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Stephanie Magnuson/WINONAN

Students and faculty have been enjoying the changing fall colors from the sky recently for \$5 for a 15 minute rides from Certified Flight, Inc. The company is trying to get more people interested in becoming pilots.

Winona Airport used as flight school for local students

Stephanie Magnuson
WINONAN

This fall, Winona State University students and faculty have a different way of seeing the autumn colors.

Certified Flight, Inc., is offering a fall promotion where patrons can take a flight around the Winona area.

Flights depart from the Wi-

nona Airport at a cost is \$5 per person for a 15-minute flight with up to 3 people allowed per flight.

The goal is not to make a profit but to gain interest in the flight school offered by Certified Flight Inc., said Heath Reabe, flight instructor and Winona State business administration and aviation student.

"We hope to share the joy of

flying so that anyone can determine for themselves what they enjoy about flying. If someone is interested in finding out what flying is like can experience the thrill of flight if they so desire," said Reabe.

The Winona Airport, once part of a regional airline with Chicago, the Twin Cities and La Crosse, is now a flight school.

The airport was converted

into an array of classrooms, offices and lounges, and even includes a "wall of fame."

The wall consists of photos of pilots who have completed the program and have successfully established careers.

Also on display are large metal posters that display the names of students who have completed the different flight

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STUDENTS BEWARE OF CITY OF WINONA ORDINANCE

Ordinance

Vehicles must be moved every 20 hours

Vehicles parked in City of Winona streets in excess of 20 hours are subject to a fine and may have their vehicle towed.

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Alternate-Side Parking Ordinance

The City Alternate-Side Parking Ordinance is in effect starting on November 1st, at 1am and stays in effect until April 1st. This time frame allows the City Street Department ample time to clean the fall leaves from the streets and the snowfall from the streets to allow for safe passage of vehicles.

Please note: If you park your vehicle before 1am, make sure that you have parked on the side of the street indicated for after midnight. **Example:** You parked your vehicle at 10pm on October 22; make sure that you are on the odd-numbered side of the street as it will be October 23 after midnight.

The city fine for an Alternate-Side Parking ticket is \$25.00. The Police Department will begin ticketing vehicles on November 1 at 1am.

The Alternate-Side Parking Ordinance reads as follows:

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Please Note: City ordinances also prohibit parking on boulevards and other grassy areas. A violation of these ordinances will cost you dollars. If towed, there will be an additional cost along with a per day storage charge. For more information pertaining to these two ordinances you may contact the Winona Police Department (457-6368) or visit their website at www.2.cityofwinona-mn.com

WAPS hope college students will vote 'Yes'

Kathleen Kulkay
WINONAN

In 19 days, Winona Area Public Schools will put the fate of education into the hands of local community members, including Winona State University students.

On Nov. 8, District No. 861 will place a local property tax referendum in front of Winona.

"If you don't support educating the youth, our society will not have a future," said Superintendent Paul Durand.

The referendum will ask the community to consider three questions: Question No. 1 would fund programs, services and personnel within the district.

Currently, kindergarten has been reduced from full-time to three days a week.

Question No. 2 would address the need for funds for capital improvements and maintenance at the high school and elementary buildings.

This includes improving the interior and exteriors of the buildings, addressing health concerns, upgrading heating and ventilation systems, improving energy efficiencies and installing safety systems.

According to Durand, the high school, which is nearly 38 years old, has been neglected for a long time.

Question No. 3 would address technology needs, including: computers,

software, infrastructure and training.

If the referendum does not pass, Winona schools will have to cut an additional \$3 million in programs, substantial services and personnel budget while continuing to face a deficit in the operating budget.

These cuts include eliminating athletic programs throughout the district, as well as cutting physical education, music and art teachers, counselors, media specialists and administrators. The Winona Middle School and Senior High pools will be closed. New textbook purchases will decrease and students will have a four-day school week.

Classroom sizes will increase because over 20 classes will be cut if the referendum does not pass, Durand said.

Already, 109 class sections at the high school were cut from the schedule for this year.

On average, class sizes reach about 30 students, but some have over 40, Durand explained.

Since the 2000-01 school year, the Winona area public schools have been forced to cut over \$7 million expenses, Durand said.

Last fall the district attempted to pass a levy, but that referendum failed and the district made \$2.4 million in cuts to reduce the expenses.

"These reductions are having dramatic and negative impacts on our children," Durand said.

If the referendum does pass, existing programs for students would be maintained, faculty members would remain, appropriate teacher-student ratios would be reached, athletic program at the high school would be maintained and the seventh and eighth grade athletic program would be reinstated. Co-curricular activities, such as the high school newspaper would be restored and so would full-time kindergarten.

The schools would also be able to replace or upgrade outdated classroom equipment and academic resources, restore media centers, update materials, and address building maintenance.

New library books also need to be purchased, Durand said.

Students will be better neighbors, spouses, employees, community members and people if they are well-educated, Durand said.

In 2001, the average \$150,000 home in Winona paid \$1000 in property taxes. In 2005, the average \$150,000 home pays \$400.

This reduction in local property taxes, along with falling federal and state revenues adds up to a weakened financial base for the schools, which is the reason

the community's support is needed, Durand said.

If the referendum does pass, property taxes will increase a maximum of \$300 a year.

Rental units around Winona can apply for the Property Tax Refund, which provides tax relief to households whose property taxes are high in relation to their income.

Students enrolled at Winona State University, St. Mary's University and Southeast Technical College would be qualified for this tax break if rent goes up, Durand said.

However, Durand said, students will probably not see a dramatic increase in their rent because of supply and demand.

Landlords know that if they increase rent dramatically, tenants will find other places to go, Durand said.

"Winona State students can make a huge difference in this decision," Durand said.

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Newly approved clubs spice up campus

Joanna Chiquist
WINONAN

■ CLICK

Sex, disability awareness, anime and Nepal are the themes of four new Winona State University student clubs approved on Oct. 19 by the student senate.

The latest student club is aiming to push boundaries while educating students on sex safety. College Lifestyles Involving Consensual Kink (CLICK) is part of a national movement which started at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass., Claire Curley, founder of Winona State's CLICK club, said.

"It's about kinky sex and doing it safely for both partners," Curley said. Some people at the group's first meeting didn't know what a diaphragm was; "If you're having sex you need to know what these things are," Curley said.

Curley said CLICK's mission is to educate college students in anything having to do with sex, even if that means

discussing more controversial sexual aspects.

Even though the club is about sex, Curley said she doesn't encourage club members and other students to go around having sex with different people.

"It's the discussion of kinky sex and the safety of it. It's not about promoting sex, but to teach," Curley said.

So what does "kink" mean? Curley said she defines the word as "anything that's out of the normal when it comes to sex."

Curley said she will find a way for each person to do whatever they think is "kinky safely."

The club's faculty advisor Tamara Berg said she would be surprised if anyone disapproved of the club since it is based on the idea of sex education and promotion of safety.

"It's about pushing boundaries of sexual freedom, to control your own body and participate in consensual sex," said Berg.

Curley said she created flashcards with words pertaining to sex and the

word's definitions and uses. During CLICK's Halloween themed meeting on Oct. 18, the group carved phallic images into pumpkins and candy was given to members who answered flashcards correctly.

CLICK meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in Prentiss-Lucas Hall basement.

■ Association for Disability Awareness

The Association for Disability Awareness works to inform and correct any misconceptions about disabilities as well as provide those people who have disabilities with aid and support, said the group's founder Ezra Kazee.

Kazee said this is a revival of a club which was around when he first came to Winona State in 2002, but the club and its members have dispersed since then.

"The club should be here because there is a misunderstanding of what disabilities are; of what people can do and how they can contribute to society," Kazee said. The club has had several meetings already this year and has planned a major event for tonight in the student union.

The ADA along with the college of Liberal Arts, the communication studies and special education departments are hosting "When Billy Broke His Head," a documentary about Billy Golfus' motorcycle accident and the disability it caused.

The event starts at 7 p.m. tonight in the Performing Arts Center Room 154 and consists of watching the documentary and a discussion led by Billy Golfus.

The ADA meets every-other Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Greek Counsel Office in the Student Union.

■ Anime Club

The Anime Club is designed for those students interested in anime, a stylized art form developed in Japan, said Claire Curley and Richard Welsh, who co-

founded the club.

The club is open to everyone, but topics of discussion will be centered on anime shows, movies and comics, said Welsh and Curley.

Curley joked that since she and Welsh are both part of CLICK and Anime club that maybe they could do a joint activity of watching Hentai, anime pornography.

The Anime club meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Student Union.

■ Nepali Club

The Nepali Club is not just for students from Nepal, said Sooraj Maharjan the club's founder, but it is for anyone who wants to have fun celebrating Nepali's festivals and holidays.

The club's mission is to teach people about the Nepali culture and "let students know our culture is very peace-loving," said Maharjan.

The country is best known for the Gurkha army, an army designed to keep peace in the region and surround countries, said Maharjan.

"It is a very small country but a huge variety of people live there; it's very diverse," he said of Nepal, a Kansas-sized country located between China and India.

Maharjan said that he figured it was about time to start a club for students from Nepal, since students from Nepal make up the largest group of international students at Winona State.

He said the first big event the Nepal club had was a pot-luck to celebrate Dashain, a Hindu holiday that celebrates the triumph of good over evil, on Oct. 12.

"We don't restrict festivals to anyone based on religion," said Maharjan. "Basically it's an excuse to have fun."

He said the next big festival the club will celebrate is Gihar, the Festival of Lights, on Nov. 3, where people celebrate worshipping, singing, giving gifts and lighting candles.

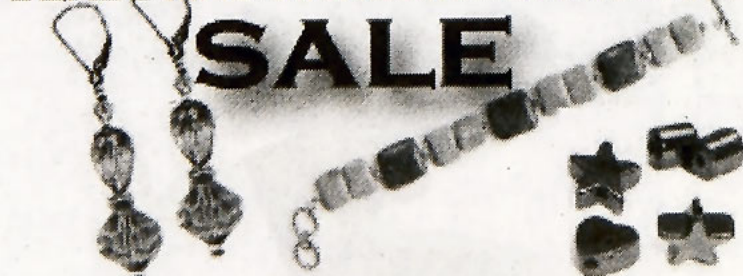
The club hasn't set meeting times.

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Winona State University is seeking submissions for the University Holiday Greeting card design. The winning designer will receive \$300.

The designer must be enrolled at WSU. The design must measure 5" by 7" if created on a computer and submitted in digital form. It can be 10" by 14" if submitted on paper. Photos must be no lower than 300 dpi.

The card design must be production-ready and may contain up to four ink colors. Religious or political subject matter will not be eligible.

The deadline is Oct. 31.

Include your name, address, phone number and e-mail address with the entry.

All entries must arrive in Somsen 209 on the day of or before the deadline.

Student Support Service receives federal grants

**Danielle Schulz
WINONAN**

Winona State University Student Support Services has been given a grant from the federal government totaling \$278,224.

Student Support Services (SSS) is a program that assists qualifying students academically and financially.

The grants received from the federal government are the only financial support that SSS receives, besides Winona State paying for the space they use at the university.

Most of the money from the grant will pay the staff, said Karen Johnson, director of SSS.

The SSS staff includes three academic advisors, one counselor and 14 tutors,

all of whom are paid.

Funding will also be used for scholarships, Johnson said. Last year SSS provided 38 students scholarships, totalling \$34,400.

Remaining funds will provide tutoring, skill workshops, leadership conferences, advising and scholarship opportunities to members of SSS.

"Our goal is to help these students stay in college and graduate," Johnson said.

"The best thing is when they come back after graduation and exclaim gratitude for helping them graduate," Johnson said.

Student Support Services is limited with who they can serve because it is strictly regulated by the federal government, Johnson said.

In order to qualify for SSS the student has to fall into one of three categories; low income, physical or learning disabilities or first-generation college students.

Students also have to be an American citizen or have a green card.

"First-generation students are more common than you think," Johnson said. Approximately 70 percent of Winona State students are first-generation students.

In spite of the frequency of some qualifications, SSS only has adequate space and funding for 225 students, Johnson said.

"We never turn anyone away just because they do not qualify, we help them find help elsewhere on campus," Johnson said.

"The students here really want to do well," Johnson said.

Sooi Yong Lo, a SSS tutor and Winona State nursing student said, "This program aims to help students develop their own learning styles and develop efficient studying skills; subsequently promoting independence and self-reliance towards their education."

Montha Chhunn, a Winona State biology student, qualified for SSS because he is a first-generation student.

"It is a very friendly advising situation here; you tell them your problems and they will help you out with whatever it is you are having problems with," Chhunn said.

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Biology Dept. offers course in India

The WSU Outreach and Continuing Education (OCED) program and Department of Biology are offering the course Physiological Adaptation to High Altitude, biology 427, in India, from May 7 to June 1, 2006, led by biology professor, Dr. Ted Wilson.

The course examines the physiological adaptations needed for human survival at high altitude by taking students on a trek in the Himalayan Mountains of India to a maximum altitude of 16,000 feet. During the trek, participants closely measure changes in their blood oxygen saturation, heart rate, blood pressure, breathing capacity, hydration status and general well being. Students travel to the Mayo Clinic as part of the preparation for understanding the physiological principles studied during the trip. Students also get to see cultural sites in India, including a visit to the Taj Mahal outside Delhi.

Requirements for participation include reasonable physical fitness and a special course fee of \$2,391 that includes all plane tickets, visas, food, lodging and equipment fees. A \$300 deposit is due in January. Participants are also required to have completed two biology or HERS classes by the time of departure and have a valid passport. The course is offered to WSU students and off-campus students and professionals.

Individuals interested in participating in Physiological Adaptation to High Altitude are invited to an information meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 6 p.m., in Stark Hall, Room 108.

Additional information can be obtained in person from Dr. Ted Wilson, in Stark Hall, Room 203i, or via email, at twilson@winona.edu, or by visiting the course Details link, at <http://course1.winona.edu/ewilson>.

Shepard residents lose potty privileges after vandalism

**Tony Borreson
WINONAN**

Someone has been smearing excrement on doors and other surfaces inside the stalls of a third-floor bathroom in Shepard Hall, residents said.

There have been four separate incidents. The first happened during the week before the school year began, said Ashley LaTour, a sophomore English major and third-floor Shepard resident.

The incidents have no noticeable pattern except that they happened late at night, when few people are out of their rooms, said residents.

"It was disgusting," said LaTour. "I wasn't angry about it until they started locking up the bathroom."

To try and prevent recurrence, the bathroom was locked for a 48-hour-period after a floor meeting with resident assistant Anna Greenberg and Quad Hall Director Xavier Wilson. Both declined to comment.

Residents have had to use the smaller, less modern bathroom located at the end of the hall, instead of the more centrally located one.

Before the bathroom was locked, Greenberg sent e-mails to third-floor Shepard students and some residents made signs explaining how to flush a toilet in an attempt to prevent the incident from being repeated, said Kronberger.

Lindsey Babekuhl, a sophomore early childhood education student, thinks the lockout worked because the incident hasn't been repeated since.

However, Alissa Hoadley, a sophomore mathematics and statistics student, thinks differently.

"Someone really has issues," she said. "Just because it has not happened again, doesn't mean it won't."

At first, LaTour thought the occurrence was just "one of those drunken things," but the repetition led her to believe otherwise.

Residents are stumped as to who might be committing the acts.

"I can't see any girls on the floor doing it," Babekuhl said.

"Maybe there's an ape living here," Shepard resident Lynette Kronberger joked.

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College Dems host U.S. House candidate

The Winona State University College Democrats are hosting U.S. House of Representatives candidate Tim Walz on campus.

Walz will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Purple Rooms of Kryzsko Commons.

Walz is challenging incumbent Gil Gutnecht, who is running for his 7th term.

Walz served in the National Guard for 24

years and served overseas in Operation Enduring Freedom before retiring last spring.

He has been a teacher at Mankato West High School since 1996.

All are welcome to attend. For additional information contact Rick Howden at RWHowden5118@winona.edu.

Administration acts on student alcohol problems

Jessica Myers
WINONAN

During Alcohol Awareness Week, last week, S.H.A.P.E. (Spreading Health Awareness through Peer Education) handed out more than 100 alcohol poison response kits to students who participated in their interactive online quiz.

Through five questions, students were able to determine their blood alcohol content on a hypothetical level.

Alcohol Awareness Week is a nationally observed collegiate event, health educator Ruth Schroeder said. Most of the information comes from BACCHUS Network, a National Peer Education group.

Red MADD ribbons were also put on cars to promote awareness.

"We need to remind students that there are consequences," Schroeder said.

In a week or two, according to Vice President of Student Affairs Cal Winbush, the Wellness Committee will discuss a call-to-action proposal.

The Wellness Committee is looking to develop a few ideas, according to Winbush, two or three of the ideas will be used to get started.

Some ideas include having more activities on the weekends, and keeping Kryzsko Commons open late to defer students from drinking excessively.

During a normal academic year, according to Security Director Don Walski, three to five students are sent to a detoxification facility.

Since Jan. 1, 2005, nine students have been sent to detoxification, Walski said.



Matt Kasper/WINONAN

In observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Winona State students posted signs and tied bras together to decorate campus. In Kryzsko Commons lower hyphen, students purchased pink tie-dyed shirts for \$5 on Monday.

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KWDB disc jockey Tim Carey took the time while working to show a few National Broadcasting Society members what his job entails. The radio station is popular in the Twin Cities.

Faculty to exhibit art in Paul Watkins Gallery

The Paul Watkins Gallery presents a Faculty Exhibition, featuring recent work of WSU Art faculty, Tuesday, Oct. 25, through Thursday, Nov. 17, in the Watkins Gallery of Watkins Hall.

Included in the show is work by Chuck Aydlett, Mary Coughlan, Rodney Nowosielski, Seho Park, Anne Scott Plummer, Don Schmidlapp and John Whelan. Works include paintings, pastels, drawings, computer manipulated images, ceramic vessels and sculptures.

A reception is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the Paul Watkins Gallery. An Artists' Gallery Talk occurs the same evening, from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

The campus community is invited to this free event.

Paul Watkins Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Wednesdays, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call (507) 457-5395, or e-mail aplummer@winona.edu.

Dorms open for Halloween

Winona State University dorms will host trick-or-treating in Sheehan Hall, Prentiss-Lucas Hall, The Quad and Lourdes Hall from 6 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 31.

Approximately 70 children come through the residence halls each year. There are 20 to 40 rooms signed up in each hall this year. There is no age limit for this activity.

Vote

If there is a great showing of support by Winona State students, along with St. Mary's University and Southeast Technical college students, and a 'yes' to the three questions, the referendum will pass, Durand said.

The Winona State Student Senate has already declared its support of the referendum and tax increase.

The voting will take place from 7

a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Winona State students are eligible to vote as long as they are registered in Winona, Durand said.

Students can also register at polling places by having a valid driver's license and a form of identification proving their residence in Winona.

The polling places have changed, Durand explained, but voters are able

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to go onto the Winona area public schools Web site to find out where to vote by going to <http://www.winona.k12.mn.us> and clicking on the referendum link.

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Security

Oct. 23

12:30 a.m. — Security responded to Prentiss Hall concerning several subjects attempting to gain entry through a lower level window. Security confronted the individuals who were staying with a resident. The matter was referred to the hall director.

12:05 a.m. — Security responded to the area of Tau Center, where a student was threatening harm to himself. The Winona Police Department also arrived.

Oct. 21

8:30 p.m. — Several students were cited for an alcohol violation in Sheehan Hall. The matter was referred to the hall director.

Oct. 20

6:30 p.m. — A student reported that her vehicle's tire was cut while parked in the South Sheehan Parking lot within the past several days. The matter was referred to the Director of Security.

10 p.m. — Several students were cited for an alcohol violation at East Lake. The matter was referred to the hall director.

Oct. 19

5 p.m. — A student reported that she was being harassed by a male acquaintance. The matter was referred to the Director of Security and Residence Life.

Oct. 18

9:55 a.m. — Security responded to the Science Building due to an unconscious student. The student regained consciousness and was taken to Health Services.

Oct. 13 — The Winona Police Department reported that they arrested a WSU Student for minor consumption near Sheehan Hall. The matter was also referred to the Conduct Officer.

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On a recent trip from Las Vegas to Chicago by way of Orange County, my bag did not make the trip with me.

It started with me in Vegas, and I know it made it to California, but the people in control of the bags on the first plane did not do their job and get my bag on the second plane.

I did not become aware of this shortcoming until I arrived in Chicago after my five hour flight and stared at the baggage carousel for around 30 minutes, watching every relieved jet-setter pick up their luggage and happily make their way home.

I thought about getting on the little belt and be magically whisking away to the back room to look for my bag myself, but then I thought better and decided to not get magically whisked away to airport jail.

I don't consider myself a quitter, but what other options did I have?

My bus was leaving in 20 minutes, and I didn't feel like sitting at O'Hare International waiting for the next bus to come two hours later.

So I made my way to the United Airlines customer service counter, where I found the line to be unexpectedly short.

There was a couple at the counter and a group of three ahead of me.

The first couple walked away looking miserable, but still seemed pleased with the result of their service.

I got to hear everything the group in front of me said, and it would suffice to say that Andrew Dice Clay might have blushed had he heard.

They were blaming the guy

behind the counter for their bags not making it after they connected in Houston from somewhere in South America.

I completely understood their unhappiness because I, after all, was in the same boat.

However, I couldn't figure out why they were so mad at and rude to the guy working.

It's not like it was his fault that the bags didn't make it. Did he fly to Houston, throw their bags off the plane, and then get back to Chicago ahead of them so he could listen to them scream? Of course not.

He deals with people like that every day; I could tell by the way he listened to their complaints, and told them to sit down and wait while he talked to someone on the phone, who I am guessing was fictional and only used to get rid of annoying

customers.

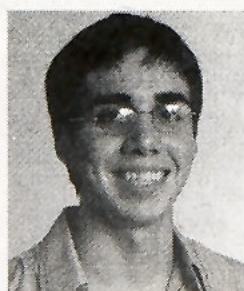
After he finished with this alleged phone call, he summoned me, and I made sure to not be irate. I explained my problem, asked for an explanation, and asked how it would be solved.

I was calm, and in return he was calm, and answered all my questions.

This happens all the time to all of us. Things go wrong, and you want it to be fixed, but make sure you're yelling at the right person. And for heaven's sake, lighten up on the Chartwell's people. It's not their fault the stupid registers don't work.

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Rapping on Referendums and Recess



Kai Oehler
Op/Ed Columnist

High school: also known as a pubescent social tea party, or Mecca for the bookish, or can be a saving grace, or an early inferno, depending on your clique. But with resources crackling dry, hope for public K-12 appears to have tumbled down, gotten maimed and stuck at the bottom of the budgeting well.

There are no worries for the public education version of well-trapped Timmy though; he'll be fine with an already approved four-day school week and programming cuts for ath-

letics and art. A school amputated in functions, I suppose, is better than no school at all.

Sarcasm aside, Winona's public school systems have indeed become an urgent problem.

To support the referendum #861 or not to support—raising property taxes substantially if voted in—has become the question.

But sadly, how much relevant information can students learn with ancient textbooks like Winona's schools? Alas, perhaps Shakespeare will be the only worthy reference they will know, since the iambic pentameter master never seems to go out of style.

I'm out of this high school mess—it's just too much, following me for four years since 12th grade. But this tragedy is personal, believe it or not, to all of us.

With the exception of students in the dorms, your landlords are going to raise the rent—period. But it's not just the

projected \$10-12 per person per apartment for the referendum. Heat prices are expected to increase at least 70 percent; insurance for many landlords nationwide, including Winona, have doubled for many since Katrina. Raw materials for repairs and beautifications—the city pressing for more at any given time—are all skyrocketing as if we're building a personal shuttle.

So, cutting back on five "beverages" to four (the number of days in a week kids would be going to school without the referendum passing), or tithing would afford K-12 students the opportunity of a lifetime (at the low cost of about \$30-40) you've taken for granted yourself.

It's not as if you've used the opportunity of education prior to college to the best of your capabilities, nor have the opportunities of education been capably offered. High school, in my experience, lacks assigning anything to children other

than assignments.

How prepared were you for college? Better question: how primed have you been for paying rent, bills, or insurance. How about time-management, or any other "life skills" that have slapped you in the face? (And on your own time, consider this: what do you think you've learned that you'll need for "beyond college?").

What it amounts to, is that if you're serious about giving another "you" the ability to at least climb to college prepared, just with pocket change (or a day's minimum wage work), why not?

But more importantly, it's your dollars creating classroom challenge, de-emphasizing tests and bringing worthy change (in my case, I stand for more realistic curriculum) to schools that have no choice but to listen to the next generation, which, if you haven't forgotten, is you.

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Referendum important for WSU students

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It's time that you, as students, be taken seriously. That will happen when you, as citizens qualified to vote, take the places where you live seriously.

The Winona public schools face a crisis. For the past five years the schools have been asked to cut and cut, and the School Board has responded by cutting 7 million dollars from its budget. That's roughly one-fifth of its operating expenses. What also has been slashed is buildings and building repairs, technology, staff, the arts and music, after school activities, and academic programs.

The School Board is now asking for citizens to pass a referendum levy that promises to stabilize the schools for the next 6-10 years. Part of the Board's positive new vision involves partnership agreements with WSU that will link the Winona public schools to the needs of the elderly and to WSU daycare, teaching internship, and nursing program initiatives.

WSU students will be directly affected by the referendum's failure or success. WSU students are eligible to vote, here in Winona where their vote will matter in a profound way. Registering to vote is easy (have your ID handy) and will take only a few minutes. The voting place is the nearby Lincoln School, now a defunct public school building owned by WSU.

If you care about education

and believe that the foundation of a civil and prosperous community is its schools, I urge you to register and vote yes for the referendum on November 8.

Two years ago a referendum for the Winona public schools failed by three votes. You live here too in this lovely area, and your vote really counts.

Chartwells—get your act together

Tyler Shepard
Senior
Business Education major

I've been dealing with Chartwells for 4 years now, and I've finally decided that I would like to vent about it. I'm sick and tired of dealing with their crap.

I eat in the Smaug almost every afternoon. The Smaug cash registers haven't been working for almost three weeks now. Lines exceed 40 people EVERY day at 1:00pm in the Smaug. These days it's over 60 due to the registers 'not working.' After I finally get through the line, my food is cold. Transfer hours are a hassle to deal with.

Why haven't these lines of students been taken into consideration? Why must we wait until 1:00 exactly in order to use a meal instead of kryzsko cash?

The American lunch time spans from 11-1pm. After all, that is the hours of the Jack Kane and Lourdes dining halls. Why is the Smaug different? As I stand in line, each and every day, I think to myself, and hear from other students, "what the heck is Chartwells thinking?"

The university is looking for campus dining bids, because the current Chartwells contract ends after this year. Why, Chartwells, haven't you been trying to impress us? Beef up your customer service for crying out loud. The Smaug needs at least 4 cash registers.

Now let's get onto another point—transfer rates. Why, if we want to get a taco salad, does it NOT include a drink for \$4.20? \$4.20 is the standard rate for one transfer...yet there is slim-to-nothing that is offered for \$4.20 that we can consider a meal. I love it when I hear that my friends—who have the 75 meal plan and NO kryzsko cash get up to the register and their total comes to \$4.80. They have to use two transfers—the second one for only \$0.60 because the meal they chose didn't include a measly 20oz. pop. And they pay \$5.13 per meal in the meal plan to begin with!

A 75 meal plan is \$385. Divide \$385 by 75 and you get \$5.13 per meal. What the heck! Why can't we spend \$5.13 per transfer? A spicy chicken combo--\$5.25. Why not \$4.20? In 'Sub Generation' we're only getting a sub and a pop for \$4.20. Add the chips, it's over \$5.

I think the Smaug is supposed to be convenient for us. Charging us 1.5 times the amount and making us wait 20 to 30 minutes in line is NOT convenient.

I once heard the director of dining services say that WSU's prices are low compared to other schools. How can this be true? Is it because they don't pay their employees enough to care about what is going on around them?

Last week, as I waited in

line for over 15 minutes to get my spicy chicken wrap, I heard the pop nozzles "squeaking," yet saw more than 4 Chartwells employees just standing at their "station" and looking around. Are they all deaf? It absolutely floored me that they didn't have the ambition to go change the syrup.

And that brings up another point—the grill. It takes WAY too long to get food there. How many wraps does Chartwells make in a day? I know it's a lot. So why is there only ONE person making them?

The new calzones—I've had two of them, and they've both been hard as a rock. YUCK! And what happened to the condiments table? There is no where to set our food while getting straws, napkins, and condiments. I feel like I'm going to drop my food all over the floor every day.

And we want the ketchup pumps back! You're wasting your money on ketchup packets. If we want ketchup for our fries, I think it'd be much more cost-effective for you to let us pump out the amount of ketchup we want versus us grabbing a handful of packets, many of which will just be thrown away.

Ok, so why am I writing this? I want to see a change. Where is all this money going to? If we're paying \$1.90 for ONE single-serving of yogurt, where is all that profit going? Fix the registers for crying out loud. Figure out your customer service issues. Expand "the grill." Hire more "wrap makers." If Winona State surveys their students, I doubt Chartwells will be asked to return. We're sick of this crap.

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Have a safe and happy Halloween weekend from your friends here at the Winonan!

'Pipe Dream' comes true with Jaydee**Will Maravelas
WINONAN**

Classrooms usually don't float.

On a cold, windy Friday afternoon, Winona State University's new floating classroom docked at Levy Park with a crowd of 50 onlookers.

The Jaydee, a 64 by 18 foot houseboat powered by twin 120 horsepower John Deere diesel engines, is not a typical classroom learning tool.

However, Mass Communication professor Drake Hokanson, Biology professor Mike Delong and deceased History professor Alex Yard saw its potential.

As the boat slowly waded through Mississippi currents at a leisurely 7 mph, Hokanson and Delong were visibly excited to see the 3-year-old "pipe dream" become a reality.

Delong said, "There is not a single field of study at Winona State that doesn't somehow tie to the river. Health, history, sociology, the sciences, economics—using the boat to convey these opportunities are limitless."

Delong's 6-year-old daughter, Savannah, shared her dad's

enthusiasm by running up and down the boat telling everyone in attendance that she got to steer.

Hokanson said he was both

the boat since its production in 1955, donated the vessel early this year to an environmental clean-up organization called Living Lands and Waters.

of boat Winona State wanted.

The university will lease the boat from Living Lands and Waters for \$25,000 for the next three years, which Delong said

We should be studying it at WSU," Hokanson said.

Delong said it was natural to make the project interdisciplinary—to be used throughout all majors—since the professors all come from different areas of study and had a united interest.

Delong said experience always makes learning more effective, and he believes the boat offers students infinite benefits that they can keep long after college.

Jaydee is 50-year old and still running strong, Delong said.

Its carpeted interiors, beautiful woodwork, and three levels in pristine condition make the vessel look newer.

"This is a nice boat," Delong said. "We thought we would have to look at five or six crappy boats before we found the right one. I think we got the right one."

With winter quickly approaching, the boat will spend the next few months in storage at Skipper-Liner Marine in La-Crosse, Wis.

Professors plan to start using it for classes next summer.

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Doug Sundin/WINONAN

The Jaydee arrived safely in Winona last Friday afternoon despite worries that problems would occur during the trip. Winona State plans to start using the boat next summer.

"excited and scared" as the boat made its 4-day trek up the Mississippi.

He said he was worried that something would go wrong with the boat and that he couldn't wait to get it to Winona.

Delong said the boat's acquisition was an accident.

"It basically fell into our lap," Delong said.

In Moline, Ill, the John Deere Company, who owned

The group, which is based out of Moline, contacted Winona State immediately when they received the donation.

Hokanson originally made contact with the organization after taking 13 Winona State students to Paducah, Kentucky last Spring to do an Ohio River cleanup project.

Hokanson said Chad Pregracke at Living Lands and Waters knew this was the kind

"was a steal."

Hokanson said the only downside of the boat was that Yard wasn't able to see it pull into Winona.

Yard died this summer from cancer.

Delong and Hokanson said the project started with Yard, who always wanted to get Winona State more involved with the river.

"Winona is a river town.

Dance Society to hold informal recital**Meggan Massie
WINONAN**

Winona State University's Dance Society will host its first Informal Dance Concert at 7 p.m. tonight in the Performing Arts Center Recital Hall.

The concert will include eight pieces performed by various Winona State students.

The event is free to the public, but it will accept donations for the Red Cross Hurri-

cane Relief.

The recital was the brainchild of Dance Society's President and Vice President, Susan Soukaseume and Sheena Gifford.

Gifford said club members were looking for ways to present their work without the pressure of being graded.

"It's nice to perform just for the sake of it," she said.

After each performance there will be a feedback session

where the performers and audience can talk about each work.

"Many of the pieces are final projects for classes and performers are looking for feedback," Gifford said.

According to Gifford, the input helps students learn how to talk about dance.

"It allows us performers to refine what it is we are doing and in a group environment to make it better."

Gifford said the informal

concert is a wonderful opportunity to see the talent at Winona State, and it also helps people get involved with the Dance Society.

She said students also should attend the event because it can not only help them unwind in a pleasant atmosphere, but it also may make them feel good about assisting the Hurricane Initiative.

"It will be a fun night, where you can take an hour



Stephanie Magnuson/WINONAN

Heath Reabe, Winona State business administration and aviation student, works as a flight instructor. Certified Flight, Inc. offers \$5 trips for anyone interested in seeing a 15-minute tour of Winona. Each airplane can accommodate up to three people. Reabe said the project's goal is to inspire more people to be interested in flying.

ratings.

There are four different ratings after a student completes flight school.

Solo is the first rating, and it is achieved when a student can fly alone

with an instructor's approval and only in specific locations.

The second rating, individual flight, is an unrestricted flight below 18,000 feet.

Athenaeum organizers hope to entertain; enlighten

**Meggan Massie
WINONAN**

The purpose of the Athenaeum is to host events that explore and enhance the intellectual life of the University and the region.

These events include lectures, readings, discussions, seminars, performance arts and other educational experiences.

The Athenaeum is located on the south side of the second floor of the library.

The capacity is approximately 60 people.

Most Athenaeum events are scheduled on Wednesdays between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Oct. 26, 2005 at noon

Dr. Judith Ramaley - President of Winona State University
Greater Expectations Academic

Initiative

Winona State President Judith Ramaley will share her experiences and answer questions on the topic of the Greater Expectations educational initiatives.

Introduction by J. Paul Johnson,
English Department

Nov. 2, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Darrell Downs - Professor, political science

Our Exciting World of Politics: Catch Up with Happenings in Minnesota

The March legislative session will set the stage for several competitive races for 2006 elections. Voters will need to weigh both candidates and issues.

Introduction by Joe Mount,
Library Department

Nov. 9, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.

Gretchen Cohenour - Profes-

sor of Dance, Dance Program Director

How to Watch Dance

THAD professor and choreographer Gretchen Cohenour explores the mystery of dance through dialogue, lecture, demonstration and discussion.

A commercial rating is the third rating, and it allows pilots to be paid to fly.

An additional rating to the commercial one is the instrument rating, which allows a pilot to fly in low visibility conditions by referencing instruments inside the airplane.

The last rating, Airline Transport Pilot (ATP), is when a pilot can fly a large aircraft.

A pilot must be 23-years old in order to achieve this rating.

In order to become a flight instructor, a pilot must have a commercial or ATP rating, which then allows the pilot to teach students to fly.

"Flying becomes a skill that you must hone, you must set the standards of your own performance," Reabe said. "When you achieve a great flight, or a 'greaser,' a really smooth landing or whatever it is that you set out to improve from the last flight, you get a feeling of reward and accomplishment."

Students can take aviation minors in conjunction with flight school, said Reabe.

Winona State offers two minors in aviation; one with a computer science focus and another with a business administration focus.

The computer science

minor consists of courses in computer science, math, physics and aviation.

The business administration minor focuses on business management, chemistry, geography, physics and aviation.

Aviation courses offered at Winona State include Airspace, Communications and Regulations, Air Traffic Control, Flight Safety and Legislative and Legal Aspects.

As a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)-approved university, Winona State's aviation curriculum is to "prepare the next generation of aviation technicians, managers and aircraft crew members."

"I enjoy flying because it is total freedom, I am no longer on the ground, It makes me feel like I'm on top of the world," said Reabe.

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Hurricane Initiative plans spooky fun for students

**Lindsey Holl
WINONAN**

It's late October—time to find a costume and get ready to BOO-gie for a cause.

The Hurricane Relief Initiative group will host a Halloween costume party on Oct. 27 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Student Union.

Costumes are not mandatory for this event, but they are encouraged.

There will be a contest for the best male and female costume.

Winners will receive prizes.

There will also be music, food and door prizes.

Admission is \$3, but the Initiative would appreciate any additional contributions.

Before hitting the party, however, students may want to visit Winona State's "haunted basement."

Maria and Tau Halls will hold a Haunted Basement on Oct. 27 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Admission to the Haunted Basement is \$1 or a non-perishable food item.

Those who attend the basement prior to the costume party will receive \$1 off admission to the party.

All proceeds from these events will go to specific people and projects in the New Orleans community.

Local businesses have been very cooperative and helpful with the Hurricane Relief Initiative. So far, 17 local businesses have donated gift certificates for prizes and supplies for the party.

AJ Schuler, a party organizer, said students will feel good about donating and the social opportunities.

"We not only want people to come and donate but we also want them to come have a good time," said Schuler.

This is a fun way to get college students to participate in a school-sponsored event that also has a good cause, he said.

"This event will make people aware of the Hurricane Relief Initiative on campus and all of the issues going on down south. Even when media coverage of the hurricane is over, the problems are still there and will affect the south for years," Schuler said.

The Hurricane Relief Initiative group was started when students and staff had personal links to those affected by Hur-

ricane Katrina.

The establishment of this group provides a great service-learning experience for students and will allow them to build long-term relationships with Winona and the New Orleans community, explained Ann Smith, computer science professor at St. Mary's and member of the Hurricane Relief Initiative.

Next semester there will be courses offered for students involved in the Hurricane Relief Initiative at Winona State and Saint Mary's University.

Upon completion of the course, students will travel to New Orleans to help with the relief efforts.

Students will decide what the New Orleans community needs, and will then provide relief for those needs.

One project that the group is planning is to help the families of developmentally challenged children who attend St. Michael's School in New Orleans.

These families need help sending their children back to school, as well as help purchasing school supplies and transporting them.

Families themselves need improvements for their homes.

Halloween activities are the first fund-raising events hosted by the Hurricane Relief Initiative, but they hope to have more.

"Come, bring friends and raise money for a good cause. It's going to be fun," said Schuler.

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Atmosphere breathes life into hip-hop

**Will Marvelas
WINONAN**

Atmosphere's latest album, "You Can't Imagine How Much Fun We're Having," is a misguided title for its troubled lyrics and dark content, but it is a great piece of work nonetheless.

Atmosphere is the king of underground hip-hop for a good reason—because he is just that good.

His voice, delivery and wordplay are a fresh step away from almost anything on the pop charts today.

He actually has something to say, a nice change from whatever is

playing on the radio these days.

His content jumps for a testament about being back in the game with "The Arrival" to his comically ironic "Hockey Hair."



He raps about stealing moves from KRS-1

and how he wanted to be LL Cool J, but decided to forge his own path instead in the song "Watch Out."

Atmosphere also encourages those who take the mic to lead rather than

follow.

If you like rap music, forget all you know and listen to something real.

Rhymesayers Records, Atmosphere's label, is known as a home for real hip-hop and un-

derground music.

So stop listening to the music where people spout their name over and over again to no avail (or with no point) and give out their cell phone numbers—listen to something so real that it won't let you down.

Although "You Can't Imagine How Much Fun We're Having" is not his best album, it is still an excellent piece of work, and is worth your hard-earned money.

Album: "You Can't Imagine How Much Fun We're Having"

Rating: B

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'North Country' shows MN's beauty, horror of sexual harassment

Erik McClanahan
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Film
"North Country"

Movie Type
Drama/History

Running Time
126 minutes

Directed by
Niki Caro

Cast
Charlize Theron, Frances McDormand, Woody Harrelson, Sean Bean, Sissy Spacek

MPAA Rating
R: for sequences involving sexual harassment including violence and language

Rating
B

The film was inspired by the real-life events of Jenson vs. Eveleth Mines, the first major successful sexual harassment case in the United States, where a woman endured a range of abuse while working as a miner, then filed and won the landmark 1984 lawsuit.

"North Country" tells the story of Josey Aimes (Theron, looking to get her second Academy Award nomination after winning the Best Actress award two years ago for her hauntingly transforming performance in "Monster"), a woman with two kids who leaves her husband in the film's opening.

Josey brings her angry, misguided teenage son and loving, younger daughter to her parent's house in Minnesota's Iron Range to start a new life.

The film, we are told, takes place in 1989, so we know this is not the actual story, but instead, a Hollywood story "inspired" by a true one.

Director Niki Caro (whose previous film "Whale Rider," another story about a female trying to break free of her culture's gender roles, garnered much critical acclaim in 2002) wastes no time giving the audience a wide-angled glimpse

into the desolate, but beautiful, scenery of Northern Minnesota.

The film was shot mostly on location in Eveleth, Minn., Chisholm, Minn. and Minneapolis, giving a true sense of the Iron Range that couldn't have been achieved any other way.

Josey manages to find a job at the mine where her father has worked for many years.

Her father (played with raw emotion by Richard Jenkins) isn't happy about her working at the mine, but that is the least of Josey's problems as she, and her other outnumbered female co-workers, suffer through numerous sickening and childish harassment at the hands of most of the men at the mine.

Josey is told to "sit back and take it like a man" by her boss and even one of the mine's owners, leading her to finally take action and sue the mine for sexual harassment.

Watching "North Country" will no doubt raise a lot of questions as to how far we've come in fair treatment of women in the workforce, but the film certainly delivers a wake-up call to anyone who believes that women have it the same as men.

The best parts of "North Country" come when Josey decides to stand up for what she knows is right—much like Julia Roberts in "Erin Brockovich," a similar movie in terms of storytelling, content and performances—putting the audience right in the middle of the emotions of the characters.

I found myself becoming angry with the way the women mine workers were treated in the film, forcing me to invest my emotions in Josey's fight to better her small world.

"North Country" is a film that is tailor-made to attract Oscar voters.

With its inspirational story, solid acting, lovely cinematography (Northern Minnesota has

never looked so beautiful in the winter as it does in this film), and a soundtrack filled with Hibbing, Minn. native Bob Dylan songs ("Lay Lady, Lay" was definitely a highlight), the film is bound to gain some awards come Oscar season.

"North Country" is an important story that needs to be told and seen.

It is about doing what it takes to make things better in the world, and of course fighting for what you believe.

While one person can make a difference, we all must realize that equality is something worth fighting for.

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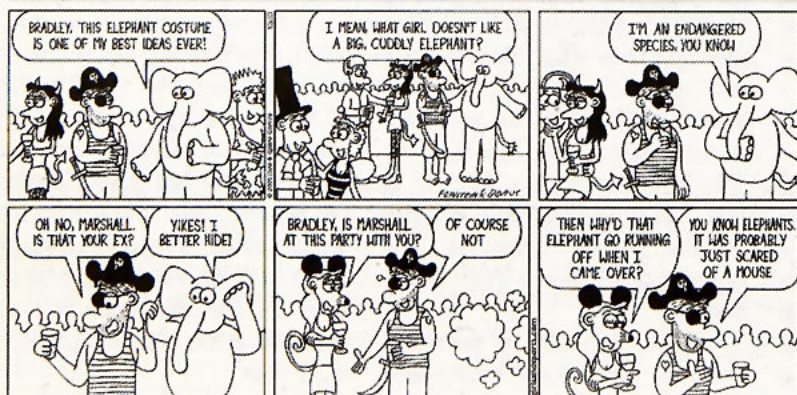


Once again covering up her beauty to prove she can actually act, Charlize Theron gives a strong performance in "North Country" and serves as the film's emotional centerpiece.

Check next week's issue for a review of the 'Batman Begins' DVD.

Also...

Do you know of an album we should review? Send ideas to Will Maravelas at WJMarave4836@winona.edu



Girls & Sports

Jamie Blair: Beware of Halloween costume faux pas

Costumes: To be or not to be.

1. Ladies and gentlemen, don't try to be an over-revealing woman. The truth is guys either know your background or just make the assumption that you're a tease, so to speak.

2. Put some thought into it guys. If you decide that you really want go as a potential movie star woman, my advice is to wear something from the 50s to really nail it. Go all out. Have one of your girl friends do your make up, and stop by Grace Place Market Square on 3rd street. They have some nice women's clothing.

3. If you are a group, go as a

group theme: The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Ghost Busters, Scooby Doo characters, you get the point. They aren't hard to make; it just takes a bit of legwork and a few A-dogs (only if you have a prescription).

4. Guys: Don't try to be something only you or your friends will get. Trust me, girls want see the creativity and muscles. Who knows, the night might end up being bit longer.

5. Girls: I know it's cute and hot, but don't wear all-black with some little ears on the top of your oh-so-empty head. Those ears might resemble ears

of a cat or bunny, but where's the thought? It may work for that one-night stand, but not if you want to be considered a creative thinker.

6. Everyone: Make sure you know who you came with. There may be a lot of Saint Nicks out there so make sure you are safe and think twice before "you put the lime in the Coke you nut."

7. Everyone: If you are going to Madison, my thoughts and prayers go out to you.

Cheers,
Good Old Jamie

Send sex questions to jami Blairwsu@gmail.com

Jibber Jabber: Should Tice be gone?



Ian Stauffer
Sports Editor

Eds. Note: Sports reporter John Huggenvik and editor Ian Stauffer are debating whether Vikings coach Mike Tice deserves his job. Reach Ian Stauffer at IDStauff3770@winona.edu

John: Mike Tice might be struggling, but he doesn't deserve a pink slip yet. Minnesota has been going through some rough patches this year, whether it is injury, bad press (Love Boat) or whatever. He is doing what he can with what he has. This has been a season of underachievers and hopefully they will come around. He shouldn't be the first person that gets the finger pointed at him when a team suffers. Players are responsible too.

Ian: But a coach should be the first person to blame when things start to unravel. Bad stuff like the Love Boat shouldn't be happening. It's one thing if one guy is causing problems, but when 15 or 20 people get together and make trouble, that's a big

With the Vikings struggling on and off the field, rumblings of a coaching change are being heard

discipline problem, and *that* is why Mike Tice should be standing in the unemployment line.

John: Yeah they did make a mistake, but that isn't Tice's fault. How is he supposed to be responsible for what they do off the field? That would be like saying my boss should be responsible if I get a DWI. I don't argue that his job is on the rocks, but after the three years before this one, he was solid, starting off as one of the hottest teams in the NFL. Now as soon as it is slow, his job might be up for grabs.

Ian: Your boss is responsible for how you act off the field

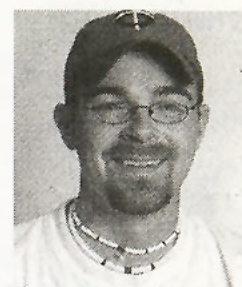
You are representing him and the company. Go get yourself a DWI, and then see how your boss reacts. A lot of people, especially people in the public eye, get in serious trouble for that, and not just with the law. In the NFL, it's not about the last three years. It's "what have you done for me lately." A bad record, no discipline and an offense that needs to be down 17 to start working is a recipe for dismissal.

John: So in the here and now attitude that you think the NFL has, Mike Sherman should get the slip as well. The NFC North is weak this year and regardless of the poor play the Vikings have displayed, they are still just a game out of first place. They are competitive with the teams they need to compete with (i.e. the Packers). If the Vikings were winning, no one would have said boo about the pleasure cruise. It became a big deal because they aren't as successful as before.

Ian: Mike Sherman should be on the hot seat, and probably is, but you don't hear about any Packers screwing up off the field. Teams need to be competitive with everyone, because if a team isn't winning, it won't win the division. Tice should be let go because of a combination of things, not just because of poor play. The Vikings have no discipline, poor leadership and have only beat teams with a combined three wins. Injuries are one thing, but the team is playing horribly and looks nothing like it did in the past, even with a lot of the same players.

John: There is strong leadership here, you just choose not to see it. Both offensive and defensive captains have chosen to institute a system where mental errors will cause a Kangaroo-court fine for

whoever commits the error and they are giving the money back to charity. That speaks about character, something that no one questioned after the mooner got shipped out west. The Vikings are a more business-oriented team now than those in the recent past, trying to present a good image. The run game is developing more so than in years prior. That will benefit

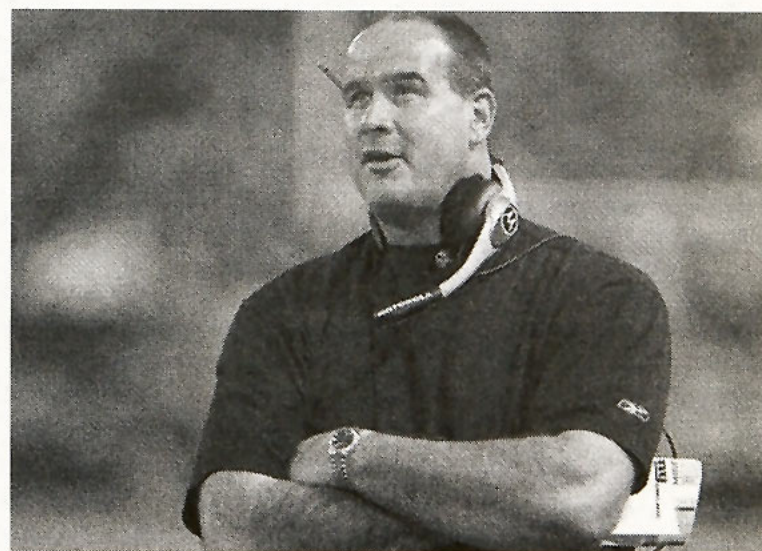


John Huggenvik
Sports Reporter

Tice should be sent packing." Today, however, his job is safe and it should be for the rest of the year. If he and the



AP Photo
Green Bay's Mike Sherman has been holding his head in his hands a lot this season as the Packers have lost four games by a total of nine points, including last week's 23-20 loss to the Vikings.



AP Photo

Vikings' coach Mike Tice has had this look of confusion on his face a lot this year, but the Vikes still got the best of the rival Packers last weekend, coming back from 17 points down and winning on a last second field goal.

Minnesota down the road, and that long-term success is the most important thing.

Ian: Long-term success will be tough if everyone is in jail. As for the court system, some lucky charity should be getting about \$5 million dollars after the boat trip. That charity stuff and alleged discipline stuff is all well and good, but with one or two more ugly losses, Tice should be sent packing. He is just one more example of why former players shouldn't be head coaches. Keep them in the booth.

John: You said it yourself, "one or two more losses and

Vikings keep getting blown out, it is time for a change. The problem with them changing head coaches midseason is that it won't produce results any more effectively than Tice. But if the off-the-field performance is the only thing you got, I think it is a shady reason to let a guy go because, frankly, lots of teams struggle periodically. They will turn around soon, but if Minnesota loses to Carolina on Sunday and the Lions the week after, Zygi Wilf might want to think about posting the spot on Monster.com because something should be changing next year.

On the ball...Rules of blackjack

Club Sports Report



Ian Stauffer
Sports Editor

A lot of you know the rules of blackjack, but there are a lot of people who don't.

And I'm not talking about the basic rules. It's obvious that you have to try to get 21 and you have to try to beat the dealer.

Some of the intermediate rules are knowing what it means to double or split.

But the rules I'm talking about are knowing when to double, split, hit or stay.

The first advanced rule is

this: DO NOT hit if a 10 will make you bust and the dealer has a two, three, four, five or six showing.

If you know why, you can skip the next seven paragraphs.

If you don't know why, read on.

If the dealer has any of those numbers mentioned above, he is statistically likely to bust. It's not my personal rule...it's a fact.

You might be saying "so what, if I bust that's my problem, not your's."

This is true, but if you take a bust card from the dealer, he or she is now slightly less likely to bust because you took one bust card away, and if the dealer beats me, or anyone else,

because he or she doesn't bust, you will be our new enemy.

Everyone wants to win, but the beauty of blackjack is that you don't compete against the other players. You are all play-

ing to win, and you're playing together to beat the dealer.

If you can't figure that out, play the nickel slots or don't go at all, and avoid making enemies.

Okay, enough of blackjack.

"Alright, so here's the thing. If you can't spot the sucker in your first half-hour at the table, then you are the sucker." — Mike McDermott in *Rounders*.

Those are words spoken by one of my favorite movie characters ever.

What he's saying is that if you're playing poker with a bunch of people, and you don't know who to take advantage of, then you are the one being taken advantage of.

If that is true, which I think it probably is, than I am a sucker. Either that or I am just plain unlucky.

While in Las Vegas last weekend, I really wanted to try poker. I always do well when I

play with friends or with pretty much anyone. I've won a lot of money playing cards.

In Vegas, I did not win. In fact, I put on a clinic on one of the best ways to lose a lot of money.

On the flip side, I learned a few things.

The first is don't play poker in Vegas unless you really know what you're doing. The second is if you don't know how to play blackjack at a small casino in Minnesota, stay away from big casinos in Vegas.

The people there will not just get mad at you. They will straight up yell at you and actually kick you off the table. This didn't happen to me, but I saw it happen twice.

Overall, I lost \$100 in Vegas, and spent a little more on food, hotel and flight. It was a great time, and I will do it again.

Reach Ian Stauffer at IDStauff3770@winona.edu

I must have forgotten that there were other sports on campus that aren't varsity sports.

To the rugby and crew teams who actually contacted me, I apologize.

In response, I will be saving a space each week for updates about club sports at Winona State. The one condition is that I will not seek you out. You have email updates to me at IDStauff3770@winona.edu.

■ The women's rugby team is 4-0 in league games this year and beat Minnesota for the first time ever. The women play at Wisconsin-Milwaukee this weekend in the Midwest Playoffs, the first time Winona State has ever made the playoffs. Good luck ladies.

Rollins has finally arrived...too late for UMC

Ian Stauffer
WINONAN

Minnesota-Crookston running back R.J. Rollins finally arrived last week, rushing for 207 yards and three touchdowns, but it was too little and way too late for the Golden Eagles.

The senior halfback, who led the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference in rushing and scoring, had been a disappointment in almost every game until last week.

He was only going for 88 yards per game and had scored just one game.

So here's hoping that he can do well his last few games in college. It shouldn't be too tough as Crookston takes on Northern State and Moorhead the last two seasons.

However, that was the knock on him. It was said by many he could only do well against weak opponents, making him only a good back, not a great one.

He hasn't done much to dispel those doubts, and he won't get a chance before he graduates. Maybe he can do something after college to prove everyone wrong.

Other top performers in Week 9 were Concordia running back Brian Holmes and quarterback James McNear, Bemidji running back Alvaro Carvajal and Winona State quarterback Drew Aber.

McNear went for 28 points with a big day both on the ground (145 yards, 1 TD) and through the air (238, 2). Holmes ran for 149 and two scores.

Carvajal rushed for just 65 yards, but scored three times, while Aber threw for 311 yards and four touchdowns.

Concordia also had the top defense, edging Winona State out by one point.

Standings after Week 9

Anthony (Bemidji)	623
Paul (Winona Radio)	569
Ian (Winonan)	469
Greg (KQAL)	417

John (Winonan) 355

Rick (Winona Daily) 237

Last week in the NSIC

Winona State 54, MSU-Moorhead 7: The seniors came up big on senior day. Luke Lokanc had three interceptions, Roy Kratt and Jay Fogelson had nine tackles, and Brian Hynes caught two touchdowns.

No one expected the Warriors to lose at home, and they came away with an impressive win.

Concordia-St. Paul 46, Northern State 20: McNear's big day led the way, but Holmes was a nice complement. The CSP defense also had a nice day, tallying five turnovers, five sacks and a blocked field goal.

Bemidji State 45, Northern State 33: The Bemidji passing game only went for 106 yards, but the running game made up the difference, rushing for 204 yards and scoring five times, including two from quarterback Nathan Sannes.

Northern State threw for 386 yards and four touchdowns, but

only ran for 76 yards.

Southwest Minnesota 49, UM-Crookston 26: More points were scored than anyone imagined, but both teams looked ugly. SMSU third-string running back Chase Hillesheim (who no one had in the fantasy league until now) ran for a career-high 175 yards and scored three times.

Rollins had a big day, but the Crookston defense couldn't stop anyone and gave up 526 yards.

This week in the NSIC

Winona State at Wayne State: The Warriors have one last should-win game before stepping into the Metrodome. Coach Sawyer won't let WSU let down now, so look for a two or three score win.

Minnesota-Crookston at Northern State: The two defense that looked worst last week face off this week.

Crookston hasn't won a game this year, and Northern has been just as bad at times,

but has also looked good at times.

Northern is good enough to beat Crookston no matter what kind of day the Wolves are having, so expect an NSU win in its final home game.

Concordia-St. Paul at Southwest Minnesota: McNear will probably have another big day to spoil Southwest's final home game, but don't expect to see CSP really pull away in this one. The Golden Bears still come away with a 20-point win.

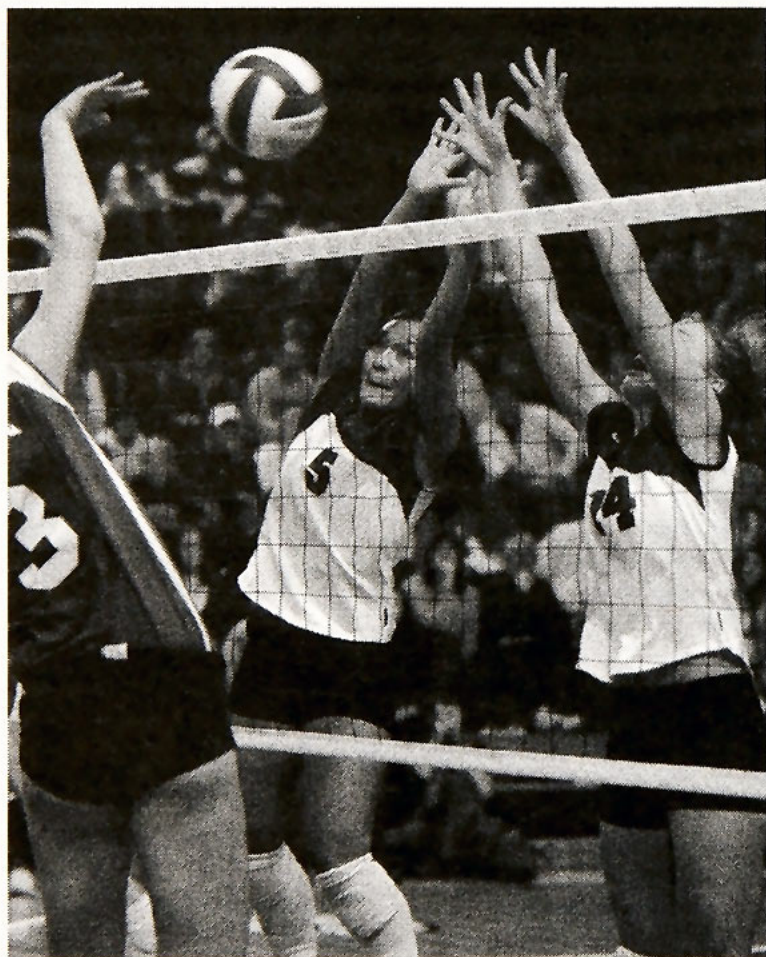
Bemidji State at MSU-Moorhead: Upset alert. Something about Bemidji's poor offensive output last week against Northern just makes me nervous, and Moorhead will want to rebound from last week's blowout loss at WSU.

I'm picking Moorhead to have a special senior day and beat rival Bemidji State on a late big play.

Reach Ian Stauffer at IDStauff3770@winona.edu

Warriors dominate

WSU gets school-record 15th win, scores 3 victories to get over .500



Doug Sundin/WINONAN

WSU's Siulolovao Palu (5) and Kayla Hall combine for a block during Friday's match against Bemidji State at McCown Gym. The Warriors won the match in three games.

Felicia Alexander WINONAN

Fifteen and 13 isn't really that good of a record, but for

This Weekend

Who: Winona State at MSU-Moorhead and Northern State
When: Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 3 p.m.

Records: WSU is 15-13, MSUM is 21-3, NSU is 12-12.

Notes: Moorhead is ranked in the top 25 in the country, while Northern State is just one match ahead of Winona State in the NSIC standings. There are four matches left before the NSIC tournament.

the two seniors on the Winona State University volleyball team and coach Connie Mettille, it is more than they can ask for.



Mettille

Not only is it two matches over .500, a number the Warriors haven't seen since they were 10-8 on Sep. 30, but the 15 wins are also a school record since WSU became an NCAA Division II program 10 years ago.

"I think (the record) says a lot about our team this year," said Mettille, whose team beat St. Cloud State, Bemidji State and Minnesota-Crookston last week. "We came out all week to win, and with three matches left, we are in a position to do well in the NSIC tourney."



Lati

Winona State is just 4-7 in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, securely in sixth place in the NSIC and just one match behind Northern State in fifth place.

The win over St. Cloud got WSU back to .500 after falling below by one match. The first two games were back and forth, but the Warriors won both 32-30 and 33-31, and then completed the sweep 30-24.

Kayla Hall came up big with 11 kills and Rudi Balich had 12 digs.

Winonan Player of the Week

Kayla Hall
Freshman, Outside Hitter
Winona, Minn.
Major: Pre-Pharmacy



Kayla has stepped into the starting lineup because of injuries and has done very well. Last week was her best showing. She hit 30 kills in nine games, second on the team, and had a .435 hitting percentage in the sweep over St. Cloud.

"Beating them, let alone sweeping them, was huge," Mettille said. "It shows how much we have grown as a team."

The Warriors also swept Bemidji State, taking the Beavers down 30-24, 30-25, 30-27. Hall again led the way with 13 kills, Kaylan Lati had 12 kills, and Lisa Dobie and Balich each had 11 digs.

WSU set the school record Saturday with a 31-29, 26-30, 30-27, 30-24 win over UMC. Kiersten Arendt led the way with 15 kills and senior Molly Horihan had 10 more, while Lati had 17 digs, Balich had 16 and Dobie put up 41 assists.

With 382 digs so far in the season, Lati has already passed her 2003 season high with 363.

Hall added six digs to the WSU effort, finishing the week with 30 in nine games, more than three per game.

Lati is leading the team with 354 kills and an average of 3.44 kills per game, while Balich's 4.73 digs per game is also leading the team. Horihan has the most blocks and best hitting percentage. Dobie leads the team in assists, but is also at the top in aces.

Winona State has a chance to make its record even better and try to climb past Northern this weekend with matches at Minnesota State-Moorhead and Northern. Moorhead is in second in the NSIC and ranked No. 22 in the country.

The conference tournament is Nov. 10-12 and will be held at the regular-season conference



Doug Sundin/WINONAN

Winona State's Kiersten Arendt strains to get to a loose ball in the back row. Arendt finished the week with 32 kills, the most on the team.

champion's home site.

That will likely be NSIC-undefeated Concordia-St. Paul, which is three games ahead of both Southwest Minnesota and MSU-Moorhead with three games to go.

If the tournament started today, the Warriors would play SMSU in the first round, but the

standings will still jumble quite a bit with three matches to go, including Wayne State vs.

Southwest and Concordia vs. Moorhead.

WSU faces CSP in the final match of the regular season.



Balich

Soccer team locks up NSIC title

John Huggenvik
WINONAN

With a Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference title wrapped up, the Winona State University soccer team still isn't satisfied with its season — yet.

"We knew we had the conference title outright," WSU coach Ali Omar said, "but we didn't really care to celebrate, though, because that isn't the only thing we are going for this season. We need to focus on going out and playing these



Omar

next two games as well as we possibly can. We didn't play as well as we could have this past weekend and it was a good opportunity to refocus."

The Warriors (15-1-2, 11-0-2 NSIC) picked up three points over the weekend road trip, opening with a 0-0 tie on Saturday at Bemidji State and then grabbing a 2-1 win at UM-Crookston.

The tie with Bemidji joined an earlier tie against Southwest Minnesota State as the only two non-wins in conference for WSU this season.

"They went into a defensive shell and only sent a couple players out across midfield once or twice in the game," Omar

said about the BSU tie. "They were playing for a tie from the get-go, because that



Walters

would be better than a loss. If they were to steal one that would be a bonus, but they wanted to be able to say that

they tied Winona."

With that tie the Warriors clinched the outright conference title, with their closest competition, the Beavers, mathematically eliminated from the title race.

The Warrior put 14 shots on goal compared with Bemidji State's five.

"(Bemidji goalie Kari Torgerson) made a few good saves, but it was more a total team effort for them," Omar said. "We got a couple of good chances, once or twice we were within inches, but we couldn't finish."

With the Golden Eagles, the Warriors scored twice in the first 20 minutes. Holly Sutton scored the first one and Kayla Walters knocked in the second.

Winonan Player of the Week

Kelsey Mellard
Senior, Defender
Perry, Kan.
Major: Public Admin.



Kelsey has started more games than any other defender on the team, but hasn't scored a goal, tallied an assist or even taken a shot, but she has done plenty of work helping to allow just eight goals this season.

"We have seen a lot of teams this year and I think that a tie was the best thing that could happen," Omar said. "It allowed us to refocus without losing a game, and we picked up some points in the process. Against Crookston, we got up 2-0 and we were ready to get out of there and come home.

"We didn't play our best soccer, but it is okay. Going 1-0-1 was okay at that point as long as we got out of there and didn't lose ground in the regional rankings."

At the time the Winonan went to press, the Warriors were in position for a NCAA tournament berth, sitting in fourth place in the Central Region with two games to play.

If the rankings don't change,

This Weekend

Who: Winona State hosts Minnesota-Mankato and Concordia-St. Paul.

When: Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 3 p.m.

Records: Winona is 15-1-2; Mankato is 9-6-1; Concordia is 5-11-2.

Notes: A win over Mankato will lock up a spot in the national playoffs for WSU, while the Concordia game is a warmup for the NSIC tournament.

the Warriors would play the No. 1 seed in the first round of the NCAA Division II tournament.

However, the Warriors are looking to move up and seal their place in the rankings with a nonconference contest at 6 p.m. Friday at Maxwell Field at Midwest Wireless Stadium with second ranked Minnesota State University-Mankato.

A win in that game would guarantee WSU a spot in the playoffs and put them in position to jump into the top two, giving the Warriors a home game in the first round.

"This is a very important game for us," Omar said. "We are playing one of the best teams in the region, but just because we are four and they are two

doesn't make them any better than us. Mankato beat Duluth and lost to Truman, both of which we beat.

"A loss would give someone else the decision of where we go, but if we win we are in for sure. We let someone else



Sutton



Doug Sundin/WINONAN

Holly Sutton (3) jumps for a loose ball two weeks ago when Southwest Minnesota was in Winona. Sutton scored twice in that game and scored one of WSU's two goals in last weekend's 2-1 win over Minnesota-Crookston.

decide for us last year and we missed out."

After the Friday showdown, the Warriors will close out the regular season on the road with a Saturday match with Concordia-St. Paul.

Of the four teams at the top of the regional rankings, there are at least two games remaining between the top teams. Mankato, which comes to WSU on Friday, will also face top-seeded and undefeated Nebraska-Omaha on Nov. 6.

Mankato, Nebraska-Omaha and South Dakota also have to play in the North Central Conference tournament, so two will likely meet one more time.

The Warriors' only loss came in the region, falling to South Dakota in the season opener. Mankato has one loss this year and South Dakota has five, but both are above the Warriors in

the rankings because they have tougher schedules.

"We are happy to be in at this point," Omar said. "Once we are in, we can complain about where we are sitting, whether it is three or four, but until we are in for sure we will be pleased just to make the tournament.

"It has a lot to do with the

Regional Rankings

As of Oct. 19

Records as of Oct. 23

	Record	In-Region
Neb.-Omaha	13-1-1	12-0
MSU-Mankato	9-6-1	10-1-1
South Dakota	10-5-1	10-5-1
Winona State	15-1-2	15-1-2

schedule. We have a weaker schedule than the rest of those teams because almost all the teams in the NSIC have below-500 records, but they play in North Central Conference, where the second to worst team is 8-8."

Defense dominates 'Senior Day'

Seniors rule as Warriors roll over Moorhead in final home game

Scott Swanson
WINONAN

The Winona State University defense forced six turnovers, including three by senior Luke Lokanc on 'Senior Day,' leading the way to a 54-7 win over Minnesota State-Moorhead on Saturday at Maxwell Field at Midwest Wireless.

The Warriors defense held the Dragons to just 167 total yards and gave up no points. The lone MSU score came on an interception return on the last play of the first half.

"I'm so happy with how the team played today, especially the defense," said Lokanc, "It means the world to me. Our defense is about pursuit, and everyone running to the ball."

"We held (Moorhead) inside the 50 the whole game except for once. I'll never forget it."

The win pushes WSU one step closer to its goal of winning the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference tournament for the third year in a row and, as a result, earning a third straight NCAA Division II playoff appearance.

"It's been a grind," WSU coach Tom Sawyer said. "We started out ranked 13th in the nation and we knew what kind of



Fogelson

team we could be. This is exciting because we have focused on it all year, taking it one game at a time. It feels good to have climbed out of a hole to where we are now.

"Today belonged to the seniors, though. We wanted to play as hard as we could for

them. This is a group with two losses at home in their entire careers."

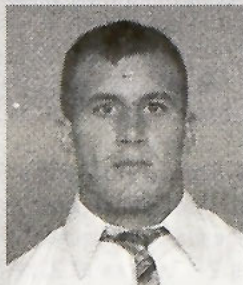
Senior defensive back Donte Pettis also had an interception for the Warriors.

Defensive lineman Roy Kratt and linebacker Jay Fogelson, both seniors, made nine tackles a piece and combined for five tackles for a loss.

WSU head coach Tom Sawyer said the goal for the defense was to "tackle well and keep good pressure up front."

Winonan Player of the Week

Luke Lokanc
Senior, Strong Safety
New Lenox, Ill.
Major: Elementary Ed



Luke picked off three passes against Moorhead, bringing his season total to a career-high six and his career total to 16. He also leads the team with six passes broken up and leads the defensive backs with 34 solo tackles.

Lokanc added that the defensive strategy is always to force three-and-outs to get the offense back on the field.

On the offensive side of the ball, quarterback Drew Aber completed 21 of 40 pass attempts for 311 yards and four touchdowns.

The sophomore, named the NSIC's Player of the Week after his performance last week at Northern State, improved his record as Winona State's starting quarterback to 6-0.

Receivers Brian Hynes, a senior, and sophomore Scott Peters both hauled in a pair of

touchdowns passes for the Warriors.

Hynes leads the nation in receiving yards with 1,262 and receiving touchdowns with 16. Both of those numbers are also closing on WSU school records, set last year by Chris Samp.

Hynes needs 325 yards and six touchdowns in the next two games, three if WSU makes the playoffs, to catch Samp.

He also needs just 19 catches to get to Samp's mark there.

He finished with 97 yards on six catches to go with the two touchdowns Saturday.

Peters made six receptions for 117 yards, including a spectacular one-handed grab caught across the middle late in the first quarter.

Senior running back Chad Sloden rushed for 40 yards and a touchdown on 10 carries, while sophomore Carey Rottman added a 10-yard touchdown.

Freshman kicker Mike Salerno kicked two field goals of 43 and 26 yards out and made six extra points before he missed the last one of the game.

Before the miss, he had made 25 straight field goal and extra point attempts. He is 10-for-17 on field goals and 42-for-44 on extra points this season.

The win was the sixth straight for the surging Warriors (7-2, 5-0 NSIC), who have two



Doug Sundin/WINONAN

Senior running back Chad Sloden runs around the left end on one of his 10 carries during Saturday's win over Moorhead. Sloden led the Warriors with 40 yards and a 4-yard touchdown run.

games remaining in the regular season.

Winona State plays at Wayne State (Neb.) this weekend, and then travels to the Metrodome on Nov. 5 to square off against Concordia-St. Paul in the NSIC Merchants Bank Metrodome

Classic. WSU beat CSP last year in the Metrodome Classic to win the conference title.

If the Warriors win their last two games, they will have a third straight conference title, something that has never been done in the NSIC.

Winona State at Wayne State (Neb.)

Where: Memorial Stadium/Bob Cunningham Field (Wayne, Neb.).

When: Saturday, 1 p.m.

Records: Winona 7-2, 5-0; Wayne 3-6, 3-2.

On Radio: CD Country 99.3 FM.

Notes: A win by Winona State would set up next week's game against Concordia as a winner-take-all NSIC Championship game in the Metrodome. The Warriors hold an 8-1 lead in the all-time series matchup. Wayne's only win came 1994, beating Winona State 33-12. Winona won 27-14 last year.

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Derek Blackburn (15) will not soon forget the WSU 'D,' especially Eric Fanene (Page 18)

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