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## Griggs Bridge + Campus = Bad???

By Fadumo Hassan

Bridges in their purity are meant to bring people or things closer to each other, but living at the RLC has changed my mind. I live on the west end of the Resident Life Center which is really close to the newly built Griggs Bridge over the I-94 highway. I am so close to the bridge I can see it right out of my window.

Even though the bridge might be convenient it also might bring its fair share of issues on campus, such as the rise of assaults, robbery, stalkers, and other crimes. One factor that led to my conclusion of the bridge is every night as I looked out of the window I see people who are in groups of 4-6 walking around the bridge, wearing black hooded sweaters and baggy gear.

Even though there were no crimes that were reported from students yet, the chances of it may be high aside from what we get in our CSP e-mails. Many students that live in the RLC park their cars on the side across from the bridge when all parking spaces are taken. Numerous students, such as I, park our cars by the Griggs Bridge also walk in fear at night as we see people in large groups and being loud walking towards us. The shady figures I see every night scare me greatly because I have the feeling that one day someone will be a victim of a heinous crime that is yet to happen.

My instincts may be wrong but I still would feel a lot safer if I didn't see these people walking around at odd hours of the night.

## Is the Recession Over?

By Bill Lueck

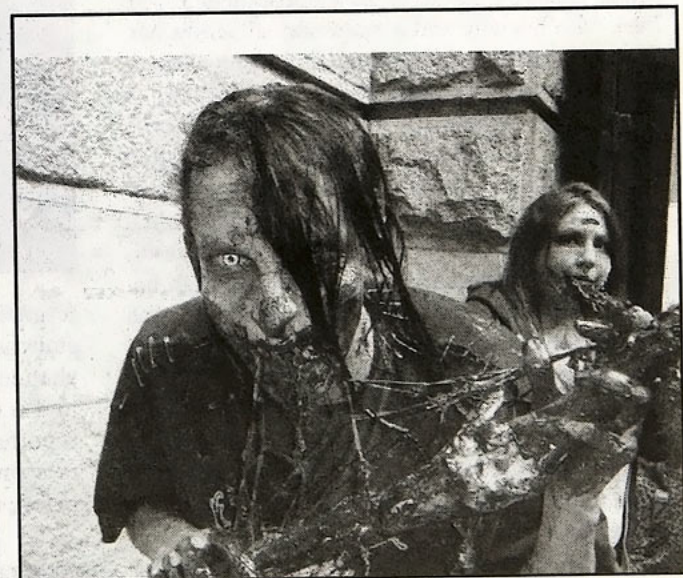
Some are saying the recession is over, while others are saying it's getting worse. What's the real story?

There is an increase in online job postings; the stock market is climbing back up and some look at that and say that the recession is over. It would be very optimistic to think that those alone are reasons to say the recession is over. There are many reports from around the United States that indicate that the recession is over that are based on an increase in job postings in various areas, but not the country as a whole.

According to MPR news "Minnesota employers shed over 10,000 jobs in August." That alone says it all. Even if we are on our way of coming out of a recession now, it will still take a while for so many dislocated workers to find jobs. Many of the jobs out there are not necessarily jobs that pay well enough to support a family and pay a mortgage. So it will probably be a while before dislocated workers are even able to find jobs that bring in the income they need to help bring stability to our economy. I suppose as the saying goes, only time will tell.

## News Briefs

By Sword Ghost



"Braaaaaiiiiinnnssss..." said News Briefs writer and SWORD Opinion/Editorial Editor Brennan Blomgren this afternoon whilst shambling lifelessly after a writer who didn't turn their article in on time.

While it is as yet unknown where he received the initial Zombie Infection, Blomgren was pronounced UOA (Undead on Arrival) by paramedics after being found unconscious in the CMC. Shortly thereafter, that section of the tunnel was blocked off by armed guards as men in hazmat suits took a body bag out of the CMC and put it in an armored car. Then, after a loud declaration of "BRAINS!," Blomgren began his undead rampage around campus.

Blomgren was available for comment, but none of our writers were stupid enough to attempt an interview.