

Lake Calhoun Offers A Worthy "View"

Ritzy hotspot in Minneapolis has a little bit of everything
by Beverly Edhlund

Let's be honest, we're all poor college students and opportunities to go out to a fancy, expensive dinner are few and far between. Most of us save those moments for such occasions as birthdays, anniversaries, or simply to impress someone. The View is such a restaurant that even the toughest critic could be swayed.

Their menu offers a variety of dinner selections that is pleasing to everyone—even those pesky no-fat, no-carb, no-taste dieters! Healthy entrees prove that taste and flavor can go hand in hand with a diet. I recommend the garlic chicken, which comes with a side of salad splashed in a sweet and tasty raspberry vinaigrette wine dressing—yes, low fat!

Not counting calories? Try anything from "Joe's Corner" which features a variety of entrées and your choice of side. Best bet: View skewers paired

with a bag of fries. Their fries are sure to be a hit and they come on the appetizer menu as well, only they come topped with an assortment of peppers and veggies! These are sure to be one of the



Above: Tomato, avocado and mozzarella, a salad featured on their lunch menu.

Left: Entrance to the Minneapolis restaurant.
<http://www.viewcalhoun.com/menu.html>

tastiest items you could order—extra peppers please!!!

Bottom line: should you go? Yes, but only if it's payday. The food and atmosphere is

worth every penny, and don't forget to tip those valet boys—wait a minute! Those valets are Concordia University's very own Ryan Fixell and Nick Davis.

Spending A Day At The Capitol

Students get the whole experience
by Billy Schultz

Imagine walking into the State Capitol, knowing that your purpose there is to ask state legislators for money. To some, this idea might be daunting, to others, extremely exciting. What if the money were to assist college students (both public and private) in paying for their college tuition?

This is exactly what Day at the Capitol (DATC) is about. It is sponsored by the Minnesota Private College Council (MPCC), and provides opportunities for private college students in Minnesota to ask their representatives to consider putting more money into the State Grant program, which benefits middle- and lower-income families. Students from Concordia University, St. Paul attended DATC on March 15 with Concordia College (Moorhead) and Bethany Lutheran.

Day at the Capitol begins with attendees receiving a folder of information about the DATC along with the legislators they have meetings scheduled with. A meeting of the schools and lobbyists from the MPCC is next, in which

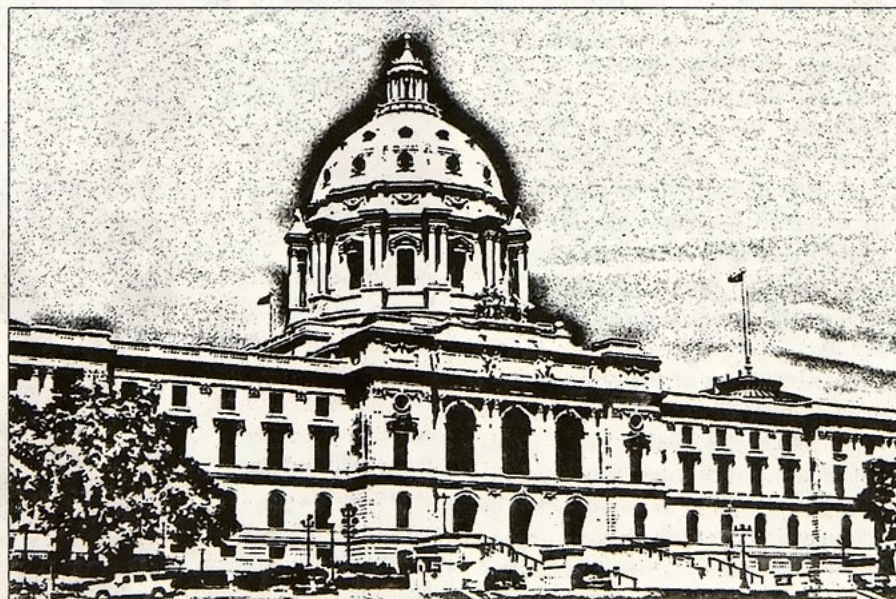
attendees are trained briefly on how to lobby and informed of the goals of the Council. This year's request for money to be added to the grant program is \$191 million, so that grant recipients' share of education costs would be lowered from 46 percent to 40 percent.

After the introduction, students are free to tour the Capitol before their meetings, or sit in the House or Senate galleries and watch the sessions. Meet-

ings with the legislators happen either outside of the House or Senate chamber (if they are actively in session) or in the representatives' offices. These meetings are usually brief, at which time the student lays out the plan (which the legislators are usually somewhat acquainted with) and asks that they support the money being added to the grant program. Meetings last from three to five minutes, depending on the

schedule. After all the meetings (and a free lunch), there is a sort of debriefing time, where any interesting stories or meetings are discussed, after which the event is over.

Day at the Capitol is beneficial for many reasons, both for in-state and out-of-state students. The financial benefits are obvious for grant recipients, but less obvious for non-recipients of the grant. When state grant recipients receive more aid from the state, this lessens the burden of institutions' financial aid offices, allowing more money to be given to those who aren't grant recipients or to those who are from out-of-state. Furthermore, it is necessary for legislators to talk with real citizens. All day, every day, they hear from lobbyists in their workplace or over fancy dinners why the people's money should be spent by the government for a certain program or project. DATC provides legislators the opportunity to hear from their constituents about what concerns they have and what they want to see their money go toward. Without Day at the Capitol, none of this would be possible. Undoubtedly, DATC is an important and unique way to become involved in the goings-on of state government as a college student.



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