**Upcoming Events**

- **December 13** - Gingerbread House Contest, 8 p.m., Bede Ballroom
- **December 14** - CSA Full Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Dowell 225
- **December 15** - Last Day of Instruction
- **December 15** - Men’s Basketball vs MN State Mankato, 7 p.m.
- **December 16** - Hockey vs Concordia-Moorhead, 7:30 p.m.
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- **December 16 & 17** - Community Stable Service, 7:30 p.m., UTOC, Free
- **December 17** - Moonlite Cafe, 8 p.m. - 2 a.m., Student Center
- **December 18 to 21** - Finals Week
- **December 19** - Stress Free Zone, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Northern Lights Lounge
- **December 19** - Crops College
- **December 20** - Free Massages in the Res Halls
- **December 21** - End of Term
- **December 22, 2006 to January 6, 2007** - Winter Break - No Classes
- **December 25 & 26** - Holiday - Offices Closed
- **December 29** - Men’s Basketball vs St. Cloud State, 5:30 p.m.
- **January 1 & 2** - Holiday - Offices Closed
- **January 5** - International Student Orientation
- **January 5** - Hockey Vs S. New Hampshire University, 7:30 p.m.
- **January 6** - Hockey Vs S. New Hampshire University, 7:30 p.m.
- **January 7** - New Student Orientation
- **January 8** - Classes Begin
- **January 10** - Grand Movie Night
- **January 12** - Mashed Potato Sculptures, 8 p.m., Student Center, Sponsored by S.P.A.C.E.

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**Gingerbread House Contest December 13**

Gingerbread House Making Contest

**Wednesday, December 13, 2006**

8 p.m.

Bede Ballroom

**Faculty/Staff vs. Students - Penny War**

Help the UMC Relay for Life Team fight cancer. All money goes to the American Cancer Society. We are holding a penny war between faculty/staff and students during the last week of classes (December 11-15). Here is how it works:

Jars are located in Morsels, Brown Dining Room and the Info Desk in the Student Center. **Students** place your pennies (only the pennies count) in the **Student jar**. You can put other coins and paper in the faculty/staff jars and that money will count against them. **Faculty/staff** place your pennies (only the pennies count) in the **faculty/staff jar**. You can put other coins and paper in the student jars and that money will count against them. The winner will be announced during finals week.

**Moonlite Cafe December 17**

Need some fuel for finals? Looking for a place to study? Need a break and some snacks?

Come Join Res. Life and Student Experience for "MOONLITE CAFÉ"

(Free Food, Hot chocolate and Coffee.)

**Where:** Student Center

**When:** Sunday December 17

**Time:** 8 p.m.-2 a.m.

**Dining Services Holiday Meal**

Tuesday, December 12, 2006 - 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Cost is $6.70 (includes tax) or a meal swipe. Menu: Roast Turkey, Pork Tenderloin, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Stuffing, Candied Carrots/Corn, Squash/Sweet Potatoes, Dinner Rolls, Assorted Pies, Cranberries/Cranberry Fluff, Tossed Salad

This is the last Eagle’s Eye of the Semester. Look for the next edition on Monday, January 8, 2007

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

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Dear Regal,

I hang out in the Student Center often on an average day but recently it has been hard for me to just hang out and relax with friends because a certain student that always seems to hang out around the pool tables always uses foul language. Normally it isn’t that big of a deal but I am usually all the way across the Student Center lounge and I can hear him clear as day. It makes me wonder if this is bothering me so much, how many other students are bothered by it? So Regal, what do I do? Do I just go and sit somewhere else? Do I approach this person and ask them to please not use foul language? Do I just crank the music on my headphones and not worry about it? Any advice would be helpful.

Sincerely,
Ann Noid

Dear Ann Noid,

First off, thanks for writing! I spend a considerable amount of time in the student center handing out candy and taking pictures and can understand your concern. As per UMC’s Student Conduct Code “The University requires a community free from violence, threats, and intimidation; protective of free inquiry; respectful of the rights of others; open to change; supportive of democratic and lawful procedures; and dedicated to a rational and orderly approach to the resolution of conflict.” This student’s actions certainly do not respect the rights of others. If you do not feel comfortable approaching this student, please find a UMC Staff member and let them know your concern. The UMC Staff person will then take appropriate action to deal with this individual. Hope this helps.

Your Pal,
Regal

Dear Regal,

When is the construction at the heating plant going to be done? Parking on campus is hard enough; it would be nice to have that parking lot open to relieve some of the congestion in other lots.

Sincerely,
Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Thanks for writing your concern! The word is that MOST of the construction will be done by the end of the month; however some of the work will have to be done in the spring when the snow melts. I agree that parking on campus is hard enough, so hopefully with the completion of this project it will allow for more parking for students.

Your Pal,
Regal

Dear Regal,

One of the requirements of a tutee is to let your tutor know how much you appreciate their help and dedication to helping you. As a student who needed help with a class I wonder how to properly thank my tutor for all his hard work in helping me pass the class. Besides give him treats every time we meet, is there something else; some big way I can show my appreciation? Nominate him for an award; give him a gift certificate, or even a new car! Something more than just passing the course. He really deserves it.

Sincerely,
Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

I think it’s great that you really want to thank your tutor. And I’m sure he/she really appreciates the treats you share. I think one of the most rewarding things as a tutor is to see your tutee succeed and pass classes. If you still feel the need to go above and beyond with a bigger “thanks”, I think a card or small thoughtful token would be appropriate. I would assume that your tutor would be excited to get an email “e-greeting” or a card from you saying how much you appreciate their help and hard work. Perhaps you would like to get them a little “Regal” beanie baby, since I hear they’re cute. I’m sure anything would be much appreciated, even if it isn’t a new car.

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Your Pal,
Regal

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**Ask Regal Continued**

Dear Regal,

When sitting in the student center visiting with my friends and working on homework, I often find that the battery on my laptop goes dead and there are no electrical outlets near many of the seating areas. Why aren’t there electrical outlets in more convenient locations in the Student Center? You would think this issue would have been addressed in the design of the building as we are a “laptop” university.

Signed

Wireless, not Cordless

Dear Wireless, not Cordless

GOOD POINT! I am pretty sure the planning committee would have taken that into consideration, but for some reason they maybe couldn’t put electrical outlets in a lot of places. Since the building is finished, and there aren’t many ways to change the problem. Here are some creative ways to help you out. One idea is to find one of the few places to sit where they ARE electrical outlets and call Quack, Quack, seat back* early in the morning, so that the spot is yours all day. Another idea is to bring along an extension cord, so that it can reach many of the electrical outlets. Lastly, you could bring a lawn chair to school, so that you can sit wherever you want and as close to an outlet as possible. While these ideas may not always work, try to come up with your own creative solutions!

Your Pal,

Regal

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.)

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Mark your calendars! National Youth Service Day will be held Saturday, April 21! We will join forces with youth groups from the community and will assist elderly homeowners with yard work! Stay tuned for more details! The Boxes and Walls interactive museum on oppression will be held again this year on February 22 and 23. We are looking for volunteers to help staff the rooms. This year’s museum will include a women’s room, African-American room, and disability room. For more information, please contact Lisa Loegering.

**Scholarship Program Offers $1,000 Awards to Agricultural Students**

Starbuck, Minn., Dec. 2006 – Students pursuing careers in agriculture are encouraged to apply for scholarships sponsored by Agriliance and Croplan Genetics. High school seniors who will enroll in a two- or four-year agronomy or related crop production curriculum in the fall of 2007 are eligible to apply. Twenty $1,000 scholarships will be awarded. “Students with leadership abilities and an interest in agriculture are needed to fill a variety of positions in our industry,” said Annette Degnan, scholarship committee chairperson. “The Careers in Agriculture scholarship program helps promising students gain the education they need to secure those positions.”

Since its formation 17 years ago, the Careers in Agriculture scholarship program has awarded more than $460,000 in scholarships to rural youth. To qualify for the program, students must meet the following criteria;

- Be a high school senior planning to enroll in a two- or four-year agronomy-related curriculum in the fall of 2007;
- Demonstrate both leadership abilities and academic performance; and
- Write an essay describing why he or she is interested in an agricultural career. Applications are available from Prairie Lakes Coop or on Prairie Lake Coop’s web site (www.prairielakescoop.com) in the Ag Youth section. All applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2007. Winners will be notified in May. For more information or to request an application you can contact Prairie Lakes Coop at 1-800-808-1626, a local Croplan Genetics dealer. Agriliance LLC, St. Paul, Minn., is an agronomy marketing joint venture owned by Land O’ Lakes, Inc. and CHS Inc. Agriliance markets crop nutrients, crop protection products, seed (through Croplan Genetics), information management, and crop technical services to farmers and ranchers through local cooperatives and independent dealers in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Croplan Genetics, Shoreview, Minn., a division of Land O’ Lakes, Inc. is a full-line seed company serving member cooperatives in the United States. Prairie Lakes Coop (prairielakescoop.com), is a division of CHS Inc. (chsinc.com), a diversified energy, grains, and foods company committed to providing the essential resources that enrich lives. Prairie Lakes Coop provides products and services in the agronomic, energy and grain markets to meet the needs of its customers. Prairie Lakes Coop operates out of the communities of Cyrus, Hoffman, Elrosa, Lowry, Long Prairie, Park Rapids, Glenwood, and Starbuck, building partnerships with customers in agronomic inputs (AgAnswer.com), consumer goods, bulk fuels and grain marketing.

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Brain Teasers

Danielle Begalke is last week’s winner. Danielle knew that the puzzle below on the left meant “Denim Overalls.” Danielle can pick up her free movie pass from Meloni in 236 Student Center. 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 4, 2007. The winner’s name will appear in the January 8, 2007 Eagle’s Eye.

College 101 Monday, December 11

Student Experience and Academic Assistance Center/Student Support Services are sponsoring the College 101 Workshop “Will this be on the Test?” Monday, December 11 from Noon to 1 p.m. in Bede Ballroom C, D, & E. Door prizes will be given away.

Ag Industries Club Announces Raffle Winners

Winners of the recent Ag Industries Club raffle were: 1st prize - Autostart (installed) won by Mike Kitchell and 2nd prize - Jump starter won by Janet Kieke.

Classified Ads

**Apartment for Rent - BEAUTIFUL 1 BEDROOM APT.** Close to town. Fridge, stove, laundry available. 1 stall garage, No pets. $410/month includes all except electricity. Call (218) 280-0490.

**Help Wanted - Corrections Officer** Perform activities that would create and maintain a safe, secure and humane environment for the residents of NW Regional Corrections Center/Annex. Must be able to work day, evening & weekend shift hours; training provided. Pro-rated benefit package available (health insurance, vacation, sick leave and retirement). Starting Salary: $12.52 per hour. Closing date – 12/11/06. Job description/application available by email jean.clauson@co.polk.mn.us

**FIRST MONTH’S RENT FREE!** For Rent: A one-bedroom apartment is available at Prairie View Apartments in Fisher, MN. Utilities are included. Any age or income level can apply. All apartments are on one level. They feature a spacious community room and laundry facilities in the building with a security system in place. Must be a one-bedroom qualifier to apply. Pay according to your income. If interested, call 218-637-2431, or write to: Housing Authority, PO Box 128, Mentor, MN 56736 or e-mail: barbarar@nwmnha.org for an application.

**Help Wanted - Mental Health Worker** Part-time weekend work up to 26 hours per weekend every other weekend. Starting wage is $10.50 per hour. A $2 shift differential is paid for hours between 11pm and 7am. Two 12 or 14 hour shifts usually noon to midnight or midnight to noon are available every other Saturday and Sunday. Successful applicants will have experience and/or interest in working with mental illness. Duties include being available for support and problem-solving for adults with mental illness living in a transitional housing program. The position is ideal for students because of the excellent experience it offers in psychology, counseling, and social work. Also, there is often ample time to work on studies when residents are not needing assistance. Orientation and training are provided. Some benefits apply. Contact Dr. Michal Jorgens at mjorgens@nwmnha.org or send a resume with letter of application to Dr. Jorgens at Northwestern Apartments, 100 Gretchen Lane, Crookston, MN, 56716

**FIRST MONTH’S RENT FREE!** For Rent: One bedroom apartments are available at Viking Manor Apartments in Climax, MN. Utilities are included. All apartments are on one level. The building features a spacious community room and laundry facilities with a security system in place. Any age or income may apply, but must be a one-bedroom qualifier. Pay according to your income. If interested, call 218-637-2431, or write to: Housing Authority, PO Box 128, Mentor, MN 56736 or e-mail: barbarar@nwmnha.org for an application.

**Unexpectedly Pregnant?** If you are pregnant and considering adoption for your child, we would love to talk to you! We are a young, childless, Catholic couple in the Duluth, MN area seeking to adopt a healthy infant. We have a fun, loving, and stable home and are eager to raise our family. We are agency approved in MN, and open to a relationship with you. Please contact us ANYTIME: nrhope2adopt@hotmail.com or 888-834-2041.

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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