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Husky Bookstore is back to business during the winter break.

## Student accounts now option at Husky Bookstore

**Andrew DeMars**  
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Many students here at SCSU usually have to wait a week or two into their classes to purchase their textbooks, based on the fact that they haven't received the leftover funds granted from FAFSA. Students' budgets run tight, with personal finances funding costs

of living such as groceries, gas, bills, rent, etc. With a new policy put into place through the Husky Bookstore in Centennial Hall, students can charge up to \$1000 on their student accounts through SCSU.

Starting this semester, anyone who is a registered student of SCSU can charge the costs of their textbooks to their student

account linked to SCSU through the Husky Bookstore. This is the same student account SCSU uses to monitor tuition balance and other university fees to keep track of the amount of money students owe the university.

"This change will give all students attending SCSU an equal chance to purchase their textbooks ahead of time before

courses start," said Ted Mears, store manager of the Husky Bookstore. "As long as a student doesn't have any registration holds from last semester on their account, they can charge up to \$1,000 worth of textbooks from the Husky Bookstore to their student account balance. Online purchases may be made to students' accounts as well."

The Husky Bookstore in Centennial is the only bookstore in St. Cloud doing this. In fact, SCSU is one of the only two public schools in the state allowing students to charge their accounts linked to their school, the other being Central Lakes Community College in Staples, MN.

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## Companies look to hire more in '13

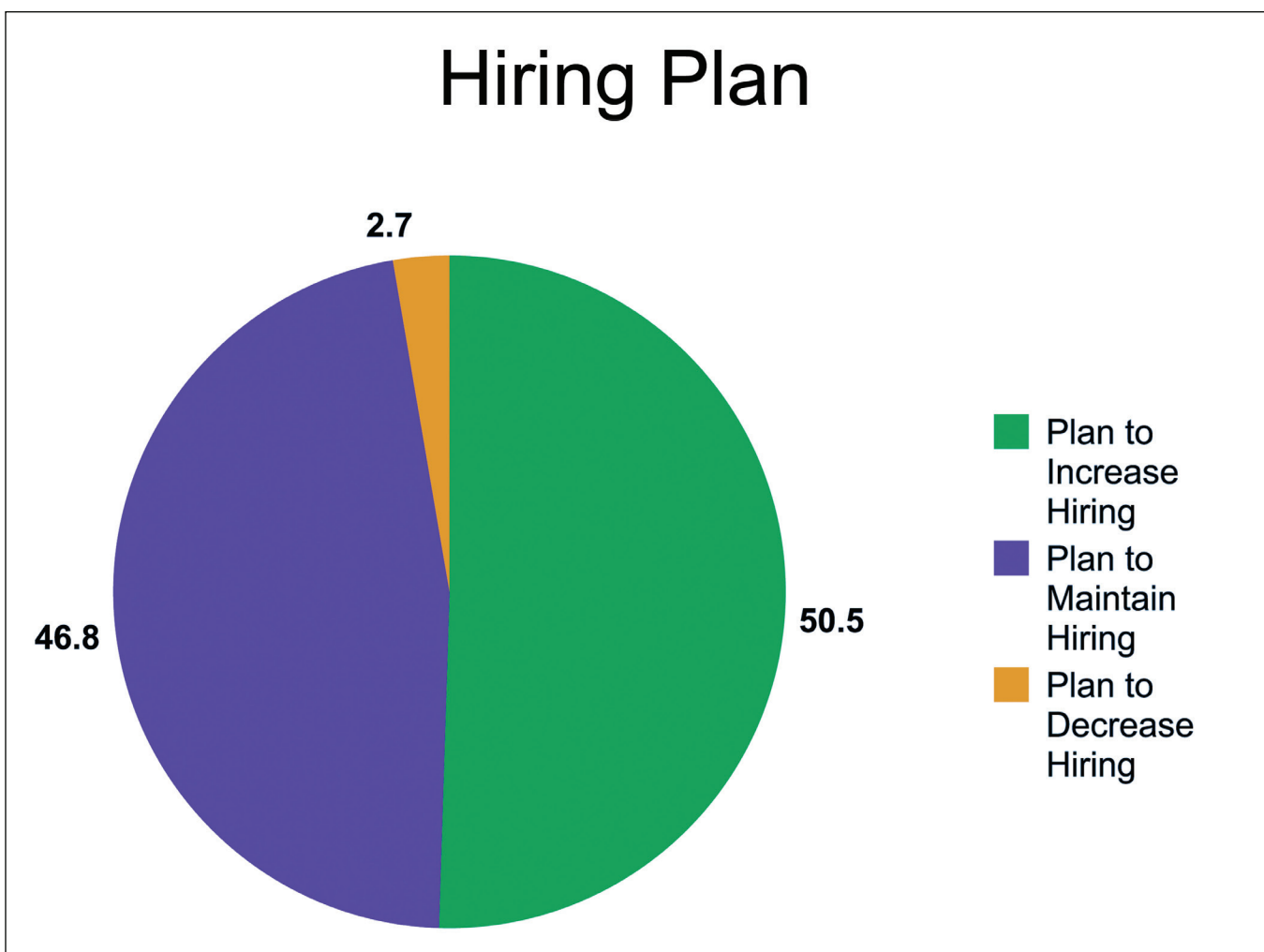
**Staff Report**

College graduates in 2013 will be entering the best market for jobs since 2007, according to the annual MN College Job Outlook survey.

Up from 36.4 percent in 2012, half the employers surveyed said they plan to increase hiring this year. Financial services, retail and manufacturing are the top three industries most likely to increase their hiring, according to the survey.

"The recurring themes throughout the survey is the need for students to utilize their campus career services office, seek out internships and network with employers at events like career fairs," said Andrew Ditlevson, associate director of the Career Services Center.

One of the most successful methods of recruiting new employees are job fairs, the survey says. Job postings on company websites, job postings on campus websites and employee referrals were the most widely used methods for companies to try to



GRAPH BY KARLY HERRERA / GRAPHIC DESIGNER

**Over half of the companies surveyed are planning on increasing hiring, according to the MN College Job Outlook Survey.**

attract potential employees. The most effective methods for finding new employees were job fairs, employee

referrals and hiring from an intern program.

According to the survey the number of businesses

offering internships is at an all-time high with 83.5 percent reporting participating in internship programs.

Job postings on social

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## PIDC returns for fourth year

**Leah Carr**

NEW MEDIA EDITOR

"We Are the Change: Where Do We Go From Here?" is the theme of this year's Power in Diversity Conference hosted at SCSU.

The conference, now in its fourth year, will take place in Atwood Jan. 24-27, and will feature various speakers including PBS talk show host Tavis Smiley, who will address poverty in America.

Other speakers include activist, minister and author C. T. Vivian, Cheryl Jacques, one of the leading voices for equality for LGBT Americans, Brown University professor Tricia Rose, California State Sacramento professor Carloz Nevarez, and Eric Thomas,

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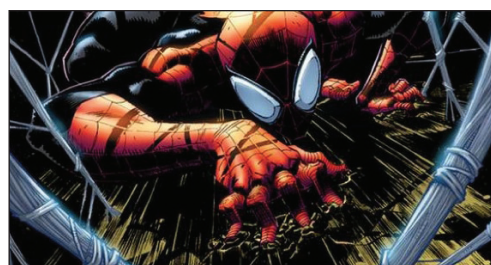
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**PIDC**

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speaker, educator, author, activist and minister.

Public tickets will be available for keynote speakers Jan. 14.

The Power in Diversity Conference is a four-day event that combines various presentations, workshops, and programs aimed at offering “opportunities for personal growth and leadership development” to college students. This year, conference sessions will most likely include careers, academic success, graduate school, cross-cultural communication, current events, leadership development, cultural equity, LGBT issues in communities of color, and community service/civic engagement.

The theme “We Are the Change: Where Do We Go From Here?” was chosen in order to set the stage for presenters and speakers for the conference to look at different ways participants can be leaders in working toward positive change in our society and moving past tolerance to affirmation of all people.

Some other events tied in with this year’s conference include the Diversity Job and

Internship Fair, the Graduate School Fair and a variety show.

The Diversity Job and Internship Fair offers opportunities for students to connect with employers who are interested particularly in hiring a diverse work force. Students will be allotted adequate time to talk with these employers and are encouraged to bring their resume.

Technical, health care, government, non-profit, and education employers from many of Minnesota’s largest businesses are expected to attend. Last year, employers from around 60 Minnesota businesses including IBM, Hormel foods, Mayo Clinic, Minnesota State Patrol, PepsiCo/Frito Lay, Target, TCF Bank, U.S. Department of Agriculture and many others participated in the conference. This year’s fair will be held on the second floor of the Atwood Memorial Center from 1-4 p.m. on Jan. 25.

For those thinking about attending graduate school, the Graduate School Fair will offer opportunities to learn about available programs, advice on how to become a stronger applicant, navigating the admissions process and funding your program. Graduate school representatives will be available to talk about fields such as health sciences, law, education, business, and more. The Graduate

School Fair will also take place on the second floor of the Atwood Memorial Center on Jan. 25 from 1-4 p.m.

A variety show will be held in Ritsche Auditorium on Friday, Jan. 25 at 8 p.m. and is open to anyone interested in showcasing talents (dancing, singing, playing instruments, etc.) that focus on diversity, cultural issues, empowerment, self-expression or unity among different cultural environments. The show will also feature a guest appearance from DJ Advance and former SCSU alum and comedian C. Willi Myles. Anyone interested in performing in the variety show can register at the Multicultural Student Services website.

Keynote speakers from previous years include Ariel Luckey, nationally acclaimed poet, actor, and playwright, Dr. Cornel West, author, radio co-host and frequent guest on a variety of television shows (including Colbert Report, Bill Maher Show, Tavis Smiley and more), Professor Joe Martin, award-winning speaker, university professor, author, and educational consultant, and many more.

Although the conference focuses primarily on the experiences of students of color, all students, faculty, staff and members of the public are encouraged to participate.

**Conference Speakers**

**Tavis Smiley**

Host of the PBS television show “Tavis Smiley”, host of radio shows “The Tavis Smiley Show” and “Smiley and West”, author of 16 books, his latest was co-written with philosopher and educator Cornel West.



**Cheryl Jacques**

Administrative law judge in Massachusetts, former Massachusetts state senator, former president of the Human Rights Campaign, a leading LGBT advocacy group.



**Carloz Nevez**

California State Sacramento professor, expert on training and leadership theory in higher education, former doctoral fellow for the Kellogg Foundation.



**Eric Thomas**

Speaker, educator, author, minister, activist, currently pastors A Place of Change Ministries in Lansing, Mich., academic advisor at Michigan State University.



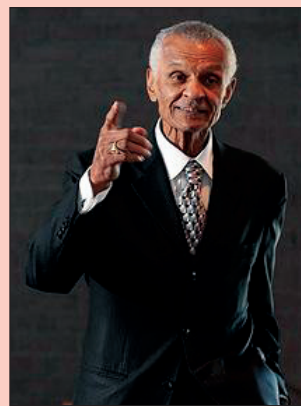
**Tricia Rose**

Brown University Professor, author, commentator, social critic, best known for books on rap music.



**C. T. Vivian**

Activist, minister, author, devoted most of his life to working for the progress of African Americans and the civil/political rights of all people, lieutenant for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



**Tentative Schedule**

**Thursday, Jan. 24**

Conference Registration and Information ..... 6-9 p.m.  
Galactic Bowling ..... 6-10 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 25**

Conference Registration ..... 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Continental Breakfast and Welcome ..... 8:15-9:25 a.m.  
Keynote Speaker ..... 9:30-10:20 a.m.  
Staff, Faculty and Employer Workshop ..... 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Concurrent Sessions I ..... 10:30-11:20 a.m.  
Luncheon with Keynote Speaker ..... 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.  
Diversity Job and Internship Fair and Graduate Fair ..... 1-4 p.m.  
Diversity Officer Training ..... 2-5 p.m.  
Concurrent Sessions II ..... 2-2:50 p.m.  
Concurrent Sessions III ..... 3-3:50 p.m.  
Dinner with Keynote Speaker ..... 6-7:30 p.m.  
Variety Show ..... 8-10 p.m.  
Conference Social ..... 10 p.m.-1:30 a.m.  
Staff and Faculty Social ..... 10 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 26**

Conference Registration ..... 8 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Continental Breakfast with Keynote ..... 8:30-9:45 a.m.  
Concurrent Sessions IV ..... 10:15-11:15 a.m.  
Luncheon with Keynote Speaker ..... 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.  
Special Performance ..... 1-2:30 p.m.  
Concurrent Sessions V ..... 3-3:50 p.m.  
Concurrent Sessions VI ..... 4-4:50 p.m.  
Concurrent Sessions VII ..... 5-5:50 p.m.  
Dinner with Keynote Speaker ..... 6-8:30 p.m.  
Conference Entertainment ..... 8:30-11:30 p.m.  
Conference Social ..... 11:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.  
Staff and Faculty Social ..... 11:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

**Sunday, Jan. 27**

Continental Brunch and Closing ..... 9:30-11 a.m.

**Husky Spirit Challenge week**

January 15 through 19 will mark the first inaugural Celebrate! Husky Spirit Week. This week brings back the traditional campus spirit competitions in conjunction with the Winter Celebrate! weekend scheduled for Jan. 18 through 20.

Students and student groups can participate in events including a Riverside Park sledding event and a human battleship competition in the Halenbeck Hall pool. Groups of 5-20 students can register through Monday, Jan. 14 and will compete for prizes in dodgeball, battleship, and much more. Teams can register at [www.survey-monkey.com/s/SCSUSpiritChallenge](http://www.survey-monkey.com/s/SCSUSpiritChallenge).

**Prizes**

**First Place**

- Pizza Party for up to 20 students at suite at SCSU Basketball game
- \$250 donation to student organization account
- Team name and year on display in Atwood

**Second Place**

- Pizza Party for team at Atwood Underground (Underground costs covered)
- \$100 donation to student organization account

**Third Place**

- Private movie showing in Atwood Theater
- \$50 donation to student organization account

*If student team is not affiliated with an SCSU Student Organization with a student account, donations will be distributed on a Munch Money Gift Card redeemable at on-campus dining locations.*

**Registration**

The deadline for team-registration for Husky Spirit Challenge Week is Jan. 14. Scan the QR code to register a team.



**Events**

\* Indicates a Husky Spirit Week competition points event.

**Tuesday, Jan. 15**

- Campus offices begin decorating for Husky Spirit Decorating Competition
- UPB Visual Arts Gallery Opening (Noon)
- Human Battleship Competition (9 p.m.)\*

**Location**  
Campus Locations

**Wednesday, Jan. 16**

- Deadline for offices to finish decorating for Spirit Competition (9 a.m.)
- Civic Engagement (2 p.m.)\*
- UPB Open Mic Night (7 p.m.)\*
- UPB Night Life/Campus Involvement sponsor comedian (9 p.m.)\*

Campus Locations  
Atwood Ballroom  
Atwood Quarry  
Atwood Quarry

**Thursday, Jan. 17**

- Husky Pride and Spirit Event (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)\*
- Men’s Wrestling vs. MSU - Moorhead (7 p.m.)\*
- UPB Live Music Event (7:30 p.m.)\*
- Intramural Dodgeball Competition (9:30 p.m.)\*

Atwood Mall  
Halenbeck  
Atwood Quarry  
Atwood Ballroom

**Friday, Jan. 18**

- Judging of Campus Office decorating contest
- Alumni reception and social hour (5-7 p.m.)\*
- Women’s Basketball vs. MSU - Mankato (6 p.m.)\*
- Men’s Hockey vs. U. of Denver (7:30 p.m.)\*
- Men’s Basketball vs. MSU - Mankato (8 p.m.)\*
- Halenbeck After Dark and Club Red (9:30 p.m.)\*

Campus Locations  
Brother’s Bar and Grill  
Halenbeck  
Campus NHEC  
Halenbeck  
Halenbeck Fieldhouse

**Saturday, Jan. 18**

- “Sled With The Huskies” (10 a.m.-2 p.m.)\* IN-CLUDING: Student Organization Chili Cook-off (11 a.m.-2 p.m.)\*
- Women’s Basketball vs. Concordia U. - St. Paul (4 p.m.)
- SGA Alumni Reunion (5-7 p.m.)
- Women’s Basketball Alumni event (5:30 p.m.)
- Men’s Basketball vs. Concordia U. - St. Paul (6 p.m.)
- Men’s Hockey vs. U. of Denver (7:30 p.m.)

Riverside Park  
Halenbeck  
Cascade Room  
West Balcony  
Halenbeck  
NHEC

**Events Calendar**

**Monday**

**CETL Advisory Committee Meeting**

4 p.m.

This event is free and will be hosted by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning in the Miller Center.

**Tuesday**

**Celebrate! Husky Spirit Week**

The inaugural Celebrate! Husky Spirit Week begins today. Events will take place throughout the week at various locations on campus.

A full schedule is available at: <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/campusinvolvement/campusspirit/default.asp>

**D2L orientation session version 10**

10 a.m.

This event is free and will be hosted by InforMedia Services in the Miller Center.

**Windows 8 Training**

What is new in Windows 8?

2 p.m.

This event is free and will be hosted by Information Technology Services in Centennial Hall 351

**Thursday**

**Resume Writing Seminar**

2 p.m.

This event is free and will be hosted by Career Services Center in Centennial Hall 207.

**Friday**

**Internship and Prep Seminar**

9 a.m.

Learn what you need to do to find a great internship, make contact with potential employers and prepare for your valuable internship experience

No registration required. This event is free and will be hosted by Career Services Center in Centennial Hall 207.

# Bookstore

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So why now? Last semester, only students receiving financial aid through FAFSA could charge textbooks to their accounts. Their leftover funds from financial aid covered the costs of textbooks from the Husky Bookstore. Now any student registered for classes, with no fees or holds on their accounts, can do the same.

The change came with the new temporary Vice President of the Office of Finance and Administration department on July 1, 2012.

“Ever since Len Sippel became the Interim Vice President of Finances and Administration, there has been talk of incorporating this for all students of SCSU, not just students receiving financial aid through FAFSA,” Mears said.

Since the Husky Bookstore in Centennial is the exclusive bookstore of SCSU, they are the only one capable of this charge to students’ accounts. Not even Campus Book and Supply on Fifth Avenue at Coborn Plaza can do this.

“This is the only official bookstore of SCSU,” Mears said. “There is competition between bookstores here in St. Cloud, and we want students to purchase their books at the Husky Bookstore. 12% of all purchases here goes back through SCSU in the form of scholarships for students. So students who buy their course materials here are helping out SCSU and other students essentially.”

Purchasing your textbooks from the Husky Bookstore will generate revenue for the school in the form of scholarships to draw students’ business. Although the prices around all of the bookstores around St. Cloud are pretty much the same, that doesn’t mean every student will be able, nor willing, to shop for all of their course materials at the bookstore in Centennial. The complications of the Husky Bookstore being out of stock of a certain textbook is one reason students may purchase their textbooks somewhere else.

“Everybody receives their loans at once, so it causes a cluster,” said Miles Friendshuh, mechanical engineering major.



MIDORI SAKAMOTO / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Starting this semester, students will be able to charge books and school supplies from the Husky Bookstore to their student account.**

If many students take advantage of this opportunity to charge their student accounts, then we can decrease the overcrowding and hassle of trying to obtain textbooks a couple of weeks into our courses.

Plus, the more students that shop at the Husky Bookstore in Centennial, the more money goes into our University’s financial pot. Although many people can find good deals for their books on Amazon, there

is still a waiting period to receive them in some cases.

The Husky Bookstore will only allow registered students, free of holds on their student accounts, to charge up to \$1000 until Jan. 21.

# Jobs

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media websites, while employers say they are utilizing social media more and more to attract potential hires, was one of the least effective at just under 2 percent, according to the survey.

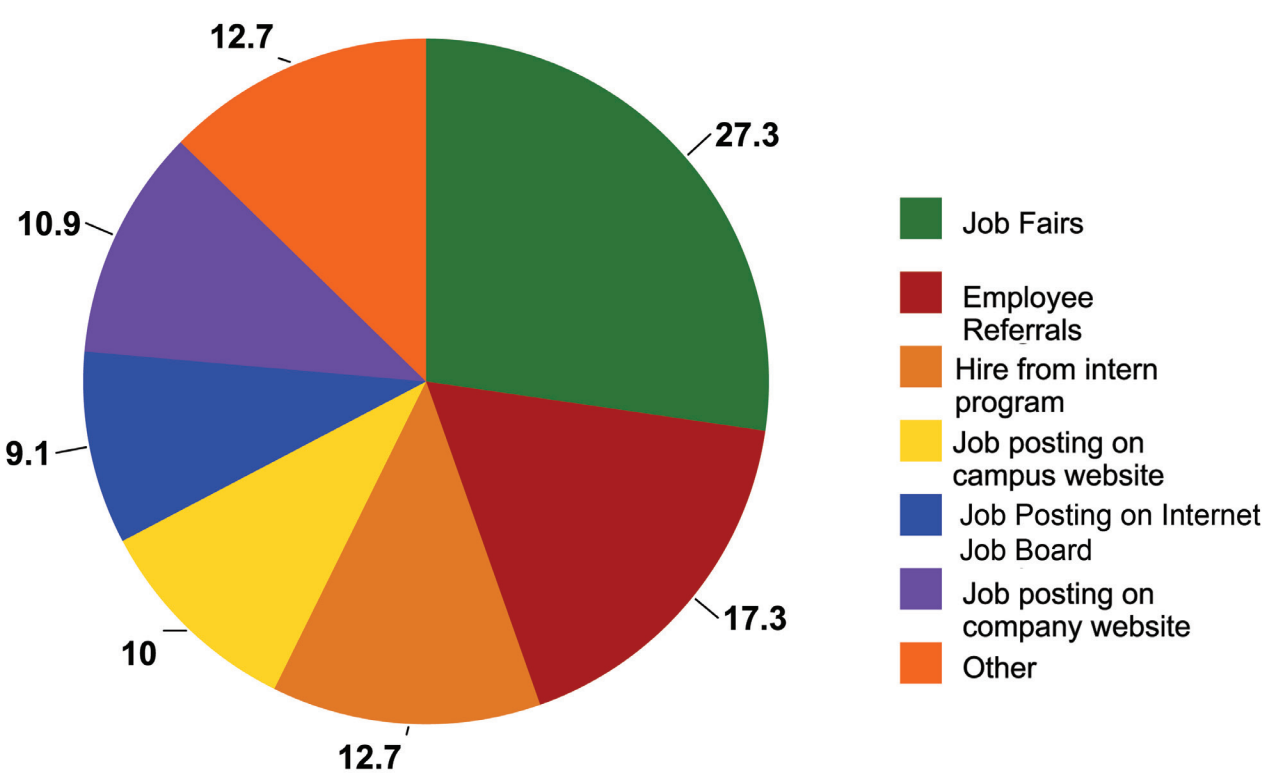
Job postings in newspaper classifieds, the survey says, was the least effective at 0 percent.

The three most important skills for students to possess are honesty and integrity, written and verbal communication, and strong work ethic, according to the businesses surveyed. Realistic job expectations, losing sense of entitlement and communication were the three areas employers said needed the most improvement from new graduates.

Conducted by SCSU’s Career Services Center, the MN College Job Outlook surveys employers recruiting new college graduates in Minnesota. Over 100 employers who attended job fairs in 2012 participated in the study. This is the ninth year the survey has been conducted.

Less than 3 percent of businesses surveyed plan on decreasing hiring this year.

## Most Effective Recruiting Methods



GRAPH BY KARLY HERRERA / GRAPHIC DESIGNER

**The MN College Job Outlook survey conducted by Andrew Ditlevson shows companies think job fairs are the most effective way of recruiting recent college graduates.**

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## Students attend orientation week

New, transfer and international students come to SCSU early

Some students came as early as Tuesday. Others didn't start until Saturday. All new students attend required programming before beginning classes. For newly-arrived international students, non-traditional students and transfer students starting this spring, these events took place in the last week. Events included socials, health screenings, placement tests, movie nights, socials and diversity workshops.



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## Gottwalt resigns, Minn. house district 14A seat up for election

### Staff Report

Stearns County Auditor-Treasurer Randy Schreifels announced that a special election for the position of Minnesota House seat will take place on Feb. 12, 2013 for District 14A. District 14A includes areas of St. Cloud, Waite Park, St. Augusta and Precinct 2 in St. Joseph Township. Gov. Dayton issued the writ for the special election on Tuesday Jan. 8, and the law states a special election called on the Governor's order must take place within 35 days. Former Treasurer Steve Gottwalt resigned from his position after taking a full time

job as legislative director with the Minneapolis-based Center for Diagnostic Imaging, a registered lobbying association. He resigned from his house seat on Jan. 3, 2013. Filing for the seat began on Jan. 9 and goes until Jan. 15. If one or more candidates from a party file for the seat, a primary election will be held Jan. 29, 2013. Polls will be open for the same hours as the general election, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Polling booths will be at located at the same places as they were for the general election.



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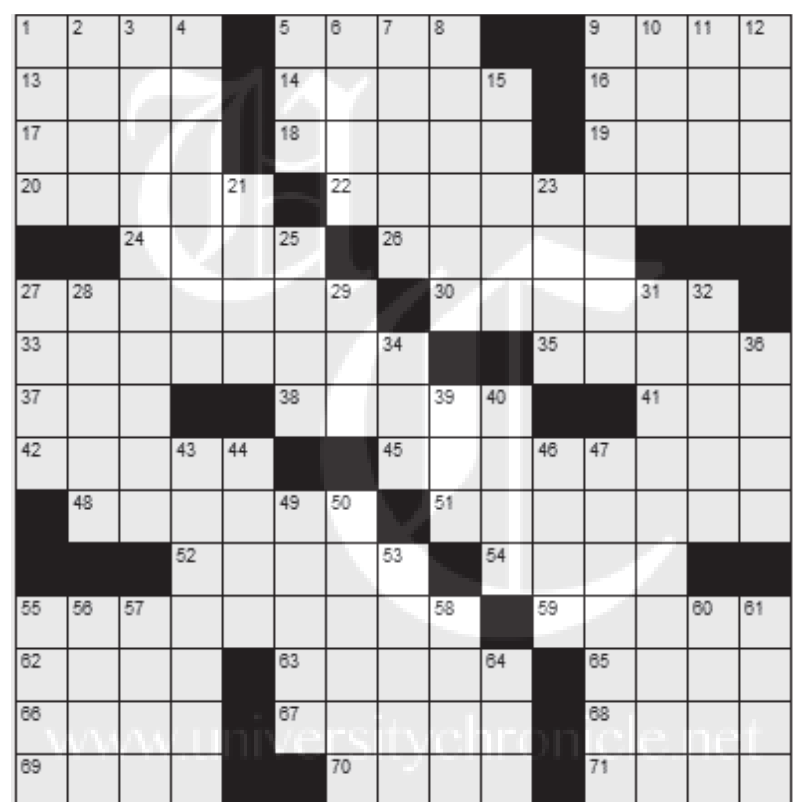
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- Probabilities
- Twin sister of Ares
- Nonvascular plant
- 8 in Roman numerals
- Even
- Found in some lotions
- At one time (archaic)
- Anagram of "Diary"
- Violent disturbance
- Happen again
- Responses
- Praise
- Small fatty European fish
- Dimensional
- Pester
- From the far east
- Catapulted
- Mother
- Glorify
- Spelling contest
- Colonic
- Zealot
- Wears away
- Hawkish
- Stagnated
- Mildew
- Music genre
- Considers
- Parental sister
- Lugged
- Annoying insect
- Blackthorn
- Go in
- Highest point
- Distinctive flair
- Small boat
- Jump



### DOWN

- Not under
- Calamitous
- Disavowal
- Place
- A late time of life
- Back
- Wall climbers
- Angel
- Matrimonial
- Hodgepodge
- Any day now
- Collections
- An elastic fabric
- Wreckage
- Sailors
- A romantic meeting
- A few
- Lying facedown
- Lenient
- An abatement in intensity
- Move stealthily
- One time around
- Heredity unit
- Legislation
- Streetcar
- Dampen
- Contributes
- Stepped
- Against the law
- High society
- Not first
- Philippine tribal chief
- Carryall
- Quiet time
- Dwarf buffalo
- Lascivious look
- Mother
- Stair
- Not wet



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## Three things to watch as a college student in 2013

**Jason Tham**

OPINIONS EDITOR

Welcome to SCSU, new students! And welcome back, fellow Huskies.

The year 2013 will be another year of new trends and inspirations. Perhaps thanks to the infamous misread of Mayan mythography, perhaps thanks to the handful new high profile gadgets and new technology released in 2012, this year will reflect a broader shift in the academia.

### Prepare for the MOOCocalypse

So you survived the Mayan apocalypse, now what? Get ready for the next big thing: progressive open education ideals. More people are signing on to MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses), a type of online course opened to large-scale participation, pushing social learning in higher education to the next level.

MOOCs seem to evolve from local online learning management systems like Blackboard and Desire2Learn. Some of the forerunners in offering MOOCs are Yale University, Harvard University, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Recently, more MOOC-type projects have emerged independently, namely Coursera, Canvas Network, EdX, and Udacity.

Why should you, as an undergraduate or graduate student at SCSU, care?

Well, unless you are allergic to free stuff, MOOCs are great supplements to your college education especially when you feel you're not getting enough from your regular classes. When I was completing my undergraduate degree in mass communication, I had a strong passion

to learn more about early philosophy but never had the opportunity to take a class on that subject matter. Thanks to Yale Open Courses, I was able to follow Dr. Shelly Kagan's PHIL 176: Philosophy of Death by watching a series of lectures and completing coursework on the Yale University website (now also available on iTunes U).

us, but there are students out there who are still complaining about their mustard-seed-sized web/file space that comes with every student tech account. At SCSU, the student's combined file and web space quota is 500MB, according to HuskyNet.

It is not uncommon in every student that at some point in our college career, we have to face that brutal experience to

to your group should you need a small orientation to maximize the benefits of cloud-based storage and computing.

### Crowdsource to Leverage Learning Experience

This year will be a year of cooperation. And cooperation leads to co-creation. As college students, we can look to crowdsourcing to move beyond the traditional student-teacher structure to make learning more democratic both on- and offline. Crowdsourcing is a process of outsourcing tasks to a distributed mass that is usually undefined and unpaid (yay, more free stuff!).

Most of us have probably done an online survey or two for our friends who are doing their senior capstone. Remember those survey monkey links they send to you via Facebook chat? When done right, crowdsourcing is a great way to conduct research and solve problems. For a simple poll, you may have a larger demographic in the public than your regular college population.

At worldwide, crowdsourcing has continued to grow into different shapes and forms. TED's Open Translation Project now has more than 8,000 volunteers contributing to subtitles and interactive transcripts in 94 languages, according to JWT Intelligence. Kickstarter is another new wave in the realm of crowdsourcing where innovators and creatives of different industries crowdfund their projects by giving incentives to their contributors. Up and coming actor and producer Joseph Gordon-Levitt (known for his roles in Batman, Looper, and Inception) founded his online production company, hitRECORD, in 2004 to outsource writing, designing, and filmmaking to artists worldwide.

As a student, you can be creative and utilize all these new technology to enhance your education. Year 2013 is the perfect time to step out of the comfort zone to experiment new ways of learning. All it takes is a will to succeed.

Good luck on your new semester.

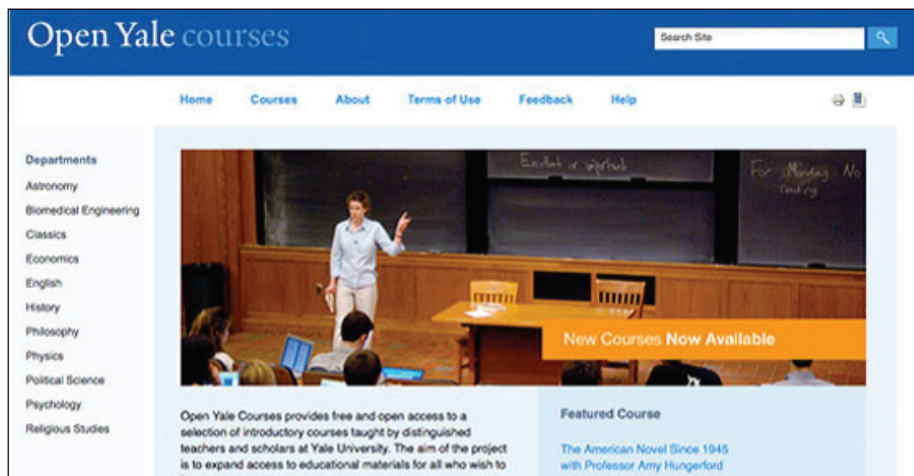


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### Students can take courses recorded on Yale University campus for free.

Today, many of the previously listed MOOC providers also issue certificates of completion to participants who have fully completed the courses. You may even take these certificates to your advisor and negotiate for a waiver of prerequisites whichever applicable. Apart from learning directly from these well-regarded professors from the Ivy Leagues, you can pace out your own learning to suit your semester schedule. A friend of mine and I have designated Fridays in this semester to "attend" MOOCs. Give MOOCs a try; and if you don't like it, there's no harm withdrawing from any MOOCs since there's no fees charged.

### Look to the Cloud

Not Cloud town, but the model of networked online storage where your data are kept in storage hosted by third parties – cloud-based storage and computing. This may not be new to most of

clean up old or unnecessary files in our emails and file space in order to continue using our student account. Well, you can request to upgrade that file space, but as an advertising major, that below-1GB storage was definitely insufficient for my enormous raw files and graphic work. Dropbox and Google Drive are saviors to me.

Not only are you able to keep important schoolwork on these third party servers, and quit sending email attachments to yourself, you can collaborate with other classmates on certain assignments. For instance, you may work on a presentation deck with multiple group members on Google Docs as long as they have access to the file. Student organization leaders may also utilize the same feature to share meeting agendas and minutes without having to print them in copies. The technology help and training staff at HuskyNet are able to provide assistance

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### TXT4Life program effective in preventing suicide

I, as the Regional Coordinator for the program TXT4Life, would like to provide clarity and correct information regarding an article posted by an anonymous writer on the University Chronicle's website on Dec. 5 titled "TXT4LIFE isn't effective; more preventions needed for teen suicide".

I want to begin by stating our discontent with an uneducated article written about our program with no contact with us first. First, I want to clarify that this text service is provided by a grant from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Garrett Lee Smith funding. The grant is for a pilot of the texting service for the seven counties of Northeast Minnesota. The writer referenced that "If this is unavailable in the majority of Minnesota at almost all hours of the day..." We want the reader and writer both to remember that this program was developed with the goal of going statewide after three years. We are currently working on legislation at the state level for this program to go statewide and move to 24/7 availability. It is moving forward and we have support from State Agencies, Senators and Representatives (bi-partisan support), Schools, Community and Private Mental Health Clinics and Professionals, and other organizations from around the state

The rest of the above quote from the writer is "... it can't possibly be a worthwhile lifesaver." Our data both qualitative and quantitative have shown this service to be lifesaving to many individuals. Prior to our funding through the grant, the Minnesota affiliate of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL) reported answering less than 25 calls a month from youth and young adults – a small percentage in comparison to their volume from other ages. With implementation of the text line, they are now receiving over 300 text message conversations (general interventions) per month from this age group, and up to 30 individual text conversations in one day.

We are seeing that, for youth and young adults, texting is the way that they are communicating, and by adding this additional form of communication to the existing system and 1-800-273-8255(NSPL) number, we have seen the great benefit in saving lives. This data alone proves that TXT4Life is an effective resource and method of preventing suicide. We understand that texting is not for everyone, however for those choosing to use this technology, the results stated above show its success in saving lives. The text line performs between 3-5 emergency interventions (law enforcement notified due to imminent risk) each month. The phone option is available 24/7 for those times of crisis not covered by texting (texting is currently available 12pm-12am, seven days a week, based on usage data collected for most common hours).

It is important to realize that the texting service is not only a conversation with a trained Counselor, but also a time that the Counselors refer the person and identify resources in their local community. This has shown to be very effective. In

reference to the writer's comments about the student in his high school who died by suicide, we have had much follow up with the school and know that the student was not at the TXT4Life presentation. We know this is a very difficult loss and are connecting the family and school with resources.

The last piece I would like to address is the fact that the texting service is only a small piece of our efforts. We provide training and response within communities, marketing information for schools and communities, and other services related to suicide prevention and awareness. In closing, it is important to remember that new technology, like this, needs to be carefully planned and rolled out, to make sure it is effective.

For any questions about the program, or for information about our evaluation (quantitative and qualitative), please contact me at meg.hann.condit@co.carlton.mn.us.

By Meghann Condit  
Health Educator, SHIP and  
TXT4Life Grant Coordinator

### Worth 100 Words

Everyone I know complains about the news. Part of my job is to criticize the status quo. Sometimes, we need criticism, too. It keeps us honest, and being a small newsroom, the Chronicle can and does act on advice. But when we whine about Fox, MSNBC, the Huffington Post and every other news outlet, it falls on deaf ears. They get away with this because we don't pay to keep these things on air: advertisers do. Thus, they have no real interest in pleasing us. The solution? Public media. Rediscover PBS, NPR and your student media. Make your voice heard.

Molly Willms  
Editor-in-Chief

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## Allegiant Airlines lands at St. Cloud

On Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012 the long awaited arrival of air service returned! It was a bitter-sweet day for everyone who worked on getting an air carrier into the beautiful new St. Cloud Regional Airport terminal! For me personally it was exciting to see! I have followed the airline industry for the past 10 years and I know how difficult and challenging it is in this day and age to get new air service to any small community. With the oil prices and the economy still in a struggle, to have Allegiant here is a positive for the area. I think Allegiant is a great carrier for the St. Cloud market, fitting the profile of what the carrier stands for; flying from small markets to warm city hot-spots. One thing that excited me the most was the fact that the first flight out had close to the maximum amount of seats filled! But what is also encouraging to the people of St. Cloud (whether you like to fly or not) is the fact that over 100 people in one day arrived here! That means more money for the local economy. Those people spent time renting cars, hotels, shopping at our stores and that 100 or so people came from just one flight. Imagine the day when St. Cloud gets a carrier that can offer daily flights to and from St. Cloud. We will have many people arriving to Central Minnesota on a daily basis. Boosting more and more of the St. Cloud region's economy! I myself (living in Florida) can't wait for the day to come back to the area by plane! I believe it is only a matter of time!

First thing the community of St. Cloud must do is support the Allegiant flights. Tell friends or family that are interested in going to Arizona or someplace warm to check out Allegiant from St. Cloud first! Allegiant is in St. Cloud now, let's keep them strong. Second, is to support the GSCDC and the local St. Cloud Government officials in helping to bring a carrier that can offer daily flights to Chicago or a large hub! It is great to see St. Cloud flying again and I hope someday it will soar to new heights... or just a major hub!

Ryan Mont  
SCSU Alumnus

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ON CAMPUS

**Husky Spirit Week**  
Jan. 16. 9 a.m.-10p.m.

**Open Mic Night**  
Atwood Quarry  
Jan. 16. 7-9 p.m.

**Comedian:**  
Michael Palascak  
Atwood Quarry  
Jan. 16. 9 p.m.

**Local Live Series:**  
Kristoff Krane  
Atwood Quarry  
Jan. 17. 7:30-9 p.m.

**Late Skate!**  
Hockey Center  
Jan. 19. 10 p.m.-  
Midnight

### OFF CAMPUS

**Tour de Dance**  
Paramount Theatre  
Jan. 19. 2-7 p.m.  
\$14 Entry

**BLIMP:**  
Led Zeppelin Tribute  
Red Carpet Nightclub  
Jan. 19. 10 p.m.

**Lola Cherry**  
with  
Random Road  
Pioneer Place  
Jan. 19. 7 p.m.  
\$14 advance \$17 at door

**The Gackle Trucker**  
Band  
featuring:  
Jake Braking  
Bo Diddley's Pub  
Jan. 18. 7:30 p.m.  
\$5 entry

## Shelby channels Twain in one-man show

**Molly Willms**

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

He spoke of Mark Twain in such glowing terms that it was hard to believe it wasn't the father of American literature himself.

After all, as he said on stage, if you can't get a compliment anywhere else, you should give one to yourself.

Don Shelby, an award-winning and prolific journalist, has been performing as Mark Twain in his retirement. This weekend, that show came to Pioneer Place on Fifth.

Like Twain, Shelby has traveled the world, written books and peppers his speech with humor.

The show was presented in cooperation with the Stearns History Museum & Research Center, whose situation on Twain's own beloved Mississippi River made it the perfect location for Shelby's performance.

The one-man show was a collection of actual Twain quotes and stories mixed in and presented with artful pauses and gestures.

The show began with Twain talking about himself and his friends, among them Rudyard Kipling. Kipling, he said, "knows all there is to know, and I know the rest."

For the sake of humor, Twain often stroked his own ego.

"I was born modest," he said, "but it wore off."

His second movement consisted of a description of life on the Mississippi River. He described the anticipation of steamboats stopping, and the life of the town changing with river traffic. It was written and spoken as if by men in love with life on the river.

After more stories and an intermission, Twain appeared as the famous Huckleberry Finn to tell a condensed version of his story. He talked about helping Jim escape and get his family back, saying all along that he knew it was wrong, but he would have felt worse doing what was right and turning Jim in.

After two hours of storytelling, humorous quips, and abundant cigar-smoking, Annette Atkins moderated a discussion on Twain's life, his contemporaries, his work and the times and places in which he lived.

They commented on one of his most famous works, "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn". Shelby pointed out that Twain's assertions that a black man could love his family and be just as human as a white man was equivalent to blasphemy at the time it was written. The book was largely unpopular at the time of its original publishing because of its "radical" ideas, and the ultimate satire comes right in the beginning, when Twain says that the thinly-veiled social commentary is



MOLLY WILLMS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Shelby delivers stories and wit as the famous American humorist Mark Twain.**

actually without meaning and a mere story of a boy.

It was Ernest Hemingway who famously said that it all began with Mark Twain. His idyllic descriptions of an American life were the first to be written in a true American vernacular, and his social com-

mentary was both blatant and subtle throughout his life.

When we hear about Mark Twain, Shelby said, "he's almost become a character, like Superman or Silas Marner. We have to remember: he was a real guy."



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**Annette Atkins, left, led a panel discussion on the life and times of Mark Twain after the show.**

## Spider-Man dead, long live Doc-Ock

**Edd Beran**

STAFF WRITER

Spider-Man is known throughout the world as one of the most recognizable and iconic characters to ever come into print. Making his debut in 1962's "Amazing Fantasy" #15, he soon became one of the most popular comic books on the local newsstand. Marvel masterminds Stan Lee and Steve Ditko managed to reach out to a wider audience by constructing a more empathic and three-dimensional character, in comparison to its rival company, DC Comics. "Never before had a superhero been depicted with such insecurities as Peter Parker," said Brad Chisholm, professor of film at SCSU. Chisholm teaches a course on comic books and cinema and is also an avid comic book fan. "No previous superhero ever had these problems, or let us into his or her personal space like Peter Parker did." With his signature red and blue super-suit, Spider-Man has faced countless enemies such as the Green Goblin and Mysterio, only to come out victorious in the end. However, with the arrival of "The Amazing Spider-Man" #700, the wall crawler has finally met his end at the hands of the nefarious Doctor Octopus. Yes, you read that right, Spider-Man is dead. Or is he?

In the recent issue, the evil Doctor Octopus has switched bodies with Peter Parker, and in doing so killed his former body, along with Peter Parker. In doing so, the mind of Dr. Otto Octavius now is in control of Spider-Man, leaving fans skeptical as to the new direction

Marvel is taking the character. With the death of Peter Parker, Marvel has launched a new series titled "Superior Spider-Man", in which Doctor Octopus embraces his new identity as Spider-Man, while also trying to prove that he can be a better version of the original.

The decision to kill off one of the world's most iconic characters has been met with mixed feelings from fans. While many are embracing the idea, there are some who outright hate it. After an online leak of what happens in the latest issue, current Spider-Man writer Dan Slott received several death threats against him over the social media website Twitter. "To put it bluntly, the story sucks," said Taylor Ellis, a local comic book reader. "I feel that Dan Slott's 'Amazing Spider-Man' story arc is nothing more than shock factor to boost sales of the new 'Superior Spider-Man' series. In 2007, Marvel Comics killed Captain America during their wildly popular story arc "Civil War", which pit heroes against each other. The untimely death of Captain America was met with a massive spike in sales numbers for the company, as well as mixed fan reaction. While Captain America has since returned, many comic readers see the death of Spider-Man as another attempt to cash in on shock value.

"Most of the fan reaction has been pretty good for the most part," said local comic shop Granite City Comics and Games operator Nate Michaels. "There are some bad, but for the most part it's good," Michaels said. Though fan reaction has been mixed,



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**The new superior spider-man crawls walls.**

after the release of Superior Spider-Man #1 on January 9th, Marvel has been raking in the dough. "[#700] is clearly meant to drive up sales in a competitive market," Chisholm said. The competition between rival companies Marvel and DC comics has been more cut throat than ever since DC Comics' license-wide relaunch in 2011, which is now being counteracted with Marvel's company-wide relaunch campaign titled Marvel NOW! Which includes Superior Spider-Man.

As a comic book enthusiast myself, I decided to read issues #700 of "Amazing Spider-Man" and the newly launched "Superior Spider-Man" #1. I have been a fan of Spider-Man since my youth and went into the issue with an open mind as to how the transition of Doctor Octopus into Spider-Man would play out. While I share no hatred for the issue, I do believe that "Superior Spider-

Man" is a great jumping point for people who wish to start reading Spider-Man or who would like to experience a new take on the character. However, as I read I couldn't help but sympathize for the hundreds of thousands of readers across the country that shared such love for the character. I began to understand how some people might be cautious about the change of the character due to how Spider-Man has become integrated into American culture. With the arrival of Doctor Octopus as the new (not-so) friendly neighborhood Spider-Man, it begs the question on whether or not companies find the classic, All-American good guy entertaining any more.

While only time will tell if the "Superior Spider-Man" is a success, the age of Peter Parker swinging from rooftops is over.



# Can video games lead to violence?

**Edd Beran**

STAFF WRITER

As of recently, video games have been a hot issue, particularly in whether or not they influence a person into committing a violent act. With the increase in spree-shootings in the United States, many politicians and group leaders have found it easy to point the finger at violent video games such as Call of Duty or God of War in an attempt to identify a source of aggression.

However, the question of how video games affect the youth is a continually debated issue among American consumers and parents alike. At colleges around the United States, you'd be hard pressed to find a dorm room or apartment without a video game console of some kind, which raises the question of how gamers feel about the issue.

"I don't think video games cause violence necessarily. However, I do think that they have the ability to numb audi-

ences to violent behavior," said Hannah Plachecki, a history major at SCSU.

With the recent events at Sandy Hook Elementary School, the National Rifle Association has also been under increasing fire from the public.

In a recent press conference, NRA executive vice president Wayne Lappiere stated, "There exists in this country a callous, corrupt and corrupting shadow industry that sells, and sows violence against its own people," when referring to popular video games such as "Battlefield" and "Mortal Kombat".

While some have pointed out that the mentioning of violent video games during the NRA press conference was an evasive tactic to avoid media pressure, it still raised valid questions about what children are being exposed to.

According to the Entertainment Software Association, in 2004 the United States brought in over seven billion dollars in profit. This number has

increased exponentially and has nearly doubled within the last decade.

The video game industry is showing no signs of slowing down which has many parents worried and looking for ways to prevent access to violent video games.

In Southington, Connecticut, one group of concerned individuals has turned to holding a violent video game buyback program, similar to those held for firearms. In a public statement, the group says that "violent video games have contributed to increasing aggressiveness, fear, anxiety and are desensitizing our children to acts of violence including bullying."

While a typical playground spat between kids is a far cry from a shooting, parents believe that the influence of violent video games can have a lasting psychological affect on children. Recently, West Virginia state senator Jay Rockefeller introduced a bill to congress that would require the Na-

tional Academy of Sciences to examine the affects of violent video games and other media exposed to children. However, if the NAS were ever to conduct such an assessment, it would likely not reach fruition for several years.

While the debate over the psychological affects of video games continues, companies such as Activision and Electronic Arts are still managing to thrive. In addition to third party game developers, companies such as Android and Apple are attempting to cash in on the lucrative video game market by creating their own software for future consoles.

In an age where video games can be played on a cellular phone, it raises another question on whether or not the idea of controlling the games children play is even possible. While Call of Duty and other war games are currently the hot issue, how long will it be until children are stomping on turtles and mushrooms while pretending to be a plumber?

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## Far Cry 3 offers adventure and island-hopping

**Edd Beran**

STAFF WRITER

In the past, the Far Cry series has often been considered a set of games that quickly turns into a bargain bin game after release, due to mediocre attempts at creating an in depth first-person shooter.

In previous entries, the developers seemed to have paid more attention to the environments rather than the actual gameplay in an attempt to create a lush and distinctive world. In addition, the ever-annoying checkpoint system was slapdash, requiring players to traverse map all over again in order to reach a destination.

When it comes to "Far Cry 3", however, developer Ubisoft Montreal has perfected the formula for open world exploration with frenzied and intense gunplay.

The game's environments look beautiful as the you traverse a dangerous island filled with wild animals and cutthroat killers while trying to rescue your friends. The lush jungle is filled with tombs and caves to explore, as well several species of animals to hunt.

Along the way, you acquire several different weapons that are highly customiz-

able. They allow players to put their own spin on their arsenal as they go about hunting wild game to craft new items, as well as liberating areas from pirate tyranny.

The gameplay mechanics have been vastly improved in comparison to previous entries by tightening the controls and allowing players to choose different ways to confront bad guys and go about the island. You can go in guns blazing, or sneak into a base and take it over. Either way, each mission is a unique blend of stealth and action.

However, Ubisoft has taken away the ability of players to create Rambo-esque traps made from sharpened sticks in favor of more traditional means. Ubisoft also diverges from previous entries in the Far Cry series by getting rid of weapon degradation, which, in this reviewer's opinion, is much better.

In addition to the improvements made to the environments and gameplay, the developers have implemented a new level-up system that provides a variety of benefits to players as they progress through the game. However, the only way to acquire more abilities is to do story missions, which can be somewhat annoying if you just enjoy running around the island.

The only drawback of the game is the

lackluster multiplayer that brings cooperative gameplay to a new low. The ability to free-roam is denied and is instead replaced with a repetitive series of levels that seemed to have been designed to entertain fourth graders and the most casual of gamers.

In addition, the frame rate and graphical quality is severely reduced when playing with a friend, resembling Playstation 2 and Xbox graphics of the previous console generation. However, the online multiplayer redeems itself by allowing players to build and customize their own maps as they battle it out with friends over the internet.

Overall, "Far Cry 3" is a sprawling jungle of a game that has something for everyone. It combines familiar gameplay elements from "Red Dead Redemption", "Elder Scrolls", "Uncharted", and others to create a fun experience that will have gamers entertained for hours on end. While the multiplayer is nothing to brag about, "Far Cry 3" is still a solid video game that makes up for it with a frenetic and endearing story that holds up against its contenders.

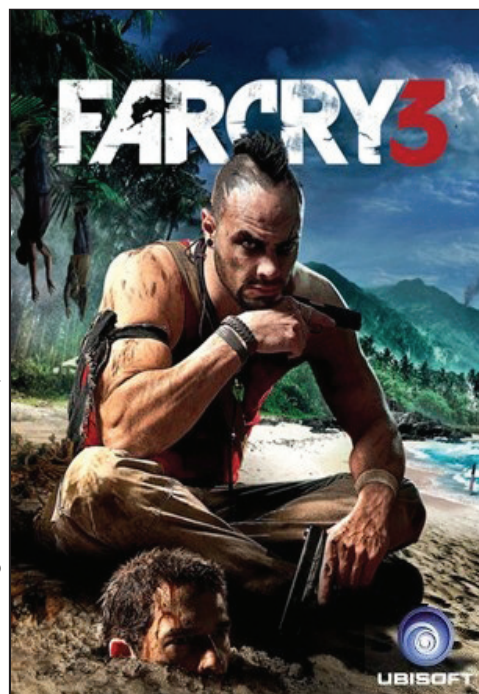


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Far Cry 3 is like a fun day at the beach.

Rating: ★★★★★★★☆☆☆

## Les Mis is breathtaking

**Molly Willms**

MOVIE REVIEW

dreamed a dream that my favorite music from childhood would be brought to life in a stirring story on the big screen.

Unlike poor Fantine, my dream has come true.

The latest film adaptation of Victor Hugo's masterpiece "Les Misérables" was not only a wonderful telling of a classic story, but it was a cinematic triumph.

The story follows former convict Jean Valjean as he learns to love the world again. In the process, he rescues an orphan and raises her as his own. A parole escapee, Valjean is constantly fleeing the law after committing his violation to save a man from suffering his punishment.

It's all set during times of Paris uprisings, and the other characters are factory workers, rebelling student groups, thieves and the poor. The story is

complex and each thread weaves with every other.

One of the most interesting things about this adaptation is that, as an operetta, most of the singing was done live on-set. The difference is palpable but difficult to describe: the singing seems more real, evocative, spontaneous than pre-recorded musical numbers.

When Anne Hathaway's Fantine sings the famous "I Dreamed a Dream," the despair is palpable. It was one of the most beautiful moments I've seen in modern popular cinema.

Eponine's solo and death scene were also memorable and ably performed. Eponine is a side character the audience will fall in love with, maybe even more so than Cosette in this retelling.

A particular pet peeve of this reviewer when it comes to historical films is the unrealistic costumes, make-up and grooming of characters. So many "historical" films feature

perfectly-coiffed prostitutes alongside heroines with waxed eyebrows and enhanced bosoms.

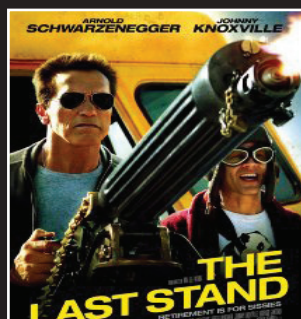
For this film, teeth were brown and missing, hair was grizzled and dirty, and everyone looked like the poor citizens of 19th-century Paris instead of the models in an edited Vogue fashion shoot. It brought the viewer into the movie by making them uncomfortable, showing them a world that no one in 21st-century American can believe existed and conditions that still exist in parts of the world.

The film is long, but Hugo's story is so beautiful and important, and I've never seen such a skillful adaptation of an older story. The end rekindled the fire of the revolution, and we were all reminded of the real message of the story: there is nothing more powerful than love.

# Coming Out This Week: Movies. Games. Albums.

Movies:

Mama  
The Last Stand  
Broken City  
LUV



Games:

Devil May Cry  
Disgaea 2  
Ni No Kuni:  
WWW



Albums:

Teena Marie: Beautiful  
Free Energy: Love Sign  
Sean Lennon: Alter Egos  
Holopaw: Academy Songs

## Husky Sports

### Huskies remain red hot; continue to win

**Ryan Fitzgerald**  
SPORTS EDITOR

#### Dec. 15

The #19 ranked Huskies took it to non-conference Ashford University Saturday afternoon with a 90-59 blowout win and improve to (8-1, 4-1 NSIC) after a tough loss to NSIC opponent MSU Moorhead on Dec. 15.

The Christmas ham took a while to diminish from the legs of the Huskies looking sluggish and not in sync in the opening 15 minutes of the game. They couldn't buy a basket if a farmer gave it to them and were lucky to have a 38-29 lead going into halftime.

"We expected a slow start but what I was disappointed with was how long we let it carry on," head coach Kevin Schlager said. "I told them before the game the first few minutes I can live with but not the majority of the half."

The crowd rose to its feet when senior forward Tim Bergstraser returned to action this season, coming back from a torn ACL, his second of his career, giving the Huskies a much needed spark by getting a layup five seconds in his return.

Bergstraser went 4-for-4 from the field, 1-for-2 from the line with 9 points in 9 minutes of play, in his much anticipated return for the Huskies. The team really responded to his return and couldn't have been more thankful.

"I was shocked by the crowd's applause and I appreciated every minute of it," Bergstraser said. "It felt so good to get that first basket out of the way and I had to let out some emotion."

"We all have been waiting a long time for this day just because he's a great kid and he loves basketball so much," Schlager said. "He's really physical and he uses his body so well and we need a physical post player."

The Huskies ended the last five minutes of the first half on a 11-0 run and were getting back to their original form of creating turnovers and running the floor, pushing the ball up the court at a high tempo.

"In the beginning of the game we seemed to be content just standing in front of them defensively," Schlager said. "Then we turned it

on and became a lot more physical."

Senior guard Shaun Jensen had 21 points on the game and was the Huskies most dominant player offensively and defensively. He put the team on his shoulders and carried them when the Huskies weren't producing.

"That's my job as a point guard is to frustrate the opposing guard outside and create turnovers," Jensen said. "I started a little tentative but found my stride in the later part of the first half and that carried to the second half."

The Saints are part of the NAIA, that is a lower tier Division III team, and the Huskies simply were outworked and outlasted much of the first half. The Huskies have rarely been down and had to fight back—much of it was to their 6 turnovers in the first half.

Down 20-17 with 9:50 left in the first half, Schlager called a timeout to try and settle his team down. The Huskies were uncharacteristically turning the ball over and missing wide open shots, two things they are not accustomed to doing.

"I told them we had to pick it up defensively because we let them score too many points right away for where our goals are at defensively," Schlager said. "It just looked like we were impatient and that caused us to miss some easy buckets."

The Huskies came out with a purpose in the second half and proved why they are #19 in Division II by putting relentless pressure on the ball and making the Saints work more than they needed to. By doing this the Huskies wore out the Saints and were able continue the momentum they had ending the first half.

"We have been living off the perimeter much of this season and it's gotten us into some tight spots, so it was nice to have an inside game," Jensen said. "I like to create havoc and my teammates have to have an open lane for me to get them the ball."

Defensively the Huskies were stout for a majority of the game by causing 18 turnovers and scoring 28 points off those turnovers. It has been the recipe for success this season for the Huskies and they will look to carry this steam when they

return to NSIC play.

"We're excited to get back to conference play but we got beat up in Moorhead by a very good team," Schlager said. "We just have to play better and execute the plays we want to run."

The Huskies take on the University of Mary and Minot State next weekend at home and will look to get back to their winning ways in the NSIC after losing to MSU Moorhead in their last NSIC game.

#### Jan. 11

The men's basketball team had to fight all game to get the 71-69 victory over Southwest Minnesota State and had to do it in a comeback fashion.

Senior guard Shaun Jensen put the Huskies on his back in the final minutes, scoring the teams' last 7 points. Jensen had 12 points in the game and hit all three of his free throw attempts.

The Mustangs had the game under control until senior forward Theo Rothstein gave the Huskies their first lead of the game, 56-55 on a layup with 5:26 remaining in the second half. A layup and free throw by Jensen gave the Huskies their largest lead of the game, 69-63 with 1:52 remaining.

Mustang forward Matt Zager made a layup and drew the Mustangs to within two with 57 seconds left. A goaltending call that went against SMSU gave the Huskies the ball and Jensen was fouled with six seconds on the clock. He made both free throws and a layup by a Mustang determined the final score.

Rothstein finished the game with 14 points, with 12 points coming in the second half. He was 8-for-8 from the free throw line, had a team high 6 rebounds and 2 blocked shots.

Two other Huskies were able to hit the double digit mark in the comeback victory. Sophomore center James Fort scored 12 points and junior guard Damarius Cruz dropped 10 points.

The Huskies shot an abysmal 41 percent from the field and made 15 of 18 free throw attempts that helped the Huskies notch the victory.

Southwest Minnesota State shot 50 percent from the field and out-rebounded the Huskies 38-29. Nick Smith led all players in scor-



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#### Demarius Cruz scored a career high 25 points on Saturday.

ing and rebounding with 20 points and 9 rebounds. Jordan Miller scored 13 points and pulled down 8 rebounds. Vinard Birch also scored 13 points for the Mustangs.

The Huskies had to travel to Duluth the next night in hopes of not repeating the same performance but with hope of the same result—a victory.

#### Jan. 12

The men's basketball team took on the University of Sioux Falls and had a much better offensive performance and came away with the 83-73 victory, improving its record to (11-2, 7-2 NSIC).

Cruz had a terrific night scoring a career-high 25 points, shooting 8-for-10 from the field and 5 of 6 from behind the arc. His previous career high came

earlier this season when he scored 16 against St. Joe.

This was the Cougars' second loss in their last 23 games and the Huskies had an all-around team effort, with three other Huskies joining Cruz in double figures.

Jensen continued to show why he is one of the top guards in the NSIC, scoring 17 points on the night. Up and coming dominant big man, sophomore Connor Niehaus, dropped 12 points and grabbed 9 rebounds, matching his career high.

Rothstein also came ready to play, scoring 11 points and added to his stellar season by scoring in double figures in every single game this season. Rothstein has a rare game where he can score anyway, in any situation and seems to score whenever he pleases.

The Huskies shot a respectable 48.8 percent from the field and were 6 of 12 from three-point range. They also out-rebounded the Cougars 34-23 by dominating the paint inside and out. The Cougars were only able to muster up a 44.4 percent shooting night as a team.

The Cougars jumped out to a 5-0 and 10-4 lead early in the game. Cruz's three tied the game at 14-14. The Huskies took the lead for good on a jumper by Cruz at 4:45 of the first half to make it 25-24, and went on to take a 39-30 half time lead.

Like the women, the men have a quick turn around and have to get their legs rested quickly as they will take on the University of Minnesota Duluth Jan. 15 on yet another road game.

### Lady Huskies blow five-game win streak; split weekend

**Ryan Fitzgerald**  
SPORTS EDITOR

#### Friday

The women's basketball team extended its win streak to five games, defeating Southwest Minnesota State University 77-70 in a tough NSIC road game.

Sophomore Jessica Benson led the Huskies with a career-high 32 points in the game, with her previous career-high being 24 points. She was 12 of 21 from the field, 2 of 5 from three-point range and 5 of 6 from the free throw line.

Both teams played stellar all game, but the Huskies had the determination to pull out the victory. The Huskies trailed by as many as 10 and led by as many as 12. Southwest shot a season-high 55 percent from the field while the Huskies shot 49 percent.

The Mustangs were able to tie the game 70-70 with 2:43 left, but the Huskies' ability to hit late game shots helped them edge the Mustangs. They also hit big free throws late to help them notch the victory, shooting 88.5 percent as a team from the line.

Only two other Huskies finished in double figures on the night, with senior guard Sam Price scoring 16 points and freshman forward Lexy Petermann managed 12 points.

Price made a majority of her points from the free throw line, going 10-for-10. She only shot the ball four times on the night and all four were from three-point range. Price ended up going 2-for-4 from behind the arc and this was the least amount of shots she has taken in her career.

Quickly developing freshman Lexy Petermann was 6-for-11 from the field and dished out four assists. Her inside presence is becoming matchup problems for all teams because the Huskies have not had an established inside player in a

long time.

The Huskies had to put this victory behind them in a hurry because they have another tough road game against the University of Sioux Falls, who hold a (7-5, 5-5 NSIC) record.

#### Saturday

The winning streak came to an end at five games as the lady Huskies fell in a nail biter to the University of Sioux Falls 59-58 and are now (11-2, 7-2 NSIC).

The Huskies couldn't seem to keep their offense flowing. They shot a pathetic 31 percent from the field to the Cougars 45 percent. After a strong start, the Huskies lost the lead but managed to regain it with 3:38 left on the clock. With 7.1 seconds to go, USF's Bailey Bouman made a layup to put the Cougars up by one, 57-56.

As time was about to expire, the Huskies got a wide open look but were unable to find the bottom of the nylon.

The Huskies had the lead at the half by four. SCSU started the second half strong, keeping the Cougars scoreless until the 16 minute mark while holding an eight-point lead.

Benson once again led the Huskies in scoring with 12 points, adding 7 rebounds, 2 blocks and 2 steals. Price added 11 points for the Huskies, but the offensive effort was not there as a whole.

Defensively, the Huskies were stout, and held the Cougars leading scorer, Laura Johnson, to zero points on the night. Also, the Huskies forced the Cougars to turn the ball over 16 times to their 9 turnovers.

The Huskies have a quick turnaround as they will travel to Duluth to take on the Bulldogs on Jan. 15 and hope to have their offense clicking on all cylinders.



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#### Huskies guard Sam Price sinks a three-point shot

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WEEK OF JAN. 14 - JAN. 21

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University of Minnesota Duluth

January 15, 8:00 p.m.

Away

Minnesota State University

Mankato

January 18, 8:00 p.m.

Home

Concordia University

January 19, 6:00 p.m.

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## WOMEN'S B-BALL

University of Minnesota Duluth

January 15, 6:00 p.m.

Away

Minnesota State University

Mankato

January 18, 6:00 p.m.

Home

Concordia University

January 19, 4:00 p.m.

Home

## WRESTLING

Minnesota State University

Moorhead

January 17, 7:00 p.m.

Home

Ranger Duels

January 19, 9:00 a.m.

Away

## MEN'S HOCKEY

University of Denver

January 18, 7:37 p.m.

Home

University of Denver

January 19, 7:07 p.m.

Home

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Ohio State University

January 18, 6:07 p.m.

Away

Ohio State University

January 19, 3:07 p.m.

Away

## M&W SWIM & DIVE

South Dakota State

January 19, TBA

Away

## NORDIC SKIING

Battle Creek Super Tour

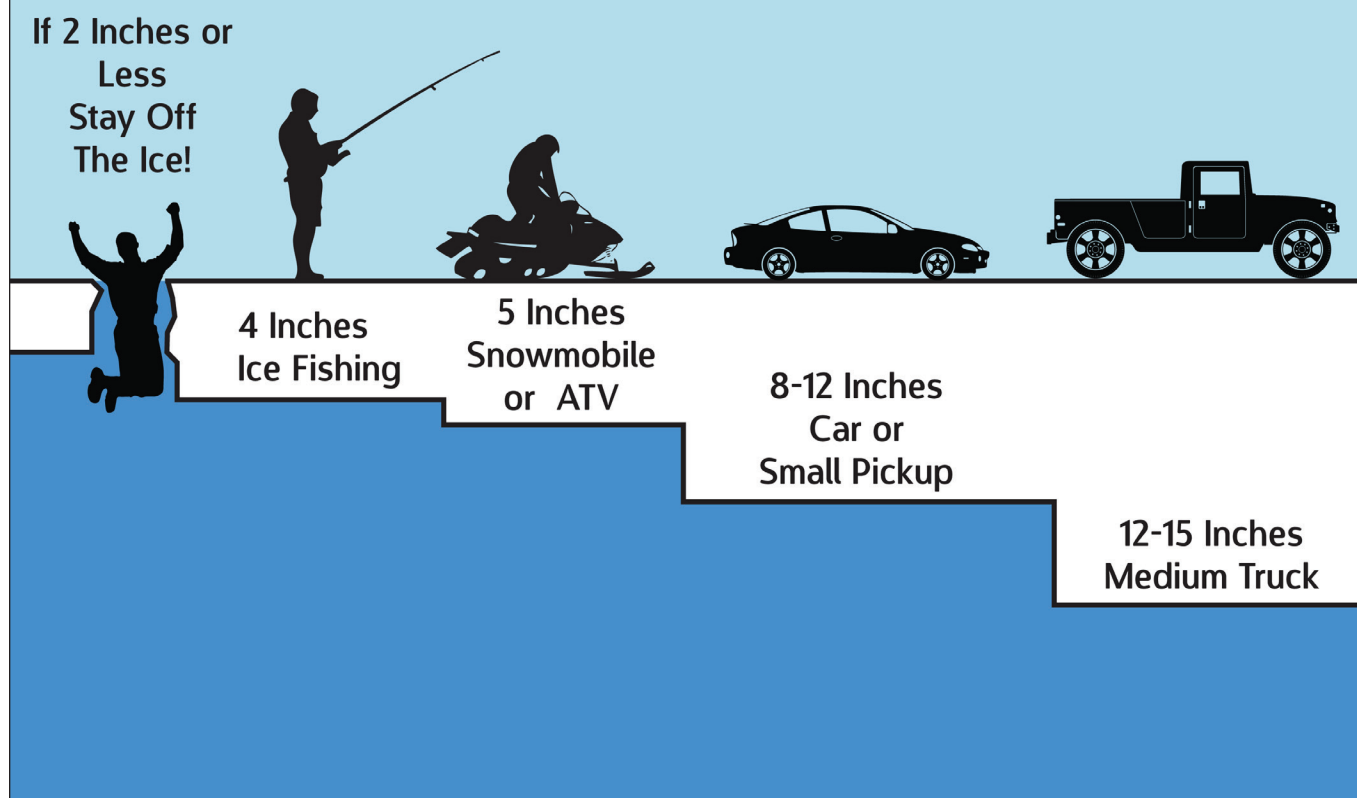
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## M&W TRACK & FIELD

Super 8/Jack Johnson Invite

January 19, TBA

## Recommended Minimum Ice Thickness



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A chart that illustrates the recommended minimum ice thickness for each scenario.

## Looking to relax? Go (ice) fishing

**John Russett**

MANAGING EDITOR

In a land where the winter months are typically spent battling frigid temperatures, terrible road conditions and air more dehydrated than a 21-year-old the day after their first night on the town, there would seemingly be little to motivate one to venture from the confines of their humble abode and out into the frozen tundra in which we live.

While there are, surprisingly enough the rest of the country, many things to break up the monotony of the winter months in Minnesota, I have grown to love my time on the hard water attempting to pull a meal up through the ice.

I did not grow up here, nor have I spent the majority of my years in this state. It did not take long, however, for me to discover the wonders of time spent on the ice with nothing to do other than focus on the depths of whichever lake which I am currently gracing with my

presence.

Recently I had the opportunity to make my way to Upper Red Lake for two days of fishing. The fishing was good. Apparently not as good as it was the week before we arrived, which I probably could have told you was going to be the case even before we left.

We did catch 23 walleye, the majority on rattle reels and a few on some buck-shot jigs tipped with a fathead minnow. The excitement of being jarred awake in the middle of the night by one of those rattle reels going off is hard to beat, but that was honestly not the best part of the trip.

I enjoyed the entirety of the trip; the people I had the privilege of spending a short amount of time with, the drive up north, driving out into the middle of the lake to the house, the wind blowing the snow with such ferocity across the lake as to make any distinction between the land and the sky a near impossibility, pressure cracks with bridges spanning open water, a small tree placed in the snow signaling

a turn in the scarcely-plowed road.

When I look back upon the trip I think very little of the fish which were caught.

Fishing, especially during the winter months, gives me something I can hardly find anywhere else. It is the experience. It is the solidarity. It is the shutting out of the rest of the world and being with my thoughts. There is little else I could want.

The excitement of having a fish on the line is a unique experience, but the moments preceding it are just as rewarding. The number of fish or size of a particular fish is in no way the indicator of how successful the trip was for me. Don't get me wrong, I love catching fish and a trip without a catch is always a bit of a disappointment, but I don't look at fishing in that way.

When I'm ice fishing I get to sit. I get to think. I get to let my mind wander with the kind of freedom which is all but eliminated from the day-to-day world in which the majority of us live.

## Men's hockey grinds out split against RPI

**Ryan Fitzgerald**

SPORTS EDITOR

The student section was scarce at the NHEC in Saturday's game with many students migrating home for winter break—many not able to see the Huskies 2-1 victory and split the series against Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in a non-conference series, where the Huskies are now 1-3-0 against the ECHA.

The Huskies, ranked #16 in country (12-8-0, 9-5-0 WCHA), got off to a lackluster start in the first period, registering 6 shots on goal leaving many scoring opportunities on the edge of their sticks in front of a crowd of 4,493 cheering fans.

"We grinded the whole game and especially in the first period because we just couldn't find any quality chances," said head coach Bob Motzko. "Got to give us credit for grinding it out, but also give them credit for battling us down to the wire."

Senior forward Drew LeBlanc put the Huskies on his shoulders, notching a goal and assist that gave the Huskies the energy they needed to gain the victory. LeBlanc had one goal and four assists in the series and was by far the Huskies most consistent player.

"He (LeBlanc) played like a senior and he was our top player who came up big when we needed him," Motzko said. "That's what sports is man, big player's coming up big in big games, making big plays."

RPI went on the attack early and led 1-0 with a goal from Matt Tinordi at 2:41 of the first period on a play where the Huskies seemed to have some miscommunication on the defensive side.

"It was a hard fought game and they are well coached and you could see that on that goal," Motzko said. "They cycled it down and got us out of position and made us pay."

The Huskies uncharacteristically were outworked in the first period by a physical RPI team that is use to rubbing teams into the boards.

"Our physicality was non-existent in Thursday's game and we always want to be physical in every game we play," Motzko said. "I think Jonny Brodzinski had 10 or 12 checks himself throughout the game."

"I've gained some weight since coming here and against a team like RPI you have to physical especially down around the corners" Brodzinski said. "We as a team played much more physical and our defense was solid and that's what won us the game."

Junior defenseman Kevin Gravel got a retaliation penalty on a play where the Huskies would've had the man advantage. It seemed to light a fire in the Huskies bellies with the 4-on-4 play going the Huskies way. The Huskies ended up going 1-for-4 on the power-play with 5 shots.

"Well we thought Gravel shouldn't have gotten that penalty, but we'll take it any day because he was standing up for

Bertsch," LeBlanc said.

Moments later the Engineers tallied their third penalty at 11:07 that put the Huskies on a 4-on-3 man advantage for 30 seconds in which the Huskies generated one shot.

When Gravel stepped onto the ice the Huskies went on a 5-on-4 advantage and capitalized when senior forward Ben Hanowski scored at 12:54 tying the game at 1-1.

"Ben told me he got a piece of it when we got to the bench and I said 'we'll let the replay officials make the call,'" LeBlanc said. "It was that goal that made us really kick it in gear and after that we stepped up defensively."

Originally, LeBlanc was credited with the goal, but after the game, officials changed the scoring and gave Hanowski credit for the goal. They said it barely nicked the chest of Hanowski and went in.

LeBlanc found the back of the net at 19:37 of the second period for the game-winning goal on a beautiful pass from Brodzinski who found LeBlanc wide open in the top of the slot for his first goal in three games.

"I was wondering when it was going to be my turn to score," LeBlanc said with a chuckle. "I kind joked with Jonny before the game for taking a goal away from me last night."

"I figure I'd pay Drew back for setting me up last night," Brodzinski said with a smile on his face. "All I have to do is throw the puck in the slot and Drew will find it."

LeBlanc's goal sent the

Huskies into the third period with a 2-1 lead and the momentum the Huskies were looking for all game. The Huskies came out in the third period with a lead and this time would not give it up like they did in Thursday's game.

Sophomore goaltender Ryan Faragher only had to make 14 saves on the night and bounced back nicely after giving up a weak first goal to move his record to 11-7-0. Faragher didn't have to work too hard but the saves he did make were huge.

"Faragher bounced back and played a great game for us," Motzko said. "We played well defensively but he made the saves he needed to."

The Huskies gave up a season low 15 shots on goal playing a well-rounded defensive game. The Huskies looked at the tape from last night in the morning and realized they got caught in transition a majority of the time.

"When we play well defensively good things happen—it seems to be our recipe for victory," LeBlanc said.

The Huskies will hope to carry the momentum they got from this come from behind victory next weekend when they take on another non-conference team in Northern Michigan (6-10-3).

The Huskies are in first place in the WCHA and will look to gain confidence for their big series against WCHA foe Denver University the following weekend.

## Husky wrestling ranked #4 in nation

**Mark Schrom**

SPORTS EDITOR

During the winter break, the Husky wrestling team (9-0 1-0) was hard at work, earning victories that vaulted them into fourth place in the national rankings.

On Jan. 5, the wrestling team competed at the 2013 Grand Canyon Duals in Phoenix, Ariz. The Huskies went 4-0 on the day, rolling over Western State (38-3), #14 Colorado Mesa (32-3), California Baptist (33-9) and Colorado School of Mines (39-6) in the process.

SCSU only had one loss in the entire first round of action, and five losses total during all four rounds of action.

It has been over three years since the Huskies have lost at the Grand Canyon Duals.

After steamrolling the competition in Phoenix, the

Huskies traveled to Springfield, Illinois on January 13 to participate in the 2013 NWCA Division II National Duals. The full results of this tournament are not available during the printing of this issue. On Saturday, the Huskies got off to a great start, pounding out a 40-7 win over North Carolina-Pembroke, followed by 29-12 victory over NSIC rival Upper Iowa in the quarterfinals.

Upper Iowa has been in tight competition with SCSU as of late, with both teams ranked in the top five or better in the 2012-2013 NSIC preseason polls.

Upon entering Sunday's competition, SCSU has won 35 consecutive dual match victories.

The Huskies will continue the duals against UW-Parkside. UW-Parkside upset top seed Nebraska-Kearney in the first round by a score of 18-13.

# Indoor track starts

**Ryan Fitzgerald**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The track and field team got off to a speedy start in its opening indoor season at the Northwest Open that was held at the University of Minnesota on Saturday, Jan. 12.

"All the kids came back in great shape and we had a good week of practice up to this meet," said head coach Eric Hanenberger. "They didn't eat too many cookies over break so that was a good thing."

The women had a little better showing than the men did with more places and with a younger lineup.

The highlight for the Huskies was junior Becky Schmidt, who had an incredible first meet of 2013 by earning two individual titles in the 200-meter dash and the long jump. She had a blistering time of 26.31 in the 200-meter and a lengthy 4.81 meters in the long jump.

Teammate Ellen Wikstrom, a freshman, finished right behind Schmidt in the 200-meter dash with a respectable time of 26.77. The next best finisher for the women was freshman Salimah Muhammad, who took fifth in the long jump with 4.81 meters.

In the women's 60-meter dash only two Huskies placed. Redshirt freshman Alicia Evans took fifth with a time of 8.32 and freshman GaBrina Cornelious placing eighth with a time of 8.46.

In the most dangerous event of any indoor meet, the pole vault, two Huskies were able to finish in the top five. Sophomore Alesha McPahil took third place with a height of 3.20 meters and junior Carmen Johnson took fifth place honors with a clearing 2.90 meters.

But the most pleasing event for the women had to be the 4x400-meter relay event. Each team the women had running finished second (4:07.89) and third (4:23.76) to cap off a great opening meet for the women.

For the men, freshman Brady Wilkerson was the only Husky to place in the 200-meter dash, taking third with a time of 22.63. The men fared well in the 60-meter dash by placing three runners. Redshirt junior Leon Cheneyon finished fourth at 6.99, redshirt junior Tendeh Brownell took sixth at 7.01 and Wilkerson nabbed eighth place at 7.15.

The 60-meter hurdles was a strong event for the Huskies as freshman Rashad Cohen and freshman Jackson Walters finished third and fourth respectively with times of 8.45 and 8.47. Freshman Connor Guidera grabbed a third place finish in the long jump with a distance of 6.89 meters.

"I was very happy with the team's effort and we made it through pretty much unscathed. For our returners, almost all of them are ahead of where they were at this time last year and it was fun to watch the freshman compete," Hanenberger said.



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Vikings running back Adrian Peterson had a career season falling, nine yards short of breaking Eric Dickerson's all-time record.

## VIKINGS COLUMN: The slipper didn't fit

**Mark Schrom**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Minnesota Vikings had a bitter-sweet ending to their roller coaster ride of a season.

After losing their first games with Green Bay and Chicago in back-to-back games on Nov. 25 and Dec. 2, the Vikings won their last four games and made an incredible surge to make the playoffs, finishing with a record of 10-6.

In the final game of the season, the Vikings faced the Green Bay Packers in a "win and your in" scenario.

Vikings running back Adrian Peterson carried the team to victory, rushing for 199 yards on the ground and falling just eight yards short of Eric Dickerson's all time rushing record of 2,105 yards in a single season.

After being criticized by media and fans all season long, quarterback Christian Ponder stepped up in the final game of the season, playing the best game of his young career with 234 yards through the air, three TD

passes, no turnovers, and a career-best 120.2 rating.

Minnesota fans had only just realized how valuable the young quarterback is to the team, when in the following week in the playoffs Ponder was scratched from the starting lineup.

While delivering a pass in the final game of the regular season, Ponder hit his throwing elbow on top a helmet.

In the hours leading up to the playoff game, Ponder was listed as questionable with backup QB Joe Webb set to start in an emergency situation.

Ponder tried throwing the ball in pre-game warmups, however the severity of the bruising prevented him from achieving his full range of motion and he was scratched from the starting lineup last second.

Without Ponder, the reigning MVP Aaron Rodgers picked the Minnesota Vikings apart, leading the Packers to a 24-10 victory and putting an end to the Vikings "Cinderella" season.

Peterson didn't prove to be as effective as he was in the first two meetings of the season either, he was held

to 99 yards on the day, only the second time in the last 11 games that he was held to below 100 yards.

Webb, who hadn't thrown a pass all season, did his best in the game, but ultimately the passing attack was far from satisfactory and cost the Vikings the game.

Webb finished 11-for-30 for 180 yards. He only had 6 net passing yards in the first half and didn't have a passing first down until midway through the third quarter.

The lopsided loss really made Vikings fans appreciate what Ponder brought to the table throughout the season, and after a tumultuous season, Ponder cemented his job for next year.

Peterson was unanimously voted to the AP All-Pro team, and is in the running with Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning for M.V.P. of the league.

Peterson finished with 2,097 yards on the season.

The Vikings finished the regular season with a 10-6 record and will be looking to improve in all areas, especially the wide receiver positions, in order to capture an NFC North crown next season.

## WILD COLUMN: Parise to get some praise

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The wait is over -- thank the lord winter can actually begin as the NHL has finally lifted the lockout. The 48-game season will get under way Jan. 19 and Minnesota fans finally get to see two of the best players in the NHL skate with Wild sweaters on in Zach Parise and Ryan Suter.

The Minnesota Wild have released their schedule for the abbreviated 48-game 2013 season. Minnesota will open with an 8 p.m. Saturday home game against the Colorado Avalanche -- a game that will serve as the nightcap to Hockey Day Minnesota.

The 2013 season will feature 24 home games for the Wild, including four three-game homestands. The first of those homestands starts the season -- beginning with the Avalanche and then Sunday against the Stars and Tuesday against the Predators. Conversely, Minnesota also will have three three-game road trips and will play nine back-to-back game series this season.

Minnesota will play 18 games against its Northwest Division foes, including five games against Calgary. Additionally, the Wild will play the remaining members of the Western Conference three times each. There will be no regular-season games against Eastern Conference teams.

Minnesota's home slate will be highlighted by contests against the defending Stanley Cup champion, Los Angeles (March 30 and April 23), former rival Chicago (Jan. 30 and April 9), Detroit (Feb. 17) and St. Louis (April 1 and April 11). The Wild's 2013 home schedule features 11 weekend games.

I'm not sure the best team will win the Cup this year because of the delay, but the New York Rangers seem to be the favorite because they are in the weakest division and really have no competition.

The Wild will have to get acquainted quickly with their two new superstars in Zach Parise and Ryan Suter if they want to have any chance at competing with the Vancouver Canucks.

I believe if there wasn't a lockout, and there was a full season and off season, the Wild would have a good chance at making some noise in the playoffs. But with all this distraction, the Wild will probably get bounced out in the first round, but that's okay because next year is the year the Wild will raise the Cup.

This season will be a little different because all games that teams play will be within the conference. This is the first time that this will happen, but nobody seems to mind because the fastest game on ice is actually back.

Nearly one week after a tentative labor deal was agreed to by the league and its players, the sides agreed to a required memorandum of understanding (MOU) on Saturday night that truly makes the lockout a thing of the past.

Training camps opened yesterday, and a 48-game regular season will begin on Saturday. The signing of the MOU also paved the way for the NHL to release

the long-awaited revised schedule.

Most of the 30 teams will play on opening day when 26 teams begin the much anticipated season. All games during the season will be played within the two respective conferences.

In all, 720 games will be played over a 99-day regular season. There will be at least one game on each day of the season, which will end on April 27.

The playoffs will begin on April 30 and the Stanley Cup finals will end on June 28.

Teams will play 18 games within their division: four games (two home and two away) against two of the teams in the division, five games (three home and two away) against another team in the division and five games (two home and three away) against the remaining division opponent.

To complete the 720-game schedule, clubs will play three games against each of the 10 remaining non-divisional opponents in their conference.

Outside the division, a team will face five clubs twice at home and once away, and play once at home and twice on the road against the other five teams.

It took another lengthy negotiation to end the four-month lockout. The sides worked on the MOU all week, after a tentative deal was reached last Sunday morning -- the 113th day of the lockout -- and needed all day Saturday to finish it.

The announcement that the deal was signed came several hours after the union easily ratified the tentative agreement that was reached after an all-night, 16-hour bargaining session last weekend.

The more than 700 union members had a 36-hour window from Thursday night until Saturday morning to vote electronically. The NHL board of governors unanimously approved the deal on Wednesday.

The NHL hoped to open camps on Sunday, and that prospect seemed in jeopardy Saturday until the document was signed at 10 p.m. EST.

The new deal is for 10 years, but either side can opt out of it after eight. The previous agreement was in effect for seven seasons.

While this negotiation was long, the sides were able to rescue at least part of the season. The NHL also played a 48-game campaign following a lockout in the 1994-95 season.

The 2004-05 was completely cancelled because of a lockout. This one forced the cancellation of 510 regular-season games, the Winter Classic and the All-Star game.

No preseason games will be played in the seven days before the regular season gets under way.

It started Sept. 15 and ended Saturday night when the memorandum of understanding was completed. That final step took much longer than expected -- symbolic of the long and painful labor struggle between the NHL and the players association.

The three stoppages have resulted in the cancellation of 2,208 regular-season games, about 10 percent of regular-season games scheduled during Bettman's tenure.

The new CBA is good for 10 years and either side

can opt out at the eighth year. This raises many red flags because if Gary Bettman is still at the helm there probably will be another lockout.

His pathetic apology to the fans was hardly taken as an apology because he seemed smug and not passionate when apologizing about the third lockout -- all under his watch.

Many say that this lockout wasn't because of Bettman, but rather the greed from the owners. While that may be true, Bettman represents the owners for the most part, and he seemed to be in no hurry to get this issue resolved.

Nonetheless, the season is finally here and even though it's a shortened season, the players are happy the season is going to get underway very soon.

Come on hockey fans, this is the moment we've been waiting for and this season is going to be filled with high-scoring games and tons of action. The teams are eager to show why the NHL deserves more recognition as a top tier sport.



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