Ag-arama Starts Friday

James Kruize
Guest Writer

The 17th annual Ag-Arama will be held on Friday, January 24, and Saturday, January 25 at the Winter Shows Building. Ag-Arama is an opportunity for students to showcase their knowledge and skills in their individual interest areas. There are contests in horticulture, agricultural aviation, agronomy, soils, natural resources, mechanized agriculture, and animal science showmanship.

Ag-Arama is planned by a committee of students and is advised by a faculty member of the Agriculture division. Students from all divisions and all majors on campus are invited to get involved. It is open to anyone who has an interest in one of these contests.

All of the events during the day are open to the public, UMC community, and alumni. We encourage everybody to come and see what Ag-Arama is all about and join in the fun.

Students will learn organizational skills by helping serve on the organizational committee. Ag-Arama gives student the chance to interact with each other and faculty members. Everybody learns through competition with other students.

(Note: Kruize is the student chairman for the 1992 Ag-Arama.)

For a schedule of Ag-Arama events please turn to page 4.

Chancellor’s Corner

Don Sargeant
UMC Chancellor

The question I’ve been asked most by students this fall is, “How is UMC progressing towards becoming a four-year institution? And what has to happen for this to occur?” Let me provide some background.

The University of Minnesota is governed by a Board of Regents (12 members). The University presently operates colleges in the Twin Cities, Duluth, Morris, Crookston, and Waseca. The Board hires a president who is responsible for recommending to the Board the hiring of faculty, administrators, and staff to meet the mission of the University.

Therefore, as UMC is involved in seeking to change its mission from one focusing on two-year programs to one focusing on four-year programs, the first big step involves working with President Hasselmo and other senior administrators in documenting the need and cost effectiveness of the new mission.

President Hasselmo has visited the UMC campus three times in the past year. The campus has been developing documentation to support the change.

At this time, President Hasselmo has indicated he wants to maintain a strong university presence in northwestern Minnesota and he will be making his recommendation on the future role of UMC to the Board of Regents in April or May.

The next step after the president’s recommendation would be that the Board of Regents either accepts, rejects, or modifies the president’s recommendation.

The most critical steps towards change at UMC occur within the University; the president must be convinced we’re heading in the right direction and the Regents must also approve of our new mission.

Then after the Regents pass a recommendation for UMC they pass it on to the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board (MHECB).

There have been numerous programs and colleges developed in Minnesota over the last twenty-five years. Most are funded by the Minnesota Legislature. MHECB tries to manage student access to various programs and colleges without unnecessary duplication and with a reasonable cost to the state.

This leads us to another step which involves the Minnesota Legislature. The Legislature provides funding of approximately two-thirds of the cost of instruction at the public higher education institutions in Minnesota. Therefore, legislative support for each system and college is very important. In the long run (three to five years) some additional funding would be needed if UMC were to change to a baccalaureate institution.

By now you have deduced that UMC has many steps to take before it will be a four-year institution. Just as with anything in life it begins with the first step and if it’s worth achieving, one continues until they achieve the goal. We know the value of this change to UMC students and are intent on achieving the goal.

We’re Back!

by Heidi Runyon & Jean Antelman

Hey -- we made it to our second issue!

Over numerous paper mountains we have climbed to hand you this fine journalistic endeavor. If you haven’t seen our first issue, take a look at this one.

So why the funny name? What does The Fourth Estate mean? Let us explain.

After narrowing down the many possible choices and proceeding through an exhausting voting and re-voting process, we finally came up with a name for this glorious journalistic endeavor: 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, we 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 man).

The term “fourth estate” may be attributed then to Thomas Bakington Macaulay, who in the essay On 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.”

Hence forth we go, feeling as challenged as a medieval knight in a joust might be.

U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone visited UMC December 3. He is pictured here (l to r.) with Student Senate President Curt Gjerstad, Chancellor Sargeant and an aide. More on p. 2.
Wellstone visits UMC

Randy DeMers
Staff Writer

U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone was on the UMC campus on December 3, 1991. The purpose of the trip was to hear from students.

An open forum was held in the evening where residents of Crookston and the surrounding area voiced their opinions and talked with the senator.

A small group of students participated in the meeting which had no agenda. The meeting kicked off with Wellstone saying, "I want to know what you see students struggling with or what you yourself are struggling with."

"What are the things you care about the most - whether it be education or other things, I just want to hear about it," added Wellstone.

After a long pause, Curt Gjerstad, a UMC student and president of the Student Senate, broke the silence. He voiced his concern of not knowing what he will be doing next year. He would like to stay at UMC but it will not be a four year institution at that time. Other students at the table agreed with Curt, they to would like to stay at UMC.

"Is it something distinctive? If given the choice to stay at UMC or go to another school why would you choose to stay?" Wellstone asked. Teachers, quality of education due to student/teacher ratio, size of campus, and class size were all responses to Wellstone's question.

Wellstone then asked, "Is it almost always the case here at UMC that the instructors will go out of their way for the student and give the extra help?" The overwhelming response from the students was "yes". "Really, I thought that to be almost unheard of," Wellstone replied.

Knowing that financial aid is very hard to receive, Wellstone says he is in favor of taking the Pell Grant Program and making it an entitlement program available to students in families earning $30,000 and under annually.

Wellstone changed the focus of conversation when he asked: "Aside from UMC and financial problems, what are your thoughts about the future? What are the main priorities in this country? Where should our focus on politics be?"

Those in the audience gave some of the following replies: "Dedication towards education in the U.S. is slipping and we need to invest more in it," said Andrew Svec, UMC Assistant Director of Residential Life.

Kathy Diaz, UMC student commented, "What good is it to invest in education when there aren't any jobs. Look at the unemployment." Wellstone quickly responded to Kathy's question, "You need to realize that without your education it would be that much harder to get a job."

Other concerns the students let Wellstone know they were aware of are:
1. Emphasis on protecting the environment.
2. National debt.
3. Concentrating on the people and problems of our own country.
5. Taxes.

$23 million restored to the University

Governor Arne Carlson's decision to recommend to the legislature the restoration of $23 million for 19 state "specials" is good news for UMC. Carlson vetoed the $23 million package during last year's session. Both the Minnesota Senate and House voted to approve the restoration and Carlson said he will sign the bill. "Specials" are items not included in the general budget for the University. The UMC Athletic Department is the benefactor on the Crookston campus. Women's athletics will have $65,000 restored to their budget, as UMC's athletic director, Mary Bachmeier, breathes a sigh of relief. This was the only special specifically benefiting UMC.

Other budget news...

The State of Minnesota faces a $340 million deficit in its budget, and Governor Carlson said he expects all four higher education systems (State Universities, Technical Colleges, Community Colleges and the University of Minnesota) and the state's 424 school districts (elementary and secondary) to share in next year's budget cuts.
Instructor Spotlight:
Phil Baird, Natural Resources

Mark Halliday
Staff Writer

Phil Baird is an Assistant Professor in the Natural Resources Department here at UMC. Phil is a graduate of Iowa State, having both a bachelor's and master's degree in Forestry.

Phil began teaching here at the University of Minnesota, Crookston in 1979. From 1979 to 1984 he specialized in the teaching of forestry. In 1984, he began not only teaching forestry, but taking a class or two in the horticultural field.

The years 1985 through 1988 found him being a part time teacher and doing research on the production of fruits and vegetables. He says this research program was aimed at smaller family farms that wanted to diversify their farming practices and increase their income.

Other activities that Phil partakes in is being the advisor for the Natural Resources Club. The club collects cans for recycling and has a two-mile stretch of Highway 2 for the "adopt a highway" program.

Phil was particularly proud of the fact that each spring the club donates three to four days of their time to the U.S. Forest Service, helping them plant 8,000 to 10,000 trees in the Chippewa National Forest. They have done this for the past 8 years. He says with pride that the first trees they planted are now about 15-18 feet tall.

Some of Phil's future ambitions include recycling the paper here on campus. He feels strongly this is a very real necessity and is pursuing it with vigor. March of this year will also bring a new addition to the Baird family. This will be a very new experience for both Phil and his wife, this being their first child.

Bomb threat clears gym

Andrew Svec
Staff Writer

At 8 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, the UMC campus switchboard received a mysterious call.

The unidentified caller stated a bomb had been placed somewhere on the UMC campus.

Jackie Normandin, senior secretary and switchboard operator, asked where the bomb was located. Normandin identified the voice as male.

The man said that the bomb had been placed in the Lysaker Gymnasium and then hung up.

Normandin contacted campus security officer Gene Wisness, who immediately contacted the Polk County Sheriff's Office, the Crookston police and the local fire department.

Crookston Fire Chief George Jacobs and two officers from the Crookston Police Department arrived and helped evacuate the gymnasium. The gym was then locked until noon.

No bomb was found and there were no explosions.

If you have any information regarding this bomb threat please contact Campus Security at 281-6510, ext. 349.

Next issue . . . after Spring Break

Please submit all letters or personal ads to:
The Fourth Estate, UMC Box 999
NO LATER THAN February 28, 1992.
Flying Club soars

Mark Halliday
Staff Writer

The UMC Flying Club is made up of about 35 members. Most are full-time students and are either enrolled in Agriculture Aviation or Aviation Administration. The future goal for most of these young pilots is to get their commercial license and the coveted Instrument Rating. This may vary though, depending on their future aspirations. A typical day at the airport starts out with a cup of coffee and a quick game of foosball. From there you go through a pre-flight briefing on the airplane and a pre-flight briefing with your instructor. This is where your instructor becomes a complete professional. You talk about the things you are going to do and what he/she expects of you.

From there, it's off into the wild blue yonder and back again. Post-flight briefing is done in the confines of his office and consists of discussing the flight and everything cross-country for about a pertaining to it. When done, it's another cup of coffee and another game of foosball. This is just a generic description of the members of the flying club, but it generally fits. Some of the activities the Flying Club is involved in is the 'adopt a highway' program, sponsoring and putting on a pancake and sausage breakfast every spring, and taking different tours of the control towers at Grand Forks. They also get involved with the hockey ball tournament for Snow Daze. The biggest and most rewarding activity for the members is when four of the advanced students take a long week to visit by UMC Aviation students including Texas, Florida, and all along the East Coast. Typically, there is only one group of students that go per year. This year, there will probably be two groups.

This type of activity is a milestone in the students training. It gives him/her the opportunity to put to use what he/she has learned in the classroom and in local flights. In closing, anyone who likes a challenge and who wants to have the best time of their life-try flying. You have the facilities and professional instructors right at your finger tips. After you go flying just once, you will know why "I'd rather be flying."

Student Activities

Campus Ministry report

Kristina Vacura
Guest Writer

Campus Ministry has been busy this year giving and receiving. In October, 65 students gathered for a Faith, Fun and Fellowship night. Dale Knotek, Student Affairs, and Sunil Rangraj, Faculty, joined the fun and were "unvoluntarily" given a facial...that much improved their looks that night.

A Halloween Scavenger Hunt gave our group the chance to be guests at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Crookston, after finding the clue that was hidden in Hugo's Supermarket. Our group became expert pizza makers and singers that night. An added feature to an already fun night: as we gathered in Bede Hall we saw many of our teachers dressed up for their Halloween party in the Atrium. Boy, did we wonder about counselor, Don Cavalier, in his camouflage outfit.

Campus Ministry invited all students to join them on an outing to Winnipeg on December 14. Twenty-two students almost went. Ole Man Winter put a stop to our plans, but a new date was set for January 17 and 18.

Campus Ministry took a real step to helping combat illiteracy by sponsoring a candy sale in December. Over $100 was raised to buy books for needy children in and around Crookston. The books were put in Christmas baskets given to needy families by area churches. The event was co-sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Campus Ministry was happy to host the UMC Christmas Concert in December. It was our way of thanking the UMC Choir for their part in the annual Thanksgiving program we sponsor annually at the Hafslo Church.

Those of us active in Campus Ministry really feel we have made a difference in the giving and receiving at UMC. The friendships and prayer we have shared has truly made us feel special.

We invite anyone interested in this kind of fellowship and support, to join us and find a place like home away from home Campus Ministry. Our home office is cleverly hidden upstairs in Bede Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Ag-Arama

Schedule of Events

Friday, January 24

All Day
8 am - 5 pm

Ag Aviation Contests
Agronomy, Soil and Ag Chemicals Management Contests
Mechanized Ag Skills Contest
Horticulture Contests

Crookston Airport
Hill Building and Owen Hall
Owen Annex
Greenhouse and Owen Hall

Saturday, January 25

All Saturday events will be in the Winter Shows Building unless specified

8:30 - 11:30 am
12 Noon
9 am - 12 noon
9 am - 5 pm
1:30 pm
9 pm

Animal Science Showmanship
Dinner/Coronation of 1992 Royalty
Natural Resources Contests
Rock Identification Contests
Soils Texturing Contest
Ag Industries Show
Mechanized Agriculture Contests
Display: Crop Show Samples
Ag-Arama Finals / Awards Program
Dance

North Arena - Winter Shows
Bede Ballroom
Spring Fashion

**Unforgettable 1992 Spring Fashions**

**Tuesday, February 4**
**7:00 p.m.**
**Kiehle Auditorium**
**University of Minnesota**
**Crookston Campus**
$2 admission

to further student activities.

Door prizes will be given away.

Angela Kjos
Staff Writer

For Spring of '92 variety will be the spice of life. Spring is a time of newness - clothes will be fresh and flirtatious. The mood will be sensual and flirty. The waist will be emphasized by the hourglass silhouette.

The wild, wild western look is sure to be one of the season's hottest trends. Chambray, gingham, leather, suede, and denim are all being combined to show the cowgirl look. Denim will be in all shades of true blue and are a basic for this look.

Red, white and blue for 1992. Could it be that the current interest in patriotic clothing is due to the upcoming Olympics? Red, white and blue are being shown in stars and stripes. The stripes are both wide and narrow. White denim will also be a good choice to wear as the weather warms up.

Long vs. short is an interesting concept for spring. Short lengths will be the favorite. If you choose to go long, wear it close to the body and the slit should show some leg. For many, the option to this controversy will be to wear pants.

Whatever you choose to wear this spring just make sure to have fun with it. To check out more spring trends, be sure to attend the Spring Fashion Show on Tuesday February 4th at 7:00 PM in Kiehle Auditorium.

Cold and flu season: what can you do to beat it?

Muriel Roley
Health Services Coordinator

Colds & Flu

Cough, cough, sneeze, sneeze... these are the sounds at UMC and almost any place you go this winter. Colds and influenza appeared rather early in November and have continued to the present time.

Both colds and flu are caused by viruses. Symptoms depend on the particular virus, but you can usually count on causing chills, and dry hacking cough.

More severe symptoms soon appear with the flu including muscle pain, weakness and sore throat.

Seven to ten days is the usual duration of symptoms, but you may not feel well for 2-3 weeks.

There is no medicine to CURE the cold or flu, but there are several things you can do to make yourself more comfortable.

1. Rest: Relax, take it easy; slow down; pause from your usual routine.
2. Fluids: Drink 8-10 glasses of water or juice a day. The fluids will thin your mucus so you can get rid of it more easily.
3. Gargle: Use 1 teaspoon of salt per 8 ounces of warm water. This is a cheap, safe way to relieve irritation and swelling in the throat.
4. Humidity: Vaporize or take a hot shower. The steam will break up the congestions.
5. Tylenol: Take for muscle aches, headache and fever.
6. Decongestant: Take Sudafed, Actifed, Tylenol Sinus (or their equivalents) for nasal stuffiness.

Rather than treat your illness, it is often easier to try a little prevention.

1. Keep your stress level low.
2. Have a physical fitness routine.
3. Drink plenty of fluids and eat a balanced diet.
4. Get enough rest.

For more information, contact Health Services, Bede Hall.

**Who is Mr. UMC?**

Andrew M. Svec
Staff Writer

No, Mr. UMC is not Chancellor Sargeant. Nor is he the new Trojan mascot.

Just who is Mr. UMC? That is a question that will be in the minds of many students this coming month.

The answer will be found on Thursday, February 13, 1992, when the Residence Hall Council will sponsor the Mr. UMC Pageant.

The pageant heralds the revival of Mr. UMC—a title which has not been bestowed upon any student for a few years because of a lack of interest and participation.

This year, however, the University of Minnesota, Crookston will have a Mr. UMC, thanks to the motivation of the current Residence Hall Council (R.H.C.). The resurgence of interest in Mr. UMC can also be attributed to the fact that nearly all the current members of the R.H.C. are women.

Interested UMC males can become contestants by finding a floor from among the campus residence halls to sponsor them. Eleven of the candidates must reside on campus, but there will also be two spots open to off-campus students. These contestants will vie for the grand prize of $100 in credit at the UMC Bookstore.

The next step for any potential candidate is to contact the R.H.C. president, Patrice McCann, at the Skyberg-Desk. McCann will provide the candidate with an application, and she will suggest a floor sponsor to candidates who cannot find one. It is up to individual floors, however, to select and nominate their final candidates.

On the 13th of February, at 8:00 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium, the pageant will begin. Contestants will be judged in four categories: talent, spontaneous questioning, formalwear, and swimwear.

The winner will receive the $100 grand prize, and the sponsoring floor will receive $50. The second place contestant will take home a $50 second prize, and will step in if the grand prize winner cannot fulfill his obligations.

What does it take to become Mr. UMC? A good personality, great swimming trunks, or the ability to belch for a prolonged period of time? Find out February 13th.

The UMC Horticulture club now sells plants (for cheap!) on Fridays
"I'm bored."
"There's absolutely nothing to do on this campus."
"What should we do tonight—count the strands of fiber in our wall-to-wall carpeting?"
Do any of the above statements sound familiar?

Apathy.
What is it and does it exist on the UMC campus? Webster gives the following definition of apathy: "Lack of interest or concern - indifference". To put it simply, it's when one lacks the motivation to make things happen.

Let's face it. Some UMC students are just plain bored.
Sure, classes and all the work that goes along with them keeps you occupied some of time: but let's face it, who wants to spend all their time studying in the library?

Then there are those of you who have part-time jobs and/or families to keep them busy when they're not in the classroom. But even you complain there's nothing to get involved in on campus.

Why are so many students having to fight the evil effects of boredom? Doesn't UMC offer enough extra programming for students? Is there really nothing to do?

Here are the facts. UMC currently has 18 registered clubs, with everything from the Horticulture Club to the Multicultural/International Club (see the Student Organizational Directory for a complete listing of clubs). Every club is open to anyone and everyone.

UMC also has a variety of varsity athletics. If you're not looking for such serious competition, there are also several intramural sports teams to join throughout the school year.

There are also several classes you can take for credit offering a more unique challenge. Take a golf class, learn to play handball, work off those pounds in aerobic dance, dive into swimming, or many more physical education activities. In the area of fine arts/humanities, you have a chance to display more of your talents through classes in art, beginning Spanish, theater or music.

On top of all this there are several activities, such as special lecture programs, visiting entertainers, and dances. The student activities committee also puts on annual events like Homecoming and Sno-Daze. And the Residence Hall Council is always looking for members.

UMC does not offer everyone everything they're interested in, but there is a variety of opportunities out there for students to get involved in. And if absolutely none of these programs that UMC offers appeals to you, get a couple other students who share your particular interest and start your own club.

You see, motivation is the key. You have to make these programs work, and, in turn, they'll work for you. The opportunity is out there for you. Now it's up to you to add the effort and make things happen.

It's about time we, the students, take charge of our campus and suppress the apathy. Hell, it's either that or we'll be staying home and counting those fibers in our wall-to-wall carpeting.

Clique off!

Heidi Runyon
Editor

Matt Myrold
Editor

You see them in the hall everyday walking or sitting by themselves and you keep on walking. Think of how they feel - sitting by himself/herself. What would it take for you to stop and say "hello"? Think of how good you would make that person feel.

How would you feel if you were in a new place with all of those strange faces? Now, take a look at those new faces on campus, those students who sit alone - and tell me that it's not worth a couple minutes of your time just to say "hello."

You just might have made a new friend. What harm would it do?

People spend too much time with their little "cliques" these days. And it is far too hard to get into these "cliques" on campus. And besides, you might even learn something from some of these people. Just because they're alone doesn't mean they're stupid.

Let's all spend a little less time being so damn self-serving and reach out to others. What this campus needs is a little more kindness and a little less abrasiveness.

Hey! We know you have opinions... so please express them in writing - that's what we're here for.

All you need to do is dust off that pen and jot down a complaint, opinion, compliment or other comment you might have. Send it to P.O. Box 999, The Fourth Estate.
**Issue: Smoking**

**Point**

Michelle Runyon  
Staff Writer

Hey, you nonsmokers!  
Every time you walk through the Trojan Inn, do you pace yourself rather rapidly and hold your breath?  
Soon, no more will the nonsmokers’ lungs be polluted with secondary smoke here on campus. Starting September 1st, 1992, UMC will be a smoke-free campus—with only a few exceptions.  
Faculty will not be allowed to smoke in their offices and smoking will no longer be allowed in the Trojan Inn. Residents of the campus, however, may be allowed to smoke in their residence halls rooms.  
The movement toward a smoke-free campus started this fall with the Safety and Health Committee, and a motion was passed by the Campus Assembly.  
Some say that the smokers’ rights are being violated. Well, how about all those years when nonsmokers, who had chosen not to smoke, had to suffer the smell and pollutants of a smoke-filled environment? What right do smokers have to endanger others’ lives with the carcinogenic secondary smoke?  
So, smokers, as of September 1992, you will still have every right to slowly kill yourselves—but here at UMC, you will no longer be able to take the rest of us with you.

**Counterpoint**

Matthew Myrold  
Staff Writer

I feel that the debate on smoking is a total waste of time.  
Seriously, it is your own personal decision to do anything that affects your health, and it is not anyone else’s business. Yet, the smoking debate remains quite popular.  
I think the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act is an utter waste. Why don’t we quick dicking around and go straight to the source: the tobacco industry.  
But since we can’t reach these “big boys,” instead we hit the common folk - and hit them hard.  
Some say smoking is unhealthy, but look at the things others shovel into their mouths every day. Can you say “high cholesterol or hardening of the arteries?” Probably not with a mouth full of Twinkies.  
I think people should spend less time worrying about my health. Leave that to me, and start taking care of yourself.  
If I decide to smoke, I’ll smoke. Others can protest my smoking and say that it irritates them, I don’t care. There are things each of us do that irritate others—that’s life.

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**Re-examining Pearl Harbor**

Lyle Lee  
Staff Writer

Now that all the attention over the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor has subsided, an allegorical perspective as to the actual events leading up to it are in order.  
On July 23, 1941, Franklin D. Roosevelt approved secret plan JB #355. This plan involved the AVG (American Volunteer Group), a mercenary organization supposedly hired by China to fend off Japanese aggression.  
The AVG, better known as the Flying Tigers, was sponsored and paid for by the United States. Its primary objective was to cripple the Japanese economy by destroying its major factories.  
This plan was conceived prior to Japan’s attack on Pearl Harbor. Of course, the U.S. plan to invade Japan was merely an effect rather than a cause for the increasing tensions between the two nations.  
Similar to the economy of the United States prior to World War II, Japan’s capitalist economy demanded markets and resources necessary to ensure growth. When Japan’s ambitions became threatening to U.S. interests in East Asia, the U.S. initiated economic tactics to impede their success, including costly tariffs and the closing of markets in both Western and Asian countries.  
Japan was forced to increase its hold on Manchuria, an abundant arable land extracted from China during the 1930’s. With American protectionism prohibiting its influences, Japan attempted to create an economic bloc made up of itself, Manchuria, and China. It failed, however, as the U.S. managed to find a compliant regime in Peking willing to extend its authority beyond China proper. (Enter the Flying Tigers.)  
Japan sensed a conspiracy at hand comprised of the ABCD factor (America, Britain, China, and the Dutch West Indies). After the expiration of the U.S.-Japan Commercial Treaty in 1940, Japan attempted to equal the expansionism of the U.S. economy in free trade throughout the Pacific if the U.S. would agree to this concept on a global scale.  

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The U.S., unwell to the idea of sharing markets it already had control of, refused the offer. Instead FDR chose the alternative of war via economic intransigence coupled with an ominous military presence near Japan’s borders. Although the Flying Tigers never executed secret plan JB #355, their presence in Indo-China assisted in expediting the U.S.’s entry into World War II by, in part, provoking Japan’s attack on Pearl Harbor.  
A U.S. oil embargo in mid-1940 forced Japan into a pact with Germany and Italy, and by August 1941, the U.S. had increased its economic strangulation of Japan’s imperialist designs.  
At this point, Japan was willing to enter into negotiations with the U.S. regarding mutual economic stability. Japan offered in November 1941 to accept a principle of non-discrimination in free trade throughout the Pacific if the U.S. would agree to this concept on a global scale.
Trojan hockey team ranked 2nd in nation

Jamie Hodgson
Staff Writer

Well another winter is upon us in this frozen tundra we call UMC and that could mean only one thing: the hockey and basketball seasons are in full swing and are headed in the right direction.

This year’s hockey team seems on track to once again have a fine season. With 11 games played the team is 8-3 overall with a conference record of 6-0.

Currently the team is ranked second in the nation with teams from New York and New Jersey rounding out the top five.

There are 12 returning sophomores, along with 13 freshmen on this year’s Trojan Hockey team. The new freshmen have come into the season in a positive way. Which combined with the experience of the second year players tends to make an exciting season this year.

According to sophomore captain, Daryl Doubleday, (Stonewall, Manitoba), “the team is doing really well at this point, but we will get even better with time.” Doubleday added that more games for the team could only mean “more confidence and more wins.” “If things go right we should go to nationals,” said Matt Larocque, (Winnipeg, Manitoba) another sophomore captain.

With the kind of attitude displayed by the captains things only seem to be going up for the UMC hockey team.

UMC women hoopsters riddled by injury

Switching from the ice to the hard court the girl’s basketball season is also underway. The Lady Trojans consist mostly of first year players (six) and only five returning sophomores.

So far in the season, the road has been a bit rough for the team. Posting a record of 3-8 overall and 1-1 in the conference, the team hopes to catch up in the games coming up.

Sophomore captain Chris Boll (Crookston), sounds positive but reluctant about the season. “Because of injuries and such few players it is hard to get in good quality practices,” said Boll. “But with all these early season casualties the team is going to get better with more practice and playing time.

A couple of bright spots in the season: the Lady Trojans took third place in the Anoka-Ramsey Tournament. Also in that Tournament sophomore Jackie Durand (Argyle), was named the Most Valuable Player (MVP).
Men’s hoops: heading straight for the top

Continuing along the lines of hoops let’s switch over to the men’s team. So far into this young season it looks like high flying and high points will be in order for this experienced team.

Riding an unbeaten streak of 2-0 in the conference and only one loss in their overall record of 12-1 the Trojans are looking good. The team also has two tournament wins including one at UND-Williston and another at Rainy River Community College.

According to sophomore captain Jeff Oseth (McIntosh), the team is “playing really well together. If there are no major injuries the team should go a long way.”

Oseth added that the other teams in the conference are “equally tough and winning it is going to be a challenge.”

Currently the Trojans are ranked eighth nationally in Division III Junior College Ball. With a great start in this early season it looks like another fine season for the team.

UMC Intramurals
Did you hear about the two Swedes ...?

Lyle Lee
Staff Writer

Sweden, an industrious nation the size of California with a population of 8.5 million, is bordered by Norway to the west and by Finland to the east. From its mountainous Lapland region just north of the Arctic Circle through its central lowland and into the fertile southern districts, the country stretches south toward the Baltic Sea. Minnesota claims to be the "Land of 10,000 Lakes," Sweden also professes to have nearly ten times that number.

In addition to its highly educated populace and its numerous tennis professionals, Sweden also accepts responsibility for the likes of Fredrik Nilsson and Martin Alesmark. This is their never-before-told story:

Seven years ago, in a soccer field in the middle of the small Swedish village of Kristianstad, a stoic blonde-haired youth named Fredrik Nilsson attempted to gather the local ruffs for a game of baseball.

The others, uninterested, continued to play soccer—except for one gangly soul. "I'll play," said Martin Alesmark. "Okay," said Fredrik, "you stand here, and I'll pitch the ball to you. You try to hit it with this," he instructed as he handed Martin a homemade wooden bat. "Like this?" asked Martin, swaying the bat as though he were swathing a scythe.

"No, the other end," sighed Fredrik, sensing that a long afternoon lay in store.

So began a friendship that would become more commonly known as the comedy-duo of Fredrik and Martin, considered by many to be a younger (and more vibrant) Swedish version of America's Abbott and Costello.

As the years passed, Fredrik and Martin longed to come to America so they might see a professional baseball game, as well as to party with Americans.

During the summer of 1991, the two Swedes spent long days rolling raw meat on the assembly line of a local Swedish meatball factory in order to save up money for the journey to America. Then they would waste their nights frolicking with good friends along the sandy beaches of the southern coast of their homeland like a couple of playful elkhound pups.

Soon the day came for them to go west in search of Mickey Mantle, streetwalkers, and 501 Blues.

Upon their arrival at Crookston International Airport, Fredrik and Martin were quickly apprehended by University officials, rushed to the office of Mario Prada, and formally briefed on what exactly they could and could not get away with.

Unfortunately, as his unabashed nature would have it, Martin pushed the bounds of respectable behavior too far and streaked naked down the third floor hallway of McCall. He was promptly deported.

Actually, he was called to the Swedish military, but upon returning to Sweden found government changes had rendered his mandatory enlistment unnecessary. Still, Martin could not afford the expense of returning to UMC. (Send him money!)

Now a distraught Fredrik spends his time playing Nintendo, while longing for his old and dearest friend.

UMC Spring Break '92: Head for the sun

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Well, look at all this snow and cold weather. Hour by hour, day by day, quiz by quiz—there is a break coming. Eleven days of freedom, from February 28 till March 9.

This is no ordinary break, this is the SPRING BREAK. Time to do the sensible thing—pack your suitcase and head south along with some late migrating birds.

For the cost of a few Domino's pizzas and a couple of credits you can go to a warmer part of this world. You'll join thousands of other college students who go—looking for a holiday romance, a bronzed look, a good hangover, and fallen arches from dancing so much.

I went to some of our friendly travel agents to gather some information on which destinations are popular and more importantly, the cost. The two destinations I was led to believe were the best were Mexico and Florida. The travel agent informed me that more students are choosing Mexico than Florida because of the drinking ages (Mexico - 18 yrs., Florida - 21 yrs.) There are other reasons for choosing Mexico over Florida: native Floridians are becoming less tolerant to groups of students during Spring Break, and Mexico is cheaper and offers some culture (other than just a McDonald's and Pizza Hut.)

Cancun is on the Caribbean side of Mexico. It is a stylish resort area offering everything you could want—white sand beaches and crystal clear sea, modern shopping, good restaurants (Hard Rock Cafe), many bars and nightclubs. There's also a few good day trips to take, for example to the Mayan Ruins of Chichen Itza. There are also boat trips to islands for snorkeling and swimming.

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UMC theater offers French comedy

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On January 10-12, the UMC Theater Department presented a 16th century comedy entitled *The Learned Ladies*, by Moliere.

Cast members included Matt Myrold, Gwen Moen, Vonda Hanson, Heide Runyon, Dirk Kupiers, Michelle Runyon, Tim Stanislawski, Chad Malwitz, Jose Gonzalez, Christin Colborn, Roger Lamm, Fulya Karagulle, and Butch Schleeter. George French directed.

This farce centers on the conflict between two sisters over the same suitor. At the same time the two suitors fight over the same sister. The sisters' father and uncle take the side of one suitor, and the mother and her sister-in-law take the side of the other suitor.

A scholar, kitchen maid, servant, valet, and notary all add to the comedy as they get involved in the dispute.

Director French was pleased with the performances, and says he is looking forward to the next UMC theater production, which will be a 1960's musical called *Leader of the Pack*, to be presented at the end of March.

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Cost of food is around three-fourths of the price here and a beer is around $1.25.

Airfare is $275 from Minneapolis/St. Paul. I picked a nice hotel at the cost of $23 per night - seven nights cost around $160 per person. (Cost is based on four persons per room.)

Mazatlan is a modern resort and food and drinks are cheaper than Cancun. The resort has miles of sandy beaches on the Pacific Ocean side of Mexico.

This spot has become very popular to students. Flights are around $285 and rooms (this time in a better class hotel) run for around $190 per person for four people in a room. Trips into the jungle and big deep sea fishing is a large attraction.

Florida has two popular destinations: Fort Lauderdale and Daytona. These become very crowded during spring break because they are in the U.S.

Typical prices for drinks in these resort areas are $3 a beer and $4.25 for a mixed drink. Food is slightly more expensive than Minneapolis ($5 to $10 per meal).

Flight costs for both Fort Lauderdale and Daytona are about $300. Hotels are cheaper when purchased in a package accommodation (flight and hotel). Hotels run around $30 per night with four people per room in a Days Inn or equivalent hotel.

Florida is very popular with college students from the south and gets very busy.

In conclusion, for a spring break, I would certainly recommend a trip south. I spring-breaked in Cancun two years ago and it was worth every penny, I had a great time.

If you can't afford a fiesta in Mexico or Florida, get four people together and a car and take a road trip. But most of all, have fun.

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Movie Review

*Cape Fear*

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How do we, as an audience, thank director Martin Scorsese for his remake of the 1962 psycho-thriller *Cape Fear*? Answer: by affirming its none-too-subtle message of justifiable revenge in the light of hypocrisy and injustice.

Sam Bowden (Nick Nolte), a public defender, is confronted by ex-convict and ex-client, Max Cady (Robert DeNiro) after having concealed information that would have assisted Cady's assault and rape case fourteen years prior. Cady, is bent on teaching Bowden the true meaning of "loss".

Cady sends Bowden, his wife, and daughter spiraling down into depths of suffering similar to those he endured while imprisoned.

Cady utilizes his newfound strength and intellect to out-think his victims, ultimately forcing them to break their own rules. Unlike his timid prey, Cady acknowledges the fact he has no one to answer to come judgement day: "I am as large as God, and he is as small as me".

Nor is Cady too bashful when he, manipulatively, seduces a passionate kiss out of Bowden's daughter, Danielle (Juliette Lewis), or, when he returns to Bowden's wife, Leigh (Jessica Lange), the collar of the family dog which he had earlier poisoned to death.

In Cady's case, it may well be a fact that those who live by the sword, perish by the sword. Yet, in Bowden's case, it may also be true that those who hide behind the wall of justice, while poking holes through it for the sake of their own conscience, are destined to be haunted by the demons that seep through the cracks.
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ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Financial problems arise. Now is not a good time to go impulse-shopping. Don't try to ram your opinions down others' throats.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Others will admire your ability to "shoot the bull," but factual information will be more important. Lust with a Capricorn.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You feel connected to your psychic "twin," but don't confuse this with love. Look at both sides of an issue. Buy music now.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): You may be irritable, but don't become crabby. Semi-lust with a Scorpio. Give money to the same Scorpio.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may feel like royalty, but beware the pitfall of arrogance. Look down. You will make an important decision, unless you decide not to. Give dollars to a Scorpio.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept 22): Love is coming at you from all directions. Any sign will do. The third time you do something it will work. Giving money to a Scorpio will bring good luck.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Justice will be served. Love a Gemini (or two?) will have to be balanced or all is lost. Give money to a Scorpio.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Take the money and run. Biting comments may be inappropriate. You are feeling well-liked, and others offer their support.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Saturdays hold promise. Don't get stung by giving money to a Scorpio. Lust turns to love with an Aquarius.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you have a beard or goatee, shave it off. If you are female, try a new hairstyle. One word: CREAM.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are all wet if you think a Sagittarius doesn't want a commitment. Clean up your living space. Donate money to a worthy cause.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): A Virgo may fall for you hook, line, and sinker. Reel him/her in gently. New maturity will affect your life. Don't drink alcohol as it will lead to a misunderstanding.

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