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The Legislature is currently debating raising the gas tax 5 cents.

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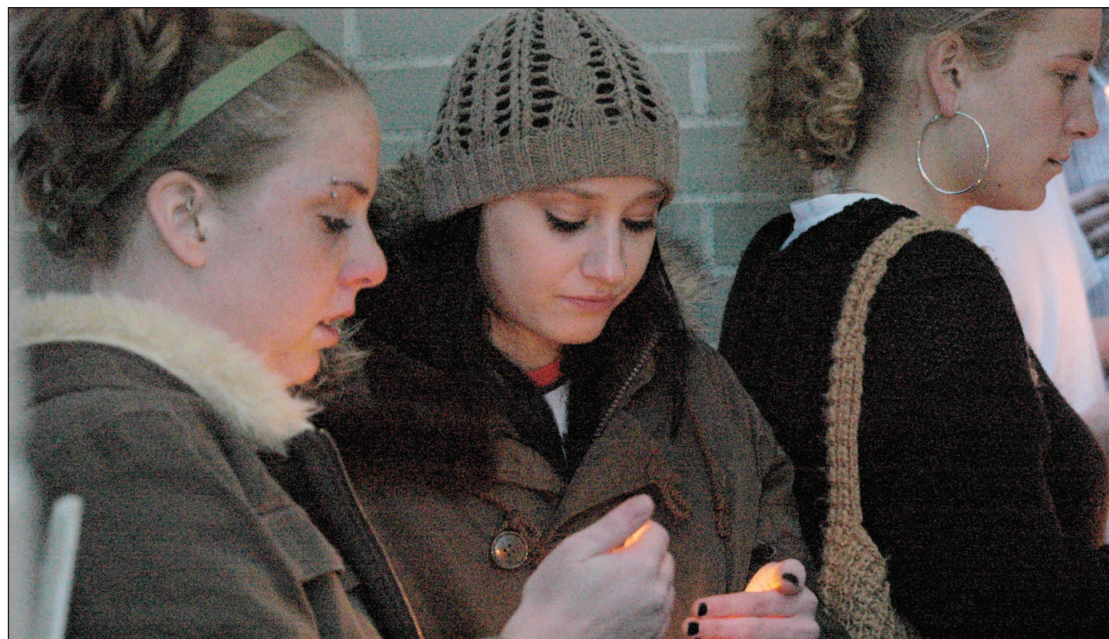
Cho performed her controversial comedy to a packed Halenbeck.

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Fourth-year student Ashley Landers (left) and second-year student Erica Fagerstrom stand with other supporters silently outside Atwood during the suicide vigil Monday night.

JOSHUA FOX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Vigil aids in healing

Chad Eldred

STAFF WRITER

The recent loss of an SCSU student to suicide brought the issue close to home.

Fourth-year student John Udvig died by suicide April 9 in his house by campus. In memory of all those who have died by suicide, a candlelight vigil was conducted Monday in the Atwood Brickyard.

Monica Hecklinger, president and founder of the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program at SCSU, experienced the loss of her high school friend to suicide.

"She was a good friend of mine that I played hockey with in high school. She was always the team builder and cheerleader type and on the ice, she was the best player," Hecklinger said.

Some people suffering from depression or thoughts of suicide cannot always express what they are feeling, Hecklinger said—as was the case with her friend.

"She had tons of friends, really outgoing and you would never imagine someone like her committing suicide," Hecklinger said. "I got a phone call learning that she had died and it tore apart our whole community."

The death of her friend inspired her to bring the Yellow Ribbon program to SCSU in hopes of informing students about the effects of suicide.

"My number-one way of grieving was trying to prevent it from happening again and stopping as many unnecessary deaths," she said.

Hecklinger said that untreated depression is the number one cause of suicide and she stressed the importance of getting help.

"It is a disease, just like cancer or diabetes, and you have a choice to get help and succeed in life," she said.

According to the Jed Foundation, which is a nonprofit organization committed to reducing student suicide, nearly 1,100 suicides occur each year on college campuses nationwide, and one in 12 college students plans to commit suicide. More people die of suicide than homicide nationwide.

Jayne Lokken, a psychologist for the Counseling and Psychological Services Center, said that depression and loss of hope are major factors in victims of suicide.

"We have a very high correlation between the degree that a person feels hopeless about the future and committing suicide," Lokken said. "Because of the depression, they

have little hope that people care about them."

Lokken said students could help their friends by looking for signs of depression. These signs include changes in behavior, such as not spending time with friends, increased irritability about little things, sudden changes in appearance and changes in their sleeping and eating behavior.

People suffering from depression are often good at hiding their levels of distress because they are afraid they will be judged as weak if they admit to needing help, Lokken said.

Lokken advised students who see signs of depression in a friend, or who are personally confronted by a friend contemplating suicide, to first listen and then find help.

"You don't have to know everything, as long as you keep asking until you find the person that knows what you need to know to give that person help," she said. "You might be the person they tell. You will be the source of hope for that person."

Director of the Counseling and Psychological Services Center, Chuck Smith, said students must be aware of their fellow students and friends.

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Smiley dies of injuries

Chad Eldred

STAFF WRITER

Justin Smiley, who has been in a coma since April 8 after an altercation with a Red Carpet bouncer, died Tuesday, more than a week after being taken off life support.

His family decided to remove Smiley's feeding tube 12 days ago and he was taken off life support April 19.

The Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office will now perform an autopsy on Smiley's body to try to determine the cause of death.

Dr. Paul Nora, a medical examiner for Ramsey County, said the purpose of an autopsy is to determine both the cause and manner of death. Nora stated that depending on what needs to be done, the results of the autopsy could take several weeks.

"The performance of an autopsy itself might only take an hour. The results of all the testing that might be done after it could take weeks and weeks depending on what is necessary," Nora said.

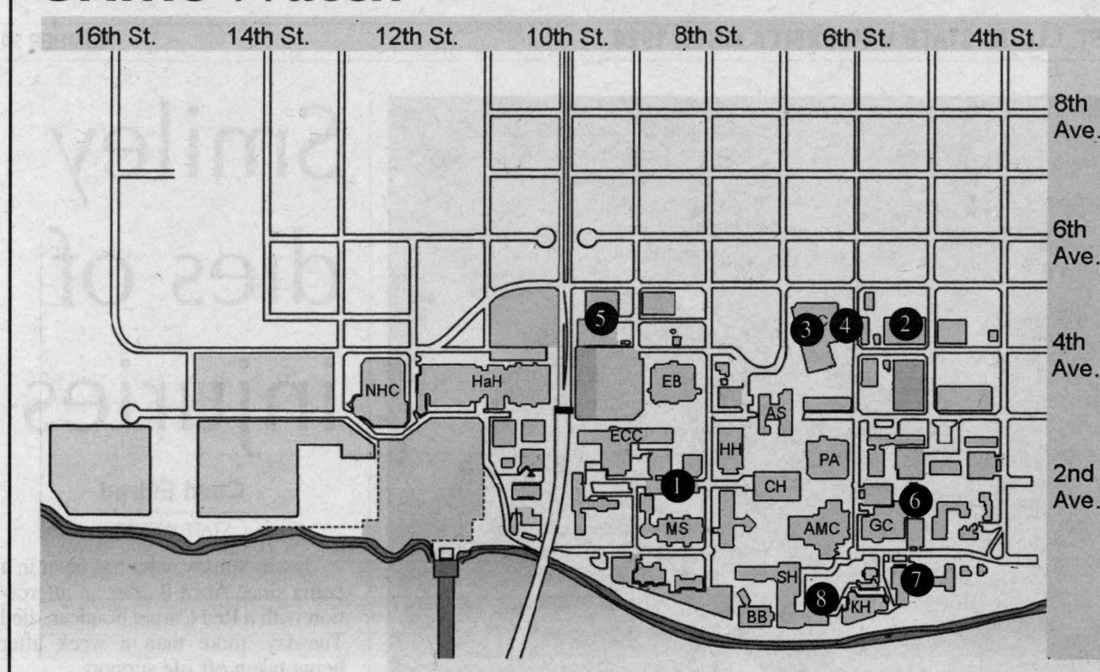
"We need to know the cause of death because that will significantly impact which charges will be brought," said Janelle Kendall, who will be the Stearns County prosecutor if any charges are filed. As of Wednesday evening, no charges have been filed.

Red Carpet owner Rick Gaetz refused to comment on the situation, citing the fact that the case was still being investigated by law enforcement.

The incident, which took place two and a half weeks ago, has brought up much debate over who is responsible for Smiley's death.

"There is a lot of misinformation about the case and I urge people to reserve judgment until we have all the information," Kendall said. "Smiley deserves a full investigation into what happened."

Crime Watch



1. (04/24/05) Alcohol confiscation (three males; two students, one non-student), F-Lane
2. Alcohol confiscation (two male students), AA-Lot
3. Lost drivers license, Miller Center
4. (04/25/05) Theft of autoclamp, North Pay
5. Theft (personal property), E-Lot
6. Stuck elevator, Sherburne
7. (04/26/05) Medical (male student), Mitchell
8. Fire alarm (no fire, burnt food), Lawrence Hall

Campus & State

Minneapolis drug dealers brought down

In a Minneapolis area, 16 officers from the state's Gang Strike Force worked six months and arrested 38 people, 21 of which were gang members.

The investigation started in 1997. Officers brought crack cocaine dealers to a car wired with audio and video equipment to make buys. Thirty-one people are being charged with felonies for selling crack cocaine, seven are being charged with misdemeanors for selling marijuana.

Every person arrested had a past criminal history except one, a 14-year-old girl. The suspects were charged by warrant, so the strike force members spent Wednesday picking up all 38 dealers.

The investigation completion came at a time when the task force is running out of money. Two bills calling for \$2.6 million in funding for next year are currently going through the legislature.

Man pleads guilty for death of fireman

Lorin Richard Pfannenstien, a St. Cloud man, plead guilty Tuesday to the October 2003 death of a firefighter.

Pfannenstien, 38, admitted to drinking at several bars before he lost control of his pickup and hit Don Billig. The 18-year-old veteran of the city's volunteer division was dragged about 60 feet and died at the scene.

After hitting the man, Pfannenstien wandered away from the scene and passed out in the yard of a nearby house. He didn't wake up until morning. A blood alcohol test wasn't administered until almost 12 hours later. His blood alcohol level at the time of the crash will never be determined.

Pfannenstien said when he woke up the next morning, unaware of what happened, he heard about the crash and turned himself in to police.

Significant Quote

"His heart was as great as the world, but there was no room in it to hold the memory of a wrong." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

Nation & World

Surrogate mother gives birth to five

A Phoenix woman hoping to give a childless couple one baby, gave birth to five boys Tuesday.

The surrogate mother, Teresa Anderson, 25, was to accept \$15,000 to carry the couple's child. When Anderson discovered she would be having quintuplets, she declined to accept payment because of the expenses the couple will face with the children.

The babies were delivered by Caesarean section in just five minutes. The largest baby was 3 pounds, 15 ounces and the smallest was 3 pounds, 7 ounces. One baby was born with a defective heart and the others are said to be fine.

The parents of the quints have been trying to start a family for over a decade, but admit they only wanted one child. The couple is not sure how they will handle the financial burden of their new family.

World's largest plane makes first flight

The world's largest jetliner, capable of carrying 840 passengers, made its first flight Wednesday in France.

The Airbus A380's four hour flight proved it could fly, but did little to convince skeptics it would be profitable.

One of the biggest skeptics, Boeing Co. from the U.S., said the A380 is "a very large airplane for a very small market."

Boeing spokesperson Jim Condelles told the *Star Tribune*, "First flights are always very interesting and exciting. It's an engineering accomplishment that Airbus should be very proud of. We just don't see a market for 1,250 of these airplanes in the next 20 years."

Boeing sees a demand for only 400 jets with 450 seats or more. Sales could also suffer if airports do not strengthen runways and put in bigger boarding gates needed to handle the A380.

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Calendar of Events

TODAY

■ Free Ice Cream Sandwiches

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Atwood Center Mall. Part of UPB spring jam.

■ Campus Band Concert

7 p.m. St. Cloud VA hospital. Free.

■ Film

"Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" 8 p.m. Atwood Center Theatre. Rated PG-13. Runs until Sunday. Free.

■ Student Recital

8 p.m. Performing Arts Center Ruth Gant Recital Hall. Zach Dietz, piano. Free.

FRIDAY

■ Dave Lippman

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Atwood Center Theatre. This comedian is widely known for his sharp send-ups of topical subjects. Free.

■ Studio Recital

8 p.m. Performing Arts Center Ruth Gant Recital Hall. Flute. Free.

SATURDAY

■ Family Festival

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wilson Regional Park. Provides free entertainment and children's activities to raise awareness for the Kaleidoscope Playground Project. A silent auction will be held to raise money to build the playground.

■ Garage sale

Proceeds go toward breast cancer. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 716 Park Place S. Will be selling furniture, toys, clothes, household goods and more.

SUNDAY

■ Mississippi Music Fest

10:30 a.m. Riverside Park. Day long festival featuring two music stages, an arts and crafts fair, food vendors, student organization booths, children's area with special performances and many other activities. Free.

Joining USSA carries price tag

Tia VanVeldhuizen

STAFF WRITER

Members of student government voted to join the United States Student Association (USSA), a federal lobbying group for higher education, at their meeting last week. But some say joining USSA is a waste of student fees.

The one-year trial membership will cost \$5,000, but is expected to increase to \$20,000 per year if SCSU remains a member. The entire fee will be paid through student fees.

Haita Talwalker, president of USSA, said the fee is determined by the school's size and ability to pay.

"Larger, four-year public institutions pay on a larger scale than smaller, private colleges," Talwalker said. "We come to an agreement with the institution depending on what they tell us they want us to do."

Membership would start this summer. SCSU would participate in two lobbying conferences and have nine votes.

USSA provides free training for issue-based campaigns for schools who pay a higher fee, Talwalker said.

USSA also works with diversity projects on campus. It provides resources all member schools can tap into about issues from financial aid to hate crimes. Past projects include providing gender-neutral restrooms on campuses.

"We're developing different communities of students and we're helping to train them on different issues affecting people on campus," Talwalker

said.

Hal Kimball, student government president, said he does not support joining USSA. Kimball was absent from the student government meeting when the decision was made to join.

"In my opinion, we're not going to get much," Kimball said. "A lot of people argue that USSA only talks to one aisle of the Capitol," Kimball said. "The democrats. I hope that (USSA) can change the way they do their business."

Kimball said he was concerned with the timeliness of the vote, made a week after USSA vice president Eddy Morales presented membership benefits to student government.

He said he has talked with others across the country who do not support the organization. Kimball said that Talwalker, Morales and the USSA organizing director have not returned his e-mails or phone calls and have not been open about their organization.

"They couldn't tell us how many schools that they have," Kimball said.

He said added costs, like conference rates and travel expenses, make membership expensive. SCSU would receive as many votes at conferences as the number of delegates they sent.

"They recommend that we send nine students," Kimball said. "Which would cost more than \$8,000. It's just a large chunk (of money). We would just have to find out a way to fund the association."

He said SCSU should focus on lobbying at the state level with the Minnesota State University Student Association (MSUSA), of which

Kimball is president-elect.

"We still need to do both, but our focus needs to be on what we do at the state level," Kimball said. MSUSA does some lobbying at the federal level.

Gordie Loewen, student government legislative affairs chair, said the purpose behind joining was to have a federal lobbying presence for students.

"We're looking at ways we can better lobby and organize on the state level and federal level both," he said.

He said membership would be useful if SCSU continues to have friction with MSUSA.

"(USSA) doesn't really serve as an alternative, but it does give the training we would need to perform minimal duties ourselves," Loewen said. "We're seeing some pretty extreme racism, heterosexism (and) homophobia, within (MSUSA). (USSA) would offer a lot of training to us that we would share at the state level."

Loewen proposed the one-year trial period, but said student government would likely decide to stay with USSA.

"I just wanted to make sure that it was very clear to everyone that we'll stop doing this if we don't get anything out of it," he said. "I would suspect that we would remain members for quite some time."

Loewen said he has worked with USSA and is impressed by their staff members.

"They hire very talented people that are very committed to students' issues," he said.

Sen. Matt Hayward was the only

member who voted against joining.

"I just thought it was a lot of money coming out of student fees," he said.

"I'm just concerned at the speed we made this decision," Kimball said. "(I) try to make sure we don't have a knee-jerk reaction. I'm just hoping this won't be a decision that will waste student fees and student money."

Morales said USSA is a non-partisan organization.

"We focus on the issue and not what political party they belong to," Morales said.

He said he did not have exact numbers of USSA membership, but it ranges from 200 to 300. He said he did not know Kimball was trying to contact USSA, but called Kimball back yesterday afternoon. Kimball said he heard smaller membership numbers.

Morales said USSA is excited to work with SCSU because of its student activism.

"Minnesota tends to be a state that's very influential in Congress so it's really good to have (SCSU)," Morales said. "I'm really excited to have such an active campus be a part of the national student movement."

Morales said if SCSU remained in USSA, the membership fee would gradually increase to \$20,000 per year.

"We don't want student fees to go up so much in one year, so it would be a gradual process," he said.

Loewen said the \$5,000 fee would be paid for by redirecting money in the student fee budget. Decisions about future membership will be made by next year's student government body.

Group seesaws for charity



Students Bobbie Boser (left), Joe Shea, Todd Neal (far right) and others from Delta Phi Epsilon and Tau Kappa Epsilon see-saw for annual fund raiser for charity on First Avenue and Fourth Street Monday.

MATT KASTER/VISUALS EDITOR

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Suicide

"The main thing in this campus is for students to be sensitive and supportive to each other and to take the risk sometimes to say, 'Hey, my friend, is something going on with you? If you need to talk, I'm here,'" Smith said.

People will often commit suicide because they are feeling overwhelmed or stressed about temporary problems, Smith said.

"People choose a permanent solution—death—to what is a problem that will pass by if they give it a chance or work at it. (For example) school is tough right now or I just broke up with my boyfriend or girlfriend," he said. "When someone contemplates suicide, they need to be thinking about, 'do I really want to end my whole life because things aren't going well right now?'"

For anyone suffering from depression or contemplating suicide, help is available. A national crisis hotline can be reached at (800)-SUICIDE, the local crisis line can be reached 24 hours a day at (320) 253-5555 and anyone can seek help from the counseling center located in Stewart Hall 103.

Chief speaks for women firefighters

Nyssa Dahlberg

ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The contemporary women's movement has been taking large steps to include women in the firefighting career.

Minneapolis Fire Chief Bonnie Bleskachek is working toward the acceptance of woman firefighters in society and within the fire department. Bleskachek oversees the third largest fire department in the country with 420 firefighters. She spoke to an auditorium of students for Women on Wednesday.

Women have been firefighters for the past 30 years, but only 3 percent of firefighters in the country are women. Bleskachek has an idea why.

"The fire service's emphasis is based on physical stature," Bleskachek said. "Basically, it comes down to, 'are you strong enough to drag me out?'"

Many women who want to become firefighters think they lack the strength and ability to perform well. Bleskachek said with training, women can succeed.

"We discovered that the women who were already on the force were performing just as well as men," she said.

Bleskachek was a founding member of the Minnesota Women Firefighters' Association, which creates successful training and mentoring for females who want to become firefighters. This training program prepares women for the entrance exam all firefighters must pass.

Bleskachek said outside agencies tested the program and determined it reached its standards. Firefighters must pass the exam every two years to remain on the force.

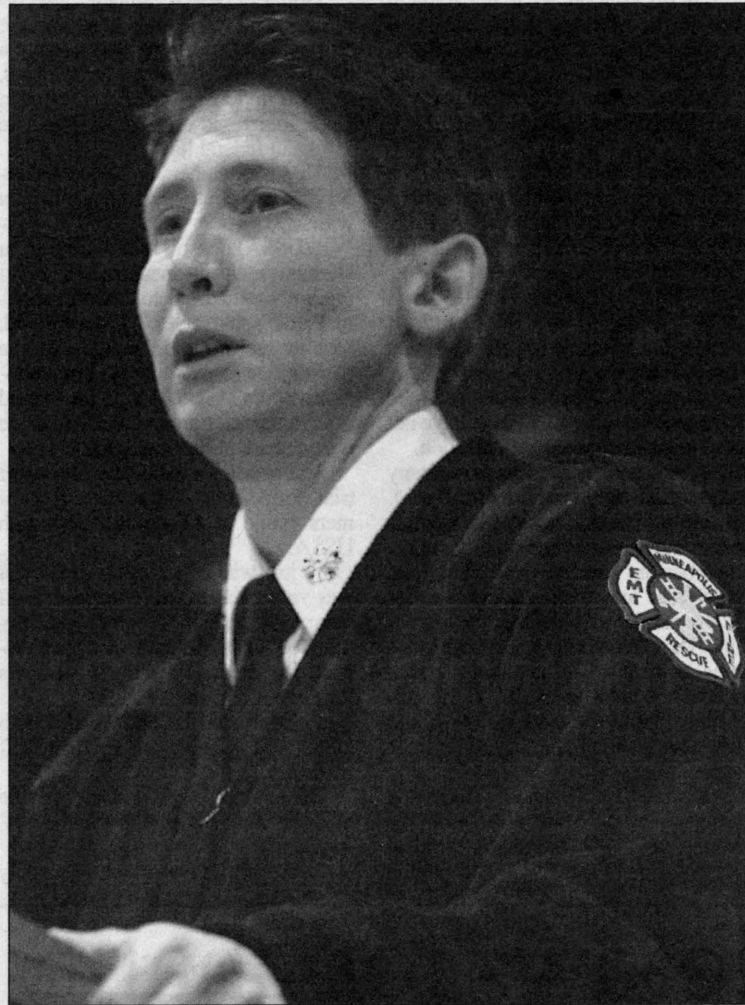
"You can set up an entrance exam where the only person that is going to pass is 6-foot-tall, 350 lbs, but is that really what you need to become a firefighter, is that person really going to be a better firefighter than someone who is 5-foot-7 and weighs 145 pounds?" she said.

Years ago, the entrance exam was as easy as doing sit ups and push ups. But once women, or certain groups the fire department wanted to screen out, began to pass those entrance exams, the tests became more difficult to pass, she said.

Bleskachek described a fire chief she once knew who believed women couldn't run, so he made requirements for running in the entrance exam. The chief was surprised when two women finished second and third in the race. The chief next targeted upper body strength tests to exclude women, and they were still able to pass.

When women did get accepted on the force, they still felt inferior and did not strive to change how women were being treated within the fire department, she said.

"The last thing they wanted to do



KELL SANDERS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Minneapolis Fire Chief Bonnie Bleskachek talks about the obstacles she faces as a female fire fighter Wednesday in the Atwood Theatre.

was draw any attention to the fact that they were women," she said.

The women's inferiority stemmed not only from being female, but from being rookie firefighters. They were afraid they would be fired if they spoke out.

Bleskachek said the greatest part of being a woman firefighter is the response she gets when she is speaking to groups.

"I've talked to a number of schools and have had parents call me up to tell me how moved their daughter was and that they were thinking about going into an occupation that requires physical strength, but in their heart they didn't think they had the strength to do it," Bleskachek said.

When these students got encouragement from a fire chief, they dare to dream about becoming a firefighter.

"You give me someone with heart and I'll get them in the physical condition they need to be in to be a fire fighter," Bleskachek said. "Without heart there isn't a lot I have to work with."

Mary Ballengee McGuire, who is

on the Women on Wednesday Committee, said Bleskachek is a great role model for women, not only because she is a firefighter, but because she is openly gay and a mother of two.

"I think it is very important that she is out, and instead of her saying that it's an obstacle, she feels that it has enhanced her career because the firefighters that are under her have to judge her by her skills and not her gender, so I think it really helps take the focus on her being gay," McGuire said.

McGuire sees progress in women taking non-traditional roles like firefighting, in the workforce.

"(Bleskachek) is an example of progress, but progress is going slower than I thought it should. I think young people need to focus on the women that have broken through the barriers and are in these positions and go from there until it becomes more of a common occurrence," McGuire said. "Women need to start encouraging each other."

Professor shares knowledge on AIDS in Africa

Shinobu Nakamura

STAFF WRITER

SCSU women's studies professor Mumbi Mwangi educated students about the realities of women with AIDS in Africa Tuesday in the Atwood Mississippi room.

OPAA (Organization for Prevention of AIDS in Africa) sponsored this speaker event and invited Mwangi to talk about the impact on women with HIV/AIDS in Africa.

The professor said that most of the research and reports on the impact of African women with AIDS focus only on numbers.

"I have made a conscious decision to try to input faces of the some of their experiences and submitted personal stories and images," Mwangi said.

Mwangi's passion to talk about this issue comes from the fact that she is an African native, so the impact of HIV/AIDS on women and family there is real to her.

"I have lost not only my friends, but also my relatives within a community," she said.

As an African feminist, she subscribes to a feminist framework that seeks to understand HIV/AIDS by illuminating, critiquing and highlighting the dominant social cultural institutions and practices.

She said that the majority of AIDS sufferers are from the sub-Saharan area. Thirty percent of AIDS patients in the world are from South Africa, though the population of South Africa is only 2 percent of the world population.

Women, age 15 to 24, are three times more likely to contract AIDS in Africa, she said. They are more biologically vulnerable to AIDS than men. People in Africa have to know this fact to improve the situation, Mwangi said.

"The biggest AIDS risk for women and girls in Africa is marriage," Mwangi said.

She said men have more access and privilege to the resources, such as education and job opportunity, in African culture. Women, on the other hand, are subordinated. Because older men have more access to resources than younger men, women are willing to marry older men who usually have had more contact with various women.

"Women in Africa mostly look forward to getting married for security. Marriage is supposed to be protective for women," she said.

Mwangi raised two causes of African women's vulnerability. One is lack of education. According to 2002 research, two out of three women in the sub-Saharan area age 15 to 24 did

n't know the three HIV prevention methods, called ABC: "Abstinence, Be faithful to one partner and use Condoms." The second cause of women's vulnerability to AIDS is poverty.

"Driven by poverty, women and girls use sex as a commodity," Mwangi said. "Women, even knowing that their partners would be at risk, they have no power to refuse. They don't have power to negotiate—even to negotiate sex."

Some women in Africa have been told by their husbands that they would not get money for food if they ask their husband to have sex with a condom on.

Some other causes are gender-based violence and genocide. Gender-based violence has become a leading cause and consequence of HIV in Africa. Women have been raped or used as a tool of war and genocide. Giving everybody condoms doesn't solve this problem, Mwangi said.

Mwangi also mentioned women's and girls' burdens as caregivers.

"One of the realities is that women don't have enough access to prevention and treatment for HIV/AIDS," Mwangi said. "HIV prevention efforts do not take in account of gender and other social inequality."

At the closing of her presentation, Mwangi allowed participants to read letters from African women whose families have been affected by HIV/AIDS.

Second-year student Doris Ombaba found this speaker educational.

"Most of the stuff is eye-witnessed going on because I am from Africa, too," Ombaba said. "I'm not surprised, but the fact that most of the government doesn't do something frustrates me."

She can see the same problem in her home country, Kenya, she said.

"It is everywhere. You just cannot miss it," she said.

OPAA vice president, Chipso Maraogwanda, said that she wants the students to be aware that they are a part of community, not necessarily only St. Cloud but also the world.

"If anything that you are passionate to, you can make impact on someone's life," Maraogwanda said.

What you can do

To make donations for the prevention of AIDS/HIV in Africa, to help out their events or for more information, send an e-mail to opaa@stcloudstate.edu.

Tax hike spurs worry

Chad Eldred

STAFF WRITER

Gas prices throughout the state have broken the \$2 mark, and a bill making its way through the House is proposing to raise that price even more.

The bill calls for a 5 cent gas tax increase, which will be used to improve the state's transportation system.

"Most recognize the need to get additional money into transportation," author of the bill Rep. Mary Liz Holberg, R-Lakeville, said. "There are a lot of unmet needs in the transportation infrastructure."

The bill also includes a restructuring of the tax fees, which will gradually use 100 percent of the sales tax on vehicles to improve transportation.

"The gas tax will become a dinosaur relative to funding roads eventually because of hybrids and different fuel sources," Holberg said. "The other two funding sources have much greater potential for generating revenue for roads in the long run."

Sen. Mee Moua, DFL-St. Paul, is a member of the Senate Transportation Committee and said she strongly supports the bill.

"The gas tax has not been increased in a long time, and to support our transportation system here in the state, it is time for us to start thinking about a potential increase in the gas tax," Moua said.

Moua said she is greatly concerned about the worsening conditions of the state's transportation systems.

"We have roads that are deteriorated, we have bridges that are cracked and are weakened," she said. "Current roads and bridges and transit systems need maintenance and at the current funding level we have, we can't even maintain what we have."

Moua said that as a growing state with growing transportation needs, policymakers must consider ways to fund the system.

"A 5 cent gas tax increase is only going to be enough to take care of current needs, and we may have to think about other additional sources of funding to invest in future growth," Moua said. "If we can't set aside enough budget to maintain what we currently have, then where do we find the money to invest in the much needed broadening of our transportation system?"

Gov. Tim Pawlenty promised he would not increase taxes and Brian McClung, press secretary for Pawlenty, said the governor will stand by his decision.

"The governor has been clear that he does not support a tax increase, but as a compromise, he feels that if there are people who support a gas tax



MATT KASTER/VISUALS EDITOR

Senior Lisa Van Aernum pumps her Jeep with almost \$27 in gas at the Campus Station across the street from Coborn's. There is a proposal in the Legislature to increase the gas tax 5 cents per gallon.

increase, they should have the courage to take that to the voters of Minnesota and allow them a chance to decide."

The debate surrounding increasing the gas tax has both consumers and business owners discussing the potential impacts.

Lee Ann Klitzke, a fourth-year student, drives to campus every day and said she feels a tax increase would have a negative impact.

"Summer is coming and people are going to be driving a lot, and there is already a high chance of the gas prices increasing," Klitzke said. "I don't think people are going to be too happy about that."

Klitzke said the effects of an increase might be severe, especially at this time of the year.

"I can't say I wouldn't get gas, but that is a high increase when the price is already going up," she said. "Maybe they could wait until a part of the year when it is not going to affect the over-

all price as much, since it is going to go up anyhow."

Owner of First Fuel Bank, Jim Feneis, said he also opposes a raise in the gas tax.

"It would be a real inopportune time to talk about a tax hike when you already have the price of the product itself so extremely high priced," Feneis said. "As a dealer, we all know that every increase trickles down to the consumer and they have to shoulder the brunt of it."

Feneis said that a tax increase should be talked about when energy is low in price and said this bill could negatively impact the financial system.

"Right now, everybody is sticker shocked and our economy in general is trying to adjust for these higher fuel prices," Feneis said. "We need to realize with these extremely high energy prices right now, we have our economy in jeopardy."

Study reveals job promise

Joe Palmersheim

STAFF WRITER

Those seeking jobs in the near future, may stumble upon good fortune. SCSU's recently completed job survey reveals that most Minnesota employers plan to add employees, and that college plays a larger role in getting a job than in the past.

The first survey of this kind was conducted in July of 2004. For the current survey, 112 employers were contacted via e-mail and 73 responded. That's a 65 percent response rate, something Associate Director of Career Services Andrew Ditlevson said is pleasing. "That's way above average for this kind of a thing," he said.

Compared to the past few years, the survey shows that the job market is definitely improving, a sign of which can be taken from the number of employers who plan on adding employees.

"It's really good news when you have four times as many employers planning to increase compared to decrease. A couple of years ago, they were actually going to maintain or decrease (the number of employees) and there wasn't a whole lot of people increasing," Ditlevson said.

The study revealed that methods for finding jobs have changed, and that college plays a bigger role in that than in the past.

For example, 86 percent of responding companies said they would be recruiting at college job fairs, 74 percent said they would be posting jobs at college career centers. "I think it is interesting, and says something about the positive results of working with college career centers, that more employers plan to post their positions with college career centers than on their own company Web sites," Ditlevson said.

Internships and on-campus interviews came in at a tie at 44 percent. Employee referrals took precedence over jobs posted on the company's Web site. In fact, 61 percent of companies said that seeking employee referrals was one of their chosen methods, which leads Ditlevson to encourage students to network with people in the know.

The old stand-by for those looking for work, the newspaper classified ad, came in at a distant 38 percent.

"Technology has definitely had an

impact on how employers choose to advertise their positions," Ditlevson said. "They now choose career services Web sites, their own Web sites and even commercial Web sites/job boards over the newspaper classifieds. Using the classifieds has always been one of the top methods used by job seekers, but it was tied for the least likely method to be used by employers."

The survey was conducted via e-mail from late-February into March.

"We just wanted to know, compared to a year ago, what are your plans?" Ditlevson said.

The area with the greatest expected growth is the retail industry, with four out of five companies saying they will be adding employees. Business services also plan to add, with four out of seven companies planning to add employees. The only area where job growth is not present is in the government section.

"With 90 percent of employers planning to add or maintain, that's good news for college graduates," Ditlevson explained.

The message about using Career Services seems to be getting through to the student body.

"We have more students registering at Career Service. They're getting their job materials together and getting their resumes looked at," said Karen Lindgren. Lindgren works with Student Services at the Career Center.

Student reaction to the survey's findings has been muted. Senior Becky Petranek, a senior Marketing major, wasn't surprised that most business would put more in Career Service than they would their own Web site.

"They know the kind of students that they want, so they just go there and look for them," Petranek said.

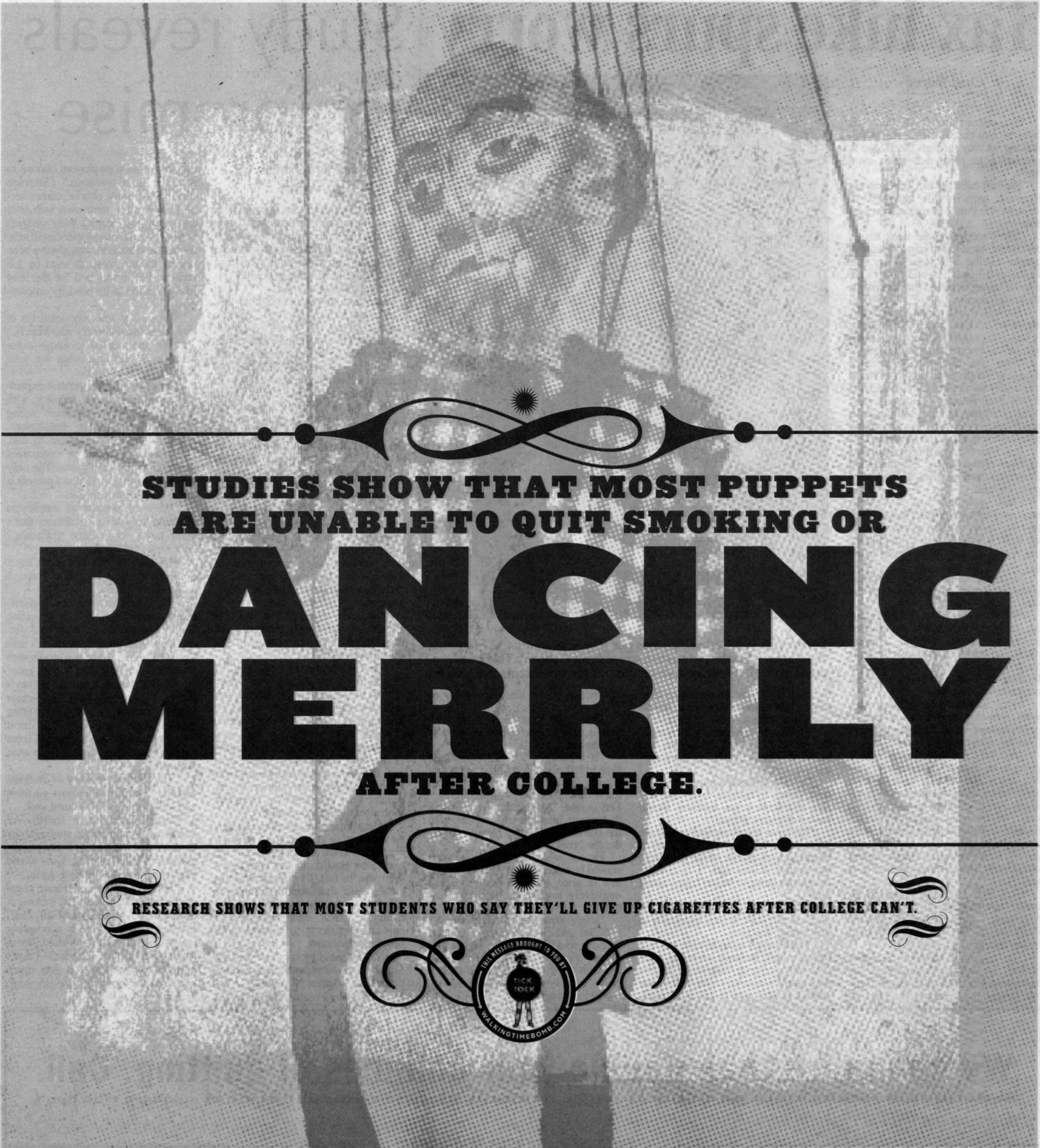
Daniel Erdmann, a fourth-year accounting major, was surprised by the findings, and said that the Internet and places like Career Services would likely play a role in finding a job.

"I believe I'm going to have to get on the Internet and just start looking at different job postings and all that," Erdmann said. "I'm an accounting major, so I'm not too worried [about finding a job]. That's my luck- I don't have to worry about it too much because accountants are in high demand right now."

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USSA merge harmful to student fees, organizations

One might think that after all of the controversy and numerous fiascos surrounding this year's student government actions, things would begin to settle down and SCSU would coast into an easy year-end finale.

With the entrance of SCSU to United States Student Association (USSA), however, those hopes have been dashed.

The decision to become part of the organization for one trial year will cost a minimum of \$5,000. Because tuition will not increase (as it shouldn't), this large sum of money will be removed from student fees and all of the organizations they support. This is a definite tragedy, as most organizations don't receive enough money as it is.

On a similar note, if student government decides to stick with the organization, the fees will expand upwards of \$20,000 after the trial year.

Without the popular support of students, this may possibly be one of the biggest mistakes student government has made this year.

The idea that student government would not consult students on this matter, yet consider it high priority, is outrageous.

This week, students were asked to vote on a variety of referendums. The USSA proposal was not posted as it should have been. This was undoubtedly also due to its hasty implementation—only a week after USSA vice-president Eddy Morales presented membership benefits to student government.

As many students know, the student body voted last year to exit from MSUSA. One of the main reasons students opted for withdrawal was a heavy price tag, which is also ultimately added to student fees.

Now, as we attempt to rid ourselves of one organization, we've joined another.

Even student government members have admitted that this is not an "alternative" to MSUSA, but simply a way to work on representation of students at a national level—something the already unpopular MSUSA does in part.



Reflecting on five years of sobriety

July 1 will mark my fifth year of sobriety. No alcohol, no dope, nothing.

Unlike some, I did it without the assistance of Alcoholics Anonymous or in an institutionalized setting. It was obvious to myself and most of my friends and family that there was a problem, and I didn't want to end up like other alcoholics in my family. So, with a little help from my friends, I took initiative.

I think my father said it best, "There are men in this world who can eat 5 lbs. of fatty bacon for breakfast, chase it down with a liter of Jack Daniels and a two-pack-a-day-smoking habit and live to be 110 years-old. Men like that don't exist in our family."

I didn't have to search back very far in our family tree to realize he was right.

My trials of overcoming alcoholism are an incredible tale beginning with the moment I realized I had to sober up. It was the last time I jumped out of a moving vehicle—not the first, the last.

Since most of the years I spent drinking my life away are a blur, I won't waste the time trying to recall them. But, what I can tell you is that I had my first drink at a much younger age than my mother would like to know about. From there, it became a favorite pastime with Irish coffees and vodka chasers before social studies class and a list of minor consumption citations nearing double digits.

When I finally jumped out of the car and onto the wagon, it was on my



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ESSAY

own terms with my own outlook of where I wanted to be. There was no serenity prayer, no support groups and no religion. The only support I had or needed were a very few friends who truly loved me.

There are still a few people that vow I'm just not the same Hammer when I don't drink, but I think that's kind of the point.

Others, like my wife, are glad they never knew me when I drank. I'm glad they didn't either. I've seen the videos and it's not a pretty sight.

Quitting an addiction has given me a brave new outlook on life. For anyone who has been addicted, you know what I'm talking about. For everyone else, I doubt you'll ever understand.

Being addicted is virtually unexplainable. It's not, like some would like to think, a state of mind that you can just ignore. I was in a cold sweat for days after having my last drink and experienced mild hallucinations. I felt like I was being kicked in the gut with steel toed boots and cracked in the head with a baseball bat. I never felt anything like it before and hope I never will again.

I don't think it would have been any easier in rehab. I was court

ordered to attend a week long rehab seminar and got out with nothing more than a lowered self esteem. It may work for some people, but it's not my cup of tea.

Some friends of mine attend Alcoholics Anonymous, and most of them are bitter people who deeply despise others who drink. It seems that the support group often becomes their new addiction. I'm not that kind of person.

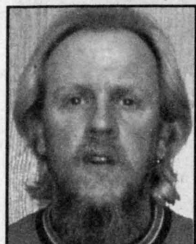
I still enjoy going out every once in a while for an O'Douls or other non-alcoholic beverage, and if they made non-alcoholic Jack Daniels, I'd be pounding Jack Sours for a belly ache. However, I still can't bring myself to risk embarrassing my manhood by ordering a Shirley Temple.

Maybe I could have a drink or two now and be okay, but I'm not willing to take that chance. Besides, I like being sober.

I met the woman I married when I was sober and she was too. She's not an alcoholic, but we know we like each other sober and there's no need to get drunk and stupid and see what happens. We've got a great thing going just the way we are.

I've also got a two-year-old daughter who watches what daddy does, and I'd never want her to see me the way I used to be. I've got so much more than myself to look out for now that I don't need to risk falling off the wagon.

With my new sober lifestyle, unlike other members of my family, maybe someday I'll live to see my great grandchildren.

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Aussies offer answer to more time off

Summer vacation: that wondrous phrase that brings back the thrill of our youth. Off in June and back in September. In America, I give my sweat, blood and time to a company and get a whole five days off after one year. It makes me want to look for other employment, but if I change for a better job, with better pay and hopefully better working conditions; I have to go to the basement on vacation time.

In Australia, they get almost 30 holidays, then they get sick days and national holidays. Works out to 50 days off per year. And in Australia, there doesn't seem to be as many articles in the paper of road rage or murder in the work place. Maybe the Aussies have something there.

How can we get this system here? What would our bosses say if we came to them and said, "I want to work five days a week, twelve hours a day, then you will add three days vacation for every six weeks worked?"

Say we work for \$10 per hour. That would make our weekly check come to around \$700. We do this for six weeks, get \$4200, and they give us three days on our vacation at \$360, based on 12-hour days, or \$240 for an eight-hour day. We are now up to 18 days vacation and seven days of holidays. Some companies will give us seven to 10 days sick time and we now have our 35 days off a year with pay.

With 180 days of 12-hour shifts, 52 weekends off, now we have 284 days covered; which leaves 81 days left in the year. Subtract 35 days of holiday, vacation, and sick time. That leaves 46 days of work to negotiate with, which is only a little over nine weeks—think they will give us three more days off with pay if we work 36 more 12-hour shifts? That would leave seven days unaccounted for. If you do the math for annual pay, you would still make \$36,400 with vacation based on eight hour shifts. So 219 days of 12-hour shifts, seven days of eight-hours shifts, 35 days off with pay, plus 104 days of weekends for a total of 139 days off. It could work.

Student gov't walks again

For the third time within a year and a half, the SCSU student government delegation walked out on the Minnesota State University Student Association (MSUSA) conference this weekend. They are neglecting to represent the SCSU student body at these conferences. MSUSA is the state organization that works on broad student issues such as state and federal government higher-education legislation and MnSCU policies for academic and student life on each respective campus such as SCSU and Southwest Minnesota State University. The reason why this is important to SCSU is that each student pays \$0.39 per credit for the MSUSA fee. SCSU pays roughly \$74,000 per year of your money that is not being represented when the current student government leaves the table.

The irresponsibility and lack of leadership shown when this group does not prevail on the passed side of debates is against the democratic process, is juvenile and is ethically wrong. Playing self-indulgent games with so much at stake in higher education is a misuse of SCSU's resources.

As students that pay the MSUSA fee, we ask you to wisely consider who you vote for in the upcoming elections for the student government and tell them to come to the proverbial table because there is work to be done.

Michael Boulton, President
Kayla Lindberg, Senator
Southwest Minnesota State University Student Government

Elections are important

It seems that the *Chronicle* and student government have been having issues with each other lately. Certainly anyone who has taken an entry level political science class knows that the media and the government do not get along all the time.

My concern is with a column written by Michael Palmquist. His pessimistic views on the importance of voting on campus appear to be an attempt to persuade students they should not vote. Nothing could be further from the truth. It is pessimism and simply not caring that gave us the student government we have today.

The student government has

control of the money generated by our student fees; most students don't even notice the fee when they tally up the costs of attending and living at SCSU. If you are in a student organization, you may know very well that student government has the ability to grant you some of the money to support events. Not caring about whom is in charge of this money would be irrational.

As a student, you should ask yourself, does student government really represent the entire student body? Perhaps you should keep in mind the very low voter turnout last election and consider whether a body of officials voted in by roughly 700 people can really represent the will of all enrolled here at SCSU. I personally worry about the student government and who will be elected for next fall and spring. This year's controversy, attempting to shut down the *Chronicle*, trying to take down historical plaques around campus, and the finance committee's resignation leave me with little comfort about what kind of people are put in charge of our student government.

I only hope that in the future Palmquist decides to spend more time interviewing the candidates and reporting their issues, rather than giving up on the whole situation entirely. Thanks for wasting space in the paper that could have been used to inform us, the people attending SCSU next year, with your roll out of bed, last minute essay.

I realize that by the time anyone might read this, the elections will probably be over, so I sincerely hope that we end up with a more trustworthy elected body put into office by more than 700 or so people. Next time voting comes around, the other 16,000 of us enrolled at SCSU should see a disaster before it happens and elect real officials.

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Campus Rec in the way of athletes

Since the opening of the new Student Recreation Center in Halenbeck last January, Campus Rec. has felt the need to frustrate, irritate and disrespect the SCSU men's and women's track and field teams.

When the facility opened, Campus

Rec. insisted that everyone who enters the field house must scan their student ID before entering. There is nothing inherently wrong with this policy, except that the same rules apply for student athletes. If a student athlete forgot his or her ID, Campus Rec. would deny the athlete entrance to their own practice. Eventually, a coach would intervene and proceed to continue the argument with the Campus Rec. employee until the athlete was allowed entrance.

This policy is ridiculous and completely unnecessary. While I understand why Campus Rec. wants students to present an ID before using the facility, there is no reason the same should apply for student athletes. The only thing this practice does is create unneeded friction between the team and Campus Rec.

Think about it, any student with a valid ID can use the field house free of charge. You have to be a student in order to be eligible for a varsity sport.

It's not like Campus Rec. employees don't know members of the track and field team. They see us five days a week.

The SCSU men's team took third place at the NCC indoor track and field conference meet in February, our highest finish since 1999. Our head coach Seth Mischke was named NCC indoor track and field coach of the year. We proudly represent our school without ever receiving much acknowledgment or recognition on campus.

We are not asking for more scholarship money for our program or, God forbid, a functioning outdoor track. We simply want to be able to practice without being harassed by Campus Rec. employees on a power trip.

Steve Bader
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Mass Communications

Wind power makes sense

I was disappointed to see that the *Chronicle* Editorial Board recommends that students vote against purchasing wind power for use at SCSU. I am continuously mystified by the fact that supposedly educated people don't seem to comprehend that oil is a finite resource, not to mention that its continued overuse has hefty political and environmental consequences.

Natalie Eller-Bruyette
Graduate student

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Election will impact every student

Throughout campus, student government candidates must be very busy running their campaigns. Walking around in Atwood, I saw fliers and posters pinned up on almost every notice board. Yet, I only briefly notice the candidates as I pass by the boards. I'm sure there are students out there who don't really care about the ongoing elections. I'm definitely one of them. I'm just not into politics.

However, I did participate actively as a committee member of a club a few years back. I was the secretary of the Chinese Students' Association (CSA) for a year. It was a really good learning experience for me, but like any club or association, there were always conflicts among the committee members. As a whole, the other committee members and I managed to overcome our conflicts. It totally depends on how co-operative each committee member is.

Thus, an article published in last Thursday's issue of the *Chronicle* that discusses the issue of student fee allocation really captured my attention. As I was reading, one question popped into my head. Is CSA the only club that has caused such a big dispute for the student government's finance committee? I'm sure there are other clubs that either succeed or fail to obtain the requested budgets. I suppose it is quite complicated to really judge on how fair or reasonable budgets are allocated to the various clubs.

Previously, I've heard quite a lot about how student government is kind of chaotic now. I've also heard how there is corruption going on, preferential or biased treatments towards certain clubs, etc. If this is true, I'm much more concerned about the student activity fees I've been paying all these semesters. Thus, for all voters out there, please be wise about who you vote for.

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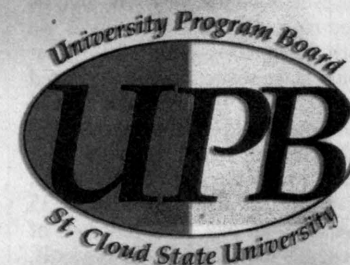
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Meth abuse triggers heavy burden

For one Little Falls native, a 44-month prison sentence for using meth made college plans at SCSU come to a screeching halt

Shannon Flannigan

STAFF WRITER

Three years ago, 21-year-old David Thompson had never heard of meth. Now, he's serving 44 months in the St. Cloud Prison for his involvement with the drug.

Thompson is among over 1,000

methamphetamine offenders currently imprisoned in Minnesota, making up almost half of all drug offenders detained in state prisons.

Thompson grew up in Little Falls. He played hockey and enjoyed racing dirt bikes. He admits he has always been an indecisive person. When he received an acceptance let-

ter to SCSU, he didn't act right away.

"I can't even decide whether to commit to a Snickers or a Twix," Thompson said.

Instead of immediately going back to school, Thompson began selling vacuums in St. Cloud. He lived in Waite Park, where he admits he used marijuana regularly.

"I did a little bit. Not really selling it, more possessing it," Thompson said.

Through this habit, Thompson got to know people involved in other drugs. Meth was among the most popular of these drugs since it could be easily produced and the effects lasted longer than cocaine.

St. Cloud Police Chief Dennis Ballantine has witnessed the increase of meth abuse in central Minnesota.

"It doesn't usually act alone. Many other crimes are committed as a result of this drug use," Ballantine said.

Meth is a chemical based stimulant that attacks the central nervous system, lasting four to eight hours. According to Drugwars.com, users may be excessively chatty, have difficulty sleeping and may experience mood swings.

Dr. Michael Sise is the director of the trauma unit at Mercy Hospital.

"Sooner or later, methamphetamine means death," Sise said. "The death that comes from violence or critical illness. (Meth) carries a prognosis that is worse than many cancers."

According to the Minnesota Department of Corrections, meth use is largely a rural phenomenon. The average Minnesota offender is a male in their late twenties, residing in a non-metro area.

Thompson said he frequently used meth. When he did, he set up "hot rails," a system that he said consists of snorting lines off of a metal surface through a glass tube heated by a lighter or blow torch on the opposite end.

A co-worker asked Thompson to find him meth and he agreed.

"I really didn't do it much, so it took me two weeks to find as much as he wanted," Thompson said.

Two weeks later, he was arrested in the parking lot of McDonalds with seven grams of meth in his possession. Having no criminal record, he was released the next day.

"I thought everything would be fine. I didn't think of myself as the big kingpin drug dealer," Thompson said. "The next thing (I) know the judge tells me, 'Well, we decided to give you 44 months in prison.'"

Thompson's eyes watered as he recalled the worst day of his life.

"He wouldn't even let me say goodbye to my family," Thompson said.

Almost six months after his

detainment, he tries to make it up to his family by sending letters regularly, most addressed to his father.

"I don't want him to not be proud of his son," Thompson said.

Thompson is involved in Reshape, the Minnesota Department of Corrections chemical dependency program. He spends his afternoons

tutoring inmates, many of which are illiterate. As part of an educational program, Thompson speaks out to kids on the dangers of meth abuse.

"It doesn't really take a lifetime of crime, just one bad decision,"

Thompson recalls telling his young audience.

In addition to his mentoring, Thompson works in the prison for \$.25 an hour.

"You look forward to \$16 checks," Thompson said.

Robert McLellan, Thompson's caseworker, was surprised to see Thompson admitted to the maximum-security correctional facility.

"He really is a good kid. He had no prior offenses," McLellan said.

McLellan said he has seen meth offenders overwhelm prison populations from all demographics.

"It causes some weird behavior, so these people get caught pretty easily," McLellan said.

"I've seen a 62-year old and there was a meth cooker. Most of them come in with a 'mouth full of raisins.'" McLellan said. "It takes just two times and you can get addicted."

Thompson said it's hard to keep from crying at times. He read about an old classmate who is excelling in athletics at SCSU and admits it is embarrassing to come to terms with his situation.

"For the rest of my life I will be an ex-con," Thompson said.

With more than two years to go until his anticipated release date, Thompson said he gets nauseous thinking about meth.

"To walk out those doors is going to be unbelievable," Thompson said.

Thompson is preparing an appeal. Judge James Hoolihan, who sentenced Thompson in Benton County, declined to comment on the case.



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The prolonged use of meth can cause severe physical side effects. Heavy users may experience the feeling that bugs are crawling under their skin. Users then injure themselves by trying scratch the bugs out.

Drug courts produce rehabilitation efforts

Riann Meyer

STAFF WRITER

The Seventh Court District drug program, headed by Judge Paul Widick, has shown that its three years of operation dealing with offenders in a drug court gives them a better chance for rehabilitation than imprisoning them.

"The recidivism rate for an offender on normal probation is about 60 to 80 percent," Widick said. "However, the number drops to about 20 percent for a person in my drug court."

U.S. Department of Justice statistics echo Widick's assertions. They indicate that there is a 16.5 percent offender relapse rate in the first year and a 27.5 percent relapse rate after two years in the 100 largest drug courts in the nation.

These numbers show that the majority of incarcerated drug offenders will reoffend after release. They also indicate that an offenders' chance for rehabilitation increases when sentenced to drug court.

Drug court typically combines jail time, treatment for addictions and psychological disorders, regular court appearances and intense supervision with frequent, unannounced drug and alcohol tests. Each offender's progress is monitored by a team of workers, and as the offender "graduates" through the program tiers, incentives for good behavior are offered.

The team of workers includes the judge, probation officers, chemical dependency evaluators and a public defender. This group meets to discuss offender's consequences or rewards.

"They don't have to report to just a probation agent," said Chris Schill, probation officer for the drug court. "They have to report to the judge on a regular basis, which is why it works."

The program takes at least one year to complete. During that time, the offender must meet all guidelines, including not testing positive on any drug or alcohol tests. In that 12 months the offender would meet with the judge at least 22 times, Schill said.

"People have an incentive not to use because they will be randomly drug tested," Mary Dachel, a mental and chemical dependence social worker for the drug court, said.

In Stearns County, the drug court can facilitate 45 people, but usually has about 40 in the program at once.

Widick said that the program has graduated over 20 people in three years and has had to kick five people out of the program for rule violations.

Rule violations include not com-



PHOTO BY BEN BIRNELL

Judge Paul Widick presides over the Seventh Court District Drug Program.

pleting required community service, failure to take a drug test, pass drug or alcohol tests and/or curfew violations.

However, not everyone who violates a rule is automatically eliminated from the program.

"We expect them to blow it. They are addicted to some very addictive stuff," Widick said.

This expectation is in part because many of the people in the program are poly-substance users, which are people who use multiple types of drugs. Also, about one-third have a dual diagnosis, which is drug addiction combined with some sort of psychological disorder.

As the Stearns County drug court can combine drug treatment with psychological analysis, the offender has a better opportunity to address all the issues involved with their drug abuse.

"We end up with good versus bad behavior," Widick said. "As opposed to looking at the chemicals used, we look at the individual."

The program is effective because it involves more than dealing with the issues of chemical dependency, said Leonard Weiler, public defender for the drug court.

"Drug court changes more than behavior," Weiler said. "It focuses on the big picture, getting their lives more stable and functioning in society."

While participating in drug court, offenders are typically not in jail.

"Drug court works," said Schill,

"because it is allowing them to be sober and in the community."

Widick said that drug use, including methamphetamine abuse, does not discriminate. It can affect people from all demographics, and a person's intelligence is not an issue.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) statistics show that while methamphetamine use has traditionally been associated with white, male, blue-collar workers, its use is increasing in more diverse population groups.

As methamphetamine abuse increases in society, so do the amount of drug courts being opened. U.S. Department of Justice statistics show that there are 1,565 drug courts currently operating in the United States. There are also 212 drug courts in the planning process as of 2005.

In addition to the rehabilitation benefits offered by the drug court, there are fiscal benefits as well. Drug court costs per offender are less than incarceration costs. Widick said that incarceration costs \$20,000-60,000 per person, per year. In contrast, a person in his drug court costs \$2,000-4,000 per year.

The offenders in drug court take up more court time than sending a person to prison, Widick said. However, the benefits outweigh the costs.

"It's really easy to look at someone and say go to prison," Widick said. "It takes time to help."

Treatment yields results, curbs use

For one local man, treatment was the best solution

Tessa Brend

STAFF WRITER

Chris Cantleberry from St. Cloud was 17-years-old the first time he used meth.

"I started with weed and it kind of snowballed from there," Cantleberry, now 20, said. "I don't think that the other drugs (I did) made me vulnerable to meth or anything because I have what doctors call an addictive personality."

Janet Dinsmore, lead counselor for relapse and prevention at CentraCare Recovery Plus, said it is not hard to get hooked.

"People can get hooked from the first time they use it. There is an incredible euphoria that is caused by the brain chemistry being altered, so they get this huge rush. After, they're pretty much chasing that high again. Meth is 80 percent psychologically addictive," Dinsmore said.

Cantleberry said he did meth for three years, several times a week, and once participated in making meth.

"If I had money, it didn't matter what I had to pay—I'd get it," Cantleberry said. "I don't believe that anybody after smoking meth once can pass it up. If you see it, you're going to want it."

For his treatment, Cantleberry checked himself into a hospital south of St. Cloud for two and a half weeks.

"You're in a room all day and you talk to the group about your problems. It was a good experience. I was with all sorts of cases," Cantleberry said.

He said that treatment involved group activities, working on ways to enhance self-esteem and better their situation.

He admits using meth once or twice since leaving treatment, but has

been clean for about four months.

Dinsmore said average meth users used to be 20-30 year old white males.

"We're seeing housewives, young kids. Our first senior citizen meth user was admitted just a few weeks ago. It cuts across all demographics," Dinsmore said. "One of the things we are seeing is that our clients are hanging in the program longer and we know that the longer we can keep them in treatment, the more they can build that support group."

Carol Belling, director of Journey Homes Halfway House, said the house gets patients that have already gone through primary treatment.

"We're working on extending the length of treatment. It takes a while for their brain to clear," Belling said. "Unlike most other drugs of abuse, its effects continue long after users stop. They have all kinds of withdrawal problems and aren't operating well behaviorally and cognitively."

Belling said fewer meth users complete the program because of their high level of impulsiveness. Patients usually stay at the house three to six months. They also see a fair number of patients who have been there before. They help the patients think through the consequences of their actions. If the patient can't cooperate, it is a possibility that they will go to jail and then return to the house later.

The halfway house sees a number of voluntary and required patients, including women and children.

"If (the women) don't complete treatment, they'll lose their children," Belling said. "Maybe one in 15 permanently lose their children. Sometimes they get to us, they've burned all their chances and it's too late."



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Meth's effects are clearly seen above, from healthy to extremely frail and sickly.

Bill aims to increase penalties

Ashley Love
STAFF WRITER

Last Friday, a methamphetamine bill was passed by the Minnesota House of Representatives. The bill, similar to one proposed last year, was introduced by state Senator Julie Rosen-R-Fairmont who felt compelled to battle the increasing meth problem in Minnesota.

The bill focuses on battling the meth problem from all angles. Unlike past efforts to only restrict purchases of pseudoephedrine, the key ingredient to make meth, this bill includes additional components.

If the bill becomes a law, it will put medication with pseudoephedrine behind the counter with a two box purchase limit. It will also work to educate schools on the dangers of meth, increase criminal penalties, including paying for meth lab clean-up, and look at new, more intensive treatment programs for meth users.

"This is the biggest, most comprehensive, aggressive bill in the country," Rosen said.

The bill was scrutinized and worked on excessively by the meth task force for over 18 months. "If we can get this done we can knock off four to five years of legislation," Rosen said.

To help the cause, Rosen introduced "Meth Day at the Capitol" to educate legislators about meth and the problems it causes. She also spent last year funding the program on her own until Gov. Tim Pawlenty adopted the meth bill as one of his top public safety issues. The bill had help from both sides of the political spectrum.

"This is one bill that has strong bipartisan support. It's not an issue you're going to haggle over," Rosen said.

The bill has come into play at a good time. With the meth problem increasing, other counties and companies are taking the issue into their own hands.

Benton and Sherburne Counties are looking at a proposal that would force meth lab owners to pay for the clean-up and follow-up testing of the land. The counties are waiting to see what laws are passed before they continue.

Target has become the first national retailer to restrict sales of medicines with pseudoephedrine in them, placing them behind the counter. Target took this action before the bill was passed.

But perhaps the most influential data that demonstrates the meth problem is the fact that Minnesota is the number one state for the incarceration growth rate. This is ironic, considering Minnesota is tied with Maine for the lowest number of inmates in the U.S.

Still, with a 13.2 percent growth in inmates over the past year, the



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Some local stores limit the number of Sudafed products a person can purchase. If a law is passed, the purchase number allowed might be less and they will be placed behind the counter. As of late, Target started putting these products behind their pharmacy counters.

Department of Corrections (DOC) Commissioner Joan Fabian believes the growth is due to the increase in meth arrests and stricter legal sentencing.

The DOC Spokeswoman, Liz Bogut, confirms that meth is a cause for prison crowding. "Meth is definitely on the rise and Minnesota prisons are being fitted with more meth users each year," Bogut said.

Ross Norman, an investigator with the Corrections Intelligence at the Minnesota Correctional Facility

believes Minnesota "missed the boat" on the meth problem, having been focused on cocaine. Norman estimated that about 25 percent of the inmate population is in prison on some drug charge; about 50 to 60 percent of them are in for meth.

"At this point we're noticing a huge increase in our (prison) population," Norman said.

If the new meth bill becomes a law, sentencing and fines will increase dramatically for felonies that are considered violent crimes.

Violent crimes would be considered the manufacture, not possession of meth. If convicted, the penalty will increase from three to 10 years and jump from a \$5,000-\$7,000 fine to a \$20,000 fine. Child endangerment would also increase a sentence by five years and \$10,000.

Sentencing tends to vary on the crime, the amount of meth, the evidence at the scene and whether the convict takes a plea bargain. The convict's prior record also affects their sentencing.

Severe Stories

K-Mart Meth Lab
Kingsland, Georgia, March 11, 2005— Eddie Young, 34, created suspicion by collecting items from various departments of K-Mart and taking them into the restroom just before closing time.

After seeing Young get a Coleman lantern from sporting goods and various over-the-counter drugs from the pharmacy area, store employees notified police.

Police found him operating a meth lab in the bathroom. He was arrested for possession of items to make meth and possession of a controlled substance.

Diaper Bag Stash

Chandler, Arizona— Angelica Aviles, 24, was arrested after she was found in the back seat of a Lincoln Town Car with no license plate.

Her infant son was found crying beside her. Aviles passed out with a glass smoking pipe and a lighter in her hand after smoking meth.

Inside the boy's diaper bag, police said they found several loose razor blades and a pipe made from a baby food jar. The child was taken into protective custody.

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EDITORIAL

Treatment is the best method to curb meth

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It's sad, shocking and surprising that when people go to the store to purchase Sudafed, the product is locked in a glass case with a sign reading "Meth Watch."

On the heels of the meth plague sweeping America, this will only become more common. Currently, stores around the state are making sure medications with pseudoephedrine, a main ingredient for making meth, are harder to buy.

Target, for example, recently announced it will restrict sales of those medications. Now it will be mandatory for shoppers to see a pharmacist and show identification upon purchase. Around 300 Target stores that don't have pharmacies will not sell Sudafed or other medications like it at all.

Although this method may slightly curb meth use, it is not fair to other consumers. Instead, there are other steps government could be taking.

Mainly, the courts should focus on prevention and offer assistance to those under meth's deadly spell.

Simply put, meth addicts should receive treatment instead of jail time. Although incarceration may have an impact, as illustrated in the cover story, the punishment is too harsh for the crime. Similarly, the probability that prisoners will continue to use meth after they get out of jail is likely.

Some treatment programs focus on mental disorders which consequently contribute to addiction. In jail, a person's mental disorder goes untreated, thus not truly addressing the problem. Changing the mindset of an addict is clearly the best therapy for addiction.

To combat the meth problem, law enforcement and treatment should go hand in hand too. The combined effort would certainly yield an impact.

Drug courts do a commendable job of combining treatment with punishment. Part of the drug court program allows for psychological counseling. Unfortunately, in the grand scheme, there are only a handful of drug courts in the nation and some law enforcement officials do not support these courts.

Sadly, meth addiction impacts everyone, be it users and their families, sellers, law enforcement, penitentiaries, crime rates and courts. If you take nothing else away from the content of these stories, it is important to remember that, no matter who you are, meth use will have an impact on your life.

If you, or anyone you know, has an addiction to meth, please get help. We all need to work together to address this severe problem.



PHOTO BY NYSSA DAHLBERG

Like other rural communities around the U.S., Grantsburg, Wis. (above) was hit hard by meth.

Meth hits home unexpectedly

My home town of 1,400 people, in Grantsburg, Wis. prides itself as a safe place for children and a picturesque vacation getaway. The small-town atmosphere conveys a warm welcome feeling—at least it used to.

My illusion of a safe community was broken at the age of 15 when a stranger invaded town. The stranger corrupted youth, tore apart families and decimated lives.

The stranger is commonly known as methamphetamine.

Justin Paulson, a high school friend, remembers when it first hit.

Paulson's brother owned a house and on weekends Paulson would visit his brother's to drink, play cards and socialize. The atmosphere was similar to a St. Cloud Southside party.

"In the beginning it was all about having fun," Paulson said.

However, the fun stopped when Paulson turned 16 and met meth. Within three months of use, meth became Paulson's only concern.

"I thought (meth) was exciting and something cool," Paulson said.

It took less than a year for the majority of the people associated with the Paulson household to start experimenting with the drug. Since Grantsburg is a rural area, the urge for excitement is strong because there isn't much to do. Going to McDonald's or Wal-Mart is close to a 30 minute drive. A decent mall is about 2 hours away.

"Everyone started doing it; they tried it and they loved it. It progressed from there," Paulson said. "Then I started selling and giving it to people to try so they would want it and then they couldn't say no."

Soon, people were no longer going over to the Paulson household to drink and party, instead they were going for meth. Paulson estimates at least 50 people, the majority of his circle of friends, started using meth regularly within 6 months.

It didn't take long for people to start changing as a result of their new companionship with meth.

"Everyone started getting scandalous. People separated and everyone



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was for themselves, they became loners," Paulson said. "All they cared about was meth. Everyone got crabby, it was horrible."

Eventually, police caught Paulson selling and he served time.

"I am happy I went to prison and through seven months of boot camp or else I would still be stuck in the same spot," he said.

According to a rough estimate between Paulson and I, about 75 percent of the people who started using in Grantsburg between 1999 and 2000 are still using. About 25 percent of those people are still in Grantsburg, literally unchanged. The other 50 percent of those people have moved to different areas where meth is cheaper and more accessible.

"I call it the tsunami that hit Grantsburg," Paulson said. "If you think about it, a tsunami starts small in the middle of the ocean and then it picks up speed and gets bigger and bigger until it destroys everything in its path."

Paulson was one of the lucky few who broke free of his meth habit.

My best friend, on the other hand, got involved with this drug and hasn't been lucky enough to escape its grasp. I asked her about the first time she tried meth. She was 15.

"I remember asking if this stuff was as bad as cocaine or heroin. I asked if I was going to get addicted," she said. "They told me that I wouldn't get addicted and that I would really like it. Now I understand these people just wanted to get me hooked so I would come back to them for more."

Soon she began to no longer live for herself, but meth.

The once law-abiding citizen began committing crimes. She stole from her family and progressed to stealing whatever she could get her hands on.

After graduation, she came to SCSU. She had dreams of working with the mentally handicapped, but meth got in the way.

"While all the other freshmen made friends and went to parties, I was driving home every weekend to do meth, or people from home were coming to do it with me," she said.

She never made it back to SCSU for a second year. Currently, she sits in a meth-infested house, often reminiscing about the things she has lost.

"I feel inferior to everyone else," she said. "I can't even look in the mirror anymore because I hate what I see. I look back at my senior pictures and compare it to what I look like now and think what have you done to yourself."

Ron Wilhelm, Burnett County detective and resident of Grantsburg, remembers when meth came to town.

"It progressed very rapidly. It was on us before we even knew what was going on, I mean we just got blindsided by it," Wilhelm said. "It was on us before we realized how severe the problem was."

When meth became a major problem in Grantsburg, Wilhelm started noticing an increase in burglaries and bad checks.

"They have to support their habit somehow," Wilhelm said.

Wilhelm said the best way to fight this problem is by educating young people.

"Just one time will do you in," Wilhelm said. "I call it the devil's drug. It is so different than any of the rest of them. You try it and its got you. It just ruins you."

Now, meth has cast a dark shadow on the residents of Grantsburg. Many fear their children will become addicted.

I mourn the loss of my friend and the many more meth has taken hold of. I hope the once stranger, now resident, will leave my town, as well as others.

Multiple sports provide challenges

Erik Anderson

STAFF WRITER

It's a challenge to be a student athlete in college.

But some athletes go even further, competing in multiple sports.

Several SCSU students go the extra yard, mile, or lap to do that. But it's a challenge they wouldn't change.

Seth Mischke, head coach for the SCSU track and field team, said that competing in multiple sports in college is different than competing in multiple sports in high school.

"At a college level, even when you're in the off-season, you're still focused on training for the next season," Mischke said. "It's difficult for athletes to focus on multiple seasons."

Discussing the training athletes do, Mischke said that training for one sport usually helps in another.

"Any training for a sport will have a lap over," Mischke said. "Any exercise will increase the fitness level, and that is good."

Mischke said that while the multi-sport athletes miss some practices, they make up ground fast.

"They were training already," Mischke said. "We just expand on that training, and get more specific. It doesn't take long for them to catch up."

Mischke said that transitions between the sports are the hardest part for multi-sport athletes.

"It just depends on when they're ready to start," Mischke said. "Some athletes get done with one season, and need two weeks before their ready for the next one, others want to come down right away and get training."

Mischke said that being a multi-sport athlete is a great opportunity.

"I would love to be an athlete in their shoes," Mischke said. "To be able to maintain a love for both sports, and compete at the highest level possible."

Ryan Koch, a multi-sport athlete in football and track, said that balancing his available time was the hardest part of being in two sports.

"You only have so much time, and you have to share that between school and sports," Koch said. "It's a challenge to find a balance, but you just have to get your priorities."

Ryan also said that it was tough to miss practice.

"It's difficult. Your teammates deserve to have you at practice, but you're with your other team," Koch said. "You don't start out at square one with them, but it works out down the road."

Ryan's brother, Jason Koch, also a

multi-sport athlete in football and track, said that he liked competing in two sports.

"At the end of one season, you're ready for a change," Jason said. "It's nice to have a change of pace, instead of things getting old."

Jason also said that being in two sports helps him to be a better student.

"It helps me to keep a schedule, to force me to get things done," Jason said. "It keeps me from getting distracted and caught up in things."

Lindsey Krueger, an athlete in soccer and track, doesn't care what people say and appreciates the opportunity to compete in two sports.

"People think it's crazy, but it's really great," Krueger said. "It's a big blessing to be able to do sports."

Adding that after awhile, a sport might get old, Krueger said that she always has the other season to look forward to.

"It's refreshing," she said.

Krueger also said that she enjoys not receiving a break from competition.

"It's like I am in a sport that is always in season," Krueger said. "There is no dreaded off-season. I'm always competing."

Kari Turkowski, a multi-sport athlete in volleyball, track, and hockey, said that she keeps in shape by being in several sports.

"It's never a problem coming into the season out of shape," Turkowski said. "You are always in a sport, and have no problems keeping in shape."

Turkowski prefers to keep busy.

"It's a challenge, but not too difficult," said Turkowski. "I prefer to be here, it's just my style of life."

Turkowski also said she likes new opportunities and challenges.

"I was never in track in high school," Turkowski said. "But, I finally said 'why not, if I've got the opportunity.' It's always exciting to learn new things."

Michael Graham, a football and track athlete, said that sometimes the practices get tough, but he enjoys being able to play in two sports.

"It's not that big of an inconvenience, but sometimes it does get tough," Graham said. "Going from a heavy workout in football, to another one in track is tough, but it's great to be able to play."

Graham said playing two sports isn't a distraction.

"You do what you do while you're there," Graham said. "When it's a particular season, you have that particular focus."

Graham said his free time was short, but he just had to plan it out.



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Student-athletes Ryan Koch, Jason Koch, Andrew Stuek, Lindsay Krueger, Kristin Otterson and Micheal Graham bundle together after practice in the Fieldhouse. The athletes and a slew of others participate in multiple sports while going to SCSU.

"It puts a crimp in your social life," Graham said. "But, you just have to plan out class, practice and studying. It takes a little more effort."

Kristin Otterson, a swimmer and track athlete, likes the distractions that two sports offer.

"I'm always thinking about track during swimming," Otterson said.

"Just because swimming is so hard on my body."

Otterson said that it is sometimes hard to stay motivated.

"Staying motivated is a sometimes a challenge. I sometimes forget that my track season isn't ideal because it's so short," Otterson said. "I sometimes get really frustrated because I feel

behind."

Otterson is sometimes envious of other athletes' free time, but wouldn't change her situation.

"Sometimes I get jealous of the extra time they have during the off-season," said Otterson. "But I would never trade my ability to compete in two sports for time to be bored."



MATTHEW KASTER/VISUALS EDITOR

Husky baseball catcher Travis Thompson doesn't just have a rocket arm he also likes to rock-out. Before every game he pumps himself up by blaring music from the Deftones "Adrenaline" album. Thompson is batting .364 this season for the Huskies.

Thompson drives SCSU

Ryan Atkins

STAFF WRITER

Entering the 2005 baseball season with a chip on his shoulder and his rock music blaring, junior catcher Travis Thompson is setting this season on fire.

Following two sub-par seasons offensively (batting .256 and .237), Thompson has found his hitting groove batting .364 this season, second on the team behind sharp-hitting first-year player Luke Klitzke.

"I had a poor first two years here. I always thought I could hit better and play better than I did during those first few years," Thompson said, when thinking back on his first two years as a Husky.

Despite hitting in the .250 range, Thompson was able to secure a starting spot immediately as he started 38 of 39 games as a true freshman, and all 31 games last season.

"I didn't know what to expect when I came here. I knew I was good," Thompson said. "I didn't know what they had. When I talked to the coach (Denny Lorsung) he said that they had older catchers."

However, Thompson was eager to prove that he belonged with the

Huskies and Division II baseball after being recruited mostly by Division III and NAIA teams.

"I wanted to play Division II. After fall ball my freshman year, the coach came up to me and said 'we weren't expecting you to be as good as you are,'" Thompson said. "It made me feel good. The coach watched me once in high school and I had a bad game. I knew I was good. But I had to prove it. I had to prove that I am better than what people thought I was. I am constantly trying to get better to prove that I am better than what people think I am."

Thompson has been able to prove he can hang with the best as he has been an anchor defensively, as well as a leader for the Huskies.

"As a catcher, he leads the team. Other than the captains, he's the leader of the team," senior outfielder Ryan Kapsner said. "He controls the pitches that are thrown. He takes on a lot of the duties that go on the field."

Kapsner said the team's newfound success can be attributed to Thompson's higher batting average.

"He bats in the two spot now. He really helps us out. He either puts the ball in play or hits it to the opposite

field. He has good hands. We can trust that he's going to get a hit every game," Kapsner said.

Kapsner also believes that Thompson's hits have come at crucial points in the game.

"He has also had a lot of clutch hits. It's really helped the team out," Kapsner said.

Thompson attributes his success at the plate to maturity and the experience he has gotten playing thus far.

"Experience has helped. I stopped swinging at so many balls. I walked in one game more than I did in all of one year," Thompson said, referring to when he walked a total of three times as a first-year player. "I stopped swinging at pitches I couldn't hit and then my batting average started to rise."

Thompson has eight walks this season, two away from his career total of 10.

Another method that helps Thompson's play is rocking out to heavy metal music before a game begins.

"Deftones, Incubus, and Rage Against the Machine (are) what I have to listen to before the game starts. It gets me going," Thompson said.

Kapsner can vouch to Thompson's love for rock music.

"He always jams out to heavy metal music. If you hear music it is Travis. He's always singing. He's really the only guy on the team who cranks up the heavy metal music," Kapsner said.

Despite the individual success that Thompson has enjoyed this year, he wants SCSU to finish the season with an invitation to the NCC tournament.

"We are a little older. That helps. The pitchers are better and we are getting more key hits than last year," Thompson said regarding the team's near .500 record of 18-19. "We're starting to win our share of one run games instead of losing them all. We need to win six of our last eight games to get us in the conference tournament."

The Huskies put their conference tournament chances on the line this weekend when they play a home and away series against the University of Minnesota-Duluth Saturday and Sunday. Sunday's home game will begin at 2 p.m. at Dick Putz Field at the Municipal Athletic Complex.

Two men canoe to Canada

Chad Brancamp

STAFF WRITER

This Sunday will see the launch of an epic journey that will have two Minnesota men testing their endurance, ability and strength.

Scott Miller from St. Paul and St. Cloud resident Todd Foster will be starting a journey of more than 2,200 miles from St. Cloud to Hudson Bay in northern Canada.

The trip will launch from Foster's backyard and will end at York Factory on the shores of Hudson Bay. The catch? They're canoeing the entire way.

"Because we made the decision a year and a half ago, I am excited to finally get going," Miller said. "The cool thing is being able to go from a familiar area to an exotic area all by canoe. From skyscrapers to polar bears, all by following the river."

The trip will trace the original voyage of Eric Severeid and Walter Port, who paddled from Minneapolis to Hudson Bay in 1930. This year marks the trip's 75th Anniversary.

"I first read the book in October of 2003," Foster said. "Then I proposed the idea to Scott and we have been planning it ever since."

Although Foster said doing the trip on the 75th anniversary does help with media and sponsors, they had planned to do the trip anyway.

"We had planned to do this trip last summer but then we realized that (2005) was the 75th anniversary," he said. "Although it's not that big of a deal, it did give us a catch for the media and sponsors."

The duo has been planning this trip for a year and a half and, along the way, have met some interesting people and also got quite a few sponsors.

Along with the time invested in planning and preparing for the trip, the duo have also been going around the state giving presentations on topics that include canoeing, camping in the wilderness, expedition planning and caring for the environment.

"It's another challenge," Miller said about giving presentations. "(The challenge) is making something interesting and exciting for people. We want to share our story and inspire people to live their lives how they want to and follow their dreams."

Throughout the trip, they plan to give live updates on their Web site, hudsonbayexpedition.com, and an electronic journal so people can see and interact with them as they make the historic trek.

"I hope this inspires people to do things," Foster said. "We encourage people to follow their dreams. It doesn't matter if their dream isn't a 100-plus day canoe trip, it can be anything."

A party to raise funds is planned from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 7 at

Sporting Events

THURSDAY

■ **Entries due for Campus Rec's intramural softball tournament** scheduled for Saturday. Entry fees are \$20 and teams can sign up online or in Campus Rec's Halenbeck Hall office.

FRIDAY

■ **Softball** doubleheader vs. the University of North Dakota at Selke Field at 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

SATURDAY

■ **Baseball** at the University of Minnesota-Duluth at 2 p.m.

■ **Softball** at Minnesota State University-Mankato for the Mankato Invitational. TBA.

■ **Track and Field** at the Drake Relay in Des Moines, Iowa. TBA.

■ **Football** hosts the inter-squad Spring Game at 1 p.m.

SUNDAY

■ **Softball** at Minnesota State University-Mankato for the Mankato Invitational. TBA.

■ **Baseball** vs. the University of Minnesota-Duluth at Dick Putz Field and the Municipal Athletic Complex at 2 p.m.

■ **Men's Golf** at the NCAA Super Regional at Dakota Dunes (S.D.) Country Club. TBA. Through Tuesday.

■ **Women's Golf** at Women's Regional Qualifier in Winona. TBA. Through Wednesday.



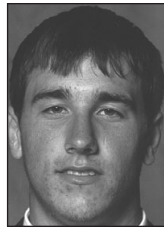
The future looks exciting

With a successful 2004-05 SCSU sports season, Derek Sullivan guesses what might happen in 2005-06

This week, the *Chronicle* honored five Huskies for a great year. So now, we look forward. Here are 100 things I predict will happen next year.

Football

1. SCSU football will win a post-season game.



Matt Birkel

2. Dan Kaczor will throw for more than 2,500 yards.

3. Matt Birkel will rush for more than 1,200 yards.

4. The Huskies defense will shutout at least three football teams.

5. Few fans will show up for the Huskies' first-round playoff game.

Volleyball

6. SCSU will not return to the NCAA playoffs.

7. Leah Herrboldt's power won't be replaced.

8. The Ankrum sisters will each earn honorable mention All-NCC.

Golf

9. Chris Little will win the tournaments that All-American Brett Swedberg won this year.

10. Quinn Scarborough will be the next great SCSU golfer from Alexandria (Swedberg's hometown).

11. Both the men's and women's teams will advance to nationals.

Cross Country

12. Channing Anseth will advance to nationals.

13. Anseth and Beth Sandoval will place in the Top-10 at NCC.

14. Without Nick Hirsch, the men will finish last in the NCC.

Soccer

15. The team will finish with a losing record.

16. Team defense will suffer without Betsy Pratt.

17. Daneen Bergquist will replace all-NCC Stephanie Brendal in goal.

18. High school teammates Anne Litecky and Trista Cooke will lead the team in goals.

19. Despite a losing record, SCSU will advance to the NCC playoffs.



Matt Hanson

Men's Basketball

20. David Dreas will make people forget about Nate Miller.

21. Matt Hanson will lead the team in scoring.



DEREK SULLIVAN

STAFF COLUMN

22. The Huskies will drop to third place because of a late season swoon.

23. SCSU will advance to the NCAA Tournament.

24. The Huskies will get blown out in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

25. Braham H.S. center Noah Dahlman will commit to the Huskies.

26. Injuries will give freshman Craig Coenen playing time.

Women's Basketball

27. Erika Quigley's scoring will go down.



Kayla Rengel

28. Kayla Rengel's scoring will go up.

29. Sascha Hansen will hit 50 percent of her 3-pointers.

30. The team will finish second in NCC.

31. SCSU will miss the tough play of Katie Huschle.

32. The Huskies will be upset in Wells Fargo NCC Tournament.

33. SCSU will be upset in NCAA Tournament.

34. Brianna Nance will force Hansen to play off-guard.

35. Quigley will be the *Chronicle's* Female Athlete of the Year.

Swimming and Diving

36. Danielle Breunig will break all of her own records.

37. SCSU will win the women's NCC title.

38. Jeff Hegle will win NCC Coach of the Year.

39. Caitlin Digney will become an All-American.

40. Ross Eiden will not be the Huskies' best male diver.

41. Sara Steffen will be the NCC's best woman diver.

42. The Husky men will finish second in the NCC.



Andrew Gordon

Men's Hockey

43. SCSU will finish in eighth place.

44. Andrew Gordon will lead the team in scoring.

45. Bobby Goepfert will replace Tim Boron in goal.

46. The Huskies will win 12 games at max.

47. Joe Jensen will lead the team in goals.

48. The Minnesota Golden Gophers will sweep the Huskies.

49. The Denver Pioneers will sweep the Huskies.

50. North Dakota will sweep the Huskies.

51. The Wisconsin Badgers will sweep the Huskies.

52. SCSU will tie Colorado College once.

53. SCSU will not announce actual attendance.

54. Craig Dahl will get four votes of confidence.

55. Dahl will not get a contract extension.

Woman's Hockey



Ashley Stewart

56. Kristy Ooninx will score the winning goal against the Gophers.

57. SCSU will win 10 games.

58. The team will average less than 150 fans at home games.

59. Ashley and Kelly Stewart will each score more

than 25 points.

60. Jason Lesteberg will be named WCHA Coach of the Year.

61. The Huskies will lose in the first round of the WCHA Final Five.

62. Kendell Newell will take over as the primary goalie.

63. SCSU will beat Ohio State twice.

64. Sammy Nixon will be the *Chronicle's* Freshman Female Athlete of the Year.

Nordic Skiing

65. No one will know we have a Nordic Skiing team.

Wrestling

66. SCSU will lose to St. John's.

67. No wrestler will win five dual matches.

68. SCSU will go winless in NCC.

69. Two wrestlers will advance to the NCAA Tournament.

70. No Husky will win at Nationals.

71. The average SCSU student won't be able to name a single wrestler.

Track and Field

72. The Huskies won't host an outdoor season meet.

73. Beth Sandoval will break a school record.

74. Ryan Koch won't be named the *Chronicle's* Male Athlete of the Year, but should be.

75. Aaron Wolfram will advance to nationals in three events.

76. SCSU women's team will finish a surprising second at NCC.

Tennis

77. The men will win the NCC.

78. SCSU men's team will advance to NCAA quarterfinals.

79. Kelley Severson will become the best women's tennis player.

80. Nicole Lechner will stay at No. 1 anyway.

81. SCSU men's team will beat Gustavus.

82. SCSU will not play a home match in St. Cloud.

83. Tony Larson will win 25 singles matches.

84. Michael Engdahl will win 25 singles matches.

85. Titus Christainson will lead the team in singles victories.

Baseball

86. Luke Klitzke will lead the team in walks.

87. Klitzke will hit fewer than 10 home runs.

88. Travis Thompson will be the best catcher in the NCC.

89. SCSU will win 20 games.

90. The team ERA will be more than six runs a game.

91. Fans won't travel to Dick Putz Field for home games.

92. Dan Skog will be the most improved player.

Softball

93. Jenny Gensch will become the NCC's best short-stop.

94. Abby Velta's quiet leadership will be missed.

95. Stef Schroeder will

start twice as many games as Lacey Trossbach.

96. For the first time in four years, no SCSU player will be an All-American.

97. Abby Augdahl will be the best player not named to the All-NCC first team.

98. Christine Borchart will struggle replacing Velta.

99. The Huskies will start slow, but rally to finish strong in the NCC.

100. Jessica Preiner will be the best catcher in the NCC.

How many of these predictions will come true? I couldn't tell you. One thing is certain, most SCSU teams should have strong teams and small crowds. Too bad.

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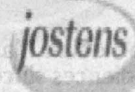
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Cho uses comedy to tackle topics



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Comedian Margaret Cho performs Wednesday night at Halenbeck Hall. Cho has been entertaining audiences since she was 16-years-old. She spoke on politics, gay rights and current events.

Tessa Brend

STAFF WRITER

Little Margaret Cho packed a big and blunt punch Wednesday night when she spoke at Halenbeck Hall.

Cho entertained more than 2,000 people.

The "in your face" presentation started at 7:30 p.m., with Cho taking the stage to heavy applause and a standing ovation before she was even able to speak.

Cho is mostly known for her stand up comedy and television and movie appearances. She took time off her critically acclaimed Assassin Tour to speak at SCSU. She flew in Wednesday morning and was flying out to Boston soon after her performance.

"I had no idea St. Cloud was so gay," Cho said to the hooting audience.

Through her graphic humor, Cho commented on sensitive subjects such as politics, race, sexuality and religion.

"How convenient," Cho said of the voting maps displayed during the presidential election. "Now we have a color coded map to where all the stupid people are."

"George Bush didn't help the tsunami victims," Cho said. "Why would he? They don't have oil."

Cho said she wants Jesus to come back and say, "That's not what I meant."

"It's bad," Cho said. "You know things are bad politically when you're reminiscing about what a great president Ronald Reagan was."

Cho went on to call Bush "anti-woman and anti-choice" and said she is afraid he'll reverse Roe v. Wade, leaving women with no options.

"It's infuriating when the government feels they have to invent laws to restrict women's sexuality because they feel it's dangerous," Cho said.

On gay marriage, Cho said, "We don't need an amendment to protect marriage. We need an amendment to protect us from Bush."

Cho reminded the audience that being gay is not a choice.

"I don't understand homophobia," Cho said, "I really don't. In my universe, it doesn't exist."

"I can't go back to my country," Cho said, "I was born here and the only person who has a right to tell you to go back to your country is a Native American."

Trina Kjara, a St. Cloud community member, came with her roommate to the event. Both women had seen Cho on TV before and were excited

for her performance.

Bruce Daniels, a good friend of Cho's that has been traveling with her for three years, took the stage before Cho.

"Yes, I'm gay," Daniels said. "Straight black men wouldn't wear their clothes this tight."

Addressing gay marriage, Daniels said, "If I pay taxes in my country, shouldn't I have the same rights as every other American?"

Daniels also just wrapped filming a movie, "Bam Bam and Celeste," that Cho wrote.

Before giving the stage over to Cho, Daniels said, "As a gay American, as a black American and as a human being, I am not going to stand here and let this administration scare me back into the closet."

Cho brought Daniels back onstage for the question and answer period that followed the show at 8:40 p.m. A long line of people rushed to the mics to get the chance to speak to Cho.

Cho offered advice to students and people of all ages.

The range of topics addressed by the audience was not only broad, but shocking. One woman asked Cho if she had found her G-spot yet, to which Cho replied, "I kind of stopped looking and then it was right there."

A group of GLBT showed up to support Cho, some drove three hours to see her, and some wanted to know her influences, who she cited as Jeanine Garaffalo and Bjork.

At 9 p.m. event organizers had to cut off questions. Many people wanted to speak to Cho, but there was a limited amount of time.

During a press conference after the event, Cho said about being a role model to people, "It's not really me. It's the idea of positive identity and allowing yourself to speak up and say to someone 'you are wrong.' People look outside themselves to find strength and they may find strength in me and what I'm saying and that's great."

Cho also said she is in the process of writing her second book right now. The book is due out this fall and will feature her political essays.

Thomas Marcroft, a first year student, was counting down the days until Cho came.

"It was awesome," Marcroft said, "She has a really good political voice. It's refreshing to see a comic who knows what they're talking about that can talk about issues on a comedic level but also connect with people."

Mind lifts Ritsche

Jay Corn

DIVERSIONS EDITOR

Craig Karges considers himself to be an extraordinist who mixes together magic, psychology and humor to demonstrate the power of the human brain.

Karges entertained a packed Ritsche Auditorium Tuesday night with a variety of demonstrations that had many audience members questioning reality and wondering about the untapped potential of their own minds.

"What I basically do is put people in situations with limited resources," Karges said. "I'm a visualist. Everything I do is mind over matter. I rely on my intuition and experience to predict what the outcome of a given situation will be."

Karges performed a variety of visual illusions Tuesday night. Some of the crowd favorites included reciting serial numbers from random paper money while blindfolded, guessing phone numbers of random audience members, interlocking and then separating rings taken from members of the audience and lifting a wooden table off the ground simply by placing his hands on it.

"I couldn't believe the table thing," SCSU second-year student Jason Eric said. "I was sitting pretty close to the stage, and at first I thought there was a handle or something hidden somewhere. If there was, he did a good job hiding it, because I was looking really hard for strings."

The underlying theme of Karges' performance Tuesday was that the power of the human mind is one most people have yet to tap. Karges said everyone possesses hidden mental

power.

"Is it possible to send a thought without speaking or to see without eyes?" Karges asked. "People, especially college students, tend to spend more time in cyber space than they do in their personal space. Enhancing the mind should be a goal of everyone."

Karges said that the human brain is a complex, computer-like organ. If the brain were a computer, it would take one-square mile of wiring and all of the electrical power in Minnesota to operate.

Despite the almost constant travel his job requires, Karges says his family is very supportive of his career.

"I'm definitely a road warrior," Karges said. "My wife actually travels with me sometimes."

Karges told his audience to appreciate the power of the human mind, and petitioned them to get in touch with their brain's inner workings.

"The most fascinating computer is the brain," Karges said. "Unlike a computer though, the brain is only limited by imagination."



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SCSU first-year student Justine Dahl enjoys optical illusions Tuesday night at Ritsche Auditorium.

SCSU fired up for day of music

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Rain or shine, the 20th Annual Mississippi Music Fest (MMF) will invade Riverside Park on Sunday, bringing music and many other activities from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (dusk).

Two musical stages, an arts and craft fair, food vendors, student organization booths, a children's area with special performances, plus over nine hours of music will entertain thousands as a semester highlight.

From 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. there will be inflatable games featuring a QB challenge, gladiator jousting, bouncy boxing, bungee run, an obstacle course and a Velcro wall.

The public can get inked with free airbrush tattoos from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or relax in big chair photos from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The children's area and cultural stage will showcase events scheduled from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. including magicians, dancers and storytellers, arts and crafts, and inflatable games. This is a children and family favorite.

More than 30 vendors will set up and sell food and collectables.

Strategically located information tables are positioned around the park for attendees to receive information about the day's events, including a band schedule, vendor maps, children's area events, sponsor brochures and printed materials. A brochure will also be available with all sponsors' contact and product information.

Tiffany Williams, MMF Coordinator, hopes that this year's MMF will be more of a community event.

"Something people can bring their families to," Williams said.

George Micalone, MMF Advisor, said he wants, "people to have fun and remember it for the good things that happened and the music."

The lower stage is where the largest attendance for the music is achieved. From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., R&B and soul singer Kip Blackshire and singer-songwriter Josh Kelley will take the stage to end the festivities.

The upper stage features performances scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Four Shadow, a capella sensation from Minneapolis, will emcee with four additional bands performing. Bands include Heiruspecs (hip hop that infuses funk, soul and hard-hitting beats), Raining Jane (up-and-coming, eclectic rock-folk band based in Los Angeles), Diamondback (St. Cloud band that plays a wide variety of music that people of all ages can enjoy, such as Garth Brooks, John Mellencamp, Metallica, and more) and Doorstep Paradise (13th Annual Battle of the Unsigned Bands Winner). The stage is located at main park entrance and next to vendors and restrooms.

Tickets are \$5 for community members \$3 for students and two for \$5 with a SCSU ID. Expected attendance is 15,000 people.

'Triviaholix' continues a UTVS tradition

Kaleb Bronson

STAFF WRITER

Trivia shows have been around for decades, but not even Vanna White's wheel can keep up with what the new "Triviaholix" has to offer.

For the past two years, "Triviaholix" has been one of the most popular shows on UTVS. A senior at SCSU, Kristine Leuze developed the concept for the show. She wanted to incorporate the vintage-style of classic game shows and add an appealing twist for college students.

In May 2002, Leuze turned in a proposal to Josh Miller, general manager of UTVS.

"I finally got the green light in June and we started getting the sponsors during the summer," Leuze said.

Leuze gathered a group of creative minds that worked diligently on developing the soon-to-be game show on UTVS. Marc Ryan Johnson, Matt

Melander and Brian Prom helped to further develop Leuze's initial idea.

In September of 2003, the show debuted its first episode, with Johnson as the show's first host. He combined the personalities of Alex Trebek and Will Ferrell while adding his own signature mustache.

Besides the contestants and on-air personalities, the show also encourages all students to be active behind the scenes.

"We have a lot of people from outside the department," Melander said. "Many people just do this for fun."

Nima Emami, a volunteer camera operator, plans on working for the program for the rest of the year. Emami runs camera three, which focuses on Kyle Fletcher, and said she enjoys "watching Kyle's facial expressions."

Kyle Fletcher, a first-year student and TV production major, said that he had to go through a grueling process to become the new host of the program.

The audition process was set up in an "American Idol" format, with Johnson, Kristy Olson and Melander as the judges. Out of the final four, Fletcher was chosen as the new host to replace Johnson, who is now directing and producing the show.

Fletcher formerly worked on other UTVS programs such as "Eye 2 Eye" and "Back to the Movies."

"I really want to focus on 'Triviaholix,'" Fletcher said.

Olson confidently said she believes "Triviaholix" has taken great strides since Fletcher took the reigns of the show.

"If someone can bring it to the next level he can, but he is still getting into it," Olson said.

Olson went on to say that with his trademark bow tie and gelled back hair, Fletcher gives "Triviaholix" a fresh image.

Part of keeping that new image fresh involves visiting various busi-

nesses around the area to collect prizes. Some of the sponsors include D.B. Searle's, Book-Ems, Rum Runners, Rockin' 101 and Superstars. Prizes vary from t-shirts to gift certificates.

Before an episode starts taping, the host and three contestants step behind the stage as the crew set up their positions. When the cameras begin to roll, contestants and the host enter the stage and are introduced.

The first round of questioning begins with a wide variety of categories, ranging from Scooby Doo to reality TV. At the conclusion of each round, the cameras stop rolling and the contestants have a chance to regroup their brain cells.

There are four parts to the show: three question rounds – two verbal and one written – and "Blindo," the newest addition to the program. It features contestants placing cardboard boxes over their heads, while they try to

guess the object that is placed on their hands. Objects range from a beer tap to a small vacuum.

Meta Pautsch, a former contestant of the show, stated, "I didn't know they changed it. I wanted the wheel back. That was kind of cool how it went with the randomness of it all. You never knew what you're going to get."

Pautsch convinced two of her friends to appear on the April 14 taping of "Triviaholix." "Meta signed us up," Audra Ness said. Ness ended up triumphing, winning a ten-dollar gift certificate to Book-Ems.

"We're going to keep trying to do the same thing," Olson said about the future of "Triviaholix."

Johnson said the show has gone through a transitional period and is going to continue to push the envelope. "We are the black sheep of UTVS; we do things our way."

Kutcher carries ‘Love’

I was skeptical at first when I went to see “A Lot Like Love.” Ashton Kutcher has made some questionable movies in his young career, and anytime I think of him, I think Michael Kelso from “That 70’s Show.”

Kutcher is not known for his acting, but I was surprised that he was able to crank out his lines and was believable in his role of Oliver, a slacker who dreams of becoming an Internet mogul.

Amanda Peet is a more polished actress, and it shows with her character’s believable scene-to-scene transitions. Her character Emily is a free spirit that tries to find herself and her true love throughout the movie.

“A Lot Like Love” is about the relationship between Emily and Oliver, who meet only four days in seven years. Each day, they get to know a little more of each other, after a memorable enrollment in the Mile High Club.



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Each time they part, they have no regrets, but they have a hard time putting each other out of their minds. Only by chance do they meet up again, or when they need companionship. Such as when she is dumped and needs a date, or when he is dumped and needs a friend to talk to.

Throughout the movie, the audience gets a sense that Oliver and Emily are truly in love with each other. Just as they are about to declare their true love, something always comes up. Oliver has a new job in San Francisco, then Emily passes out on the toilet the night

before Oliver leaves.

“A Lot Like Love” is a romantic comedy without a lot of comedy, but there are parts of the movie that are funny. Whenever Oliver has to deal with his little sister, all they can do is yell at each other and the encounters are quite humorous.

But the movie doesn’t rely on tired formulaic situations. There is no goofy, off-the-wall best friend. No silly slapstick that some movies have to rely on, and nothing gross for cheap laughs. There was some horseplay at a restaurant that was meant to be funny, but all that got was a few chuckles.

The only formulaic part of the movie was Oliver’s wise, The lawyer and dispenses out wisdom pro bono. He signs life advice on the beach to Oliver while watching his son splash around in the ocean. Your typical Hollywood movie moment, it makes you want to get the tissue paper and cry your eyes out. Other than the few distracting

scenes with the knowledgeable brother, the movie stays away from the typical.

Emily and Oliver excelled at relying on each other. They showed an intimacy when they helped each other try to forget the other’s problems, an intimacy that comes only with two people are truly in love with one another.

While this movie will not be contending for Oscar gold, it will delight the proper target audience. A couple that wants to go see a tender movie about love and relationships and finding your one true love will find this movie excellent. It is not, however, a buddy movie, there are no explosions, fart jokes, fighting, guns or car chases.

I recommend people see this movie, as long as you bring a date. It’s not high drama or high action, it is, however, romantic and a bit funny. If you go with the right mindset you will love this movie.

‘Interpreter’ pleasantly surprises

With modern day trends of remakes and sequels where imagination seems lacking, a fresh and unique plot is hard to come by.

“The Interpreter” is a breath of fresh air. Cleverly written and suspenseful, with a captivating plot that draws you in using complex characters and a story line that continues to spark questions, “The Interpreter” is a movie with a lot to offer.

Nothing is what it seems, and the plot goes deeper than the trailer would have you believe. This is something director Sydney Pollack must have planned, because the trailer promises suspense and delivers more, telling the story by masterfully interlacing the two main characters together and relying on them both to tell the tale.

What an insightful idea: let the characters tell the story for once instead of the special effects. Pollack knows he doesn’t need to rely on action scenes when the story is this enticing and the actors are sure to deliver.

Nicole Kidman plays Silvia Broome, an interpreter at the United Nations who is able to speak a rare South African dialect known as Ku (a fictional language). Having been raised in Matobo (also fictional), a South African country, Broome is a rare commodity at the U.N. When she overhears a threat about the current South African Head of State,



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President Zuwanie, in Ku and in no more than a whisper, the audience might wonder how ironic (or staged) the scene is.

Sean Penn’s character, federal agent Tobin Keller, wonders too. His mistrust for Broome is obvious from the start, as is his emotional distress, which is hinted at but not revealed. At least, not right away.

Like everything else in this movie, the plot reveals just enough to answer one question before causing another to arise. Both characters are obviously carrying a lot of emotional baggage, but revealing it right away wouldn’t be nearly as intriguing (or as plausible) as letting it naturally unfold.

Broome and Keller take an instant dislike to each other. He thinks she’s lying, and makes it well known to her, while she doesn’t like having her motives questioned, her life intruded and her every move watched. Both are private people with secrets they don’t want revealed and wounds they don’t want reopened. But her subtle

ways, hopeful and private, draw Keller in closer as he tries to figure out the enigma she poses; his abrupt manner and constant questioning disrupt the quiet life she was leading, a necessary evil that leads to very strong chemistry between the characters.

Romance, however, is not what this movie offers. While the chemistry between Broome and Keller adds to their characters, making their relationship even more complex, they are too busy trying to figure out who could want Zuwanie dead. The problem is, the list is far too extensive, and all the leads keep turning up cold.

Zuwanie is scheduled to make a speech at the U.N. addressing claims that he is responsible for a genocide movement and defending himself from possible legal charges. He has no intention of backing out, threat or not, which only adds to the political unrest between the U.N. and Africa.

As the movie progresses, the history of Matobo is unveiled, as well as Broome’s connection with it. Ku cultures are discussed as are race relations, adding interesting aspects to the film and reoccurring issues that help tie the 128 minute movie together.

I’ll admit I was skeptical when I walked into the theater. It seems that nowadays you’re lucky if the trailer doesn’t give everything

away, promise more than it gives or boils the movie down to a 30 second clip that shows all the best scenes. Having Kidman, Penn and Pollack all rolled into one, however, gave me some hope and, luckily, I wasn’t disappointed.

The movie paces itself carefully, sometimes spending more time on the characters than the action but, in my humble opinion, that’s what makes it great. The major conflict in the movie is tied to the character’s motives and beliefs, giving us depth rather than a group of flat characters. However, I was concerned when I thought the climax was approaching, thinking there was much more of the story left unanswered. My worry was a false alarm and the pseudo-climax just added to my anticipation for the real conclusion.

“The Interpreter” is not a feel-good movie where you can sit back and let the movie do the thinking for you. It’s a carefully constructed puzzle that will only slip you a piece or two at a time but leaves you wondering what the final image looks like.

“The Interpreter” is a thriller, a suspense-filled drama that will have you trying to guess the ending long before it’s in view. If you pay attention to the clues, you just might figure it out.

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