wrestling tournament there last Saturday as the Bison edged host Omaha 78 to 76 in team points to win the 10 team tourney.
The Bison have entered the tourney in 1970, 1975 and 1977 and have left as winners on each occasion.
Eight Bison wrestlers placed, including three champions.
Kevin Andvik won the championship match against Kevin LeClair of MinnesotaMorris with a score of $3-0$ in an overtime match in the 158 pound competition.
Mark Reimnitz was the eventual champion at 150 pounds after pinning his first two opponents. He defeated Herb Pellinen of Hamline in the finals $2-0$.

Lon Brew, the 142 -pound champ, also pinned his first two men enroute to a 10 to 8 win over Central Missouri State's Steve West in the title match. Brew also earned the honor of being named cooutstanding wrestler of the tournament for his efforts. Judging was tied and Randy Grier, Augustana's heavyweight, was also named cooutstanding wrestler.
Mark Anderson, another Bison wrestler, made it to the
added 12 points and Warner Huss dropped 10 points. Huss also capped the evening with 15 of the Bison's remarkable 61 rebounds.
The Bison blew the game open in the first half when they scored 14 straight points in a mere four and a half minutes. Driscoll added eight of these.
SU returns to action Friday night in Fargo against Cornell, Iowa.
finals before losing to Omaha's Carlos Gonzales at 126 pounds by a score of 5 to 3.

Ron Hilgart, 167, wrestled well enough in the wrestlebacks, after losing to an All-American from Omaha in semi-final action, to earn a third place finish.

Coach Bucky Maughan said the team looked good as a whole with some obvious standouts.
Maughan is looking for a tough week ahead with two tough conference duals. Thursday the Bison will be at Augustana which is ranked fourth in the nation.
Mark Anderson will take on Sam Harrisson who was fourth in the nation last year as well as being named AllAmerican.
Steve Martinson will have a rematch with Belville. Belville upset Martinson at Omaha. Another hard fought match is expected.
Ron Hilgart is also slated against Brian Parlet, at 167, last year's national runnerup.
On Friday the team goes against seventh ranked SDSU in an equally tough dual, where Rob Wilson will go against their 118 -pounder Ron Teague, a Bison open champion twice and defending conference champ.
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## IM sponsoring free thro contest during BB games

The Campus Recreation- tramural t-shirts, Rodac ntramural Sports Program is sponsoring free-throw contests for the fraternities and sororities during half time of the next two Bison basketball games.
During half time of the Bison and Cornell game tonight, the presidents of all participating SU sororities will compete in a free-throw contest.
The president of each sorority will take five shots and the winner will be the president that makes the most free-throws
If there is a tie after five shots, the presidents tied for the lead will participate in sudden death and if they miss any free throws they will be eliminated.
Presidents of participating SU fraternities will compete on Tuesday at half time of the Bison and Concordia basketball game.

It will also be the best of five shots with a sudden death "shoot-off" if a tie results for the lead
A trophy will be awarded to the winning sorority and to the winning fraternity, according to Malcolm Rodacker, graduate assistant in the Intramural Sports Program.

All participants receive in
said.
Men's intramural ba ball started on Tuesday. It consists of 10 leas and 95 teams.
Play has been establis for Sundays from 3:30 to p.m., Mondays, Tuesd and Wednesdays from 8:3 10:30 p.m., and Thursd from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Regular season play last from Dec. 6 to Feb. Each game will have fou minute quarters with minute half.

NCAA rules will go play with all exceptions $n$ in the intramural basket handbook.
Because there are son teams, playoffs will hav be held during spring qua

Entries for women's tramural basketball are Dec. 15 with a manag meeting Jan. 29.

The rest of the winter mural sports activities start after the Chris break.

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