Upcoming Events

♦ December 6 - Effective Networking for Internship/Jobs for Juniors and Seniors, SC 244, 7 p.m.
♦ December 7 - Lip Sync, Lysaker Gym, 4 p.m.
♦ December 7 - Women’s Basketball vs UM Duluth, 6 p.m., Men’s Basketball vs UM Duluth, 8 p.m., FM Acro Team, 7 p.m.
♦ December 8 - College Bowl, Bede Ballroom, 6 p.m.
♦ December 10 - Women’s Basketball vs Mn St. Mankato, 3 p.m.
♦ December 11 - UMC Concert Choir, Kiehle Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.
♦ December 13 - Major Fair, Northern Lights Lounge, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
♦ December 13 - Diversity & Multicultural Talent Show, Kiehle Auditorium, 7 p.m.
♦ December 14 - Women’s Basketball vs UND, 7 p.m.
♦ December 16 - Last Day of Instruction
♦ December 17 - Women’s Basketball vs St. Cloud State, 3 p.m.
♦ December 18 - Community Stable Service, UTOC, 7:30 p.m.
♦ December 19 to 22 - Final Examinations
♦ December 22 - Residence Halls Close at 5 p.m.
♦ December 23 to 26 - Offices Closed
♦ December 30 - Offices Closed

FM Acro Team to Perform at UMC

An exciting and unforgettable event is coming to Crookston, MN. The F-M Acro Team will dazzle the crowd with their high energy acrobatic and risky stunts at halftime of the UMC Golden Eagle Women’s Basketball game Wednesday, December 7 vs. the University of Minnesota, Duluth Bulldogs.

The F-M Acro Team is a group of spirited, athletic gymnasts who specialize in entertaining crowds throughout the United States with their precision tumbling and mini-tramping. The F-M Acro Team has a tradition of excellence that spans over a quarter of a century and has been the featured halftime entertainment at countless high school, college, and NBA basketball events. This performance will delight people of all ages as the young athletes tumble through the air in a series of back handsprings and somersaults or launch their bodies high into the air with the assistance of a “mini-tramp”.

Listen to KROX 1260 AM Radio for your chance to win tickets to the game! The first 100 people admitted to the game will receive a mini stress basketball! There will be many more FUN prizes given throughout the night!

Golden Eagle Basketball Double-Header vs. the University of Minnesota, Duluth
Wednesday, December 7 - Lysaker Gymnasium

Women’s Basketball vs. UMD  Tip off at 6 p.m.
Men’s Basketball vs. UMD  Tip off at 8 p.m.

Giving Tree at UMC

The Giving Tree will once again be up in the new Student Center. Please stop by and pick up a bell belonging to person in need. Purchase a gift for the person and bring the gift unwrapped to the Student Center Info Desk. Don’t forget to include the bell tag with the gift. Be sure to sign the bell out at the Student Center Info Desk.
Question of the Week

“How did it come about that men wore pants and women skirts?”

Paul Christensen
“Because girls have sexy legs.”

Mark Larson
“Because girls are too lazy to put on pants.”

Michele Hanson
“Because women are able to pull it off.”

Ask Pam

Dear Pam,
I received a call from a parent last week regarding the scholarship scam that is going around. The student was called in his dorm room and was asked information regarding his social security number and mother’s maiden name among other things. The student is pretty sure the guy got his name off of our student information directory off the web. Though convenient, should we think about making this more secure with students/faculty/staff needing to log in with their passwords?

Just a thought, Melissa Dingmann, Director of Financial Aid

Thanks Melissa, This is good to know that this is happening and to let students know that you should never give this information out over the phone. No legitimate scholarship will be calling asking for this type of information and to protect against identity theft you should be cautious with this information. UMC has also talked about password protecting student phone numbers but feel at this time it is probably not the best thing to do as this would also keep those who have a legitimate need to contact you from doing so. If students wish this information withheld they can do so by contacting Tom Mulvaney at TMulvane@umn.edu.

Live viewing of the Freeman Lecture on “Globalization and U.S. Farm Policy”

Acting on a complaint by Brazil, a World Trade Organization dispute panel in 2004 found that U.S. cotton program subsidies violate the United States’ own trade obligations as agreed upon by Congress in 1994. In 2007, Congress must reauthorize agriculture legislation, but how will the new Farm Bill differ from present policy that is in conflict with our global partners? Join a group of international experts and congressional leaders to discuss “Globalization and U.S. Farm Policy,” at the second annual Freeman Lecture at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9. The lecture will be broadcast live via ITV on the University of Minnesota-Crookston (UMC) campus in 100 Dowell Hall, 2900 University Ave., Crookston, MN. This event is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required by sending an e-mail to info@minnesotaruralpartners.org.

Reminder!!! You must reapply for financial aid every year.
Beginning January 1, 2006, all students must complete a FAFSA in order to be eligible for financial aid for 2006-2007. You will need your/your parents 2005 tax information. A few reminders:
* Paper renewal FAFSA’s will NOT be sent as in previous years.
* Reminder e-mails have been sent by the Dept. of Education if you provided a legitimate e-mail address on this year’s FAFSA. (You do not need to wait for an e-mail before completing your FAFSA).
* The website is www.fafsa.ed.gov (Do NOT use .com as this site requires payment. Do not pay anyone to complete your FAFSA.)
* You will need your PIN number to complete the form on-line. If you do not have your PIN, visit www.pin.ed.gov
* Parents can request a PIN to sign the FAFSA electronically. This speeds up processing time.
* A paper form to follow along is available in the One Stop.
* UMC’s school code is 004069.
* Limited funds are available for certain grants and work-study. Priority consideration is given to those who apply early.
* The specialty scholarship application will be available on-line beginning early January.
* Please watch your UMC e-mail for more reminders regarding the financial aid process.
Final Exam Policy

As you look forward to final exams (December 19-22) and the end of the semester please be aware of the University’s final exam policy. The examination week is part of the regular school term and must be taken into account by students when planning any other activities or work outside of school hours. Students are expected to know the hours for their final examinations and to attend the examinations when scheduled. Only when a conflict between examination times exists, or a schedule of three or more examinations in one day occurs, may students seek adjustment of their examination schedule. Under these circumstances, students should contact the appropriate department head.

The final exam schedule is included in the printed semester class schedule and available on-line at: http://onestop.umcrookston.edu/registration/exam_calendar.htm

First time for college finals?

Now is a great time to begin preparing for your final exams. Solid performance on your finals can often do a lot to improve or firm up your course grade. Find out which of your exams will be comprehensive and which will cover only those materials and chapters that have been dealt with since the last exam. For those exams that are comprehensive in nature, you have a second chance to do well on materials that may have been difficult the first time through. Check your resources. Have you read all of the assigned readings? Do you understand that readings or do you need to discuss the materials more with a study partner, tutor or your instructor? Are you prepared to answer those questions that your teacher has been emphasizing throughout the semester? Have you learned the course vocabulary that you have been intending to learn? Are your notes complete? If not, there is time to improve them. Offer to exchange notes with one or more classmates so that all of you have an improved set of notes to study from. Have you completed the homework problems? Have you sought help on those concepts that were difficult? Using the days leading up to finals wisely and planning ahead for study and review time can definitely pay off in an improved exam and course grade. Preparing thoughtfully for your finals will substantially reduce the stress during finals week allowing you to work up to your potential and feel satisfied with your performance. Take charge for a strong academic finish and best of luck from the staff in Owen 270.

UMC Reschedules Play “The Crucible” until February

Due to circumstances, the University of Minnesota, Crookston’s (UMC) theater production of the “The Crucible,” originally scheduled to run from Wednesday, November 30 through Saturday, December 3, has been rescheduled and will be presented Thursday, February 2 through Sunday, February 5 in Kiehle Auditorium. We apologize for any inconvenience.
Brain Teasers

If you would like to include an ad in the classified section of the Eagle’s Eye, e-mail your request to melonir or drop your ad off in 236 Student Center. 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.

Volunteer Opportunities

**If you like working with kids, consider working at the Silly Socks Party, Tuesday, December 6, 6:00-8:30 p.m., at the Crookston Family Service Center. Volunteers are needed to help with activities for kids and their families in the gym. For more information, please contact Brigette Burzette at 281-2762.**

**Brighten someone’s Christmas! Help with the community Christmas Basket Project! Volunteers are needed to assemble food baskets. Each basket contains a ham, bread, potatoes, veggies, and other snacks. There are 225 baskets that will be delivered to Crookston residents. Volunteers are needed the following days:**

- Thursday, December 15, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (or until they are done): Bag potatoes
- Friday, December 16, 6 p.m.: Fill baskets
- Saturday, December 17, 8:30 a.m.: Deliver baskets

Meet at the Crookston Armory. Ask for Chuck or Bonnie Holmquist, organizers of the project.

- A volunteer is requested to pick up a 100-piece Christmas village from a Crookston residence and set it up in the Rainbow Coffee House. For more information, please contact Arlene King at 281-4787.

- Volunteers are needed to help in the infant room at the Crookston Community Family Service Center to help rock babies. They can use help anytime between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Francine Olson at 281-1343.

- Volunteers will be needed beginning October 29 on the Habitat for Humanity House. Ten volunteers are needed to put up wall and rafters. Check with Lisa Loegering earlier that week to confirm.

- The Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) program is looking for a volunteer to help in the classroom on Tuesdays from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. with children ages birth to five years. For more information, please contact Denice Oliver at 281-2762.

Remember to check your UMC e-mail accounts

Students are reminded that their UMC e-mail account is the official means of communication for campus information. This includes financial aid and the business office. Students are asked to check their e-mail accounts on a regular basis.

Classified Ads

**For Sale** - 99 Alero Sedan GLS (Oldsmobile) 4DR, CD, CC, PW, Power seat, 130K, ask $4,600 (281-5047).

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