Gretchen Lucken Studies in Ireland

When you think of Ireland, the first thing you think of is likely not horses. However when you ask Gretchen Lucken, a junior majoring in Equine Science, about Ireland she is likely to think of horses. This is because last semester Gretchen studied Equine Science at the University of Limerick in Ireland; the perfect way to combine her major with her interest in Ireland. For Gretchen, the decision to study abroad was a relatively easy one and she’s very pleased with her decision.

While at the University of Limerick, Gretchen took mostly equine science classes that transferred well. She noted that the equine classes in Ireland were more science based and less hands-on. They also didn’t have the variety of disciplines that UMC has. In Ireland it was focused solely on jumping. Gretchen also took classes in Irish language and Irish culture & geography. The classes themselves were a bit different from UMC’s classes. “There was not the same push to go to class. Your grades were based tests like your mid-terms and finals. If you were a good test-taker you’d be fine”, Gretchen commented on the classes in Ireland.

The University of Limerick had many other differences from UMC as well. The campus was easily 2 to 3 times the size of UMC and it was a mile walk from classes to the housing that Gretchen stayed in. There were no dorms and the housing, which consisted of apartments or houses, was set up in “villages”. The main difference was that the University of Limerick was not a dry campus like UMC. When mentioning the fact that UMC was a dry campus Gretchen said that she “shocked guys who couldn’t believe how someone could go through university without drinking”. Continued on page 7.

FREE tickets available to see Acclarion

As part of the 2009-2010 Entertainment Series the Crookston Civic Music League will present Acclarion on Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 7:30 p.m., at the Crookston High School Auditorium. UMC’s Concerts and Lectures has 10 FREE tickets available to UMC Students for this performance. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. For your FREE ticket stop by and see Meloni in 236 Sargeant Student Center.

Since 2003 Acclarion, Canada’s premier accordion and clarinet ensemble, has made it their mission to expose audiences to their ear-tickling performance of familiar classics, popular tunes and original compositions, in a format that is anything but conventional. With virtuosic flare and casual, entertaining banter, David Carovillano on the accordion and Becky Sajo on the clarinet are making classical music fun and accessible to audiences of all ages. David and Becky’s repertoire includes classical masterpieces by Handel, Bach, Mozart, and Brahms, as well as sultry tangos, show tunes, and original compositions all designed to entertain.
Volunteer Opportunities

* **Humane Society:** The Humane Society is run by volunteers. There is a huge need for volunteers to help clean cages from 9:30 – 10:30 or 11 a.m. every day. Additionally, dogs love to be walked! Get some exercise and share a walk with a very appreciative friend! The Polk County Humane Society is located at 720 East Robert Street. Please contact Mary Solberg or Tracy Janisch at 281-7225 to schedule a time to volunteer.

* **Basketball Coach:** Do you like basketball? Do you like kids? Volunteer coaches are sought for the Crookston Youth Basketball Association (CYBA). Games are on Saturday mornings, and there will be a couple of practices during the week. For more information, please contact Gary Willhite at 8530 or gwillhit@umn.edu.

* **Crookston Storefronts:** The Beautification Committee, part of the Crookston Chamber of Commerce, is hoping to clean up storefronts in Crookston and has offered us a great deal! If you have a club or organization that you would like to “advertise” in a local storefront and are willing to help clean up the window display area, they will work with you to make it happen. For more information, please contact Lori Wagner or Sandy Kegler at the CVB, 281-4320.

* **Teaching Assistants:** Crookston Head Start provides high quality, comprehensive services to high-risk children and their families. Community volunteers are invited to assist in the preschool classrooms. Kids and teachers love the extra help and attention with the curriculums, which include everything from reading, helping with projects, physical activities, working in small groups, singing, tying shoes...etc. It’s lots of fun and never a dull moment! Classrooms run Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Angie Lockwood at 281-0547.

* **Cathedral Dinner:** On December 6, the Crookston Diocese is having a centennial celebration. They are expecting 700 guests, including many priests and bishops. They need about 30 people to serve from about 3 - 6 p.m. (maybe 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.). The event will be held at the Cathedral dining room and gymnasium area. all volunteers will get a free meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes, dessert, etc. If possible, please wear black, navy, or khaki pants and a white shirt. Please contact Kathy Parr at 281-1338 for more information or to sign up to volunteer.

* **Youth mentors/family partners** are needed for youth or families with children who have mental health disabilities. Mentors serve as a friend, listener, tutor, coach, and confidant. For more information, please contact Norma Campos at 701-335-4191 or norma@tvoc.org.

* **North Country Food Bank** is looking for assistance with their backpack and food distributions programs. Each month they fill 1700 boxes and 500 backpacks. Please contact Lori Tate or Suzie Novak at 281-7356 for more information.

* **Share your talents at the Care and Share!** Our local homeless shelter is at full capacity. Volunteers are needed to assist with a variety of tasks including covering an evening or overnight shift, assisting with office work, or teaching an activity or hobby. Volunteers in the past have taught art lessons to kids, organized volleyball tournaments, assisted with résumé writing and computer skills, cooked and served dinner, planted flowers and lots of other things! For more information, please contact Carol Gregg or Rachel Trontvet at 281-2644.

October Club of the Month

**UMC Hockey Club**

Submitted Article

The club was founded due to the discontinuation of the NCAA team. We have a 24 game schedule including our next home game on November 21, 2009 at 7 p.m. Our current record is 3-0. The majority of our funds come from player fees, donations, and sponsorships. We have one of the largest club budgets on campus with recurrent expenses like transportation, hotels, and referees. Wednesday night ice time is scheduled for all club members including those that don’t wish to be part on the game roster. Anybody that is interested in becoming involved as a member, player, donator, or sponsor should contact Brent Swanson at swan1161@umn.edu.

Sargeant Student Center Information Desk Hours

**Monday – Friday:** 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
**Saturday:** 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
**Sunday:** 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
November 16 - Workshop: GoldPASS
Registration for Seniors, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sargeant Student Center 245

November 16 - International Week:
Food From the Four Corners of the World, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Brown Dining

November 17 - International Week:
Annual Photo Contest, 10 a.m. - Noon, International Lounge

November 17 - International Week:
Thanksgiving Meal, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Ma Brown Dining

November 17 - International Week:
Cultural Showcase, Noon - 2 p.m., International Lounge

November 17 - International Week:
Zumba - Latin Aerobics, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom

November 18 - Tobacco Cessation Information Booth, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., SSC
Sponsored by Student Health
Quit kits available for those looking to become tobacco free. Information will also be available on helping your friends quit. You can even test your tobacco knowledge to be eligible for a UMC Bookstore gift certificate. Contact Stacey Grunewald, 281-8512 for more information. Go to www.quitplan.com or www.becomeanex.org or www.mylastdip.com for online resources.

November 18 - Dr. Kanten on campus, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Student Health

November 19 - Thursday Commons
“Global Experiences Symposium, 12:15 - 1:45 p.m., Bede Ballroom

November 19 - Thursday Study Session, 7 - 9 p.m.

November 20 - International Games
November 20 - Kiddie Carnival
November 20 - Women’s Basketball vs Mayville State, 6 p.m.

November 21 - Men’s Basketball vs U of M Morris, 4 p.m.

November 21 - Midnight Dodge Ball

November 23 - Music on Mondays, Joe Dretsch, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Northern Lights Lounge

November 24 - Men’s Basketball vs Mayville State University, 7 p.m.

November 26 & 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday, No Classes, Offices Closed
Sudoku puzzles are provided by www.sudokuoftheday.com - visit them and get a new Sudoku in your email inbox every day!

Join us for Healthy Aging
Tuesday, November 17, 2009
3 – 6 p.m. at
RiverView Health

Featured programs include:
3:30 & 5:15 p.m.  Aging Gracefully with Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine
Megan Scott, Acupuncturist
3:30 & 4:15 p.m.  Wellness Today for a Better Tomorrow
Kari Anderson, Family Nurse Practitioner
4:30 & 5:15 p.m.  The Healthy Heart
Dr. Sanjay Srivatsa, Cardiologist

There will also be FREE blood pressure checks, blood cholesterol screens, blood sugar checks, bone density screens, Bone Builders Demonstrations and refreshments until 5:30 p.m.

This event is for My New View members only. If someone you know is interested in attending this event, please have them register online at www.riverviewhealth.org or call 281-9405 for an application. My New View at www.riverviewhealth.org or call 281-9405 to request an application. Membership is free.

Attention UMC Students Living in Crookston
REMINDER: Residential Calendar Parking Restrictions Begin On November 17, 2009 and run until April 1, 2010. The Calendar Parking Ordinance prohibits on-street parking between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on an odd/even rotation. No parking is allowed on the side of any street having even numbered addresses from 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. on any even numbered day, and no parking is allowed on the side of any street having odd-numbered addresses from 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., so the odd/even day will be the date after midnight, not necessarily the date you park the vehicle. If your vehicle is parked in violation of this ordinance it may be ticked and towed to the Police impound lot. You will be responsible for the fine, tow, and storage charges before the vehicle will be released.

CSA Elections

The Crookston Student Association (CSA) is holding elections to fill two senator positions (Senator of Recycling and Senator of City Relations). CSA is the student governing body on campus. If you are ready to step up to a leadership position, work on ensuring students’ rights, along with gaining valuable experience, then the CSA wants you! Applications are available now at the Sargeant Student Center Information Desk. The deadline for turning in applications is Friday, November 20, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. Elections will be held on December 2 and 3. If there are any questions, please contact CSA Senator of Elections Eric Morgan morga365@umn.edu.
International Week Events

Monday, November 16
Food from Four Corners of the World
10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
Brown Dining Room
Featuring food from: Pakistan, Czech Republic, China and Denmark

Tuesday, November 17
Annual Photo Contest
International Lounge
10 am - 2 pm

Cultural Showcase
Northern Lights Lounge/International Lounge
12 - 2 pm

Zumba (Latin Aerobics)
Bede Ballroom
5:30 - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 17
“Being an International Student in the U.S.” Poster Board Contest—presented by ESL students
Northern Lights Lounge
10 am—12 pm

International Market
Bede Ballroom
2-7 pm

Thursday, November 19
Thursday Commons
Global Experiences Symposium
Bede Ballroom
12:15—1:45 pm

Norwegian Dinner
Enjoy meatballs, potatoes and corn cooked from scratch. Tickets are $5 in advance and $7 at the door.
Crookston American Legion
4:30—7 pm

National Clothes Day
Everyone is encouraged to wear traditional clothes that represent his/her original country or culture. Pictures will be taken in the Prairie Room at 12 pm.

Friday, November 20
MIC International Kids Fair
Games and events for children of all ages. International Lounge
5-7:30 pm

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for Spring Semester

Looking for a responsible, hard working, creative, socially active student who enjoys helping others and is looking for a pretty sweet deal.

Must have previous resident hall living experience and a cumulative GPA of 2.5.

As a Resident Adviser you would receive the use of a single room valued at $2175 plus $1320 salary per semester as well as gain valuable resume building leadership and work experience!

For questions, contact the Centennial housing office at 281-8531 or e-mail at jacobsen@umn.edu.

Applications and reference forms are located on the residential life website, www.umcrookston.edu/services/reslife/forms.htm and at the Centennial front desk. (3 references required)
Sign up for interviews at Centennial Front Desk.

Informational Meetings
November 16 & 23
8:00 pm
Centennial Lobby

Application Deadline: Tuesday, December 1!
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The campus in Ireland had a more relaxed attitude about drinking and it was legal for university students as they would be 18. There were even pubs on campus.

Gretchen was involved in the fencing club on campus and noted that there were numerous clubs. The people were very involved on campus and there were many things to do on campus. This may have been because many students lived on campus.

Ireland itself had a few differences from the United States, though none that were huge. Gretchen noted that the Irish were very politically aware and were “deeply aware of what is going on in the U.S.”. The Irish seemed to follow U.S. politics adamantly. One large difference was the size of Ireland. Gretchen was able to decide to go to Dublin the night before she left. She got from Limerick to Dublin – nearly across the entire country - in just 6 hours. That’s not much longer than it takes to get from Crookston to the Twin Cities. Public transportation was also readily available in Ireland, including buses, making transportation easy. Gretchen was even able to travel to the United Kingdom, including London, twice and Scotland once during her stay abroad. A slight difference Gretchen noticed was that the food seemed to have fewer preservatives and didn’t last as long.

Making friends wasn’t hard for Gretchen as all the study abroad studies at the university from the U.S. had orientation and got to know each other beforehand. When asked about studying abroad, she said that some may want to go with a friend, but that you are “forced to go out of your comfort zone otherwise”, which may be a good thing. Gretchen also said she learned a lot about herself from the trip and enjoyed the chance to try new things.

Looking to Study Abroad?
Here are two short term options:

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Contact Rae French for more information on these.
Brain Teasers

Last week’s winner is Alisha Aasness. Alisha knew the puzzle on the left meant “Shop till you drop.” She can pick up her free movie pass from Meloni in 236 Sargeant Student Center. Can you guess this week’s puzzle (on the right). If 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, November 18, 2009. The winner’s name will appear in the next Eagle’s Eye.

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Thanksgiving Feast

Please Join Us For Our Thanksgiving Feast
When: Tuesday, November 17, 2009
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Where: Brown Dining Room
We will be serving Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Veggies, and assorted Pies!

Classified Ads

*Position Available – Supervisor position available. Successful candidate will supervise 5 or 6 high school students in a youth worker program. Will work 6 to 8 hours per week (M- Th). Will pick up students at the high school after school (about 3:15 p.m.) and drive to work site, supervise workers for 1.5 to 2 hours and then drop them off at their homes. Must have a valid driver’s license and be able to pass a background check. Vehicle will be provided. Excellent pay. If interested please email Meloni Rasmussen at melonir@umn.edu.

* For Rent - One bedroom apartments are available at Prairie View Apartments in Fisher, MN. This smoke-free multi-family single-story complex features: security doors, laundry facility, spacious common area, off-street parking with plug-ins available and all utilities included with affordable rent. Call 218-637-2431 today for an application or see our website at www.nwmnhr.org.

* Work Study – Admissions department is hiring student callers for the 2009-10 academic year again. If interested stop by the admissions office(170 Owen Hall) and contact Josh Lunak. (Must be work-study eligible).

* Spring Internship - The Admissions Office has an excellent paid internship opportunity for Spring semester. This internship experience will challenge and improve your communication, marketing, sales, and organizational skills. You will represent the University of Minnesota, Crookston at college fairs, high school visits, and community college visits. You will help host on campus visit events and meet with prospective students and their parents to share general information and answer questions about UMC. You will have extensive training so you don’t have to know everything already. This internship does require extensive overnight travel. Start and end dates are somewhat flexible. If you are interested in this internship please contact Amber Evans-Dalley.

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