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Verizon Center still needs some work

The City of Mankato along with Minnesota State University have done a wonderful job of making the in-game experience at Verizon Wireless Center awesome for the fans.

Having watched the Mavericks in every other college arena in the region, I can honestly say the game experience itself is on-par or better than any other rink I've been in.

Unfortunately, there is still work to be done to make a night at the Wireless Center a truly great experience. While the bowl of the arena is second-to-none, there is much work that needs to be done in the concourses and the restrooms.

My wife and I, both proud MSU alums, attend several games per season in Mankato. We were at the

game against Minnesota on Nov. 13 and had an awful time navigating the concourses. The men's room had a line into the concourse (which just adds to the congestion) from intermission well into the middle of the second and third periods. One restroom had an inch of "water" on the floor. Each men's room has only four urinals and one toilet, not nearly enough for a big crowd.

There is no true area for a team store.

The areas at the top of the escalators are packed and dangerous, especially for children and seniors.

The entrance near the ticket office is a complete cluster.

The city and the school have done a great job making improvements for the game-watching experience and for the student athletes, which is the most important stuff. But the city would be wise to spend a little more money to finish the job and make the Verizon Wireless Center truly great.

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