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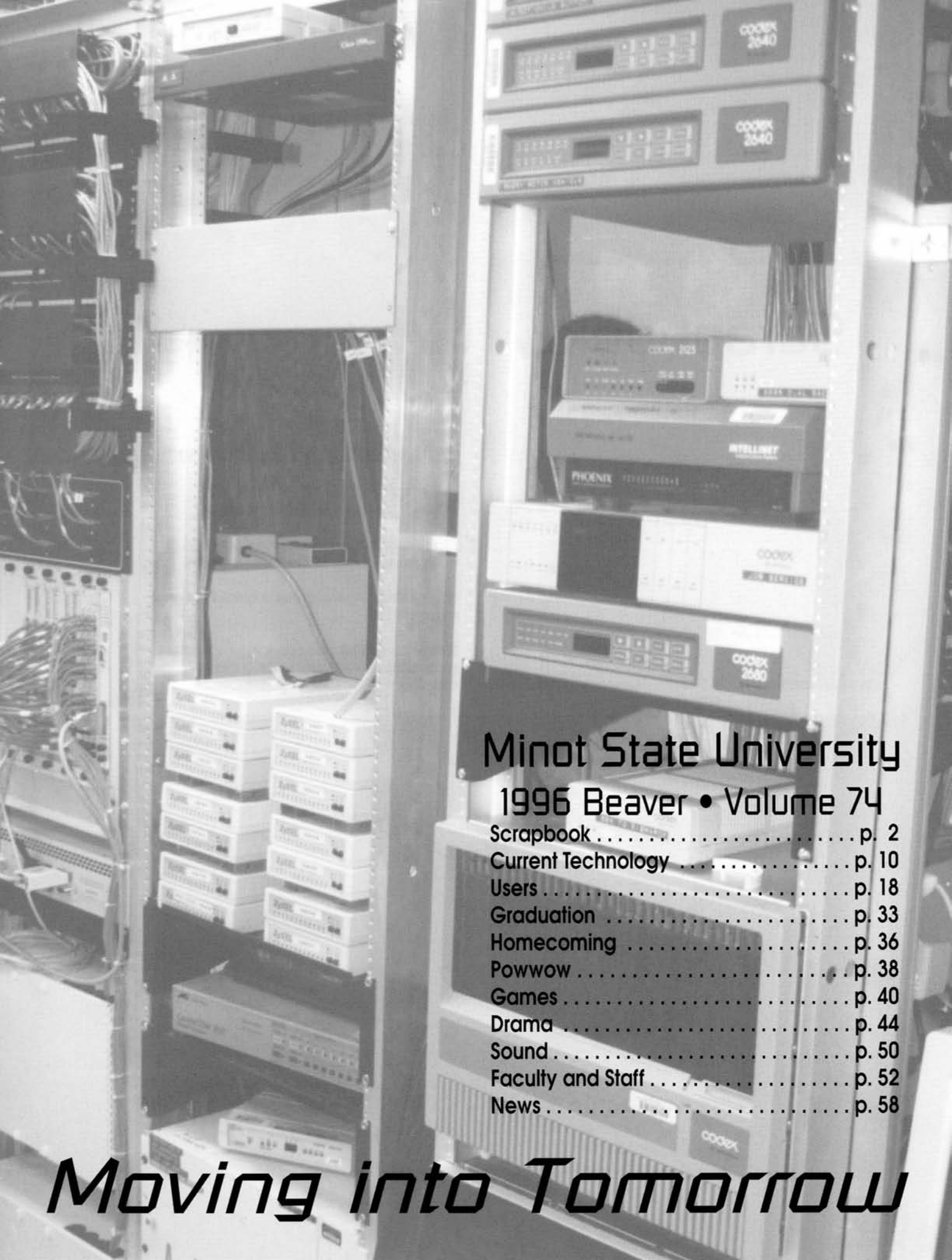
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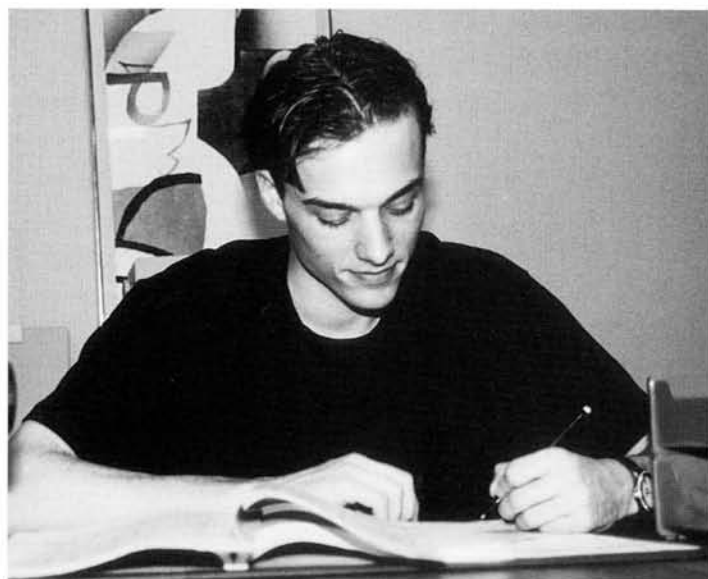
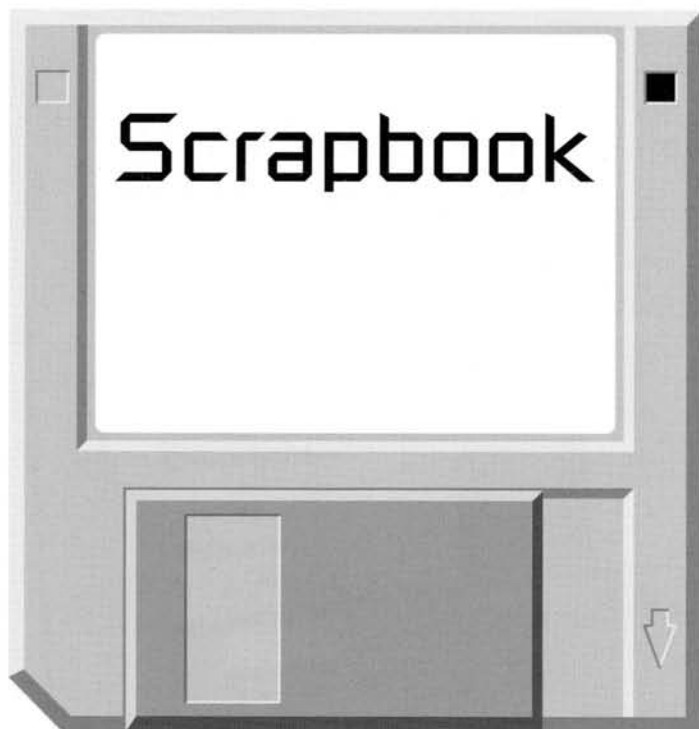


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Moving into Tomorrow



(Above) Dan Seymour hits the books.

(Upper right) A ray of sunshine lights up a quiet study corner in the Student Union.

(Right) Mike Glasoe grabs a quick bite after a game.

(Below) Sunshine and sparkling snow greet students between classes on a crisp March morning.





Robert Mhoon checks out the foreign language programs available on the satellite TV.

Technology brings other countries to MSU

The International Center in the Administration building is a resource room for the study of foreign languages and cultures. Located in room 369, it has been operating for two years. It contains more than just books and newspapers in foreign languages, however.

Satellite TV, one of the most interesting learning tools in the center, broadcasts programs in a variety of languages. According to Harold Smith, coordinator of the foreign language program, "This is an important technology for putting people in touch with authentic language use."

The International Center also has access to the Internet. "There are bulletin boards available in many different languages," Smith said. "Using the World Wide Web, students are able to access entertainment guides to find out what's going on during the week in Paris."

Smith hopes to add more technology to the center in the future. "There are also various kinds of language learning programs that utilize interactive media," he said. "We would like to get more computers with upgraded memory for this purpose."

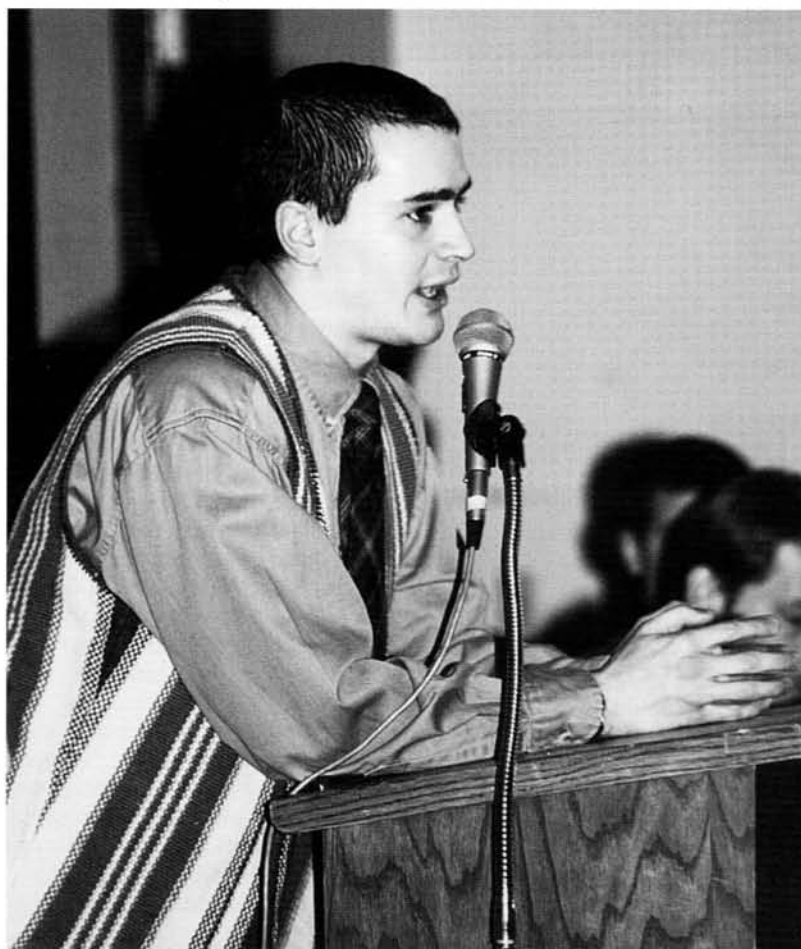
The International Center can even assist the student who needs to write a term paper in French. "We have word processors which have foreign language characters and accent marks," Smith said.

With access to a virtually unlimited amount of information on foreign languages and cultures, the International Center is a huge asset to students who want to learn more about their neighbors around the world.

—by Dan Feldner



Two students listen to an African visitor during a forum.



Todd Gruber addresses student concerns during the election debate.



(Right) Students wait to get in to see the hypnotist during Homecoming.



Joni Brunner volunteers at the Women's Resource Center.



Jean Nelson uses the teletypewriter phone.

Device helps deaf communicate better

The teletypewriter phone (TTY), otherwise known as the telephone device for the deaf (TDD), has been in use in some of the faculty offices at Minot State University for about 10 years.

A device that is hooked up to a regular telephone, a TTY phone allows the deaf to communicate better. It is equipped with a keyboard that allows a message to be typed and sent across phone lines. The receiver reads the message instead of listening to it and responds with a written message. The TTY phone benefits both the hard of hearing and people with speech impairments.

Faye Miller, a deaf education instructor in the Department of Communication Disorders, calls this new technology "the great equalizer. It opens up whole new lines of communication for the hard of hearing. Because of it, the deaf can pick up the phone and order a pizza, which they may not have been able to do."

In addition to the TTY phone, video equipment, VCR's, and TV's have helped to improve sign language communication. Also, according to Thomas Froelich, a professor of communication disorders, "The Department employs a fully-equipped, technologically advanced clinic to detect and diagnose hearing loss in patients of all ages."

—by Melanie Norek



Lara Sauvageau and her mom, Laurel Sauvageau, celebrate graduating together.



Students step up to physical fitness at Swain Hall.



Exuberant fans cheer on the Beaver basketball team.



Students move into tomorrow by learning the newest computer programs.



Jeri Sorensen works on a project in the Art Department's computer lab.

Art classes now taught on computer

The computer has altered the way almost everybody does business, and the art industry is no exception.

"The computer has changed my job completely," said Holly Huber, an art instructor at Minot State University. "Everything has moved to the computer. Very few things are done by hand anymore."

The Art Department's computer lab, on the second floor of Hartnett Hall, boasts six Macintosh computers (two of which are Power Mac 6100/60s), a color scanner, a laser printer and a color Desk Writer printer.

Desktop publishing programs used include Freehand, Illustrator, Photoshop and Quark Express.

The Art Department is creating a series of World Wide Web pages on the Internet for the North Dakota Center for Disabilities.

"The Web sites will be filled with little modules of information. Students will be able to take art courses for college credit over the Internet, kind of like the satellite TV links," Huber said.

Has using computers to teach made her job easier?

"It is different. In some ways it makes it faster, and in other ways it makes it slower. You have more flexibility in your work, but, just as in writing, you play with your work more, so it can take longer," Huber said.

"Also, it is hard to keep up with the new programs. As soon as the computers are upgraded, the software companies come out with upgrades for their programs, so it is a continual leapfrog."

—by Kurt Hofmann

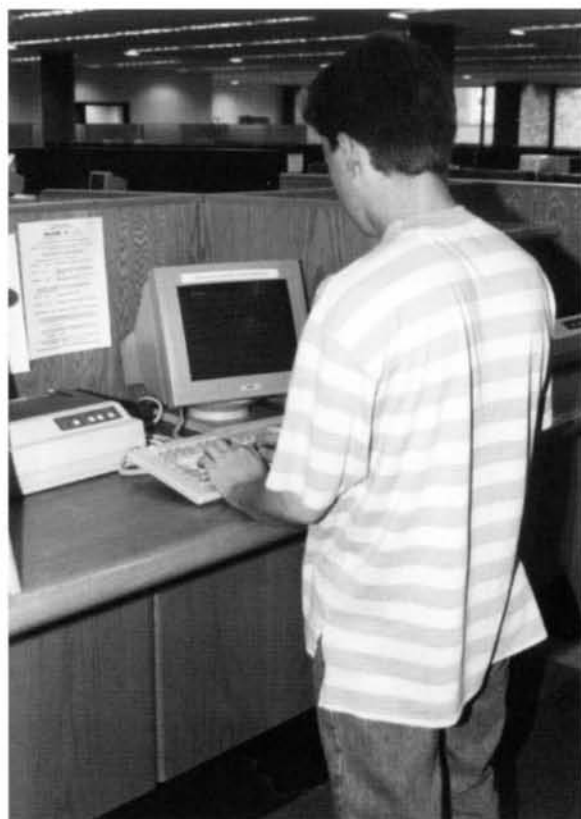
(Right) Two hot new video stars perform for Fun Flicks during Spring Breakout.

(Far right) A student searches for a number at a phone booth in the Administration building.

(Far lower right) Val Herman raises a question during a student forum.

(Below) Hypnotist Ricky Kalmon turns a student into a Green Day rock star.





Kevin Heilman researches a project using ODIN.

Library online catalog provides quick reference

The Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN) has shortened the time required to search for information. ODIN is a system which electronically links about 30 university libraries, with its main data base in Grand Forks.

ODIN allows researchers to search several library holdings at once. This quick search for precise information is ODIN's big advantage. Since many periodicals are available in full text, researchers can print this information directly from the ODIN terminal. Unfortunately, ODIN does not have the capability to print graphics or charts.

According to Larry Greenwood, library director, "The time-honored tradition of checking books out from the library will probably be around for hundreds of years. ODIN just makes it much easier to find that book."

—by Frances Lovelace



(Above) Doug Moon masters the Macintosh.

(Right) Two students learn the IBM's in the College of Business computer labs.

(Below) Education and Human Services lab assistant Tracey Minifie works on one of the Macintosh computers that was moved from the Gordon B. Olson Library.

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Labs provide a variety of computing facilities

Students can find a variety of computers on the MSU campus.

According to Larry Atwood, director of Networking Services and professor of computer science, there were 262 computers on campus for student use in the fall of 1995.

While a majority of these computers are located in the College of Business, the Math/Computer Science Department and the Gordon B. Olson Library labs, several are located in specialized labs on campus.

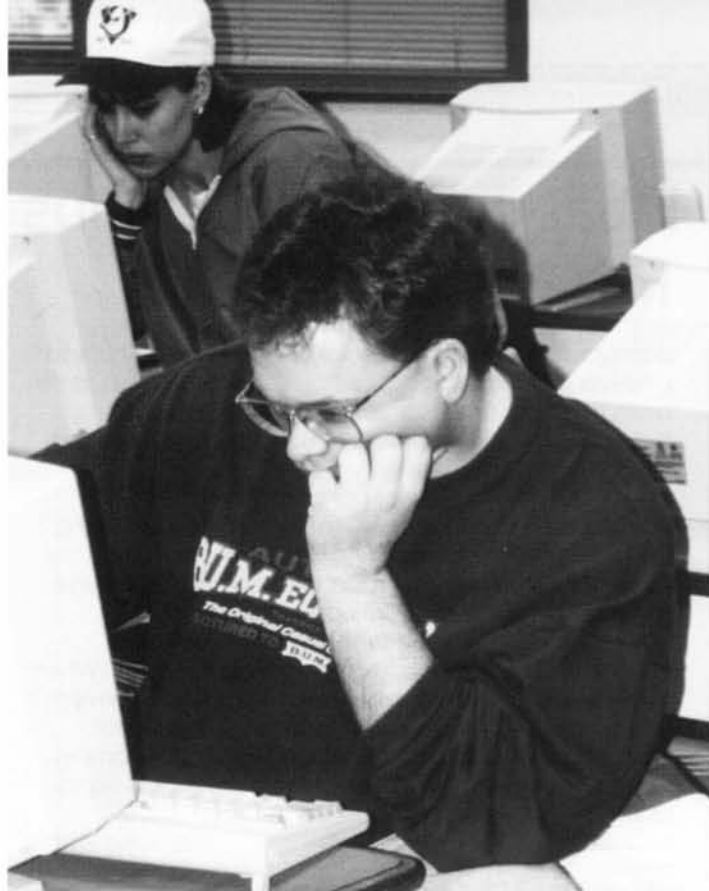
The Art Department utilizes six computers in its graphic design courses. The Music Department uses four computers for Musical Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI). This connects computers and musical instruments, allowing the user to compose music at the computer and have it play on the musical instrument.

The Psychology Department and the College of Nursing also maintain their own specialized computers for individualized training unique to each program.

"In the fall of 1995, the computer-to-student ratio in these labs was one to every 14 students," Atwood said.

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—by John Weber
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Trent Munyer works with an interactive touch-screen computer in the College of Nursing.

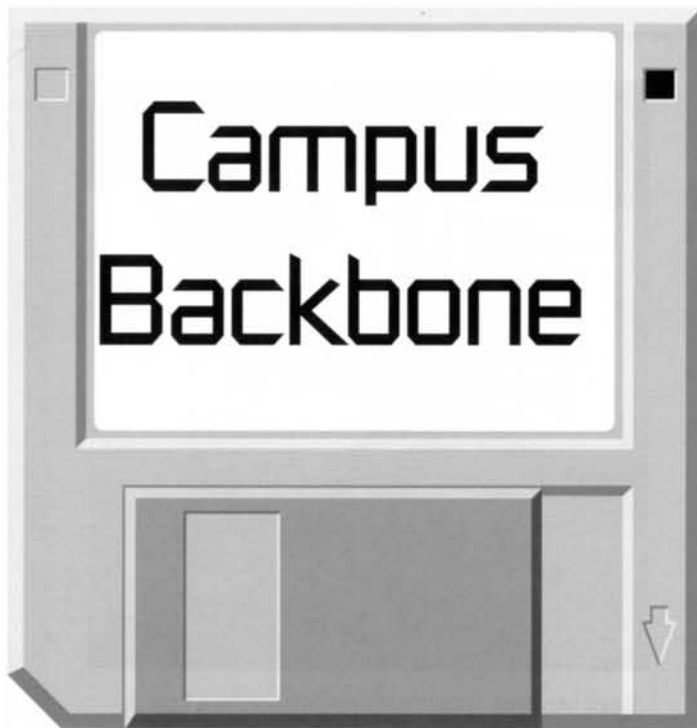
Interactive computers provide students with hands-on learning

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) helps nursing students study and prepare for exams. It is currently located on the second floor of Hartnett Hall.

According to Lilah Diederich, secretary of the LRC for the past five years, the center is equipped with computers of numerous advanced capabilities, including touch screens and Computer Assisted Instruction (CAI). These latter are programmed to provide medical searches on a variety of case studies. A laser disc player and a CD-ROM expand the services provided by this computer center. The LRC is also equipped with a variety of models ranging from Intravenous models to pregnant models that help nursing students prepare for their floor rounds.

The LRC is available only to nursing students and faculty. "It's a good place to prepare for clinical exams," Tracy Bowman, a nursing student, said. Clinical exams are practica where a nursing student practices at a medical facility and experiences things hands on.

—by Melissa Thompson



Fiber connects campus

Fiber optics are the life support of Minot State University's backbone.

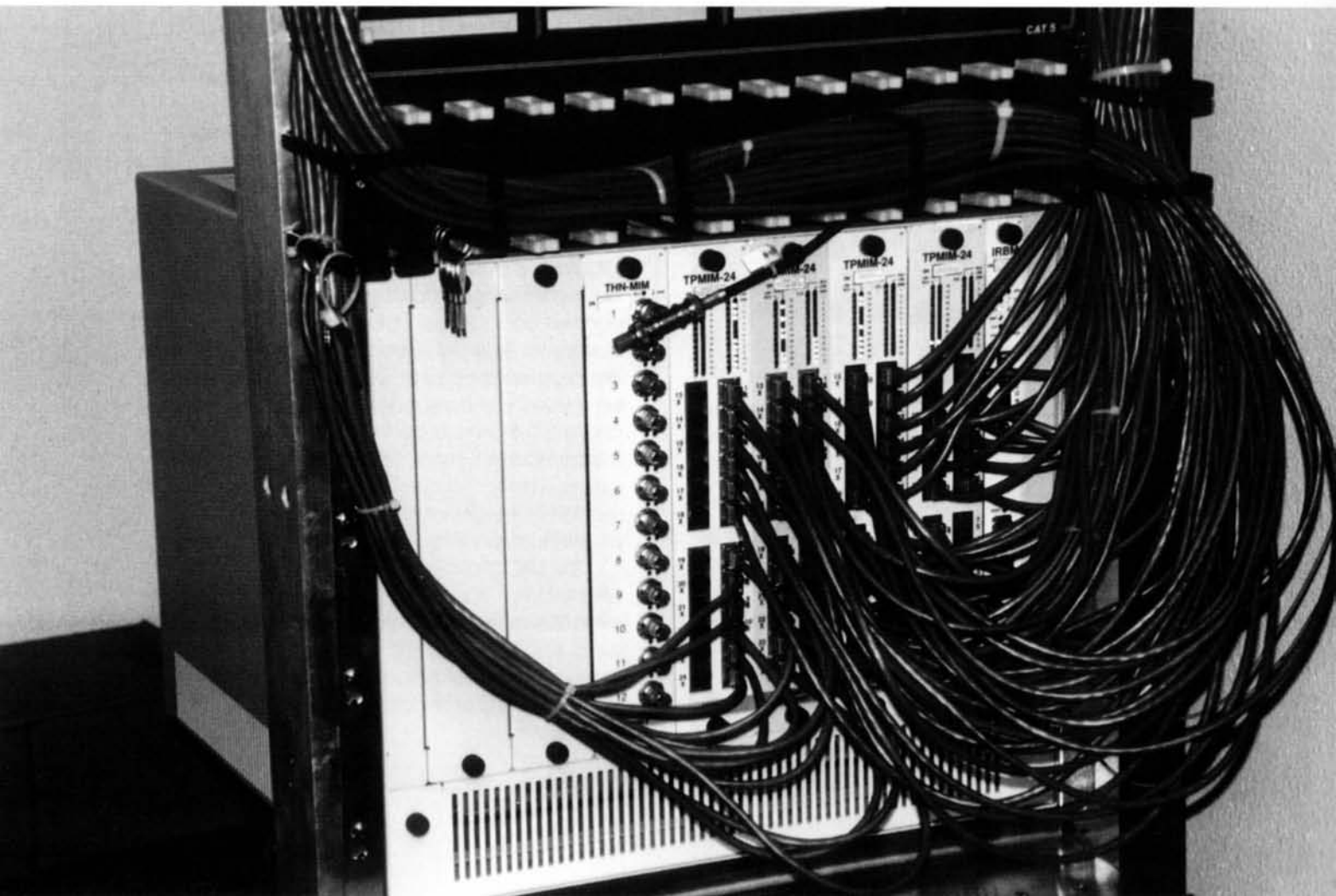
The system is called a backbone because it is comparable to a human backbone. As in the human body, a spinal cord (fiber optics) sends messages to the brain (the computer center in the Administration building). Nerves (computers) branch off of the spinal cord.

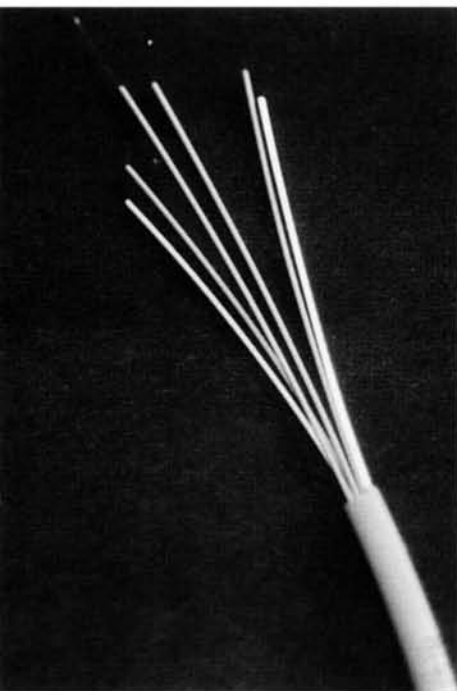
At MSU, fiber branches out across the campus, through the underground tunnels, from each building to the Administration building. Inside the buildings, the fiber runs into a hub. From this hub, a twisted-pair wire extends to each individual computer.

Every message or file sent from any computer, speeds electronically across the wire to the hub. When the hub receives data from your computer, it converts it into bursts of light called packets, and sends it out across the fiber. When the hub receives an incoming signal, it converts the packet into an electronic signal to send it back to the proper computer.

—by John Weber

(Right) One of the many pieces of fiber that connects the campus backbone.





This is the computer called "warp6." It provides campuswide e-mail capabilities.

(Left) Computer hubs around campus connect individual computers to fiber optics.



Bob Crockett runs tests on computers in the psychology lab.

Networking Services

Whenever students or faculty members log on to check their e-mail or surf the Internet, they should be grateful that Bob Crockett decided to attend Minot State.

Born and raised in Langdon, Crockett graduated from the North Dakota State School of Science in 1982 with a degree in computer electronics. Since that time he has worked as a computer technician for Concurrent Computer Corp. His job is maintaining main frame computers at the Minot Air Force Base.

"The nice part about my job is I'm on 24-hour call. If the computers aren't broken, I don't have to be out there, so I started taking classes at MSU, working toward my computer science degree," Crockett said.

In addition to taking classes, Crockett also works for Network Services under Director Larry Atwood.

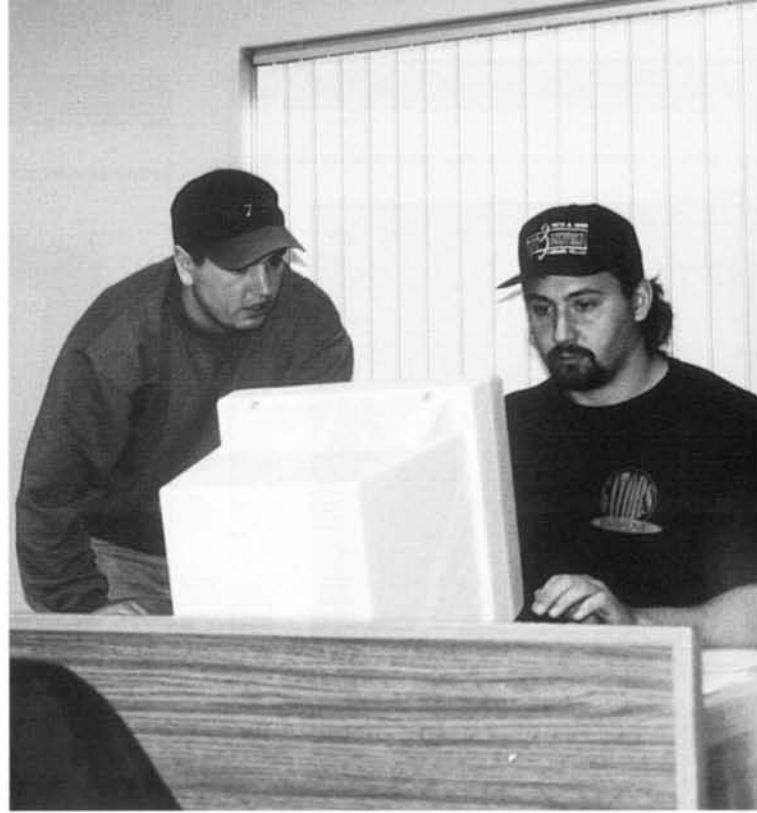
"My job with Network Services is to help maintain the complete network and any computers tied to the network on the MSU campus," Crockett said.

Networking is the linking of computers to each other. Minot State University is networked together by wire and fiber optic cables. This allows users to use e-mail and log on to the Internet.

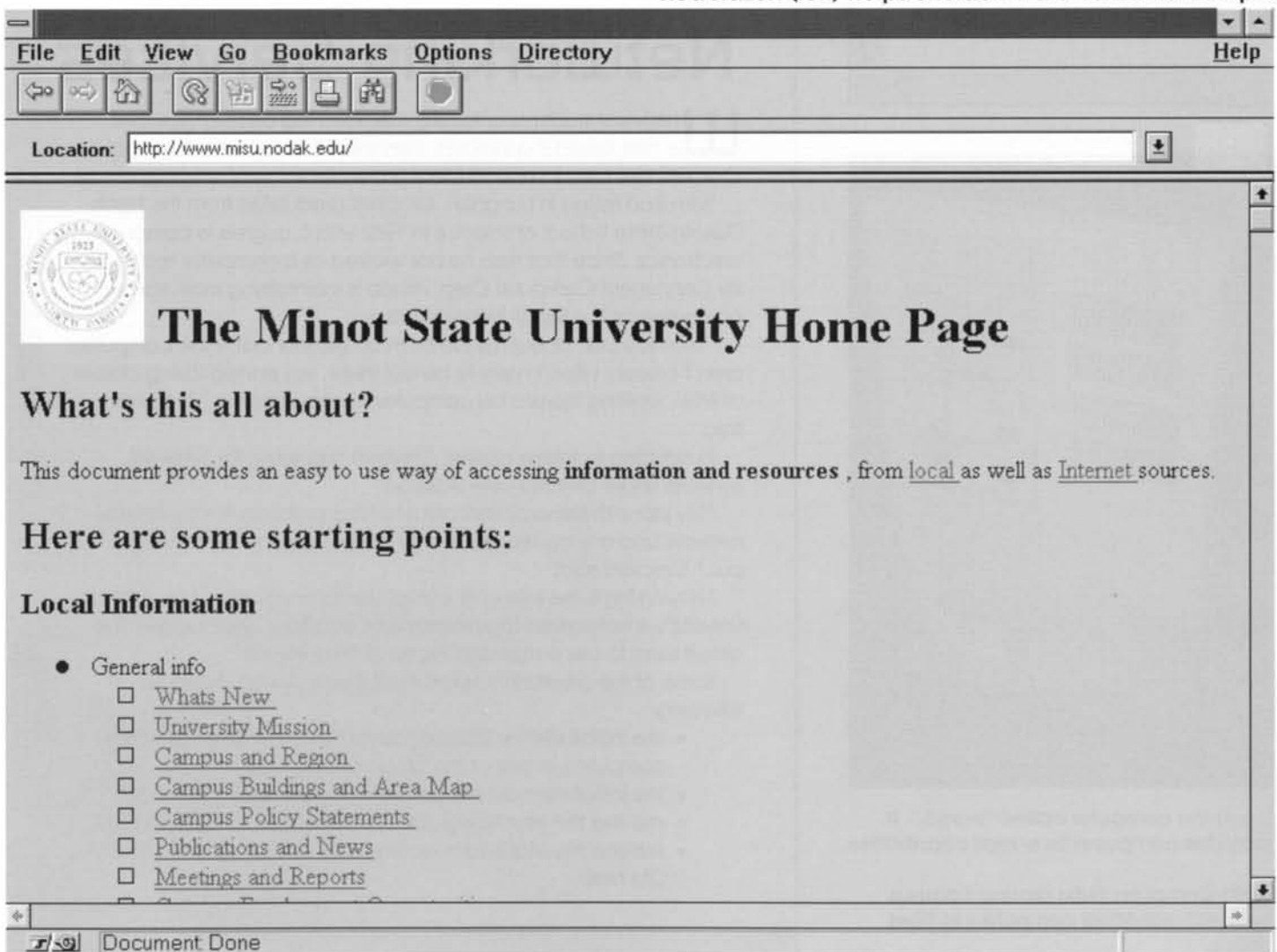
Some of the projects Crockett has been involved in are the following:

- the installation of 220-megabyte hard drives into all of the computers in one of the labs in Model Hall.
- the installation of new computers in Old Main, Room 316.
- moving the psychology lab from Old Main to Memorial Hall.
- moving the Macintosh lab from the Gordon B. Olson library to Old Main.

—by Kurt Hofmann



Rod Hazen (left) helps Sheldon Warawa with a computer.



Minot State publishes worldwide on the Web

In May of 1994, the World Wide Web server at Minot State went into operation, and the first version of the MSU Home Page was set up.

"We were ahead of the game at that time," said Todd Enders, a MSU Information Technology Support Specialist who was instrumental in establishing the Web server at Minot State. "NDSU and UND didn't have a Web page then."

Now, the Web is a popular information, education and entertainment tool.

"It is amazing how far it has come," Enders said. "In the last year alone, the number of Web pages increased 20 times."

"There are over 16 million Web pages, with a new page almost every 30 seconds."

He also said the World Wide Web contains approximately 8 billion words of text, along with an uncountable number of images, sound bites and video clips.

Minot State currently has its own page, where a user can log onto such entries as the student directory, North Dakota road reports, a calendar of events and open- and closed-class lists. The page receives between 800 and 900 "hits" a week. A hit occurs when a user logs onto the page. The Red & Green newspaper also set up a Web page for the first time this year. Enders believes access to the World Wide Web has



Students "surf" the Web in their spare time.

many advantages for MSU, its faculty and students.

"It establishes a presence on the Internet for the university," he said. "Having a Web site gives us a chance to give students some experience, a tool to use in their research, and it shows people in other parts of the world what MSU has to offer."

Enders believes the Web

is popular because it is easy to use by people who are not computer literate.

"You just have to point and click, and you're off traveling, without having to deal with things like network addresses and such. You just sit back and surf," he said.

Enders said most departments on campus are interested in creating a home page.

Utilizing the World Wide Web more for recruiting and for interactive course offerings has also been discussed.

"It is only limited by the imagination of the people who want to get involved," he said.

—by Robin Wark



James Babb teaches a class using Interactive Video Network.

IVN aids in distance education

Video network educates without travel

The North Dakota Interactive Video Network (IVN) is becoming a popular source of education for Minot State students.

IVN is a two-way video system that transmits video and audio classes to several locations. A special camera allows graphics, charts, and other printed materials to be transmitted to the remote sites.

Fiber optics carry the classes around the state. Students see and hear the instructor and can ask questions at any time. Since the system is sound-activated, speaking loudly causes it to switch from one site to another.

Schools in the North Dakota University System use the interactive television system to conduct meetings also. It saves travel time and reduces costs by eliminating meal and lodging expenses.

One of the benefits of IVN is its convenience for students who live far from Minot. IVN allows them to take classes without having to travel.

The system has many sites, including ones in nine Canadian provinces, two Canadian territories and three states.

North Dakota recently added one site in Bismarck and linked the system to the five tribal colleges.

—by Bonita Johnson and John Weber

Students attend classes in video labs across the state. On the monitors above the students, the instructor can view his classroom or a remote site.





Rita Murphy works on bringing the Interactive Video Network on line.

Student enjoys working with IVN

A senior majoring in German has found another tool to use after she graduates and becomes a teacher. Rita Murphy is an Interactive Video Network technician.

"I run all the equipment during the class to free up the teacher as much as possible," she said. Her responsibilities include making sure the instructor has a microphone when he moves around, and operating the overhead, the FAX machine and the intercom phone. Murphy also maintains the sound level at all the interactive video sites when MSU is the host school.

"A major part of the job is keeping the two cameras on the 'action' in the room, focusing on the teacher, or zooming in on visual aids or a student who is speaking. And I help watch the time. At the end of the three or four hours, the class is over," she said.

Murphy heard about the IVN class from her German methods instructor, Linda Gresham. "We both believe this should be a part of every teacher's experience," Murphy said. Murphy felt that IVN can improve the instructor's skills and ability to communicate. She also felt that it makes the teachers more aware of student needs and the effectiveness of visual aids through the immediate feedback the system offers.

Murphy feels the system is really effective, for instance, when the teacher is using manipulatives. The camera makes it visible

to all students, no matter where they are.

"Another plus is the opportunity for personal interaction from site to site," Murphy said. "The teacher gives the lesson, then has the students pair up and discuss what they've just heard. Students can exchange ideas with others at different sites."

A mother of four, Murphy plans to teach high school German or English. She would like to be able to teach on the IVN.

Murphy commutes to Minot State from Berthold, where she is active in the community, her children's schools and St. Ann's Church.

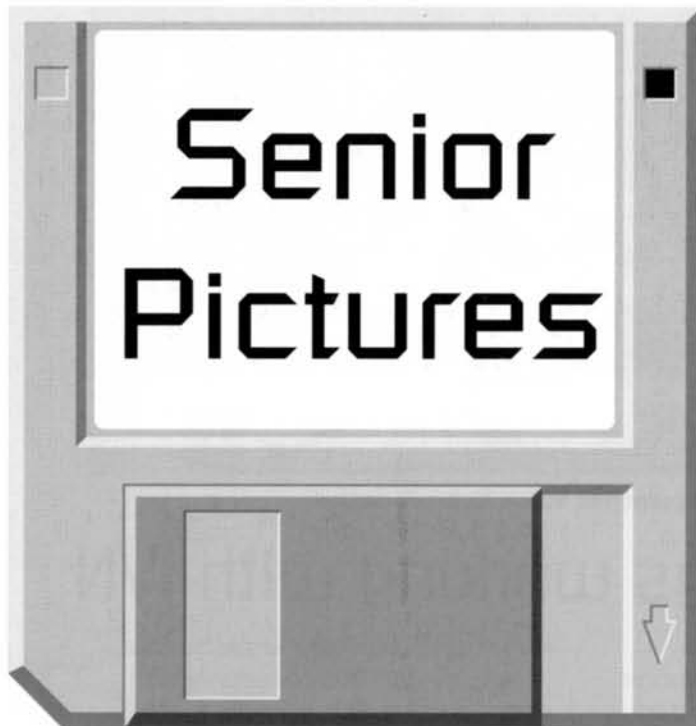
On campus, Murphy served as the 1995-96 German Club president and is active in events sponsored by the Foreign Language Department. She was the junior class representative for the Honors Society and wrote for its newsletter, Hamlet's Mill.

She studied abroad in Austria in the summers of 1994 and 1995, fulfilling requirements for her German degree.

Next year, Murphy will write a 20-page senior thesis in German and student teach. She will graduate in May 1997.

Murphy believes education needs more communication. "With IVN, we can keep it interactive and make it the most realistic it can be," she said.

—by Jennifer Korgel



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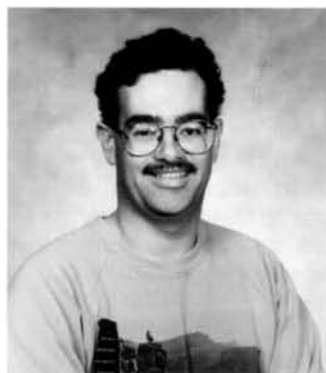
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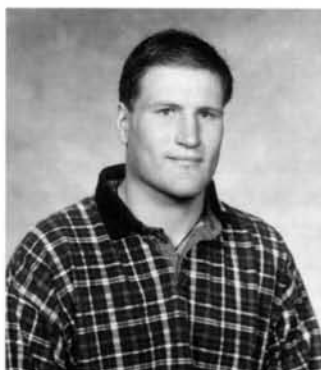
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Grad lends a helping hand

Gretchen Everson graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in social work.

A 1991 Divide County High School graduate, she attended NDSU-Bottineau for one year, pursuing a degree in horticulture. While going to school, she worked as a residential trainer for people with developmental disabilities.

"I decided while working at the Opportunity Foundation that I liked the idea of helping people many different ways," she said. "A degree in horticulture wouldn't allow me to do this, but a degree in social work would."

After she got married in 1993, Everson and her husband moved to Minot. That fall, she began studying toward a degree in social work.

Everson worked in the MSU Social Work Department and also with the

North Dakota Vietnam Veterans' Children's Assistance Program. In the latter program, she found grant money for Vietnam veterans' children who have birth defects.

"It's been difficult, but the knowledge and experience I've gained have made all of the work very worthwhile," she said.

Both Everson and her husband worked and attended school full time, so there wasn't much time to relax. When she found a moment, Everson read or played golf.

"I've enjoyed the three years I've spent at MSU, but I'm excited to start a new career and a family," she said.

—by Erin Schaar

Gretchen Everson is busy at work in the North Dakota Center for Disabilities.





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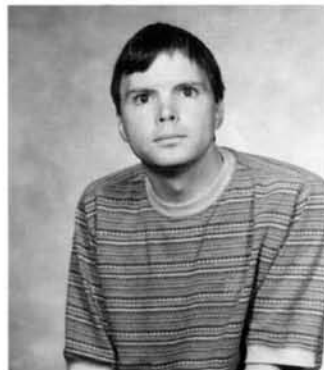
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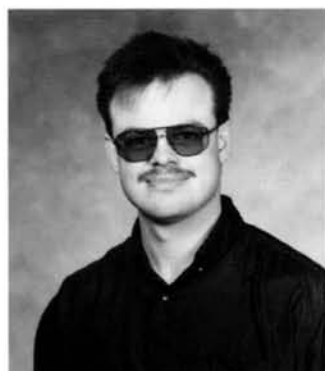
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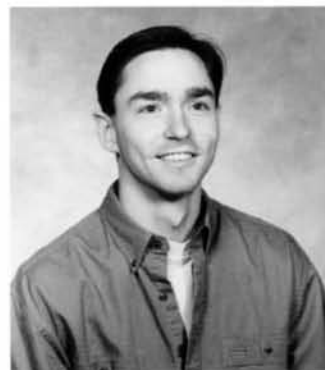
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Student studies in Russia

A MSU student spent the spring semester attending college in Russia as a foreign exchange student. David Benjestorf, an Honors Program student majoring in finance, was intrigued by the mystery and potential of the country. He enrolled in a state university in Stavropol, a city in the Caucasus region, near the Republic of Chechnya in southern Russia.

While there, Benjestorf studied Russian language, history, literature, poetry, customs and political science. In addition to his university studies, he also taught a variety of topics to elementary and university students. He was the first Westerner to ever teach at a military academy in the Caucasus region.

"I witnessed a lot of violence, but I soon became acclimatized to it," he said about the day-to-day living in Russia. "It was more frightening than I ever dreamed possible, the Mafia and all, but it was the best education I could have ever hoped for."

But this was only one aspect of his stay. He noted that the beauty, history and people there far surpassed any of the negativity. "It is a country paralleled by no other," he said.

Benjestorf also thought it odd that he learned nearly as much about North America from interaction with dozens of nationalities abroad as he had learned at home. "It provides you with an opportunity to step back and look at the broader picture, a picture unbiased by national policy



Benjestorf shows us where he studied.

and propaganda," he said. "I was particularly surprised to learn that most Russians cried when John F. Kennedy was killed, as they believed in his endeavors for peace. Despite all that we've been taught about 'those communists,' they're essentially no different from us."

Benjestorf said he can't wait to go back, even though he had spent five months in a war zone. "It was a great opportunity to see the Russian culture firsthand," he said.

—by Chad Raymo



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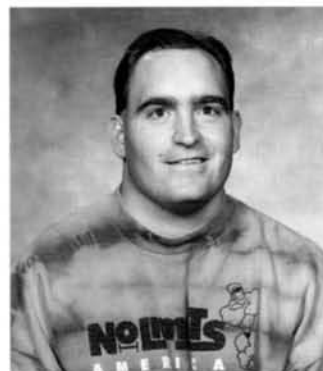
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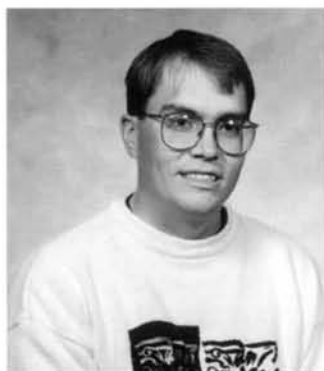
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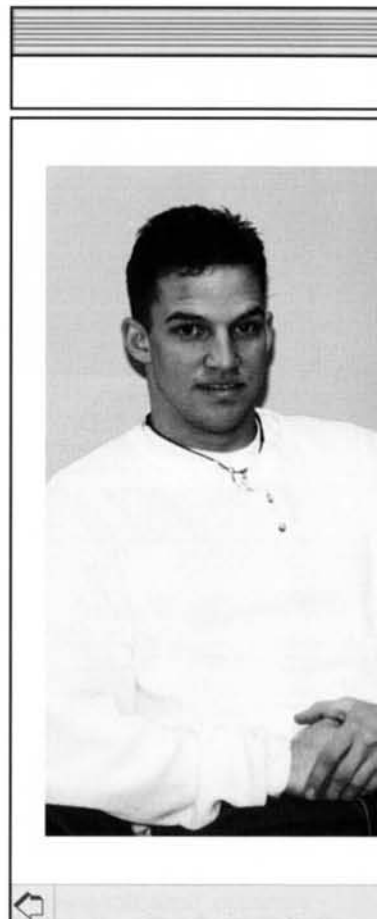
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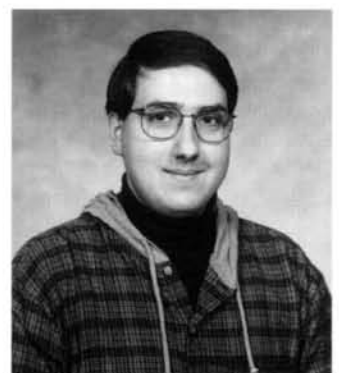
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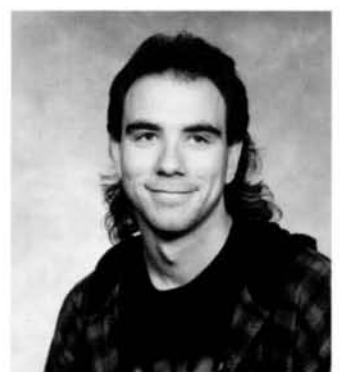
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Student is on the ball

After talking with Jeremy Weller, one could say he is definitely on the ball. Besides school, he juggled time between football and work.

After completing high school in Cleveland, Minn., Weller attended Brainerd Community College, where he was noticed by a former MSU line coach. He toured several campuses, but chose Minot as his new home because of its good business college, its excellent football program and its nearness to home.

Weller pursued a degree in marketing at MSU. "Marketing is interesting, and you can make money," he said.

When the 5-10, 170-pound wide

receiver wasn't tackling the books, he was out on the football field. Weller believes football made him more responsible and capable of handling stress. One of the important aspects, Weller said, "is doing your best, making everyone feel like a part of the team, and doing your job and doing it right."

After school, Weller worked at Embassy Food & Drink as a bartender. He shoots pool with the guys, lifts weights, jet skis and cheers for the New England Patriots, Penn State, or Miami.

Weller sees himself in the future on a hobby farm, involved in sports and taking care of a wife and kids. Until then, he'll go with the flow.

—by Amy Kanewischer

Jeremy Weller takes time to rest between school, sports and work.



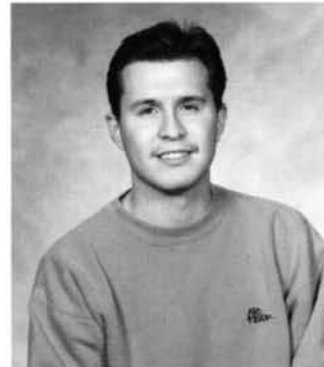
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Senior thinks math is OK

Lane Azure is a Native American student attending Minot State as a math and education major.

Azure has been going to school on and off for six years. He started his college career studying engineering but decided to change majors, ironically because he hated math. He then went into pre-med for a time.

Azure went back to mathematics to retake a calculus class that he didn't do well in the first time. He decided then that math was all right and changed his major back to education and mathematics.

Azure finished with his classes most days by noon, then enjoyed playing hockey or going swimming before hitting the books.

According to Azure, "Homework is working many math problems. There is nothing mystical about math. Some people just have to work harder than others to understand it," he said



Azure says, "There is nothing mystical about math."

about his field.

Azure hopes to teach math at the secondary level after he graduates from the university in the spring of 1997. "I would like to be a model for others, to show them that math really isn't so bad," he said.

"I also would like to go on and get my master's degree and teach at the junior-college level someday," Azure added.

When he has time off

from his studies, he is active in the Native American Cultural Awareness Club at Minot State. He is also an avid snow-skier and fisherman.

During the summers, Azure works for a construction firm as a gravel truck operator. He is also a professional shingler on weekends.

—Chad Raymo



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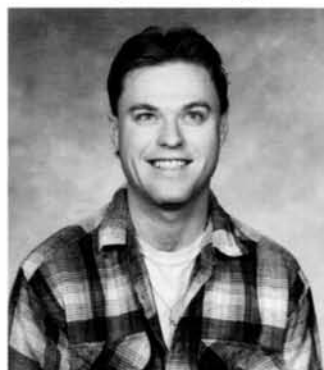
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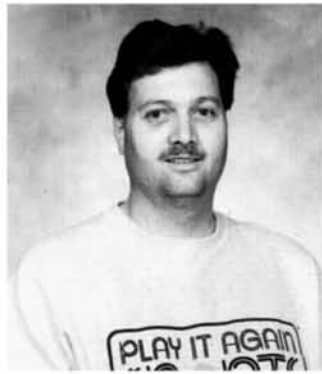
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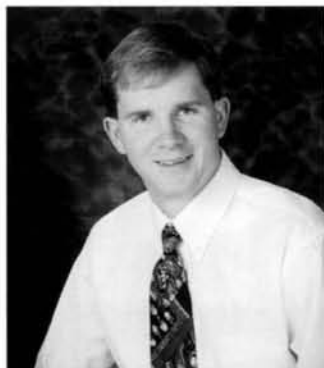
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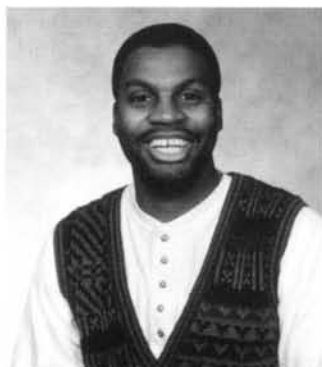
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Grad excels at pool

Playing eight-ball and creating fine art are two of Bonita Johnson's favorite pastimes.

She was the state eight-ball champion in 1991 and '92 and took second in the eight-ball Amateur Nationals in Las Vegas in 1993.

"A lot of my artwork consists of shooting billiards. It influences the subject of my artwork."

A Minot native, Johnson grew up with seven brothers and two sisters. She took some classes while she was a custodian at MSU, but couldn't attend full time because she had to care for her daughter, Mindy.

In 1991, she got a

scholarship and felt the time was right to go back to college.

"I realized I wasn't going anywhere," she said.

In 1993, she transferred to MSU to complete her degree in art.

"After graduation, I want to create fine art, make a statement, something to leave behind when I'm gone," she said.

Johnson also wants to teach art classes on a reservation.

Johnson graduated in 1996, but couldn't attend commencement. She was at the eight-ball Amateur Nationals in Las Vegas.

—by Dan Feldner



Johnson fulfilled a dream by earning an art degree.



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Excited grads wait their turn to get their diplomas.

(Left) Flowers and cards of congratulations help make graduates' big day special.

Grads urged to laugh, work for others

Stirring marches rendered by the Minot State University Wind Ensemble set the celebratory tone for Graduation '96. Families, friends and well-wishers filled the Dome, a warm contrast to the chill wind outside. Gold honor sashes, colorful graduate school hoods and banners of each college enhanced the exuberance of the ceremony.

More than 700 graduates processed into the Dome behind their teachers, with pride in every stride. Mile-wide smiles and a few tears attested to the emotions of the group. They had come a long way.

Mortarboards once again bore evidence of graduate's feelings, from a bright yellow smiley face to cryptic slogans, such as "I'm Outta Here," "Thanks Hubby," "In Debt," a large heart above the initials "BBM" and the mysterious "Scott's Pots."

Representing the graduating class, speaker Diane Keller summed up the achievement of the whole group when she said, "We succeed because we use our God-given



Keller

talents to the best of our abilities."

Keller, who earned a baccalaureate degree in business education, named three qualities she hopes to instill in her future students: self-esteem, dedication and the ability to laugh at oneself. She reminded the graduates that all three are essential, not only for success, but also for survival.

Keller charged her colleagues to "always choose the road for others. When we decide to help others, we

are using our education and abilities in the best possible way."

Keller, who drove to Minot from Harvey, three days a week for four years, introduced her husband, parents and two daughters and thanked them for supporting her.

Minot State University President H. Erik Shaar also thanked the parents, families and friends of the graduates, stating that their being there for the students through the years had been essential to their graduating now.

Finally, Shaar had the faculty rise and face the graduates. The students' long and vigorous applause served as an expression of gratitude to the men and women who had been "in the trenches" with them through the years.

One last procession and the grads were out into the "real world," to begin using their hard-won education in the marketplace.

—by Frances Lovelace

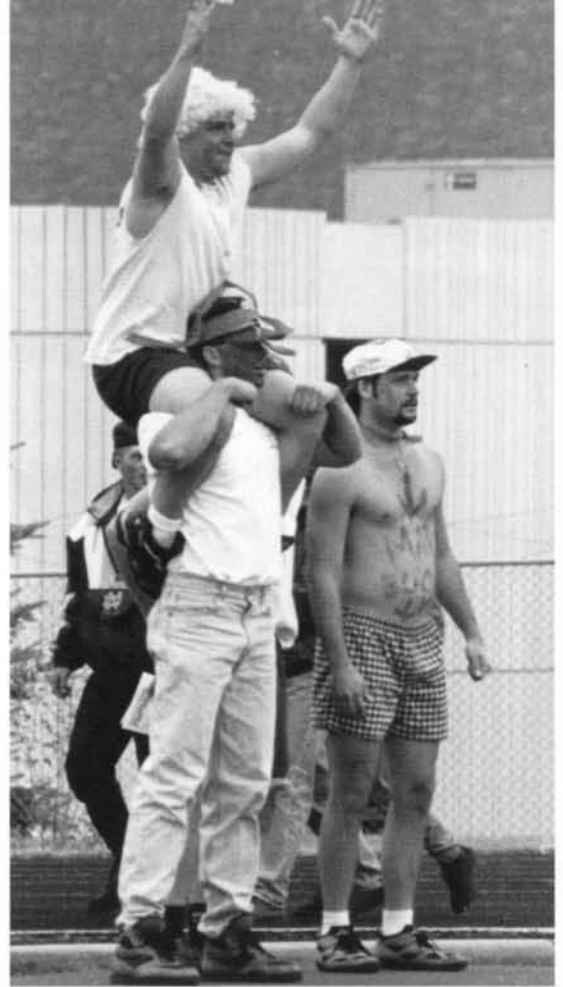


(Left) College friends can last a lifetime.



The sun provides good lighting to capture the moment on film.

(Left) A new graduate beams as he returns to his place from his walk across the stage.



Homecoming heats up MSU

Good weather enhances participation in activities

Excellent September weather set the tone for Homecoming Week, a time of many special events.

On Tuesday night, comedian Buzz Sutherland entertained a large crowd with his jokes and impersonations. Wednesday afternoon featured a free lunch on the lawn in front of Old Main. Hungry students devoured in half an hour all 300 hamburgers and 150 hot dogs that were prepared.

That evening, hypnotist Ricky Kalman amazed a huge crowd in the Student Union ballroom. The audience didn't seem to mind standing in line to get in, especially when it had such a great time laughing at the hypnotized participants on the stage.

Thursday's Homecoming Dance sparked with the coronation of the Homecoming King, Derrick Hammonds, and Queen, Nicole Meuchel. An enthusiastic, casually dressed crowd danced to a mixture of

music styles.

The Beaver Homecoming Parade highlighted Saturday morning's festivities.

Jeremy Weller, a wide receiver on the MSU football team, appreciated the events. "Homecoming really gets the team pumped up. It's exciting for everyone," he said.

"Eat, Drink, and Beat Mary," the theme for the big game Saturday afternoon, unfortunately didn't prove prophetic. Minot State lost to the University of Mary Marauders, 14-7. But the Beaver fans never lost their spirit. Their painted faces and loud cheers told the story of a true Homecoming.

—by Amy Kanewischer, Chad Raymo,
Erin Schaar and Lindsay Smith

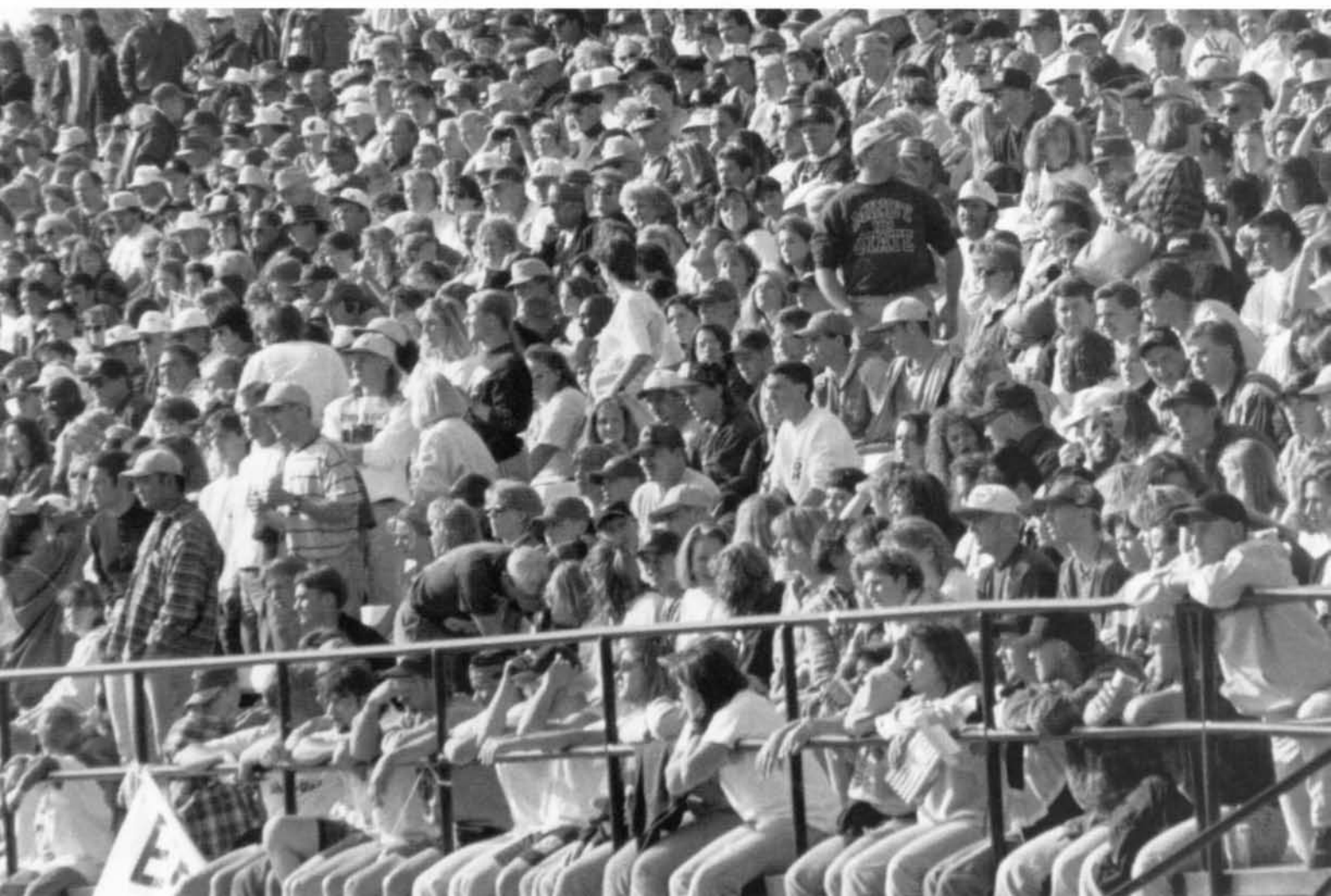


(Above) One Marauder turns up his toes at the MSU Homecoming Parade.

(Far Left) Beaver fans' excitement rises with the action during the Homecoming game.

(Left) The free lunch is always a Homecoming hit.

(Below) Beaver fans watch the Homecoming game with interest.





A fancy dress dancer spins with freestyle footwork, speed and acrobatic steps.

MSU student enjoys teaching culture

Raised on the Red Lake Reservation in Minnesota, Carol Parisien recalls when the Native American people were considered dirty and were forced to learn a new religion. She feels people today are more objective about how they see others.

A wife, mother of four and grandmother of nine, Parisien said, "All my children have grown and graduated and are now living on their own. I wanted to do something for myself."

Fifteen years ago, Parisien moved to St. John, a small town on the Turtle Mountain Reservation. She taught beadwork to young children, moccasin-making and sewing Native American outfits.

"I really enjoy teaching young children," she said.

When asked to share her cultural knowledge, she went back to school to get a degree in education.

Parisien earned associates degrees in applied science and art from the Turtle Mountain Community College



Parisien

(TMCC). She will graduate from Minot State in May of 1997 with a third degree in elementary education.

Parisien has been actively involved throughout her years of study. At TMCC, she was student government secretary, a student representative and a member of AIHEC (American Indian Higher Education Consortium). At MSU, she was vice-president of NACA (Native American Cultural Awareness club), playing a major role in organizing the annual Powwows.

Parisien's main reason for teaching is not only to share her culture but also

to help children of all cultures to be proud of who they are.

"When they become independent, they will be able to choose their own goals in life and understand the importance of education," she said.

—by Bonita Johnson



Drums provide the heartbeat of the Honor Dance.



The bones run horizontally in the men's traditional dress breastplate, vertically in the women's breastplate.

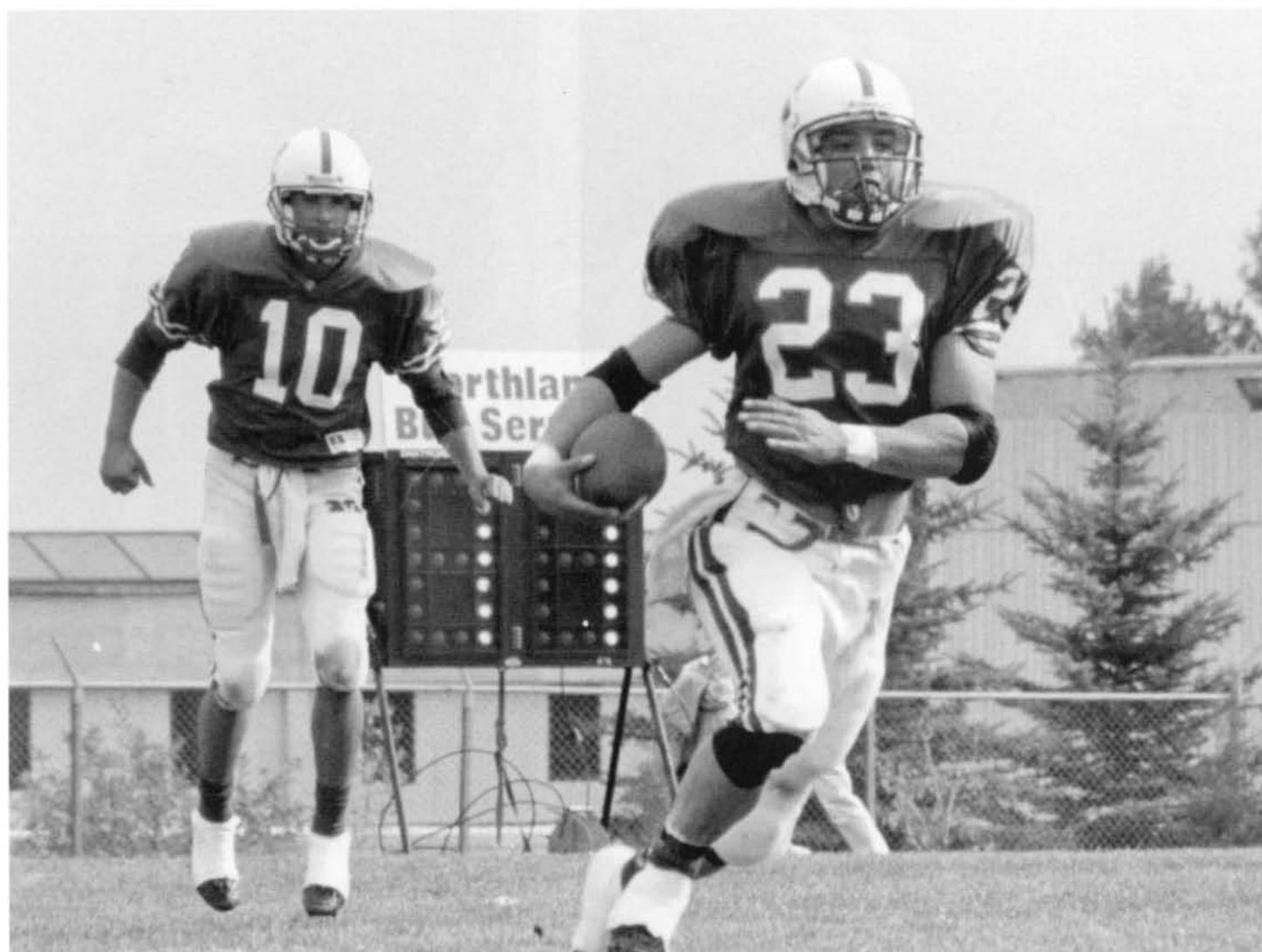


A young performer practices his dance steps.

(Left) A veteran in traditional dress carries a flag in the Grand Entry.



Stephanie Nitsch scores big in the long jump.







(Above) MSU goaltender Anthony Aspaas and a teammate deflect a Top Gun's shot.


(Left) Scott Mayer (left) and Scott Deibert find a patch of open field between them and the goal line.


(Below) Alicia Olson celebrates capturing the conference title after defeating the University of Mary, 81-74.


























Hard work pays off for Lady Beaver

Sometimes you have to just keep working hard through the bad times before the good times will come.

This is what happened to MSU women's basketball player Tracey Burkhart. The senior was with the Lady Beavers through their days of below .500 basketball. Last season, she was a key part of the team that made it to the national tournament for the first time ever.

The 5-foot-9 forward came to MSU as a standout from Des Lacs-Burlington High School. In her freshman year, the team compiled a 8-17 record. The next season, she stepped into the starting lineup, and the team finished the year at 6-19. In her junior year, the Lady Beavers compiled a 9-14 record.

Though she said that those were good times in her life, from a basketball point of view, the 1995-96 season was much more fulfilling for her.

The team finished the year with a 17-11 record and a berth in the national tournament.

Perhaps Burkhart's finest performance of her career came during the game which placed the Lady Beavers in the NDCAC final. She scored 31 points on 13 of 18 shooting from the field and made all six of her free-throw attempts.

"I just thought that this could be my last game, and I just went out and played with all my heart," she said.

Burkhart scored 10 points in the NDCAC final when the Lady Beavers stopped the University of Mary Marauders from going to the national tournament a third consecutive time.

Burkhart also capped her career by being named to the All-NDCAC team with averages of 14 points and 5.5 rebounds per game.

—by Robin Wark



Tracey Burkhart signs an autograph for a young fan at "Meet the Beavers Night."





MSU's Jeremy Weller (No. 2) hangs on to the ball during a tackle.



Scott Deibert (far right) puts on an extra kick, heading for the finish line.

(Left) Steve Holen (No. 30) battles for position under the basket.



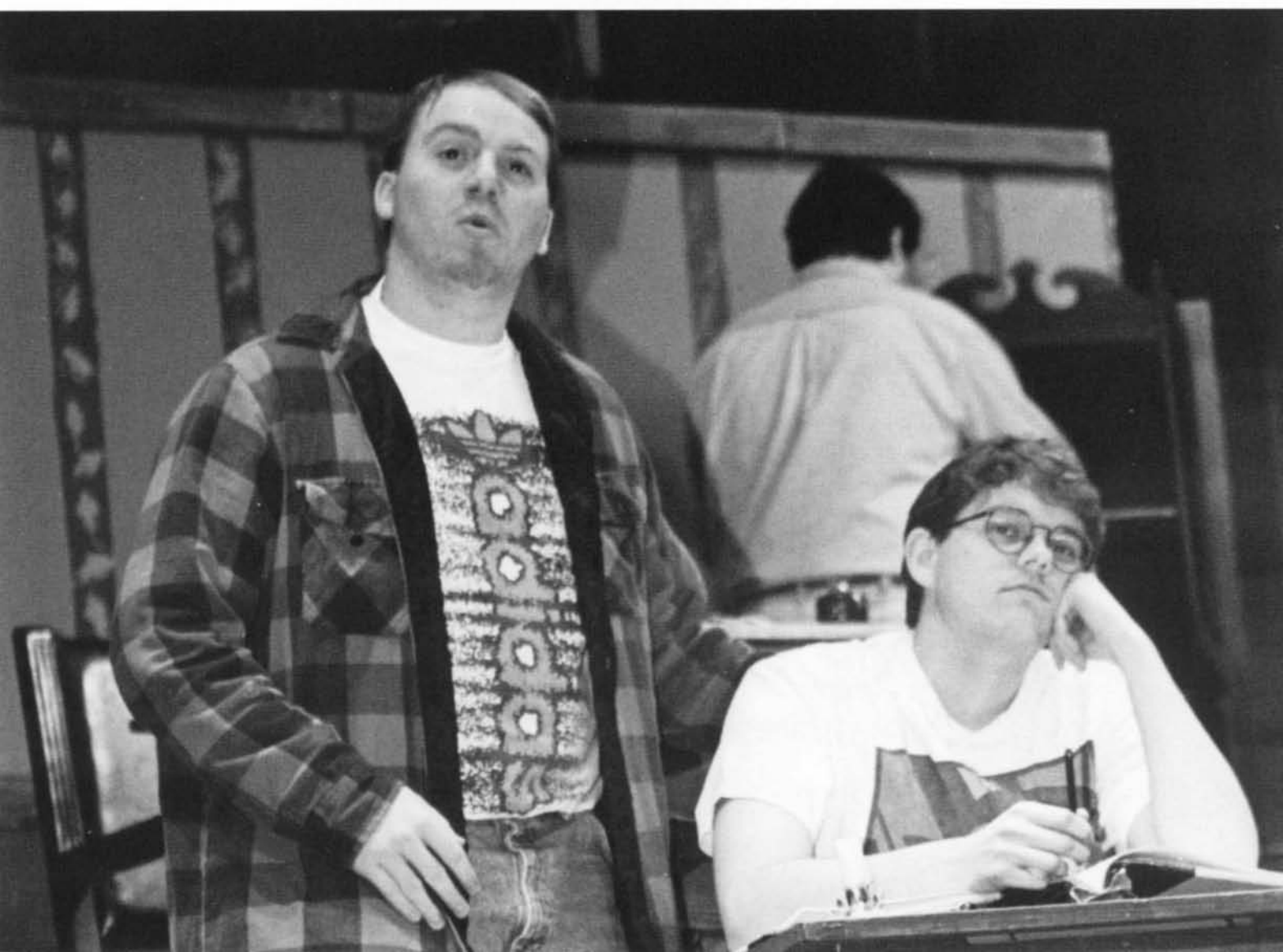
John Weninger and Jeff Arlt comprised the entire cast of "Greater Tuna."



Alumnus Shawn Riley returned to star in "The Music Man."

(Right) Dan Dammel gets caught in the "act" during the production of "Noises Off."







(Above) Kelly Dailey and Chris Neft (standing) rehearse a scene in "A Christmas Carol" with aspiring young actors

(Top) Bob Brewer soaks up a touch of the women's displeasure from Michelle Spencer-Greene in "Lysistrata."

(Left) Rehearsing lines is a never-ending task for Ryan Haider and Chris Neft in "A Christmas Carol."



Sandra Nelson demonstrates how technology is being used in theater.

Technology plays leading role in drama

Technology plays a big role in drama, according to Kevin Neuharth, professor of communication arts. Most recently, the drama department took advantage of technology through computerized lighting and scene design.

"Using computerized lighting, we can program in cues up to the hundreds. For instance, in 'Great Expectations,' 327 cues were used for the lighting effects," Neuharth said.

Computerized programs in scene design technology include virtual reality and Computer Aided Design (CAD).

Virtual reality is a 3-D program by which Neuharth is able to draw a set as one dimensional on one side and view the set as 3-D on the other side. This allows a "walk through" effect by which he can view the set from different directions.

"The CAD (Computer Aided Design) program is similar to the virtual reality program, where one-dimensional can be changed to three-dimensional very quickly," Neuharth said.

"Students need to know these technologies when they go out in the world," Neuharth said. "This knowledge makes them literate in another language. Although the technology is expensive and takes a lot of time, time is saved when changes are needed because they can be made without redrawing everything."

Neuharth expects more of the same technology in the future, along with more set design and lighting programs, as well as easier access to costume-design programs.

—by Melissa Thompson



Farrah Southam portrays a playwrighting ape in "All the Timing."

Interest in theater sparked at early age

Laurie Hinn developed an interest in the theater at a very early age.

"When I was little, my aunt would bring home movies of musicals. I would sing with them for hours," she said.

Born in Grand Forks, Hinn moved to Minot at the age of 3. She has one younger brother, Brian, who is a freshman at Minot State.

Hinn's early introduction to theater led to her involvement in theater in Des Lacs-Burlington High School.

"I enjoyed theater in high school and knew it was something I wanted to do for the rest of my life," Hinn said. "Not necessarily on stage, maybe behind the scenes, directing or doing publicity."

Hinn's reasons for choosing MSU were friends who were currently attending and the theater department faculty.

"I wanted a university with a strong theater department. I knew Kevin Neuharth and the staff here had a strong department with a lot of talent," she said. "Also, it was close to home, which I needed."

Hinn's best college memories are the excitement in theater and all the people she worked with.

"There was never a dull moment," she said. "It's a close-knit group."

"I met many wonderful people here, and at other colleges as well, through school trips," she said. "American Collegiate Theater Festival was a big theater trip during which I made contacts for after graduation."

Hinn graduated cum laude in May with a 3.68 GPA, although academics plus theater were very challenging.

"I worked hard in my classes. Time management between academics and theater was difficult. Things we do in theater are time-consuming — acting and directing classes," she said. "You put in a lot of time on your own. Learning to manage my time was one of the big things I learned here."

Hinn's internship at MSU and running the box office for 20 to 30 hours a week, plus her outside job, made finding that time difficult.

In 1995, Hinn was the publicity director for Summer Theatre. Her duties included soliciting ads, putting together the program and collecting

donations for a raffle. She described herself as an "all around gofer girl."

"I worked with Kevin Neuharth as basically his right hand. It was a lot of work, from January until August," she said. She was publicity director again this summer.

Hinn was accepted to the master's program at the University of North Dakota. She will pursue a graduate degree in theater history and directing, a two-year course. Then, she plans to work in the publicity department of a big theater in Minneapolis.

In four grueling years at MSU, Hinn learned how to survive as a college student.

"Go to class!" she said. "Despite all that everyone says, no matter how much you think you know, go to class."

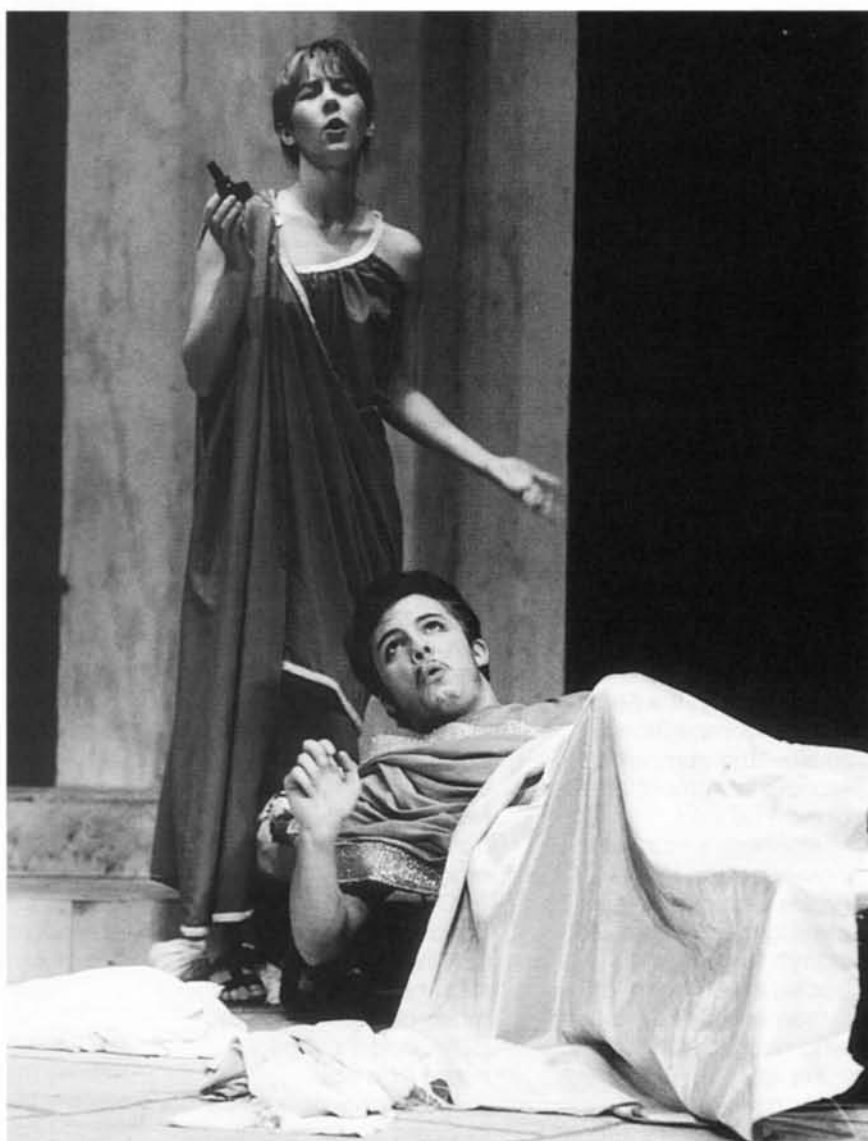
She advised incoming freshman "to get to know as many people as you can, because the friends you make in college are friends you will have for the rest of your life."

—by Dan Feldner

Laurie Hinn takes the lead in "Lysistrata," a classical Greek comedy by Aristophanes.



(Left) Chris Gieser and Eric Roberge share a scene in "The Marriage of Bette and Boo."



Jennifer Kromholz and Eric Roberge portray a married couple in "Lysistrata."



(Right) Trumpets and drums rehearse for a concert.

(Below) Chris Rom gets in some quality practice time.



Student toots his horn to win the Senior Honors Competition

A senior majoring in music blew his trumpet to the top in his field this year. Eric Wiedrich won the Senior Honors Competition in music. "The trumpet is the glorious instrument of the band," he said.

Wiedrich's musical career began in fifth grade when he began playing the trumpet. He admits to being influenced in his choice of instruments by his brother, who also plays the trumpet.

As a junior in high school, Wiedrich's interest in playing the guitar was

sparked by his appreciation for heavy metal music. His favorite heavy metal bands are Ozzy Osborne and Judas Priest.

However, his success has come from his trumpet. Jazz trumpeters Roy Hargrove and Miles Davis have influenced his musical progress.

Originally from Hazen, Wiedrich decided to come to Minot State for two reasons. "It has the best music department in the state, and it's close to home," he said.

Wiedrich was actively involved on campus in the Minot State University Wind

Ensemble, the Concert Band, the Jazz Ensemble and the Ambassador Brass Quintet. In addition, he performed as a soloist with the Minot Symphony Orchestra.

Wiedrich will student teach in Glenburn in the fall of 1996 under Band Director Cheryl Croonquist. He plans to stay in North Dakota to teach music.

—by Melissa Thompson

Wiedrich enjoys time spent with his music before student teaching in the fall of 1996.





This is one of four MIDI work stations in the Music Division.

MIDI makes music

It's hard to go anyplace on a modern college campus without running into a computer, be it as simple as a scientific calculator or as complex as a computer lab. Computers have even made their way into the music classroom.

MIDI stands for Musical Instrument Digital Interface, a "translator" that allows the transmission of sound data to and from musical devices. It acts as a bridge between the computer and the musical instrument. MIDI is used in composing and "sequencing," or layering multiple melodies of music.

"MIDI music is played on instruments called controllers," Montgomery Cole, an instructor in the Music Division, said. "The most common type of controller is a keyboard. There are other controllers called Electronic Wind Instruments (EWI) that resemble saxophones and trumpets."

The large amount of information being passed between the controller and the computer does not require a sophisticated computer system. "As long as the computer has a hard drive and four megs of RAM (Random Access Memory), you'll be able to do almost anything," Cole said.

"An industry standard was developed in the early 1980s, so different brands of synthesizers could work together, so we wouldn't have problems with compatibility," Cole said.

Early on, Macintosh was the popular computer to use with MIDI devices since it came with a preinstalled soundboard. Most of the popular software came out on Macintosh first. "In most educational institutions, they still use Apple," Cole said. "However, very little new software is being written for Apple. All the new software is being written for IBM."

MSU has one MIDI lab that consists of four stations. Each station has a Macintosh computer, keyboard, sound system and sound module. Music majors who take the MIDI class have access to the lab.

"Most colleges have recognized a MIDI lab as being an important aspect of their curriculum," Cole said.

—by Dan Feldner

Administration, Faculty, Staff

"Technological advances are a fact of life. The challenge is learning to live with technology. The campus needs to think technologically, beyond the campus, to the living aspect of incredibly rapid technological advances. We (the university) have more rapid registration, presumably have less human error in record keeping. We have incredible sources available to us via technology."

—H. Erik Shaar
President



"What's the classroom of the future? I'm a firm believer that in 50 years, people will be learning at home. I base that on the fact that I see all of these technologies now available from satellite. Does that mean that nobody will come to a campus anymore? No, I don't think so. They (students) want the campus culture, the campus environment."

—James Croonquist,
Vice President for
Academic Affairs



"We've all been surprised by the explosion of the Internet and just how much is available there. It's hard to believe how quickly it's changing. Part of this (technology) fee and part of the future is not only to be able to buy hardware and software, but the people who help us use it."

—Dick Jenkins,
Vice President for
Advancement and Student Affairs



"It (technology) connects us to the outside world. With the Net and our capabilities with the backbone, we can go anywhere. That assists with instruction and research. IVN provides another means to deliver or receive instruction. It's (technology) assisting us in our daily lives. In general, it opens up a whole world of more information."

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Henry Jones shows how it's done at a faculty recital.

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Professor enjoys teaching the Internet

A MSU professor is preparing his students to step into tomorrow.

Thomas Seymour, a professor of management information systems in the College of Business, teaches students to use all the technology available to them, especially the Internet. He believes the Internet and the World Wide Web are valuable learning tools to help students compete.

"Teachers need to use a different methodology now. Also students, because they are used to looking at textbooks and having the information right there. Using the Internet, they have to look for it," he said.

Seymour applauds the efforts of Larry Atwood, a professor of computer science, in setting up the Internet at Minot State.

"I think it has created a fantastic swell for technology for the rest of the campus," Seymour said. "Larry Atwood put the tree trunk there, and the rest of us have branched off of it. I think that has pushed our students ahead in the job market."

Seymour is designing an introduction to the Internet course. He also is helping develop instructional modules in business for distance



Tom Seymour talks over the Internet, using a microphone and his computer.

education. The program recently received a grant and is looking to provide distance education to seven rural communities within a radius of 80 miles of Minot.

"The model being developed will provide for distance education in all walks of life," he said. "In the near future, we will be able to go world-wide and deliver education on the Internet in any country."

Plans for this program include using cable TV to deliver courses, with an

emphasis on the desktop computer. At a relatively low cost, a video camera transmits pictures and sound over the Internet.

"You can sit at your desk and bring audio and video right into your home," he said.

Seymour said use of the "Net" and all this other technology will improve communication in North Dakota and other rural areas.

—by Robin Wark

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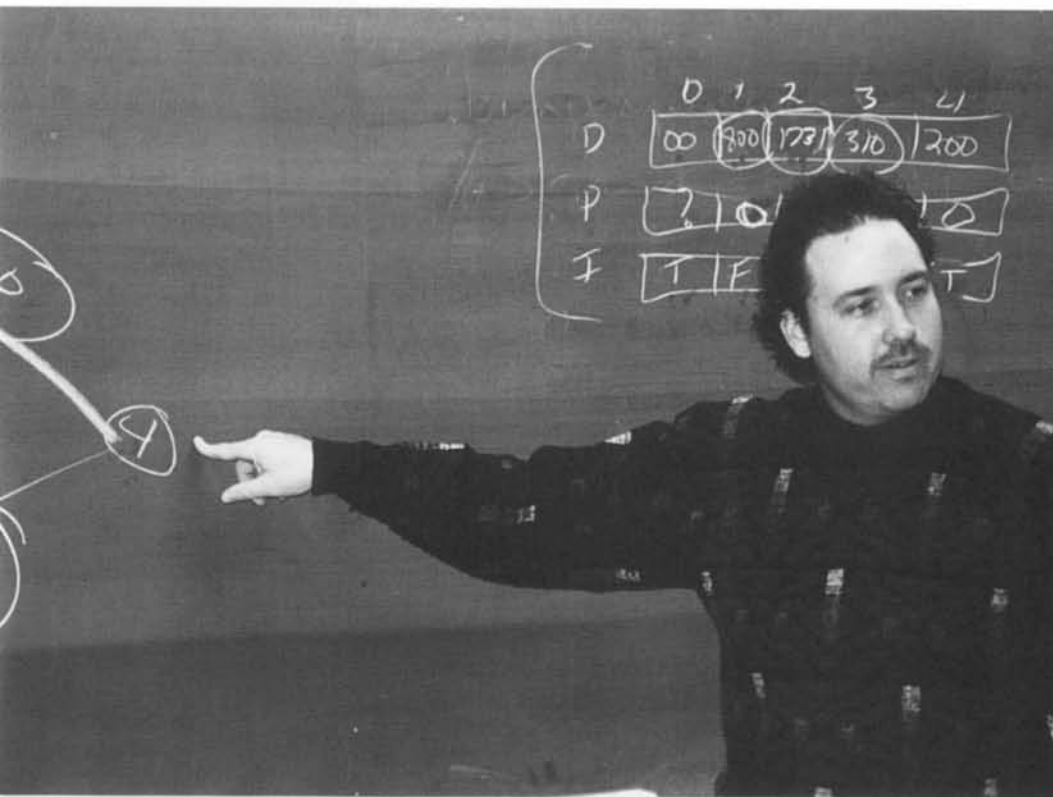
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Helen Otto sorts the mail in the MSU Post Office.

(Left) Scott Kast lectures on data structures in a computer science class.

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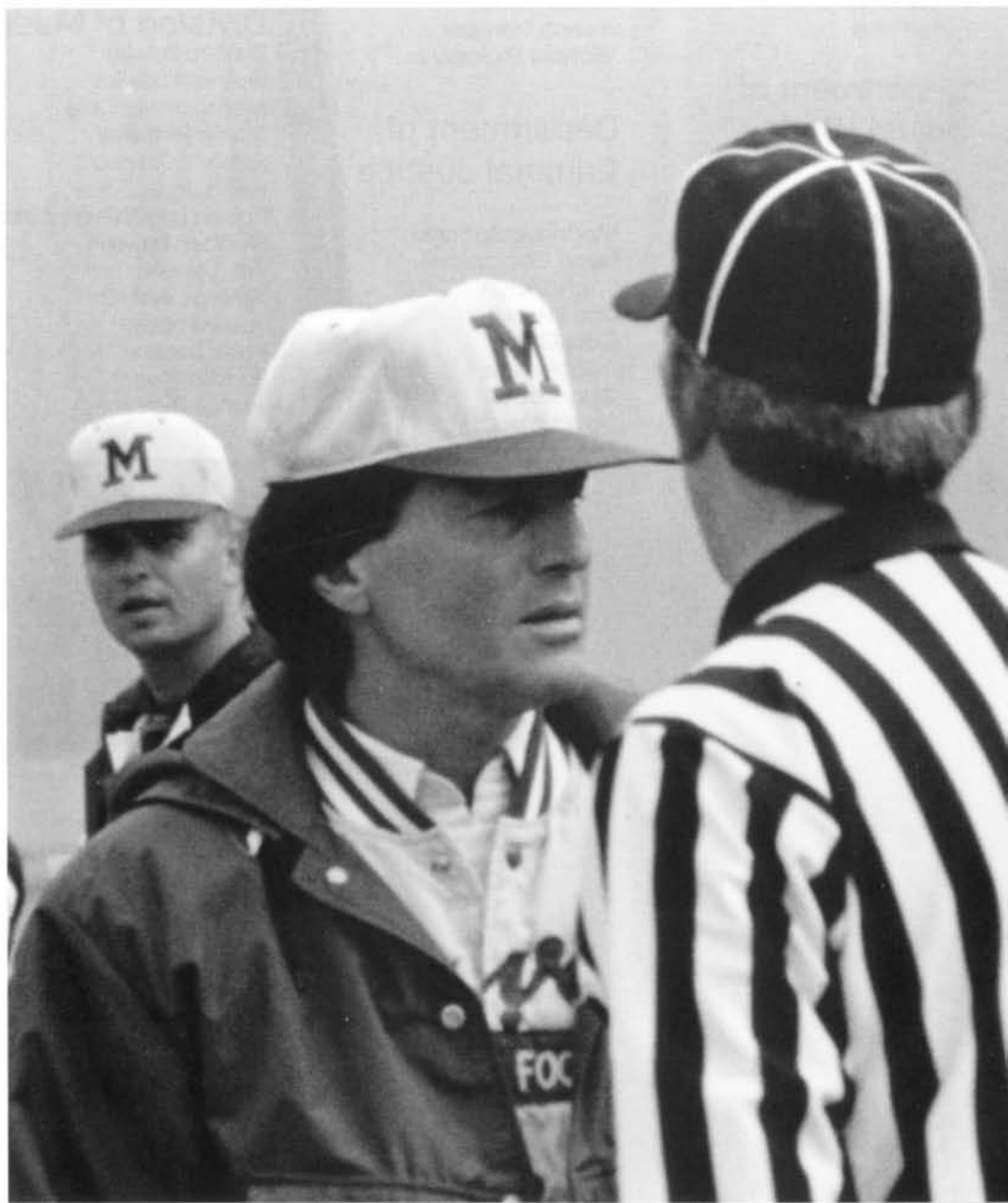
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Melanie Moore, working in the Student Development Center, answers a student's question with a smile.

(Left) Head Football Coach Dave Hendrickson discusses a play with a referee.

World Events



AP Photo

Cease-fire in Bosnia

Following a cease-fire arranged in Dayton, Ohio, U.S. Apache and Blackhawk helicopters landed in Bosnia on December 24, 1995. French soldiers extended control in Sarajevo, seized front-line checkpoints and a resort in Serb-held Ilidza for a NATO headquarters. They reached agreement with Serbs and the Muslim-led government on an initial pullback from front-line positions around Sarajevo.

In June, 1995, Serbs had downed a U.S. F-16 over northern Bosnia. The pilot, Air Force Captain Scott O'Grady, became a hero by hiding for six days until U.S. Marines rescued him.



AP Photo

Sports hero rips record

For months, baseball fans were talking about The Streak. With each game he played, Baltimore Oriole's shortstop Cal Ripken, Jr. drew one game closer to breaking one of baseball's "unbreakable" records.

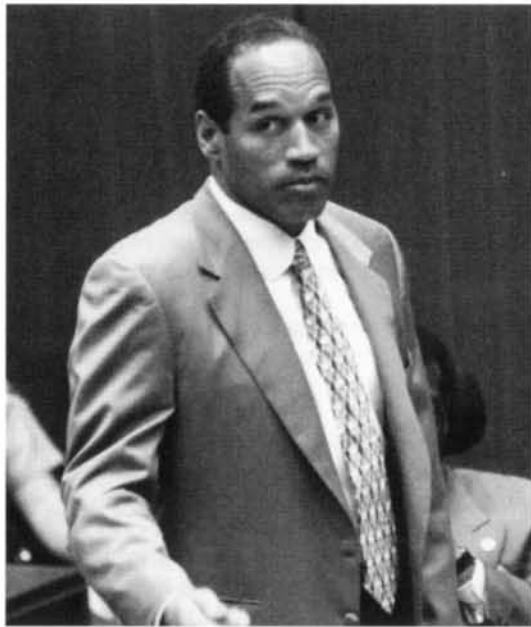
On September 6, Ripken surpassed Yankee first-baseman Lou Gehrig's record of 2,130 consecutive games played.

He took the field, as he had done in every Orioles game since May 30, 1982. This was consecutive game 2,131—but not until the fifth inning, when baseball games become official.

When the fifth inning came, fireworks exploded and cameras flashed, as 10-foot banners bearing "2-1-3-1" were unfurled in the outfield stands of Baltimore's Camden Yards.

The fans stood and cheered Ripken, who emerged from the dugout to give his jersey to his wife and two children. His teammates pushed the reluctant Ripken back out onto the field where he made a "thank you" lap around the ballpark, shaking hands with the fans. The ovation lasted 22 minutes.

Befitting a hero, Ripken hit a home run. The Orioles won 4-2.



AP Photo

Verdict: Not guilty

On October 2, 1995, the long-running, real-life soap opera played its final episode.

In "the trial of the century," O.J. Simpson was acquitted in the June 12, 1994, stabbing murder of his former wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

The jury reached its verdict in less than four hours of deliberations, after listening to 133 days of testimony and considering more than 800 pieces of evidence.

It was a case that would leave Americans with many lasting images:

- A white Ford Bronco leading a very slow police chase;
- Simpson trying on "the murder gloves" in court;
- The testimony of prosecution witness Police Detective Mark Fuhrman, whose credibility was later destroyed when it was shown that he lied under oath about his use of racial epithets.

In a statement made soon after his acquittal, Simpson vowed he would dedicate his life to a search for the real killers.



AP Photo

Rabin assassinated

The sight you see before you ... was impossible, was unthinkable, just three years ago," Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said.

The "sight" was the September 28, 1995, signing of an accord between Israel and the PLO that would end Israel's military occupation of West Bank cities and lay the foundation for a Palestinian state.

Prime Minister Rabin was assassinated by a Jewish extremist in Israel on November 4, 1995. He was shot as he was leaving a peace rally.

Campus News

Student fees increase — twice

Students saw their activity fees go up twice this year with the implementation of a technology fee and the raising of the student health fee.

The \$36-per-semester technology fee was introduced in the spring semester of this year.



The fee goes toward purchasing and upgrading computers on campus, as well as hiring additional support staff and completing networking on the campus.

A \$6-per-semester increase to the student health fee was approved after a campus-wide vote this spring. The fee increase will help the Student Health Center get out of debt this year and implement new programs in the future.

—by Kurt Hofmann

Construction on addition begins

A new addition to the Student Union building will begin in the summer of 1996.

Another floor is to be added above the Centennial Room and Union Station, making the entire Union a three-story building. In addition, the Student Union and the Administration building will be joined from top to bottom, eliminating the driveway between them.

An expanded Bookstore, a game room and a study area are some of the additions going into the new building.

Completion of the work is scheduled for the spring or summer of 1997.

—by Kurt Hofmann

(Left) The addition to the Student Union will connect it with the Administration building.





The Dome will receive a new roof and floor. The roof will be more suitable for the weather conditions in North Dakota. Repairs began in May of 1996.

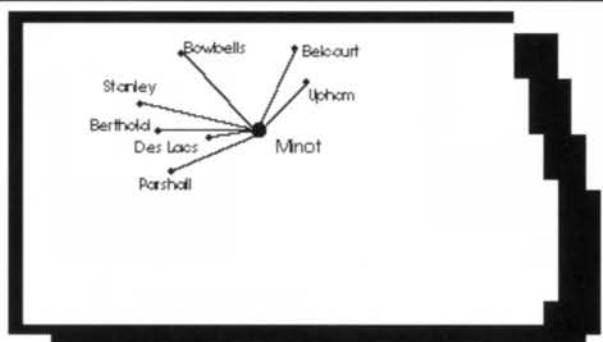
Repairs to Dome begin

The Minot State Dome will undergo a major upgrading with the replacement of the roof and floor.

The roof had developed cracks and ridges from expansion and contraction in the extreme weather changes that occur in North Dakota. The roof will be replaced with a rubber material that will allow it to move more freely.

A new floor will also be installed inside the Dome. The old Tartan floor had outlived its original 10-year life span. The new floor will consist of a wooden basketball court, and the rest will be done with a synthetic-type covering.

—by Kurt Hofmann



Graphic by Kurt Hofmann

(Left) The graphic shows the towns that are part of MSU's wide area network. The project was sponsored through a federal telecommunications grant.

Telecommunications grant awarded to MSU

Minot State received an \$800,000 grant from the federal government to set up an informational telecommunications service to outlying communities in the Minot area.

The grant helped set up Internet service to Belcourt, Berthold, Bowbells, Des Lacs, Parshall, Upham and Stanley. These communities are connected through a computer called "farside" located at Minot State University. They have access to the same services that MSU students use.

In the future, the service could be used to provide college courses which can be taken entirely over the Internet. Health-related services could also be added. This will allow people to receive services remotely via computer.

Minot State was one of 117 institutions which received funding for this project. There were 1,800 applicants.

—by Kurt Hofmann

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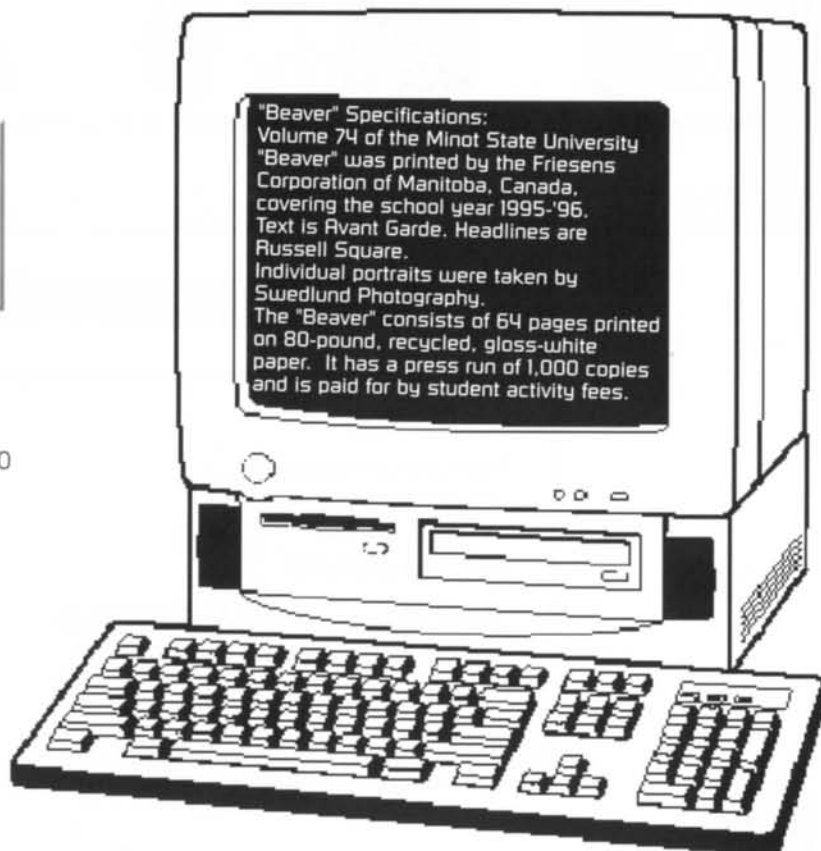
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Former presidential candidate visits MSU

Former presidential candidate Ross Perot spoke to a full house in McFarland Auditorium in November. He was campaigning for his new Reform Party, which planned to name its own presidential candidate in 1996.

Perot received the loudest applause from the crowd of nearly 1,000 when he listed his party's goals.

He felt political campaigns are too long. "Let's cut it to four months," he said.

The party favors term limits and restrictions on former legislators becoming lobbyists. "These people," Perot roared, "should go home and get a job!"

It also vigorously opposes national tax increases. "They shouldn't have a blank check to dip into your wallet!" Perot thundered to enthusiastic applause.

Perot said political campaigns require a lot of money, so most people don't have enough money to have a voice in government. "That's the real purpose for a new reform party," he said, "to give the voters a voice."

—by Frances Lovelace

Ross Perot, founder of the Reform Party, visited MSU in November.

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