Upcoming Events

- February 11 - Musical Mondays
  Sean McConnell, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Northern Lights Lounge
- February 11 to 15 - Clothesline Project
- February 13 - Barnyard Olympics, 7 p.m., UTOC
- February 14 - CSA Full Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Dowell 225
- February 14 - BSA Valentine’s Day Dance, 9 p.m., Bede Ballroom
- February 15 - Hockey vs Northland College, 7:30 p.m.
- February 16 - Hockey vs Northland College, 4 p.m.
- February 16 - Preview Day
- February 16 - Midnight Dodge Ball
- February 19 - Special Olympics, 6 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium
- February 20 - Support the U Day
- February 20 - WOW Event, Comedian Peter Holmes, 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium
- February 22 & 23 - Alumni Weekend
- February 22 - Women’s & Men’s Basketball vs Upper Iowa, 6 & 8 p.m.
- February 23 - Ice Fishing, 1 - 4 p.m.
- February 23 - Women’s & Men’s Basketball vs Winona State University, 6 & 8 p.m.
- February 25 - Theology on Tap, 7 p.m., Prairie Lounge (sponsored by Campus Ministry)
- February 27 - WOW event Rodeo 101, 7 p.m., UTOC
- February 28 - CSA Full Board, 7 p.m., Dowell Hall 225
- March 1 - Grand Movie Night, 7 & 7:15 p.m., Grand Movie Theatre

Sean McConnell to Perform February 11

Musical Monday’s Presents
Sean McConnell
Monday, February 11, 2008
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Northern Lights Lounge
Sponsored by SPACE

Barnyard Olympics February 13

What: WOW Event Barnyard Olympics
Where: UTOC Arena
When: Wednesday, February 13, 2008 @ 7 pm
**Games such as egg toss, wheelbarrow races, bale toss, & bale relay
**Put on by the UMC Animal Science Association
**Prizes will be awarded
**Come and check it out!!!

The Clothesline Project

The Clothesline Project is a national art project started as a memorial to the victims and survivors of domestic violence. Artists, some of them friends, family, or victims, have created the t-shirts honoring these women and children to raise public awareness of the prevalence and severity of domestic violence and child abuse. A clothesline project with Minnesota victims will be on display in the Student Center February 11-15. The Clothesline Project is sponsored by the Student Health Center and the Office of Service Learning.

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**SIFE Presents Business Development Specialist Diane Morey**

The University of Minnesota, Crookston Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) will host Business Development Specialist Diane Morey from the Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF) for a presentation on Monday, Feb. 11, 2008. The presentation on the NMF Entrepreneur Development Program will begin at 4 p.m. in Bede Ballroom in the Student Center. The event is free and the public is invited to attend.

The Northwest Minnesota Foundation’s Entrepreneur Development Program provides loans up to $35,000 to help develop small businesses and self-employment opportunities. Staff members work with entrepreneurs to develop business plans and provide ongoing assistance and training. In fiscal year 2007, loans totaling $301,000 were made in the 12 county region of northwest Minnesota. Two hundred fifty businesses and individuals received personal and technical assistance counseling and 80 people in the region attended the classroom training sponsored by NMF and another $7,864 supported consulting to eight entrepreneurial businesses.

The U of M, Crookston SIFE Club is involved with numerous projects to promote free enterprise and create relationships with the local community and the region. SIFE members are driven by the desire to teach and learn about free enterprise.

**SAAC to Host Fundraiser for the Crookston Area Special Olympics**

UMC’s Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) is sponsoring a fundraiser for the Crookston Area Special Olympics basketball team on February 19th, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in Lysaker Gymnasium. All proceeds raised will go towards the Crookston Area Special Olympics.

Throughout the event there will be three, 12 minute basketball games played. In the first game the Crookston Area Special Olympics Basketball team will face a team of UMC students and student athletes. In the second game, the Crookston Area Special Olympics basketball team will face the Golden Eagle coaches. The third game will feature some Crookston community members against the Crookston Area Special Olympics team. There will be promotional games and giveaways throughout the duration of the event including a slam-dunk contest with the UMC Men’s Basketball team. Admission is $1.00 and will benefit the Special Olympics.

**Career and Counseling Corner**

* February 12 - NDSU Spring Career Fair for all majors, FargoDome, Fargo, ND, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Non-NDSU Students $5. Companies attending can be found at: www.ndsu.edu/careercenter
* February 13 - UND Spring Career Fair for all majors, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Hyslop Sports Center. Companies attending can be found at: http://www.career.und.edu/
* February 25 - University of Minnesota Job & Internship Fair 2008, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Minneapolis Convention Center. Companies attending can be found at: www.umjobfair.org. Students must register for the job fair in advance at www.umjobfair.org. UMC will be taking a bus to the job fair. If interested sign ups in advance with Meloni in 236 Student Center. A $10 refundable deposit is required to sign up for the bus.

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Feb. 11th - Feb. 16th

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Volunteer Opportunities

*March 3 (tentative) — Dr. Seuss Birthday Party. More details coming about the exact date, time, and scope of event. We’ve done this in the past, and it’s been a blast! I will need about 30 volunteers to help staff activities like Pin the Hat on the Cat, Cat Beanbag Toss, Ooblek, Photos with the Cat, Dr. Seuss Bingo, and several craft tables.

*April 26, 9 a.m. to noon—National Youth Service Day. We will join forces with youth groups in the community (potentially boy scouts, girl scouts, 4-H, Kairos House, and church youth groups) and do service projects. Projects will likely include yard work and other household help for the elderly. We will work from

*April 29, time TBA (early evening) Month of the Young Child Family Festival. This annual event is a large celebration with many families attending. Stations are set up by sponsoring organizations including Early Childhood Club. Other student groups or individuals are needed to help at various stations. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside Lisa Loegering’s office (247 Student Center).

*March (date TBA)—SKIT for 6th graders. As part of the rural safety unit in 6th grade, we will be delivering safety books and will put on a short skit for the students. Looking for creative minds to write and perform skit!! See me about details.

Publication Information

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Living in Northern Minnesota, you come to expect winter storms, but do we respect them?!! Most of us travel in the winter and we usually make it to our destination safely. However, we can become stranded for hours or even days due to adverse winter weather condition. Winter storms can - and do - cause death.

What can you do to be prepared before the storm comes?
- Know the weather conditions BEFORE you TRAVEL
- The National Weather Service issues the following warnings:
  1. **Winter Weather Advisory** - bad weather conditions are expected to hinder travel and create hazardous conditions.
  2. **Winter Storm Watch** - severe winter weather is possible.
  3. **Winter Storm Warning** - heavy snow/sleet freezing rain are expected. Severe weather is imminent.
  4. **Blizzard Warning** - heavy snow/dangerous winds, extremely low temps are expected along with ZERO visibility. Life threatening wind chills.

**Plan Your Trip**
1. Obtain weather reports/road reports
2. Tell your plans to someone
   - which route you will be taking
   - when you expect to arrive home
3. Dress accordingly to weather conditions
4. Keep your gas tank at least 1/2 full at all times
5. Carry a Winter Survival Kit:
   - One or two Blankets.
   - A handful of kitchen matches in a waterproof container.
   - Candles. (And a metal can to stand them up in.)
   - A folding cup.
   - A small radio and flashlight that gets juice from batteries.
   - Several chocolate bars.
   - Unsalted almonds.
   - Several small plastic bottles of water.
   - Heavy warm socks, stocking cap, old ski gloves/mittens.
   - Battery booster cables. Shovel.
   - Plastic garbage bags.
   - Deck of cards.
   - Anything else there’s room for and you might find useful.

**Health Problems Can Arise**
- **Frostbite**: Generally, frostbite is accompanied by discoloration of the skin, along with burning and/or tingling sensations, partial or complete numbness, and possibly intense pain. Factors that contribute to frostbite include extreme cold, wet clothes, wind chill, and poor circulation. This can be caused by tight clothing or boots, cramped positions, fatigue, certain medications, smoking, alcohol use, or diseases that affect the blood vessels, such as diabetes.
- **Hypothermia**: Often called a killer of the unprepared
  - Symptoms:
    1. Shivering - early sign
    2. Clumsiness
    3. Loss of reason, ability to recall
    4. Muscle rigidity, loss of dexterity
    5. Death follows - unable to even realize what is happening because of inability to reason.
  - Best Rx: Prevent further loss of body heat. Keep scarf over mouth to inhale warm air. Get to medical facility ASAP.

**Carbon Monoxide Poisoning**
Motor vehicles are a source of carbon monoxide, even though levels have been reduced over the years, it is therefore important that motorists are aware of how they can reduce the risks of carbon monoxide pollution and poisoning from their vehicles. If you find that you experience symptoms consistent with carbon monoxide poisoning: headaches, dizziness, tiredness, flu-type symptoms, nausea, whenever you are driving or in the car, it is important that you get your exhaust checked out for leaks. The risk of illness or even death are further increased from vehicle CO poisoning, as you could quite easily crash your vehicle if you start to become drowsy or feel unwell from the poisoning when you are driving or in your car while it is idling.
Four Tax Breaks College Students And Recent Grads Shouldn’t Miss

College students and recent grads anxiously eying the quickly approaching April 15 tax deadline can take some solace in four tax breaks that can add up to serious savings. Some will be filing early in anticipation of their tax refunds. Others will be holding off for the last possible moment to delay the inevitability paying their annual tax bill. Either way, college students - especially student financial aid recipients - should take advantage of these tax breaks.

1. Student Loan Interest
Current college students paying interest on unsubsidized loans and student loan borrowers who have graduated or withdrawn and are repaying their loan can claim a tax deduction on their federal student loan interest. Students lucky enough to have parents helping with their student loan bill can still claim the interest rate reduction according to Kiplinger. In the past, if parents repaid student loans for their child, neither could reap the tax benefit. Now the IRS treats student interest payment as if it had been paid by the student borrower, even if mom and dad made the payments. A student loan borrower who is not claimed as a dependent can qualify to deduct up to $2,500 for student loan interest.

2. College Tuition
Through the Hope Scholarship Tax Credit or the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit students can deduct the total credit amount directly from the taxes they owe, which makes them more valuable than a deduction. However, a student or family cannot get a refund for these credits if they do not pay taxes. A family that owes less in taxes than amount of the Hope tax credit it is eligible to receive can only get a credit equal to the taxes owed.

For the 2007 tax year, a family may claim the Hope Scholarship Tax Credit up to $1,650 for each eligible dependent for up to two tax years (100% of the first $1,100 and 50% of the second $1,100 paid for qualified education expenses). The Hope credit is only available for a student’s first two years of postsecondary education. The credit is phased out based on the student’s or family’s income.

A student or family may claim a tax credit of up to $2,000 per tax year with the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit. The amount of the Lifetime Learning tax credit is 20 percent of the first $10,000 of qualified educational expenses paid for all eligible students. The Lifetime Learning credit is available for all years of postsecondary education and for courses to acquire or improve job skills, unlike the Hope credit which is only available for two years.

Students may also want to consider the Tuition and Fees Tax Deduction, which can reduce taxable income by as much as $4,000 in 2007. Unlike the tax credits, this is a deduction that lowers the amount of taxable income attributed to the student or family. Students can claim this deduction even if they do not itemize deductions on Schedule A of Form 1040. This deduction may benefit students who do not qualify for either the Hope or Lifetime Learning Education Tax Credits. Up to $4,000 may be deducted from tuition and fees required for enrollment or attendance at an eligible postsecondary institution. Personal living and family expenses, including room and board, insurance, medical and transportation, are not deductible expenses.

3. Moving Expenses
Students who are required to move to take their first job will qualify for a moving expense deduction. Students (or any others) who have moved more than 50 miles for work can deduct the cost of moving themselves and their stuff. Expenses associated with driving your car to the new area will also get you a deduction of 20 cents per mile plus parking fees and any tolls.

4. Child Tax Credit
Students with children or other dependents should make sure they claim a child tax credit for each eligible child. Students may claim anyone who is their son, daughter, stepchild, foster child, brother, sister, stepsister, or a descendant of any of these who is younger than 17 in 2007 and who did not provide more than half of their own financial support. The person must have lived with the taxpayer for more than half of the year and must be a U.S. citizen, national, or resident alien.

This credit is phased out based on income and the total credit cannot exceed the amount of taxes owed. An Additional Child Tax Credit is available to certain individuals who get less than the full amount of the child tax credit. This credit can provide students a refund even if they owe no taxes.

Submitted by the Financial Aid Office from the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA).
Brain Teasers

Last week’s winner is Jeff Chandler who knew the puzzle below (left) meant “Head over Heals In Love.” Jeff can pick up his 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 meloni. 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, February 14, 2008. The winner’s name will appear in the February 18, 2008 Eagle’s Eye.

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