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Move-in day causes reaction

Cassie Swanson
MANAGING EDITOR

Piles of belongings and sweaty parents and students lined the streets between the residence halls Sunday and Monday as the move-in days on campus unfolded.

Beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday, the Husky Haulers literally hauled their belongings into their rooms and prepared for the two-day process. Residents of Stateview, Lawrence, Mitchell and Shoemaker Halls rounded out the day Sunday as they pushed, pulled and dragged their necessities to their rooms.

The dawn of a beautiful day brought cars of students ready to move in at 6 a.m. Monday morning. Husky Haulers and Residential Life staff were on hand to direct and assist in the move-in process both Sunday and Monday and despite the construction, felt as though the days proceeded with little difficulty.

"Everyone was doing their part and that is why it went smoothly," Director of Residential Life Diane Schellinger said. "Public safety and the Husky Haulers did a good job and a lot of credit is given to the people moving in."

A lot of coordination went into this year's event. Because of the ease, last year's move-in process was adopted again, however, the path to campus had to be modified because of construction on campus. Upon arrival, cars were directed to form lines in K-lot and as space became available, they were given direction to follow the Beaver Island Trail and through the Atwood Mall to their final destination in the parking lots surrounding the residence halls.

Once unloaded, residents were prompted to move the empty vehicles to designated lots in order to allow more vehicles and residents to move in.

"I was excited to see how cordial and cooperative the students

were to have one person stay with the items and the others bring the car (to another lot)," Schellinger said.

Midday bunch-ups did occur with waits as long as 45 minutes in K-lot, however that was expected, Schellinger said.

"Early in the morning we get people right to the lots and after 3:00 p.m. they just drive through," she said. The average wait for most vehicles was a mere 20-30 minutes.

The minimal wait time in K-lot was attributed to the hard work of parents and students as well as the assistance of Husky Haulers in unloading and transfer of belongings from parking lots to the dorms. There were also shopping carts available that seemed to be a hit with the students.

"The shopping cart idea was really good," first-year student Gina Rulmppio said.

Not all students and parents felt that the wait was reasonable, some became frustrated and angry.

"I almost got run over on purpose," Matt Dooyema, a second-year student assisting in Monday's events said. However, this attitude was not the norm.

"There are always going to be a few bad apples," Jay Breimhorst, a fifth-year student helping with move-in said. "Overall everyone was pretty understanding," Rulmppio demonstrated Breimhorst's view.

"I didn't have an idea of how things were run, (you) go with the flow."

Out of control

Belongings were not the only things lining the streets of the campus neighborhood on move-in day. Groups of students living in the surrounding houses and apartments saw the day as an opportunity to sit on the lawn and party.

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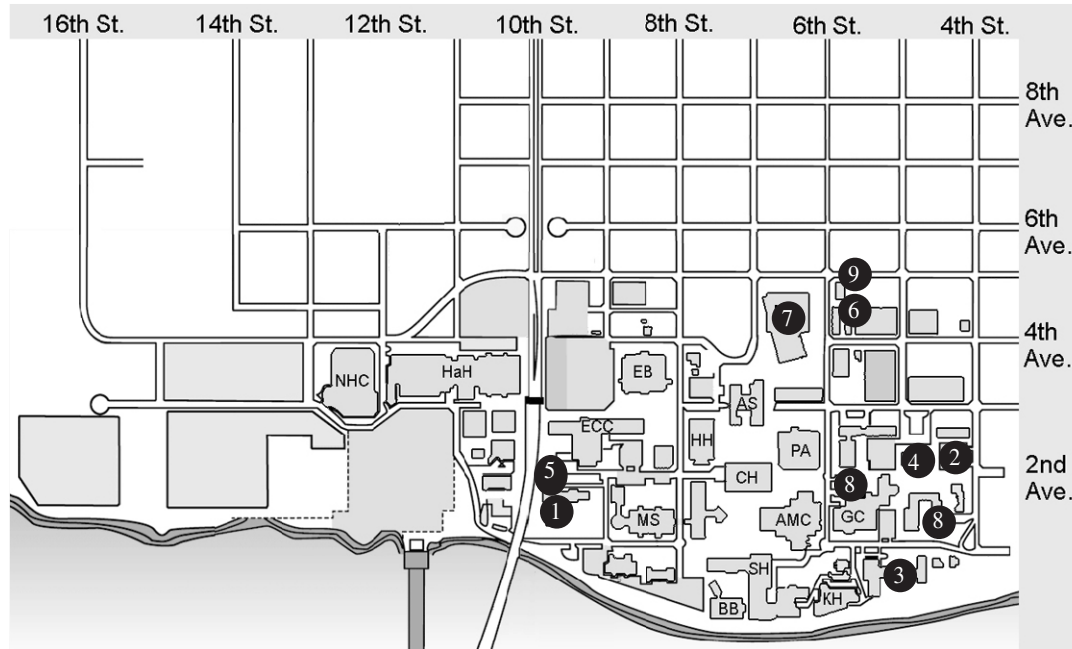
Students embark on another year



ADAM MASLOSKI/VISUALS EDITOR

A giant gorilla oversees Main Street Wednesday on campus. Students got a chance to be introduced to the various clubs and organizations that SCSU has to offer. The event was also an excellent opportunity for the organizations to receive some much needed publicity. Many booths offered free items including cups, water bottles and chances to win prizes such as televisions, DVD players and high-end audio equipment. The varying free food items drew a crowd to the Coborns booth all day long.

Crime Watch



1. (08/31/03) Found property, Shoemaker Hall
2. (09/01/03) Medical assist, A-1 Lot
3. Stuck elevator, Mitchell Hall
4. Security concern, Stearns Hall
5. (09/02/03) Disorderly conduct, Shoemaker Hall
6. Damage to state property, Public Safety Department
7. Stolen bicycle, Miller Center
8. (09/03/03) Damage to state property, B and L Lots
9. Hit and run, Public Safety House

Campus & State

Police kept busy on move-in day

St. Cloud, State Patrol, Stearns County and Waite Park police were kept busy on move-in day as they issued record-breaking arrests. Nearly 100 people were held at the Stearns County jail and all but one were released. Of the citations given out, almost half were because of underage drinking.

St. Cloud cracked down on the situation by hiring extra enforcement officers to cover streets and avenues off-campus. Less than 40 citations were issued the year before by police, proving the extra help this year was a success.

School bus ride raises safety concerns

The Minnesota School Bus Association is reminding students, parents and citizens of school bus awareness as school begins around the city and state. School busses make over 200,000,000 trips a year, transporting over 550,000 students, prompting officials to offer safety tips.

Flashing yellow lights warn drivers that the bus is about to stop and red lights indicate the bus is completely stopped. A stop arm will extend, stopping cars from passing the bus while it is stationary.

Drivers are asked to be patient when waiting for school busses to pick up and drop off students, especially in construction areas where traffic may be slow.

Proof students need sleep

It is a fact that a person will die from total lack of sleep sooner than from starvation. Death will occur about ten days without sleep, while starvation takes a few weeks.

But when you're sleeping, be careful not to drool too much! The average human produces 25,000 quarts of spit in a lifetime, enough to fill two swimming pools.

Nation & World

Energy reliability standards to pass

The August 14th blackout has prompted governors from affected states to push congress to pass federal reliability standards. Congress would give the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission the power to enforce such standards. As of now, no federal establishment has the power to be responsible for the transmission grid.

In 1965 a large power outage allowed the North American Electricity Reliability to create grid standards but could not force companies to comply or penalize them for falling below the standards.

An estimated 50 million people were affected by the recent blackout and billions of dollars was lost in wages and productivity. Although the cause has not been officially determined, officials are focusing their attention on FirstEnergy Corp. System in Ohio.

Polish forces more prominent in Iraq

The Polish military now has almost 2,500 soldiers stationed in a 31,000 square mile area in Iraq, nearly as many as the United States. Poland's forces have contributed to the international force of an estimated 10,000 troops from 17 countries.

Polish officials are preparing the country for a long-term commitment in Iraq, one that could last up to two years. President Aleksander Kwasniewski believes the Polish military mission is to stay in Iraq until decent institutions are created and the Iraqis are able to control their own government.

Despite the President's efforts, recent polls show the majority of citizens in Poland are opposed to the deployment of soldiers. Kwasniewski will not let his country back down as long as they are an ally of the United States.

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Calendar of Events

TODAY

■ Campus Cookout

Sponsored by Campus Recreation to meet people and enjoy grilled food. 2-5 p.m. outside Eastman Hall. Free.

■ Sex Signals: The Good, the Bad, and The Ugly of Dating!

Find out what signals YOU are sending in this funny show about sex and dating. 8 p.m. in Ritsche Auditorium. Free.

FRIDAY

■ Casino and Game Night

Sponsored by UPB. 10 p.m.-1 a.m. Atwood Ballroom. Free.

■ Juliapalooza Concert in Regal, MN

Through Sept. 6. Starts 5 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. Saturday.

SATURDAY

■ Jim Wand Hypnotist

Hilarious and informative presentation. Sponsored by CSOLD. 8 p.m. Ritsche Auditorium. Get free tickets at the Kick-Off Booth in AMC.

SUNDAY

■ Free Rec Night

Play billiards, bowling and table tennis at no cost. Sponsored by CSOLD. 8 p.m.-12 p.m. Atwood Recreation Center. Free.

MONDAY

■ Adult Children of Alcoholics

Meets Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m. Riverview Room in Newman Center. Contact Gene Skelton, 253-3285.

WEDNESDAY

■ Part-time job fair

Sponsored by Student Employment Services. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Atwood Ballroom. Free.

MTC offers free rides

Regina Eckes

ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Now that students have moved in and settled on campus they are going to want to get away as much as possible.

The MTC Metro Bus Service is now making it easier and certainly more affordable to get off or around campus because this year its services are free. Last year, students who needed and wanted to use the bus system had to buy a semester pass for almost \$40. Now students and faculty only need a valid St. Cloud State ID card.

"All they need to do is have a student ID, slide it through the fair box and it's a free ride on any route in our system," said Jill Justin, a dispatcher for MTC.

Why did this all become possible? Parking has been an issue on and around the SCSU campus. To add, people have not been taking advantage of using public transportation because of money or inconvenience. St. Cloud and MTC are hoping that providing the service for free will help solve the parking problems that have plagued the campus for years.

"There are so many parking problems down here, but with busses it's not an issue," Justin commented.

Tom Cruikshank, Director of Planning for MTC also agreed.

"It will get more students to leave their cars at home and help reduce some of the pressure on the parking

system here," Cruikshank said. "It will help the campus be more pedestrian friendly."

So who's going to be paying the money that is made every year in bus passes and fares? MTC and SCSU have struck a deal together where they will split the cost for one year, and if successful, the plan is to have the university will pay 100 percent the next year.

"Because people are riding for free there is a loss of revenue," Cruikshank explained. "So we calculated what that revenue loss was going to be and we split it 50/50 with St. Cloud State. We also have a similar agreement with the technical college."

To help make up for the loss of money, students must purchase a city permit to park on campus and city streets. Students may possibly see a small increase in student activity fees and other events next year to help cover the cost as well, but the change will not cause public fares to go up.

But the big question is will this experiment be worth it? Right now everyone is thinking yes.

Katie Lozser is a senior Public Relations major who actually helped campaign the idea last year as part of one of her classes and believes the free rides are a great idea.

"I definitely think it will be successful this year. I rode it last year, even when it wasn't free and this morning was the first time I rode it and noticed a full bus," Lozser said. "If the school can find a way to fund



ADAM MASLOSKI/VISUALS EDITOR

Free bus passes are handed out at Mainstreet on Wednesday as part of the new free bussing program.

this, I think it will definitely be a program that would last."

Mike Curtin, an SCSU student, did not have as good an experience as Lozser on his first day using the free ride system but he is still confident that it will work.

"They forgot to pick me up this morning; they didn't take the right route, but I plan on taking it again," he said.

One thing everyone agrees on is that having something for free is always a good way to get peoples, attention and be successful.

"It's free, you can't complain too

much," Curtin said. "Even when they don't pick me up I still can't complain that much."

Cruikshank has no worries that students will take advantage of public transportation now more than ever.

"It will certainly be successful, I think," he said. "Anytime something is free you are going to have people who will use it."

For information on routes and schedules, people can go to www.stcloudmtc.com or call 251-RIDE.

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Move-in

Some of these parties got out of hand and were dispersed by the police. It was reported that over 257 misdemeanor citations were issued and more than 90 students arrested as a result. Compared to last year's 35 citations, this is an exorbitant amount. Move-in day caused more arrests and citations than Halloween/homecoming weekend in 1999 and the homecoming riots of 1988. The increase in enforcement could have been due to a \$5,000 grant obtained by a university, citizen and police group to combat this problem to increase safety in the campus neighborhood.

Despite the rowdy parties and inevitable few grumpy students and parents, the general perception of the event was one of enthusiasm and satisfaction. "Overall, the freshmen were very excited. I saw many smiles and excited faces, also, a lot of kind, eloquent parents," Dooyema said. "It went beautifully," Schellinger said. "It's an exciting and incredible testament to what positive attitudes and cooperation can do."

Construction continues to plague campus

Paul Solsrud

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

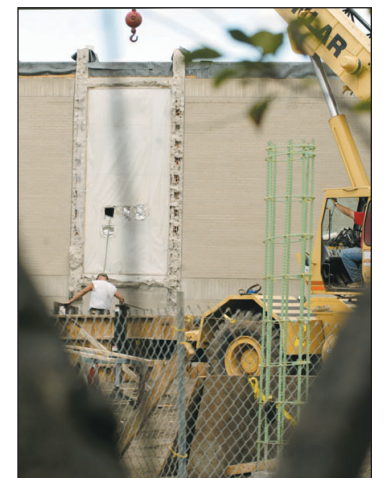
Three construction projects including an addition to Atwood Memorial Center, the football stadium and the addition of a utility tunnel seem to be going as expected. All of the projects which began this spring are in different stages of completion, ranging from near completion to a mere start.

The stadium is a multi-purpose athletic stadium and student recreation center located on the east side of Halenbeck Hall. The new stadium will be used for football, hockey and other sports, and will replace historic Selke Field.

The other large construction project on campus includes a 200,000 square foot addition to Atwood

Memorial Center. Atwood construction includes an expanded service area for students, a new conference center with capacity for 300 and an adjacent catering kitchen. The third project, which will be completed Monday, is a utility tunnel that connects the Performing Arts Center, Hill-Case and the Miller Center which will house fiber optic cable and electrical wires.

Funding for the three projects comes from a \$16 million bond issue approved by students in 2001. The bond will be repaid with increased student user fees. Completion dates for the Atwood and stadium projects couldn't be confirmed, however, great progress has already been made.



ADAM MASLOSKI/VISUALS EDITOR

Atwood is currently receiving a \$5 million facelift set to be completed June 2004.

Student Government is optimistic

Carol Seavey

STAFF WRITER

Improving student advising is priority for the new student government president and vice president.

"People are taking the wrong classes and graduating late," said Student Government President Cory Lawrence. "This is the advisors responsibility; to show them what track they need to get through college in the least amount of time."

Lawrence, 23, is a fourth-year political science major from Spirit Lake, North Dakota.

Lawrence would like to require that advisors reach out to students.

Right now, students are supposed to meet with their advisor either in their major or in the advising center to get their access code before registering for classes. However, some advisors give out access codes over the phone and don't actually meet with students.

Lawrence would also like to implement required training for advisors.

In the past, advisors could go to open advising sessions. This year there will be more personalized training, said Steve Klepetar, faculty director of advising and an English professor.

"We want to create powerpoint presentations that are specific to every

major," Klepetar said.

Instead of attending a scheduled session, advisors could view the powerpoint presentation when it fits their schedule.

The advising center has made some other recent changes to help things run smoothly.

Students with probation appointments will now receive a sheet explaining where they stand and what they need to do to get out of probation.

The six full time staff members at the advising center advise students with undecided majors or match them with an advisor in their department.

"Advisors need to have accurate information and students need to make the effort," Klepetar said. "If a student has an advisor who's not available or wants to change, we can assign them a new one or advise them here."

Lobbying legislation

Student Government would also like to push for students to get involved in lobbying state legislation. Specifically during Lobby Day, when students from Minnesota State Colleges and Universities go to the state capital and discuss their concerns with legislators.

Parking possibilities

One thing they're hoping will be in

the bonding bills this year is an on-campus parking ramp.

In the past, state money was not available for parking ramps. However, Metro State and Minneapolis Community Technical College recently received funding for a joint parking ramp, Lawrence said.

"Now that the doors are open we can start lobbying," he said.

Possible locations are between Garvey and Health Services or at the old International Studies building. One current idea is to build a combined parking ramp and dormitory.

MGMs

Student Government Vice President Rachel Hughes would like to see credits abroad fill an MGM requirement.

Hughes, 22, is a fifth-year student majoring in earth science and community studies as well as secondary education licensure. She is from Fargo, North Dakota.

Getting Involved

More issues and ideas will come up as student government committees start meeting. Committees are made up of student senators and anyone else who would like to get involved. There are committees for fee allocation, cultural diversity and finances.



CHRONICLE STAFF PHOTO

SCSU student body President Cory Lawrence and Vice President Rachel Hughes look forward to tackling goals this school year.

"It's a way to get involved in what's going on on campus," Hughes said.

Most committees meet once a week for an hour. Students can apply at

the student government office in Atwood Memorial Center. The deadline is September 10.

Lawrence Hall reopens

Ashwin Raman

STAFF WRITER

Lawrence Hall, the oldest building on campus, has reopened as a dormitory this semester after a 30-year hiatus. The residence hall, named after SCSU's eighth president Isabel Lawrence, was built in 1885 and hasn't been used as dorm since 1965.

After a \$6.4 million remodeling that took a year, Lawrence Hall now houses 100 students, the Center for International Studies (CIS) and the Foreign Languages and Literature department. One of the remarkable aspects about Lawrence Hall, however, is the concept behind it.

"The concept within Lawrence Hall is that the students are either international or domestic students with an international interest," said Steve Ludwig, vice president of administrative affairs. "This concept has been around since 1995."

The concept of having an international center on campus was what made the CIS and the Foreign Languages and Literature departments move, said Shawn Jarvis, chairperson of the foreign languages department.

"It is easier to coordinate international activities on campus this way," Jarvis added.

Ludwig also said that one of the added features of Lawrence is that it has a computer lab and one regular classroom, which will be used for foreign language classes.

Ruhi Rai, who works at the front desk in Lawrence Hall, feels that this building has a different feel to it than other dorms she has worked in.

"This dorm gives you a fresh feeling," said Rai, a senior in biotechnology. "And it is air conditioned." Rai has previously worked in both Stearns and Shoemaker Hall.

For freshman Kevin Nathan from Malaysia, Lawrence Hall is the perfect welcome for him to America.

"Everything is new and will be a good environment for me to study in," said Nathan who be major in mechanical engineering.

"People have told me that this is the best dorm," he said. Furthermore, he, like Rai, finds the air-conditioning an added bonus to dorm.

Some who have moved into Lawrence Hall are still in the tran-

sitional period of getting used to the place.

Linda Raine, office manager and study abroad coordinator for the CIS, said that she still needs time to adjust to being in Lawrence Hall. The CIS was previously located in a house across the library on Fifth Avenue and is now home to the Women's Studies department.

"In my opinion, I liked the house we were in because it had a homely feeling to it," Raine said. The move to Lawrence Hall, however, had been planned for years.

"We moved from the adminISTRATION building eight years ago to the CIS house but we knew it was temporary because once this building (Lawrence Hall) was renovated, we were to move in," Raine said.

She believes that over time however, she will get settled in her new office.

"In time I will like this building. And it is nice being here with the international students upstairs," Raine added.



ADAM MASLOSKI/VISUALS EDITOR

Lawrence Hall is open to students and offices for the first time this fall after undergoing major renovations.

Summer 2003 — in review

Eric O'Link

EDITOR

If the summer of 2003 will be remembered for one thing at SCSU, it would be construction.

Various construction and remodeling projects consumed campus throughout the previous three months and provided a backdrop of news throughout the summer.

June

June began with the news that SCSU appointed two interim deans: Wayne Wells to the G.R. Herberger College of Business and David DeGroot to the College of Science of Engineering.

Both deans will serve for the 2003-04 academic year; SCSU expects to hire permanent deans in time for the 2004-05 school year.

In mid-June, phone service across campus was intermittent for several days as SCSU converted to a new telephone system.

Mankato-based Hickory Tech Enterprise Solutions won the contract to be SCSU's new phone service provider. The new service is expected to save SCSU about \$600,000 over the next five years.

A new campus-wide telephone exchange of 308 was the most significant change to come with the phone system. The new prefix is applicable to all phone lines across campus and replaced several old prefixes like 255, 202, 654 and 534. The last four digits of on-campus numbers generally stayed the same.

On-campus dialing also changed; all calls made from one campus phone to another must be preceded by an

eight. The phone system also brought voice mail to all SCSU phones.

After two weeks of set-up, the phone system was in place July 1.

Hickory Tech was still working on the phone system in late June, when the United States Supreme Court made a ruling on affirmative action that was quickly called one of the most important civil rights decisions in 25 years.

The ruling involved the University of Michigan's admissions policies; the school was sued in 1997 for an admissions system that gave minority applicants extra points because of their ethnicity. Those points carried more weight than some academic considerations.

The Supreme Court ruled on two different cases; it struck down the points system in a 6-3 vote but narrowly upheld the law school's admissions policy. Ethnicity may be considered in the application process, the court said, but only on a case-by-case basis.

The court's decisions quickly sent colleges and universities across the nation scrambling to revise their admissions policies. No such thing occurred at SCSU or other Minnesota schools, however.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) board prohibits admissions questions regarding age and race, SCSU Associate Director of Admissions Katie Landwehr told *University Chronicle*. That makes the Supreme Court ruling interesting to Minnesota schools, but not significant regarding policy.

"Any time we go to conferences, people are blown away that you can't ask race information in Minnesota,"

Landwehr said. "I think Minnesota is ahead of the game in saying, 'We don't want to know anything about you that you don't want to tell us.'"

The Lemonade Concert and Art Fair came to SCSU on the heels of the court ruling. It was the 30th anniversary of the event, which featured a plethora of artisans and vendors filling the SCSU campus for a day. The official opening ceremony of St. Cloud's Wheels, Wings and Water Festival and an outdoor performance of the St. Cloud Symphony Orchestra ended the day's festivities.

July

July opened with a spectacular July Fourth holiday weekend. Minnesotans of all ages spent the weekend soaking up sun and enjoying fireworks both large and small.

The week after Independence Day, SCSU hosted 240 of the nation's top 17-year-old hockey players when the USA Hockey Select Festival came to campus.

The camp-turned-competitive festival has been held at the National Hockey Center since 1990. Players were split up into 12 regional teams and were evaluated by coaches and between 100 and 200 scouts from both college and professional levels.

"The facility we have makes it advantageous for the USA hockey people because we have two rinks, food service and housing, all within walking distance," said SCSU Men's Hockey Coach Craig Dahl.

In other hockey news, men's hockey forward Matt Hendricks announced in late July that he would stay at SCSU in lieu of leaving to pursue a pro career.



ADAM MASLOSKI/FILE PHOTO

Curt Hickorytech deals with the mass of wires in the basement of Stewart Hall as part of the installation process for SCSU's new phone system.

SCSU also received a July confirmation on \$10 million in state funding to remodel Centennial Hall. The 161,000 square foot building, which now sits mostly vacant, housed the SCSU library from 1971 to 2000.

Renovation will allow several university departments and various academic student services to move to Centennial when the project is complete. The English and philosophy departments and the College of Business are probable tenants when the project is completed in the fall of 2005.

August

Much of August passed quietly at SCSU — except for the day that terrorists released mustard gas outside Halenbeck.

The "disaster" was a drill — a training exercise for multiple local emergency agencies to test their response skills to such an attack.

About 114 volunteers of all ages participated in the drill, in which emergency crews set up a full-scale decontamination shower unit from a fire truck. Some mock victims were "injured" while others were labeled "dead."

The drill gave St. Cloud Police, fire fighters, the St. Cloud Hospital, SCSU Public Safety and SCSU Health Services an idea of what dealing with such a disaster would be like.

Volunteer coordinator Lissa Staples said the event was a success, especially since rescue crews could look back on their mistakes and learn from them.

"The thing that everyone learned is that communication (between departments) is the key and we have a lot to improve on," she said.

Construction

SCSU was never without piles of dirt or the sound of construction



SCOTT THEISEN/FILE PHOTO

Nicole Barthell burns a pair of sparklers as she waits for the July Fourth St. Cloud fireworks display to start.

equipment this summer.

The expansion of Atwood Memorial Center progressed on schedule and will continue throughout this school year. Dust from the project frequently set off Atwood fire alarms throughout the summer, disrupting orientation programs on at least one occasion.

Half the Miller Center Parking lot and the intersection of Third Avenue and Sixth Street were torn up for all of August as crews installed a concrete utility tunnel between the library, Performing Arts Center and Hill-Case Hall.

But perhaps most significant of all, after a year, major construction and remodeling of Lawrence Hall wrapped up in mid-August. Most finishing touches were in place just a week later.

Students and the Center for International Studies moved in to Lawrence's brand-new rooms last week and the campus celebrated with an ice cream party on the Lawrence lawn.



ERIC O'LINK/FILE PHOTO

Landwehr Construction Foreman Tom Kenning and members of his crew study the utility tunnel entrance to the Miller Center Wednesday, July 30. The tunnel eventually connected the library with Hill-Case Hall and the Performing Arts Center.

Students should beware scams

Many students may believe they are safe from con artists and other scams, but a new threat is affecting people all across the nation, as well as locally. Nigeria has a thriving internet-based scam operation, and their targets are set on people selling items online.

Scammers pose as potential buyers for big item sales, such as cars and motorcycles, and through email contact, arrange purchasing the item by mailing a cashier's check to the owner. These buyers, however, write the check for an amount over the purchase price, typically around \$3000- \$5000 over, claiming it's a necessity to arrange for the transportation and shipping of the item, as the con artists pretend they are overseas dealers, typically located in the United Kingdom or in Africa. After the check clears, they then request that the remaining amount be wired to an associate in Nigeria who will then deal with the shipping arrangements.

Unfortunately, through a little-known loophole in the U.S. banking system, checks can be cleared through a bank without being legitimate. Most checks take a significantly longer time to clear, any-



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where from two weeks up to three years. Usually the banks make the funds available to their customers immediately, as not to inconvenience their customers. People then wire the money to the con artists before the bank realizes the check is counterfeit and revokes the deposit, leaving most customers with a negative balance and frozen accounts. Unfortunately, the depositors are responsible for the check bouncing and not the bank, so victims are forced to pay the bank back for funds lost.

This is what happened to Ryan Kuss, an SCSU student. Trying to sell his motorbike online, he made arrangements with overseas traders and was ultimately conned.

"I asked the teller when I was depositing the check when I would know that it's 'good,' and she told

me to come back next week to be on the safe side," said Kuss. "I came back next week and asked another teller if the check had cleared. She said that it had and that the funds were 'good to go.' I would have never withdrawn the money had I not been told by the (two) clerks that I was all clear!"

Kuss had waited a week before wiring the money over, but the bank discovered that the check was counterfeit a few days later, and is holding Kuss responsible for the money loss. He is fighting back and is currently in litigation with the bank to pay for his loss.

"This whole situation was caused by the bank and an employee giving me the wrong information," said Kuss. "I should not be held liable, as the employee misinformed and misled me."

Kuss is not alone. Scam Victims United is an online support group and non-profit organization created by Jeff and Shawn Mosch, who were also victims of the same con and lost \$7200 when trying to sell a car online. They too are fighting the bank system, and their website's aim is prevention, providing tips and information for a multitude of scams, including identity theft,

ATM scams and the popular work-at-home scam. They also provide a forum for victims to exchange stories in attempts to provide comfort and options for getting their money back.

"I know the whole deal sounded weird from the get go, but we said if the check clears, what the heck, who cares how this guy wants to pay for it," said Shawn Mosch. "But (the bank) told me the check would clear in 24 hours, and I trusted that they knew what they were talking about. Isn't that their job, to inform customers and help insure our financial safety?"

Although each bank has different lengths for when a check clears, a cashier's check could bounce well after that period, unbeknownst to most customers. Victims are

advised to 'make a nuisance' by contacting local media as well as litigating with the banks, as some victims have won their case and is requiring the banks to pay for the financial loss.

"I asked to know not just when the funds would show up in our account, but I need to know when we can be sure that it is a good check, that it has cleared, and that it is real money that we can touch and use," said Mosch. "The teller laughed and told us it would be good in 24 hours. Why are we responsible because their employee gave me the incorrect information?"

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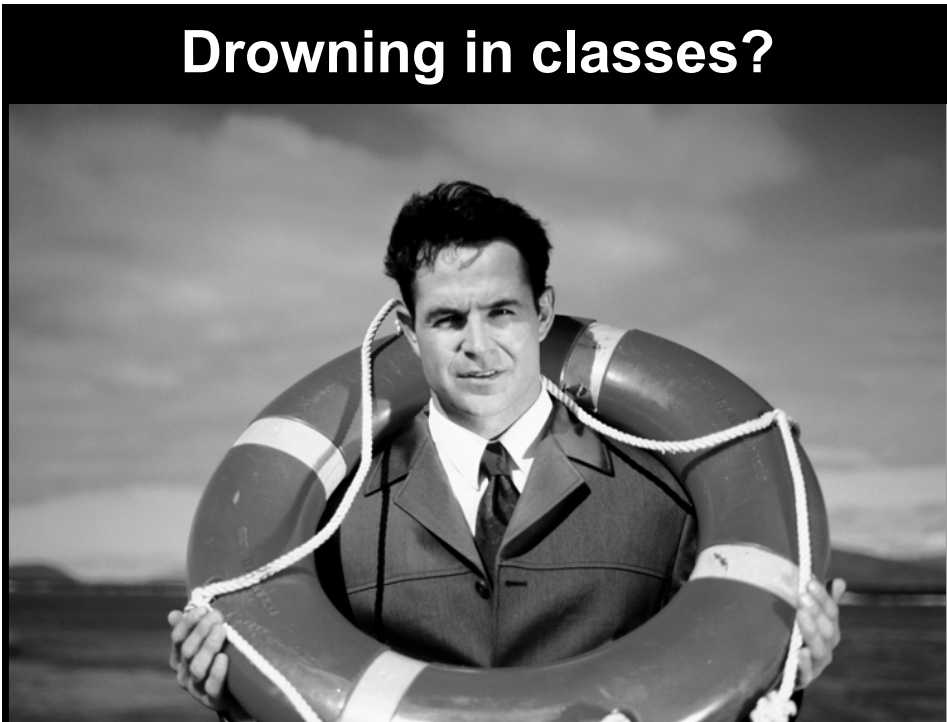
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Behavior crosses acceptability line

The streets were bustling with more than just movers Sunday and Monday. Shouting and stumbling partiers spilled into the streets much to the dismay of parents, police as well as other students.

This editorial board is not opposed to going out and having a good time, whether it be raging parties or calm get-togethers, but there is a line and perhaps the students crossed it this weekend. It is hard enough for an incoming freshman to feel comfortable at a new school. It may be the first time they have been away from home and feeling safe and secure should not have to be a concern for the students or the parents. Signs seen in yards crammed with drunk students surrounding campus such as "Fathers leave your daughters here" or "You've had her for 18 years, now give her to me" are not appropriate or reassuring.

Numerous misdemeanor citations, the majority being minors for alcohol, were handed out like candy on Halloween and perhaps these citations were warranted. However, partying is not a serious crime and treating students as though they had just robbed a bank or stolen a car was a bit extreme. The need to crack down and disband unruly parties is recognized, but the manner in which the St. Cloud police handled the situation is inexcusable. Instead of just handing out citations, some students were actually handcuffed and arrested while being verbally abused by officers. Others were told to drop their alcohol and when they complied, they were slammed with a littering ticket. This sort of punishment is neither justified nor supportable. For criminals that commit crimes of greater severity, a trip to jail is not even part of the disciplinary correction, nor are they subjected to the harassment endured by these students last weekend.

Most students that engage in underage drinking are going to continue regardless of whether they are hauled off to jail as though trapped in a bad "Cops" episode. To the stereotypical "poor" college student, a fine for minor alcohol consumption will hurt more than a night on a cold, concrete floor behind bars.

The editorial board would like to stress that we are by no means condoning the behavior of those involved in out-of-control parties that included underage drinking, taunting of passers-by or any other such unacceptable behavior. However, we are appalled at the irresponsible behavior displayed by the St. Cloud police and feel that measures should be taken to assure that the conduct of the police as well as the students is not seen on this campus again. On both ends, remembering to R-E-S-P-E-C-T one another can go a long way to an exciting and safe move-in weekend next year.

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THIEN TRAN

House ownership brings perils

You didn't see me at move-in day this year.

Well, I take that back — you might have seen me cruise through campus on my bike, taking in the chaos with the deep satisfaction of one who is on the outside looking in.

I was on campus for a while Monday, but I spent most of it holed up in my office in the frigid Stewart Hall basement.

When I biked home, I had a good laugh at the parade of cars inching their way through Atwood Mall under the Labor Day sun. Speaking of that, who came up with the idea to do the sweaty moving-into-campus thing on Labor Day?

Don't hate me for laughing, those of you who are new residents to our campus. I've paid my dues; I spent the last three years at SCSU living in the dorms. And three years — that's, let's see, 24 months of actual living in a tiny box that they call a room for two — was more than enough.

So I was quite thankful this year to have the opportunity to get off campus and into a house.

My "new" house belonged to my late grandparents. It's a gorgeous house in a nice neighborhood on the north side of St. Cloud and it's full of many happy memories, so my family has held on to it for several years now.

It was sitting empty and slightly neglected, so I saw it as the perfect opportunity to "get out of the house" and yet still not have to live on campus.

ERIC
O'LINK
STAFF
ESSAY

I've been there for almost three weeks now and it has been fantastic. I enjoy doing the dishes, keeping the house clean and moving sprinklers around the yard.

But I've also learned about some of the perils of homeownership.

This house, you see, dear as it is, is about 50-years-old. True to the form of old houses everywhere, funny things happen there almost like clockwork.

The first week was uneventful enough. I racked up a huge grocery bill to stock the pantry and spent a lot of time peeking into cupboards to figure out the locations of various important household items. I replaced a lot of light bulbs and puzzled over why the dishwasher's soap dispenser door had a proclivity toward not opening.

Did I mention this house has two kitchens? My grandfather's hobby was cooking, so to supplement that, he built an addition on to the house that is essentially a huge kitchen.

So when I want a pan, a large salad bowl or some other random piece of kitchenware, it becomes a scavenger hunt of sorts — which drawer will hold what I'm looking for? Sometimes

this can be a 10-minute endeavor.

But here's what takes the cake; my friend and roommate Bob had moved in only the day before when we noticed a dreadful odor emanating from the basement bathroom. It was a rotting-dead-thing sort of stench that was so bad you could barely breathe. Turns out a mouse chewed through the wooden window frame and got stuck between the bathroom window and screen. It died and consequently started to stink.

After some dreadful excitement about the mouse, we managed to remove it and all was quiet on the western front.

Then the next day, it poured cats and dogs (but at least not mice) and the basement window well started filling up with water — yes, the same window that had the dead mouse. Soon it was seeping into the bathroom under the baseboard and then pouring in alarmingly fast around the window.

I ran upstairs for some towels. I came back to a flood of Biblical proportions. I half expected to see Noah and his ark go sailing past the shuffleboard floor tiles.

It took almost three hours to clean up the mess; we pumped 15 gallons of water off the floor. I think I've fixed the problem — a plugged gutter. Once again, all has returned to normal.

Of course, it's only a matter of time before the next mini-disaster.

But those disasters are satisfying. After all, I didn't have to sit in traffic for hours on move-in day.



JOSEF
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New punk bands serve a purpose

As an American who is rapidly dwindling on the list of "most important advertising demographic," I try to keep up with the times. I read a lot, and one thing I noticed that kind of crept up on me this summer was something I had an interest in. Namely, punk rock.

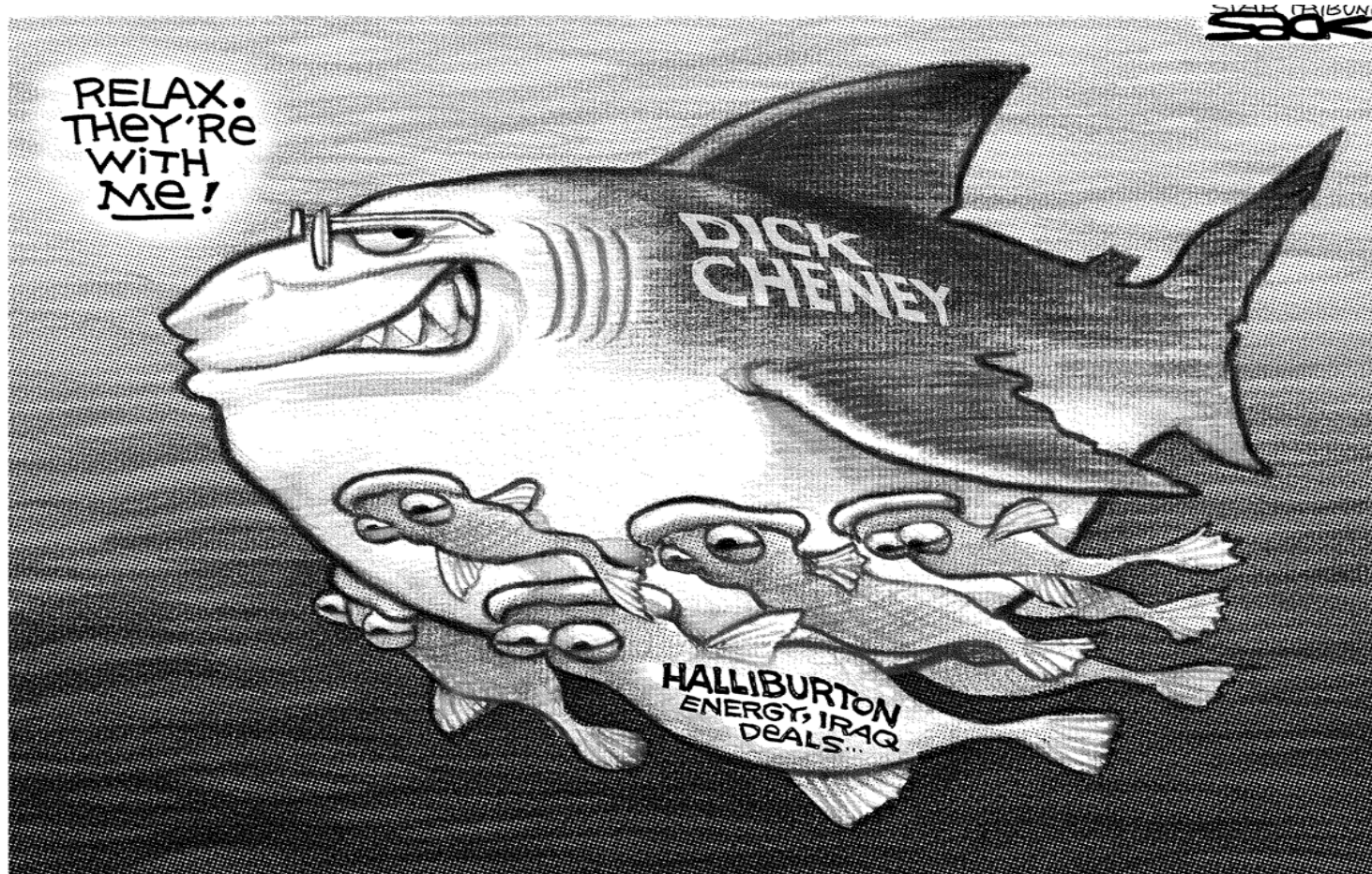
It seems as though all of those boys and girls who made Britney Spears and the Backstreet Boys (where have THEY been?) a household name have finally had their teeth rotted out by bubble gum pop and have decided to go for something harder. Good for them, I say. Maybe they want something that wasn't marketed though Disney Channels, written by someone else, and delivered by someone with a pretty face. Yes, it seems as though punk has hit us once again.

I was a mere zygote when punk first came around. Bands like the Clash (we miss you, Joe Strummer) and the Sex Pistols became household names and kids around the world began to terrify their parents by participating in something that the elders would never understand. Well, here we are, 25 years or so later, and although AFI is NOT the next Clash, bands who straddle the line between pop and punk serve a purpose.

In 1994, I was in eighth grade. Kurt Cobain had just died, and everyone kind of seemed to be lost, musically anyway. I remember watching MTV in a friend's basement one afternoon when a little song called "Longview" by some band I'd never heard of came on the air. I was transfixed. It had an energy to it that was really lacking in the other things I had been listening to at that time. That band turned out to be Green Day, and I grew to love them.

Green Day turned me on to punk rock, and through them, I was able to delve deeply into a music world that didn't ever end.

So, although I could really care less about Good Charlotte and their compatriots, I don't hate them like all of my friends do. I realize that, like me in 1994, someone may love the sound and want to dig deeper. Punk is dead — long live punk.



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Lenore Skenazy

NEW YORK DAILY NEWS GUEST COLUMN

As you may have noticed over the past half-century or so, T-shirts are becoming more and more interesting. Just walking down the street the other day, I saw shirts that said, "Shop naked" (but why?), "Surrender Martha!" (was that Eliot Spitzer?) and, "No, I will not fix your computer" (well, then, could you just explain how to get the mouse to ... Hey! Come back here!).

Still, the frankest of all T-shirts are just rolling off the press. A new company called Neuroses to a T(ee) subscribes to the notion that if we could just put our problems on our chests, we also could get them off. Thus, its shirts admit all sorts of generally unspoken secrets like, "I buy a lot to fill the void," "Emotionally unavailable men rock" and "I chain-scarf brownies in the dark." And then there's my favorite, "The whole family is worried."

Now, what if everyone started wearing shirts like that — shirts that told the truth? Not the usual, "I Used to Have a Handle on Life, But It Broke," T-shirt sort of truth. The honest-to-God, let it all hang out, "At my age, getting lucky is finding my car in the parking lot" truth. (OK, that last one's a T-shirt, too.) But still, imagine:

George Bush: "My military advisers sent us to war and all I got was this lousy T-shirt. Plus a disastrous occupation that could cost me the 2004 election."

Winona Ryder: "It wasn't a cry for help. It was a cry for free stuff."

John Ashcroft: "That statue turned me on."

Michael Jackson: "I'm fine. It's the world that needs therapy."

Barbara Walters: "If you furrow your brow long enough, people think you care."

Britney Spears: "Qualifications? See below."

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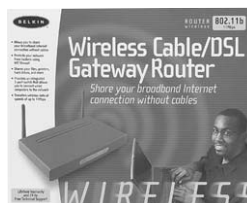
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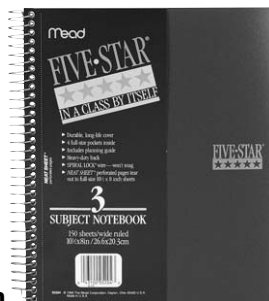
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Huskies equipped for title run

With 18 returning starters back from a 9-2 season, the no. 8 nationally ranked Huskies are setting their sites for the NCC crown and a national title

Ben Birmell

STAFF WRITER

Two years after a 1-9 2000 season, Randy Hedberg and the SCSU football team have the talent to compete with the nation's best. Here's a position-by-position look on why the Huskies are the NCC favorites this season.

Offensive Line

Four of last year's five starters return for the 2003 season.

Senior center Andrew Kaczor (six-foot-three, 305 lbs.) was named to the All-North Central Conference second team last year, despite missing the middle part of the season because of a torn medial collateral ligament.

Junior guards Jim McCarville (six-foot-three, 310 lbs.) and Cory McLouden (six-foot-two, 315 lbs.) are being touted as potential All-NCC picks. McCarville, who battled back problems in the last three games of the 2002 season, was an honorable mention for All-NCC last year.

Junior right tackle Matt Henry (six-foot-three, 325 lbs.) returns after consistently improving last year in the first year as a starter. Two-year starter on the line, Joe Keller finished his eligibility last year. Sophomore Jon Scovil (six-foot-three, 295 lbs.) and senior Lamont Townsend (six-foot-two, 315 lbs.) are numbers one and two respectively on the depth chart starting off the 2003 campaign.

Tight Ends

Tight end is easily SCSU's thinnest position. All-American Matt Huebner finished his final year of eligibility last fall and junior Clint Grundahl (six-foot-four, 250 lbs.) was the clear choice as the starter until he fractured his clavicle against Minnesota-Crookston. That means redshirt freshman Anders Johnson (six-foot-four, 245 lbs.), a native of

St. Cloud, or Matt Hammernik will have to fill in the void. The Huskies may also move a defender to tight end and will probably cut down on tight end formations.

Wide Receivers

The loss of All-American (and now part of the practice squad with the Minnesota Vikings), Ben Nelson is huge considering he caught the bulk of last year's passes. Nelson finished the season with 129 catches in his final two seasons for close to 2,100 yards and 39 touchdowns. A big play maker at the position is key for the Huskies' high-powered passing game. Sophomores Daryn Ploeckelman, who accumulated 18 catches for 191 yards and four TDs, Ed DeShazer (17-280-0) and Ryan Koch (31-408-1) all saw time on the field last season. Junior Tim Greene (1-17-0) was a medical redshirt last fall and has converted to the running back position. Junior Jason Koch (5-64-0) and sophomore Jim Bisping (six-foot-two, 220 lbs.) are the others listed down the depth chart.

Quarterbacks

2002 Harlon Hill candidate Keith Heckendorf is the clear starter for the 2003 season. If he can improve on last year's numbers that included an efficiency of 154.08 and a completion rate of 58.2, he could make another stab at the Harlon Hill trophy and a possible NFL career. Heckendorf also threw for a school record 37 touchdown passes and more than 2,800 yards with 12 interceptions. The senior was the NCC's most valuable offensive player and an Academic All-American selection last season.

Sophomore Daniel Kaczor (six-foot-two, 190 lbs.), returns for his second season as backup to Heckendorf. Kaczor saw time in five games last year and could possibly see more as Heckendorf's collegiate career comes closer to an end.

Running Backs

Breakout sophomore Matt Birkel (five-foot-nine, 210 lbs.) is one of the keys to the Huskies' winning ways. He missed the first two games of last season with a hamstring injury, but came on strong with two big touchdown runs of more than 85 yards last season. He also had a 66-yard TD run against North Dakota. Birkel finished with a total of 958 yards and eight rushing TDs. If he improves on last year's numbers he should gain



ADAM MASLOSKI/ VISUALS EDITOR

Sophomore running back Matt Birkel escapes MSU- Mankato defenders in a game last season. Birkel is one of the key returning threats as he finished with 958 yards and eight rushing touchdowns last year.

All-NCC first team honors for the second consecutive year.

Senior Josh Williams (five-foot-nine, 190 lbs.) saw time in the starting lineup before Birkel stole the spotlight and will back him up again this year. Williams rushed for 386 yards and two touchdowns. He also caught seven passes for 51 yards last year. Redshirt freshman Dan Kamin (five-foot-ten, 205 lbs.) has also come on strong in the team's recent practices.

Defensive Line

Senior defensive tackle Nick Peterson (five-foot-eleven, 275 lbs.) leads the Husky defense. Peterson was an all-conference honorable mention selection last year. He finished with 46 tackles and five sacks. Sophomore end Charlie Cosgrove (six-foot-three, 265 lbs.) was part-time starter last year after missing a few games with an injury. Cosgrove is expected to start and improve on last year's totals of 21 tackles and four sacks last year. Junior end Kyle Stapleton (six-foot-three, 250 lbs.) and nose tackle Cory Johnsen (six-

foot-two, 290 lbs.) both saw time last year and are listed as started this fall.

Linebackers

Seniors Shane Rohman (five-foot-eleven, 215 lbs.) and Reed Hentges (five-foot-ten, 210 lbs.) both return to a strong linebacking core. Rohman, a pre-season All-American this season, led the Huskies with 80 tackles last season. Hentges finished with 52 tackles last fall. Senior Ryan Rutten (six-foot-one, 230 lbs.), a medical redshirt last fall, is listed as the starter. Sophomore John Hackett (six-foot-two, 230 lbs.) is his backup.

Defensive Backs

Senior Eric Mickelson (five-foot-eight, 185 lbs.) returns for his fourth year as a starter. He came in on the second half of last year. He finished with 71 tackles, 15 pass breakups and 37 punt returns for 500 yards. Nate Loughran (six-foot-two, 215 lbs.) moves into the other starting cornerback spot after spending the last two years as the team's strong safety. He had 58 tackles and a team-leading five interceptions. Chad

Kruckman (six-foot-one, 185 lbs.) returns as the starter at free safety. He finished the 2002 campaign with 66 tackles and three interceptions.

Specialists

Senior Nick Ordorff (five-foot-ten, 190 lbs.) and sophomore Shawn Braunagle (six-foot, 170 lbs.) split time at kicker and both return this fall. Ordorff was 27-33 kicking PATs and six for six kicking field goals. Braunagle was 11-for-11 on PATs and 3-for-5 kicking field goals. Junior Scott Dirkes returns for his third year as the starting punter. He averaged 38.1 yards had 12 punts inside the 20-yard line.

Huskies roll

On Aug. 28 SCSU opened their 2003 campaign with a 66-7 rout over Minnesota-Crookston and set team records for the most points scored in a game, tied a team record with five TD passes and Shawn Braunagle set a team record by going 9-9 in extra points.

Volleyball team has new identity

Bobby Hart

SPORTS EDITOR

As the SCSU volleyball team gets their wheels rolling into the 2003 season, they will enjoy a couple things that they haven't been blessed with in the last few years: positivity and hope.

Equipped with new head coach Patricia Mickow, all their returning starters, and seniors Kari Turkowski, Cara Bartolic and Jane Backes, the Huskies seem to have everything in place for a monumental season.

Mickow took over for SCSU legend Dianne Glowatzke, who retired at the end of last season after a 26-year career that ended with 527 wins.

After a disappointing 4-21 (1-21 NCC) 2002 season the Huskies were looking forward to a fresh start.

"The team knows that they're better than that," Mickow said. "We have the skill and the work ethic to get this program turned around on to the winning track. We definitely have the skill that it takes to compete. We want to do this right, and we don't want any negativity to carry over from the past. I don't like to make predictions as far as our record, but we are very capable of having a winning season."

Seniors are ready

Seniors Turkowski, Bartolic and Backes will be in the same leadership roles that they were forced into last year's senior-less team.

Turkowski, who will serve her second term as team captain, will draw the most attention from opposing teams. The 5-8 setter received All-NCC First Team last season with a team high 774 sets and 36 aces, while ranking second on the team with 267 kills. The Rocori, Cold Spring graduate also notched 226 digs and had nine triple-triples.

"Kari does an awesome job," Mickow said. "We're hoping to build a team around that ability to take some of the pressure off of her. Kari is a real threat in this league. She scores a lot of points, she has a lot of attempts, and she very well should. If teams look at anything on our floor they look at Kari."

Backes will be the veteran leader of the outside hitters this season for the Huskies. Although she may not be the most dangerous of the outside players, figuring Leah Herrboldt lead the team with 297 kills, the 6-0 senior will definitely be a major threat that posted 221 kills, 191 digs, and 31 blocks.

Bartolic, a 2000 graduate of St. Cloud Cathedral High School, will be the focal point of the Huskies' defense as the team's libero. She notched 122 digs, 22 sets, and nine service aces last season and has possibly improved more than any other Husky in the off-season.

"Cara flat out impressed me from day one in spring ball," Mickow said. "That girl has worked so hard and has done an excellent job. We need her to continue to pass the ball well."

New authority

Mickow will be facing large expectations in her first year at SCSU. The Huskies have not had a losing record since 1998 and seem to finally have the tools to do so this season.

Mickow's hard-nosed disciplined coaching style seems to be just what the Huskies have been craving.

"She's a very disciplined person and she makes us earn our position," Turkowski said. "I like the fact that she's disciplined because in the last three years we haven't had that. She doesn't let us slack off on or off the court and I like that. She's going to make sure we stick together as a team. I really believe that the coaching staff we have now is going to change this program around."

Although Mickow's coaching style and strategies varied from Glowatzke's, the Huskies have responded quicker than expected and posted two wins to start the season as proof.

"They're two different coaching styles and I can't say that one works better than the other," Bartolic said. "(Mickow) does bring some freshness and something new that our team probably needs for our younger players. The excitement she brings to the game is definitely going to help us."

Mickow coached Bemidji State University last season and helped them double their wins from the previous season, as the Beavers finished with a 11-17 record. SCSU hopes that she can do the same type of miracle work this season.

"I'm motivated and I love my job," Mickow said. "I'm going to come to work hard for them every day and they know that they need to come in and work hard for me everyday. They have a coaching staff that believes in them, will push them, and will give them the tools to get the job done."

A total team effort

For the first time in several years the Huskies appear to finally have a complete and well-balanced lineup that contains three seniors, three juniors, four sophomores, and five first-year players. The seven returning starters will be the key for the Huskies. Herrboldt, Megan Hardy, Lindsay Ashburn, and Jamie Schlagel are expected to join the three seniors as starters again this season.

Ashburn and Herrboldt will help carry the load as team leaders and are both very dangerous players that will accompany Backes as outside hitters. Along with being known as a vocal leader on the court, Herrboldt is



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The Women's Volleyball team practiced Wednesday afternoon to get ready for their series against Southwest State this weekend. The Huskies are 2-2 under new head coach Patricia Mickow.

arguably the best offensive player the Huskies have. The Elk River native led the team with 297 kills and added 288 digs, 20 service aces and 18 blocks last season. Ashburn served as a captain last season while racking up 102 kills, 76 digs, and 27 blocks.

"You're always expecting your outsides to step up and carry the load because they need to be your terminators," Mickow said. "They get all the junk balls. When there's a bad pass we need our outside hitters to go get it."

The Huskies also hope they can continue to get playing time from freshmen Kelly Larkin, RaeAnne

Stanley and Deanna Pieper, who all contributed in last weekend's split series. However, it looks as if the lineup will be juggled around a lot this season depending on contributions players make, which will keep spots in reach for other sophomores and freshmen.

"The best part about this whole thing is that we have seventeen student athletes on our roster and competition is very good," Mickow said. "You have to keep that healthy competition among the players and I feel that one of our strengths as a staff is that we are good at defining everyone's role. I have made it very clear

to our starters that if they don't maintain your role someone else will. There is enough talent on this team to push every position."

That is something that the Husky Volleyball program hasn't been able to claim for a long time.

SCSU Splits

The Huskies started the season Aug. 29-30 and ended up with a 2-2 record. They beat Bemidji State and MSU-Moorhead on Friday, but lost to UMD and Northern State on Saturday.

Sporting Events

THURSDAY

■ **Football** at Western Washington University at 8 p.m. AM 1390 The Fan. Listen on the web at www.stcloudstate.edu/-sports

FRIDAY

■ **Volleyball** vs. Concordia-St. Paul at 1p.m. at Southwest State University and vs. Southwest State at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

■ **Volleyball** vs. Northern State University at 11 a.m. at Southwest State University and vs. Northwest Missouri State at 5 p.m.

■ **Cross Country** will participate in the SJU invite at a time to be announced.

■ **Women's Golf** at Concordia or SDSU Invite at a time to be announced.

■ **Men's Golf** at SDSU Invite at a time to be announced.

SUNDAY

■ **Soccer** at Moorhead State University at 1p.m.

TUESDAY

■ **Cross Country** at UMD at 11a.m.

■ **Volleyball** vs. St. Ben's at Halenbeck Hall at 7 p.m.



Bremer remembers SCSU

Ryan Dale

STAFF WRITER

Richard James Bremer is in his 21st season with the Minnesota Twins organization. Only the fans know him as Dick Bremer, the television play-by-play voice that has been calling game-winning homeruns and Twins victories for the better half of two decades.

Bremer got his start in broadcasting right here at St. Cloud State University where he graduated in 1978 with a degree in broadcasting.

While at SCSU Bremer was known as the "Duke of Dark" on KVSC 88.1 FM and was also one of the first members of UTVS-TV over 25 years ago.

"When I was at St. Cloud State University we had a broad background of stuff we had to do," said Bremer. "We had to write, edit—literally edit the film and tape and some on-air experiences. The best thing it (SCSU) did was to allow me to get a broad exposure of the different avenues that were available in broadcasting, and the experiences I had were invaluable."

Bremer and the rest of the original members of UTVS were responsible for building the first news studio in the basement of the Performing Arts Building, where the television station was originally located.

"They gave us a saw, some wood and a couple of nails and told us to go to work," said Bremer. "I was cutting a board and the next thing you know I had sawed right through the news desk. I tried to tell them that we were in broadcasting and not construction."

The technology and facilities the original UTVS members had don't even compare to the luxuries that current members now enjoy.

"In the mid-'70s we were excited because we got the very first videotape machine," he said. "The only problem was, we had to actually thread the tape through the machine and it was black and white."

"What we used then has been lapped a thousand times by technology and what UTVS has now is fantastic."

After graduation in 1978 Bremer's first job was an internship at a television station in Iowa. There Bremer learned the tricks of the trade quickly as he was forced to do just about everything.

"In Iowa I was asked to do everything," Bremer said. "I was editing, producing and writing. It was an extension of what I learned at UTVS and St. Cloud State."

Bremer's long list of play-by-play accomplishments includes being the voice of University of Minnesota basketball, football, volleyball and hockey. He has also been the voice of

University of Iowa basketball, Minnesota North Stars hockey and, of course, the Minnesota Twins.

His career with the Twins began in 1983, broadcasting games for Spectrum Sports. He stayed with Spectrum until 1985 before leaving to pursue other career options.

After two years away from the Twins, Bremer rejoined the organization in 1987, just in time for the first championship in team history. He then joined Midwest Sports Channel (now Fox Sports Net) in 1989, and the rest is history.

During his stint with the Twins, he has seen three division championships and two World Series championships.

"Last year was so much fun. The championships in '87 and '91 were neat, but last year was special," he said. "To see the excitement in the faces of the fans is something I'll never forget."

For the last decade he has been paired up with Bert Blyleven, the former Twins pitcher and prankster, in the cramped confines of Major League Baseball play-by-play booths.

Blyleven has enjoyed his time spent with Bremer and has learned a lot from the legendary broadcaster.

"Dick and I have been working together for the last nine or ten years and it's probably been the longest nine or ten years of my life. It's been a pain," Blyleven said jokingly.

All kidding aside, Blyleven really does have respect for Dick.

"I think Dick and I have that Odd Couple type of attitude," said Blyleven. "I'm Oscar and he's Felix. Over the years we've worked well together. He's taught me a lot."

"He has a great voice and he knows his Minnesota baseball. Every night during the telecast I think we have an opportunity to teach someone something new about the game of baseball."

After spending all spring, summer and fall with Blyleven, who could blame Dick for not straying far from his roots and coming back up to St. Cloud each winter to take in a couple basketball and hockey games.

"I'm not very busy in the winter so I like to catch at least a few games," said Bremer. "It's a lot of fun and just like I went to college there I still get parking tickets and I'm sure that will never change."

This past July and early August another former Husky filled in for Bremer after surgery. Bremer was experiencing dizziness and shortness of breath, so Clay Matvick filled Dick's shoes along side Blyleven while he recovered from angioplasty surgery.

Since the surgery Bremer has rejoined the Twins telecasts and hasn't missed a beat.

It's been a summer to remember

If I didn't know any better, I'd say the apocalypse is upon us.

With lawsuits, drug use and controversy galore this past summer, one has to wonder whether hell is about freeze over or it was just an abnormal summer.

In case you've been living under a rock, nothing in the sporting world has seemed to go even remotely the way it should. This past summer, if you're like me, has left you shaken and maybe even a little scarred for your life.

So where do I begin? How 'bout the surprising Kansas City Royals and their run to first place in the otherwise dull American League Central (okay, so they're slipping right now but for the last few months it was huge news).

Sticking with the subject of the baseball, George Steinbrenner cried. Yes, seriously cried after Derek Jeter and Alfonso Soriano were hit by pitches from Pedro Martinez. A writer for the New York Times quoted "The Boss" about his now infamous bawling, "I'm getting older. As you get older you do this more." What? I've always recognized Steinbrenner as old ever since I could recognize him, but for him to cry? Wow.

But, like I said, unless you've been living under a rock you'd know that



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this wasn't just a one time thing, but just the beginning of a summer that started off crazy and no doubt will never end.

Ah yes, then there's Randall Simon who added a little fuel to the summer fire and decided he didn't have enough batting practice before a game with the Milwaukee Brewers. At the precise moment that a woman dressed in a sausage costume ran by the Pirates' dugout, Simon came to the conclusion he would "tee-off" so to speak.

A 21-year-old rookie took the Majors by storm (Dontrelle Willis) and Dusty Baker put on seminars from reporters and anyone else listening of the heat-bearing qualities between Caucasians and African-Americans.

Then there was the ever-popular story of Sammy "Say it isn't" Sosa. I wonder if "Slammin' Sammy" has any problems corking his champagne

now.

Even basketball wasn't safe as Portland's Damon Stoudamire gave a whole new meaning to the words "Trail Blazer" after he was caught going through an airport metal detector with one-and-half ounces of marijuana wrapped in aluminum foil, fined and told to go back to school to learn "Transporting Drugs 101."

There's Kobe Bryant, who decided he wanted to be larger than life and wanted "convicted felon" added to his resume. But, unfortunately, the "Bill Clinton Rule" didn't work as well as Mr. Bryant planned and a court case could drag through the New Year. And to think now you can put "Kobe Bryant" and "Mike Tyson" in the same sentence after all.

On the home front, the Timberwolves decided they wanted to give some die-hard fan (this writer) a massive coronary and actually obtained a starting five worth getting past the first round. We "received" Latrell Sprewell who very well could be the next Dennis Rodman and kick some vulnerable cameraman sitting on the Target Center floor.

My favorite story, or collection of stories, involves one Carmelo Anthony. Carmelo found time after being drafted by the Denver Nuggets

and winning an ESPY to thank himself. Somebody, please tell "Melo" that their neighbors (the Avalanche) have a better chance of winning 20 games than the Nuggets do.

Sergei Federov decided to go against all logic and signed with the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim. Hey, if you can't beat 'em, join 'em, I guess. Yeah, somebody got together and decided the summer of 2003 was a good time to start the apocalypse.

But a few good things did come out of the summer of 2003 that may postpone the apocalypse.

Lance Armstrong turned out a fifth consecutive win in France. Word is, the heads of the race are thinking about changing the name to "Le Tour De Lance." Two athletes decided to be unconventional and give up their day jobs and put their lives on the line to join the U.S. Army after being shaken by the events of September 11. Brothers Pat and Kevin Tillman chose to serve their country in its time of need instead of playing for multi-million dollar contracts.

That's right, no dog days of summer this year, and you know what? We couldn't have been treated to a better summer.

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Entertainment in St. Cloud



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Jenna Fuchs, assistant manager of Java Joint on St. Germain St., in downtown St. Cloud. Java Joint features live music every week and open mic Thursdays.

Howie's Bar

"So this is Howie's?" I asked a friend of mine (who had already downed a few) when I arrived at the sports bar on a relatively quiet evening.

I wasn't sure about the place; however, my skepticism faded shortly. Since it was relatively early in the evening, the bar was calm and copasetic, a nice place to meet after work for some beer and conversation. However, after a few hours, I was amazed as the bar transformed from a mere restaurant to a bar where one's mother may become embarrassed (I believe one regular's nickname is Porno).

Howie's bar offers a slightly different atmosphere than those of the Big 4, The Press, The Red Carpet, D.B. Searle's and McRudy's). It is more relaxed and with better hot wings. Nestled next to the courthouse and the jail, the bar has its share of

interesting occupants including, ex-convicts, correctional officers, police officers, deputies and various attorneys. You can imagine the stories.

While Howie's does offer this strange mix of individuals, it also has something to offer to the college students. No cover charge and no age restrictions. If you want to buy a beer, they check your I.D., but you can sing your little heart out to karaoke whether you're a freshman or a senior.

Pool tables and dart boards are available and seating options include the bar or many of the small tables in a comfortable atmosphere suitable for an interesting night on the town.

- Paul Solsrud

The Red Carpet

The Red Carpet Nightclub can be summed up in four simple words: fun house with booze. For those of you who haven't been there, this analogy can be explained. I've been

of drinking age for several years now, and I don't think I've ever been to another bar quite like the Red Carpet. It's not just one bar; it's three bars, each on different floors. The place has a unique look to it, with carpet that looks like something my grandma would choose, and lighting that varies in softness from room to room, magnifying the effects of whatever one chooses to imbibe.

The Carpet also has a music hall, with a stage that can be seen from two different floors, making it easy to get a good seat to see whoever is playing. The performers range from local talent, such as McKinley Place, to Twin Cities talent, such as Mark Mallman, to national talent, like the band Flipp.

Drink prices are reasonable — specials vary from night to night. In a college town like St. Cloud, drink prices are like gas prices. They are pretty much the same wherever you



RYAN HENRY/ASSISTANT VISUALS EDITOR

Crossroads Cinema behind Crossroads mall in Waite Park. All seats are \$1.50.

"fill up." Oh, one more thing. Free pool on Monday nights.

- Joe Palmersheim

Meeting Grounds

The Meeting Grounds Downtown has the same flair of a Starbucks or a Caribou Coffee only without the soulless corporate backing. It is a family-owned business. The shop is pleasing to the eye, with charming wood floors and well-lit areas where one can study, or even better, curl up with a drink and a good book and forget the outside world for a few hours.

While the Meeting Grounds on Campus is frequented mostly by students, people of all ages can be found in the downtown shop.

The non-smoking environment also means that most of the poets and journal slaves don't hang out there. So, in addition to not breathing in second-hand smoke, you also avoid second-hand pretension. And no one needs that. There are many tables and booths in the store, and the side facing the street is basically one giant window, so one can peoplewatch if they so desire. Prices are reasonable, the staff is excellent, and the drinks are well-made. The cookies and desert bars are also very good. The Meeting Grounds is also a good place to take a date, because it makes one look well-mannered and civilized (which we know you aren't). Seriously though, the environment lends itself to good conversation, and hence, good times.

-Joe Palmersheim

Java Joint

No, it isn't the box office for a Linkin Park concert. It's the best venue for live music in town. With its herd of adolescent stand-arounds — always near but usually not inside — the Java Joint must have the best sidewalk in St. Cloud... maybe in all of Central Minnesota. But if you're a little bit older, you'll step inside.

Sipping coffee, while chatting over loud music at the bar is an option. Sitting at a broken upright piano or in a hair stylist's chair is another. But the dimly-lit stage at the far end of the room is something else entirely. From last year's "best hip-hop show in St. Cloud of the millennium," — a bill that included Heiruspecs, Oddjobs and St. Cloud's own Hydroponics — to rock shows from the likes of Twin Cities bands Trend 86 and Clair De Lune to hometown heroes Room 101 and Second Hand Halo, the Java Joint is the place for live shows in St. Cloud, period. They also hold open mic nights on Thursdays. And you can smoke, if that matters.

Java Joint is located in downtown St. Cloud on St. Germain.

-John Behling

Munsinger/Clemens Garden

Looking for a cheap date? The Munsinger/Clemens Gardens is a great, free, choice for guys looking to impress a lady friend with his more "sensitive" side. The ladies will love

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Sixth-year student Eric Ralkhof tees off during a round of Frisbee golf Wednesday afternoon at Riverside Park. Many students find frisbee golf to be an inexpensive way to spend a couple of hours.

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walking down the winding pathways beneath a green canopy and stopping to “smell the roses” in one of the largest public rose gardens in the state — it has over 1,100 rose bushes! Sorry boys, these roses aren’t for picking. Whether you are enjoying a moonlit stroll along the Mississippi or sharing dreams as you toss coins into the garden’s wishing well, Munsinger promises to be a cheap and romantic place to take a date, and it’s conveniently located just across the river.

- Kristen Kubisiak

Biking

So it’s a sunny Friday afternoon, you’re done with class, ready to put off homework for at least two days and your friends aren’t hitting the bars ‘til late. You could take the bike out to cruise around town...but is

there really anywhere to bike? You bet. The St. Cloud area has some great biking; some of it is even right out SCSU’s back door.

The Beaver Islands Trail

The Beaver Islands Trail follows the Mississippi River south of campus. It starts near Shoemaker Hall, right next to the St. Cloud Dam power plant. It follows an old railroad grade south to the St. Cloud Country Club, where it turns north and runs along County Road 75 back up to 10th Street. Walkers, runners, bikers, dog-exercisers and roller bladers all frequent the trail, which offers gorgeous views of the Mississippi and Beaver Islands (for which the trail was named). It’s generally flat and straight, with a long, gradual climb as you pass the country club’s golf course. Treat yourself to a speedy descent back by turning around at Clearwater Road and heading back to campus, about a five mile round-trip ride.

Lake Wobegon Trail

If you want a longer, straighter and

flatter workout, try the Lake Wobegon Trail in western Stearns county. This is another old railroad bed that’s been paved from Avon to Sauk Centre, and will soon be paved from St. Joseph to Avon (about a 20 minute drive from campus). You’ll be able to crank it into a high gear and motor down this strip of tar, which is as flat as a week-old can of pop. Beyond Albany, however, the trail follows I-94 closely and loses scenic appeal.

Quarry Park

Is pavement for pansies? Dirt, mud, logs, gravel and anything else nature can throw at you more your style? If you’d rather mountain bike, check out Quarry Park, southwest of Waite Park. Quarry’s \$4 day permit fee may seem steep at first, but getting out on the trail will put things in perspective. The park has miles of trails that curve and loop in such a tangle that it’s quite possible to find yourself quasi-lost in almost no time.

You’ll pass water-filled quarries and mountainous rock piles, bike through forests, meadows, swamps and over outcrops of pink granite that gives “mountain biking in central Minnesota” a whole new meaning.

The park has several “technical sections,” at least one of which is surprisingly challenging. It features terrain so rugged that it gives even the savviest of bikers a run for their money. Best of all, if you’re hot after a hard ride, you can plunge into the park’s icy swimming quarry for a refreshing cool-down.

- Eric O’Link

Frisbee Golf

Frisbee golf was specifically designed with college students in mind. It’s an inexpensive low-impact game that is often affiliated with stoners. However, Frisbee golf is actually an extremely entertaining game meant for people of all types and skill levels.

Frisbee golf is golf minus the arrogance, country club atmosphere

and preppy attire. Instead of using golf clubs to hit a ball in a hole, you use your hands to throw a Frisbee in a basket. Lowest score wins.

St. Cloud is the ideal place to engage in Frisbee golf addiction. Two courses are near campus.

Riverside Park is across the 10th Street bridge from campus. It is a scenic, spacious and moderately challenging 18-hole course.

Calvary is across Highway 15, on the other side of town. The course is difficult, requiring many narrow shots through the woods. Frisbee Golf is cheap. One disc costs between \$8 and \$12 (less than a case of beer) and the courses are free to use.

Beginners should not feel threatened by people carrying bags overflowing with 20 different types of discs. Half the time those people are just as bad as you.

- Nick Hanson

Godfather’s Buffet

If you are a fan of the buffet, Godfather’s lunch buffet is the place to go. After several nights of deep contemplation, I have come to the conclusion that Godfather’s is the best buffet in town.

First off, the variety is unparalleled. I hate the Old Country Buffet commercial when they show towering mounds of a hundred different types of food. When I go to OCB, all I see is a mediocre salad bar and a couple types of chicken. I do not see the pasta linguini, deep-fried walleye and fillet mignon portrayed in the commercial.

Godfather’s has an excellent salad bar and every type of pizza known to man. I don’t know another place in town where you can get taco pizza, bacon cheeseburger pizza and desert pizza in the same meal.

The price is also great. A lunch buffet costs about five dollars. OCB and KFC charge between eight and 10 – way too much for a poor college student.

The pizza isn’t as good as Green Mill deep dish, but really who can afford Green Mill pizza except on special occasions.

Rock City Pizza is a couple dollars cheaper, but the pizza makes a cold Jack’s seem like a heavenly treat.

I think my favorite adage can explain why a pizza buffet like Godfather’s is such a great place to eat. Pizza is like sex, when it’s good, it’s great. When it’s bad, it’s still pretty good.

- Nick Hanson

Park Diner

Feelin’ retro? Park Diner is the place to go. Located in Waite Park right in front of the Parkwood 18 Theater, Park Diner is great for an after-movie malt or a delicious meal with 1950s flavor. Thanks to the building’s bright metallic finish, you can’t possibly miss it. But plan on driving, because the Park Diner isn’t exactly close to campus.

Don’t worry about that though, because the malts alone are worth the trip. Offering every flavor one could want, these are the best malts I’ve ever tasted. And being the ice cream lover I am, this is no small feat. If ice cream isn’t enough to fill you up, the meals are just as good. With burgers named after classic cars and other entrees named after the cast of Happy Days, you can’t go wrong.

And if you want to keep your friends quiet while waiting for the main course, get Wolfman Jack’s Sampler Platter. Containing plenty of the Diner’s best appetizers, the platter will easily keep a group of five satisfied until dinner arrives. And although it’s a little creepy knowing that Ike Eisenhower is watching you go to the bathroom, the Life Magazine’s, ‘50s car ads and golden records make the pleasantly corny atmosphere of Park Diner really shine.

- Cory Fechtelkotter

CD repair kits promise scratch removal



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Every time I buy a new CD I promise myself I’ll take good care of it. Every time it ends up in a stack of CDs on my stereo or on the floor of my car after hasty highway disc switching. Ultimately, they end up scratched so one or all of the songs skip.

I’ve actually started burning backup CDs to prepare for future scratching, but what about the ones that are already ruined?

With the possibility of saving the half-dozen scratched CDs that I can’t bear to throw away, I decided to try a

few disc repair kits that came out in the past year.

Maxell CD Scratch Repair Kit

\$8.99 at Target

This kit claims to remove minor scratches, eliminate skipping and sound loss and repair up to 100 discs.

You set the disc on a plastic holder, then squirt step one paste on the problem area. This beige paste, the consistency of Elmer’s School Glue, has to dry for five minutes. Then you wipe it off with a thin, paper cloth.

The disc didn’t stay put on the holder while wiping and it was sloppy wiping up the goo with the tissue-thin paper.

After that, you use step two fluid to remove the goo. The whole process took about seven minutes.

The spots where I applied the goo appeared less scratched. However, to fix the whole disc you would need to cover it in goo, using up way too much of the paste. The disc still skipped when it was played.

Maxell CD Scratch Repair Kit fixed the minor scratches, as claimed, and made the disc prettier.

However, the messy process didn’t fix the deeper scratches that cause skips. Unless you just want to give working CDs a polish, forgo this product.

ALLSOP Disc Restore Kit

\$24.88 at Wal-Mart

The ALLSOP Disc Restore Kit claims to get rid of minor scratches, abrasions, fingerprints and deeper scratches.

It comes conveniently packed in a small nylon box with a Velcro closure. This kit offers three different levels of repair.

The first is pretty much just cleaning the disc with the soft, provided cloth.

The second involves squirting fluid on the disc, cleaning that off, and buffing the disc with a small pad. This was successful in removing minor scratches.

The third level of repair is for deeper scratches. A small, hammer-like wand requires two self-provided batteries. When you hold down a button on the top of the hammer head, a soft pad spins around like a toothbrush at the dentist’s office.

You place a little pink polishing sticker on the end of the pad. Then, you fill a tiny cup with water and put the disc on a holder on the inside flap of the box. Manufacturers warn that the pad has to be wet at all times or it

will ruin the disc.

You dip the pad in the water, fire up the magic wand, and run it back and forth across the disc.

It required frequent re-wetting. The pad isn’t actually absorbent and it was difficult to tell if it was wet enough.

It also sprayed a mist of dirty water.

The wand doesn’t have an On/Off switch so you actually have to hold

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The Maxell CD Scratch Repair Kit. \$8.99 at Target.



The AllSop Disc Restore Kit \$24.88 at Wal-Mart.

The sequel versus good taste



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Love it or cleave it, horror sequel schlock is fun, goofy and gory

In the beginning they made love. Well, kind of. Freddy creator Wes Craven and Jason creator Sean Cunningham first met in their directorial debut, the 1971 romantic comedy "Together." Twelve years later the children of their two groundbreaking horror films "A Nightmare on Elm Street" (1984), and "Friday the 13th" (1980), Freddy Krueger and Jason Voorhees are together in "Freddy vs. Jason."

The Freddy/Jason juggernaut is 20 years and 17 films strong, standing on top of thousands and thousands of corpses, VHS tapes and Halloween masks. The Freddy vs. Jason project carries with it five years of rumors, failed attempts, re-casts, re-writes and agonizing delays. The entity which began as two low-budget horror films in the early 80s has now become a super-sequel, a perfect embodiment of the studio hive-mind.

"It's gonna come out," insisted loyal fans posting on the Internet. Due to the volume of news, rumors and updates, the film has two separate pages of buzz on Web site Dark Horizons, dating back to 1998.

The whole spectacle is a far cry from "Together" or even Cunningham and Craven's second film, the 1972 horror cornerstone "The Last House on the Left."

A true horror story, "The Last



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Freddy (left) and Jason (right) bicker, slash and stab their way through this sequel of sequels.

House on the Left" is a revolting look at rape, torture and murder that is just too real for mainstream audiences. With their later, more marketable slashers, Craven and Cunningham introduced two super-villains. Hollywood ran with them, creating a brand of serial murderer that's pleasantly distanced from reality. Craven left the Freddy series behind after 1994's "New Nightmare." Cunningham likewise avoided the Friday the 13th sequels but signed on to produce Freddy vs. Jason.

Two years ago I was cheering for "Freddy vs. Jason." I was howling for the ultimate match-up, the perfect action-figure play fantasy. But I've found myself distracted by new signs

of life in the horror genre. "House of 1000 Corpses," "28 Days Later" and the upcoming "Cabin Fever" are stirring whispers of a revolution coming, a cleansing that is well needed in an environment that has become stale with rigor mortis. Sitting in the theatre, I question whether there can be any merit in a film with such staggering hype, difficult history and the word "vs" in the title.

A parental conspiracy succeeded in keeping "Nightmare of Elm Street" dream stalker Freddy Krueger (Robert Englund of course) from the minds and dreams of the children of Elm Street. Without their fear to power him, Freddy sulks in Hell. In the first frames, a downtrodden Freddy remi-

niscates about the glorious '80s with a montage of his greatest hits. Determined to have a comeback, Freddy discovers Jason Voorhees (stuntman Ken Kirzinger), the hockey masked anti-pre-marital sex activist of the Friday the 13th series. Krueger uses the guise of Jason's beloved mother to convince him to kill on Elm Street, a place where he'll find plenty of debauchery. But as Jason cuts a swath through a new crop of sexed-up, booze-brained teens, Freddy finds that he can't get him to stop. In order to get his own homicidal payoff, Freddy must teach the dim-witted Jason how to share.

The first shocker is just how well the stitches hold this monster together.

A pack of typical teens (beautiful and morally vacant) provide scenery, kill fodder. Survivors of Freddy and Jason bring others up to speed and plot to kill them both, this time for good. I think half of the people who go to this film would be just as satisfied if Freddy and Jason happened to meet one day at the bus stop completely by chance and decided to toss their afternoon plans to fight and slaughter teens. But this movie tries for a little bit more.

It's no surprise that filmmakers decided to focus on Freddy's nightmare land, rather than the woods of Lake Crystal. Wes Craven's innovative slasher on acid, "Nightmare on Elm Street" created a whole world of horror, similar to our own but twisted enough to hide a child murder within a Beetlejuice-like guise. Krueger's empty schools, mental institutions, haunted houses and unholy boiler rooms still have the ability to take away our safety blankets. Jason counterbalances the surreal with brutal, snappy kills for immediate satisfaction. Coupled with some ripped off Jay and Silent Bob ganja humor, "Freddy vs. Jason" has the laugh/shriek mechanism required for a full emotional release.

For some reason I also found the teens of Freddy vs. Jason disturbingly relatable. Anyone living in America right now knows what it feels like to be lied to by traditionalist conspirators who we trust to watch over us while we sleep. Every one knows what it feels like to be part of a dream where we can't wake up. Oh and we all like boobs, dumb girls, beer, marijuana, slasher violence, cornfield raves, one-liners and special effects (fine, not all of us like one-liners).

But forget the cultural analysis; forget what this film is and what this film means. Let's drop the twisted corridors of Krueger's dreams for a straightforward question like the drop of Jason's blade: Do I like this film?

Yes.

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CD repair

the button down the whole time. The wand left a visible grooved pattern everywhere it was applied. You then take a small piece of felt and buff away the grooves. It took a lot of buffing to even start to eliminate the grooves. After the first round, the disc wouldn't play any songs at all when only two of the songs originally skipped.

After five more minutes of buffing the grooves were mostly gone and the disc played.

The ALLSOP Disc Restore Kit did fix the disc. But, it took 20 minutes. I was afraid I'd ruin the disc with too

much wand usage and not enough water.

Skip Doctor or Game Doctor
\$29.99 at Circuit City and Media Play

The Skip Doctor and Game Doctor come in different packaging and colors, but according to product descriptions, are essentially the same.

These products claim to fix minor scratches, abrasions, deeper scratches and clean discs. Once you get the main plastic piece out of the package, you have to open it up and attach the disc holder. It took a couple of minutes to figure out how to put it together. Once again, the manufacturer warns that the disc must be wet at all times during cleaning.

There is a bottle of fluid provided to spray on the disc. A Media Play employee informed me that it is just

distilled water, which you can refill yourself.

You put the disc on the holder, spray it with water and lock it into place.

Then you hold onto the bottom handle with one hand and turn the crank with the other. The crank causes a colorful wheel to slowly spin. The wheel has a flat, padded end which runs over the surface of the disc. At the same time, the disc is slowly rotated. So, as wheel repairs each area as the disc is turned.

You do it once clockwise then set a button to counter clockwise. The crank still turns in the same direction, the disc just turns the other way.

The disc turned so slowly that I thought I had a dysfunctional Game Doctor. However, upon looking at the products tips for use, it said, "IT

TURNS SLOWLY." They knew exactly what I was thinking.

When finished, the disc surface is fixed evenly. You can sort of see a few slight lines where the wheel rubbed, but you can buff them out in about two minutes.

The formerly severely scratched cd played all the way through. Because the disc takes a while to turn, it takes 15 minutes to go through the whole process. But once I figured out how to use the thing, it was simple and easy to do.

Unlike the ALLSOP Disc Restore Kit, I didn't have to determine how long to use the fixing device. Plus, with the Skip Doctor or Game Doctor, you can repeat the process as many times as you want without ruining the disc (as long as there's water on it). Also, you can buy replacement for the

wheel, cloth, buffer and water spray.

This product is the best bet if you want to make deeply-scratched disc usable without much hassle or mess.



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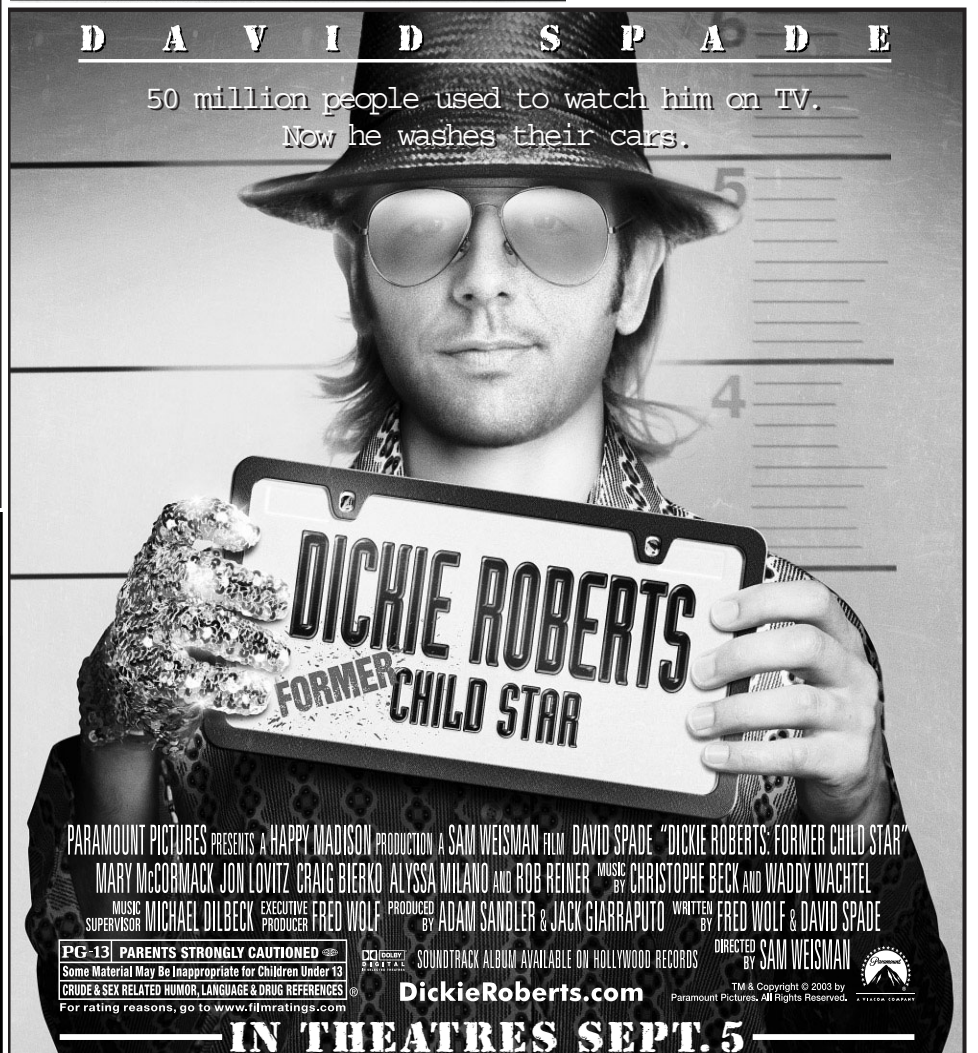
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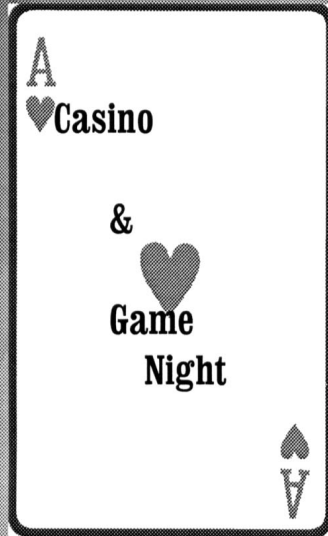
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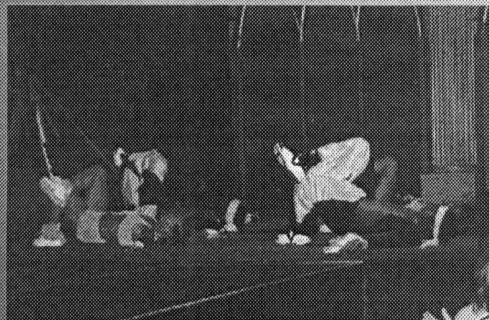
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