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Welcome Back Students

A Club Fair will be held in the Northern Lights Lounge on Wednesday, September 7, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is an opportunity for students to check out the various clubs and organizations on campus.

Grand Theatre Movie Night August 31, 2005

The What’s On Wednesday (W.O.W.) event will be Movie Night at the Grand Theatre in downtown Crookston on Wednesday, August 31. The movies showing are “Red Eye” and “Fantastic Four.” Showtimes are 7 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. The movie, popcorn and pop are all FREE. Sponsored by UMC Cooperative Campus Ministry. Don’t forget your UMC Student Id.

Fridays are Maroon and Gold Day

Crookston Merchants Welcome Back Picnic September 1, 2005

The Crookston Merchants are sponsoring a Welcome Back Picnic from 4 - 7 p.m., in Downtown Crookston in the American Federal parking lot. FREE buses will leave from McCall Hall.

W.O.W. Event

Movie Night August 31, 2005
Grand Theatre
Shows at 7 & 7:10 p.m.
Question of the Week

“What is your favorite part of the new student center?”

Laura Culver

“Jes Smith at the Info Desk, errr. I mean the Northern Lights Sculpture.”

Erik Innes

“The pool tables.”

Jake Luney

“The lounge and gameroom.”

Ask Pam

A new weekly column for students to get their questions answered has been added to the Eagle’s Eye. Please submit your questions to pholsing@umcrookston.edu by Wednesday at noon to be included in a future Eagle’s Eye.

Hey Pam,

Why are the Pepsi machines all unplugged in the hallway?
Signed, Missing My Mountain Dew

Dear Missing,

Good Question. UMC signed an exclusive contract with Coke and along with that will come some great financial benefits for clubs and organizations and even some scholarship money. Pepsi is actually taking legal action against UMC because we made this choice! So the machines are part of a legal battle and have to remain until that is settled.

Pam

Student Center Time Capsule Dedication September 9

A Time Capsule will be dedicated in the Prairie Lounge of the new student center on Friday, September 9, 2005 at noon. The time capsule will be located in a box above the fireplace. Once the time capsule has been sealed it will not be opened for 100 years. Refreshments will be served.
Golden Eagle Day September 10

Mark your calendars for Golden Eagle Day to be held on the UMC Campus Saturday, September 10. This event, coordinated through the UMC Athletic Department, features food, fun and entertainment for all ages. For more information, contact Brandy Chaffee, 139 Sports Center, 218-281-8416, e-mail blietz@umn.edu.

Highlights include:
♦ 5 K Walk/Run
♦ Run with Regal Eagle
♦ Main Events
   ❦ Caricature Artist. Balloon Man, Face Painting, Temporary Tattoss, Games to Go, Campus Tours, Various performers, Hoop Shoot, Putting Green, XL-93, UMC Bookstore, Vehicles on Display, Creative Destiny Handmade Glass Jewelry, Teambacker Booth
♦ UMC Football vs Upper Iowa
♦ UMC vs Community Softball Game (1/2 inning activities)
♦ Activities on the Mall (Sponsored by UMC RA's)
♦ Movie Under the Stars - On the Mall - “Kicking and Screaming” starring Will Ferrell - rated PG
♦ Fireworks - UMC Campus

Services Available at Student Center Info Desk

Many services are available at the Student Center Information Desk located on the first floor of the new student center. Some of the services available are:
♦ Rent Lockers
♦ Pick up Packages
♦ Purchase helium balloons
♦ Purchase buttons or banners
♦ Rent outdoor equipment like canoes, kayak, tents, sleeping bags, camping stoves and many other items.
♦ Check out board games and game room equipment to play pool, foosball or air hockey in the student lounge
♦ Get change or cash checks ($20 limit)
♦ Discount tickets can be purchased for events at the Chester Fritz Auditorium in Grand Forks. UMC Students will receive a 1/3 discount on tickets. Tickets must be purchased through the Dowell Info Desk. This service is sponsored by UMC Concert and Lectures.

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Brain Teasers

Can you guess this week’s puzzle? If you think you know the answer, send an e-mail to melonir. A winner will be chosen from the correct answers. The winner will receive a free ticket to the Grand Theatre in Crookston. Email your answer to Meloni prior to noon on Thursday, September 1. The winner’s name will appear in the September 6 Eagle’s Eye.

UMC Ranked “Best College” for Eight Year

The University of Minnesota, Crookston, (UMC) has been ranked one of the best public colleges in the Midwest for an eighth consecutive year, according to U.S. News and World Report’s rankings for 2006. UMC was again ranked among the top three colleges in the category “Top Public Midwest Comprehensive Colleges—Bachelor’s.” The 2006 rankings were made public Friday, August 19, at the U.S. News website <www.usnews.com>. UMC also receives the recognition in the August 29 edition of the U.S. News and World Report’s annual “best colleges” issue that will be released August 22.

“This announcement by U.S. News and World Report is an affirmation of the high quality of our campus and it recognizes UMC’s determination to continue to offer students the best educational experience available,” said Joe Massey, senior vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean at UMC. “Being ranked in the top three for the eighth consecutive year is a great way for us to begin this new academic year. At a time when we are celebrating our campus centennial,” Massey states, “we want to recognize and celebrate the many successes we have had as a campus. Providing a high quality student experience for our students is our foremost goal today, just as it was 100 years ago.”

UMC’s category, Top Public Comprehensive Colleges—Bachelor’s, contained 324 comprehensive colleges categorized into four geographical regions of the U.S.—North, South, Midwest, and West. According to U.S. News these institutions focus on undergraduate education and offer a range of degree programs—in the liberal arts, which account for fewer than half of their bachelor’s degrees, and in professional fields such as business, nursing, and education.

According to U.S. News, the method of ranking colleges and universities consists of three basic steps. The schools are first categorized by size, mission, and region. In the spring data is gathered from each institution regarding several indicators of academic excellence, including academic reputation; retention of students; faculty resources; student selectivity; financial resources; graduation rate performance; and alumni giving. Each factor is assigned a weight that reflects U.S. News’ judgment about how much each measure matters. Finally, the colleges in each category are ranked against their peers, based on their composite weighted score.

UMC is beginning its thirteenth year as a baccalaureate degree granting university. It is also the college’s thirteenth year of providing laptop computers to all full-time students and faculty members.

To see all the 2006 U.S. News rankings online, go to <www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/eduhome.htm>.

Classified Ads

Help Wanted - Dominoes Pizza is looking for drivers. Contact Tammy at 281-3671 after 4:30 p.m.


If you would like to include an ad in the classified section of the Eagle’s Eye, email your request to melonir or drop your ad off in Dowell Hall 119. Ads will be included in the Eagle’s Eye FREE of charge to students, faculty and staff. Ads will be included on a first come first served basis. Ads will run for two weeks if space allows. We reserve the right to reject any ads.

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