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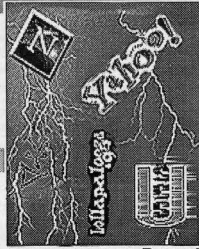
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# Director of organizations dies in collision

by Frank Rajkowski  
News editor

Tragedy struck Friday evening when Dennis Thayer, SCS director of university organizations was killed in a motor vehicle accident south of St. Cloud.

The accident occurred just prior to 6 p.m. Friday night at the intersection of Highway 24 and 70th Ave. SE between Clearwater and Clear Lake. Thayer was driving his wife, Mary Beth, and his two sons Brandon, 4, and Grant, 2, home from a day of horseback riding at a friend's farm when his 1987 Honda Accord collided head-on with a 1990 Lexus driven by Roger Gabbert, 59, of Eden Prairie. The collision occurred in the middle of the intersection. Gabbert had been traveling north at the time of the

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— Sandra Adams  
University Organizations

crash and Thayer had been traveling south.

Thayer was pronounced dead on the scene by rescue workers. His wife and children were taken to St. Cloud Hospital where they were treated and released after being held overnight. Gabbert was also taken to St. Cloud Hospital where he was treated and released on Friday night. The Minnesota State Highway Patrol is still investigating the cause of the crash.

Thayer, 32, had spent the past nine years at SCS. He had been the director of university organizations for about 13 months at the time of his death. Prior to that, he worked in the residential life department as a hall director.

While at university operations, Thayer oversaw the day-to-day operation of the Quarry nightclub in Atwood Center and worked to assign advisers to all organizations on-campus. In addition, he

served as a captain for the annual faculty and staff fundraising drive which was designed to raise money for scholarships and other student-related activities.

Both students and faculty who came in contact with Thayer during his time at SCS described him as caring, compassionate and extremely dedicated to his job. Sandra Adams, who was Thayer's secretary in university organizations, said Thayer was well-suited to a position that put him in frequent contact with students.

"I honestly don't know of anybody who had as much of a rapport with students as he did," Adams said. "When they had problems, or if they just stopped by to say hi, he never put them off. A lot of them said that they felt like he was their second father."

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## Reciprocity agreement phases out surcharge

by Frank Rajkowski  
News editor

A new reciprocity agreement, scheduled to take effect this fall, will make it more affordable for students to cross state lines and attend school.

Over the next three years the agreement, approved by the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board last spring, will phase out a 25 percent surcharge paid by students while attending college in the neighboring state. The surcharge was enacted in 1990 as a response to financial problems encountered by the state of North Dakota.

The new agreement will reduce the surcharge to 15 percent in the coming school year, 10 percent in 1996-97 and eliminate it by 1997-98.

According to Bette Midgarden, vice president of academic affairs at Moorhead State University, the arrangement has made it more difficult for Minnesota schools to draw students across the border. This is especially troubling at Moorhead where enrollment of North Dakota students has dropped from 35 percent of the student body before the 1990 agreement to around 25 percent today. Midgarden said she welcomed the new arrangement.

"It's a good agreement for students because they will now be able to select a school on the basis of programs and not cost," said Midgarden.

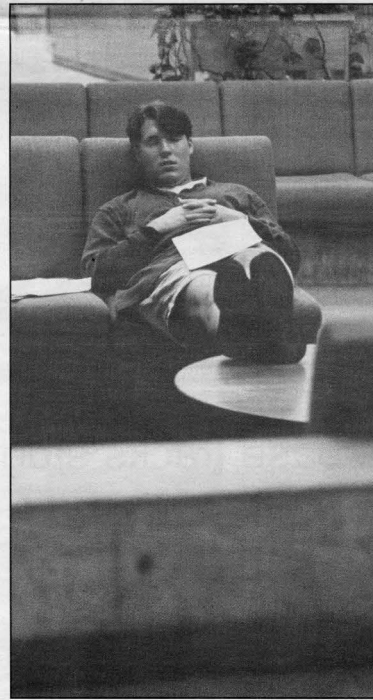
Philip Lewenstein, director of communication and legislation for the Minnesota Higher Education Services Board (formerly MHECB) said tuition rates will be tied to those rates at equivalent schools in the other state. For example, a student from North Dakota attending SCS would be charged either the Minnesota residential tuition rates at SCS or the North Dakota residential tuition rates at North Dakota State, whichever was higher. The same equivalency would exist between the University of Minnesota and the University of North Dakota. Lewenstein said this agreement will only benefit students and is worth the possible costs to the state.

"It may cost the state some money in the short-term, but it will be really good for students and that's important," Lewenstein said.

Minnesota and North Dakota have had some form of reciprocity agreement dating back to the 1975-76 academic year.

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## Forty winks



Julia Peterson/Stuff photographer  
David Tjornhom, junior, takes a snooze while trying to study for his mass communications pretest Monday.

## New MSUSA board meets

by Frank Rajkowski  
News editor

The recently completed merger and the planned cuts in financial aid in the Republican budget were first on the agenda as leaders of the Minnesota State Universities Student Association, the organization representing students at the state universities, gathered for their summer conference July 21-23 at Moorhead State University.

The event saw the first meeting of the new MSUSA board of directors who will serve during the 1995-96 academic year. The board is comprised of the student body presidents at each of the seven state universities. New SCS student government president John Skoog said that while the board may need some time to develop a working rapport, eventually it will be very effective.

"It's going to be a little different for a while since everybody is so new," Skoog said. "We had a good rapport with the previous board and we can get as good, or better a rapport with this one."

Joining Skoog on the board will be Cyndi Butler of Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Brent Glass of Bemidji State University, Stephanie Hegg of Southwest State University in Marshall, Christine Nelson of Winona State University, Steve Nyhus of Moorhead State University and Mona Wallace of Mankato State University.

Skoog said he is excited to get to work.

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## Thayer: SCS loses leader from Page 1

Adams said Thayer brought the same approach to his job that he took to his life which was to give everything he possibly could.

"Everything he did, he did 100 percent," Adams said. "He had this zest for life."

Former student government president Kanwal Kumar had an opportunity to work with Thayer on a number of projects, among them an attempt to revitalize the Quarry.

"We were trying to update it and figure out a way to bring attendance up," Kumar said.

Kumar also worked with Thayer on the Atwood Council where they dealt with, among other things, the demand by the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Azlan to create a cultural center in Atwood. Kumar said Thayer won the respect of all he dealt with.

"He was well-respected by students and students went to him for advice," Kumar said. "He was always there."

David Sprague, vice president of student life and development at SCS, was Thayer's immediate supervisor. He said that Thayer got into the swing of things immediately after being appointed director of university organizations because he knew SCS so well. Sprague said that Thayer was devoted to serving the students of SCS as best he could.

"Dennis was a wonderful person to work

with and he was also a very caring person," Sprague said. "He cared about the people he worked with and most of all he cared about the students. He was so high energy and so positive that he was able to meet and get to know a multitude of students."

Kay Sebastian, director of annual funds at SCS, worked with Thayer during last spring's faculty-staff fundraising campaign. Thayer also worked as a resource person on the annual senior pledge campaign that Sebastian oversaw.

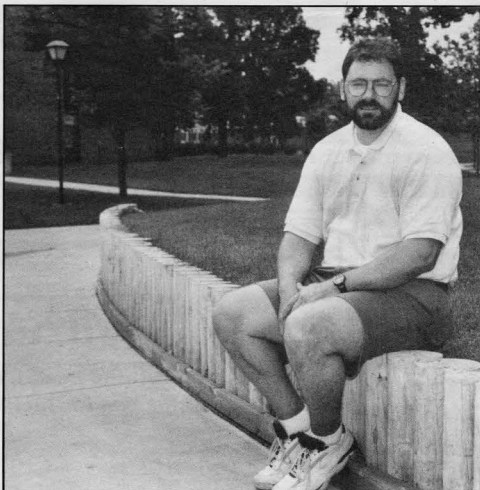
"Dennis was one of the nicest people I've ever known," Sebastian said. "He was very committed to SCS and very enthusiastic during the fundraising campaign. He had this zest for life and he saw everything as an opportunity."

Because Thayer's death occurred so close to the beginning of fall quarter, Sprague said that his position would have to be filled on an emergency basis. Sprague expects to advertise the position locally in order to get an idea of who is interested and qualified to fill the position.

"At this point and time, I don't have anyone in mind as far as who would be able to do the job," Sprague said.

Adams said that Thayer will always be remembered as a person who brightened the lives of those around him.

"He was just a joy to work with," Adams said. "He had so much energy and enthusiasm that it was just infectious."



File Photo  
Dennis Thayer poses outside of Stearns Hall in a June 1994 photo before his appointment as director of University Organizations. Thayer was the residence hall director at Stearns from 1986 through 1994.

## Rec programs offer something for all

by Kerry Collins  
Managing editor

Not everybody is a scholarship athlete at SCS, but for those who still wish to compete or just keep in shape, the Department of Sport Facilities and Campus Recreation is the perfect spot.

"We are not SCS athletics," Ron Seibring, the department's director said. "We are only tied to athletics because we share facilities."

Located in Halenbeck Hall, Eastman Hall and the National Hockey Center, Campus Rec has a variety of programs available for students and staff. Few people realize all of what the department has to offer, and all it takes is a validated ID and an interest.

"There are a lot of student programs for everybody," Seibring said. "We have everything from intramural sports to swimming lessons. The department is huge, and we do a lot of things with the staff we have."

The department offers open recreation times as well as intramural competitive sports. In which more students participate in these activities.

"Intramural sports gets more students than open recreation, and the variety of teams and leagues caters to a lot of students," said senior Juli Rathke, who has worked for Campus Rec for two years.

Campus Rec relies on students for both participation and as a bulk of the work force, Seibring said. Ideally, they would like to see all students get involved.

According to Seibring, 150 students worked for Campus Rec last year, and one-fourth of those students received training in

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— Ron Seibring

Director of Campus Recreation

first aid and CPR. Also, an average of 4,000 students per week use Campus Rec facilities winter quarter, Seibring said.

"We live and die with the student," Seibring said. "We are always looking for more students. Our simplistic mission is to offer something

for everyone."

Many students currently use the facilities, and there has been a good reaction to all aspects of Campus Rec.

"We have gotten a very positive reaction from the students who use the facilities," Rathke said. "We get the most activity from intramural sports and open recreation also gets a lot of use."

Because not everyone is into competitive sports, Campus Rec has a lot to offer.

"There are people out there that aren't into the competitiveness," Seibring said. "Some people just want to learn how to hit a racquetball without having to take a class and we can help in that. We keep finding out what else we can do."

There is room for growth in the department, and Seibring looks forward to development in the area of fitness.

"We are looking to expand and anticipate significant growth in the fitness area," he said. "Fitness is important, not only aerobic fitness, but everything else as well."

Seibring stresses Campus Rec is for the student, not for the superstar athlete. He compared recreation to a triangle, with intercollegiate athletics being the peak and campus recreation as being everything else below it.

"We are not for the elite, we're for the masses," Seibring said.

## Reciprocity: N.D. tuition lowers from Page 1

In 1993-94, 6,000 Minnesota students attended schools in North Dakota while only 4,585 North Dakota students attended schools in Minnesota.

That gap was partly responsible for prompting the Minnesota State University Board to pass a plan authorizing presidents at the seven state universities to raise or lower tuition between four and eight percent to meet local needs.

Under that plan, Moorhead State University was able to raise tuition rates only 5 percent for the coming academic year.

However, on July 18, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities board of trustees rescinded the order after taking the president's recommendations for the coming year.

The new reciprocity agreement will take affect fall quarter.

## Federal data base tracks student loans, grants

by Paul Wait  
Assistant managing editor

A new national data base is expected to improve the accountability of the federal student aid program.

The U.S. Education Department reported that the its new National Student Loan Data System , which includes individual borrower data for more than 26 million students and 66 million federally guaranteed and direct loans, has saved taxpayers an estimated \$110 million during its first six months.

The system works to detect ineligible borrowers and prevent further aid disbursement to them. "The national data base should help reduce fraud and abuse by providing information on individual student borrower and grant recipients," Leo Kornfeld, senior adviser to the secretary for direct lending said in a press release.

The NSLDS organizes information about students receiving student aid into a

centralized data base. Individual borrower information was previously kept by the 42 guaranty agencies administering the old guaranteed loan system

The NSLDS performs a prescreening function to identify defaulters who are ineligible for more student aid. The system also detects students ineligible for aid because they have reached the maximum borrowing limit.

Loan collection should improve under the system because borrowers will be easier to locate. The centralized system also makes budget and program analysis and audits much easier.

Information about recipients of five million Perkins Loans and four million Pell Grants is scheduled to be added to the NSLDS this summer.

"The NSLDS is another example of our commitment to better management of student aid programs and improved stewardship of taxpayer dollars," Kornfeld said. "The NSLDS is the student aid equivalent of the computer replacing typewriters. It will revolutionize our ability to manage these programs."

## Events set for St. Cloud Family Olympics

The first Family Olympics in St. Cloud will be Aug. 12 and 13. This event is sponsored by the St. Cloud Area Family YMCA and St. Cloud Park and Recreation.

The weekend's events include sand volleyball, track and field, water races, a triathlon, and three-on-three basketball. All events are open to people of any ability and age.

Events begin at 8 a.m. Saturday with the triathlon at Heritage Park and culminate at 5 p.m. with the wacky water races at Municipal Pool. Volleyball and a family picnic are scheduled for Sunday at Lake George. At the picnic, food donations will be accepted for a local food shelf. There will also be drawings for door prizes.

The cost for the full weekend's events is \$3 for adults, and \$2 for children under 12. There is an additional fee to participate in three-on-three basketball. Register at the YMCA by Aug. 4.

For more information, call the YMCA at (612) 255-2664 or St. Cloud Park and Recreation at (612) 255-7256.

## Hospital receives three year accreditation

St. Cloud Hospital received accreditation for three years, with an overall score of 89 on a scale of 1-100. The accreditation was administered by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

In 1992, the hospital scored 85 for accreditation. St. Cloud Hospital's Home Care Services received an accreditation score of 98, this was the same score received previously in 1992. Both the overall and home care site visits took place in April. More than 80 separate health care facilities were surveyed.

For this year, the commission revised the whole accreditation process. This was done by adding another day to the surveys and placing a greater emphasis on the outcomes of care and less on documentation and other systems.

St. Cloud Hospital President John Frobenius said, "St. Cloud Hospital participates in this process as part of an overall, ongoing quality improvement program. We were especially pleased that our quality improvement activities received the highest possible scores. We also view this as an educational opportunity. It gives us a chance to identify areas that we need to work on, and we report back to the commission on our progress in those areas."

## Stearns County offers public immunization clinic

Stearns County Public Health is sponsoring its monthly immunization clinics Aug. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Aug. 16 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Public Health Department in the Stearns County Administration Center.

Clinics will also be held at the St. Cloud WIC office Aug. 3 and Aug. 24 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Minnesota Department of Health is providing the vaccines for use in the public clinics. A \$5 donation per immunization is requested. For those eligible, Medical Assistance and Minnesota Care can be billed.

Appointments are required to receive a vaccination. Call Stearns County Public Health at 656-6155 or 1-800-450-5893 to schedule an appointment.

### Corrections

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## Auto fuel use tips save cash

Nicole VanDerGriff  
Assistant news editor

Gasoline prices vary from one part of the state to another, which can cause problems for students.

Various reasons exist for price fluctuations but there are solutions for the consumer that can save some cash.

Kris Sanda, Department of Service Commissioner, said "Since our major refineries and terminals are in the southern third of the state, the cost of transporting gas to the pump is the most likely reason gas prices tend to be higher in the north.

"Population also has an effect. Stations that sell large quantities of gas are able to purchase larger volumes at lower cost, then pass on the savings to customers."

Prices of gasoline are not directly regulated by the government and will fluctuate according to the world market prices. During the summer months, prices will rise because of the higher demand for fuel in conjunction with the vacation season. This can be a problem for students commuting to SCS.

According to the Minnesota Department of Public Service, there are many options available for students to save money on fuel. Be careful not to waste money on premium gasoline unless necessary and do not let the car idle for more

than a minute or two. Re-starting a car takes less gas than leaving it run and causes less air pollution. Accelerate and break gradually, keep your car in good condition with regular tune-ups, and use the car's air conditioner lightly when driving at lower speeds.

Students can also try to carpool or use public transportation. Schedules, tokens, and unlimited monthly riding passes for the Metropolitan transit are available at banks, discount stores, local grocery stores, schools, and other locations. Call 251-RIDE for a schedule or more information.

Some other suggestions include keeping a steady speed on the highway and using cruise control when applicable, make sure that there is proper air pressure in all tires and limit the extra baggage that can add weight and resistance while driving.

"Consumers can influence gas prices by their purchasing behavior. Individuals promote competition by shopping around for the best prices and reduce demand by using less gasoline," Sanda said.

The Weights and Measures Division of the DPS protects the quality and proper labeling of gasoline and are responsible for the accuracy of gas pumps in the state. DPS also monitors the supply and distribution of petroleum products in Minnesota and is the agency responsible for handling policy in fuel shortages.

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**Macha Tri - August 2**

Macha Tri performs music from Ireland and Scotland, with occasional forays into the music of England and France. They offer a stunning concert of lively and creative traditional music.



## Editorial

Tragic loss

### Loss of leader brings appreciation for life

Dennis Thayer, director of university organizations, will be remembered for the positive influence he had on everyone he encountered.

Until something tragic happens to someone we care about, we fail to realize the value of life. We tend to take people and things for granted throughout our lives.

There is no way anyone can prepare for the loss of a loved one. It is always difficult to accept the death of someone we hold dear.

A feeling of emptiness remains whenever someone dies unexpectedly, and we feel like we should have experienced more with that person while they were alive.

Enjoy every moment you have with friends and family, because life, and also death, are unpredictable.

Memories are made to last, and remembering the good times will make it easier when coping with tragedy.

Whoever replaces Thayer will have to fill a great void. He was well-liked by students and faculty for his charisma and sunny disposition.

The staff of *University Chronicle* wishes to offer its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Dennis Thayer. He may be gone, but his continued influence on the lives of many at SCS will live on.

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### Athletes set poor examples

by Paul Wait, Assistant managing editor

Whether they choose to be or not, professional athletes are role models for children and young adults.

Many set a fine example for kids who collect their trading cards, attend their games and tune in at home.

But all too often professional athletes exhibit disgusting and criminal behaviors, sometimes even during games.

Major League Baseball, already suffering from a tarnished reputation because of the 1994 season-ending strike, has been marred by several incidents of poor and criminal conduct.

Chuck Knoblauch, the Minnesota Twins star second baseman, grabbed a 15-year-old autograph seeker by the shirt in Seattle. Suddenly a kid found one of his baseball heroes assaulting him.

Another fine role model, New York Yankees pitcher Jack McDowell, recently swirled his middle finger to the fans as he left the mound amidst a chorus of boos for his poor pitching performance. Way to go Jack. Now some Little League coach will need to reprimand a player after he flips off the opposing team's mothers and siblings in the bleachers after a poor performance.

### “ Let us hope the off-field problems cease and the only fingers hoisted on the football field are to deflect the ball or lay claim to being the best. ”

California Angels designated hitter Chili Davis carried the middle finger manifestation one step further in Milwaukee Sunday. He used his naughty finger to poke a spectator in the face. The millionaire baseball thug faces a \$287 fine. Hey Chili, nice swing! But home plate is over there.

Major League Baseball is entertainment. Very few fans find being flipped off or assaulted at the ballpark very entertaining.

Chuck, Jack and Chili need to remember that the same fans booing or jeering at them pay their multi-million dollar salaries.

Sadly, the problems are not confined to professional baseball players. The National Football League's players have yielded some horrible actions off the field in the past few weeks.

Seattle Seahawks receiver Brian Blades apparently pulled the trigger in the "accidental" shooting of his cousin. There were no witnesses, but likely there

were several confused youngsters when they found out their idol had killed someone.

The Minnesota Vikings have shrouded themselves in controversy due to devious conduct. From the bar brawl resulting in a broken nose for an offensive lineman to quarterback Warren Moon's alleged domestic abuse of his wife, the Vikings have set some fine examples for their fans.

Did I mention coach Dennis Green and Moon were accused of sexual harassment? Or that linebacker Broderick Thomas tried to pack a pistol onto a plane in Houston?

If deviant activities won football games, the Vikings would be odds-on favorite to win the Super Bowl this year.

Let us hope the off-field problems cease and the only fingers hoisted on the football field are to deflect the ball or lay claim to being the best.

No Chili for me, thanks.

# WORLD-WIDE-WEB OFFERS INTEREST FOR EVERYONE

by Eric Hedlund  
Divisions editor

The World-Wide-Web, the graphical, point-and-click facet of the Internet, has exploded in size, and with it the number of services and opportunities available to those with Internet access.

The Web has been exploited by both individuals and corporations alike. Businesses, seeing a chance for more exposure—and through that, more profit—have either purchased advertising space on other Web sites or started their own site, hawking their wares to the cyber-masses.

There are seemingly countless Web sites that can be explored by

anyone with Internet access, a working web browser program, and, of course, a burning desire to putter about on the 'Net.

For the students and staff of St. Cloud State, there are several ways that you can putter—ah, access the Web.

First, both the GISMO lab in the Learning Resources Services building and the Beehive in the ECC have Macintosh computers equipped with Web browsers, either NCSA Mosaic or Netscape. Ask the lab supervisor on duty for specifics for each lab.

Once you start up the application, either the Web site that is the home for whatever application you are running will

appear, or on some sites the home page of this fine institution of higher learning, SCS, will appear.

Regardless of whatever Web page you are currently looking at, some basic, universal rules apply.

First off, any text that is highlighted is a link to another page on that Web site or a different Web site altogether. All you have to do is click on it once and you will be whisked off to the next level.

Also, since the Web is a multimedia, graphics and sound are also incorporated into most Web pages. Sometimes graphics you see will also be links. These graphics will have colored borders, setting them apart from the others.

The Web is aptly named. It is a collection of interconnected pages, containing information from the latest news releases or sports scores, archives of movie shots and music samples, most everything has been placed there. The adjoining table lists some sites you may want to try (you will want to type in the full address exactly as it is shown).

When it comes to the Internet, reading reference books and how-to articles can only be so helpful. As it has always been with the Internet, the best way to learn is to do, so pitch in. There is plenty to see.

## World-Wide-Web site highlights:

### St. Cloud State University

Links to various departments, organizations, and faculty and student home pages.

<http://www.stcloud.msus.edu/>



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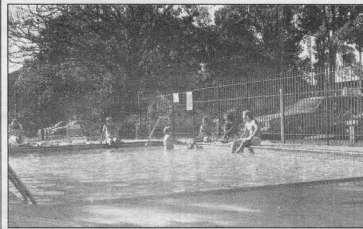
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## Conference:

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"This board has a new and fresh look at things," Skoog said. This year's MSUSA state chair will be Paul Hetland, a student at Mankato State. Serving along side Hetland will be Southwest State student Gary Whitney as vice-chairman and Winona State student Sean Rahn as treasurer. In a press release accompanying the event, Hetland said the activities of MSUSA will be vital this year.

"Student activism is more important now than it ever was in the 1960s," Hetland said. "If students don't speak out for students, very few people will, and generations to follow will suffer from an ill-educated populace. The choice is simple: to serve or not to serve."

The board heard from several speakers at the event. Among them were Moorhead State University president Roland Barden and U.S. Rep. Collin Peterson. Skoog said Peterson, a Democrat, tried to put the best face on possible cuts in the Republican budget.

"I think he was fairly optimistic," Skoog said. "We know financial aid is going down and he tried to present it in the best possible light."

As one of their first official acts, the board created an alumni foundation to help former members of MSUSA keep up with the actions of the current organization. The next MSUSA convention will be in September at Bemidji State University.

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