magician Brian Brushwood January 24

Brian Brushwood’s Bizarre Magic
Wednesday, January 24, 2007
Kiehle Auditorium
8 p.m.
FREE to UMC Students with U-Card
$5 for non-UMC Students
Sponsored by S.P.A.C.E.

College Bowl Monday, January 29

Be “Idolized” For Your Talent...

Our judges don’t offer snarky quips, but you have to think fast and hold it together under pressure as you compete for a chance to shine at the Regionals. If you’re good enough, you might even get a shot at the National title... and that’s something even Simon has to respect. Sign up today at the Student Center Info Desk! Great prizes to the top team.

Monday, January 29, 2007
6 p.m.
Bede Ballroom A & B
MORE INFO:
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Support the American Cancer Society’s Daffodil Days by purchasing a bunch of daffodils! Stop in Lisa Loegering’s office (247 Student Center) to pre-order daffodils. Daffodils will be available for pickup approximately March 5.

Three times a year we are asked to assist a very worthwhile program, Home Delivered Meals. Our next week to deliver meals is January 22 – January 26. Meals need to be picked up at the Education Entrance of RiverView Hospital at 11:30 a.m. The deliveries usually take about 30 minutes. You can expect to be back at UMC by 12:15 p.m. If you aren’t all that familiar with Crookston, don’t worry! You are provided with a map and very specific directions. Grab a friend to help navigate! The Home Delivered Meals program allows the elderly more independence by allowing them to stay in their homes longer. This program can’t run without volunteers like you! The recipients are extremely grateful for this service. If you are able to help out, just let Lisa Loegering know what day(s) work best for you!

Volunteer Opportunities

 várias questões de saúde.

Do you or someone you “know” have a problem they need help with? If so, just ask regal! Ask about life, love, school, or just something that you have been pondering. Email Meloni Rasmussen at melonir to have your anonymous question sent to Regal the Eagle. (Please keep in mind that Regal simply offers suggestions, and that it is still up to you to choose your own path in life.)

House Votes Overwhelmingly to Lower Interest Rates on Student Loans

For more information: Monique Sullivan, U.S. PIRG (612) 331-8404

On Wednesday, January 17, 2007, by a vote of 356-71, the U.S. House passed legislation to lower the interest rates on student loans over the next five years. According to an analysis by U.S. PIRG, the move would save the average low or middle-income borrower starting school in 2007 $2,280 in debt. For the same students in Minnesota the savings would be $2,220. “H.R. 5 pays for better benefits for students by cutting excessive federal subsidies to private lenders,” explained Monique Sullivan, Minnesota Field Organizer with U.S. PIRG “The bill saves millions of students thousands of dollars over the life of their loans by eliminating wasteful lender subsidies.” The bill, H.R. 5, will lower interest rates on subsidized Stafford student loans received by 67,468 Minnesota students. These loans are used overwhelmingly by students from low- and middle-income families. The Senate will likely take up the issue of lower interest rates as a part of a larger package of higher education policies in the next several months. “This is a good first step to make college more affordable for America’s students and families,” said Sullivan. “We call on Congress to build on this first vote by increasing the maximum Pell Grant to $5,100 and passing strong protections for student loan borrowers.”
5th Annual
Winter
JOB
& INTERNSHIP
FAIR
For anyone looking for an Internship or a Job!
Wednesday,
February 7, 2007
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Student Center
University of Minnesota, Crookston

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Tommie Smith Celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tommie Smith, civil rights advocate and former Olympic champion, will honor the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

A reception will be held in Kiehle after Dr. Smith’s presentation

Thursday, January 25, 2007
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Kiehle Auditorium
University of Minnesota, Crookston

This event is FREE!
Everyone Welcome!
Don’t miss this special presentation!

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Ag Arama Activities Set for January 26-27

Plans are set for the annual Ag Arama at, an event which has taken place on the campus for 32 years. This year’s event is scheduled for Jan. 26-27, 2007. Most of the games and activities take place on Saturday, Jan. 27, in the University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC) located north of the campus. Everyone is invited to attend. The theme for this year’s Ag Arama is “Country Boys & Girls Getting Down on the Farm” and the entire Ag Arama event is dedicated to Dave Hoff, whose career as a professor at UMC spanned 38 years. Ag Arama features contests in agronomy, animal science, horticulture and natural resources. “Ag Arama is a chance for students to compete and show off their expertise and skill,” said Melinda McVey McCluskey, advisor for Ag Arama. “It is an event that brings back alumni and showcases our current students.” Animal science showmanship contests run from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Students compete in Western and English horse showmanship, lamb lead, and dairy, beef, sheep, and swine showing. There will be two categories for each species, novice and experienced. The novices are paired with experienced students prior to the contest to prepare. Several natural resources contests, including men’s and women’s crosscut saw contests, log splitting and the log toss, will also take place. From 9 a.m. to noon, there is an ag industries show and crop show samples will be on display throughout the day. A picnic style lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. with the awards ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. followed by the coronation of the Ag Arama royalty. The highlight for UMC alumni is the alumni social held at the Irishman’s Shanty in Crookston at 5:30 p.m. The weekend culminates with a dance at the Crookston Armory featuring the Wild Nights DJ. For more information on Ag Arama events, please contact Melinda McVey McCluskey at 218-281-8119 or mccluske@umn.edu.

Technology Grant Funds New Equipment for UMC Students

The UMC Library has acquired additional equipment for UMC Student use. We added six (6) Canon PowerShot A540 digital cameras, a Canon PowerShot S3 IS digital camera with a 12x optical zoom, two additional WebCams, better scanners, more headphones, new improved digital voice recorders, multislot card readers, special wireless mice that also control PowerPoint presentations and a 160GB portable hard drive. Use is limited to UMC students with current ID and checkout periods are generally 24 hours with some items limited to in library use. We installed a Canon High-speed Scanner with a document feed which scans at 20 pages per minute and scans both sides. We also set up a Sony Digital Video Recorder and monitor to transfer from video the Sony Handycam to a standard VCR tape or DVD. The new equipment was funded in part by the UMC Technology Committee and a grant from the UMC Administration.

Federal and State Tax forms (paper) are arriving at Library

The UMC Library is part of the Federal, Minnesota, and North Dakota library tax form distribution system. These forms arrive at the UMC Library in fits and starts through January. Most of the basic forms have arrived. Remember that most of these forms are available on the web:

Minnesota Tax Forms http://www.taxes.state.mn.us/
North Dakota Tax Forms http://www.nd.gov/tax/indincome/forms/
Tax Forms for all 50 States http://www.taxadmin.org/fta/link/forms.html

The forms for the refund of the telephone excise tax have arrived as well. These are: IRS 8913 Credit for Federal telephone excise tax paid, the instructions for 8913 Federal telephone excise tax paid and the 1040EZ T - Request for Refund of Federal telephone excise tax paid (used by non filers).

Publication Information

The Eagle’s Eye is published by the Student Center weekly September through May. Copy deadline is noon on Thursday of each week. Please send items for the Eagle’s Eye electronically to Meloni Rasmussen, Senior Administrative Specialist, at melonir@umcrookston.edu, or drop the copy off at the Student Center Info Desk. Disability accommodations will be provided upon request for all events. The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer. The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.
Brain Teasers

Nobody guessed last week’s puzzle. The answer is “Paradox (pair of docs)”. Can you guess this week’s puzzle (below on the right)? 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. E-mail your answer to Meloni prior to noon on Thursday, January 25, 2007. The winner’s name will appear in the January 29, 2007 Eagle’s Eye.

The 2007-2008 Specialty Scholarship on-line application is now open

If you plan on attending at least half of the 2007-2008 academic year and will be a full-time student (only a couple scholarships are exempt from being at full-time status), please apply on-line at http://onestop.umcrookston.edu/financial_aid/. All applications must be submitted on-line and supporting documentation is due in my office by February 15, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. Good luck! If you have any questions contact: Mary Feller, Financial Aid/Scholarships at (218) 281-8563

College 101 Workshop

The next College 101 Workshop “Test Taking Tips Workshop” will be held on Tuesday, January 23 from 3 - 4 p.m., in Bede Ballroom. Worried about the first test of the semester? Learn about test taking tips for multiple choice, true false, and essay question tests. Door prizes will be given away! Sponsored by the Academic Assistance Center/Student Support Services and Student Experience. If you would like more information on the College 101 Workshop series please contact Sara Kaiser at kais0067@umcrookston.edu.

Classified Ads

Help Wanted - Part-time clerical position opening at Todd’s Tire Service & Convenience Store, mostly afternoon-evening shifts and may include weekends. Located by the Ford dealer on Hwy 2 (east end of town); drop off applications between 7am-8pm.

Miscellaneous For Sale - Rectangular oak end-table with drawer and curved legs, $50; Trunk—great for storage and sitting on! Dark green in color, older, from 30s/40s: $75; Brass floor lamp, $10; Blue table lamp, $20; Chair with padded cushion, $25; Recliner with swivel and tilt, blue in color $200; Recliner, for smaller person, tan, $100 Contact Peg at 218-281-8376 or stop by the Help Desk.

Help Wanted - Prairie Community Services (PCS) in Red Lake Falls has openings for individuals to work with developmentally disabled in their home setting. The positions consist of a variety of hours Monday through Sunday. Must be able to obtain CPR certification & pass a medication training class that is offered through PCS. Must have valid drivers license with a good driving record and must pass a state background check. Starting wage is between $9.20 and $10.00 per hour. If interested call Stacey at (218) 253-4315 or Pam at (218) 253-2219.

Help Wanted - Youth Counselor (PT positions). Persons 21 yrs+ to work with at-risk youth; experience with adolescents plus Post H.S. education preferred; weekend, day & evening hours. Starting Salary: $11.61 per hour. Pro-rated benefit package available. Closing date is 01/24/2007. Tri-County Community Corrections Application Required, resume optional. Full description & application available by email jean.clauson@co.polk.mn.us.

For Sale- 1995 Ford F-150 4x4, 5.0L V8, Red, Reg. cab., CD player, auto, tool box, 31” BFG tires. $3450 obo. Call Travis at 701-388-4357 or email at doed0009@umn.edu

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 236 Student Center. Ads will be included in the Eagle’s Eye FREE of charge to students, faculty and staff. Off campus ads will be charged $5 per ad. 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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