Construction ... Is it progress?

Randy Demers
Staff Writer

Are you sick of walking around construction equipment and through mud? You are not alone.

It looks like there might be an end in sight. Construction has been completed between the Conference Center, Bede, Hill and Selvig Halls. The name for this work was known as the Linkage Project, according to Kent Freberg, Plant Services Director.

The Atrium, (a name chosen by the UMC Operations Committee), is the new name for the glass link between Owen, Hill and Bede. Plans for The Atrium include the installation of more plants, furniture, and a campus directory/sign.

The two main reasons for the Linkage Project were for better environmental control and accessibility, according to Freberg.

Environmental control is achieved by less people opening outside doors and letting cold air in during the winter. With Hill Hall no longer having a front entrance and the Atrium completed, people can walk all the way to Kiehle Auditorium without opening an outside door.

The second reason is to allow accessibility to all staff and visitors, especially those with physical disabilities. Chair lifts have been installed on the first and second floor between the Conference Center and Bede and also in Hill Hall by the Atrium entrance. An elevator also provides accessibility on all floors of Hill and Selvig.

Other work finished or in progress includes:
• Work on the landscaping by the grounds crew and the Horticulture department
• The parking lot behind Selvig resurfaced
• The fire alarm system on the entire campus upgraded
• Brink Hall re-sided
• The gym, Owen, and McCall re-shingled
• A sanitary sewer replaced in front of Hill and Selvig
• The students and staff rose to the challenge, however, and the results lie (or is it "lay"?) before you.

Welcome!

What you, reader, find in front of you is the culmination of the work of a few very dedicated UMC students and staff. Persons who felt something missing from this campus: namely, a student newspaper.

This group of movers and shakers decided students needed a voice on the UMC campus. What better way than by exercising our first amendment right to free speech?

Starting a newspaper from scratch (even a small newspaper) is a bit like re-inventing the wheel. Many students joke around saying the only thing the university does is tear up sidewalks and pour new sidewalks all over campus.

"This University is always planning and doing things to improve the physical environment of our entire campus for the benefit of faculty, staff, students and visitors," Freberg said.

ATTENTION:
Are you a closet writer? Do you like to draw or just doodle on scratch paper? Then chances are that you have what it takes to be one of UMC's finest. Be all you can be—be a staff writer or artist for THE FOURTH ESTATE. Besides, it will make you feel good and impress your family and friends.

Thank you for your support.
No clue, no cure for vandalism

Randy Demers
Staff Writer

Vandalism is a problem at UMC. It is affecting the faculty, maintenance people, and especially the students. The students take the brunt of the abuse. They pay more for housing due to vandalism in the residence halls.

Tapes and stereos stolen from cars and broken auto windows have also made students almost scared to have vehicles in the campus parking lots.

Why is vandalism happening on the UMC campus?

According to Gene Wisness, Maintenance Coordinator for the residence halls, most vandalism is random and is not directed at any individual in particular.

Wisness said vandalism is a "senseless thrill" that can be characterized two ways.

The first is vandalism from people who are sober. They vandalize for the thrill of it or just to have a "good" time.

The second, according to Wisness, is vandalism from people who have been drinking.

When people have been drinking they aren't thinking clearly and do things on the spur of the moment, said Wisness.

Vandalism usually creates a mess of various components. It creates more work for the building caretakers, who generally are the ones cleaning it up. It is also very annoying to those who didn't do it but who have to live with the mess and the inconvenience.

Following is a list of items occurring either last spring or this fall. Theft of UMC property is included in the classification of vandalism.

- Vehicles vandalized in the parking lots -- windows smashed and car bodies dented
- Faucets on the sinks of the Skyberg A-Wing first floor bathroom so badly damaged they needed replacement
- Two garbage cans stolen, one from Brink and one from Lee. Cans cost $117 (plus freight) each to replace (High cost reflects their design for fire safety code.)
- Plumbing disconnected in two bathrooms of the residence halls. Required a plumber for repairs.
- The TV in the Skyberg Lounge stolen last January. Replaced at a cost of nearly $1000.
- Plants stolen from the Skyberg Lobby.
- Cable line cut in Skyberg Lounge. Required a cable repairman.
- Table broken in McCall lobby.
- Windows and screens broken throughout the school year in all of the residence halls.
- Fire extinguishers shot off in the bathrooms and hallways of the residence halls.

When students complain about the high cost of living on campus they should be reminded of all the damage created and the cost incurred by vandals, Wisness said.

If students realized the money they pay for room fees also covered damage done by vandals, maybe then the acts of vandalism would decrease.

STD's: Are you at risk?

Muriel Roley
Health Services Coordinator

- Are you between the ages of 15 and 30?
- Have you known your sexual partner only a short time?
- Are you embarrassed to talk about STD's before becoming sexually involved?
- Do you avoid using condoms?

The more "yes" answers you have, the greater your risk of getting and spreading a sexually transmitted disease.

Sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) are infections you catch through sexual contact. The most common for college students include chlamydia, genital herpes, and genital warts.

Most bacterial STD's, like gonorrhea, chlamydia, and syphilis are relatively easy to cure with antibiotics if caught early. Viral STD's like genital herpes and AIDS, are more difficult to treat and are often incurable.

You don't need to feel guilty, ashamed, or embarrassed if you think you have an STD. STD's do not go away by themselves. In many cases, however, they can be treated relatively quickly and painlessly.

Following is a review of the most common STD's:

- **Trichomoniasis (Trich)** is a parasite. It produces a frothy yellow discharge in the vagina, abdominal pain, painful urination, tingly feeling in the penis and persistent itching. Untreated it can cause bladder and urethra infections. It is easily treated with an oral antibiotic.

Chlamydia may create an unusual discharge, pain with urination, unusual vaginal bleeding, or deep abdominal pain. Because the infection develops slowly, most women show no symptoms until they have a severe infection. Chlamydia is now thought to be a major cause of infertility.

Genital Warts usually are clusters of painless cauliflower-like bumps caused by a virus. They may develop in clusters of six weeks to eight months and are contagious even when no bumps can be seen. Genital warts grow rapidly and can reoccur even after treatment.

- **Genital Herpes** is a virus which creates blisters or sores and sometimes fever, aching muscles and swollen glands. It is most contagious whenever sores are present and may be contagious even when sores are not actually seen. In women, sores can be inside the vagina or on the cervix where they are hidden. Syphilis first appears as a painless sore 10 to 90 days after sexual contact. Then the symptom disappears, but not the disease. The second stage may be present as a skin rash or patchy hair loss, or there may be no symptoms. The third stage is damage to the brain, nervous system, hearing or liver.

AIDS is spread by a virus which gets into the blood through intimate sexual contact or IV drug use. Anyone who has sex with many partners, with someone who has other partners, or with someone who uses IV drugs is at risk for AIDS. Before having sex, find out if your partner has any habits which will put you at risk.

Remember, no one is immune to STD's. Everyone who is sexually active can get or transmit an STD. It doesn't matter if you are rich, poor, gay or straight. One in four Americans between the ages of 15-22 will get a STD at least once.

To lower your risk of a sexually transmitted disease you can...

- Form a monogamous relationship in which you and your partner make an agreement to be faithful sexually.
- Use condoms. Although not 100 percent safe, they provide the best protection now available.
- Learn the common symptoms of STD's and seek medical help immediately even if symptoms are mild.
- Do not use drugs, including alcohol, in potentially intimate situations. Drugs lower you ability to make sensible, self-protecting decision.

For further information, stop into Student Health, Bede Hall.
**A kinder, gentler phone system**

**Randy Demers**
Staff Writer

Most students learned to use the telephone before they made it to kindergarten.

But when students arrived on campus this fall, they had to learn how to "phone home" all over again.

According to Kent Freberg, Director of Plant Services, the old phone system left many roommates paying for other roommates long distance phone calls. This was one of the major reasons the University decided to go with a new system.

With the new system, that problem is completely eliminated. Each student pays a $50.00 long distance calling deposit (refundable at the end of the year, provided you've paid all your long distance phone bills) and is issued a private security code to access the system.

"I like the fact that you have your own security code because you don't get stuck paying for calls that aren't yours," said Kari Klassen, a UMC freshman.

Not all students are thrilled with the new system. Sophomore student, Jamie Hodgson said he thought last year's phone system was adequate. "The changes implemented this year only cause confusion and cost more money for the students."

There is a $5 monthly local service fee in addition to the long distance charge. Students are upset having to pay this fee, said Freberg, but actually the fee is less than in previous years. Students were unaware of the cost (around $10) as it was figured into the room and board fee.

The new system consists of two parts, an automated attendant and a voice mail system.

The automated attendant helps to process many more calls in a more timely fashion, according to Freberg. There is one phone number for all students and 160 separate extensions (per room or apartment).

The automated attendant is able to handle nine incoming calls at one time, shuffling off each caller to the preferred extension. A "human" operator can answer only one call at a time.

In the past each student was assigned their own phone number and billed directly by AT&T and US West. An automated attendant and voice mail does have disadvantages, said Freberg. Because there is a computer operator instead of a human voice, the system is often dubbed "impersonal". Some callers without a touch tone phone have a disadvantage also.

"It [the phone system] is good for calling students and faculty on campus, but people calling me from off campus have gotten cut off or sometimes can't get through," said Lynnette Giroux, UMC freshman.

Advantages to the system include a voice mail feature, replacing the traditional answering machine. Voice mail enables the caller and receiver to have a conversation without ever actually talking to each other.

Freberg said he recommends students who have not yet activated their voice mail to do so as soon as possible.

**4-year programs: To be or not to be**

Future directions in northwestern Minnesota and four options for the Crookston campus were discussed at Senate Committee on Finance and planning meeting Oct. 22. David Berg, assistant to the president, presented Management Planning and Information Services (MPIS) study of four options: to continue UMC as a two-year institution, to close UMC, to expand UMC to a four-year institution, or to transfer UMC to the new higher education superboard.

Expanding Crookston to a four-year institution is the proposal of the UMC administration, which says UMC can expand from 871 full-year-equivalent (FYE) students in fiscal year 1991 to 1,936 in fiscal year 1997 with the addition of 18 faculty. Added cost would be covered by increased tuition revenue. The MPIS study concludes that the plan "is feasible and desirable if the additional students can be attracted." No new space would be needed.

A majority of UMC students say their eventual goal is a four-year degree, and "the claim that a substantial group would be retained is credible," the study says. Also, a four-year campus at Crookston could attract graduates of Northland Community College, some students who now attend Moorhead State (which is "bursting with students while Crookston operates at an uneconomically low volume," says the study), and more students from Manitoba. On the negative side, the number of students from North Dakota, a low-tuition state, is declining.

The MPIS study endorses the four-year option but expresses caution that the "enrollment projections go beyond the bounds of reasonable probability" and questions whether the addition of 18 faculty would be enough to maintain a quality four-year program. The Finance Committee asked to review the financial aspects of the plan and requested that the Senate Committee on Educational policy review "the educational adequacy of the plan."


**UMC students tell it like it is**

**Lynnette Giroux**
Staff Writer

I asked students what they would or would not recommend about UMC if they were telling someone about their experience here. Among those asked were first and second year college students, traditional-aged and older-than-average students.

* It should be a wet campus for those over 21 years of age.
* Good teachers, but I don't like the food here.
* It's great that all the buildings are connected.
* UM is a hell of a fun place.
* It's some kind of wonderful.
* UMC campus gives you the education of a larger college but with a small school atmosphere. People here care about you, you're not just a number.
* Needs more diversity and a bigger variety in the arts and sciences division.
* Academic help is easy to obtain.
* Compared to other campuses, you get more personal attention from teachers and staff here at UMC.
* UM should offer 4-year programs.
* Pleasant atmosphere and excellent teaching staff.
* If a class has more than one instructor, say for labs and also for lectures, they should work together, so the classes coincide.
* It's a smaller community-type atmosphere.
* Good teachers!
* Students should be able to use Parking Lot G.
* It's close to home for some people.
* Too expensive! Also, the bookstore should be open during all of the posted hours.

* Should evaluate instructors more frequently.
* Natural Resources Department is great! Personable teachers and advisement.
* We have lots of student activities - a wide variety.
* UMC should have more activities for the married students or for families of students.
* To be or not to be
**Meet the press**

Heidi Runyon  
Editor

Welcome to UMC’s new, official, student-run campus newspaper!

As an editor and contributor to this novel idea, I would like to speak on behalf of the entire newspaper staff to share with you what this campus newspaper is all about.

First of all, I would like to give you a brief background as to what makes up this journal. Currently, the staff is made up of approximately 14 members: two UMC staff advisors, Jean Antelman and Andrew Svec; two student editors, Heidi Runyon, Editor and Matt Myrold, Co-editor; a public relations director/secretary, Anna Buegler; two photographers, Chad Johnson and Chae Yliniemi; an artist, Steph Nilson; and six writers, Randy Demers, Lynnette Giroux, Mark Halliday, Lyle Lee, Michelle Runyon, and Anthony Spindler.

We are newly registered as a UMC “special group”; therefore, at the present time we are sponsored and funded by the school.

Secondly, I’ll define what I consider the basis of the entire newspaper, its name. After narrowing down the many possible choices and proceeding through an exhausting voting and re-voting process, we finally came up with The Fourth Estate (obviously).

According to Webster’s New International Dictionary, the following definition is given: "The public press, the newspaper profession".

Researching the subject further, I found the historical origin of this term. There are three traditional "estates" or classes in medieval and early modern society: the lords temporal (or nobility), the lords spiritual (or clergy), and the commons (everyday people).

The term "fourth estate" may be attributed then to Thomas Bakington Macaulay, who, in the essay "Hallam’s Constitutional History" (1828), paid tribute to the power of the press: "The gallery in which the reporters sit has become a fourth estate of the realm".

Finally, with the definition of The Fourth Estate in mind, I would like to sum up briefly the newspaper’s purpose: to represent not only the issues affecting our student body right here on campus, but also the issues of the world affecting us all as people living in a largely diversified culture.

Welcome aboard!

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**Letters to the Editor**

**As a student athlete here at UMC, I feel that the locking of the dorm outside doors at 8:00 p.m. is pure stupidity.**

Take the basketball team, for instance, who are practicing at night and go over to the gym in their shorts. Like they are really going to carry their keys over there? No.

Now take the intramural basketball league for instance. You were probably thinking, "Well, the basketball team will dress in the locker room." Well maybe, but the intramural people can’t, ‘cause then they would have to leave their clothes out in the open.

So where do these people leave their keys? Out in the open where people can take them?

Why not lock [the doors] at 10:00 p.m., when everybody will be out of the gym?

So if it is not that difficult, I know all of the student athletes here on campus would appreciate the doors being open later at night.

Jon Labine  
UMC student

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With the meal tickets, you either have only five meals or too many, like fifteen or eighteen.

I understand that fifteen is just right for some people, but for others they are just wasting their money by not eating that many meals.

I think that each student should have an account with so much money in it, and [Food Service should] deduct from it each time [a student] eats. When that money runs out, [students could] put more in it or go to the grocery store.

Marcy Bagley  
UMC student

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If I don’t eat three meals a day, I am still required to pay for them.

I also think that UMC should provide something like a student union, where a student can go and get something hot to eat or drink when food service is closed.

I feel that if UMC were to offer alternatives like a ten meal plan and a student union, many students would opt for a smaller meal plan, and the students who couldn’t make it to the food service or didn’t want to eat in food service would make use of the student union.

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Marie Ahrens  
UMC student

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COMPLAINT? CONCERN?  
All you need to do is send a type-written, signed copy of your complaint and/or concern to:  
THE FOURTH ESTATE  
Letters to the Editor  
UMC Box #999  
All letters are subject to editing for spelling and/or grammatical errors.
Recycling

Michelle Runyon
Staff Writer

Recycling.
Is it a fallacy made up by the government? Or a get-rich-quick scheme created by the minds of greedy business people?
The truth is, it all started in the late 1800's. Some American paper and steel companies found that a great deal of their products were being wasted. Someone, somewhere learned to recycle these products. American steel and paper companies have been recycling for about a century.
Recycling didn't become a major concern though until the late 1960's. Picture this—college students, just like you, trying to break away from the shallow knits of society, questioning everything around them, and noticing things they've never noticed before.

One of those things noticed was the increasing pollution problem. Smog clouding over cities, factories contaminating clean waters, and landfills polluting the ground water.

No one wants to live in a polluted world. (Although looking at all the garbage left on campus grounds might make you wonder.) Let's take a closer look at the overflowing landfill problem. Paper products for example, which contribute to most of the garbage in a landfill, are made of wood and other chemicals.

Plastic products, the second largest garbage landfill contributor, are completely made up of chemicals. When we dump these products into a landfill, whether they're burned or not, soot and gases which leak into the ground water contaminating a source of drinking water. This is why many overflowing landfills have been closed in recent years.

So where does this garbage go? Unfortunately, over a ton of garbage a day is still being dumped into the ocean although efforts are being made to stop this from occurring.

Pollution even occurs in space. Scientists claim that there is more 'space junk' floating around, (including a billion dollar telescope that has never been operational), than there are actual working satellites.

America is a very wasteful society. If we continue at this same wasteful pace, ten of our major natural resources will be depleted between the years 2010 and 2280. This may sound like a long way off but, in fact, it is within your lifetime (and your children's and grandchildren's lifetime).

All of these problems could be solved almost completely and very easily by everyone joining together and following the advice of our conservationists—make an effort to RECYCLE. After all, this recycling effort may just keep our nation from drowning in our own refuse and from totally depleting our very precious resources.

The environment will only be saved if we stop taking it for granted and responding swiftly to the problems. Smog clouding over cities, factories contaminating clean waters, and landfills polluting the ground water.

The combined efforts of a few members of the human race have been instrumental in making the lot of us feel guilty about tossing a fast food wrapper out the car window, while at the same time pressuring the government to create unjust laws regarding such trivialities.

This attention to nit-picking only assists the real culprits and violators in getting away with doing real damage to the environment.

Just like the animal rights activist, the environmentalist's over-zealousness is tantamount to reverse productivity. The animal rights activist must surely realize the hunter is going to be even more desirous in his efforts to obtain "the kill".

The environmentalist should also recognize there are those who will go out of their way to oppose their efforts for the simple fact they are going too far.

When the individual entity is expected to succumb to the blindly accepted whims of the majority, herd-like and led around on a string, the environmentalist had better realize that he or she is going to be confronted with dissension in the ranks.

Freedom to choose to be slowly or uniformly should always rest with the individual. Anything to the contrary only makes me wonder if I wouldn't be free as an animal, protected by the animal rights activists while enjoying the tasty morsels found in refuse sites.

Issue: Recycling

Point

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Counterpoint

Lyle Lee
Staff Writer

For God's sake, what is the big deal that a fraction of the human race seems to be making out of recycling? And what exactly justifies their infringing on my right to be slovenly when and wherever I want?

It's one thing to stir up such a commotion over smoke and soot billowing from a factory chimney stack, but quite another to raise holy hell over an aluminum pop can lying harmlessly along side the road.

Environmentalists' actions strike me as verging on the edge of fanaticism - a bit like animal rights activists who would sooner kill you than watch you feed your face with dead animal flesh.

The environmentalist smells the toxins permeating the air and responds swiftly to the assault by initiating a campaign against the state and its complicity. And this is a good thing.

Where's justice?

Matthew C. Myrld
Co-editor

I was walking down a hall on the UMC campus when I passed a very good friend going the other way.

When he had passed I stopped in my tracks. I was floored when a racial slur ripped through the air. The comment came from a student who, more than likely, knew nothing about my friend.
Is ignorance common on the UMC campus? You be the judge.
Should this ignorance be justified? We all know that prejudice exists on all campuses, but why?
To the best of my knowledge, college is a place to learn, broaden one's views, and mostly, to grow up. My question to you - why do we have to have such racial tensions?

Our society is going to hell the way it is; we don't need to speed up the process.
Although there are many different types of prejudices dominant on all campuses, I feel ethnic bigotry is the killer on our campus.

Students at UMC seem to spend far too much time judging others simply because of the color of their skin. The skin color doesn't make up the human being at all. The person could be purple or green, and it shouldn't make a damn bit of difference.
If you think of the words "cultural diversity," they say it all. We live in a time of constant change and growth which leaves no time for racism. People need to accept others unconditionally no matter what color they are.

Because we face these challenges in the world, no one race can do it alone; we need to work together.
There is no absolute race - all are equal.
No one likes to be oppressed. We all have the same biological needs and drives. No one human is lesser than another.

All of us need food and water to survive. Caucasians have the same sexual drive as the Hispanic and Afro-American. We all work and strive to make money.

Let's just cut the racial superiority - everyone needs love and acceptance.

One must think to himself/herself, "How would I like to be treated?" Then turn around and treat people the same way.

I am white, and at times I am very proud of my ethnic background. But there are many times when I am ashamed and embarrassed because of the things I see and hear from white students.

When I hear the word "nigger" or "spic" I get this feeling inside that I couldn't even begin to describe. Part of me doesn't understand this ignorance and the other part of me wishes I could trade places with the victim because no one deserves that.

Everyone has a prejudice whether they admit it or not.

My only prejudice is against bigots. Open your eyes, look and watch what you say.
Are you crazy about sports?

Then be our "crazy" sports writer. We're looking for someone to write one or two in-depth features about UMC's athletes, coaches and fans.

Interested persons contact:
The Fourth Estate
UMC PO Box 999
Broadway comes to UMC

Singers and UMC Community Band along with several smaller group ensembles. In cooperation with Campus Ministry, both the choir and band performed at the Thanksgiving service held in the Hafslo Church here on campus.

Also during this time, the theater department was diligently preparing for their performance of the dinner theater/play entitled "The Learned Ladies" scheduled for the weekend of January 10th, 11th, and 12th.

In conclusion, if this article happened to spark any interest in the above programs, contact George French, director of music and theater at UMC, (extension #266).

The Glass Onion
Music Review

"Why Do Birds Sing"
Violent Femmes

Lyle Lee
Staff Writer

"Why Do Birds Sing?" is a collection of sardonic little ditties by the three-man band Violent Femmes.

Frontman Gordon Gano’s vocals - a cross between David Byrne (Talking Heads) and Lou Reed - dominate the album from start to finish.

The first cut, "American Music", epitomizes the natural flow and lyrical content of the entire album. Gano stumbles though, quite deliberately, through lines like "You were born too soon, I was born to late" and "He was smart, he was wise, he'd profoundly philosophize".

His silly suicidal cut "Out the Window," assures us we are not supposed to take him seriously.

Even the song title of "Lack of Knowledge," merely suggests a high-minded message. Lyrics like "when I drink a lot of beer y'know I gotta piss" and "there's no tomorrow like today, and there's no today like tomorrow" only further accentuate anything other than self-righteous blubbersing.

Why do birds sing? For the same reason Gano probably does: for the hell of it.
Horror-scopes

Magnum Bizarro
UMC Astrologist

ARIES: Take two aspirin, get some sleep, and call the doctor in the morning. Love with an Aquarius is not a good idea.

TAURUS: You should stop being so bull-headed. Grab the bull by the horns, and run with it. Love with an Aquarius is not possible.

GEMINI: You will make a bad decision today. You have no control over it, so learn to like it. Love with an Aquarius is the only solution. Love with an Aquarius is a bad idea.

CANCER: Chemotherapy is the only solution. Love with an Aquarius is a bad idea.

LEO: If you are looking to have your fortune told, don't believe a word you hear. You seem to be getting the lion's share of work lately. Love with an Aquarius is only trouble.

VIRGO: Don't be ashamed of your principles. Hold out on an important decision. If you are a true Virgo, you will say "no" to love with an Aquarius.

LIBRA: Le bra goes on the chest. Weigh all your options carefully. Think twice about love with an Aquarius.

SCORPIO: Your creativity runs wild, run with it. Stinging comments should be avoided, as well should love with an Aquarius.

SAGITTARIUS: Now is an excellent time to begin large projects with low budgets. Bargain-hunting will reveal treasure. Love with an Aquarius is ill-advised.

CAPRICORN: Small children may bring misery into your life. It may rain--unless the sun shines. Look for love in the right places--not with an Aquarius.

AQUARIUS: You are feeling unloved and unwanted. Try a new brand of anti-perspirant. Better times are around the corner.

PISCES: Stay away from fish stories, even though everyone will believe you. You may be hooked by an Aquarius with a great deal of passion.

Top 10.2 reasons George Bush shops at K-Mart

10.2 Because K-Mart sucks
10. It's the only place that gives him the illusion that the American dollar is still strong.
9. When the blue light flashes he can cut the defense budget and get arms for real cheap.
8. He doesn't have to worry about a Kennedy nailing Barbara in the dressing room.
7. The liquor store is right next door.
6. Because you can play nintendo games there for free.
5. He can leave Dan in the toy section and not have to worry.
4. No two-way mirrors in the dressing room so he can try on lingerie in peace.
3. He likes to try to hustle the cashiers.
2. Wide selection of polyester for Babs.
1. Only place his credit is good.

Peace starts with friendship

The Soviet-American Penfriend Exchange (SAPE) was little more than an idea ten years ago when two penpals--Michele Cervoni of New York and Marina Prokhorova of Chelyabinsk, U.S.S.R--began their correspondence.

In August 1989, "Pioneerskaya Pravda" printed an article about SAPE, and to date, approximately 6,000 pairs of penpals have been matched up. SAPE now has a backlog of more than 25,000 Soviets who are waiting to be matched up.

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