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Scholarship sends student abroad

Marli Stewart

CONTRIBUTING WRITING

Erin Bastyr, a senior at SCSU, received a scholarship for \$5,000 from the IDP student mobility scholarship program and Southern Cross University in Lismore, Australia.

Bastyr is an environmental studies major and plans to study outdoor education, digital photography and waste management at South-

ern Cross University this spring.

She was chosen from students attending three Midwest universities for the program.

Bastyr heard about the scholarship at a study abroad orientation meeting at SCSU.

In order to receive the scholarship, Bastyr had to fill out an application, write a 200-word essay about why she deserved the scholarship

FOR MORE INFORMATION

About study abroad programs and scholarships visit their web site at www.stcloudstate.edu/studyabroad.

and obtain a letter of recommendation and transcript for Southern Cross University.

She is also a leader of the student research group for environmental and technological studies program

through her major, and was happy that she got the scholarship. Her advice for students is to get involved as much as you can.

She said that it helped that her adviser knew what

she was involved in and could use that in the letter of recommendation.

Currently, Bastyr is living at home to save up money for her trip to Australia. The scholarship will pay for most of the trip and she was thankful that the study abroad program helped so much.

She said that if students get a chance to study abroad they should because the study abroad program basically takes care of everything for

you. It plans flights, living arrangements and makes students feel comfortable with the trip as much as possible.

Bastyr looks forward to her trip to Australia. She has only been outside the United States to Mexico and Canada and was already planning on studying abroad there before she heard about the scholarship through IDP.

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Students discuss saving methods

Emma Helfrich

STAFF WRITER

It may be the season, or the economy itself that made Leah Thom, Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) director of sustainability, believe it was time to encourage college students to be aware of their finances.

ING Direct is a federal savings bank that aims to help college students with their spending habits. Their "great rates, no fees, no minimums," made the ears of debt-bound students listen up in a "Save Your Money" seminar before winter break.

SIFE sponsored the seminar put on by ING Direct associates Josh Longnecker, Perry Jansen and Leah Thom.

"Money is such an important issue for college students, and I wanted to share what I know about saving," Thom said.

The associates covered topics such as bank terms to recognize and understand, different retirement savings plans, credit scores, credit cards, and their place in the current economy.

"Every time a college student applies for a loan, their credit score drops 5 points," Longnecker said in his speech.

The college crowd had questions concerning all topics, especially 401ks, IRAs and other long term retirement plans.

The associates generously answered questions efficiently with steps that should be taken to get started.

"Start early and be patient with savings," Jansen said.

The presentation showed statistics of college students and American debt and how easy it is to fall subject to.

"In 2006 Americans saved -1 percent of what they earned," Longnecker said.

All associates stressed the importance of paying yourself first.

That meaning pay a little to savings to gain interest for the future before the rest of life's expenses.

ING Direct is looking for ready and motivated individuals of every major.

More information on savings or to become a St. Cloud ING Direct associate can be found at www.ingdirect.com or www.ingdirect.com/apply to apply.

The SIFE program covers market economics, entrepreneurship, and business ethics Mondays at noon in the Atwood Voyager room and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in Centennial Hall room 453 for students.



JAKOB GILK/ VISUALS EDITOR

As the temperatures dropped below zero this week students bundled up to walk to class. Taking a look back at 2008 SCSU meteorologist Bob Weisman says it was a cold year compared to others recently.

'08 coldest in many years

Emily Peterson

STAFF WRITER

SCSU professor of earth and atmospheric sciences and meteorologist Robert Weisman has collected data showing that 2008 has been the coldest year in St. Cloud since 1996 and that the cold spell is continuing into 2009.

"It's not so much that we've been that cold, it's just that we have been used to such warmth," Weisman said. "Until last winter we had above normal temperatures in nine of the previous 10 winters."

The data Weisman collected is part of his regular routine at SCSU. At the end of each month he puts out a summary of the weather conditions of the past month.

For a local weather forecast

prepared by Bob Weisman visit www.stcloudstate.edu/weather/

Weisman said that he gets his statistics from the National Weather Service, which maintains the official St. Cloud observing sight. Weisman also records his own precipitation and snowfall measurements from the SCSU campus.

Weisman said this period of warmer winters could be misleading to people who have moved to St. Cloud within the last decade, especially those who

are originally from much warmer climates.

"There's a lot of people who've come from areas that are quite warm who are not used to this at all. They thought that our mild winters were vicious and brutal," Weisman said. "The amount of snow that we have on the ground and how cold it's been are things that they haven't experienced yet in Minnesota."

Carene Olery, a biomedical major originally from Africa, said that she is enjoying the colder weather.

Other students said that they are not happy about the cold weather because it can be boring.

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Students find organizations

Mohammed Hatim

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Atwood was hustling and bustling with activity yesterday afternoon as it played host to Sidestreet.

The main lounge was brimming with people as students browsed over the different stalls set up by student organizations in the colorful alleys of Atwood.

Being home to more than 200 student organizations, events like Sidestreet help new students get to know firsthand the different activi-

ties they can get involved in during their college experience.

The event is held every spring semester for two days. A total of 115 different organizations took part yesterday, including some non-student organizations.

Jessica Lauritson, assistant director for CSOLD, said Sidestreet provides a good opportunity for student organizations to showcase their organization activities to students and recruit new members.

"The primary reason this event is being held is to

showcase what the organizations do," Lauritson said.

Lauritson also said the ultimate goal of the event is to help students get involved in activities on campus.

Kate Maxwell, campaigning for the Society of Unified Management Organizations (SUMO), said she was looking forward to recruiting new members to her organization.

She said she wished the weather could have been warmer so that Sidestreet could be held out in the open where opportunities for interaction with students

would be more.

Every fall semester, Sidestreet is held in the open outside Atwood under the name "Mainstreet."

The student organizations got creative in their ideas about how to attract students to their stalls.

Some organizations went the traditional way and distributed candies and fliers while others were handing out date palm fruits.

Husky mascot Blizzard was found distributing

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MnSCU launches recruiting campaign

Staff Report

For students who speak English as a second language, the process of researching education after high school can be difficult.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system launched a campaign to make that process much easier.

In light of Minnesota's rapidly diversifying population, MnSCU is taking additional steps to encourage more students of color and low-income students to attend college.

"We must raise the educational attainment of groups that traditionally have not attended college in large numbers," said James McCormick, chancellor of MnSCU in a press release Monday. "Many of them are new immigrants whose families haven't fully mastered the English language."

As a part of the campaign, they created a brochure titled "make college a part of your future," along with a related wall poster and Web site.

Catering to students that speak English as a second language, the Web site is available in English and eight other languages. The Web site has a "yes you can make college a part of your future" theme and can be found at www.yesyoucan.mnscu.edu.

"By reaching out more vigorously to potential students and their families in their native languages, we hope they will understand that they are welcome on our campuses and that they can succeed in college programs," said Whitney Harris, the system's executive director of diversity and multiculturalism, in the press release.

School counselors will be distributing brochures and hanging posters to attract high school students. The demographic for the campaign is students in grades eight through 10.

MnSCU hopes the students, along with their parents and mentors, will learn more about the benefits of attending college.

Few of these students realize that up to 70 different languages are spoken on some campuses and that such diversity is common in the college atmosphere.

MnSCU's Access and Opportunity Centers based at SCSU are also working on improving students college readiness with college-preparatory programs. For more information about the campaign visit the web site at www.yesyoucan.mnscu.edu.

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Sidestreet fills up Atwood



Student organizations get a chance to recruit members at Sidestreet in Atwood yesterday and today.

Mixed media artwork at SCSU



Three former SCSU students present a mixed media art exhibit at Kiehle Gallery at SCSU

Huskies seek revenge on UM



After a shaky December, SCSU goalie Jase Weslosky looks to keep hot streak alive.

Local

Near record low temps in St. Cloud

ST. CLOUD, Minn. — While temperatures did not break the coldest recorded for Jan. 13, Tuesday morning's low at 27 degrees below zero was the coldest in four years.

Tuesday morning's low was just one degree from matching the record of 28 degrees below zero set on Jan. 17, 2005 and nine degrees from topping the coldest recorded temperature in St. Cloud for the date of Jan. 13.

The coldest recorded temperature in St. Cloud occurred sometime from 1885 to 1888 at 50 degrees below zero. Wind chill warnings remain in effect until noon Thursday.

State

Salmonella death linked to outbreak

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A second salmonella death has been reported by the Minnesota Health Department while the number of salmonella cases in the state has reached 33.

Health officials say the victim in his 70s had several underlying health conditions.

Health officials also claim the increase in salmonella cases is part of a national outbreak started in Virginia. The outbreak has infected more than 400 people in 43 states.

Nation

Gray wolf protection removed

BILLINGS, Mont. — The Bush administration said gray wolves in the western Great Lakes and northern Rocky Mountains will be removed from the federal endangered species list.

Wyoming wolves will continue to be protected under federal jurisdiction because the state has not assured survival of the species.

The government has tried to remove wolves in the two regions in the past with no avail.

A federal judge sided with animal rights groups accusing the government of misapplying the law last September when it lifted protections for about 4,000 wolves in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan.

World

Police crack baby sale gang in China

BEIJING, China — Chinese state media reports southern Chinese police have broken up a gang that abducted migrant workers' children to sell in distant provinces.

The children were taken from Yueyang city in the province of Hunan. The children, mostly toddlers aged 2 or 3 years old, were taken and sold for up to 26,000 yuan (\$3,800), the Beijing News reports. Five children have been rescued and 13 suspects arrested. The children were taken in broad daylight by gang members on motorcycles.

Weird news

Diet soda intensifies alcohol's effects

ADELAIDE, Australia — Australian researchers at Royal Adelaide Hospital found that vodka combined with sugar-free drinks intoxicated people more than the same amount of vodka added to regular beverages. Blood alcohol was 67 percent higher in volunteers who had drunk the diet drinks and their blood alcohol levels stayed higher for a longer period of time. Researchers claim that replacing sugar with artificial sweeteners accelerates stomach emptying.

PHOTO OF THE DAY



"Sleigh Ride" by Jakob Gilk

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Campus Crime Report



1. (1/11/09) Alcohol confiscation, Hill-Case Hall
2. (1/12/09) Medical (fall), Brown Hall
3. (1/12/09) Drug confiscation (paraphernalia), Shoemaker Hall
4. (1/13/09) Motor vehicle accident, Q-Lot
5. (1/13/08) Stuck elevator, Holes Hall

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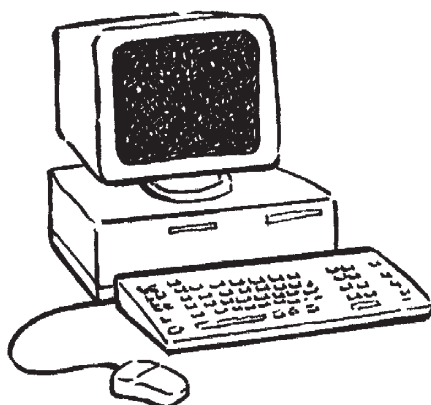
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Chronicle Online Poll

Did you attend Sidesteet 2009?

- ✓ Yes
- ✓ No

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Do you support a campus-wide smoking ban?

- ✓ Yes 57%
- ✓ No 43%

Local weather forecast

Thursday



Sunny
High: -4
Low: -24

Friday



p.m. Snow Showers/ Wind
High: 7
Low: 6

Saturday



Few Snow Showers
High: 17
Low: 5

Sunday



Flurries
High: 23
Low: 20

Potter discusses problems



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SCSU President Earl Potter spoke to SCSU employees on Jan. 9.

Staff Report

Sacrifice, flexibility, creativity and innovation are the solutions that SCSU president Earl H. Potter said will be necessary at SCSU right now.

Potter felt it was necessary to address SCSU employees on Jan. 9 in response to budget, alcohol, diversity and sustainability challenges that the university is currently facing.

"I am confident you will be significant role models for these students," Potter said to the employees.

Regarding the changes being made on campus, SCSU will be facing a whole new set of challenges this year.

SCSU is cutting \$1.6 million from this year's budget. Along with a second and larger budget cut that is expected to be made after the

FOR MORE INFORMATION

About SCSU's 2009 budget visit www.stcloudstate.edu/adminaffairs/budget

2009 legislative session ends in May, SCSU may have to make some changes.

For more information about SCSU's budget visit the administrative affairs Web site at www.stcloudstate.edu/adminaffairs/budget.

Regarding alcohol abuse on campus this spring, Potter said he would like to form a coalition to fight the issue.

The coalition would include leaders from the university, city, law enforcement, bar owners, landlords and students. Potter said this is a community issue.

A diversity task force was formed in 2008 and will soon be developing a new diversity plan for the campus. Potter also discussed this issue with campus employees.

The most recent action to improve diversity was the choice of search firms to help fill two administrative positions.

A sustainability task force is currently examining ecological sustainability on campus and in the SCSU community. Potter also addressed this issue with employees.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY

• **Husky Hunt**

From 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in Case Hall lobby. A Kick Off event of Spring Semester, scavenger hunt.

Monday

• **John Grider (Broken Crow)**

In the Atwood Gallery for one month. Grider is a graffiti artist from Minneapolis. He will be displaying his personal works.

TUESDAY

• **Presidential Inauguration Celebration**

View live coverage of the inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Atwood Ballroom.

• **Inauguration Event**

At 6 p.m. in Ritsche Auditorium a student/faculty led discussion following the re-airing of President Barack Obama's Presidential Inauguration.

Scholarship

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IDP is co-owned by 38 Australian universities and helps more than 17,000 students to study abroad in Australia each year.

It was established nearly 40 years ago in 1969 by Australian educational facilities. Southern Cross University is one of the schools which is involved with IDP and is the university which Bastyr will be attending in the spring.

Southern Cross University currently has 6,000 students and offers many programs including art and humanities, business and computing, education, criminal justice and travel and tourism.

It also offers an outdoor education class, which Bastyr will be taking. She

said that every student who attends the school must take that class. It involves intensive field experiences.

SCSU offers many study abroad locations including Australia, Chile, China, Czech Republic, England, France, Germany, Japan, Poland, Sweden, South Africa and South Korea.

There are study abroad opportunities offered each year in the spring and fall semesters.

There are also a few smaller study abroad opportunities offered through specific major programs.

The university works hard to demonstrate its international accreditation including international staff and students and also pushing current students to study abroad at any of these locations.

For any questions contact the St. Cloud State Center for International Students at 320-308-4287.

FAST FACT

*SCSU offers many study abroad programs to a variety of countries including: Australia, Chile, China, Czech Republic, England, France Germany, Japan, Poland, Sweden, South Africa and South Korea.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY EIRN BASTYR

Erin Bastyr, a senior at SCSU, received a scholarship for \$5,000 to study abroad in Australia.

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Sidestreet

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popcorn and posing for photographs with onlookers. Nikita Tandon, a freshman from India, said she was looking forward to the event and was planning to join sports and multi-cultural

organizations. This being only her second month in the U.S., she said having so many organizations on campus helps students get involved in different activities and network

with people from different countries and cultures. Other non-student organizations such as Private Banks took the opportunity to advertise their brand among the students. The event will continue on today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Student bodies that could not participate in the event on Wednesday would get a chance to showcase their organizations activities to students today.



BLAKE WELD/ ASST. VISUALS EDITOR

The SCSU Real Estate Club set up for a busy day in Atwood during Sidestreet.



BLAKE WELD/ASST. VISUALS EDITOR

SCSU Sororities and Fraternities gathered as many young takers to be inducted into their chapters.

Cold weather

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"This year seems colder. I have to stay inside more," said real estate student Luke Siljander. Lusha Pradhan, originally from Nepal, said the snow is her least favorite part about the winters in Minnesota. "I hate snow. I come from a warmer place so I don't like snow. It's boring. It's all white," Pradhan said.

The snow is also a contributing factor of recent cold temperatures. "You put a bright white surface down and that's where you're losing your heat. The sunlight is reflecting right back. These viciously cold days we're having are clear, are sunny. You've got all this sunshine but so what? It's not doing

“What can be said is that the streak of above normal winters over the last 10 to 12 years would be consistent with what is expected from global warming.”

Bob Weisman

Professor of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences

anything,” Weisman said. Though 2008 has been the coldest year in a decade, Weisman said it doesn't help disprove global warming. "It still means that 10 out of the last 12 years were

warmer than normal,” Weisman said. "Some of those warm years that we've seen with these winters are warmer than we've seen in the whole 130 years of St. Cloud re-

cords.” With regard to global warming, Weisman said weather data collected from around the world needs to be considered together and averaged out.

While it hasn't been as cold in China and Mongolia as it has been in the past, Eastern Europe has been having colder than normal winters. "One of the predictions of global warming is that we would see warmer temperatures during the colder season in places of relatively high latitude, so what can be said is that the streak of above normal winters over the last 10 to 12 years would be consistent with what is expected from global warming,” Weisman said.



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Thursday
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Bush admits a few mistakes in speech

You have to hand it to old Dubya.

Even when he admits he's made mistakes during his presidency, he still gives the American people only a half-assed explanation.

No apologies (something odd for a recovering alcoholic not to do), just admitting some things went not as planned.

On Monday, George W. Bush gave his final press conference as the nation's commander-in-chief and admitted he had a few hiccups during his tenure.

Well, good for him, he isn't a complete ass about it. Yet, he did come off as prickish anyway, probably for good measure.

"I inherited a recession, I'm ending on a recession. In the meantime, there were 52 months of uninterrupted job growth," Bush said.

He also inherited an economic surplus, a nation at peace and somewhat liked around the globe.

He's leaving it not only with a crippling economy, but also with two wars in the Middle East and failure in capturing Osama bin Laden in the seven years since the 9/11 attacks.

This is, of course, old news. Perhaps I'm just an armchair presidential adviser, but come on.

He has done more than make a few bad decisions; he has made bad decisions that were huge.

He regrets not finding weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. He should have been honest and said he regrets lying to the American people about those weapons, which drove us into a disaster like a drunk driver with butter on his palms weaving on black ice.

His wife, Laura, is on the media circuit defending

Joe Froemming



Intermission Editor

her husband like a mother defending her child who was caught butchering a neighbor's cat.

Sure, it was a little "oopsie," but look at the good things he did.

Sorry Mrs. Bush, but our nation has treated your husband like a child for too

long. Sure, he did do some decent work in regards to AIDS in Africa, made a public (though very weak) stand against the crises in Darfur and gave people like me \$300 last summer. But I am not a whore, and money doesn't buy respect, it just paid my phone bill.

George W. Bush is not totally incompetent, and everyone makes mistakes. It is just hard to forgive a guy who led the nation into the mess that is Iraq, almost led us into Iran and went golfing while people in New Orleans were drowning after Katrina.

I don't think he is a heartless monster. I think he's just clearly not competent for the job.

Things like 9/11 and Katrina would have happened whether Bush was in office or not.

I just think if things went differently in 2000, like McCain getting the GOP endorsement or even if Gore had a pair and fought for the presidency (or even tried to get people to want to vote for him), things might have been different.

It is not a liberal vs. conservative thing. If Obama is as incompetent as Bush, I will not be less critical of him.

America needs to shed their preconceived notions about labels like "democrat" and "republican" because living in a shade of prejudice like that is dangerous.

BEANIE



Quote of the Day:

"I've seen better moods at funerals."

- Mike Jackson, CEO of Autonation, Inc. describing the morbid feeling of the North American Auto Show in Detroit last weekend.

Gaza battle continuously fueled by blame game

On Dec. 27, Israel Defense Forces (IDF) launched an attack on Gaza, which has to date, resulted in the deaths of an estimated 900 Palestinians, many of whom were women and children.



Paul Crawford

The condition on the ground in Gaza, which even before the attacks was compared to a concentration camp by some, including the conservative political pundit Pat Buchanan, seems only to be worsening as the IDF pummels Hamas and inadvertently Palestinian citizens, homes and infrastructure.

Previous to the incursion, the peace between Hamas and the Israeli government was fragile, held together by a temporary ceasefire agreement. Then came the inflammation and intensification.

Hamas blamed Israel for not lifting the blockade on Gaza that would allow in humanitarian aid among other things.

In response, militant groups inside Gaza including Hamas and Islamic Jihad retaliated by launching rocket and mortar

attacks on cities in southern Israel.

Israel then blamed Hamas for the rocket attacks on its southern cities that have killed 18 civilians since 2001. The IDF retaliated first by air strikes, then by a ground invasion.

One can easily argue, as many have, that Israel's retaliation on Hamas and the citizens of Gaza has not been proportional.

One can also argue that Israel's security will be threatened as long as Hamas is armed with rockets. And so it goes: the other side is always to blame for the violence.

But this blame game accomplishes nothing and is rather irresponsible.

Unfortunately, instead of condemning all violence and a calling for an immediate cessation of violence, our government's response is unequivocally one-sided and foolish.

President Bush decided on Jan. 5 to declare, "The situation now taking place in Gaza was caused by Hamas."

These types of statements have been the norm coming from the White House for decades. The president then stated on Jan. 12 regarding the pros-

pect of a ceasefire agreement, "I'm for a sustainable ceasefire. And a definition of a sustainable ceasefire is that Hamas stops firing rockets into Israel."

In other words, a ceasefire agreement will not be reached unless Hamas stops launching rockets into Israel. I was under the impression that a ceasefire is an agreement to cease fire on both sides?

As long as our government continues to play the blame game by supporting Israeli retaliations, violations and occupations in the Palestinian territories, there will never be a chance for sustainable peace.

A more pragmatic and even-handed response would be to condemn all violence on both sides, even if it means disappointing and possibly angering a strong ally.

The clock has run out on Mr. Bush and his administration, and its unlikely that his tone will change before Jan. 20. Even if it did, the damage has been done.

One can only hope that Mr. Obama's "change" includes a change in policy toward our relationship with Israel—one that will make Israelis, Palestinians and Americans more secure.

Parents may lose children over names

Last Friday, the three children of New Jersey couple Heath and Deborah Campbell were taken into state custody by the Division of Youth and Family Services.



Ashlee Dent

No official statement has been released on why the children were removed from their home, but here's a hint: the children are named Adolf Hitler Campbell, JoyceLynn Aryan Nation Campbell and Honszlynn Hinler Jeannie Campbell.

If the children's names don't disturb you, Heath's attempts at justifying them should.

He explained to the press that he genuinely likes the name Adolf, and claims he chose it for his son because "no one else in the world would have that name."

I understand why some parents make up entirely new names or even take everyday English words and apply them as names for their child. Having a unique name can be a source of pride.

But obviously "Adolf Hitler" is neither new nor clever.

Campbell also claims he is surprised when people are shocked when they hear his son's full name.

Almost as shocking as his son's name is Campbell's ignorance.

Without a nickname or legal change of his name, the Campbell's son will forever be associated with a supporter of genocide and hate.

And I thought having the last name "Dent" was bad.

Getting teased on the playground will be the least of his concerns.

When the Campbells recently ordered a cake to celebrate Adolf's third birthday, the bakery refused to write his name on it, deeming it "inappropriate."

Heath called the bakery "intolerant" and responded to the press saying, "Other kids get their cake. I get a hard time. It's not fair to my children."

No, it's not fair to the little boy.

But neither is giving him a name that will inspire similar shock and denial throughout the rest of his life.

Some people are claiming Child and Family Services have gone too far. What's in a name, anyway?

The Campbells insist they are simply honoring their German heritage.

Heath even claims to be related to a member of the S.S., so Honszlynn was named after S.S. leader, Heinrich Himmler.

He offers no excuse about JoyceLynn's middle name, however.

This leads me to wonder—who else but a white supremacist would fancy the idea of an "Aryan Nation" enough to label his own daughter with those words?

It seems clear to me that the Campbells are not simply showing pride for their German ethnicity, they are encouraging an ideal of a violent sect who happened to be of that ethnicity.

Referring to the Nazis, Heath has stated, "Yeah, they were bad people back then. But my kids are little. They're not going to grow up like that."

Yet it has been reported by both neighbors and inspectors of the Campbell home that the house's interior is decorated with swastikas and other Nazi propaganda.

True, if the children are returned to this home—where they will be surrounded by symbols of racism and raised by parents who care more about honoring Nazis than they do about the treatment their children will receive from others—they may not turn into Hitlers and Himmlers.

But they just may turn into their parents. And to me, that's bad enough.

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Pentagon official admits U.S. committed torture

As if the list of scandals, lies and foibles wasn't already long enough, the soon-to-be-history Bush administration let the cat out of the bag on one of their more adamant stands: torture.

The administration—chiefly Dick Cheney—has firmly repeated many times that the U.S. does not condone torture and upholds the laws of the Geneva Conventions with interrogation techniques, specifically at Guantanamo Bay.

Now, Pentagon official Susan Crawford told the Washington Post, "We tortured Qahtani. His treatment met the legal definition of torture... the manner in which they applied [interrogation techniques] was overly aggressive and too persistent."

Nothing like trying to get off a sinking ship. Bush has until midday next Tuesday to dish pardons out to anybody who chooses, but lawyers warned that politicians and officials who could face prosecution for involvement in torture looking for a get-out-of-jail-free card from the president might have bigger problems to worry about.

Even if they are protected by President Bush's pardons, they could be arrested in other countries and Qahtani's torture could add up to war crimes, according to Guantanamo detainee lawyer Gita Gutierrez.

Also, prosecution against Qahtani can now be thrown out the window as any evidence obtained via torture is inadmissible in court.

On that list of officials to be held accountable for war crimes and torture, Dick Cheney and George W. Bush's names should be somewhere around the top.

Sadly for them, the U.S. doesn't have many friends left in the world who wouldn't want to arrest and try them.

Criminals do belong in jail.

Celebrity life is not reality

Karissa Stemig

Whom you admire can tell a lot about you. The type of people a culture holds in esteem can similarly reveal a lot about it. It shows what is admired, reviled and ultimately held as an ideal.

I find it ironic that one of the groups this culture tends to hold in its highest regard are those who are extremely skilled at pretending to be someone other than themselves.

I am of course, referring to actors and actresses.

Now, I am not trying to undermine their skill or the joy they give us through their work (after all, I like movies as much as the next person).

What I am protesting is that we hold them in such high regard that their personal lives take precedence in the media over issues that actually affect the rest of us.

If that is not enough, when it comes down to it, we know virtually nothing about these people that adorn our magazine covers and screen savers.

I find this unfortunate. After all, most people do not know anything substantial about the people they follow in the media.

How many times have you opened a magazine, anxious to read the "tell-all interview" only to realize that all it told was the celebrity's ideal date and of course, info about their new movie?

Yes, they tell, but only what they want to tell the public that consequently supports the im-

age they wish to convey.

Since the public character they convey is more often than not an illusion, what is it that we are following? The character in a movie is often nothing like the actor or actress.

"Exclusive" interviews are often anything but. Public appearances are orchestrated to show them in the best light possible.

I believe that what we are following is an idea that is nothing more than a wish. We wish we could look so perfect, be so rich and so adored.

What we tend to ignore is that the public persona of an actor or actress is often as constructed as one of the fictional characters they get paid to portray.

Letters to the Chronicle

Airline article has false information on peanuts

Sarah Friedman's recent article regarding her flight was incorrect.

I have been a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines for 12 years.

At one time, we did serve peanuts. For several years now, we have been peanut-free in response to the high number of passengers with peanut allergies.

Had Ms. Friedman investigated the situation, she would have found that nothing we serve has any peanut product in it including our trail mix.

If she was flying on a partner airline with a ticket she bought through Northwest, the situation may have been as she discussed, but Northwest Airlines serves no peanuts.

Donald Williams
Oakland, California

Peanuts on airlines still exist despite allergies

I'd just like to assure Sarah Friedman that I have heard the airline representatives make announcements before board-

ing a Northwest Airlines flight to the effect of, "Ladies and gentlemen, a passenger on the flight today has a severe allergy to peanuts. Please refrain from consuming anything with peanuts on today's flight."

But then again, I was on a Southwest Airlines plane and dropped my cell phone between the seats. The attendant came to help me and when she pulled up the seat cushion, there were all kinds of peanuts and peanut pieces under the cushion.

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Mixed media showcase at SCSU

Mike Doyle

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

If thrown correctly, a boomerang will come back. Like the throwing stick, three former SCSU students have returned to campus bringing their artistic vision along with them.

Currently on display in the SCSU Art Department's Kiehle Gallery, located in Kiehle Hall, is the aptly named exhibit, "BOOMERANG: Three alumni artists."

It is a mixed media presentation by Mike Strand, Jonathan Gomez Whitney and Andrew Nordin, all SCSU alumni.

The new mixed media exhibit includes sculpture, painting, video and performance art of Whitney playing the organ at an earlier show.

"We try to push to the cutting edge of contemporary art," said gallery director Bill Gorcica.

Every month the gallery host shows from high quality contemporary artist, but rarely does the gallery host exhibits by alumni, let alone three.

"It is unusual, in that there are a variety of mediums, all by alumni from the SCSU art department," Gorcica said.

This is not the first time

the three have worked together. In 1994 while students at SCSU, they collaborated on the exhibition project, "Hopscotch." It was given the name due to the design, which looked like a hopscotch grid, and also because of the themes of play and chance within the artwork.

Nordin, who is currently a fixed-term art professor at SCSU, through conversations with Whitney, conceptualized the current project "BOOMERANG."

"We started discussing work and art," Nordin said. "And thought it would be good to put our ideas back together."

"It is a multimedia show," Whitney said. "We all worked in our own medias in our own way."

The underlying theme of the project was going out into the world after college finding their own way, and then coming back.

With "BOOMERANG" the artist attempt to interpret, through a visual medium, how the individual roads of life after college can still lead to crossing paths.

This is especially true for Nordin who has come full circle, once as a student now as a professor. He said he believes that now students have a visual example of some of the things he has been trying to verbalize in the classroom.

"I didn't realize it's Andrew's work because he is



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Rift/raft made with gold leaf and mixed media on found wood, by Andrew Nordin.

smooth and clean, but this is tactile and rough," Brian Jorgensen, an art student who had Nordin as a teacher, said. "The surface texture on his paintings almost looks violent, they fit in well with the sculptures."

"It's an honor to be able to show work to faculty and students," Nordin said. "They can see art they are living, by someone, who is teaching them everyday."

Like Nordin, Strand has returned to education and is currently the chair of the Department of Art at Concordia

University-Nebraska.

Although the exhibition is by three individual artists in differing media, there is a unity in the pieces that bring the gallery together.

"Being from three artists, its linear, all things reflect, with textures and color," Jorgensen said.

The show will be on display until Feb. 6. Gallery hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

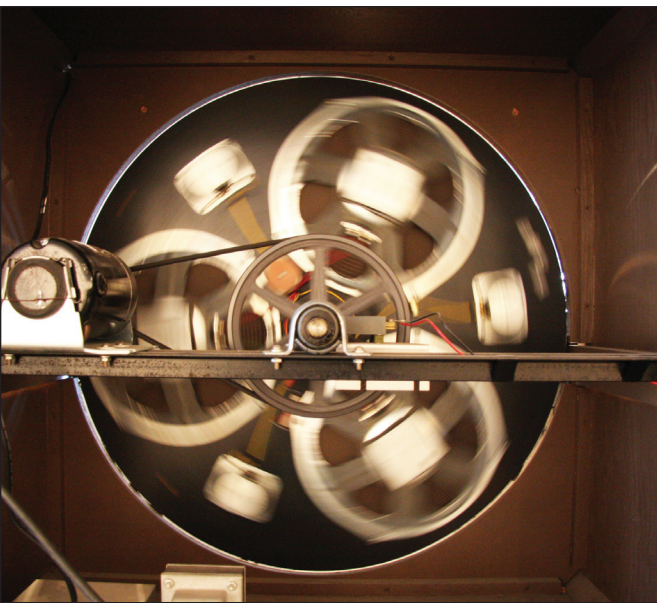
A closing reception and artist talk is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 6 between

3 and 5 p.m. at the Kiehle Gallery.

Whitney plans on playing the song that is currently showing at the exhibit.

"It's by The Exploited," said Whitney. "A song called 'Was It Me?' about friends who have gone separate ways."

Although they have taken divergent roads since college, the common bond of art will keep the three artists visiting the halls of SCSU, if not in body, then in spirit and mind.



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Was It Me? By Jonathan Gomez Whitney made with mixed media with video projection.

18 years of books

Morgan Ross

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Ludwig Van Beethoven sits next to James Dean. Johnny Carson stares at The Police. Brahms and Eminem stand back to back.

Books Revisited is an independently owned bookstore in the heart of downtown St. Cloud.

The shelves are overwhelmed with books, some lay behind glass cases, some are on display. There are books that are new, used and out of print from bestsellers today, classic collectibles and everything in between.

Established in 1991, Books Revisited has been changing since the day it opened.

Dan Ruchames opened a small book store and ran it until 1995 when Jon Lee, an SCSU graduate, took over the store.

Lee graduated with a biomedical degree and was looking into graduate school when he bought the store.

"I intended to run it for a year or two," Lee said. "I haven't looked back."

Books Revisited sells books new and old from any genre.

"We have a little bit of everything," Lee said. "It is a recipe for success."

Books Revisited buys books from people and from publisher overstock.

Even if the book a customer is looking for can not be found in the store, Books Revisited does special orders. They provide a huge selection at the best price.

Customer Kayla Lubbers frequents the store located in Crossroads Shopping Center.



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Books Revisited has been a staple of St. Cloud since 1991.

"When I walked by the one in the mall, I smelled that old book smell, books that have been opened and their spines broken. I had to stop and go in," Lubbers said.

The appeal of the smaller bookstore draws customers back.

"Everything seems to move slower," Lubbers said. "Less hustle and bustle compared to the big book stores. It is always quiet and a really friendly place to be."

Along with many of Books Revisited's customers, Lubbers does not go there with a book in mind.

"There is always something different, not just the popular books," Lubbers said.

Many of the titles Lubbers has found have been at least half the price they would have been in a franchise book-

store.

In 1998 Books Revisited moved from its original location to St. Germain Street.

Books Revisited has grown from the original 1,200 square feet to its current size, which is close to 8,000 square feet.

The wooden floors creak as customers comb the aisles and light classical music creates a calming atmosphere.

"It's a different kind of business," Lee said. "I have learned new things everyday. There are so many books that I'll never learn it all."

A second store was opened in 2005 at Crossroads Shopping Center. The newer location brings new faces and opportunities. Books Revisited is also available online.

To find out more visit www.booksrevisited.com or stop by one of their locations.

COMING UP

Albums to be released Tuesday, Jan. 20

- *Animal Collective: Merriweather Post Pavilion*

- *Antony And The Johnsons: The Crying Light*

- *Andrew Bird: Noble Beast*

- *John Frusciante: The Empyrean*

- *Or, The Whale: Light Poles And Pines*

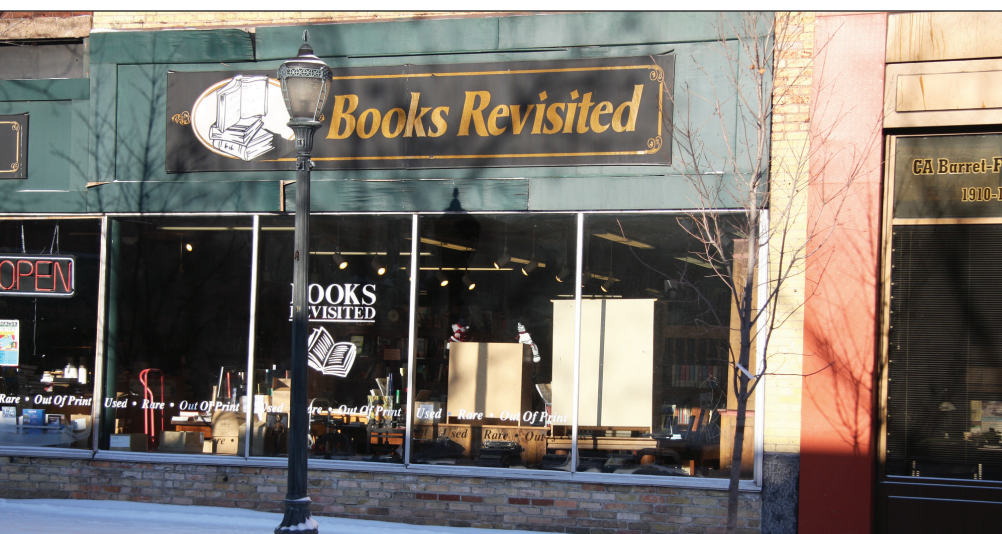
Upcoming live events:

- *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest Play Thursday-Saturday at Pioneer Place on Fifth All Ages, shows begins at 7:30 p.m.*

- *Broken Billy will be performing at the White Horse Saturday evening*

- *Canaan will be performing at the Rox Bar Saturday evening. Show starts at 11:00 p.m.*

- *Trampled By Turtles will be performing at Pioneer Place on Fifth Monday and Tuesday evening. The shows begin at 7:30 p.m. The doors open at 6:45 p.m. All Ages.*



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Books Revisited has two stores. One downtown, and another in Crossroads Mall.

Gamer junkie's '08 picks

Kyle Stevens

GAME REVIEWS

At year's end, everything gets a "Best Of" list. Video games are no different, as 2008 will go down as one of the greatest years in the history of gaming.

Since most gamers cannot stand cut scenes, I won't dilly-dally with more words. Here are the best, and worst, efforts of the past year.

Best Game: "Grand Theft Auto IV"

Is there really any debate? No title was more anticipated than the latest effort from Rockstar Games.

I cannot remember anything having higher expectations and coming so close to achieving them.

The people at Rockstar could sit on their morals and put nearly anything in a box with the "GTA" logo and it would sell. But if they did that, they would have to change their name to EA and sell "Madden." (I promise that will be my one shot at the falling football franchise.)

Best Xbox 360 Game: "Gears of War 2"

With expectations just a notch below the "GTA" release, this in-house product from Microsoft followed the "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" approach and, wow, did it ever work.

The visuals are outstanding and the pace has a Dragon Force-on-expert feel.

The dialogue? Well, the dialogue is at precisely the appropriate level, somewhere in the 15-year-old male range.

But it is fun, and that is exactly what makes a good game.

Runner up: "Fallout 3."
Best PS3 Game: "Metal Gear Solid 4: Guns of the Patriots"

I basically flipped a theoretical coin on this one. While I put more time into this PS3 title than any other, "LittleBigPlanet" nearly stole the show.

I give the edge to Snake and crew because, basically, I can. And the final game in the series deserves as much recognition as possible. Thank you, Hideo Kojima.

Runner up: "LittleBigPlanet."

Best Wii game: "Super Smash Bros. Brawl"

Only playable at my parents' house, where hardcore gaming goes to die, is this title.

Some may say picking the best Wii game is like picking your nose: there's only one, so how hard can it be? Well, nasal navigators, I agree.

With appearances from "Metal Gear's" Snake, "Metroid's" Samus and, here's the kicker for Nintendo OG's: Pit from "Kid Icarus".

Runner up: There are no silver medals given out for Wii games. At least not until something deserving comes along.

Biggest Disappointment: "All-Pro Football 2K9"

Did you not play this title? That's okay, neither did I.

How can it be on this list, you ask? Well, the mere fact that this game did not get produced only made EA's stranglehold on the football landscape that much tighter.

And the tighter that grip, the less chance what you are playing actually resembles what you are watching on Sundays. (Sorry, I had to take a second shot.)

Runner up: "Major League Baseball 2K8."
Best Sports Game: "NHL 09"

This game proved to me what I have believed for years: EA can do it right, but only when there is competition.

After a solid effort with "NHL 08," EA upped the ante and completely destroyed 2K9 with this year's installment.

Simply put: this is the best overall sports game to be released in the past five years.

Runner up: "FIFA Soccer 09."

Best RPG Game: "Fable 2"

Do you have hours and hours that need to be wasted away? Have you ever considered marrying seven women? Wonder how much it would cost to raise 13 children? Ever had the urge to burglarize and old woman's house while she slept soundly in the bedroom upstairs?

You can do all that and more in "Fable 2." Sure, you can be the goody-goody and play it straight, or you can be Eddie Haskell and raise eternal hell with a smile. Your call.

Runner up: "Fallout 3."
Best FPS game: "Bioshock"

One of the best endings in the history of gaming comes after some of the most intense hours ever spent with a controller in your hands.

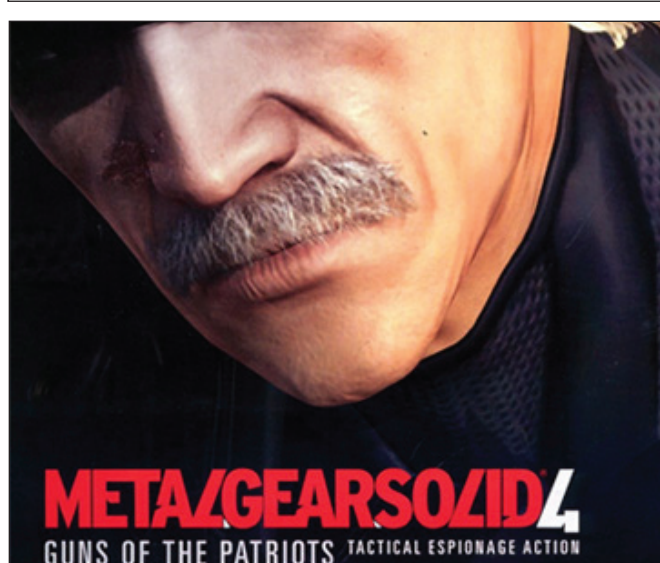
Creepy does not even begin to describe this game.

The city of Rapture is downright spooky and it's current inhabitants, I'm looking at you Big Daddy, make walking the hallways a never ending game of Russian roulette.

Runner up: "Far Cry 2."
Best Online Game: "Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare"

Yes, technically this game came out in 2007. But, since it was November of 2007, that means nearly everyone wasted several months of 2008 playing this title. It is still the best online game in existence. Period.

Runner up: "Gears of War 2."



From top left around to top right: Grand Theft Auto IV, Gears of War 2, Metal Gear Solid 4: Guns of the Patriots, NHL 09, Bioshock, Fable 2 and Super Smash Bros. Brawl.

MGMT's journey to the peak of their trip

Ryan Brink

MUSIC COLUMN

One band that truly struck gold in 2008 was MGMT.

Last summer, the young psychedelic duo, Andrew Vanyangarden and Ben Goldwasser made a name for themselves and brought back the summer of love.

They played shows and festivals all summer long, toured as the opening band for Beck, and not even one year after their debut album was released, they find themselves touring in Australia and the U.K.

They conquered the world overnight, rediscovered everyone's love for psychedelic pop and with 2008 wrapped up, they may have



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been one of the best new acts to pop out of '08.

The two guys first met while they attended college at Wesleyan University in Connecticut.

They both shared a similar love for odd hallucinatory noises and experimental electronics; they were engaged with a unique genre of music, both with the thought that nothing more would come of it.

But being young musicians at the time, personal listening quickly became personal experimenting and they found themselves creating strange sounds of their own.

They played shows at college in front of a small group of the student body, but gained experience while in the process. One show contained an hour-long jam of the "Ghostbusters" theme song.

After the two graduated from college in 2005 they released their first EP "Time to Pretend" with a small indie label and extensively promoted it.

Also that summer, they scored a lucky gig as the opening act for Of

Montreal.

The following year they were found by Columbia Records and signed a contract to produce their first studio album. Fortunate enough to choose their own producer, they settled down with Dave Fridmann, music producer for The Flaming Lips.

The two jokesters made a beautifully bizarre record that incorporated their love for goofy, meaningless pranks with truly emotional and poetic lyrics.

Being known for their love of ridiculous extremes and psychedelics, their album "Oracular Spectacular" incorporates a lot of both.

With synth pop jingles that get so extreme it's cheesy and other songs that show their psychedelic side, with really strange noises and electronics.

Touring with a five-piece band, the musicians are getting incredible audience sizes and thrived in this summer's festival scene.

The crowd pleasers get the audience grooving and crowd surfing with fun and upbeat songs that almost anyone will catch themselves bobbing their heads to.

I was fortunate enough to see them this summer in Grant Park at Chicago's Lollapalooza Music and Arts festival.

The groovy group of hipsters cracked jokes (in-



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roducing themselves as Radiohead) and kept instigating that they wanted to see a maximum amount of crowd surfing, which escalated into the most surfing I have ever seen in my life.

The show ended with chaotic noises and the singer dancing around stage with a tie-dye poncho, playing a wooden flute; a wonderful experience to say the least.

This month last year, Rolling Stone magazine released its annual artists to watch section and MGMT had a spot on the list, saying they had a lot of potential in the year of '08.

Now that 2008 is now at a close, Rolling Stone has them on the 'Hot List of 2008,' a true success even through the eyes of music gurus running the magazine.

It will be interesting to see what becomes of this band in 2009. The extensive touring has promoted them very well and they have become a huge sensation in the new music scene.

Hopefully they get time to settle down and began phase two, a second album, if their hectic lifestyle allows another one sometime in the near future.

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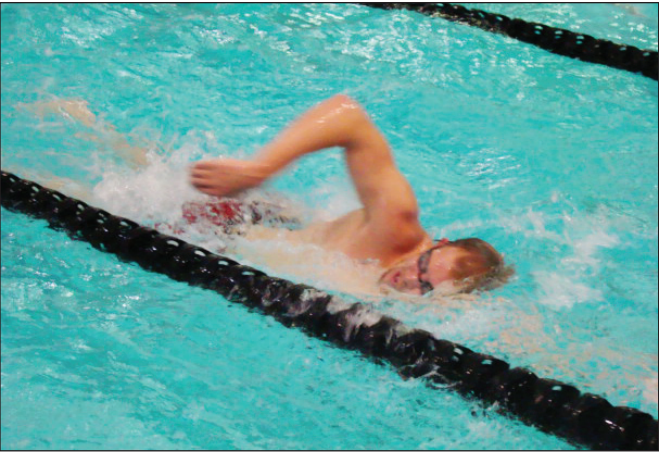
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"We have 68 out this year," Hegle said. This, he explained, is why there are so many practices, "to split

them up."

Another exciting thing for this Husky squad was their training trip, which they just returned from on Jan. 12. The trip took the team to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

"It was a lot of fun, but at the same time it's a lot of work," Eiden said about the trip.



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SCSU junior Jim Schlup prepares in the freestyle for the weekend meets against St. John's and St. Olaf.

"It was excellent," Hegle said. "We competed against mostly Division-I schools."

During the trip the Huskies typically practiced about five hours a day, two in the morning and three at night.

Another big thing coming up for the Husky swimming and diving team is senior night. This event is scheduled for this Saturday, Jan. 17 at noon in Halenbeck Hall.

There are eight other seniors who will be saying good-bye on Saturday besides the previously mentioned divers. They include some leaders identified by coach Hegle, Anthony Buhr, Sarah Burnell, Mitch Dickison. Other seniors include, Becky Johnson, Elizabeth Lopez, Alex Olp, Brain Jacobs, Laura Seidenkranz and Jordan Wolfrum.

Berkeland, Burnell, Johnson and Wolfrum are the women's captains, while Dickison, Jacobs, Jimerson and junior Jim Schlup are men's captains.

The team hopes to continue to succeed and proceed with meets this week against St. John's/ St. Ben's on Friday and the senior night meet against St. Olaf on Saturday.

Schneck

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As a coach, Schlagel said he can see a difference in Schneck from last year when the team relied more on outside shooting.

"He has gone through a maturation process, his leadership role has expanded and he has more of a scoring role this season," Schlagel said.

The scoring role has Schneck leading the team with under 15 points per game. A number that could become even higher with the recent news that fellow big man Ross Winnekis will be out the rest of the season due to injury. Schneck also leads the team in rebounds with over seven a game.

"His scoring will probably increase. Ross and Matt were our two inside guys. Jesse Fisher will also see an expanded role," Schlagel said.

His scoring should also increase as the team gets into the conference schedule. So far 10 of the Huskies' 16 games have been decided

by 13 points or more, which has led to just 21 minutes per game for Schneck.

Schneck's leadership extends beyond the court and into the classroom. Last season, Schneck, a marketing major, was named to the Academic All-NCC team.

Outside of the classroom and off the court, Schneck lists music and movies as his big hobbies. He also likes to spend the limited time he can with his family. He has two brothers and a sister.

Schneck's post St. Cloud plans are yet to be determined. He said he would consider playing basketball in Europe and hopes to have some time off to head back to Whitefish Bay before beginning his marketing career.

Schlagel is sure his captain will succeed whichever way he goes.

"Matt exemplifies what a student athlete is all about. He has good perspective, school is just as important as basketball," Schlagel said.

Weslosky

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He knows he's up to a big challenge.

"I have to have a lot of focus," Weslosky said. "I have to bring consistency. We can't take anything for granted they can hit a shot from anywhere. There a skilled team that can get a whole lot of offense out of nothing."

Although the offense is strong, it has been the Gophers' defense that has actually been their strength this season.

They have the nation's best penalty kill with a 93 percent kill rate. They've also allowed just 2.65 goals a game and they are fourth in the WCHA with a 7-4-3 record.

They swept the Huskies in the earlier meeting this sea-

son, but SCSU has certainly grown. They feel their chemistry sets them apart.

"No disrespect to the other guys through here but this core of guys is phenomenal," senior Michael Olson said. "We are so close. I wish our record reflected that a little better but it could really help us in the second half where it is for men only."

Weslosky added, "When you are getting a long with everyone as well as we are it creates better confidence on the ice. This year is really different. There are no clicks. Seniors go to the dorms to hang out with freshman its just different than any other year."

The team has seen many ups and downs so far.

They opened the season with a pair of seven-goal wins over Mercyhurst. The Husky offense clicked and they seemed to have their paten success on the power play back.

But they lost four of their next five games. And they went just 1 for 30 on power plays in those four losses.

Things seemed like they were falling apart. They then won five straight games with sweeps over Robert Morris, Denver and a split with Wisconsin.

But the string didn't last long. They went 2-5-1 in the next seven games. They also

went winless in the Florida Holiday Tournament.

After a week off the Huskies got back into action last weekend and swept Minnesota-Duluth in their first home two-game series since the weekend after Thanksgiving.

"It was nice to get back home," Weslosky said. "It's just nice to sleep in your own bed. And everyone is just more comfortable. But we got to find a way to carry it over to the road."

They play WCHA opponents the rest of the way. And they'll get their first look at Michigan Tech and Alaska-Anchorage that sit a bottom of

the conference.

Last season the Huskies went 8-2-2 to close the season, earning them a berth in the NCAA playoffs for the second straight season.

They are hoping their rejuvenated netminder can keep playing with a chip on his shoulder and that their chemistry can get them back to the NCAA tournament.

"You hear the expression play for the name on the front of the jersey," head coach Bob Motzko said. "That's how we have to play if we are going to make something happen here in the second half."

"I have to bring consistency. We can't take anything for granted, they can hit a shot from anywhere. They're a skilled team that can get a whole lot of offense out of nothing."

Jase Weslosky

Junior goaltender, SCSU men's hockey

Sports Scoreboard

Men's Basketball AP Top 25

- Pittsburgh (70)
- Wake Forest (2)
- Duke
- Connecticut
- North Carolina
- Oklahoma
- Michigan State
- Syracuse
- UCLA
- Clemson
- Texas
- Notre Dame
- Georgetown
- Marquette
- Xavier
- Arizona State
- Butler
- Minnesota
- Purdue
- Louisville
- Baylor
- California
- Villanova
- Tennessee
- Michigan

NBA Standings

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	26	13	.667	-
Portland	23	14	.622	2
Utah	23	15	.605	2.5
Minnesota	11	26	.297	14
Oklahoma City	6	33	.154	20

Pacific	W	L	PCT	GB
LA Lakers	31	6	.838	-
Phoenix	22	13	.629	8
Golden State	11	28	.282	21
Sacramento	9	30	.231	23
LA Clippers	8	29	.216	23

Southwest	W	L	PCT	GB
San Antonio	24	12	.667	-
New Orleans	22	12	.647	1
Houston	24	16	.600	2
Dallas	22	16	.579	3
Memphis	11	27	.289	14

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	31	9	.775	-
New Jersey	19	19	.500	11
Philadelphia	17	20	.459	12.5
Toronto	16	23	.410	14.5
New York	14	22	.389	15

Central	W	L	PCT	GB
Cleveland	30	6	.833	-
Detroit	22	14	.611	8
Milwaukee	19	21	.475	13
Chicago	16	22	.421	15
Indiana	13	25	.342	18

Southeast	W	L	PCT	GB
Orlando	31	8	.795	-
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Men's Hockey

WCHA Standings

Team:	WCHA			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Denver	11	4	1	15	6	2
Wisconsin	9	5	2	12	9	3
Colorado College	8	6	2	12	7	5
Minnesota	7	4	3	10	5	5
North Dakota	8	5	1	13	10	1
Minnesota Duluth	5	6	5	9	7	6
St. Cloud State	7	7	0	12	9	1
Minnesota State	6	8	2	10	10	3
Alaska Anchorage	4	8	2	7	9	2
Michigan Tech	1	13	2	5	17	2

Scoreboard

Games Friday

St. Cloud State at Minnesota
 Colorado College at Wisconsin
 North Dakota at Michigan Tech
 Alaska Anchorage at Minnesota State
 Bemidji State at Minnesota Duluth

Games Saturday

Minnesota at St. Cloud State
 Colorado College at Wisconsin
 Alaska Anchorage at Minnesota State
 North Dakota at Michigan Tech
 Bemidji State at Minnesota Duluth

Women's Hockey

WCHA Standings

Team:	WCHA			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Minnesota	14	1	1	19	2	1
Wisconsin	12	1	3	18	1	3
Minnesota Duluth	8	5	3	13	6	3
North Dakota	8	7	1	12	8	2
St. Cloud State	7	8	1	10	10	2
Ohio State	4	11	1	6	14	2
Minnesota State	3	11	2	6	12	2
Bemidji State	2	14	0	5	15	2

Scoreboard

Games Friday

St. Cloud State at Ohio State
 North Dakota at Wisconsin
 Bemidji State at Minnesota
 Minnesota Duluth at Minnesota State

Games Saturday

St. Cloud State at Ohio State
 North Dakota at Wisconsin
 Minnesota Duluth at Minnesota State
 Bemidji State at Minnesota

Game Tuesday

Team USA at Minnesota Duluth

Perkins, Swarm's publicity act getting old

If there is one thing KARE 11 sports anchor Eric Perkins likes, it's Eric Perkins.



Joey LeMay

What Perkins also likes, judging from his career choice, is telling the stories of others. This is problematic when you remember that Perkins' favorite kind of story is about Eric Perkins.

Going on its 12th year of broadcast, "Perk at Play" is a segment on KARE 11 that spotlights unique recreational events in Minnesota. But instead of telling the story about the people involved, Perkins has to involve himself.

There are message boards dedicated to the criticism of Perkins, calling his segments "stupid" and "disgusting." Posters to the board have gone as far as renaming his segment "Jerk at Play."

Perkins' oblivious ingenuity to draw more attention to himself than the event he covers was shown again recently when he said he was coming out of "retirement" to showcase his novice skills in lacrosse with Minnesota's professional team, the Swarm.

In early 2008, the Swarm pulled the publicity stunt of having Perkins' segment involve him playing professional lacrosse. In that game, Perkins saw eight seconds of playing time. The Swarm lost 11-10.

Then it was announced that Perkins was coming out of "retirement" for the 2009 season. Perkins led a press conference, allowing for his pretentiousness to be on display.

"I am thrilled to be getting an opportunity with this play-off caliber team. I'll do anything I can to help the Swarm win...anything," Perkins said during the press conference.

You would think with years of sports coverage, Perkins could come up with something other than a generic sports cliché.

On Tuesday, the date of his big comeback, Perkins did not play. He walked to centerfield during halftime and said he was not coming out of "retirement."

As if the dozens of fans in the stands cared.

But now, factor in that Perkins is supposed to be a broadcast journalist (I assume) and the Minnesota Swarm have the goal of winning the National Lacrosse League (NLL) championship (I assume).

How does Eric Perkins help either one of these situations?

By becoming the tale he's supposed to tell, his journalistic integrity is more of an ideal than an applied craft.

And by walking in to the Swarm locker room like a jester skipping in to a king's

court, Perkins insulted every player who worked and sacrificed to make the team.

To rub salt into the wounds of those same players, Perkins has had his #66 jersey retired by the Swarm after his game in 2008. Did I mention the man played eight seconds in his "career?"

"To have my jersey etched indelibly in history and to have my very own bobblehead, both are so rewarding. What I think I'm most proud of though, is that I will forever in the National Lacrosse League statistical record books," Perkins said in 2007.

It is hard to tell if his quote is a continuation of his insincere mockery of the Swarm or if he legitimately feels proud of his seconds of shame.

The blame here is not all on Perkins though. If the Minnesota Swarm want to be seen as a professional sports team involved with an up-and-coming sport, it should

act like it.

I understand the Swarm do not get the TV coverage it may aspire for, and that it does not sell out the Xcel Energy Center like the Wild. But how are the Swarm making strides towards credibility by signing the Dane Cook of sportscasters to its team?

The Swarm will forever be a forgotten town attraction as long as it has the promotional skills as... well, the Minnesota Swarm.

Sports fans are predictable in this sense: If you are a general manager and field a winning team, fans will fill the seats. And I would bet that more people would want to see a competitive team instead of anyone who remotely shares any characteristics or resemblances with Eric Perkins.

And Perkins should stick with what got him the job; tell us the scores and nothing more.

Pohlad's legacy should be a positive one

On Jan. 8 Carl Pohlad, banking billionaire and owner of the Minnesota Twins, was laid to rest. Pohlad, 93, died Monday, Jan. 5.



Kyle Stevens

Pohlad bought the Twins in 1984 for \$38 million. The latest report, by Forbes magazine, listed Pohlad as the 102nd richest American with an estimated worth of \$3.6 billion.

Soon after his purchase of the Twins, the team won the World Series. Led by such names as Puckett, Hrbek, Blyleven and Viola, the Twins shocked the state and the baseball world by defeating the St. Louis Cardinals in seven games. (On a side note, the highest paid player

on that team was Kent Hrbek who made an astonishing \$1.3 million that year.)

A few years later, Pohlad added another championship when the Twins won the World Series in 1991. Again, Puckett and Hrbek were around to celebrate. After the climax of that season, things got progressively worse for the franchise.

After finishing second in the old AL West in 1992, the Twins failed to have a winning season until 2001. Though many things happened to cause the slide (Hrbek's final season in 1994, Puckett's injury in 1995, Knoblauch's trade request in 1997) one of the biggest issues was Pohlad's reluctance to open his wallet to replace those who left.

Quick quiz: who replaced the three players mentioned in the previous paragraph?

Scott Stahoviak played the most games at first base in 1995, Matt Lawton played right field in 1996 and Todd Walker played second in 1998. Not exactly replacing Hall of Famers with, well, even mediocrity.

By the time the 2001 season approached, Pohlad had grown tired of the losing, both on the field and in the team budget. When Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig announced baseball would be contracting teams, Pohlad offered the Twins.

This act could have been the final straw for the Twins and their fans. But, not unlike the minor miracles that happened in 1987 and 1991, the Twins played and won. The team finished in second place in the division, drafted hometown hero/savior Joe Mauer, saw Torii Hunter emerge as

the true replacement to Puckett and said goodbye to longtime manager Tom Kelly.

It seemed the Twins were really heading in the direction that many thought would continue after 1991. But it would take more miracles for this team to continue to be successful as Pohlad refused to grease the palms of free agents.

2002 saw some very attractive names that any team could bid for. Greg Maddux, Frank Thomas, Tom Glavine and Jim Thome were the marquee names. More recent years could have landed other big names as well, but they will be remembered for their losses, especially Torii Hunter and Johan Santana.

This past season saw Pohlad, once again, go cheap on the free agent market. Mike Lamb, Adam Everett and Livan Hernandez were

added, apparently, to lessen the blow left by the departures of Hunter, Santana, Carlos Silva and Jason Bartlett. Not to mention default pitching ace Francisco Lirio, no being a shell of his former self.

While all of this makes Pohlad a polarizing person in the small world of professional baseball, the things he did before he was in the sport is what makes him great.

Pohlad attended Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash. on a football scholarship while boxing on the side. Drafted into the Army in World War II, Pohlad returned home with war wounds, three Bronze Stars and four, yes, four, Purple Hearts.

Pohlad made his money in banking and his name in baseball, but his life was helping others.

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Schneck's post presence felt in NSIC

Tim Stang

ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

While most SCSU students were enjoying winter break Matt Schneck and the men's basketball team were hard at work.

From the last day of finals until classes resumed, the team went 3-2 with wins over Concordia and St. Mary's that propelled the Huskies into one of the top-25 teams in the nation.

No player had a bigger impact than Matt Schneck.

A junior center from Whitefish Bay, Wisc., Schneck was named NSIC Player of the Week for the second time this season on Jan. 5.

In the victory over St. Mary's on Dec. 30, Schneck had 17 points and seven re-

bounds. He followed that game with 24 points and 14 rebounds on Jan. 3 against Concordia for his fourth double-double, tying his career high for a season.

Schneck has a relentless style of play that has him among the conference leaders in points, rebounds and shooting percentage.

"Matt is a very aggressive player. He works hard and you can tell just by watching him play that he enjoys the game," head coach Kevin Schlagel said.

Schneck knows what to do when he gets the basketball in position to score. He is second in the conference shooting just over 60 percent from the field.

The key to Schneck's success is his teammates' ability

to get the ball to him low in the paint. An area where Schneck has enormous confidence in his ability to put the ball in the basket.

"I have a lot of confidence down there. I have been playing basketball since I was 5 years old and jump hooks and lay ups are the easiest shots in basketball," Schneck said.

And his teammates have confidence when Schneck gets the ball.

"Without a doubt the team has confidence when Matt has the ball. He is certainly a guy we look to in key situations," Schlagel said.

Schneck chose St. Cloud over some Division-I offers. He listed Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Evansville and Minnesota State-Mankato

has his final four choices.

"I picked St. Cloud because I liked the coaching staff, the environment. I like that it is a big school but not too big. I also wanted to go somewhere I could help out right away," Schneck said.

And help out right away he did.

Schneck started 28 games his freshman season and scored in double figures 16 times. His role continued to expand last season when he was the second leading scorer at 13 points per game as well as the team leader in rebounds.

And this year the team is looking to Schneck even more.



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SCSU junior Matt Schneck leads the 10-4 (5-2 NSIC) Huskies in scoring with 14.9 points per game.

Swimming and diving aiming to sustain last season's success

Tyler Ohmann

STAFF WRITER

Hard work has paid off in a big way this season for the SCSU swimming and diving team.

"You get out what you put in," said senior diver Ross Eiden.

Apparently, the Huskies have put in a lot as the men's team is ranked fifth and the women are the fourth-ranked team in Division II.

"The team has come a long way in eight years," said swimming and diving coach Jeff Hegle, who took over as coach eight years ago.

That they have. The Huskies have qualified 12 swimmers and divers for nationals already this season.

Coach Hegle also said that he has set the lofty goal of sending at least five more to nationals before the season is all said and done.

One of those nationals qualifiers is Eiden who said, "Hard dives are always a struggle. My new dives are going well."

Others who have qualified for nationals include fellow divers Nate Jimerson, who is the defending two-time National Champion. For the women's team, senior Kelsey Berkeland leads the group.

However, Eiden's priority right now is for him and his teammate Jimerson to place 1-2 in the NSIC Conference Championship Meet. That meet takes place on Feb. 18-21 in Omaha, Neb.

That means a lot of hard work and practice for both the men and women's teams. Hegle also has put forth a goal for the team to win a conference title.

This means practices

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BEN STEWART / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Huskie goaltender Jase Weslosky makes one of his 37 saves last Friday in a 3-1 win over Minnesota-Duluth. SCSU will take on Minnesota Friday at Minneapolis and Saturday at the National Hockey Center.

Weslosky, Huskies look to redeem early loss against arch-rival Gophers

Jake Laxen

STAFF WRITER

What a difference a week can make.

Last week SCSU goalie Jase Weslosky had a lot on his mind. He had missed the previous weekend where the Huskies were winless as he was battling to become academically eligible to play.

This week it's like a complete 180. He's cleared to play and is fresh off a two-game sweep over Minnesota-Duluth in which he was named WCHA Defensive Player of the Week.

"It was a good way to

start of the new year for myself and for the team," Weslosky said. "It was a great way to rebound. Hopefully it has us back on track."

Weslosky saved 68 of the 74 Bulldogs' shots upon him during the weekend. He's now 10-6-0 on the season with a WCHA third-best .922 saves percentage and is allowing just 2.54 goals a game.

But most importantly, the Huskies got back on track after going 0-3-1 during their previous four games.

"We had a rough stretch," Weslosky said. "Hopefully we can carry this mentality out on the road and through-

out the rest of the season."

Now 12-9-1 on the season and 7-7-0 in the WCHA the Huskies sit on the bubble of the NCAA Tournament midway through the season. But they've got the whole second half to make their mark starting with a home-and-home series with rival University of Minnesota this weekend.

Friday's game is at 7:07 p.m. in Minneapolis at Mariucci Arena and Saturday's rematch is at 5:07 p.m. at the National Hockey Center. Standing room tickets are still available for Saturday at the NHC ticket box and both games will be broadcast

statewide on FSN.

"You try not to look at any series different but this is a big one," Weslosky said. "The tickets sell out fast and the crowd is just great. The atmosphere is really exciting and hopefully we can take that energy out on the ice with us."

The Huskies will be looking for Weslosky to come up sharp against the ultra-talented Gophers offense. Jordan Schroeder, the nation's top freshman scorer, leads their potent attack.

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Senior Anthony Buhr takes laps in the butterfly at Halenbeck Hall. The men's team is ranked fifth and the women's team is fourth in Division-II.

Huskies hope to take NSIC lead over Fish's former team

Joe Brown

SPORTS EDITOR

After victories last weekend against Northern Sun foes Minnesota-Duluth 75-61 and Bemidji State 76-70, women's basketball coach Lori Fish could only describe the weekend in one word- frustrating.

"It was a lack of effort towards rebounding, our commitment," she said. Over the weekend, the Huskies were outrebounded 89-66. "We talked about it every day in practice, about how we have to be committed to rebounding and we felt like we did a terrible job of it."

"We were very fortunate last weekend to get two wins, but what kept us in the ball games was our defense."

The players were quick in criticizing their own performances on the road.

"We could have done a lot bet-

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ter, it was kind of lackluster," said guard Krystal Scott. "We should have come in with a different attitude of trying to play our best instead of just going in there and trying to win."

This weekend, SCSU will be at Halenbeck Hall for their biggest weekend in the NSIC.

Old acquaintances

On Saturday, the Huskies will take on No. 3-ranked Minnesota State-Mankato in a battle of the top two teams in the conference.

Fish, who went 62-53 in four seasons as the Mavericks' head coach, is treating the contest like any other game in the NSIC.

"Maybe after the game I'll have some time to reflect, but I'm such a competitive person, it doesn't mat-

ter whose across the floor," she said. "Whether it'd be my parents or my brother and sister, I'm going to do whatever it takes to win."

The game will be against MSU interim coach Pam Gohl, who has led the Mavericks to an undefeated 14-0, 7-0 in the NSIC. Despite being Fish's assistant last season, when the two talk on a regular basis, it's not about X's and O's.

Friendship aside, Fish knows she's in for a battle with her former assistant.

"She knows how to play to their strengths," she said. "They get after people defensively, they play that up-tempo style of play and I think she knows her personnel. She does a great job of knowing how to work them."

For the players who were on the team last season, the Huskies look to avenge a loss to the Mavericks in the first round of the North Cen-

tral Conference tournament, where SCSU fell 73-71 at Mankato.

"It's just going to feel good to beat them," said senior captain Anna Cashman. "We're chomping at the bit to play them and we finally get our chance."

New foes

However, SCSU is not about to overlook Southwest Minnesota on Friday night.

This season, the Mustangs have a 2-5 conference record, 12th in the NSIC. But overall, they come into the weekend at 10-7.

Southwest Minnesota also leads the conference in 3-point attempts (370) and shots made (128): a factor that scares the SCSU coach.

"They're a good basketball team, they have good post play and players that can shoot the three so they can hurt you a lot of ways,"

Fish said.

"Having shooters like that, you have to make sure we're getting on the boards and not giving away second-chance shots," Cashman said.

The Huskies will rely on their perimeter defense to hold the Mustangs' shooters. Led by Scott, Katie Tacheny and Talisha Barlow, SCSU leads the NSIC with over 12 steals per game.

"We got to put some pressure on their guards so they look to drive more," Scott said. "We have quick guards, so we are at an advantage in that situation."

Even with Mankato on the horizon, the Huskies will not lose focus against the Mustangs.

"It's only going to be a big game if we take care of business on Friday," Fish said.

Added Cashman, "It's a big weekend for us. We're playing for that NSIC lead."