

Money or lack of it can decide an education

By Coreen Stevick

Financial aid adds a crucial relief to many students' budgeting problems. The dollar amount received means the difference between continuing an education or dropping out to get a job for a while.

According to reports published by the financial aid office, 57 percent of the enrollment in 1983 received some form of aid. It amounted to \$11 million dollars last year.

There are a variety of financial aid programs, said Wayne Tesmer, SU financial aid officer. A student can apply for loans, grants, on-and-off-campus employment and scholar-

ships. The need of the student is of primary concern, but isn't a concrete factor. "We look at other things," he said. "We use a uniform methodology formula to determine the need, based on a variety of factors including financial support."

Tesmer estimates a cost of \$4,165 for a student living on campus for one year. This includes tuition, \$350 for books, a seven-day room and board contract and approximately \$100 per month for personal expenses.

By the spring we look at the applications and provide that everyone has at least something. The initial estimate is that needs won't be entirely met. In many cases students have accepted extra money from parents or

other sources."

Tesmer said it is getting harder to get loans. According to College Press Service reports, the face of financial aid has changed drastically. Grant money has dropped from 80.3 percent of the total aid package to 48.2 percent while loans increased nearly 31 percent.

President Reagan is expected to sign the fiscal 1985 education funding bill which is now on his desk.

This bill is part of a \$17.9 billion education package. Nearly \$8 billion is set to be used in student financial aid packages with \$3.6 billion for Pell Grants and \$3 billion for Guaranteed Student Loans.

There appears to be considerable controversy surrounding the education bill. Some experts say it will greatly increase the number of students who are able to receive aid, while others predict it will only help those already in the program.

Regardless of the President's attempts to limit the education budget, this bill is \$1.7 billion more than last year's and well over \$1.5 billion more than he wanted.

In the budget request Reagan delivered to Congress last winter, he wanted to fund most programs at the same level, eliminate Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants and State Student Incentive Grants as well as cutting National Direct Student Loans.

In addition, the Office of Budget and Management proposed to lose even more aid by keeping budgets the same for the next four years, thus allowing inflation to chip away at the dollars remaining for students.

Several campus-related student organizations are lobbying in Washington D.C. to aid in keeping Congress from making cuts that are too drastic. The head of the College Republicans in Washington is hopeful that some cuts will eliminate some of the waste in the higher education department. "There is tremendous waste in that department," said Jack Abramoff. He also

predicts the administration will increase its hunt for students who have defaulted on student loans.

Some resolutions that will more directly affect SU students are in the works within the state department of higher education. One such bill has already been approved and is intended to increase state grant appropriations to students.

A scholarship bill and one for Native Americans are also proposed. They are estimated to provide about \$100,000 in funding for the students.

The fourth bill, which is still being prepared, will be related to college work study programs.

'Threads' tries to shock us into anti-nuclear activism

By Kevin Cassella

It's been almost a year since ABC aired "The Day After." Yet images of a nuclear holocaust persist on the television screen.

While one program aired on television relatively unnoticed by many Americans—unlike "The Day After"—another scheduled to be broadcast on cable television next month may draw just as much attention as the ABC movie.

"Testament" aired Nov. 26 as part of the "American Playhouse" series on the Public Broadcasting System. The movie focused on a California family and its struggle for survival during a nuclear blast.

The \$1 million movie was released to theaters during the fall of 1983, and that may have hurt viewership, according to Larry While, program director at Prairie Public Broadcasting, adding that some people may have already seen the film.

"I think our audience size was down to some degree. Personally, I don't think you can 'thump' that theme too long without reducing audience reaction."



Early childhood ed is topic of next seminar

The Bismarck Early Childhood Education Program will be explained during a YMCA of SU Brown Bag Seminar at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, in the States Room of the the Union.

The program offers a variety of services to children starting at the pre-school level and addresses special needs of children. Speakers will be Mary Ann Anderson, Michelle Hogan and Paige Pederson of the BECEP staff.

The station received what he called a fairly normal viewer response to "Testament's" broadcast.

In addition, PBS had only \$5,000 to publicize the movie, while ABC spent more than \$12,000 to plug "The Day After," which was viewed by some 100 million people—the sixth largest audience in television history.

The Associated Press says America's stomach for the subject will be tested by the broadcast of "Threads." The film will premiere on cable television's WTBS Superstation Jan. 13. It will play two more times on the station before being syndicated to non-cable stations.

The movie, the AP says, is an obvious attempt to shock people into anti-nuclear activism.

The film contains footage of charred bodies and people eating frozen rats, which are said to be immune to the effects of radiation, according to Eric McLamb, public relations director for entertainment syndications at WTBS, in a telephone interview.

"A couple of the more graphic portions have been edited out," he said, referring to a scene where a woman gives birth by herself and is seen biting through the umbilical cord.

"It's (the movie) not made to shock the viewer's sensibilities."

McLamb says the movie graphically portrays a nuclear holocaust according to what both American and Soviet scientists say will happen after a nuclear attack.

WTBS will air disclaimers stating that parental discretion is advised and recommend that children under 17 years view the movie in the presence of an adult, McLamb said.

He defended the decision to air "Threads" by saying family entertainment, for which the Superstation is known, may also be educational, and that is what "Threads" is.

Also scheduled to air on WTBS on Jan. 14 is "On the Eighth Day," a documentary by the British Broadcasting Corporation with a panel discussion following on a special edition of Freeman reports.



Next week's ON STAGE performer was singer/guitarist George Russell.
by Jeff Wisnewski

Job availability and competition are highest

By Margaret Palmer

Nationally, job prospects for college graduates are better than they have been in five years. While the competition for entry level jobs is tough, there are jobs, according to

Larry Wilkinson, SU's job placement director.

In its annual survey of Fortune 500 companies, the College Placement Council found the firms plan to hire eight percent more new grads than

they did last year.

"1985 will be a better year to be coming out of college than 1984," Judith Kayser, CPC spokeswoman said. "We're expecting the expansion to continue. We

think the slowdown is healthy; the economy will begin to accelerate again at the beginning of 1984.

"Recruitment is definitely up, not so much in the numbers of companies, but the number of positions being offered," said Garry Tamm, the University of Nebraska's job placement director.

Some companies offer employees a finders fee for finding new employees. The finders fee can be as much as \$1,000.

The demand for recruits in different fields varies from one part of the country to the other.

The biggest demand is in Florida, Colorado, California and Texas.

The growth in all fields in the areas of the country is the best in two years and is still growing, Wilkinson said. This is very encouraging. But the market is very competitive and a graduate must put a lot of work and initiative into their job search for that special job, he added.

It is not always what you know but who you know and how you use your contacts. "Close to 80 percent of the liberal arts jobs are not advertised. The humanities are very competitive and it requires a lot of initiative to find the right job," Wilkinson said.

The best opportunities exist in computer science, accounting, electrical and mechanical engineering where hiring should increase seven percent, the College Placement Council showed in a recent survey. Science, math, and business and technical categories should increase as well, the survey says.

The electrical engineering jobs are the hot ones this year, Wilkinson said. The mechanical engineering market fell apart three years ago but now the prospects are much better, he added.

Coating and polymers are also good now also. There are more jobs than there are graduates because there is so much research in the paint and plastic field, he said.

The prospect for the nursing profession in this area is not good. There is a need in Texas. The mobility in this field is mobility.



Getting a job is hard work and the interview is just one facet of the job hunt. (Photo by Jeff Wisnewski)

Job placement can assist in job search

By Margaret Palmer

At this time of year, juniors and seniors are concerned about resumes, interviews and finding that fantastic job. Larry Wilkinson, director of job placement at SU gave a few tips that will make the job search a little easier.

Finding a job requires a lot of time and effort. Many seniors do not have the time to prepare themselves properly, but it is important that they do so, he said.

It is very important that the student knows who he or she is. Questions asked during the interview will be probing and the grad can

make an impression that would otherwise be missed if the grad had not taken the time to make a self-evaluation, Wilkinson said.

The grad should decide what job he or she wants. He should identify two or three areas that would be attractive as job opportunities. The companies that are offering those jobs should be researched. Employers and recruiters are more impressed if the grad knows something about the company they are approaching, he said.

The student should target his or her campaign toward these companies. When the cover letter

resume is sent to a company, one should mention that a call will be made to set up an appointment.

The grad should not approach the company cold by knocking on doors, but instead send a letter first then set up an appointment, Wilkinson added.

Many of the larger corporations use the requirement of a high grade point average to weed out the applicants. This makes it harder for some students to get into the office. "It is an easy eliminator," Wilkinson said.

Measle outbreaks spotted in many colleges

By Bob Schломann

Despite dramatic increases in the number of measles cases contracted by students at some colleges during the last three years, students attending colleges in the Red River Valley have managed to avoid the disease.

Health service officials at SU as well as MSU and Concordia College said there have been no confirmed cases of measles at these schools in some time.

According to College Press Service, 101 cases of measles were reported on college campuses in 1981, but the number mushroomed to 282 by 1983. Efforts to control the problem are expected to result in fewer cases this year, the report said.

There are two reasons for the re-

cent outbreaks. Young adults who were vaccinated before 1970 may have received an ineffective vaccine. Therefore in order to gain resistance to the disease, they would need to be immunized again.

Many students were never immunized at all, the CPS report added.

Students in primary and secondary schools in North Dakota and Minnesota are required by law to be immunized against measles.

Judy Dulski, director of the MSU health service, said Minnesota health officials have been generally successful in persuading people who may have had the ineffective vaccine to be reimmunized.

"We have not had a confirmed case of measles in the last two years," Dulski said, though the

health service is aware of the problems at other campuses and is alert to the possibility of an outbreak at MSU.

Kathy Benson, nurse administrator at Concordia, said "I can't remember when we've last had a case of measles."

Students seem to be keeping their immunizations up to date, and the college does not plan any extra precautions in view of the outbreaks at other schools. "I don't think there's been any outbreaks in this area," she said.

While there have been no cases of measles at SU either, Jan Naylor, head nurse at the SU health center, said, "We're in the process of instituting a more complete immunization requirement."

The new rule would require in-

coming students to provide documented proof that they either had measles or have been immunized against the disease, Naylor said.

The CPS reported some schools have instituted measures such as offering measles immunizations to students, requiring students to prove they have been immunized before allowing them to register for classes and even devising programs to test student's resistance to measles in an effort to control the problem.

Of 12 campuses reporting measles outbreaks so far this fall, the most serious have been at Miami of Ohio, Houston, Louisiana State and Dartmouth, the report said.

Exodus of SU instructors looks for greener pastures

By Rick Olson

Several SU faculty members have left the University to seek higher positions either in the private sector or at other colleges and universities. Indications point to a possible continued exodus of instructors from SU and the state. North Dakota Gov. Allen Olson announced his proposed state budget for the 1985-87 biennium Dec. 6 in Bismarck. Olson's budget includes a recommendation for raises in faculty salaries on the following scale: a 7.6 percent increase effective Jan. 1, followed by a 5 percent increase set for July 1, 1985 and a 5 percent raise on Jan. 1,

John Richardson, North Dakota commissioner of higher education, said the budget also provides raises for classified staff at colleges and universities. Richardson said in a telephone interview from Bismarck, that the governor's budget calls for an 8 percent increase in the classified employees' salaries effective July 1, and 5 percent on July 1, 1986. Richardson selected George "Bud" Sinner of Bismarck and state House Majority Leader, Rep. Earl Strinden, of Grand Forks, are working on their proposals of their own, but expect to release their respective

positions Jan. 8, and Sinner will begin his term with the opening of the Legislative session. Legislators met in Bismarck last week for a three-day organizational session before the opening of the regular session in January.

The Rand Corporation, a nationally-known think tank, has conducted a study regarding teachers' salaries. According to the report, instructors' salaries over the past 10 years on a national average, have dropped by about 15 percent.

The Rand study also reported that salaries in the private sector have generally risen by 15 percent during the same period.

State Sen. Tom Matchie, D-Fargo, and an SU associate professor of English, said the Faculty Salary Committee made its recommendations to the Legislature's Interim Budget "A" Committee on Higher Education.

"The recommendations it (the committee) came up with were roughly 13 percent, and 7 and 8 percent increases (in faculty salaries) for the next biennium," Matchie said. "The committee not only adopted these reports, but made faculty salaries the number one priority."

Dr. Don Scott, chairman of the SU Agriculture Economics Department, and chair of the Faculty Salary Committee, said that instructors' salaries "have not kept up with salaries at other institutions in higher education."

"Each institution in North Dakota has documented that a number of their faculty have left for salary reasons and gone to other institutions of higher education," Scott said.

Richardson said there is no one answer as to why faculty members are leaving.

"The Board (of Higher Education) did a study that identified 61 faculty that left through early fall. Many left to accept positions at other colleges and in the private sector," he said.

Matchie said the State Board of Higher Education studied the salaries issue, "and decided to be realistic, for it (the Board) should make the 'catch up' raise not 13 (percent); but 11.6 percent. The annual increases should not be 7 and 8 percent but 5 and 5 (percent)."

Matchie stresses that this was the position of the Board. He said that SU has adopted the board's position because this is the program which the Board presented to the Legislature. He also said there is no mention of the catch-up raises in the governor's budget.

"One other different thing about the governor's budget is he (Olson) has left 10 percent of it (the budget) in the hands of the Board of Higher Education," Matchie said, "to distribute as it sees fit and to control, in other words, quite apart from the colleges. That's a new wrinkle."

Matchie sees this development as an effort to get in merit pay.

There are other considerations besides salary increases which have been prompting faculty members' decisions regarding their future employment.

"It may have been career goals, career interests, situations that dictated a move was in order...a variety

of reasons," Scott added. "A predominant reason lately has been salaries."

"Salary is one consideration," Richardson said. "The average salary increase has been around \$8,600."

Richardson notes that most faculty are leaving for other colleges and universities, going on to new occupations and moving to other parts of the country.

Matchie believes out of the total number of people who are leaving SU, about 50 percent of these faculty members are going on to new positions at other colleges and universities, and the other half are opting for positions in the private sector.

"One other concern that I really have and that's the salaries of the instructors and people who teach academic courses on the lower levels," Matchie said. "The lecturers, the instructors and to some extent, the teaching assistants."

"But mostly the lecturers and the instructors," Matchie added, "they are at exceedingly low levels, and that needs to be addressed, if not by the Legislature then by the Univer-

sity, and I think it's going to involve a new look at the Personnel Board."

The last salary increase for faculty members was two years ago.

"The (Olson) recommendation of a 7.6 percent catch-up adjustment and 5 percent each year of the biennium is not great enough to get done what needs to get done in terms of adjusting faculty salaries," Scott said.

"The last actual salary increase we had was for the 1982-83 academic year," Scott said, adding, "No salary increases for 1983-84 and 1984-85."

Scott said, however, during the last two years of the biennium, the state has picked up some of the employee contributions to the retirement program.

It is difficult to estimate where SU faculty salaries rank nationally, but Scott said, "A recent study was done by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

"Fifty institutions were selected for comparison, one institution from each state," Scott said. "It happened to be UND for North Dakota. Our salaries are very similar the UND's. In an all-ranks category, we ranked 47th out of 50 in those comparisons."

SU ag. economist says the US should provide food aid

By Perry Game

The African hunger crisis presently gripping that continent is responsible for the deaths of thousands of people with several thousand more expected to perish in the next few months.

"Although most of Africa is experiencing difficulty meeting their basic food requirements," said Dr. Roger G. Johnson, an SU agricultural economist, "the areas with a real starvation crisis are the country of Ethiopia, the areas south of the Saharra Desert and the southern part of the continent."

Johnson cited several reasons for the hunger crisis which includes conditions such as drought, civil wars and lack of good transportation.

"The biggest cause of hunger is poverty. Those people simply do not have the resources or the means to produce their own food, nor do they have jobs to earn money to buy it."

Johnson also pointed out that many of the countries with hunger problems are newly independent countries where military coups and revolutions have created unstable and poorly managed governments unable to initiate agricultural development programs.

The present food crisis is comparable to the last major African food crisis which occurred in 1974, according to Johnson.

"Today, the total number of starving people is about the same as in 1974, which was estimated at one-half billion. Because the population has increased in 10 years, hunger as a percentage of population is not as bad as 1974, but the absolute numbers are about the same, if not greater."

Although a "considerable amount of food aid is taking place," the agricultural economist believes a

consistent, overall food aid policy should be followed.

"The problem has to be attacked on two levels. Certainly when you have a food crisis, short term food aid is needed, but agricultural developmental assistance, in the form of technology, should also be used in conjunction with the short term aid in the interests of achieving the longer-term goals," Johnson said.

"As the richest country in the world, we have a responsibility to help in the developmental process, but we have difficulty doing this," Johnson said. "When was the last time you heard a congressman run for office and say he is for increasing food aid?"

Several international, national and private organizations are involved in emergency food aid. They include: The World Bank and Regional Development Banks of the United Nations, the U.S. "Food For Peace" program, CARE, Catholic World Relief and Lutheran World Relief.

In addition all the countries of Western Europe and Japan are now involved with food aid and developmental assistance.

Even though a self-proclaimed advocate of foreign food assistance Johnson said that food aid has had effects as well as good ones.

"The trouble with food assistance to developing countries is the tendency for those countries to become dependent on outside aid, and therefore seem to neglect their own agriculture development by not providing government assistance, credit, research and extension services. The United States recognizes this, and is trying to only provide food aid in emergency cases putting emphasis on development."

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The athletic program at SU includes all sports and despite the Bison football team national championship loss to the Troy State (Ala.) Trojans, the Bison are still the team to beat in the North Central Conference or at national level.

It seems to me that other teams in the conference and around the area cannot wait to nail the teams the SU athletic department produces. Well, that may be something those teams will have to work on for a very long time because the Bison do not intend to give up its winning spirit.

Did the Bison really provoke the other teams in the conference that much to make us the target of an attack? Maybe.

In the last two years there have been 12 NCC titles and nine of those titles ended up at SU with the football team winning four titles in a row and tying for two. The wrestling team snatched away three conference titles three years in a row and is looking for its fourth one this season. The track team captured both indoor and outdoor track titles two years in a row.

The Bison men's basketball team also had its share of the titles, winning the last in 1981.

Although it feels good to be a champion, all these victories have made the Bison teams the ones to watch and the enemy of the other teams in the conference. Most of these other teams have one goal in mind...to conquer the Bison.

The Mankato State University (Minn.) Maverick football team accomplished its long-time goal this past season. They defeated the defending 1983 national champion Bison. Something they seem proud of despite they were not even close to winning the conference title.

For those teams out there who want to destroy the Bison, you may need to triple your workload because the Bison will work hard no matter how tough the competition gets.

And for those people who are happy because the Troy State Trojans defeated the Bison football team, you better keep in mind that the Bison are like the death that doesn't die. SU's program still has a lot of life in it and the Bison shall rise again whether they like it or not.

Bamson Fadipe

Writer says 'penetrate' is to pass all the way through

To The Editor

Islam is strongly connected to science. In one verse God says in the Holy Quran "O assembly of Jinns (spirits) and humans, if you can penetrate regions of the heavens and the earth, then penetrate them! You will not penetrate them save with a power."

This translation needs some comments: (A) The word 'if' expresses in English a condition that is dependent upon a possibility and either an achievable or an unachievable hypothesis. Arabic language is a language which is able to introduce a nuance into the condition which is much more explicit, there is one word to express the possibility (Ida), another for the achievable hypothesis (Inn) and a third for the unachievable hypothesis expressed by the word (Lou). The verse in ques-

tion has it as an achievable hypothesis expressed by the word (Inn). The Quran therefore expresses the material possibility of penetration.

(B) God is addressing the Jinns (Jinn) and human beings (Inn).

(C) "To penetrate" means to pass right through and come out on the other side of a body.

(D) The power (Sultan) that will have to achieve this penetration would seem to come from Allah Almighty.

So the Quran predicted penetration through regions of the heavens, but also the earth.

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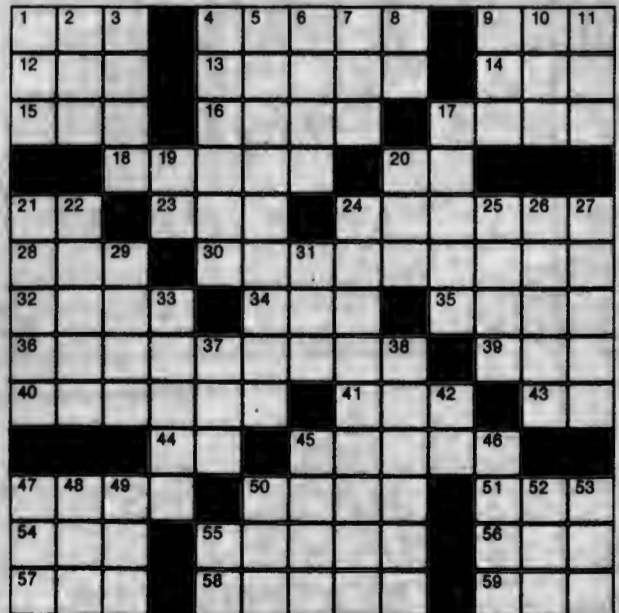
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Conservatives ask for more cuts and control

(S)—In its second term, the administration will cut most aid and fold the remainder of the block grant program, overhaul the U.S. Department of Education to increase federal control over course content if the conservative Heritage Foundation has its

first-term Reagan administration adopted many Heritage Foundation ideas—abolishing the Education Department, extending tax cuts to segregationist schools, repealing laws that bar colleges from discriminating against women, reducing prayer in school, and cutting student aid programs, among others—as its own.

Observers are looking to the administration's new policies will be.

In its Dec. 6 report, "Mandate for Leadership: Continuing the Conservative Revolution," the foundation calls for a reformed Department of Education resembling a three-room house, tighter control of student financial aid purse strings and a presidential commission to raise academic standards.

Whether such suggestions will become law however, is problematic. They don't have the votes to get suggestions through Congress, said Robert Hochstein of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. "It's not going to happen. No one sees a prayer in the Heritage proposals."

The higher education community as a whole would not hold out too much hope that the recommendations will become part of policy and Bill McNamara of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) said.

It's clear that Congress is not taking administration education recommendations very seriously," said Saunders of the American

Council on Education (ACE) said. "Since the 1982 budget cuts, Congress ignores presidential cuts."

But the foundation doesn't see that as a problem.

"We think we've recommended actions that can be taken without a great deal of congressional action," Eileen Gardner, author of the foundation's new education section said. "It's difficult making radical changes that Congress has to OK."

Her revamped three-room Education Department would house a check writing machine to issue funds, an education statistics bureau, and a bully pulpit from which to promote ideas and recommendations.

The Justice Department would enforce education regulations.

In 1980, the foundation wanted to junk the Education Department altogether, Gardner notes, but congressional opposition saved it.

"The education establishment is a powerful lobby group," she said. "Opposition to abolishing the department keeps it going."

Even though the Heritage Foundation has retreated from its 1980 stand, the White House itself still likes the idea of dismantling the department.

Presidential adviser Edwin Meese is mulling that idea again, a high level government source reported last week.

A Meese aide confirmed the administration may propose abolition again.

But the administration also is seeking a new secretary of education to succeed Terrel Bell, who resigned last month.

Such rumors lead some to believe the foundation's influence may be fading.

While the foundation has been "a favorite think tank and source of great enlightenment to the Reagan administration," NAICU's

McNamara senses the administration is "looking a little more critically at the foundation, which pleases us."

"We feel Congress will look even more critically than the administration," he said.

"We hope the proposals will be quite successful," the foundation's Gardner countered. The 1980 proposals produced a "mixed record, too modest for our taste," she admitted.

"One or two categorical programs were folded into block grants," Gardner added. "But, then again, the department remained powerful and we still have funding of some objectionable programs."

Some experts admit the Education Department needs changes, but add the foundation recommendations only scratch the surface, and trespass in college administrative areas.

"Academic standards and priorities are uniquely the responsibility of faculty, administration and students at each institution," ACE's Saunders argued. "Don't get the government involved by setting up an ad hoc committee to determine curriculum and standards."

The real question is "How does one enhance education in general?" Irving Spitzberg of the American Association of Colleges said.

"The department needs a spokesperson able to deal with all the constituents of higher education. That's more important than tinkering with the organizational chart," he said.

"The report hardly addresses the issue of how we can more effectively meet the national commitment to educational opportunity," ACE's Saunders added. "It's hard to see national concern in the Heritage report."

Despite their concern, most of the education groups agree the need to cut the budget deficits probably will prompt Congress to approve some of the measures.

"Tightened academic standards for student aid eligibility is a major issue this year," ACE's Saunders noted.

"There's an enormous public recognition of the federal deficit," Carnegie's Hochstein added. "Cuts have to come out of the whole range of support programs."

Student financial aid cuts are possible, he said, but the extent of the cuts depends on public opinion and the Congress.

"Education shouldn't be the key target for (diminishing) the federal deficit," Hochstein said. "There's a likelihood of some cuts, but not as massive as those proposed by the Heritage Foundation."

Many college students can't even balance their checking accounts

(CPS)—Only two of every ten college students have the necessary financial skills to properly manage their money, according to a new survey of students' money management skills and spending habits.

Based on the survey of 2,400 college students at campuses nationwide, more than 76 percent of today's students start college lacking the money management skills necessary for day-to-day living. "It appears that our high schools are graduating students into universities, but not arming them with the financial skills they need once they get there," said Robert Howell, president of TeleCheck Services, a check-approval firm which sponsored the survey.

Even among the 24 percent who say they have a good understanding of money management, fewer than half actually balance their checkbooks regularly, the survey showed.

At the same time, over 70 percent of all college students have their own checking accounts, and 54 percent pay most of their bills and expenses by personal checks, according to the survey.

"These students have limited money in their pockets, and it's important they know how to use it wisely," Howell says, especially since "(they) are already regular check users, and 90 percent of all U.S. households have access to checking accounts."

About one-fifth of the students spend between \$500 and \$1,000 a year on entertainment and living expenses other than tuition. An additional 31 percent spend between \$1,000 and \$2,500 a year, and 26 percent have non-tuition expenses of

over \$5,000 a year.

Nearly half of all students rely completely or very much on their parents or jobs for financial support. Eighteen percent rely on no money from their parents, and 17 percent depend completely on loans and grants, the survey showed.

Fifty-seven percent have credit cards, although most of the students use plastic less than once per week, the survey also showed.

Department store credit cards were the most popular, followed by Visa, gasoline credit cards, and MasterCard.

Ironically, while most students lack good money management skills, their use of checks and credit cards is similar to that of non-students, says Larry O'Neill, TeleCheck communications director.

Yet "most parents never show their children how to balance a checkbook," and banks typically "give a young person a checkbook and send them on their way" without ever explaining how to manage a checking account, he added.

Moreover, most high schools "treat money management the same way they do sex education: they avoid it."

Schools, along with banks and other financial services, need to spend more time teaching students the basics of money management, O'Neill said.

"We're certainly going to slant some of our marketing towards the college population" in hopes of teaching students the value of checking accounts and good money management which will carry over into their adult lives, he added.

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As enrollment drops, more colleges merge

(CPS)—“It’s OK if it’s treated like a merger instead of like an absorption,” said Greg Maxwell, a Barrington College student who is being transferred with mixed emotions to Gordon College, some 60 miles away in Wenham, Mass.

Barrington last month announced it was merging with Gordon to help survive tough times ahead.

It could have been worse. Maxwell himself hopes to scrape up enough credits to graduate in time to avoid the September, 1985 mass transfer. Maxwell’s college itself might have died.

For example, some 280 students had to transfer, faculty members had to dig for new jobs and creditors had to be stalled when tiny Nason College went out of business in May, 1983. The 240-acre campus in southern Maine was offered for sale.

The scene is being repeated almost weekly these days.

Colleges are closing or merging with each other at an accelerating rate as signs accumulate that the long-awaited nationwide enrollment decline has begun this fall, and campuses literally begin to run out of students.

In the last year, Michigan, Minnesota, Washington, Missouri and Colorado, among many other states, have adopted plans to merge previously separate colleges, hoping to save them from extinction.

In just the last two weeks, Barrington and Gordon voted to merge, Washington State proposed merging with Eastern Washington and the trustees of Judson Baptist College in Oregon decided to try to stay open a little while longer.

As many as 200 campuses may disappear before the enrollment drought now beginning ends, some observers predict.

“In the next decade higher numbers of closures and mergers will increase,” predicts James Miller of the University of Michigan’s Center for the Study of Higher Education. “It’s the cumulative ef-

fect of enrollment and finance.”

In the sixties and seventies, schools rapidly expanded facilities, academic departments, and faculties to serve a postwar baby boom enrollment surge.

But the boom has ended, and experts warn enrollments will keep falling well into the 1990s.

“We’re seeing only spotty drops in enrollment so far,” says Paul Albright of the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE). “The baby boom wave has not quite passed. But how long can it continue? Look at the numbers.”

WICHE projects there’ll be 20 percent fewer high school graduates over the next decade, a drop that could spell disaster, especially for small private liberal arts colleges.

“Virtually all closures take place in the private sector,” Michigan’s Miller explains. “A private school runs out of money and goes bankrupt.”

When Shaw College in Detroit fell from 1,200 students in 1975 to 500 in 1983, it accumulated millions of dollars of debts and closed in June, 1983.

New York’s Eisenhower College also closed in 1983, despite its effort to save itself with a 1979 merger with the Rochester Institute of Technology. The University of South Dakota at Springfield closed last May.

And St. Mary’s Dominican College in New Orleans closed and sold its campus to Loyola University early this year, after failing to raise \$6 million to pay debts.

Others are wobbly. Judson Baptist is staying open on a term-to-term basis while Denver’s Rockmont College is selling most of its 26-acre campus to raise \$8 million to continue operations.

And a trustees’ decision to close Wilson College in Pennsylvania brought an alumni lawsuit demanding the school remain open and the trustees resign.

But Michigan’s Miller asked,

“How many more years can the college stay open? Enrollment stays small. The closing is really being postponed.”

“Merger is a diplomatic way of closing without openly saying you’re closing,” he added. “But sometimes there are positive benefits from both schools.”

Both Barrington and Gordon, which announced their merger in November, are financially stable, but haven’t met enrollment expectations, Martha Stout, a Gordon spokeswoman said.

“Given the demographic for the next 10 years, it makes sense to join forces while things are good,” she added.

The colleges’ similarities—location, religious affiliation and academic programs—are easing the transition, Stout noted, but the human logistics are trickier.

Barrington students, who will relocate to Gordon’s campus, initially were shocked by the merger, she admitted. But “this has changed to general anticipation, even excitement, over the possibilities.”

“Schools with less funds have more trouble competing,” WICHE’s Albright said. “There’s record enrollment at schools like Berkeley, but middle of the line schools will have trouble.”

Michigan’s Governor’s Commission on Higher Education, for one, soon will recommend ways to counteract a projected 10 percent decline in the number of college students by 1990.

“Schools need to read the handwriting on the wall,” warned commission member Annette Abrams. “We need to lay out criteria to say when a school should close. Consolidation and downsizing are options that are less frightening.”

Minnesota’s Higher Education Coordinating Board also “is trying to stimulate more efficiency and

coordination in instruction programs,” board spokesman Lewenstein said. “We’re still or two below closing or merger.”

Colorado hopes to streamline its system as well, but territorial disputes among the state’s college governing boards have vetoed most proposals.

Education boards in Alabama, Iowa, Washington and Kentucky, among other states, are grappling with merger and closure options.

“There are a lot of strategies which allow schools to survive,” Joseph O’Neill, executive director of the Conference of Private Colleges “Don’t spend more money than you earn. Give raises in October when you know enrollment figures, not in April.”

“Colleges are very resilient,” O’Neill added. “If you warn them they’ll take steps. But, we’ll see institutions misjudge the patterns. They’ll miss ones that will suffer.”



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Badminton Club

The SU Open Badminton Tournament Finals are to begin at 7:15 p.m. in the Old Field House. Everyone is welcome to come and watch. Admission is free.

Bison Promenadors

The Christmas Dance is at 8 p.m. Sunday in the Ballroom of the Union. Roger Hegland is calling. Everyone is welcome.

Bison Trail Riders/Equitation Club

The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Sheppard Arena.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

The meeting along with the Christmas service will be at 8 p.m. Sunday in FLC 319.

IEEE

This is the last day to enter pro-

jects in the Mini-design Contest. Be sure to give \$2 registration fee to any IEEE officer.

Newman Center

All are invited to a Christmas Buffet Sunday at the Newman Center. Participate in the decorating of the Center beginning at 1 p.m. The dinner begins at 6 p.m. The cost is \$2.50 per person, \$1 for children 12 and under.

Recreation Center

The Rec. Center is sponsoring the Skoal Bandits 8-Ball Tournament at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Recreation Center. Signup and payment deadline is 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Student Hospital Society

There will be a Christmas party at 7 p.m. on Monday at Dr. Hoop’s residence.

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Falling enrollment is feared to be lasting

(CPS)—Since 1981 we've scraped and hunted and hoped for students, said the registrar of a major North Carolina university and kept (enrollment) up. Now, it's catching up to us. "It" is the long-anticipated, much-dreaded drop in the American college student population.

Many small, four-year liberal arts colleges have struggled with declining enrollments in recent years. But this fall even two-year colleges, long the fastest-growing campuses in the country, have lost nearly two percent of their students, the National Association of Community and Junior Colleges reports.

And big name campuses such as Delaware, Penn State, St. Bonaventure, Miami, Alabama, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Arkansas, the entire University of Missouri system, Marquette, New Mexico and Arizona are also reporting enrollment declines this autumn.

"I think it may be the start of the decline nationwide," said Deborah Haynes, assistant admissions director at South Carolina which has four percent fewer students this year than last.

"This is certainly the beginning of the expected drop," said Dr. C. Doyle Bickers of West Georgia State.

"I think we're beginning to see the effects of the predicted decline," added Dr. James Kellerman of Fort Hays State University in Kansas.

No one, of course, is sure. The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) won't be able to release firm numbers for nationwide fall enrollment until next spring and predicts the student population will remain near last fall's record 12.3

million.

There are signs the numbers may be worse than expected, however.

"The South Dakota School of Mines dropped 10 percent," said Gordon Foster of South Dakota's Board of Regents. "This puzzled and surprised us. We did not expect this" of such a popular engineering school.

Even if nationwide numbers approach last year's, the downward trend is expected to accelerate. "We think the enrollment trend is just beginning and will last into the mid-1990s," said Vance Grant of the NCES in Washington, D.C.

The reason is that there are simply fewer high school-aged people in the pipeline that usually provides students for colleges.

This year the number of high school graduates dropped six percent, the National Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers says to some 2.55 million students.

There'll be about 50,000 fewer high school graduates next fall, and the total could fall to about 2.3 million by 1992, the College Board predicts.

"There is a projected five percent decline each year in the college-bound population, and that is drastic," said Dr. Glenn Carter, Penn State's associate admissions dean.

"The first thing to go in a community college," said James Mahoney of the American Association of Community Colleges, "is the part-time faculty."

"A declining enrollment can affect a school in any number of ways, but I feel the impact will be felt across the board. It affects everything from the quality of the football team to the existence of the school," suggested Terry Maurer, Eastern Washington University's Spokesman.

Some New Mexico administrators fear a long-term enrollment decline could force them to fire 50 to 60 faculty members while Minnesota and Michigan among many other states, are concocting plans to merge and close various academic programs to avoid expensive duplications.

But the number of high school graduates has been dropping for

years, from a high of three million in 1979, and colleges have coped by recruiting more nontraditional, generally older students.

The difference this year is that recruiting nontraditional students is getting harder because of the improved economy.

"College is not necessary for better jobs in today's economy," said Larry Stiles, the University of Tennessee's assistant dean of admissions.

"If people can come out of high school and get a job, then they don't go to college," added Sherie Story of the Washington State Community College Board.

If they don't go to two-year colleges, which are suffering their worst enrollment drops in 20 years, they don't transfer to four-year colleges.

"There are not as many transfer students coming out of community colleges because they don't have students either," said Glenn Allen of the University of Missouri at St. Louis.

Many administrators profess they're unconcerned. Officials at Tennessee and South Carolina attribute their enrollment declines to tough new academic standards which cause some students to drop out. Still others simply won't acknowledge decreases for any reason.

"Schools hate to admit they're experiencing a decline," said Dr. Haskin Pounds of the University of Georgia system.

"Education leaders hear stories that their competition is doing better, and they don't want to admit they're not doing well," added William McNamara spokesman for the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU).

"They fear negative publicity," said South Dakota's Foster, "and if a school is shown to be a non-prosperous institution, it won't attract students."

But, inevitably, hope is springing eternal. "The declines are supposed to last into the mid-1990s," McNamara noted. "But the wonderful thing about our world is that predictions and surveys don't hold up a lot."

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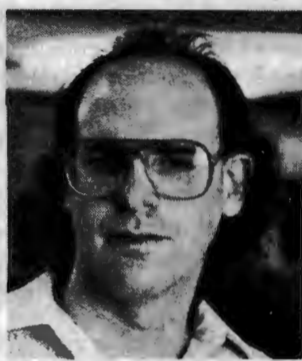


James Johnson

I feel it should be up to the owner.

Steve Glazer

Basically it is absurd because students cannot afford to live according to the stipulations that would be imposed.



Dave Jacobson

The city of Fargo is going to have difficulty enforcing what it is planning to put into effect so there will be no real noticeable change.

Shanon Coyle

I feel it is up to the residents of the apartment or house. As long as the rent is being paid, it shouldn't matter how many people contribute to it.



Tracy Wasson

I don't think they have the right to say how many people can live in a house or apartment.

Kim Wendt

In order to afford housing, some students choose to live with several other people. The new ordinance would create many unnecessary problems for students.



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Arts

Toyland comes alive in the Red River Dance concert

All the fantasy, spectacle and tenderness of the holiday season is found in the Red River Dance & Performing Company's seasonal concert, "Christmas Holiday." Performances run today, Saturday and Sunday at the NDSU Festival Concert Hall. Concerts begin at 8:15 p.m. each evening, with an additional 2:15 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Dec. 16.

This season, the Company is pleased to include the special holiday treat of a guest-artist appearance by Eddie Gasper. Gasper portrays the typical poor and lonely individual observed on city streets, but never granted much attention. You'll enjoy the characterization of this giving, good soul who spreads Christmas cheer!

The performances will appeal to many other holiday moods as well. Children and adults alike will be delighted as the department store toyland comes alive. Raggedy Ann and Andy, the traditional ballerina doll, C3PO, Bert & Ernie, toy soldiers and E.T. will take the stage.

The antics of our street-corner Santas will leave the audience chuckling and laughing, and you'll

easily glide into the holiday when the Company's Currier Ives dancers perform the beautiful "Skaters' Waltz."

The "Snow Queen" and her partners perform a pas de deux to the "Waltz" from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite. The Red River Dance & Performing Company also performs at the Radio City Music Hall Rockefeller Center with a fast-paced precision dance to traditional Christmas tunes.

The Shanley Boys Chorus, under the direction of Tim Olson, joins the Company this season and adds musical flavors that delight and entertain.

With lighting design by Mark Jonason, sound by D.R. Johnson, musical direction under Paul Nelson, this holiday special includes dancers and is directed and choreographed by Company artistic directors, Kathy and Eddie Gasper.

All seating is reserved. Tickets are \$7.50/\$6.50, adults, students, senior citizens, for advanced purchase. Special groups rates available.

CA brings many popular films to captivate SU and the public

By Shannon Endres

Come one, come all, join the fun of entertainment and a special alternative refreshment.

Campus Attractions and NDSU Food Service have joined together expanding the current On Stage program and added new non-alcoholic drinks.

"We wanted to give students something new and exciting to do in the evenings," said Tony Delles, On Stage coordinator, "and now with the cold winter here this adds just that alternative."

Campus Attractions has the program planned for the year. It includes four shows per week at three different locations. "I hope the program catches on fast and we can keep it going even into next year," said Delles.

On Stage has a wide variety of entertainment, jazz groups, singers, easy listening bands, magicians and movies. A Christmas special includes three movies, "Santa and the Three Bears," "Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol" and "Christmas Is," to bring out the kid in all of us.

The goal of Campus Attractions is to bring in better and higher paid entertainers. "Students will probably not recognize the name but we would like groups that are experienced and polished performers," said Delles. "The audience benefits and it will keep the program going."

The exciting new tongue-teasing drinks are put out by the food service. "We also wanted to give students an alternative," said Penny Nielsen NDSU Food Service Director, "with North Dakota's drinking

age being 21, this is great for the younger students to have a fun atmosphere and be able to socialize."

The food service has taken into account the health of students and the availability of alcoholic drinks and changed the menu to fit the non-alcoholic content. The menu includes, Tai Mai, Hot and Cold, Rita Margie, Veggie, and Sparkling Cooler (red or white). Drinks are 50 cents and served with a garnish.

They also serve near beer for 25 cents, "I can't believe how the beer tastes so much like alcohol beer," Delles said, "I was sure I was ed."

"We are still experimenting with the drinks, which the bartender enjoys," said Nielsen.

Campus Attractions would like to see the Greeks and other organizations use the On Stage program and new bar as part of their party option or even a meeting place.

sent out advertising to residents of the dorms and other places. "We hope to soon have tapes advertised over loud speakers in the dorm centers," said Delles. "It should encourage students to get involved."

The shows are scheduled on Tuesday nights in the Residence Dining Center, Wednesday afternoons and evenings in the Culinary Union lounge (lower level Memorial Union) and Thursday nights in the Nibble Nook (lower level West Campus Center).

Bar hours are from 8-10:30 p.m. on the evening shows. Entertainment is 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoons and 8:30-10:30 p.m. on the evenings.



Rourke Gallery

This dream house includes a roomy porch and balcony, high ceilings and hardwood floors.

'A Century Building' tells history of a dream house

This building was the dream house of Eric Martinson in 1884 but is now a branch of the Plains Art Museum in Moorhead.

The Rourke Gallery located at 523 S. Fourth St. in Moorhead has featured "The Lennongrid Series," the photography of James Penuel and many other exhibits this year.

The exhibit now on display, "A Century Building," includes photographs of the Old Martinson's growing family home to its present use as the Rourke Gallery.

The historical and contemporary photos represent work by Eric Martinson, Richard Garnas, Todd Strand, Mark Strand, Owen K. Osten, James Dean and Orton Tofte. Scale models of the house in different stages of development are also on display.

The exterior restoration of Rourke Gallery is now complete, in time for the Centennial exhibition now on display. The restoration began in 1981 and continued during the summer of 1984. The house is now restored to its 1903 appearance.

Ole Martinson built his family home, a two room cottage, in 1884. He added to the house nine times during the first 19 years to accommodate his growing family. The first

addition to the original two rooms, now the Gold Room and Membership office, was the construction of the living rooms, now gallery space, and a half-story above them. By 1903, the half story was replaced with a complete second floor, and the porch and balcony were built on the front.

The house underwent another major change during the 1920 s, when the porch and balcony were torn down and replaced with a small porch, and the siding was covered with stucco. The exterior remained basically unchanged until the 1970 s, when the front stairs to the basement, the lantern, and the arms room were added. The Rourke Gallery restoration commenced in 1981, when the large porch and balcony were restored and the stucco was removed from the east face and part of the south face. The restoration was completed during the summer of 1984, when remaining stucco was removed and cedar shingles replaced the old roof.

The restoration of Martinson House-Rourke Gallery is an ongoing project to preserve one of Moorhead's finest historic buildings. The restoration is funded by the Plains Art Museum, with matching grant from the City of Moorhead.

SU Concert Choir combines with others for Christmas celebration

The 49-voice SU Concert Choir, directed by Dr. Ed Fissinger, chair of the Music Department, will present a Christmas concert at 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20 in Festival Concert Hall.

The guest choir will be from Red River High School in Grand Forks and directed by Kenneth Sherwood. Also performing will be the SU Brass Ensemble, directed by Stephen Dimmick. The ensemble will play works by Gabrieli, traditional Christmas carols and music from the late Renaissance and early Baroque.

The program will be a combination of Christmas and sacred music. The SU choir will sing an original composition by Fissinger, "Love Came Down at Christmas," and two of Fissinger's arrangements, "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen" and "Sleep of the Child Jesus." Other features will include "O Magnum Mysterium" by Poulenc, Verdi's "Ave Maria" and works by Johann Michael Bach and Hans Leo Hassler. The choir will sing a cappella.

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Phonothon '85 has prizes galore for its volunteers. In addition to the group cash awards and individual scholarships given to those phone volunteers raising the most money, there are all kinds of gift certificates to satisfy needs of various shapes and sizes—hunger, entertainment and recreation to name a few. To be on the receiving end of these cash prizes, scholarships and gift certificates, you simply need to volunteer three hours of your time to talk on the phone to alumni living all across the United States.

The NDSU Development Foundation, sponsors of Phonothon '85, has set aside \$1,000 for group cash awards and \$500 for individual scholarship prizes. Businesses contributing gift certificates are Chi Chi's, West Acres Bowl, Ground Round, Royal Fork, Red Lobster, Varsity Mart, Pizza Hut, Wendy's, Mexican Village, Fargo Theatre, Johnny K's, Fargo-Moorhead Community Theatre, West Acres Cinema, The Grainery, Shakey's Pizza, Red River Lanes, Hardee's, Pizza King, LeBistro, Burger King and the Memorial Union's Recreation and Outing Center.

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groups have volunteered their help for Phonothon '85, here's the list... SAA, Mortar Board, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Theta Chi, Lincoln Speech & Debate Team, Business Club, Phi Eta Sigma, ATO, Sigma Chi, ROTC, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Churchill Hall, Home Economics, Burgum Hall, Lutheran Center, Alpha Gamma Delta, Dinan Hall, Farmhouse Fraternity, Ceres Hall, Rodeo Club, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Delta, Society of Women Engineers, Association of U.S. Army, Thompson Hall, University 4-H, TKE, AGR, Blue Key, Arnold Air Society, and Angel Flight & Drill Team.

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Funds raised from Phonothon '85 will be used in SU's area of greatest need for scholarships, research and other areas essential to maintaining academic excellence. Phonothons of the past two years have been successful. A call to the NDSU Development Foundation/Alumni Office will make you a vital part of Phonothon '85.

Many colleges don't offer enough courses for majors

The Dow Jones Newspaper Fund had found that one out of every six colleges and universities that say they have majors in journalism do not offer enough journalism courses or credit hours on campus to equal a major.

In research done to update the Journalism Career and Scholarship Guide, which lists every college and university that offers a major in news-editorial journalism, the Fund surveyed 153 colleges that were not listed in previous Journalism Career and Scholarship Guides.

A major is generally considered as approximately one-fourth the number of courses and credit hours required for graduation from college. That amounts to approximately 10 of the 40 courses students take before they graduate.

"The deeper we dug during our research," said Tom Engleman, executive director of the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, "the more convinced we became that some colleges are reporting they offer majors in a field they can't afford to teach."

"Journalism is one of the most expensive subjects to teach, not only in terms of equipment, but because of the standard 15 to one, student to faculty ration in all seminars and laboratory classes," Engleman added. That 15 to one standard is set by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Com-

munications, the official accrediting agency for college journalism and mass communications programs.

The Fund found one school that said it offers a journalism major, but sends its students to take courses at an accredited journalism program halfway across the state.

The survey resulted in the addition of 34 colleges to the Fund's 1985 Journalism Career and Scholarship Guide, to be published in November.

Sixty-three additional colleges responded to the survey and sent their catalogs to the Fund. Those catalogs did not list enough news-editorial journalism courses to equal a major.

The 1985 Journalism Career and Scholarship Guide will list 328 colleges and universities that offer majors in news-editorial journalism and more than \$3 million in scholarships for students who are preparing for journalism careers.

All of the schools listed in the Guide passed a rigorous screening by the fund. That review of college catalogs is conducted to assure high school students who are deciding where to apply that colleges listed in the Journalism Career and Scholarship Guide actually offer enough courses on campus to equal a major in journalism.

For a free copy of the Guide, write the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, P.O. Box 300, Princeton, N.J. 08540.

Emergency Food Pantry aids the hungry and needy

By Beth Forkner

It is a popular notion that Americans eat too much food and weigh too much. But there are many people who do not get enough to eat.

One program in Fargo-Moorhead, the Emergency Food Pantry, served more than 5,400 people from January to October of this year alone.

The Emergency Food Pantry serves as a stop-gap measure providing food to families and individuals on an emergency basis. People are given food until they are either given some sort of permanent assistance or until their crisis situation is over.

The Emergency Food Pantry is a project of more than 40 area churches, according to Melinda Haun, program director for United Way, which coordinates the Food Pantry.

In the early 1970 s, a small group of churches felt there was a need for emergency food assistance in the community. In 1975, United Way took it over and it became known as the Emergency Food Pantry. In the beginning the Food Pantry was serving about two or three families a day. Today, about nine families are served every day.

A person needing food is referred to the Pantry by social service agencies and churches who are familiar with their situations. This is done for two reasons. The first reason is that it confirms that the need is legitimate. Secondly, it assures that the family or individual is in contact with an organization that can assist them with other needs.

There are various situations which might make it necessary for a person to receive help from the Food Pantry. Sometimes food stamps run out, or someone is waiting to get food stamps of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). An elderly person's Social Security check may be delayed in the mail, or someone may have been laid off and their unemployment checks may not have begun. Other examples of people needing food are fire victims or battered women who have left their homes.

After a person is referred to the Food Pantry, they are given a week's worth of food. The food is mainly canned goods and staples such as sugar, flour, rice, macaroni and cereals. They are also given perishables such as milk and meat. No one is allowed to use the Food Pantry more than three weeks a year.

A typical week's supply of food for a family of four would include eight cans of vegetables, three large cans of fruit, 10 cans of soup, six quarts of dry milk, a box of cooked cereal, a jar of peanut butter, five pounds of cheese, two packages of macaroni, three packages of pudding and jello, two cups of flour, a cup of sugar, three packages of ground meat, one chicken, one pound of margarine, a dozen eggs, three loaves of bread and a box of crackers.

This typical list of groceries is taken from a list. If there are other things which have been donated, the volunteers will also put those into the family's box.

The 40 churches which participate in the program

and cash from the community and from their own congregations. Each church is responsible for about two weeks a year where they are responsible for organizing volunteers getting referrals, packing the food and delivering it.

Haun says one of the reasons the Food Pantry program is so good is that it is a cooperative effort of many agencies.

Besides the churches, other organizations sometimes help the Food Pantry. The day after Thanksgiving, Fargo's V.F.W. sponsored a movie for children at the Fargo Theatre. Any child bringing canned food got in free.

Until Christmas, Domino's Pizza will take off 50 cents from every pizza when an individual canned goods. The money as well as the food will be donated to the Food Pantry.

Several churches have held special food drives.

In addition to canned goods, the Food Pantry needs money to buy perishable foods as well as foods for special diets, such as diabetic or low-salt diets. At Christmas, besides the usual food, the Food Pantry will be giving out 150 Christmas food baskets. These baskets are given in conjunction with the Holiday Clearing Bureau and will be given to people who are shut in and cannot get out to buy their own food. The baskets will have the food needed for a Christmas dinner including turkey and cranberries.

If anyone has food to donate, Haun recommends taking it to the nearest church. SU students can also bring their food to the Newman Center.

"The Food Pantry is not unique to this area," said Haun. "What is unique is the success of this Food Pantry. It is well organized and well supported and an integral part of the community."

There are emergency food centers all over the country, including 67 in the Minneapolis area alone. Many of them don't succeed because they don't run as smoothly as the F-M Emergency Food Pantry.

"There are a lot of people in the community who are keeping it good," Haun said. "These Food Pantries are necessary in the community because the government programs often don't meet needs."

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Not many girls can say they have had the same best friend for 20 years, but Denise and Danette Fetig can. They have been "wombmates" since 1964. As identical twins born only 4 minutes apart, they share just about everything, especially good laughs about old times.

"Both of us used to work at a movie theater at the concession stand," Danette said. "We had to wear the same smock so we looked pretty identical."

Customers came in and thought they were seeing things. "Which is which?" a lot of people asked.

"One evening it seemed like everyone who came in asked, 'Which is which?'" Danette said.

That same night Danette was waiting on one of their old teachers from high school. The teacher ordered a Coke, a Tab and some popcorn.

When Danette arrived with the order, the teacher said, "OK, which is which?"

Danette answered, "I'm Danette and she's Denise."

"Not you," she said. "Which is Coke and which is Tab?"

"Denise was on the floor laughing so hard," Danette said.

The twins have used their identical looks to get each other in trouble. Denise reminisced about a rule that went into effect when they were in high school.

"If you were tardy more than five times, your grade was docked," Denise said. "When I received my report card at the end of the year, one of my grades had been docked. I found out that Danette said she was me every time she was late."

"When we were young girls, we had a paper route," Danette said. "I would take the top section of the route, and she would take the bottom section."

"A car would go by me, go five blocks up and there'd be Danette," Denise said. "How'd you get up here so fast?" they would ask. We never let on that there were two of us."

One night Danette and Denise were getting ready to go out on a double date together. It was

Denise's first date with Greg. He was picking her up early so they could drive around and talk before meeting up with Danette and John.

"Well, I wasn't ready, I knew Greg was coming soon, and I was dreading the fuss the family makes when we have a new date. So, I asked Danette to go with Greg," Denise said.

"I have to say that I was really nervous because this was the first time we were actually trying to pull a switch on a guy," Danette said. "I tried my best to look like Denise."

"Anyway, we went through the whole bit. I introduced Greg to Mom and Dad, I even sat next to Greg in the car. When we were driving around talking, I asked him, 'So, what do you think of my twin sister Danette?'" Danette said.

"Greg said something like, 'She thinks she's too cool...she doesn't talk to me very much...she's not as nice as you.' I couldn't believe it. Here I was talking to him and being nice, and he's saying how I'm not nice," Danette said.

"I was beginning to clench my right fist when he said, 'Well, maybe if I get to know her better, I'll think she's nice.' I told him, 'I'm sure you will,'" Danette said.

"You know, I never thought about it beforehand. Greg could have gotten so mad that he wouldn't ask me out again," Denise said. "Obviously, he had a sense of humor because we've been going out since," Denise added.

Being twins is not all fun and games. It has its serious side too. "If there's one thing we hate, it's when people compare us," Denise said.

Whenever you compare twins all you do is find faults. Comments such as, "this one smiles more" or "this one talks more" are a cut on one of the twins. Therefore, when you are comparing twins, a compliment to one is a negative comment to the other.

"Danette and I dressed alike until about sixth grade. Not every day, but we had a lot of the same stuff. Then we starting buying our own things. It was great. We had two closets to choose from instead of one," Danette said.

"I met a woman with twin boys," Denise said. "After I told her that I had a twin, she asked me if I thought it was OK to dress them alike. When twins are old enough to make their own decisions, you should stop," Denise said.

"Sometimes, people accuse us of trying to look alike. We don't try to look alike. It's just that we have the same complexion, same color eyes and hair, so the same kinds of makeup and colors look good on us," Danette said.

"Why should we wear things that don't look good on us, just to prove we're different?" Denise said. "We know we're individuals."

Denise and Danette are more than just twins. They are individuals pursuing different goals. Danette is a communications major, concentrating in public relations and advertising. On the other hand, Denise is working towards a double major in social work and criminal justice. However, both have one objective in mind at all times: to be happy.

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Expanding the route from last year has required forming half-hour routes that will cover an area from

T-lot to Buttrey-Osco and the Alpha Gamma Delta to the Gamma Phi Beta sororities.

Check out the schedule, route and days for the system listed. Please notice the stopping times and areas where the bus will be stopping.

In order to avoid missing the bus or waiting for it outside for extended periods of time, be watching from a doorway nearby for its arrival at least five minutes prior to the designated stopping time. Pickups may be made along the route so make it obvious to the driver if you are a distance from the bus and would like to catch a ride.

Since the system is semi-flexible please notify us if you feel a change would benefit more students.

This service is being partially

funded by the Student Government. A good share of the Student Government funds come straight from the student activity fees so take the opportunity to make use of your investment. The continuance of this service will depend on student use so if the service is to continue it must be used.

Shuttle Bus manager Dan Bernier said they are still interviewing and will be hiring more drivers. Anyone interested must have a valid class or 2 (N.D.) or an A or B (Minnesota) Drivers License. You may contact Dan Bernier or leave a message at the Student Government Office, room 360 in the Union.

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Salvation Army does more than ring bells

By Beth Forkner

They have red kettles everywhere during Christmas, but that is all most people ever see of the Salvation Army. More goes on through the Salvation Army than appears on the surface. The Salvation Army has two main sources of income, according to Capt. David Clark, commander of the Fargo unit. One source is the kettle stands. The other is direct mail appeal. Last year, the organization was able to raise about \$65,000 during the Christmas season. This

year their goal is \$75,000.

There are four main programs the Salvation Army carries out during the Christmas season: food vouchers, holiday meals, gifts to nursing homes, and presents for children.

Last year, 469 food vouchers were given out. These vouchers are good for \$25 worth of food for a family of four. A voucher can be used for either a Christmas meal or for any food the family needs, Clark said. Hornbacher's, Piggly Wiggly, or Larson's Super Valu in West Fargo

will redeem them.

"We use food vouchers instead of giving out food baskets for a few reasons," Clark said. From an administrative standpoint, the vouchers work out better because it is difficult to forecast how many people will need food. "Last year we planned on about 400 vouchers, but ended up giving out 469. If we had been giving out food baskets, we would have been short 69 turkeys. It's hard to find 69 turkeys at the last minute." In addition, families appreciate the vouchers more

because they can choose what they need rather than everyone getting the same thing.

Holiday dinners are served on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. This Thanksgiving, between 100 and 125 people were served. "These dinners are for people who don't have a family, such as street people who have nowhere else to go or senior citizens," Clark said. "It's the same food they would probably be eating at home, but it seems more festive when they're eating with others."

There is a year-round noon dinner which the Salvation Army operates. It goes on six days a week and feeds between 50 and 75 every day. The program closes on the three holidays, so everyone can join in the holiday meal.

"The holiday dinner is a special dinner we don't normally serve," Clark said. It consists of all the trappings of a traditional holiday meal: turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, roll, butter, cranberries, a salad tray and pumpkin pie.

The third Christmas program is operated by the League of Mercy. They distribute packages of personal items to local nursing home residents. The gift packages include a toothbrush and toothpaste, powder, shampoo, soap, comb, emery boards and a Bible tract. Last year, more than 13,000 of these packages were given out.

The Salvation Army also visits the county jails at Christmastime. Clark said, "There are parents who are in jail. We give them a chance to select gifts for their children. This way, the children aren't punished because their parents are in jail."

Last year, according to Clark, about 3,500 people were served in the Fargo-Moorhead area. They work closely with the Holiday Clearing Bureau for two reasons. "One reason is to avoid duplication. Most people aren't out to cheat the system, but it works better if we know who has been served. The second reason is so no one gets missed."

Clark is hopeful they will reach their goal of \$75,000 this year. The money is used for several purposes. One is to pay the costs of fundraising such as sending out direct mail and paying some of the kettle workers. Most of the workers are volunteers, but some get paid. Clark said they have asked all the fraternities and sororities at SU to volunteer to work at the kettle stands.

The money is also used to pay for the Christmas programs and to use during the rest of the year. "We have found that people are most generous during the Christmas season which is why we do our fundraising then," Clark said. Leftover money from Christmas is used to carry on the year-round programs, such as the noon program which served 19,934 meals last year.

The Salvation Army does other things besides the Christmas programs. They help send children to camp in the summer. If people are stranded in Fargo-Moorhead, they will help the traveler get home, whether by giving gas money or paying for bus tickets. Furniture is given to people who are fire victims, and clothes are given to street people.

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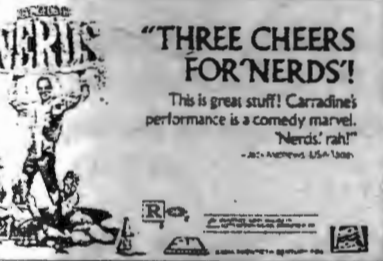
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Anorexia and bulimia come with transitions

Anorexia nervosa and bulimia are in epidemic proportions on campuses today, said Pat Halvorson of the SU counseling center.

Both of these are called eating disorders, but Halvorson feels they are labeled incorrectly. "They really are psychological disorders that show up in eating behaviors," she said.

People with eating disorders "have an obsession or preoccupation with food, weight, eating, fasting, starving, losing weight or fear of gaining weight," Halvorson said.

The onset of anorexia is usually at transition times. This may include going from junior high to high school, the loss of a parent or loved one, or a high-stress period.

The main behavior of an anorexic is starving or fasting which continues until the person is emaciated or dies.

These people have unusual eating behaviors. "Fifty percent of the people have restricted diets," Halvorson said. They only consume 100-200 calories per day.

"The other 50 percent eat more food but get into purging behaviors," she said. They may begin to throw up, or use laxatives or diuretics.

The person with anorexia nervosa "has an intense fear of becoming obese. Their world revolves around not gaining weight," she said.

Other people realize this person has a problem, but the anorexic doesn't feel there is a problem.

The onset of bulimia occurs at transition times much like that of anorexia nervosa. The main behavior is binge-eating large amounts of food in a short time.

An example of a binge is three dozen doughnuts, one gallon ice cream, two dozen cookies, one loaf of bread and one gallon milk. All of this is consumed at one time, Halvorson said.

Generally, bingeing is done alone. Most bulimics induce vomiting after eating. "These people feel a need to get rid of it (food)," she said.

The criteria to diagnose a bulimic is consumption of high caloric food, inconspicuous bingeing, termination of eating by abdominal pain and frequent weight fluctuation greater than 10 pounds.

The bulimic has a "fear of not being able to stop eating voluntarily," Halvorson said. The person knows there is a problem but feels they can change it.

The process "is like a roller-coaster—fasting, then bingeing."

The symptoms to look for in someone with an eating disorder are a noticeable weight loss, skipping meals, unusual eating behaviors, and perfectionistic thinking. The person is usually polite, popular and an over-achiever, she said.

"There may be a withdrawal from friends and an emergence into an activity." This may be dance, gymnastics or studies.

The person may also experience mood swings and have compulsive behaviors such as cleanliness or orderliness. Their conversation may largely be about food and what people weigh, she said.

The recovery of a person with an eating disorder is two-fold, Halvorson said. First, there has to be a change in the eating pattern. The person will gradually increase to 1,200 calories per day.

The individual also has to deal with the underlying psychological problems. The treatment may be through individual, family or group

counseling. "It takes a great amount of courage to recover," she said. Recovery time is usually two to five years for a person with an eating disorder.

If you know someone with an eating disorder you should confront that person. Let the person know you care and are concerned.

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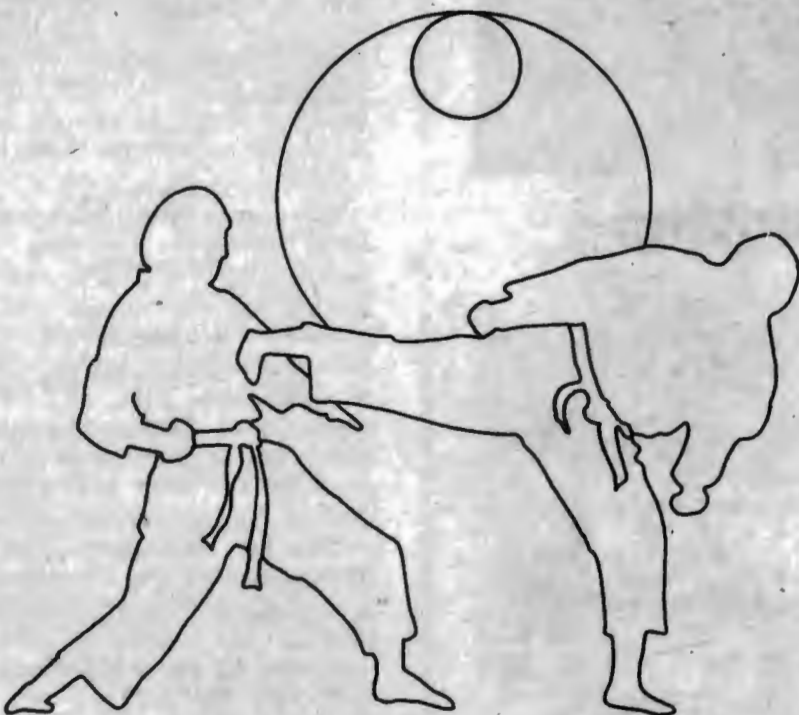
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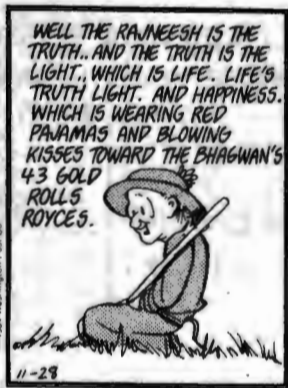
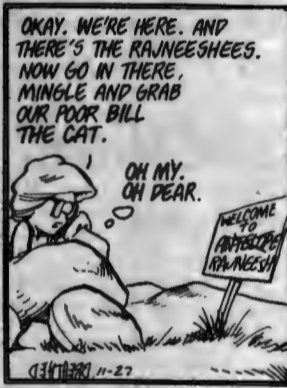
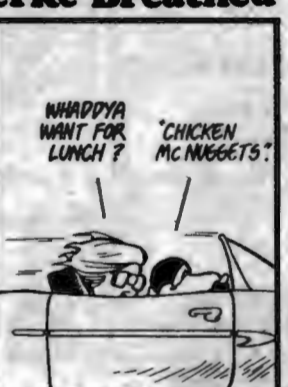
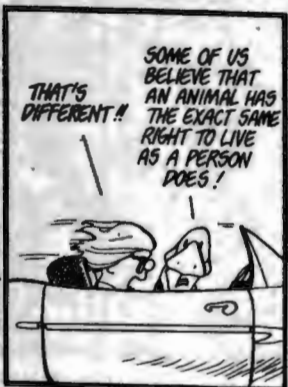
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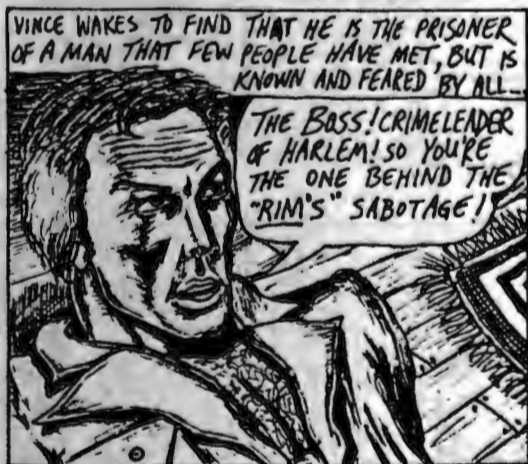
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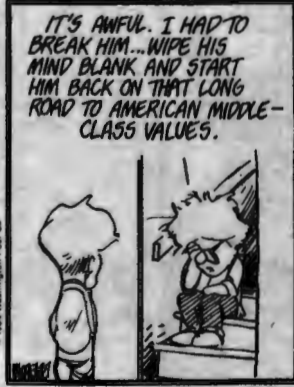
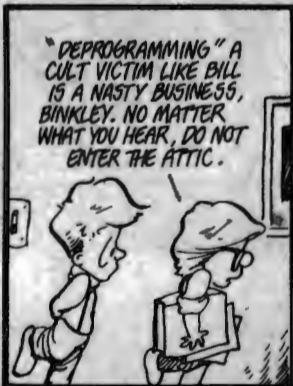
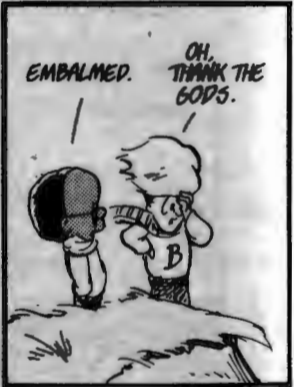
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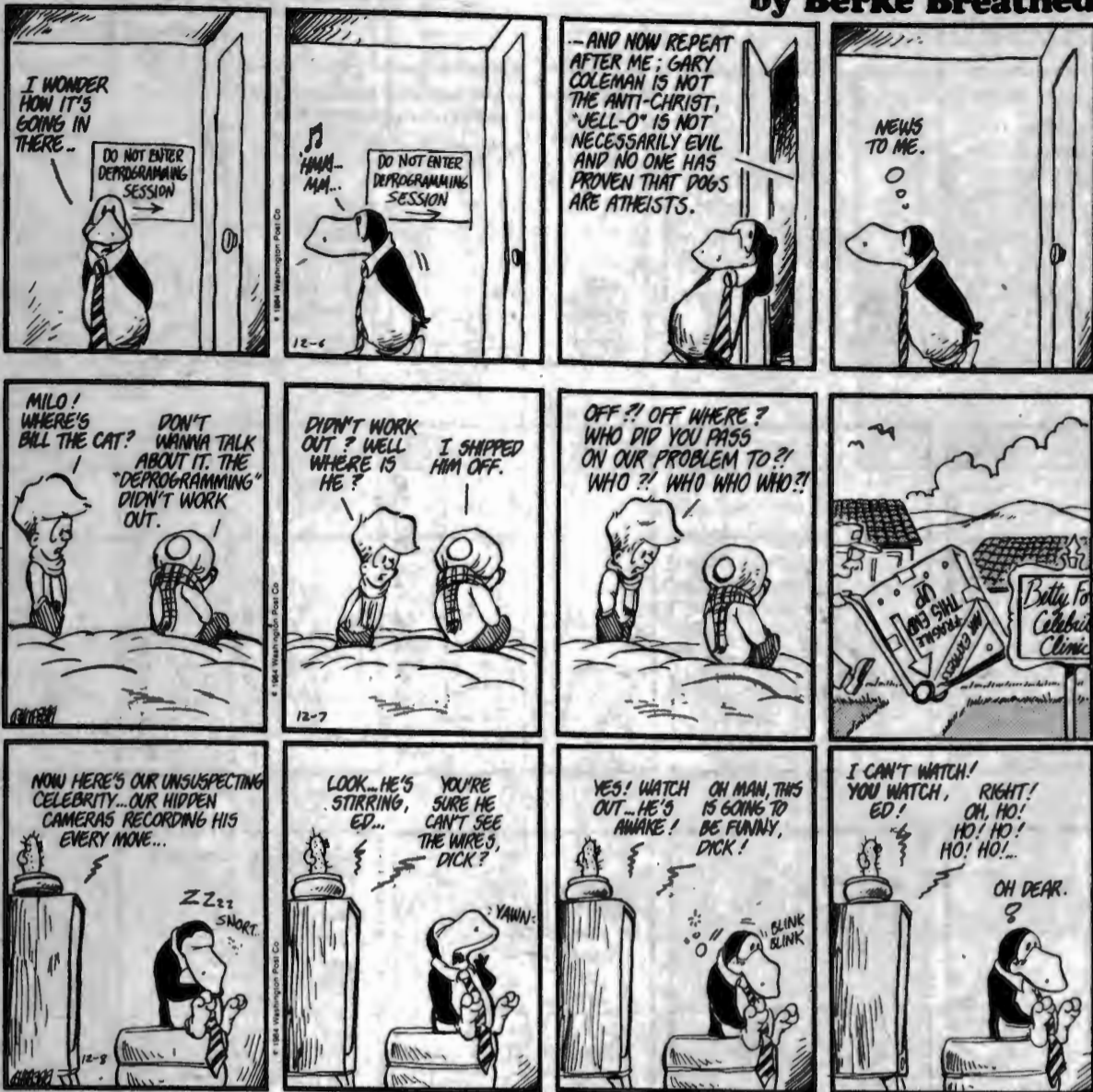
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Dumb jocks' score as well in their classes as others

(CPS)—The dumb jock image just accurate. Freshmen athletes at schools with major sports programs as well academically as freshmen don't participate in athletics, a study claims.

The study of more than 4,000 freshmen at 57 different colleges nationwide shows students achieved a GPA of 2.5 regardless of whether they took part in their schools' athletic programs, reports Douglas Conner, executive director of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), which sponsored the study.

athlete who has comparable academic preparation for entering college. Conner says, allowing the researchers to better compare the effects of athletic involvement on freshman academic performance. Many college presidents and other experts argue students should not be allowed to participate in sports

their first year of college because it drives down their grades.

Among other things, the experts charge, students have enough trouble adapting to college life without the added time requirements and pressures of sports.

Despite the new study, there's still evidence that sports do hurt class work.

Eighty percent of Arizona State's football players, for instance, have received grade deficiency notices this term, according to an article in the State Press, the campus paper.

At the same time, University of Arizona's athletes' grades have risen slightly this semester, officials there report, mainly due to a new emphasis on athletes' academic performance.

In response to such controversy, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) plans to make freshmen athletes meet tougher grade requirements beginning in 1986.

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The requirements, known as Rule 48, will require freshmen to have a minimum 2.0 high school GPA and at least a 700 score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) before they can play sports.

But many college sports officials oppose Rule 48, saying it will do little to improve freshmen athletes' grades.

Moreover, many black leaders argue it will unfairly affect black and other minority students, who tend to score lower on standardized tests because of cultural biases inadvertently built into the tests.

A new University of Michigan study does conclude SAT scores are virtually unrelated to an athlete's college grade point averages, especially when a strong academic support program is involved.

Of the 43 UM freshmen who would have been disqualified under Rule 48, 31 were black, the researchers

note. Only four of the 43 actually failed to graduate.

The new AACRAO study supports such arguments, Conner says, by shattering the conventional wisdom that freshman athletes don't do as well academically as non-athletes.

Conner points out the study found student athletes consistently showed more persistence and better academics standing at the end of their freshman year than non-athletes.

At the same time, based on their SAT scores and high school grades, athletes actually score better grades than they were supposed to during their freshman year, while non-athletes score exactly the grades they were projected to achieve.

One of the reasons for the unexpectedly high scores of the athletes may have been the academics support services such as counseling and tutoring provided for the athletes, Conner speculates.

Also the athletes might not have taken as stringent courses as the non-athletes there by scoring higher grades by taking easier classes.

Conner also notes that athletes in the study were attending school on scholarships and therefore didn't have to worry about part-time jobs to pay their way through college."

Still, collegiate sports officials continue to debate the merits of freshman athletic eligibility, and NCAA officials expect the current Rule 48 requirements may be significantly revised before they go into effect in 1986, says Eric Zemper, NCAA research coordinator.

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Final week of season approaches pro picker

By Neil Roberts

Going into the final week of the season, my record vs. guests is 5-2-1 after being 12-2 last week. My guest this week is Roger Fisher, a student at SU. Roger and I disagreed on three games this week. Let's take a look.

Tonight:

LA Rams 20 at San Francisco 27
Guest: LA Rams 21 at San Francisco 35

The Niners look to be Super Bowl bound. Even with Eric Kickerson running as well as he is, the Niners have things going too well for the Rams to upset.

Saturday:

New Orleans 14 at New York Giants 27
Guest: New Orleans 7 at New York Giants 17

The Giants are playing for a playoff spot. Phil Simms is still throwing well, while the Saints appear to have a ways to go. The Giants defense will spark the victory.

Denver 20 at Seattle 24

Guest: Denver 27 at Seattle 31

The Seahawks beat the Broncos on the road, so I see no reason why they should have trouble doing the same in the Kingdome where they play so well. The loss last week against the Chiefs shouldn't affect the Seahawks.

Sunday:

St. Louis 20 at Washington 21
Guest: St. Louis 17 at Washington 28

The Skins have a tendency to win the big games and this is definitely a big one. The Skins haven't been overpowering anyone, not even the Vikes, but should hang on to win Sunday.

Chicago 13 at Detroit 10

Guest: Chicago 7 at Detroit 10

The Bears defensive line will give the Lions fits this week. The Bears need this win desperately to go into the playoffs on a winning note. Hopefully the Bears can generate enough offense to keep Payton at halfback.

Green Bay 31 at Minnesota 13

Guest: Green Bay 21 at Minnesota 17

This pick needs no explanation. The good news for the Vikings is they should end up with the third or fourth pick in the draft. If defensive lineman Bruce Smith from Virginia Tech is still available come their turn, the Vikes will probably take him.

Philadelphia 27 at Atlanta 10

Guest: Philadelphia 31 at Atlanta 10

The Eagles have been playing too well for the Falcons to even compete. The Falcons have the inside track on Heisman winner Doug Flutie.

New York Jets 17 at Tampa Bay 20

Guest: New York Jets 14 at Tampa Bay 7

This may be a mild upset. While the Jets have the better record by a two-victory margin, they just ended a six game losing streak by defeating the Bills. Meanwhile, the Bucs are 5-2 at home.

Indianapolis 19 at New England 23

Guest: Indianapolis 7 at New England 21

The Patriots have taken a turn for the worse losing their last three games. The Pats should win at home even though the Colts will give them a good game.

Buffalo 10 at Cincinnati 23

Guest: Buffalo 14 at Cincinnati 27

The Bengals are 6-2 in their last eight games. Kenny Anderson is back and healthy at quarterback. A Bengal win coupled with a Steeler loss against the Raiders puts the team in the playoffs. All reason enough for a Bengal win over the Bills.

Pittsburgh 17 at LA Raiders 27

Guest: Pittsburgh 14 at LA Raiders 28

The Steelers have no one to blame but themselves for not making the playoffs. They've lost some tough games to mediocre teams lately. A win over the Raiders or a Bengal loss will put them in the playoffs.

Cleveland 17 at Houston 20

Guest: Cleveland 20 at Houston 21

This may be the most difficult pick of the week. I'm going with the Oilers because they're the home team and have won three of their last five games.

Kansas City 24 at San Diego 23

Guest: Kansas City 31 at San Diego 23

The Chiefs have come back in their early season form when they looked like they were going to challenge for the division title. In the meantime, the Chargers are nearly the same team without Dan Fouts. These two teams will have much better records next season. The Chiefs are a young team and are improving. The Chargers defense is finally showing some change for the better.

Monday:

Dallas 20 at Miami 27

Guest: Dallas 10 at Miami 21

The Cowboys may be watching the playoffs from home for the first time in years. Marino will pick the defense apart with time to throw. Cowboy loss will eliminate them from playoff contention.

The Herd didn't go to Texas for a quarter-break vacation and a tan

By Michael Morey

It is not uncommon for residents of this area to vacation south in the winter, and it is unusual when that is an unpleasant experience. Such a thing happened to the Bison this past weekend in their visit to McAllen, Texas.

Well, they weren't exactly vacationing. They were down to play a football team from Troy State in the Palm Bowl to defend their Division II national championship.

After scoring two touchdowns in the first quarter, it seemed as though the Herd changed its game plan to stay on the attack. That's not so, according to Head Coach Don Morton.

"Our game plan has been the same every week, and you don't really make that many variations in your game plan from week to week. You have a base offense that you have to execute, and our base offense had gotten us to where we were so we weren't going to make many changes," Morton said.

"The thing we were concerned about was Troy State's quickness...their ability to run to the football and their ability to hit. We didn't know how we would match up quickness-wise. In the first quarter when we scored two touchdowns, it became obvious that we could match up."

One of the keys to the game was adjustments that Troy State made after the first quarter to shut down the Bison running game between the tackles.

"They started playing the inside game tougher. Their linebackers were really flowing, and we were able to hurt them inside between tackles."

"Then after we scored the second touchdown, they really tightened their linebackers up. They played more aggressively inside because they started to bring their secondary up hard. We wanted to throw

the ball a little bit more, but we weren't hitting on our passes."

After Jeff Bentrin's interception, the opportunity is there to second-guess the coaching staff, but Morton feels too much is being made of the one play.

"The thing about football is that it's a great second-guessing medium and no one will second-guess themselves more than I will. Yet you have to realize you are making hundreds of decisions during the course of a game, and not every one is going to be the right one."

"We won a lot of games this year and we lost a couple games...it's a percentage thing. Every time you run a play, every decision you make it's based on percentages and you're not going to be right 100 percent of the time."

The 1984 Bison have a lot to be proud of, not the least of which is the play of backup quarterback Don Hammerschmidt.

"We are real proud of Hammerschmidt the way he moved the offense up and down the field, and gave us a chance to win the game. He certainly has performed when called upon this year."

There were times this year that Morton was not sure just how the team would go. According to Morton, nothing was certain.

"After the Mankato State game we wondered how good a football team we were. We opened the season with a great win over Northern Michigan, then got beaten by Mankato State, and then we regrouped. McAllen, Texas was the farthest thing from our minds. The conference championship was the farthest thing from our minds. We were concentrating on one down at a time."

"We are proud of our players and the way that they hung in there and improved. That shows a lot of character on their part to overcome some adversity," Morton said.



Coach Paul Kloster, Chris Birmingham, Jeff Johnson and Paul Stephenson discuss split times at last Thursday's practice. (Photo by Rick Engen)