

False alarm rouses West Hall residents Tuesday morning

By Pearce Tefft
Staff Writer

A false fire alarm sent West High Rise residents out of the building at 5 a.m. Tuesday to brave the 32 degree morning air.

Fargo firemen completed a security check while students milled around the nine-story building.

Three engines and a hook and ladder truck were called to the scene.

Harold Martinson, deputy fire chief, said even though it was determined early that the fire alarm was false, standard precautionary measures were taken.

Tim Lee, Campus Security chief, believes the false alarm was caused by faulty wiring.

A smoke alarm just outside of the head resident's apartment was the one that set off the alarm, according to Dennis Arndt, Physical Plant electrician.

Arndt suspects dust particles may have caused an electrical malfunction.

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No snow yet...

Ski enthusiasts bought and sold new and used equipment at the annual ski swap in SU's ballroom. Local sports dealers added to the stock.

(photo by Jeff Wisnewski)

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Need for escort service discussed by senate

By Beth Forkner
Staff Writer

The need for a campus-wide night-escort service was one of the topics discussed at Sunday's Student Senate meeting.

There are several options being considered by Senate, according to Brad Johnson, student president.

The first option is a reorganization of the current night watch, an auxiliary student group of campus security. Johnson would like to see them outfitted with walkie-talkies that the Senate could utilize.

Under this plan, students wanting an escort could call into a central

location where escorts would be dispatched.

Another plan would involve setting up times when groups could walk across campus together. For example, anyone wanting to walk from the library to Weible could meet at the library desk at 10 p.m.

A third alternative would have students calling their dorm's on-duty RA before leaving for home. The student would tell the RA her route and time expected. If she had not arrived within a certain amount of time, the RA would notify campus security, who would then look for the student.

Johnson has not formally

presented these proposals to Tim Lee, chief of campus security. First he wants to put the details on paper and itemize everything that would be needed, such as exactly how the system would work and how it would be financed.

After he has worked out everything, Johnson will present his ideas formally to Lee for his final approval.

Lee, however, feels there are too many problems to be worked out before, if ever, an escort service could be set up.

"First of all," Lee said, "who do we hire as the escorts? Perhaps

the ones we hire are the biggest threats to young ladies on campus."

"I'm not trying to put this down," he continued, "but there are real serious concerns to this project.

A very efficient system would have to be set up in order to oversee and control the escorts.

Liability would also have to be considered. "If there was a rape," said Lee, "the the rapist was one of the escorts, who do you think would be sued? Or, if a girl called but the escort never showed up, and she was raped while walking home by herself, the escort system would be

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Fargo Fire Department Capt. Verdell Taylor stayed perched on high ground as he supervised this part of Fargo's water system flush. The fire department is assisting the city in its efforts to lower bacteria counts in the city's water supply. (Photo by Kirk Kleinschmidt)

Senate seeking students for committee positions

By Chris Sauer

Students wanted. The student senate is still in need of students to fill several positions.

Each of the following committees needs one person. These committees are campus, public events and university relations, academic affairs, student affairs, scheduling and registration, and university athletics.

In addition, two persons are needed for the Board of Campus Attractions and one person is needed to be senate parliamentarian.

These positions can be applied for in the Student Government Office in the Union. The deadline for these applications is Nov. 4.

The senate will make the appointments and student president Brad Johnson can also assign positions with the senate's approval.

Johnson has given a brief rundown of what each committee is expected to do.

Academic affairs coordinates actions for curriculum and course changes and recommends policies for evaluating transfer credits. It sets regulations on admission, probation, suspension and readmission.

The campus committee suggests locations for new buildings and overall landscaping. It suggests policies to meet SU's needs for physical facilities; housing and eating facilities; traffic and parking regulations and plans for sidewalks, streets and parking lots.

The public events and university relations committee is responsible for promoting public events held on campus. It suggests procedures for holding such events and promotes good relations between the university and the public.

The scheduling and registration committee proposes the university calendar. It suggests scheduling policies for classroom and laboratory utilization and recommends improvements in registration procedure.

Student affairs serves as an intermediary for the student body and the faculty. It recommends policies for the establishment and operation of student organizations; adjusting students to university life; student recreation and activities; university information and career guidance

programs for high school students; student conduct; on- and off-campus housing for students; fellowships; loans, grants and awards; use of student fees and any other similar activities.

The university athletics committee promotes high standards in athletic activities. It formulates guidelines for athletic schedules; participation in post-season activities; formation and operation of sports club activities; awards for excellence and eligibility of athletics. It reviews upcoming issues at intercollegiate conference meetings; serves as the SU Board of Control operating under the constitutions of the Intercollegiate Athletic Conferences; stimulates interest in athletic events; reviews the athletic department's budget and acts as a board of appeals for grievances.

The board of Campus Attractions deals with the sponsoring of campus entertainment such as concerts, movies and dances.

The senate parliamentarian is a person responsible for working with the president and other officers to keep the senate meetings running smoothly by establishing and correcting order of business and enforcing parliamentary procedures.

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Presently, campus security's student workers are employed to help with regular matters such as checking on cars and locking up buildings.

The students wear ordinary clothes in order to blend into the general public. That way, Lee feels they are able to see as much as possible that is going on around them.

Campus security will give someone a ride home now, but only in specific instances. For example, if a girl has had a fight with her boyfriend and is being hassled, security will give her a ride.

Lee stresses that security cannot possibly escort everyone home, because his force would spend all their time on escort duties.

Fire from page 1

Despite the suspicions, Arndt said the cause of the false alarm has not been verified.

The alarms are all tied into the central warning system, and the bells sound on all floors.

Lee said evacuation procedures in case of a fire are "cut and dry."

"Go down the nearest stairway and out," students are told.

"Every dorm room on campus has a smoke alarm in it," Lee said. "Each quarter the dorms conduct one fire drill."

Becky Fay, head resident of West High Rise, said students made a quick and orderly evacuation of the building.

"What worries us most is that this may have a 'boy who cried wolf' effect," Fay said. "If we were to have a real fire, some may not respond as quick."

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NCI promotes agricultural grain products

By Gail Williams
Staff Writer

The dedication of the Northern Crops Institute Saturday was a dream come true for Professor Orville Banasik, chairman of the cereal chemistry and technology department.

Dr. Brendon Donnelly, the director, described the institute as a sophisticated organization to promote grain products from the four-state area of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Montana.

The idea for the Northern Crops Institute was originated by Banasik, Donnelly said.

The department of cereal chemistry and technology has been taking foreign-trade teams through its facilities for about 18 years, Banasik said in his dedication speech.

These teams were cosponsored by Great Plains Wheat and the Wheat Commission.

This activity was building up so much that "something had to be done," Donnelly said.

The institute, the first separate and distinct facility of its kind in the United States, began with a proposal from Banasik for a modest addition to his department. It was later expanded so the addition would be larger and address all crops produced in the region.

The NCI, although located on the SU campus, has no formal association with the university.

Loftsgard, a member of the institute's governing council, said the institute represents an idea that is long overdue.

Gov. Allen Olson and Gov. Rudy Perpich pledged their support to the Northern Crops Institute during the dedication.

Olson said, "It truly would have been a mistake if the North Dakota Legislature had not funded the institute."

Perpich spoke of a major effort on the part of Minnesota to sell more crops outside the state and nation.

"We share richness that the world must envy," said Perpich.

Gov. William Janklow of South Dakota pledged his support for the institute in a letter read by Donnelly.

The NCI is funded by general funds appropriated by the N.D. Legislature and additional monetary support is provided by the wheat commissions and councils in the four-state area.

Gary Nelson of Casselton was, at first, a reluctant sponsor of the bill that led to the formation of the Northern Crops Institute.

Nelson said the cost of the institute held him back at first, but his enthusiasm for the bill grew as the commodity producers worked to sell it to the Legislature.

In 1981 the N.D. Legislature appropriated \$1.5 million for construction of the building that encompasses approximately 16,000 square feet over three floors.



Location on campus is the new Northern Crops Institute, a facility that is used to promote crops produced in the four-state region. It is the only facility of its kind in the United States. (Photo by Kirk Kleinschmidt)

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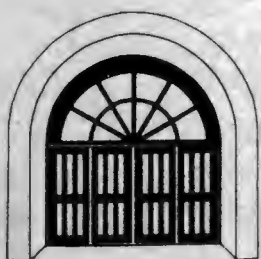
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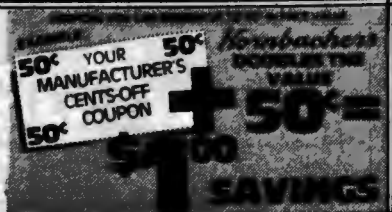
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Escort plan is needed in spite of resistance

An escort system. It's an idea that has come and gone—students want the security it would provide, but those who try to get one started invariably run into resistance, and often the matter is dropped.

You'd never guess who provides the most arguments against it...Campus Security.

Editorial

Campus police officers are on duty night and day, and a student night watch checks parking lots and building doors.

Occasionally they will provide a building-to-car escort, especially for students who work at the library.

But Tim Lee, Campus Security chief, says he doesn't want students

to get in the habit of calling Campus Security for escorts.

Why? Liability. If a student calls for an escort and campus police are unable to provide an escort, he fears the university may be liable should something happen to that unescorted student.

If we want an escort system on campus, it will materialize ONLY through student efforts.

And it will be no small effort. Student leaders need to find viable solutions to handle the cost, security and logistical problems.

How can you be sure that an escort isn't potentially "dangerous" or an imposter posing as an approved escort?

How will the costs of the system be handled? If an escort fails to appear

and a student is accosted when walking on campus alone, what will protect the system from liability?

A plan in which groups of students with similar destinations walk together could result in a student being escorted by a potential attacker.

A system operated through the dorms does not help off-campus students who need to walk to their cars in the dark.

Student government's proposal of carefully selected escorts dispatched through a call-in system seems most reasonable. It would aid all students and it would not limit protection to just library-goers.

The program could be operated as a "subscriber service" and any person who uses the service must first

sign a form releasing the sponsor from any liability.

Participants would have to maintain the program by serving on an escort screening committee, maintaining the central phone a few minutes or promoting the system.

Once the system becomes optional, participants could form separate student organizations to receive student funds to maintain the system.

But none of this will happen unless you let Student Government do what you want and will use the system.

They'll put it together for you. You want it? You'll care later when you read about reported rapes on campus. Care now.

Julie Stillwell

TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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 - 4 Lena —
 - 9 Arete
 - 14 Jokester
 - 15 Walking
 - 16 Dialect
 - 17 Aquarium pet
 - 19 Residences: colloq.
 - 20 Metric unit
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 - 31 Behold
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 - 47 US President
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 - 4 Irving hero
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Berger questions Egyptian supercivilization

By Dan Berger

Who shall doubt the secret hid
Under Cheops' pyramid
Was that the contractor did
Cheops out of several millions?
—Rudyard Kipling

Synthesis

Numbers and common sense are not very glamorous, but nonetheless I like to apply some of each to the pyramid question brought up on two pages in last Friday's Spectrum.

In spite of Kipling's doggerel, there were some impressive numbers in the article on the In-stitute for Meditation Research: "The Great Pyramid is made up of about 2.3 million blocks of stone, averaging an average of 2.5 tons each. Also the sides of the base are 7 inches away from being a perfect square. It is difficult to believe these things were accomplished by crude tools and good luck. The builders would have had to cut, shape, transport, place and dress one block every 13.7 seconds if they were to build it in a year."

"Crude tools and good luck." T.H. White once wrote something about how cheeky moderns are to assume if they didn't have "advanced technology," people a few thousand years ago wouldn't have been any smarter than cockroaches. But that's another article.

The builders would indeed have had to do all of those things to one block every 13.7 seconds to build the Great Pyramid in a year or one every 13.7 minutes to build it in 60 years. But the key phrase is "one block." The assumption is that the Egyptians were such dunderheads that they would cut, shape, transport, place and dress ONE BLOCK AT A TIME.

And how many men were really available for the job? How many were needed? The population of Egypt in the time of the Pharaoh Cheops was around 300,000 to 400,000, the majority of them peasants.

Let's ignore for the moment the cutting, shaping, and transporting of the blocks for the Pyramid and look at placing and dressing them.

Work crews in Egypt at that time were made up of peasants drafted for roughly half the year. I think a

crew of 5,000 men placing and dressing blocks is not unreasonable. We will assume a 10-hour day, 180 days per year or 1,800 hours worked per year to 5,000 men.

Now, a 2.5-ton block of limestone sounds more manageable when we realize that it's only 5,000 pounds. I think that, in one hour, a crew of 100 men could easily place and dress a 5,000-pound block. They could lift the damn thing into the air at 50 pounds per man! This allows our crew of 5,000 to place and dress 50 blocks per hour, 1,800 hours per year. I am assuming they are supplied with enough blocks to keep up this pace. Modern road construction crews work just as hard, often for longer hours.

At this low rate, 2.3 million blocks could be placed and dressed in 25.6 years! Punch the numbers into a calculator and see. Similar arguments can be used to show that by cutting and shaping the blocks and even transporting them by barge and sledge, the methods shown in Egyptian tomb paintings, would not have been impossible, even with only "crude tools and good luck."

But how do we explain that the "sides of the base are 7 inches away from being a perfect square?"

Well, Cheops' royal architect, a grandson of Imhotep the universal genius who built the first pyramid for Joser, was no dummy. The fact that the base of the Pyramid is laid out so precisely is evidence that he, his surveyors and his foremen were sticklers for accuracy, not that they were representatives of a super-civilization.

The Egyptians were very good surveyors. The Pyramid's exact north-south orientation is not so hard to believe. The Egyptians were also careful, practical astronomers and wouldn't have had so much trouble finding the direction of true north.

One of the basic principles of careful thinking is that ad hoc theories, that is, theories invented only to explain one particular event or events, should not be used without good reason. If a reasonable, simple explanation is available, which fits the known facts and doesn't contradict accepted basic principles, it is likely to be true.



Dan Berger. (Photo by Bob Nelson)

Questioning is the foundation of science, but radical changes in basic assumptions, such as supposing that a supercivilization for which we have no other evidence built various monuments around the world, are only justified when they also explain at least one or two other phenomena.

These phenomena are completely unrelated to the original problem, as well or better than accepted ideas. (It goes without saying that the explanation must account for undoubted facts.) Even such a radical idea as Special Relativity had to be ac-

cepted when it outperformed classical physical theory.

Remember, the Egyptians were "cutting, shaping, transporting, placing and dressing" monoliths weighing up to 75 tons each, all in one piece, when they were conquered by the Sumerians and again when they were defeated by Alexander. I can't believe a super-civilization capable of "impossible" engineering feats would have allowed itself to be overrun and enslaved by comparative barbarians.

Opinion Poll

Photos by Scott M. Johnson

Question: "When you choose your classes, does it matter to you who teaches the courses?"



Doug Evanson



Tammy Lies



Scott Schwarzenbach



Dianne Norden



Dave Hart

"No, all the instructors I've had in the music department have been excellent."

"No, I'm a freshman and I don't know the instructors anyway."

"No, there is not enough of a difference to justify taking one instructor over another."

"No, because all my classes say 'staff.'"

"Yes, some teachers have more experience teaching a certain class than other instructors."

Building for agricultural research will be constructed on campus

(NB)-Some \$850,000 will be made available for preliminary work on a proposed \$14.5 million United States Department of Agriculture-Agriculture Research Service (ARS) building on the SU campus through a Congressional Resolution already signed by the President, according to Sen. Mark Andrews (R-ND) and SU President Loftsgard.

Target date for completion of plans for the facility will be within the coming year in time to justify Congressional funding for the entire project by fiscal year 1985. One proposed site for the new building is adjacent to the new greenhouse complex on the southwest edge of campus.

Loftsgard credited Sen. Andrews

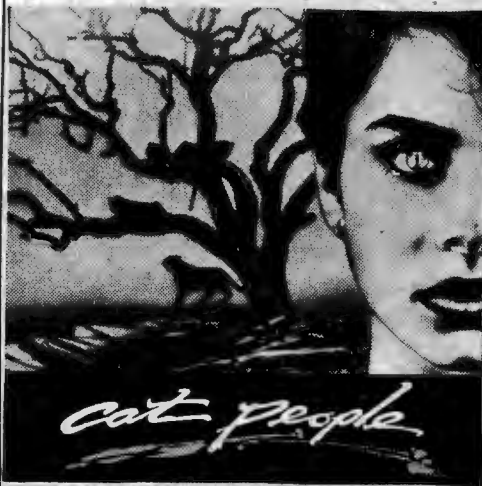
for efforts resulting in approval of the project.

The \$850,000 is earmarked for architects' plans, drilling and coring work and other work necessary to meet specifications of ARS engineers. The building will be a multi-story facility with greenhouse facilities to compliment the already-existing ranges in the "new" plant science greenhouse complex. Part of the 20,000 square feet of greenhouse ranges will include 3,600 square feet of growth chamber area.

The project will include 60,000 square feet of office, laboratory and support facilities price tagged at \$6,960,000, the greenhouse area at

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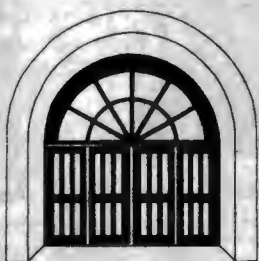
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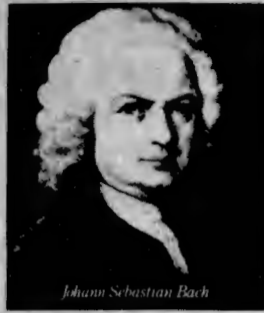
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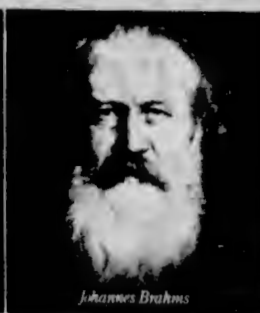
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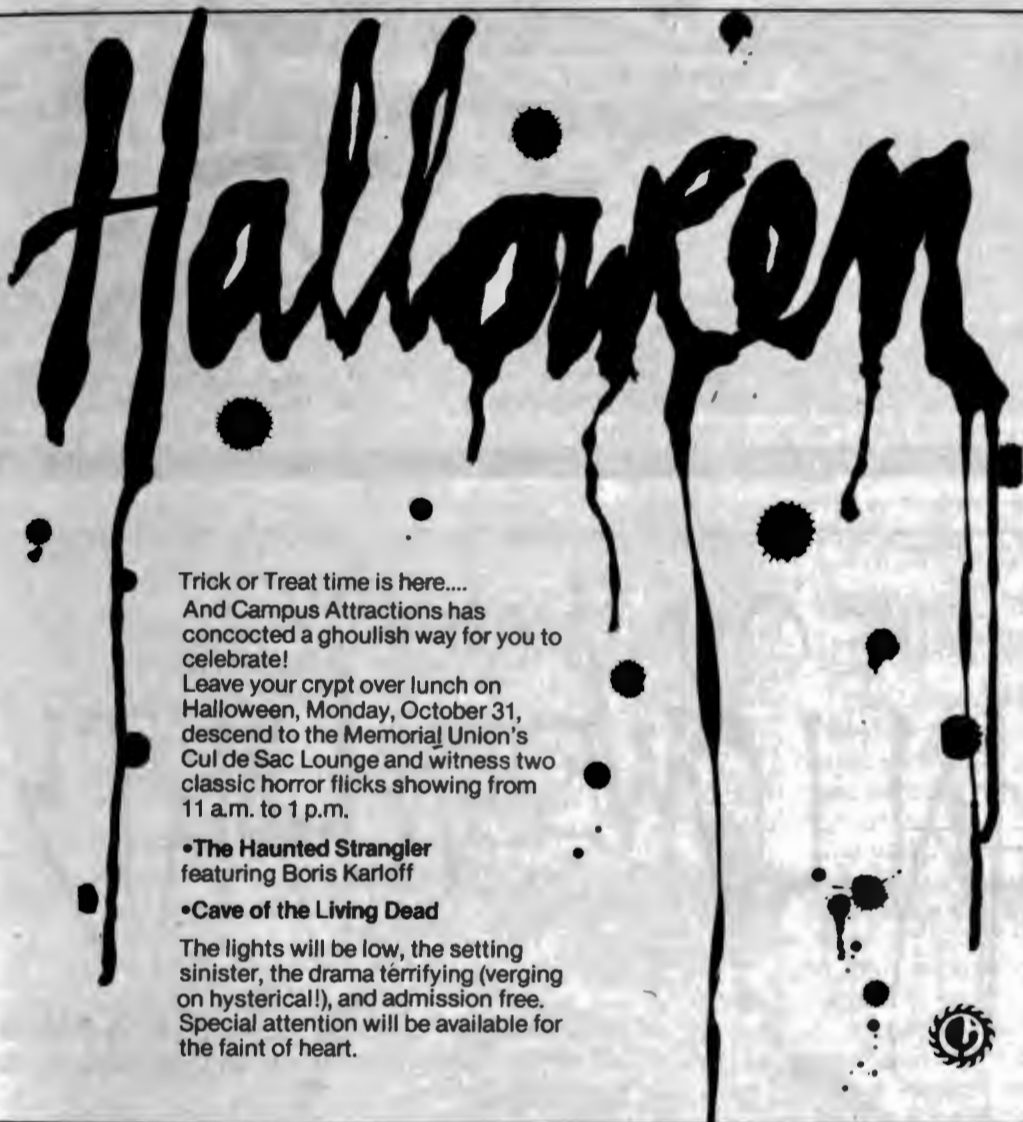


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MSU professor writes book of poems to be released next month

By Chris Sauer

A prolific poet is in our midst.

Mark Vinz, professor of English at MSU, is having another book of his poems published and it is expected to be released Nov. 4.

The book, "The Weird Kid," follows closely behind Vinz's last book, "Climbing the Stairs," released this month by Spoon River Poetry Press of Peoria, Ill., and is now available in bookstores.

Vinz's wife and two daughters are often subjects of his poetry. He also gets ideas from the ever-changing landscape and his surroundings. Walking is a good inducer of ideas, he said.

Vinz says he used to read constantly when he was younger. "Writers must be readers," Vinz says. Reading gives a person ideas in a wide variety of subjects.

But that's not all. Poetry needs imagination, Vinz said. Unfortunately, society inhibits our imaginations as we get older, he added. "TV is an enemy to imagination. It requires no thinking."

"Poetry is hard work and because of that, it'll never be really popular." Vinz believes only about 5 percent of the population reads poetry.

Vinz said reading poetry is hard because it requires a lot of thought and each poem can have many different meanings depending on who the reader is.

Vinz teaches poetry and creative writing classes at MSU. He finds that many of the college students entering his poetry classes for the first time are afraid of it. He thinks this is because of their contact with it in elementary and high school.

When Vinz was in school, he said he despised poetry. "It was always something the teachers seemed to threaten us with."

It's not as bad now, but it seems a major complaint of students is that teachers try to force their opinions on the students.

Vinz likes poetry despite his teachers. "Poetry fosters a wholeness, a completeness that reminds us of another side of ourselves—a playful, spiritual side," he said.

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John D. MacDonald's 'The Long Lavender Look' is good reading

By Pearce Tefft
Staff Writer

"The Long Lavender Look" by John D. MacDonald. Twelfth in the Travis McGee Series. \$2.95.

One hesitates to say you can learn a lot through Travis McGee for fear he'll be rejected, like the bowl of cereal that's good for you.

Books

In "The Long Lavender Look," McGee and Meyer are returning from the wedding of the daughter of an old friend. Circumstances, beyond one's control, will out. (Very little of McGee is predictable.) Agnes, McGee's Rolls Royce pickup, is half submerged in a Florida swamp. Meyer is brutally beaten by a local sheriff and both are accused of grisly murder. McGee must "salvage" his own hide.

MacDonald's strength, as one of today's most prolific authors, is his characterizations. McGee bleeds, his bones are subject to breaking if bent too far and he feels. McGee is human. He makes mistakes and suffers the consequences. MacDonald's McGee depends on his perception of human nature, tenacity and size to achieve his goals.

MacDonald has written 20 novels about McGee. Most critics have labeled his character as a detective, which is to suggest that after sifting through ponderous clues and deception, the hero will indubitably win out. McGee, however, is not a detective.

By his own admission, clues tend to get in his way and fog the thinking process. For this he relies on his good friend Meyer. Unfortunately, Meyer is not always available, so McGee must depend on his own brash methods that he uses with predictable results.

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Wayne Gudmundson is in his office at the Creative Arts Center. Gudmundson photographed 'Iron Spirits,' a collection of handmade iron crosses that marked graves during the late 1800s and early into the 19th century. (Photo by Bob Nelson)

Iron cross-making art, 19th century custom, is slowly dying out

By Chris Sauer

Chunks of gray-carved stone are what most people know to be grave markers. However, Europeans immigrating to the United States between the 1880s and 1940s seemed to have better ways of marking grave sites.

The iron crosses, photographed by Wayne Gudmundson and on display at the Rourke Gallery until Oct. 30, was their better way.

These Europeans were mostly Catholic German-Russians with some Ukrainians, Poles, Czechs and Yugoslavians who came to farm in the New World. Many built blacksmith forges along with their farms and settled in North Dakota.

It was these blacksmiths who brought with them a beautiful tradition of making iron crosses. During the winter months when their job was finished for the season, the blacksmiths took their scrap iron and designed crosses using simple hammers and tempering.

Each blacksmith had his own special design of stars, suns, lightning bolts, roses, lilies and angels waving banners. The crosses seemed to show the personality of the individual.

Dr. Timothy Kloberdanz, professor of anthropology at SU, has spent years of research on the crosses. He said the crosses were usually painted white and had angels if they were made for children. This was to symbolize the innocence of the children. If made for adults, they had flowers and were silver or black.

Kloberdanz says these crosses were made all over North Dakota, South Dakota, eastern Montana, Kansas and Texas. Most prominent are those in North Dakota. Unfortunately, these crosses are no longer being made and only one of the iron-cross makers is still alive.





The North Dakota Council of Art recently put together a collection of photographs showing the beauty and skill of these iron crosses.

The name of the exhibition is "Iron Spirits." The name is used because the crosses were made of iron and the German-Russian blacksmiths believed the crosses stood for the souls or spirits of the people buried there.

This is an old tradition dating back to the Renaissance when iron work was popular, according to Kloberdanz. An old folk story claims it started in ancient times when graves were marked with swords that looked similar to iron crosses.

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The number of children participating will be about 35.

According to Barbara Worman, head teacher in the preschool room, this is the first year children are collecting for UNICEF as part of their Halloween parading activities. Worman said the idea is to create an alternative to trick-or-teating and an endeavor to help the children learn about the less fortunate children of the world.

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Tryouts...

Tryouts have been described as the most humbling of experiences. The actor reads for a faceless voice, essentially naked to the world. Often the last words he hears are, "Thank you...Next."

For the many SU students who are stage enthusiasts, the tryout announcement is greeted with excitement and anxiety. For "God's Favorite," more than 50 people tried out for the eight available roles.

When "God's Favorite" opens Oct. 26 at the Little Country Theatre, few will fully appreciate the effort that went into the preparation and planning by the students and faculty to allow for a successful opening night performance.

Six months ago, Dr. Tal Russell, the play's director, began preparing his "prompt book," his image of how the play should be performed.

Russell sits in the middle of the theater during tryouts and calls the names of individuals to read specific lines. While most of those readers may have a preference as to which part they would like to perform, the director makes the final decision.

Freshman, Kimball Westerson is trying out for her first college performance. In Hallock, Minn. Westerson performed in "The Miracle Worker" as Helen Keller and several one-act plays.

"After Dr. Russell called my name, it seemed like forever until he called another to read with me," Westerson said in describing the loneliness felt on the stage.

George Metzger, a sophomore majoring in speech, felt the tryouts went well. Metzger is also involved in speech and competition at SU.

After two days of tryouts, Russell posted a list of 15 names for call backs. The people on the list were ones he felt might be able to play one or more of the parts.

Westerson was on the list, Metzger was not.

"I kind of regret not getting a part," Metzger said. "Many of the people trying out had a lot of experience."

"When I saw my name on the call-back list, I was excited," Westerson said. "I had to tell myself that it still wasn't definite."

During the call-backs, Russell interchanges people and parts frequently, striving for that correct combination. Westerson read as Sara and Mandy.

"I was still scared and nervous," she said. "You're never really sure what the director is looking for."

Following the call-backs, Russell gathers everybody around him and explains his decision is essentially guesswork at this point. He feels the possibilities are endless for several of the parts and those present should not feel slighted if they are not among the final selections.

"At first you're really disappointed," Westerson remarked on learning that she was not going to be in the play, "but making the call-backs showed that I'll make a future performance."



Cast members, left to right, Brian Brady, Dan Dammel, Jon Larson, Drew Richardson

Rehearsals...

Actors are fortunate. They get paid to live out their fantasies and never really work."

These sentiments are mirrored by countless theater-goers as they exit memorable performances. In such a case, the actors have accomplished their tasks in making it look easy and believable.

For "God's Favorite," now playing at Askanase Hall, rehearsal began more than four weeks ago.

"OK people, let's go," Dr. Tal Russell the play's director, begins the first rehearsal. The eight people Russell has selected to bring life to the Neil Simon play are as ready as he is.

The first night is dedicated to reading through the parts. In this way the actors get a feel for their own parts, as well as an understanding of the other characters and the director.

The stage lacks any semblance of scenery and the actors' footsteps echo throughout the theater. Russell takes the same seat he had during the tryouts, interjecting occasionally to clarify specific points.

Russell joins the actors on the stage the second night to begin the

blocking — the development of an easy flow of movement for the actors. For the rehearsal, Russell draws a mental picture of the setting. This includes the setting. This includes — as in the case of "God's Favorite" — the rest of the Benjamin living room.

Throughout the next several weeks, Russell develops the actors' movements. Set designer Benjamin living room has started the scenery has started around the performers.

Like chameleons, the actors change into their characters. The more conversational movements can be choreographed with the and room decor.

During the fourth week, the actors and director work together on the performance. Tech rehearsal through the play with the sound effects — are prepared.

The eight performers learn the parts of the play. The family is a part of their lives.

After the hours of technical rehearsals, the mundane rehearsal laborious walk-throughs and night butterflies are quick.

Stages... what goes on before the curtains go

Text by Pearce
Photos by Scott

Cast...

For most, the relationships developed in college will be long-lasting and memorable. In later years when returning for reunions, fond memories will be recalled.

The director, assistant director and eight individuals who came together for "God's Favorite" exemplify this comradery.

The common thread of the cast and directors is drama. It seems to attract those who wish to work and interact with their peers on a more intimate level. For the most part, they are better for the experience.

Dan Dammal brings three years of experience to his portrayal of Joe Benjamin. A junior majoring in theater and English, Dammal comes to SU from Bismarck.

Dammal's previous performances include "Dracula" and "Candide." For "God's Favorite" Dammal must age about 30 years and change his normally quiet manner to correspond with Benjamin's loud nature.

Zachary Bloomfield came to SU from Ohio. A graduate student in theater, Bloomfield will bring Sidney Lipton to life in the play.

Sidney is a downtrodden messenger of God who enjoys to be different and shocking, Bloomfield added.

Like Dammal, Bloomfield brings experience to his SU debut. He toured for 18 weeks as Tom Sawyer, performed in "Brigadoon" and "The Miser."

Brian Brady portrays the eldest son David, in satire of the book of Job.

Brady is a senior and also majors in theater. Hailing from Enderlin, N.D., Brady also possesses a respectable portfolio of experience. For "God's Favorite," Brady needs to be a carefree n'er-do-well.



Jon Larson works at playing the exasperating son, Ben.



Drew Richardson makes Sarah, Joe's daughter, look sweet and naive.



Brian Brady portrays a light and frivolous David in the Neil Simon play.



Sidney, played by Zachary Bloomfield, is no flasher. He is proud to be one of God's messengers.

Rose Benjamin is played by Heidi Heimarck. She visualizes her character as very materialistic and sometimes unable to comprehend what is happening around her.

A junior drama major, Heimarck has the most theatrical experience of the performers. She also has competed in dramatic interpretation.

Jon Larson comes to SU with an Askanase talent grant. "God's Favorite" will be his Little Country Theatre debut. Larson plays Ben Benjamin, Sara's twin. The twins are described as having IQs of 160.

"I think Ben worships and is exceptionally loyal to his father," Larson said.

As a freshman theater major, Drew Richardson has already performed in five SU productions. Richardson plays Sarah, Ben's twin sister.

Mark Neukom becomes Morgan, the butler in the play. Majoring in history and theater, Neukom has performed in "The Odd Couple" and "The Public Eye."

Christine Kerns is another refreshing newcomer to the Little Country Theatre. Kerns is a sophomore majoring in drama. As Maggie the maid, Kerns hopes to provide a slight change of pace and practical insight.

Julie Bergman, another graduate student, has the thankless task of being assistant director. Through rehearsals, Bergman fed lines, timed scenes, monitored action and took care of a number of other essential details.

Dr. Tal Russell, professor of drama, has been at SU for 15 years. As director of drama he directs at least one play a year for the Little Country Theater.

Ten individuals, all with a common goal are now close friends.



Heidi Heimarck strives to illustrate a concerned Rose Benjamin, Joe's wife.



Dan Dammal, as Joe Benjamin, expresses anger and frustration at God, but will he renounce Him?



with the final curtain. The high performer receives the audience response through appeal in human emotion. The actor suffers the humbling of tryouts, the long, demanding rehearsals and even comes across artistic interpretation that high. The audience — the supreme judge — is the final judge. Should it be favorably, the acting was what a labor of love.



The people who have created this play are on that stage,' Dr. Tal Russell said.



MTV may be hazardous to the imagination of viewers

By Dane Johnson
Entertainment Editor

Video music, popularly seen on Music Television, is hazardous to your health. Video renderings of popular music constrict to the point of choking the viewer's imagination

and awareness by portraying an art best left to individual interpretation.

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However, the record industry thinks video is great. It makes megabucks by video megahype.

The recording industry seems to think only in terms of short-run profits. But what is the price of a

teenager's mind that is enchanted with the idea of video music and watches the fantasies for many hours each day? These fantasies become his or her reference points in relationships with friends as well as with the opposite sex.

Stations that broadcast video music, such as MTV, are aware that the power of music is considerable, especially on young people.

MTV and other stations claim they have "moral standards." They cite their refusal to air videos because of the violence. But if you've watched MTV lately, there is no lack of physical and/or emotional violence in the videos they've chosen.

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These will include greeting from citizens, groups and elected officials; demographic data; information on sports and cultural activities and other materials depicting life in the American community. The project's purpose is to build an educational and communications bridge between America and Soviets.

The number of cities chosen represents a "peaceful alternative" to the 1052 missiles making up the U.S. ICBM arsenal.

Organizers envision future correspondence between individuals, cultural and industrial exchanges and personal visits. The portraits will be mailed Nov. 23 in a public ceremony at each city's post office.

The project is coordinated nationally by Dr. Earl A. Molander, professor of political science, at Portland State in Portland, Oregon. Local sponsorship is by the Ground Zero Committee of the F-M Peaceworker.

Fargo is matched with Tiumen in the state of Tiumen, located to the east of the Ural mountains in central Siberia. It is a city of more than 300,000 and a major industrial and cultural center. Industries include machine building, metalworking, and chemicals as well as light industries and food-processing. Besides a university, it has industrial, civil engineering, agricultural and medical institutes. Cultural institutions include a state drama theater, philharmonic society, circus, museum and art gallery.

Moorhead is matched with Lysva in the state of Perm. It is a city of 78,000 on the western slope of the Ural Mountains. Industries include a metallurgical plant, a ferroconcrete plant and a stocking and glove factory. It has a polytechnical-medical institute and drama theatre.

Correction:

The last paragraph on page 1 of "16-plex apartments available in November" article should read: Students have until Nov. 18 to sign up for these apartments.



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SU and UND battle for top spot in NCC at Saturday's game

By Rob Wigton
Sports Editor

Coach Don Morton was wearing a double smile after last Saturday's game against Northern Colorado. The Bison claimed a 34-21 victory, giving meaning to half of the grin on his face. However, word from Grand Forks that the Sioux had knocked off Nebraska-Omaha gave Morton's smile an added dimension.

The Sioux victory pushed the Bison into a first-place tie with Nebraska-Omaha in the North Central Conference. It also showed that the Sioux are a team to be reckoned with tomorrow at Dacotah Field.

"We're proud of the offensive unit for taking advantage of the opportunities (against Northern Colorado) and putting points on the board," Morton said. The Bison scored on five of their first six possessions against the Bears.

Freshman quarterback Jeff Bentrin gets better with each game he plays. The development of Bentrin as a multi-faceted signal caller has given the Bison a varied offense at last.

In his last three games, Bentrin has hit on 24 of 38 passes for 424 yards and he's rushed 77 times for 252 yards. Bentrin is averaging 225 yards per game over that span.

"Bentrin really made some big plays running the ball and hitting Stacy with the touchdown pass (61-yard bomb to Robinson in the first quarter). With the running game, he's finding the creases and really getting a feel for things," Morton said.

Other outstanding performers in the Northern Colorado contest were center Greg Hagfors, runningbacks Hank Klos, Chad Stark and Jeff Willis and defensive back Todd DeBates. Morton indicated that DeBates is pushing for a starting position with his strong play and determination.

The final score of the Northern Colorado game doesn't go far enough in telling how dominating the Bison were last Saturday. It looks like the team has finally grown into a bona fide contender for the national crown. The offense is cooking and the defense is stubborn as always.

Review Preview

That brings us to tomorrow's battle. No love is lost between the Bison and the Sioux. Expect a hard fought, physical war on the turf at Dacotah Field tomorrow.

The Sioux have never won on artificial turf under the direction of their present head coach, Pat Behrns. Behrns said that fact doesn't bother him. Maybe not, but it's still there in the back of his mind.

Bison coach Morton said he holds a great deal of respect for the Sioux.

"They may be the best team in the North Central Conference right now," he said.

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Cross country squad is prepared for regional meet

By Donna Lee
Sports Writer

It's been a year to remember as the Bison women's cross country team stretches into its conference regional meet in Brookings, S.D. on Saturday.

"This has been the best season of my career," coach Sue Patterson said, reflecting on this year's running strength of the Bison.

The women have dominated courses of competition, running away with a title at home as well as at UND, Mankato State and St. Cloud State.

It wasn't until last weekend that the Bison finished behind the leaders at Wisconsin-LaCrosse when they brought home a third-place team finish.

According to Patterson, before every meet a goal has been set — it seems that each has been met.

This weekend the goals are the conference and regional titles, both are being run simultaneously in Brookings and the outcome looks bright for Patterson. The title seems to be in reach.

This season Patterson had only one complaint, one other coaches often dream of.

"They never let up. I've had to make sure they don't overwork themselves," she said about her team.

Patterson is having a good year because the team has drive and enthusiasm to run and to be winners. That's what it will take this weekend to come out on top.

"What it will come down to is the team that wants to win the most, the team that has the desire and the drive to win. I think that will be us."

The competition to look out for may be the University of Nebraska-Omaha and South Dakota State. All three teams were the top finishers last year in the North Central Conference. SDSU finished first, while the Bison and UNO fought for second and third place, respectively.

Sophomore Nancy Dietman is the leading runner for the Bison and could be out in front in Brookings.

"Nancy has the potential to be the top runner in the conference and the region," Patterson said.

Her times this year have proven her drive and discipline. She clocked a time of 17:42 this season, a personal best.

But Dietman isn't alone, it's been a bunched-up year for the runners. Other runners this season have been sophomores Donna Colbrunn,

Michelle Johnson and Kim Leingang; freshmen Anne Smith and Bev Weiman; and juniors Kathy Kelly and Penny Weinand.

The Bison are young, but have the maturity of a seasoned team. Others competing this weekend for the NCC crown are South Dakota State, South Dakota, UND, Augustana, UNO and Mankato State.

Four teams join the NCC to make up the North Central Regional race that will be run simultaneously.

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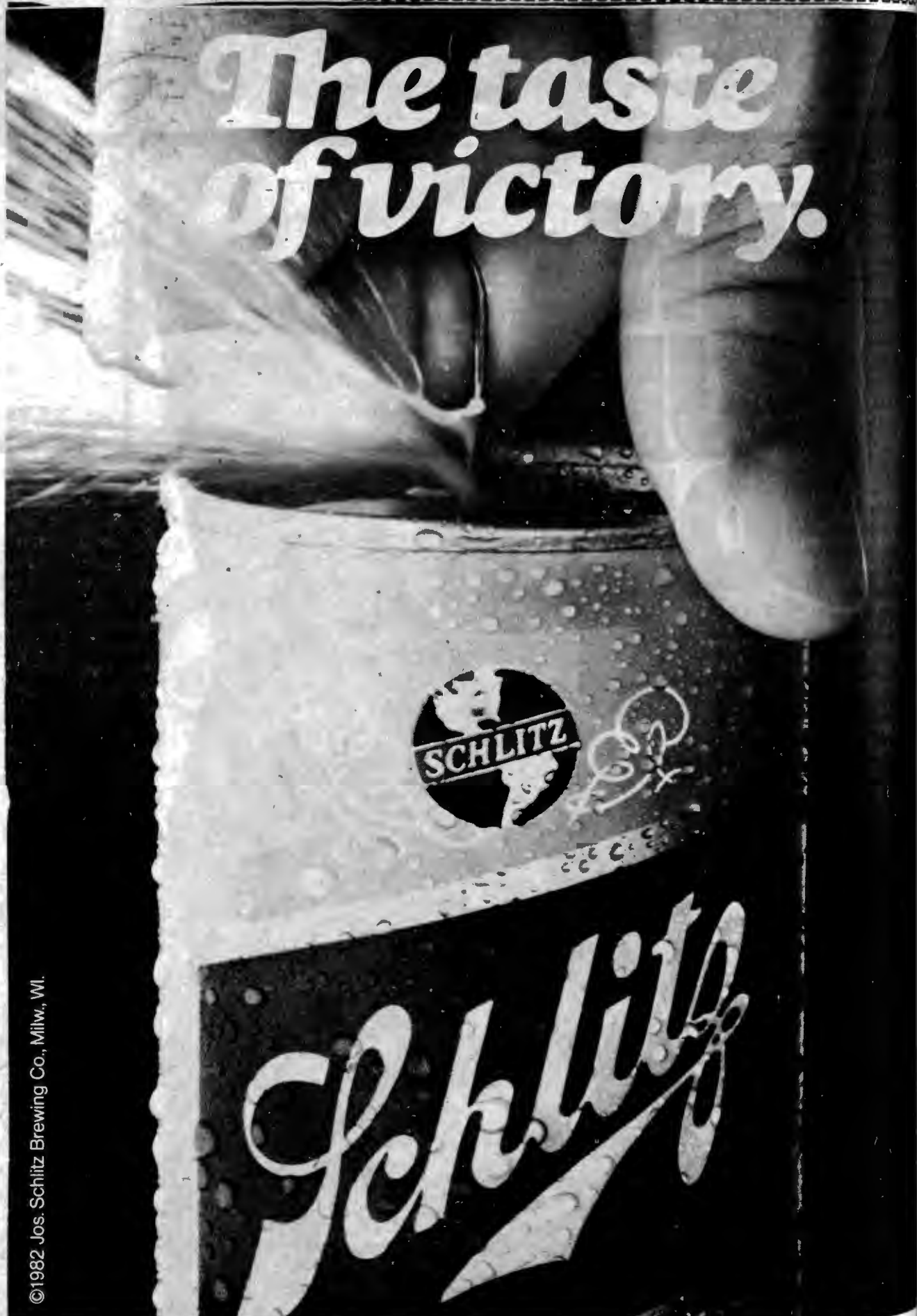


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Monsters Anonymous holds its first meeting

By Pearce Tefft
Staff Writer

Joining the genre of self-help groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous and others is Monsters Anonymous(MA). The public is, of course, hopeful that MA will be as successful as its predecessors.

Dr. Herman Renfield, a sociologist



specializing in metamorphic disease, is the founder and motivating force behind MA.

"These people need understanding—understanding that has been withheld by society in general," Renfield said prior to the inaugural meeting last Saturday at the Annex in Askanese.

"Monstrosus Transformicus is a disease. We hope to stop the transformations and with understanding demonstrate that these people can live normal, productive lives."

Guest speaker for the evening was Paul, an admitted werewolf. Paul said it has been three years since his last transformation.

Excerpts from the meeting will be shown on KTHI-TV's Latenite Alternative Saturday night. Oops, the

cat's out of the bag!

Monsters Anonymous is the brainchild of Jerry McGuire. The skit, starring SU students, will be aired on Latenite's University show.

Mark Neukom portrays the reporter, Brian Brady gives a demanding performance as Bill Rogers, the reformed werewolf.

Marge Menart exemplifies grief and concern for Roger's plight. Sam Williams is energetic as always and Peg Brown literally leaps into her role.

Beth Richardson wed the part of the distraught wife.

Tom Betting and Steve Prather, Latenite's co-stars, are pleased to be entering their second year.

Betting said the Monsters Anonymous script fits right in with the Halloween spirit.

"Being on a locally-produced program is exciting," Menart said following the tape session. "This skit was fun."

"I came here just to watch," Brown said. "God, it was fun!"

Neukom and Brady were approached by Betting to play their parts. Betting said he was familiar with their work in the Little Country Theater.

Latenite Alternative is aired at 12:30 a.m. every Saturday (Sunday morning).

Clips

Association for Computing Machinery

Ken Magel will be speaking on ADA programming language and the trip to Sperry Univac will be organized at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Minard Hall, Room 209.

Bison Raiders

Participate in a camouflage and concealment exercise at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at the Old Field House. Bring warm clothes. You will be back in time for the football game.

Center for Child Development

The Center asks for support of its Halloween parade and UNICEF collections on the campus on Monday.

FCA

There will be skits, music, film and food at the All-Campus Christian Fellowship party at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Newman Center.

Fellowship of Lutheran Young Adults

Meet at Immanuel Lutheran Church (1258 Broadway) for supper, Bible study and vesper service at 5 p.m. Sunday.

Inter-Fraternity Council

Council meeting at 8:30 p.m. Sunday in the Union States Room.

Newman Center

Dress up for Halloween party and dance at 9 p.m. Monday at the Newman Center.

Scholars Program

All scholars should attend an informal get-together at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Union Crest Hall. We'll be discussing the NCHC trip to Philadelphia.

S.W.E.

Meet Saturday in the EEE lobby at 12:30 p.m. for SU-UND game. There will be pizza served following the game. Next meeting is 5 p.m. Nov. 9 at ENCTR.

Tri-College Committee

The 12th Annual Tri-College Convention will be hosted by SU Tuesday. Dr. John Matthiasson will speak at 2 p.m. in the Union States Room and at 7:30 p.m. in Owens Lounge, MSU.

United Campus Ministries

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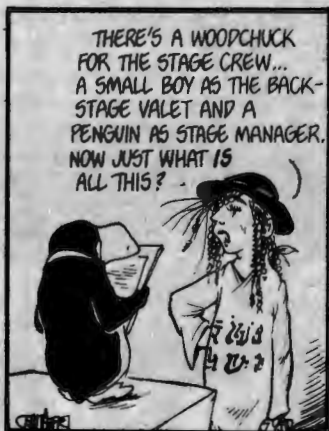
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Saturday's rivalry is cited as the premier N.D. sporting spectacular

By Mike Morey

The goings-on at Dakota Field tomorrow can be classified as more than just a football game. The UND and SU match-up is arguably the premier sporting event in the state.

"To me, it's what college athletics is all about. I think the rivalry is extremely wholesome. There was a day when there were fights and hate. . . I think our students are sophisticated enough to be above that," athletic director Dr. Ade Sponberg said.

"The competition is really out on the field and that resolves the other kinds of competition," Sponberg said. "It's great from the standpoint that there aren't many people who don't care who wins. They are either Bison fans or Sioux fans when it comes to this game."

Sponberg says the game is great for gate receipts.

"The demand has been amazing. Our reserved-seat tickets have been sold out about two weeks now and I'm sure most of the single seats are gone by now."

There was some controversy when the television rights to the game were awarded after an open bidding session. Despite some criticism at the time, Sponberg insists his loyalty is to Bison athletics.

"What it really comes down to is WDAY considers Bison athletics extremely important to its operation

and have agreed to pay for it," he said.

"I think if I had done anything else, I would have been very guilty of not having the best interests of this program at heart."

The new voice of the Bison, WDAY sports director Ed Schultz, is fired up about doing the telecast and he recognizes the importance of the game.

"We thought getting the Bison-Sioux game and setting up a state-wide network to cover the game was vital to having the best sports coverage in the market," Schultz said.

"From a promotional standpoint, from an image standpoint, this game is important to us. If you cover sports exclusively to make money, that is short-term thinking," Schultz added.

"You have to have the long-term commitment. For us, this is a community involvement thing. This is important to be around and we want to be around it. It's good business for SU and it's good business for us (WDAY)."

Maximum interest—that's the best way to sum up the intensity of the annual battle between the Thundering Herd and the Fighting Sioux. More than 14,000 people will attest to that tomorrow.



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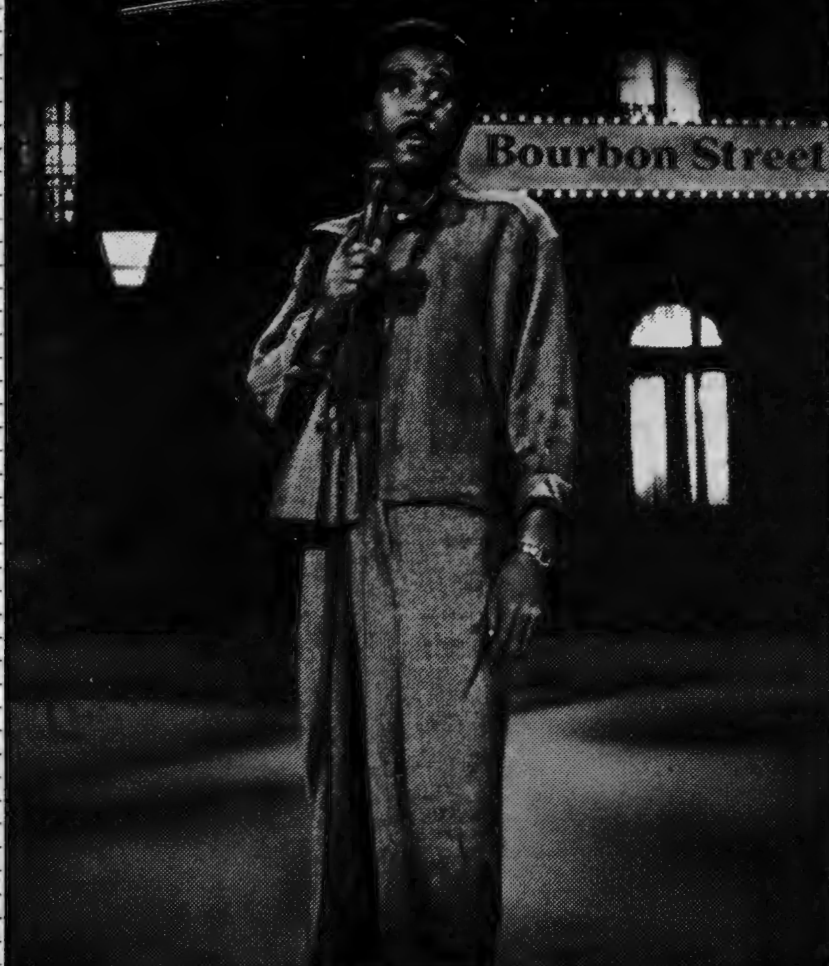


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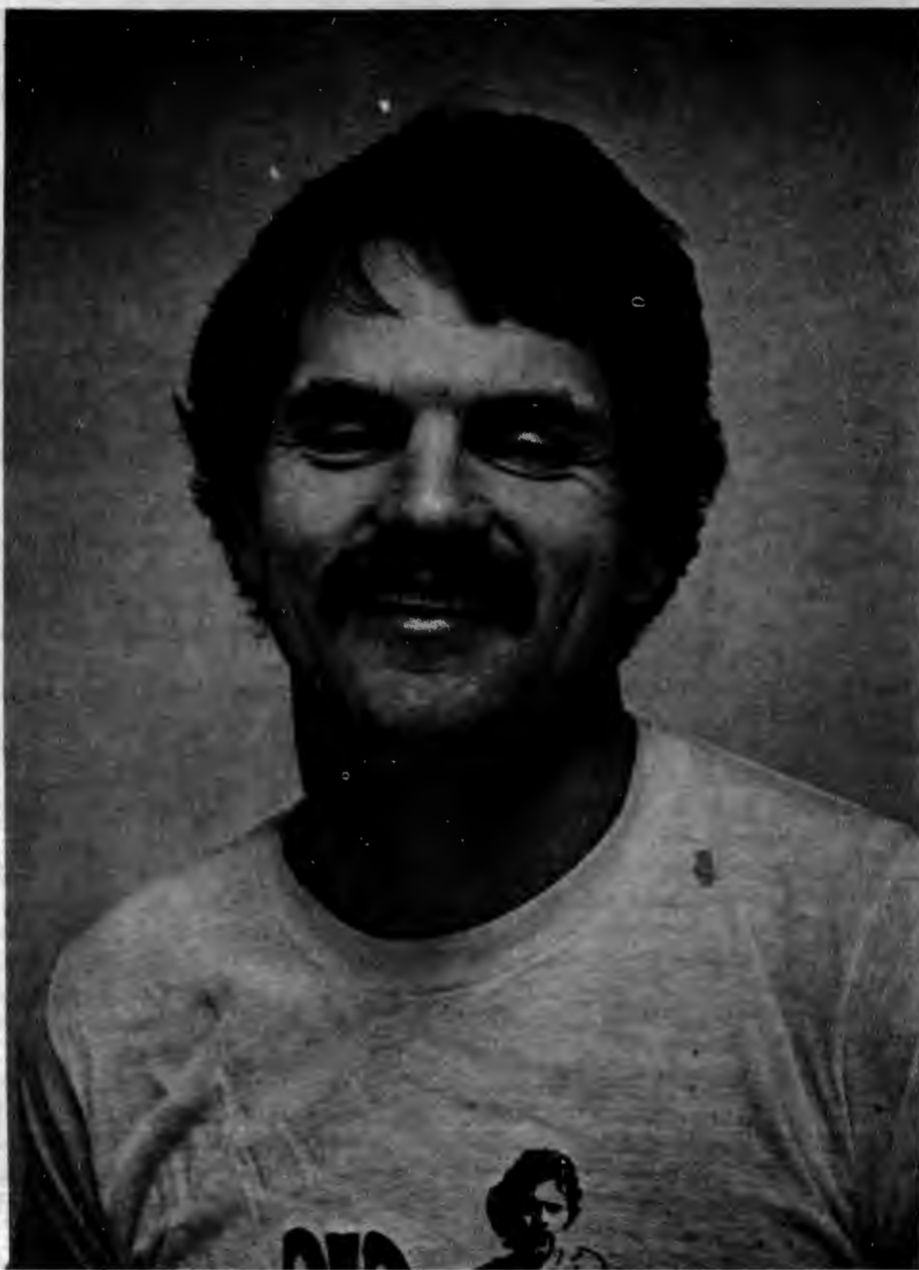
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'Happy' Don Larson, cross country and track coach at SU. (Photo by Scott Johnson)

Coach Don Larson is no stranger to cross country and track events

By Bamson Fadipe
Staff Writer

Every coach has his own style of creating a winning team, but SU coach Don Larson says good communication and quality recruiting are the keys to his winning tradition.

"A good coach has to know how to communicate well with his athletes to create a good winning team," Larson said. "You have to let them know what's right and what's wrong."

Larson, 30, head coach of the cross country and track team, is in his fifth year on the Bison staff. A former South Dakota State University hurdler, he is no stranger to the sport of running.

He was a two-time NCAA Division II All-American and a three-time North Central Conference champion.

A winning spirit is built by confidence among the team's individuals, both mentally and physically. Larson said they work hard from Monday through Friday and they're out to win, not lose.

Larson and his cross country team are looking forward to capturing the NCC championship meet, which will be held tomorrow at Brookings, S.D.

Larson, who served as an assistant coach at Concordia College for three years before coming to SU, has led his team to five NCC titles.

"I'm looking forward to the upcoming conference meet because it will be a chance to prove ourselves," he said.

Larson sees one of his responsibilities as a coach to be a counselor and tries to meet the needs of his team.

As the coach, he seeks to make his team a winner. And the team is rising to the occasion as its momentum is increasing.

"We are stronger than we were last year," Larson added.

Rookies get chance on volleyball court; SU walks by MSU

By Donna Lee
Sports Writer

It was a match the Bison women volleyball players ended with little difficulty as they walked by the MSU Dragons 15-6, 15-9 and 15-12 in the best of five match-play in the Old Field House.

But it may have been the last match of such ease as the Bison wind out their regular season action at the university of Minnesota-Duluth tournament this weekend. The team then heads to Nebraska-Omaha next week and then are back home to host the North Central Conference volleyball tournament on Nov. 12.

Against Moorhead, Bison coach Donna Palivec tried some new squad combinations giving her rookies some seasoning while her veterans took longer rests on the side-lines.

The Bison had the Dragons outclassed from the beginning—the outcome didn't seem to be questioned even from the opening plays.

Seniors Kathy Stoll and Gretchen Born played their last season home game in front of an estimated crowd of 350. Their well-rounded efforts for the Bison will be missed next season by the coach, the team and the crowd.

Sports editor featured as guest pro-picker this week

By Pearce Tefft
Staff Writer

The NFL reached its halfway point with few surprises in the matter of division leaders. New Orleans and the L.A. Rams have been the only teams to fool the experts.

Pro Picks

With this week's picks, there will be a guest picker. Rob Wigton felt so good about besting me in the last week's Viking game, he felt it appropriate to be the first guest. What can you say to the sports editor?

Week nine should find the teams getting down to business to make a serious run at the play-offs. That excludes Houston and Tampa Bay.

Detroit at Chicago, Vegas—Bears by 2½. Wigton—Chicago by 3.

Thanks to Tampa Bay, these two ho-hummers retain some dignity. Both teams being sporadic make this a tough pick. When in doubt, go with the home team. **Bears by 3.**

Minnesota at St. Louis, Vegas—Vikings by 2. Wigton—Vikings by 9.

Here we go again. One must understand that Wigton is a fan-atic about the Vikings. I think he picked them to beat Pittsburg in Super Bowl IX.

St. Louis has a nasty habit of playing the Vikings tough. Still, I do like my job. **Vikings by 5.**

New England at Atlanta, Vegas—Atlanta by 3. Wigton—Atlanta by 1.

Atlanta surprised the Jets last Sunday and seems to be serious about playing football. The Pats shocked Buffalo 31-0. Very impressive. Of course, the Pats have yet to demonstrate any semblance of consistency. **Atlanta by 6.**

New Orleans at Buffalo, Vegas—Buffalo by 3. Wigton—Buffalo by 7.

Most people have been surprised at the Saints' performance this year. Buffalo riding the top of the AFC East division with Miami has been a surprise as well. Ol' Bum is a crafty fellow. Color this one upset. **Saints by 3.**

Tampa Bay at Pittsburg, Vegas—Steelers by 11. Wigton—Tampa Bay by 3.

Some have suggested that the Bucs should follow Doug Williams into the USFL. That rumor was started by the Detroit Lions when the Bucs eliminated them from the play-offs two years ago. Steelers lose to the Bucs? Sure, and Wigton is going to out-pick me. Oops, I mean I'll out-pick Wigton. **Steelers by a bunch!**

Baltimore at Philadelphia, Vegas—Eagles by 5½. Wigton—Eagles by 14.

The Eagles had their tail feathers shot off last Sunday by Chicago. Meanwhile, the Colts had their bub-

ble popped by Miami. Frank reported to suffer from the syndrome after losing a game slapping the troops. It worked him in college. In the pros? **Eagles by 3.**

Dallas at N.Y. Giants, Vegas—Dallas by 5½. Wigton—Dallas by 9.

In past years Dallas has had problems during the middle part of season. The loss to the Raiders week could be the start of a trend. The Giants just don't have an offense that can be counted on week in and week out. **Dallas by 10.**

L.A. Rams at Miami, Vegas—Miami by 3. Wigton—Rams by 3.

After only three games rookie Marino is the AFC's leading passer. Shula has found his quarterback. **Miami by 5.**

Houston at Cleveland, Vegas—Cleveland by 6. Wigton—Cleveland by 6.

Houston is getting boring. The old kids of old Cleveland have returned. Nevertheless, this could be another ho-hummer. **Browns by 3.**

Seattle at L.A. Raiders, Vegas—Raiders by 2. Wigton—Raiders by 2.

"Come into my parlor..." Raiders are smacking their lips about beating Dallas. Seattle will undoubtedly be a team to contend with under Knox, but not this week. **Raiders by 9.**

Kansas City at Denver, Vegas—Denver by 3. Wigton—Chiefs by 1.

Rob! You're making this too easy. Since Denver got wise and went to Deberg, it's been one of the best teams in the NFL. The Chiefs, on the other hand, are one of those teams that flounder with inconsistency. **Chiefs win this one? (silly) Denver by 4.**

N.Y. Jets at San Francisco, Vegas—San Francisco by 3. Wigton—Jets by 3.

Oh God! My ribs are starting to hurt! This falls under the heading "no contest." Montana and company will have a field day with the Jets. **49ers by 7.**

Green Bay at Cincinnati, Vegas—Cincinnati by 6. Wigton—Green Bay by 6.

Wow! Cincinnati over the Jets? I guess everybody has to be upset. The pack is having trouble maintaining a level of consistency but this is their week to rest. **Packers by 9.**

Washington at San Diego, Vegas—Washington by 6. Wigton—Washington by 6.

The Redskins defense has been suspect when they lost to the Packers. Still the Chargers have the worst defense in the NFL and their offense is sputtering. **Redskins by 6. (How about that, we agree on one across the board!)**