The third annual Sport Management scholarship golf tournament will be held on Friday April 24, 2009 at the Mankato Golf Club. Dr. Jon Lim’s HP 638 Managing Sporting Events class is organizing and planning the event. The golf tournament will be followed by the first annual Sport Management Banquet. This is the first year the tournament will be held at the Mankato Golf Club, a private course, providing students, faculty, alumni, and community members an opportunity to play this beautiful course for a great cause. The day will include a 18-hole two person scramble golf tournament, silent auction, prize drawing, and a dinner banquet with guest speaker. All proceeds from the event will go to benefit the MSU general scholarship fund. Tickets are available for the golf tournament and banquet or banquet only. A registration form has been attached and more information can be found by emailing matthew.ward@mnsu.edu. Hope to see you on the course to help raise money for the MSU Sport Management Scholarship fund!

Lori Runksmeier graduated from MSU in 1992 with a Master’s Degree concentrating on Athletic Administration. After finishing her degree she worked in various administrative roles at St. Cloud State and the College of St. Ben’s before becoming the athletic director at New England College, which is a small Division III college in New Hampshire. Runksmeier is in her tenth year at this college and recently was promoted to Assistant to the President. She is currently working on developing a Sport and Recreation Management Master’s program and says what she learned and experienced at MSU will be a big help in this process. Overall, Runksmeier says her time at MSU was great and she says the program’s design allowed her to learn “what sports management was really all about”.

Doug Flitter graduated from Mankato State University in 1979 with degrees in Political Science and History along with a minor in Business Administration. Originally from Oakdale, Minnesota, Doug has spent the last 32 years calling Mankato home. After supporting his three children through their college education, Doug decided it was time to head back to school to pursue his passion. A first year graduate student, Doug enjoys golfing, fishing, reading, and working out. This summer Doug will have an internship at Terrace View Golf Course south of Mankato. Upon graduating in 2010, Doug hopes to be involved with the golf business at some capacity. His ideal job would be running a golf course. Doug and his wife who works in the MSU Physics Department have three grandchildren.

MSU Athletic Department Internships Available

The Minnesota State University Athletic Department has a number of sport marketing internship positions available for the 2009-2010 school year. These internships focus on a number of different areas, including: promoting MSU athletic events, game management, and student rewards. There are also summer internship positions available for interested students. All interns will work directly with the Athletic Department’s Marketing and Promotions Assistant and the Assistant Athletic Director for Marketing. An informational meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2009 at 5:30pm in the Johnson Alumni Room in the Taylor Center Hall of Champions, and applications are due in the Athletic Office, 135 Myers Field House, on Tuesday, April 14, 2009.
Graduate Student of the Year

Adele Burk has been selected by the Sport Management Department as the Graduate Student of the Year. Adele, a second year graduate student from Baudette, Minnesota came to MSU after receiving a degree in Secondary Education and Mathematics from Gustavus Adolphus College. After graduating, she taught two years at the high school level before realizing it wasn’t for her. Her interest in the Sport Management field was sparked from her undergraduate work study job where she worked under Tim Kennedy in the Gustavus Sports Information Office. Currently Adele is in her second year as a graduate assistant with the Gustavus Sports Information Office. She keeps extremely busy, and her responsibilities include acting as the primary media contact for each of the 25 sports. Adele has worked at the NCAA Division III Women’s Tennis Championships and more recently traveled with the Gustavus men’s hockey team to Lake Placid, N.Y. where they took second place in the Division III Frozen Four Tournament. After graduation, Adele wants to work as a sports information director in the collegiate setting. She wants to be a part of a strong overall athletic department rather than a program.

Timberwolves & Lynx Internships

The Minnesota Timberwolves and Lynx are currently looking for interns to fill positions in the following areas:

- Information Systems
- Website Design
- Social Networking
- Sports Writing
- Television Production
- Graphic Design
- Group Events
- Public Relations
- Game Presentation
- Fan Relations
- Corporate Services
- Community Relations
- Videographer/Editing
- Photography
- Ticket Sales

These internships are a great way to gain experience in the sport industry. If interested in any of the positions, visit www.timberwolves.com for more information, or contact J.T. Hoffman at hoffman@timberwolves.com.

Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the following Sport Management scholarship winners!

Rushing Sport Management Scholarship
  Undergraduate: Megan Hejhal
  Graduate: Travis Smith

Denny Erie Sport Management Scholarship
  Undergraduate: Greg Weis
  Graduate: Jordan Stolp

Vikings Draft Party

The Minnesota Vikings are once again looking for volunteers to help out at their annual NFL Draft Party held at Winter Park at the team headquarters. The event will be held on Saturday April 25, 2009 and doors will open at 1:30 pm. The event will include NFL Draft coverage, player autograph sessions, Minnesota Vikings Cheerleaders, fan contests and much more. The event will conclude shortly after the Vikings make their first round draft pick. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Shane Bowyer by email at shane.bowyer@mnsu.edu.

MSU Scholarship BBQ

The MSU Scholarship BBQ will be held Thursday April 23, 2009 on the MSU Mall. Get your tickets from Sport Management students. Tickets all come with free coupons to area businesses including Terrace View Golf Course, The Buzz, Neighbor’s, Tav on the Ave, and others!