UMC Library Extends Hours

In an effort to better serve the needs of UMC students, the Kiehle Library has extended its hours.

The library will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Friday; and 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Sunday.

These hours will be in effect on a trial basis throughout spring quarter 1995.

UMC Sponsors Three Performers in Next Three Weeks

News Release

UMC Student Activities

UMC Student Activities has been working hard to put together a great spring entertainment package. Three performing artists or groups are scheduled to entertain the UMC masses over the next three weeks. All shows are free to UMC faculty, staff and students and their guests.

The first group, Chris and Johnny, will perform in the Trojan Inn from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22.

Musicians Chris Cunningham and Johnny Hermandson (both sing and play guitar and harmonica) met in a 7th grade world geography class. They began playing music together in 1987, graduated from high school, recorded 3 CD's during their college careers, graduated from St. Olaf in 1993, became full-time musicians in January of 1994 and, finally, bought a van and hit the road, playing over 30 colleges across the US, numerous cafes and coffeehouses, live public radio shows, and benefits—whew!

Highlights of their career include performances on Minnesota Public Radio's *The Morning Show*, Rural Aid, Bozeman, Montana's Sweet Pea Festival, and a showcase at the 1993 Great Lakes Region NACA Conference.

Chris and Johnny write and perform their own unique blend of dynamic acoustic music. They use their music to express life's experiences, the beauty of their Montana home, and to vent frustrations. They are currently working on their fourth CD to be released this fall.

The second performer, Joseph Baird, will visit the campus on Wednesday, March 29. He will perform in the Trojan Inn from 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., will hold a reception in CC 131 at 2:00 p.m., and will perform in the residence halls that evening at 7:00 p.m. He is being sponsored by Student Activities and Residential Life.

Joseph Baird has been performing professionally for 15 years. He started his career in high school, screaming lead vocals in a rock and roll band. On stage he elevated the use of crutches to an art form—dancing, running, pivoting, and using the crutches to his advantage much as a skateboard "hotdog" uses two sets of wheels to defy gravity.

When Baird was 18 months old, he underwent surgery that resulted in paraplegia. He spent count less weeks and months in and out of hospitals and convalescing centers in an effort to defy gravity.

Performers

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Pedraza to Speak at Spring Convocation

Juan Miguel Pedraza will be the featured speaker at UMC's spring quarter convocation on Wednesday, March 22, at 10:00 a.m. in Bede Ballroom. Pedraza is Senior Correspondent for Agweek Magazine, and he also covers business and consumer affairs issues for the Grand Forks Herald.

Pedraza, who is well known throughout the Red River Valley, will discuss the changing face of agriculture in the region, providing UMC students with a first-hand perspective.

In addition to Pedraza's address, the convocation will feature performances by the University Singers, recognition of students who received a 4.0 GPA for winter quarter, and comments on UMC's winter varsity sports from members of the athletic department.

Classes will be excused from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on March 22 to allow all students, faculty and staff to attend.
A student at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor has found out that while writing about killing someone may make for some exciting prose, it doesn't exactly endear you to others on campus or to the FBI.

Sophomore Jake Baker was suspended from school and arrested after he used the name of a student in a graphic story involving rape, torture and murder that he wrote and posted on the Internet on Jan. 1.

When UM officials learned of Baker's story on Feb. 2, they immediately ordered campus police to seize the 20-year-old student's identification card and evict him from his residence hall. Baker then was suspended from the university.

While waiting at his attorney's office on Feb. 9 for a hearing with the school's disciplinary board to seek readmission, Baker was arrested by the FBI for making an interstate transmission of a threat to injure another person. If the Boardman, Ohio, native is found guilty, he could face up to five years in prison.

During Baker's initial hearing, U.S. Magistrate Thomas Carlson said the student was "disturbed and dangerous" and ordered him held without bail. Baker is currently being held in Milan Federal Facility in Michigan.

Baker's troubles began when he posted his story on "alt.sex.stories," a USENET bulletin board. In Baker's story, he described himself and others breaking into the apartment of a female and beating, torturing and raping her. Baker wrote that the woman was "shaking with terror" throughout the entire incident.

David Cahill, Baker's attorney, says the UM student never had any intention of harming the female he wrote about. "Jake doesn't even know her," Cahill said. "He has never even said one word to her. They were in a large lecture class together, and he simply liked the way her name sounded."

Cahill says that his client is a victim of censorship. "We're talking about a typical college sophomore here who has never done anything wrong in his life," Cahill said, adding that the American Civil Liberties Union and Electronic Frontier Foundation would be getting involved with the case. "He's a linguistics major. He writes stories. That's not illegal by any stretch of the imagination."

Although both federal and UM officials say they can't discuss the case because it involves issues of federal privacy, Lisa Baker, a UM spokesperson, said that the university's actions are not about censorship, but about protecting the safety of its students.

UM officials and the FBI became involved after learning that the female in the story had the same name as one of Baker's classmates. According to Cahill, a UM graduate living in Moscow read Baker's story on the "alt.sex.stories" bulletin board, noticed the school's electronic address and called UM administrators to ask if the female was a student at the university. After a quick search revealed that she was enrolled in Ann Arbor and had taken a class with Baker the previous year, university officials decided Baker should be suspended while they determined if he was a threat to the student.

Acting under an order from President James Duderstadt that circumvents various policies if a student is placed in danger, university security immediately escorted Baker off the Ann Arbor campus.

While being escorted back to prison after a recent arraignment hearing, Baker told reporters that he thinks he is being held without cause. "I haven't harmed anyone," he said. "I think this is a violation of my First Amendment rights and probably several other rights."

Federal officials, however, disagree. Last week, Carlson produced a document containing an electronic message Baker sent to a man in Ontario, Canada, which stated, "Just thinking about it doesn't do the trick. I need to do it."

Cahill insists that Baker had no intention of ever harming the female student. "Jake is sorry this happened. He never even met this student," Cahill said. "He simply used her name because he liked the way it sounds. He says that he has trouble coming up with names for his stories."
Across the Nation

Graduate in Four Years--Or Classes are Free

College Press Service

Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, is offering students an unusual guar-antee: If they don't graduate in four years, classes after that are free.

But to discourage students from dallying, there is a catch. Students must meet some basic require-ments, such as taking a full load of classes and pulling in C's in their courses, says Jim Muensch, director of media relations at Westminster.

"As long as students follow the guidelines, which are to take 16 hours a semester, get C's in their classes and decide upon a major in their sophomore year, we guarantee they'll graduate in four years or extra classes are free," says Muensch.

Administrators at the 700-student college came up with the idea after hearing that many students, especially those at public universities, couldn't enroll in the classes they needed to graduate.

"Our president has a daughter in college at another school," says Muensch. "This year, she told him that is she couldn't get into a section of a class she needed for her major, she wouldn't graduate on time. This shocked him."

Next year's freshmen will be the first eligible for the offer.

"Parents and students are understandably concerned about the financial burden they will assume should graduation be postponed one or even two years, not to mention the costs associated with delayed entry into the job market," says Westminster President James Traer.

"Westminster's guarantee of providing access to all courses within the four-year period will eliminate those concerns."

Clinton Vows To Veto Student Loan Change

College Press Service

President Bill Clinton has vowed to veto any legislation that would eliminate the interest subsidy on student loans.

In a recent speech to educators at the American Council on Education convention in San Francisco, Clinton attacked GOP plans that propose students pay back the interest accrued on loans while they were still in school.

The Republicans "want to pay for the tax cuts in their Contract with America by eliminating the student loan subsidy so that we can start charging interest on the loans to our poorest students while they're still in college," said Clinton.

Eliminating the subsidy, which is about $2 billion a year, "would be the biggest cut in student financial aid in the history of the United States," he added.

If interest subsidies are eliminated, graduates making payments on a typical $5,000 student loan would be charged an additional $350 in interest for each year they were in school. Currently, borrowers do not accrue interest charges on student loans until after they finish school and start repaying their loans.

The president also defended his direct loan program, which eliminates banks and state student aid commissions from the federal loan process.

"We eliminated the middlemen and got the funds directly to the schools and the borrowers, which meant, unbelievably, lower fees, lower interest rates, easier repayment choices for students," Clinton said.

Republicans have said that eliminating banks from the student loan equation only adds to an already-bloated federal bureaucracy.
Collegiate 4-H Members Working Their Way to Texas

Karla Beckman
Staff Writer

As some of you may have noticed, UMC's collegiate 4-H club had a caramel apple sale every Wednesday through the month of February. The money raised will help the group go to the National Collegiate 4-H Conference at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.

This is the twenty-first Annual National Collegiate 4-H Conference on Thursday March 23 through Sunday March 26, 1995. Those who are going to Texas will attend workshops and participate in many challenging educational and recreational activities, and they will tour the Texas A&M area. Some of the workshops include Texas's national track workshop: S.E.R.I.E.S and Character Counts and several additional workshops.

Not only is the collegiate 4-H club busy getting ready for Texas, but it has also been busy helping area 4-H clubs with the Arts In Show. This took place at the Red River Valley Winter Shows on February 18. 4-H members helped with the show and with the practices that took place before the show. At the show many 4-Hers put on skits and dances for entertainment.

They helped park cars and directed traffic for the High School Tournaments as a fund-raiser to also help cover some of the expenses fro the trip to Texas.

Collegiate 4-H members helped with the Northern Regional 4-H Project Bowl that took place on Saturday March 11, 1995, on the UMC campus. Members helped with the registration, set up, "running", score keeping and several other things to offer help where it was needed.

The Project Bowl had area counties compete with each other in the project areas of rabbit, dairy, dog, goat, horse, livestock, nutrition, and poultry.

If you are interesting in joining UMC Collegiate 4-H, contact Mark Erickson, or Rick Besser. The meetings are held in Skyberg Meeting Room at 9:00 p.m. The last meeting was on Monday March 13.

Student Forum Election to Be Held April 10

The election of Student Forum officers and senators for the 95-96 academic year will be held Monday, April 10. Students interested in serving as officers of the Student Forum must file between March 20 and March 24 to be placed on the ballot. Forms are available at the Bede Information Desk. Campaign week is April 3-7.

UMC Master Plan Meeting March 20

Students are invited to discuss the UMC Master Plan at a meeting held Monday, March 20, at 6:00 p.m. in CC 131. Everyone is welcome.

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Kristina Keller
Staff Writer

The Student Ambassador program here at UMC is a new opportunity for students who are looking to gain public relations and leadership experience, develop networking abilities, create connections, and add to their resumes. This group of students meets regularly to discuss ways to become involved in the community, school, and other areas to develop a reputation of advancement, progress, and betterment. The Ambassador program revolves around four major goals, the first being leadership.

Certain qualities need to be possessed by a Student Ambassador. They are communication skills, knowledge of the UMC campus and its history, open-mindedness, teamwork, and in general being a good representative of UMC. The program enables students to develop and enhance these skills and offers opportunities to do so. Students meet and host notable persons visiting the campus. This expands their networking opportunities and allows for practice of their leadership abilities and communication skills.

The second goal of the group involves outreach. The members of the group become involved in community activities such as the Red River Valley Winter Shows, and on campus activities such as the Success Fair, held in January. Members are also involved in the recruitment of new students by tele-marketing, giving tours, and being available to those who have questions. In all these instances a student perspective is provided on a variety of subjects, making people more aware of UMC.

Service is the third fundamental part of the Ambassadors' goals. Serving the community, campus, and students, is done through acts of public service. Whether it means representing UMC at a community function, attending a lecture, or collecting pennies for the local food shelf, Ambassadors serve all of us by making this a more reputable school and by sharing their knowledge with us.

The last essential element is fun. Although being an ambassador is work, it also includes meeting new people, traveling, playing UMC Jeopardy, and other opportunities to enjoy. I think a key word here is opportunity. I have recently become a UMC Student Ambassador and am surprised at all that is available to me. The group meets two times a month (more if necessary) to brainstorm ideas, listen to invited guest speakers on various topics, discuss upcoming events, and develop the skills necessary to be a representative to our university.

If you are interested in becoming a Student Ambassador contact Andrew Svec in Admissions or one of the Student Ambassadors who are, after all, here to help you.

This year's Ambassadors are: Dean Anderson, Terri Blow, Dorene Cyr, Ann Heinze, Jim Johansen, Kristina Keller, Eric Klindt, Karen Knudsen, Nancy Kuener, Dena Marjamaa, David Murray, Penelope Steer, Traci Steever, and Tammie Yutrzenka.

U.S. Army Field Band and Chorus to Perform April 23

The U.S. Army Field Band and Chorus will perform in UMC's Lysaker Gymnasium on Sunday, April 23, at 3:00 p.m. The band features 65 instruments and the chorus consists of 40 members. The group has performed all over the world, and the visit to UMC is part of a tour of the upper Midwest.

Free tickets will be available at the Bede Information Desk for all UMC students, faculty and staff.
Talking Postage with John Rodseth

Dean Anderson
Staff Writer

John Rodseth, UMC's very own "postmaster general," has been in charge of the campus post office since September of 1974. I asked John some questions that students might have on their minds regarding UMC's postal service. His responses follow.

What time is on campus mail delivered?
"Usually it is in the students boxes between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m."

Has mail ever been delivered on Saturdays?
"Yes, it was tried a few years ago, but most students go home on the weekends and demand was not great."

Are mailroom procedures the same over school breaks?
"Yes, they are, but mail might be a little later getting into the boxes as the workstudy personnel are also gone for break."

What if someone is missing mail or not getting expected mail?
"They can check the Dead letter office in St. Paul or go to the Crookston Post Office and do the paperwork for a tracer to find it."

What are the procedures for temporarily or permanently switching mail addresses?
"Students can just drop off their new address at the post office and the mail will be forwarded. Students should do their part for mail forwarding also. If students do not furnish a new address, their mail will be sent to their home addresses."

What time does outgoing mail leave campus?
"Mail from the mailbox in front of Bede goes out at 3:00 p.m. and mail from the campus post office goes out at 4:00 p.m. or a little after."

What future changes are in store for the campus post office?
"There is talk of a stamp machine and new mail boxes." Rodseth also mentioned that the campus post office has most, if not all of the services of the Crookston post office.

Look for the next issue of THE FOURTH ESTATE on Monday, April 17
North Dakota, Minnesota Officials Reach Tentative Agreement on Tuition Reciprocity Changes

News Release
Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board (MHECB)

Post-secondary education administrators in Minnesota and North Dakota have tentatively agreed to modify their current higher education tuition reciprocity agreement in order to reduce barriers and enhance opportunities for students to move across state lines.

The two states have agreed to phase out by the 1997-98 academic year a 25 percent tuition surcharge paid by students attending a public post-secondary institution in the neighboring state, said Joseph P. Graba, interim executive director of the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board (MHECB).

The revised agreement, to take effect for the 1995-96 school year, must be approved by the MHECB and the higher education governing boards in the two states.

The current tuition surcharge, in effect since the 1990-91 school year, will be reduced to 15 percent in 1995-96 and to 10 percent in 1996-97.

Starting in 1997-98, students attending an institution in the neighboring state will pay a reciprocity tuition rate that is based on the higher of the two states' rates at comparable institutions.

Based on current relative tuition rates:
- North Dakota resident students attending Moorhead State University would pay the Minnesota State University System resident rate at MSU.
- Minnesota residents attending North Dakota State University would pay the Minnesota State University System resident tuition rate.
- North Dakota residents attending the University of Minnesota, Crookston would pay the UMC resident tuition rate.

Reciprocity has been in effect between Minnesota and North Dakota since the 1975-76 academic year.

Although the goal has been to reduce barriers and increase choices for students, specific details on tuition reciprocity rates and state payment approaches have varied during the agreement.

In response to fiscal problems in North Dakota, the agreement was revised in 1990 to require that North Dakota students attending any Minnesota institution pay 125 percent of tuition charged Minnesota resident students at that institution. Minnesota students attending any North Dakota institution encompassed in the agreement pay 125 percent of the tuition charged North Dakota students at that institution.

In 1993-94 about 6,000 Minnesota residents attended North Dakota institutions, and 4,585 North Dakota residents attended Minnesota colleges and universities. As a result of the enrollment gap, Minnesota paid North Dakota $700,000.
How Can I Get More Parking Tickets?

Karla Beckman
Staff Writer

Parking tickets seem to be a big problem for those who receive them. The main reasons people get tickets at UMC are because they park in marked "no parking" zones, don't have a parking permit, have expired permits, or are double parked.

Whatever the case may be, parking tickets seem to go unpaid, or the same cars seem to be repeatedly getting tickets.

Questions that may be asked by those who have received a ticket might be:

How much does it cost to pay for the ticket?

The charge for this violation is $3.00, but if unpaid within five days a charge of $2.00 is added. And if the ticket is not paid within 15 days a complaint will be filed by Polk County Court.

How many tickets does it take before the car is towed?

Currently it takes two unpaid tickets before a car is towed away (if the police department has the ambition to tow). Still, two unpaid tickets puts you at risk of being towed at any time.

Where do you pay for a parking ticket?

You may pay for your ticket by placing the proper amount in the ticket envelope and depositing it in any Traff-O-Teria box located in downtown area. There is also a UMC drop box in Bede Lounge—right outside the Counseling and Career Center.

Tickets can also be paid at the Crookston police station. A word of advice, pay by check. Just in case the ticket envelope is lost or it is not filled correctly, you will have proof that you have paid it.

Can I appeal my parking ticket?

The UMC "Info Line" phone number to call is 281-6510, ext. 208, selection 1209. This will provide you with information on the appeal process. Parking tickets can be appealed by contacting UMC Security Services, 120 McCall Hall.

Tickets are filed with the Crookston police department and will go under the person who owns the car, so make sure you don't have any unpaid tickets with Dad's car.

The best way to avoid getting a ticket is to avoid parking in the marked "no parking" zones. Also make sure your permit is clearly visible from the front of the car, and don't double park.

There are now two work study ticket officers for spring quarter.

Questions, comments or student feedback? Write to The Fourth Estate, P.O. Box 999.

Performers

Tom Acoustit

Tom Acoustit has been characterized as having the lyrical honesty of Jackson Browne, the songwriting versatility of Billy Joel, the live energy of Bruce Springsteen, and a vocal style like no one else.

Singer/songwriter Acoustit brings new meaning to the word coffeehouse. With piano and guitar at hand, he pulls audiences onto an emotional rollercoaster of self examination. In a performance that ranges from disturbing to tearfully funny, he speaks of the challenges facing young people in today's pop culture.

Acoustit has released two albums, and he has performed at hundreds of colleges across the nation.

This article was written with materials taken from each performer's press release and promotional materials.
Choosing the Right College Living Situation Involves Many Factors

Kristina Keller  
Staff Writer

Every year students contemplate living arrangements for the upcoming school year. Part of the process involves weighing the pros and cons of both living arrangements. Being one who has lived on and off campus, I have experienced both.

Everyone's style of living varies and unless you are unlike the average college student, townhouses, houses, and condominiums are out of the question. Even if the money was available, owners rarely rent to students. Costs also differ depending on the amount of financial aid a student receives, or if they receive some other type of government assistance.

The cost of living on campus initially seems expensive--and depending on the person, it sometimes is. Living in the apartments on campus is considerably cheaper than Skyberg or McCall (mainly because of a reduced meal plan option). All on-campus living requires a food plan. There are three plans and each meal costs roughly $4.23. Plan A requires a purchase of 155 meals per quarter, Plan B is 110 meals, and Plan C, which is only available to students living in the apartments, is 55 meals.

There is no reimbursement for meals that are not used, nor can they be transferred to another quarter of school. Skyberg and Lee and Brink require a purchase of Plan A or B. Lee and Brink require a purchase of any of the three.

Although food costs are much higher than purchasing your own for ten weeks, rent is comparable. Rent on campus is $550 per quarter, so per month it costs roughly $176. There is a $15 per month charge for local phone calls, and long distance can be on a plan with the school or can be charged to a phone card.

Size is also a factor in your decision. The size of an actual dorm room is about 15'x20' and bathrooms are communal. Also remember that your 15'x20' space is shared with another individual.

The apartment dormitories in Brink are shared among 4 individuals. There are two bedrooms, one bathroom, and a fully equipped kitchen. Apartments in Lee are shared by 6 individuals. There are three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a living area, a fully equipped kitchen and dining area, and a washer and dryer.

Besides the actual monitory costs, there are other factors to weigh. Factors like how much easier it is to meet people, the ease and convenience, and just being more aware of what is happening at school. That means knowing what is going on Friday night, not having to find a parking spot every morning, and walking into the next room to see a friend.

As with any place there are rules, but there are a few more on campus than off. Most of them are what I'd call social rules having to do with noise, partying and so on and you'd find them anywhere. There is just more supervision.

Now to the off campus facts. As I said before rent varies from $50 a month to $310 for a one bedroom at some locations. The most popular living choices are an apartment or living in a duplex (usually meaning dwelling in someone's basement). Food is your own responsibility and being as everyone's eating habits are different, cost is a variable also.

Size differs, usually depending on the cost; the more you pay, the more room you get. There are common costs between the living arrangements like cable and telephone, but off campus you must pay to hook up the phone, pay the deposit (usually the equivalent of one month's rent), furnish the establishment, and often pay heating, electricity, water, and even garbage pick-up. All of these are included in the cost of living on campus, but if you split the cost two, three, or four ways it can be significantly lower than that of on-campus living.

Making a living decision requires a lot of thought, planning, and assessing of your personal situation. Every person has different living wants and needs and you must decide what is the right one for you.
Committee on Committees report: Election Committee will be starting processing for election for Student Forum Vice President position. Voting will be March 17, 1995.

Finance Committee had a meeting March 6. Presented Chancellor Sergeant with proposal for tuition increase of no more than 4.8% for UMC.

Information: spring activities causes no room for students to paid during games. Monday the 21st of March there will be a UMC Campus Master Planning meeting.

Next Student Forum Executive Meeting is on March 22.

Student Fees Proposal for 1995-96

Chancellor Sergeant has approved the quarterly student fee proposal drafted by the Student Fees Committee. The proposal now goes to the U of M Central Administration and the Board of Regents for final approval. The proposal will come before the Regents the week of March 20-24.

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The proposed 95-96 fee is an increase of roughly 1.9% or an additional $1.45 per quarter.
Hockey Team Beats NCHA Champs
Bemidji, Looks to Enter Their Circle

Dean Anderson
Staff Writer

The UMC Hockey team finished their spectacular season with only two losses, both of them being in overtime. This was an excellent record for an independent team. One of the team’s most notable wins happened to be against Bemidji State University, last year’s NCHA national champions.

This spring, the UMC Hockey Team will be making application into the NCHA (National Collegiate Hockey Association). Some of the teams that make up the NCHA include Bemidji State, Duluth’s St. Scholastica, and Wisconsin schools—Stevens Point, St. Norbert’s, River Falls, and Lake-Forest.

Next year should prove to be an interesting season. We wish the team the best of luck.

A scene from the January 7 alumni game. UMC current team prevailed 8-4.

UMC’s goalie, Nathan Pitt, gives his all to prevent a goal against home.

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Next year should prove to be an interesting season. We wish the team the best of luck.

A scene from the January 7 alumni game. UMC current team prevailed 8-4.

UMC’s goalie, Nathan Pitt, gives his all to prevent a goal against home.

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Lighting Concerns

To The Editor,

I am writing to express my opinion about the lighting on this campus at night. Being involved in theater requires that I leave campus late in the evening on several occasions. I usually park in the lot behind the library and Kiehe auditorium.

There have been times when I have left and found a light burned out. Also, along the tree line it is very dark. To me this is a very dangerous situation. We pay a large amount of money to attend college, and feeling secure on campus is something that we deserve as students.

--Michelle Trudeau
UMC Student

Do you have an attitude or an opinion?

Of course you do. We all do. But if you've got something on your mind, don't whine to your roommate. Write a letter to The Fourth Estate. UMC BOX 999.

The Big Three, Not for Me

Mark Grafstrom
Staff Writer

Automobile manufacturing in America is controlled by three main corporations. Ford, General Motors, and Chrysler. It has been this way for a long time. The reason for this is because all three are large corporations. Large corporations have power. Power beyond that of the law. Any new American car company that has threatened the "Big Three" has been a concern for them.

Take DeLoreon for example. He was caught with a large amount of cocaine at the Mexican border. A large bag was found sitting unhidden in the trunk of his car. Why was it there? DeLoreon certainly wasn't that stupid. My guess is that it was planted there to frame DeLoreon. The people most likely to frame him were the people that feared him most. The Big Three

The Big Three feared DeLoreon because he was about to manufacture a car that could ruin them. A car with a stainless steel body. A car that would last. Something that the Big Three didn't want to make. The Big Three wanted repeat buyers. They wanted cars to rust and get shabby after about five years so the customer would want a new one. This concept made the big three rich.

DeLoreon wanted to change this. He would have done it too, if it wasn't for the dirty stunt someone pulled.

What the car industry needs is some new competition. Sure there are all those foreign companies. I have come to believe that they're in cahoots with each other. Why else would they be building each others designs. The foreign companies are out to get rich too. When I say new competition I mean a whole new car company. A car company that builds cars that everyone can afford. There is no reason why a car should cost $20,000. I think it is possible to build and sell a car for $3,000 or less. Just eliminate all the fluff.

Look at any new car. Look at all the stuff that serves no purpose but looks. They are also built like pops cans. Look at a new car that has been wrecked compared to an older car that has been wrecked. You can see the difference. They claim that new cars absorb the crash better. That's a load of bull. They build them like that to make any little fender bender total-out the car.

A new car for $3,000 is possible but you won't see the Big Three doing that. They don't care if you sell your children into slavery. They just want your money. They have a sort of monopoly on cars. That has got to change. If I had the money I would build a no-nonsense car that people could buy without going into debt. I don't like the Big three or these foreign cronies. I never, never will want a new car. They are built weak and they cost too much. The Big Three is not for me.
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Earth Month Not Just for “Tree Huggers”

Dean Anderson
Staff Writer

Are you interested in saving the world? Are you concerned with what kind of world your children will grow up in? Do you like green grass, clean air, blue water and skies? I do. I hope you do too.

If you are interested in helping with the 25th Annual Earth Day Celebration, please contact me, Dean Anderson, at UDMA001 (e-mail), or leave a message at 218-773-2923.

This year Earth Day falls on Saturday, April 22. Throughout the entire month of April—Earth Month—there will be weekly speakers here on campus. The speakers will discuss various topics, from recycling to conservation to wildlife and its habitat. Flyers and informational sheets will also be available throughout the month.

Look for more information on Earth Month in the next few weeks.

Until then, remember to RECYCLE those soda cans, don't just throw them in the trash.
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Men’s BB: A Season of Growth

Nicky Demarais
Staff Writer

The UMC Men’s basketball team ended the year with a 2-1 weekend road trip, defeating Mount Senario 81-70 on Feb. 17, St. Scholastica 86-73 on Feb. 18, and losing to Northland College of Ashland, Wisconsin, 64-53 on Feb. 19.

The Mount Senario game was a good defensive effort, rebounding against the taller Saints. UMC led 49-35 at halftime and connected well at the free-throw line. Marlon Bankston led UMC with 17 points and 11 assists. Jason Yutrzenka had 16 points and hit four 3-pointers. Lorenzo Bronson added 14 points and three assists.

Saturday night the Trojan's again rallied to take a 86-73 victory. Bankston scored a game high 22 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Bronson had 18, Chris Neuman with 11, and Yutrzenka had 10. Otis Booker had a strong game with 11 assists, five rebounds and three steals.

UMC shot 48 percent for the game while St. Scholastica shot for an overall 37 percent.

In the third game in three days, UMC came up a little short losing to Northland college 64-53. Booker led UMC with 14 points, and five players scored in the 6-8 range.

Yutrzenka was held to 6 points as his shadow didn’t let him see the ball too much. The senior played well on defense and hauled down some rebounds for the team.

He leaves the team with the school career scoring record as a sophomore, and on a 9-17 season.
Despite Tough Season, UMC Women Learned Much

The UMC Women's basketball team ended their first four-year season on the road with a pair of losses. The first 77-62 loss to Mount Senario on Feb. 17, and the second loss from nothing short of a rugby match with St. Scholastica on Feb. 18.

In the Mount Senario game, UMC led by as many as 10 points, but came up short with poor shooting in the second half. Amy Blackmun led the team with 17 points hitting five 3-pointers. Chrissy Nettum also added 12 points. Sarah Olson scored 10 points and had nine rebounds, while Nettum added eight.

The next night out was some great action, that is, if you were watching Saturday night football. I credit St. Scholastica for their tough defense, but I discredit the stripes for their lack of control over the game.

St. Scholastica shot 52 percent for the game including 50 percent in 3-pointers. In short, the Saints were hot, the Trojan's not.

Chrissy Nettum led team with 18 points and Blackmun added 11. Nettum also grabbed 11 boards, with Olson, Demarais, and Vis getting 6.

The UMC women finish the season with one win, the only game in which they shot 45 percent.

With that statistic in mind, the women's team is already gearing up for next year starting a weight training and shooting program. So take heart until next year when the swishing sound will prevail over the iron.

**UMC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL RECORD**

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UMC Riding Team Does Well on First National Outing

Nicky Demarais
Staff Writer

On January 28, the University of Minnesota's Equestrian Team traveled 18 hours to Muncie, Indiana, to participate in UMC's first ever IHSA competition.

IHSA stands for Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. This is the first year that UMC has had a chance to take part in this competition. It is made up of various equestrian schools and clubs all over the US at the collegiate level where riders from any riding level compete against riders of their same skill.

UMC is in Zone 6, Region 2 that is also made up of: Ball State University, Indiana State University, Indiana University, Purdue University, Taylor University and the University of Notre Dame to name a few. You should also be aware that some of these colleges boast enrollments of over 22,000 students.

On this chilly January day, the IHSA team competed in a hunt seat show that had well over 200 riders participating. Of the 12 UMC riders that competed, 10 placed.

Then on Sunday, January 29, UMC traveled to Purdue University and again placed well. The results are as follows:

Chuckie Raguse 6,6.  
Jonathon Holland 5.  
Nicky Demarais 1, 2.  
Juli Citron 5.

UMC was not able to form a complete team as there was not a rider in an over fences class.

However, on February 25, the UMC Stock Seat team tied for High Point Team! Their second show resulted in Third Place out of the seven teams. Jonathon Holland tied for reserve high point rider. The show was held at Ball State University and the results are as follows:

Jonathon Holland 1, 3.  
Holland (pattern) 5,4.  
Tasha Anderson 3, 6.

Coaching the Stock Seat team is Tami Lewis, and Melissa Hower coaches the Hunt Seat team.

It was quite a shock to some of the teams that a small school like UMC could come in and place so well. They were also quite shocked with the team's enthusiasm as well as our loud cheering.

A Purdue University equestrian was noted as stating, "That Minnesota team is sure going to be hard to beat, and they're all such a nice bunch of people." Which is exactly what we want to convey.

UMC travels to Indiana again for three back to back shows on March 18 and then again to two stock shows on April 1. Good luck UMC Riders and YAAAAAAAYOOOOOOO!
The Myth of St. Patrick

The legends of St. Patrick's activities in Ireland are numerous. Ordered to Ireland by the Pope around 420 A.D., St. Patrick is credited with converting the entire country to Christianity through his use of the shamrock (a three-leafed clover) to explain the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

The most famous legend is the story that St. Patrick drove all of the snakes out of Ireland. When he ordered the snakes into the sea, one of the older reptiles refused to enter, pretending it was a place for the creature to rest. The serpent argued that it was too small, and eventually the serpent entered the box to prove his point. At that moment, St. Patrick closed the lid and threw the box containing the last snake into the sea.

From The Facts on File Encyclopedia of World Myths and Legends

The Truth About St. Patrick

"Patrick wasn't Irish; he was Welsh-Italian. His name wasn't Patrick, it was Succat. He wasn't the first missionary sent to Ireland—that was St. Palladius. And there were never any snakes in the country of Ireland to begin with. But aside from that, everything you know about St. Patrick is true."

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Campus Ministry, It Does A Body Good!

Collette Conati
Guest Writer

UMC offers a unique opportunity to its students in the form of Cooperative Campus Ministry. This Campus Ministry doesn't try to convert anyone. If anything, it affirms your beliefs, your values, your faith.

Cooperative Campus Ministry is about Faith. Faith in God, faith in yourself and faith in your future. You don't have to be any 'one' religion. Campus Ministry invites everyone to come together, to form community, to grow, to strengthen relationships and broaden your horizons.

Every other Wednesday night students gather for Campus Ministry upstairs in Bede Hall in the Campus Ministry office, (cleverly hidden) over the Post Office. The night is spent in fellowship, an exchange of ideas, and having some fun. The key component is offering one another the environment of acceptance and of being at home, away from home.

Board games are popular, line dancing, pool and foosball competitions, sometimes a walk outside, a snowball fight (in season) and hot chocolate to top the evening.

A Covenant Group meets the other Wednesday nights. They have dinner together in CC 131 off the Trojan Inn, and the evening is spent in almost a retreat experience.

Students are challenged to look inside themselves and get in touch with their true feelings. They are invited to create realistic goals, and experience new ways of problem solving that they might not have thought about.

What about you? You came UMC for an education, to broaden your horizons, aren't you missing out when you don't seek to know yourself better. Campus Ministry invites you, whenever you can come, whatever church you belong to. Bring your guitar, your voices, yourselves, you won't be sorry, there is something for everyone, just ask those who have been there, and if you have made a TEC (Teens Encounter Christ), where are you? Hey, no doubt about it, Campus Ministry does a body good!!!
For the Health of It: Imagine 3,500 Swimming Pools Filled with Alcohol

Stacey Grunewald
UMC Student Health Nurse

At most schools drinking is taken for granted as a part of college life. Alcohol is common, accepted, and even legal for those 21 and over. Just how common is it?

Some surveys indicate that nearly 3 out of 4 college students will drink alcohol next month. A Harvard School of Public Health study indicated that 44% of college students had reported binge drinking in the past 2 weeks. Binge drinking is defined as gulping five drinks in a row for men and four in a row for women on at least one occasion.

The annual consumption of alcoholic beverages by all college students in the United States totals over 430 million gallons. To visualize this imagine 3,500 Olympic-sized swimming pools filled with various types of alcohol.

An even more startling statistic is that almost 4% of the college population drinks daily. This heavier drinking pattern among college students versus the non-college population is in sharp contrast to other drugs such as marijuana, crack, cocaine, or even cigarettes. Alcohol—the one drug that causes the most problems on college campuses—is also the drug most often abused by college students.

Just what exactly is it about the college environment that puts you more at risk for alcohol abuse? It could be that most young men and women are at a point in their lives where risk taking is not all that uncommon. It could be peer pressure and the need to belong. It could be that college students and University campuses are major targets of the alcohol industry. It could be the cultural tradition of the University. In all likelihood it is a combination of these factors as well as many others.

College students in the United States totals over 430 million gallons. To visualize this imagine 3,500 Olympic sized swimming pools filled with various types of alcohol. And that would only last for one year.

So how does this affect you? What are the consequences of alcohol abuse? Alcohol has a direct affect on your behavior: judgment is impaired, perception is weakened, inhibitions are lowered, and all too often aggressive and hostile behaviors are increased. This contributes to violent behavior, fights, and assaults. Vandalism is often another result. Everybody loses when alcohol related destruction happens. Repair costs contribute to an increase in tuition and housing costs.

Date rape is also directly related to alcohol use on campus. In one study 70% of acquaintance rapes involved the use of alcohol. That is not to imply that alcohol use will always lead to sexual violence, but it can contribute to an atmosphere where anything goes. Impaired judgment and lowered inhibitions make it easier to force sex on an unwilling partner.

The most serious health consequence of alcohol abuse is death. Alcohol related automobile accidents are one of the most common causes of death for young adults. In one study two out of every three undergraduates admitted to driving while intoxicated. Serious injuries can often occur, and often the victims include innocent bystanders as well as the drinkers themselves.

Let's consider academic consequences. Numerous studies have shown the negative relationship between college grades and the amount of alcohol consumed. Some estimates are that alcohol is a factor in 34% of all academic problems and 25% of all dropouts.

The biggest question is: when does drinking become a problem for you? If alcohol creates recurrent problems in any part of your life—school, health, work, social life—then perhaps it is time to seek help. If you believe that you or someone you love has a drinking problem, you can call your local Alcoholics Anonymous, Glenmore Recovery Center or stop by Student Health for help.


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Decorative Stenciling and Space Travel: A Comparison

Mark Grafstrom
Staff Writer

It was a tough decision, but it had to be made. The kitchen was a horrid No-body wanted to spend another minute there. The kitchen just lacked the qualities that we were looking for. Some-thing had to be done.

First I needed a plan. Should I totally rebuild the kitchen? No, that takes too much time and effort. Paint it? No, too messy. Then it hit us. Why don’t I stencil the walls? I knew it was a longshot, but it was the only way.

The first thing I had to do was plan the operation. I went down to the local craft store to gather information about the fine points of stenciling. The lady at the store was very helpful. She sold me a book with numerous designs. As I walked home, I pondered the fact that out of the hundreds of designs in the book I had to pick just one. It took me days, but I finally picked the ideal design. It was simple but it in its own little way brought out the happiness I knew was looking for. However, the joy of picking out the perfect design did little to prepare me for the next challenge. The paint.

What color? What kind? It was all so confusing. For such decisions I was unprepared. I was about to chuck the whole idea, but then I thought of a way to help me decide: fasting in the mountains. That’s the ticket. I will just run around in the forest naked for a week or so without eating. Maybe I’ll have a vision or something. So I dropped a weekend feeding in the fish tank and took off running.

The mountains were father away than I thought. I was beginning to get the really tired, but I pushed on and on never stopping. The only thought in mind was “Get to the mountains. Get to the mountains.”

I ran for about six hours before I collapsed against a junked out car next to the freeway. I was just lyin there looking up at the stars thinking “I’m not in the mountains, I’m not in the mountains.” Just then the stars formed a gigantic face in the heavens, and it started to speak.

“You called,” said the face.

“Who are you?” I said.

“Your vision, stupid, I thought you were going to meet me in the mountains,” replied the face.

“Sorry” I said.

“So, what do you want with me?” asks the face.

“I need to pick out some paint,” I said.

“Your asking the wrong person, buddy,” replied the face.

“Come on, you are my last hope,” I pleaded, “If you can’t help me who can?”

“That’s easy,” said the face, “Just ask your local helpful hardware man.”

After I came to the next morning, I remembered what the great face had said, and after I quick trip home to get some clothes, I made my way to the hardware store.

The guy at the hardware store was helpful. He showed me a large rack of spray enamels of many different colors. They were pretty colors. They first dazzled me and then confused me.

“There are so many colors,” I said, “which one should I use?”

“You’re stenciling your kitchen, right?” the hardware guy asked.

“Yeah, that’s right, my kitchen,” I replied.

“What colors are in your kitchen?” the guy asked.

“Mostly blue,” I answered.

“What blue?” the guy asked.

Oh man, if nothing else could go wrong, and then this happens. I was about to chuck it all again, but then I saw a box of crayons on a clearance rack. I picked up the box and ripped it open. All right! Sixty-four colors. This is going to be easy.

Soon enough I found the colors of my kitchen. I bought the paint and the crayons (the guy made me buy the crayons, the prick) and went home.

The instructions in the book were easy to follow and soon enough I had beautiful stencils covering the walls of my kitchen. All the decisions and pitfalls had been conquered, and it was all worth it. I was finally happy again.

It was a tough decision, but it had to be made. I was sick of living on earth. I didn’t want to spend another minute there. It just lacked the qualities I was looking for. Something had to be done.

First I needed a plan. Should I just take over the planet? No, that would take too much time and effort. Kill myself? No, too messy.

Then it hit me. I’ll just go to another planet. I knew it was a longshot, but it had to be done. The first thing I had to do was plan the operation. I went to the local library to gather the fine points of space travel.

The lady at the library was very helpful. She let me borrow numerous books about physics, rocketry, astronomy, and the like.

I read day and night and finally read all the books. I was happy that I had learned all there was to be known about space travel. However, my happiness didn’t prepare me for my next challenge: Theory.

Theory. Most of the things known about other planets and how to get there was theory. So many theories. Which one should I believe. It was all so confusing.

I was about to get the shotgun and end it all, and then it hit me. Why don’t I figure out my own theory by meditation? That’s the ticket. I sold my house and car, traveled to China, became a Buddhist monk, and took up Kung Fu.

Being a monk was very helpful. I learned to develop my mind and body. After years of meditating I finally had unlocked the mysteries that hindered me in the past. Through thought I had discovered the fine points of teleportation and inter-dimensional travel. Although I knew that I could tear open a portal into another dimension any time I wanted to, one obstacle stood in my way: Compassion.

Compassion. If I were to tear open and rip in space on earth, I would also tear the earth in two, killing everyone and everything that lived on it. I had to get out into space somehow.

The only way to do this was to revert to the primitive practice of using a vehicle to get me there. I had to figure out a plan to steal the Saturn five rocket stored at Cape Kennedy.

After a couple of days I had devised a plan and I made my way to America to steal the rocket. My plan went off beautifully, and pretty soon I was a million miles from earth in the dead of space.

After years of training and thought I was finally able to rip a hole in space. I teleported to a planet of primitive people and I was their god. All of the decisions and pitfalls had finally been conquered. I was finally at one with my own mind.

There we were: me and my mind sitting together in hyperspace drinking Fresca and burning strawberry incense. The Fresca was flat, but we didn’t mind. We just sat there and talked about the good old days. Indeed, breaking the bounds of reality can be fun. Just make sure you have a lot of Fresca and incense. Studying decorative stenciling doesn’t hurt either.

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Vacation with American Hiking Society

American Hiking Society
News Release

The American Hiking Society (AHS) would like to take you on vacation. AHS is looking for people who want to combine a vacation of excitement and fun with hard work as a part of the Volunteer Vacations Program.

Volunteer Vacations sends teams of volunteers into the back country, where they spend a ten day "vacation" on projects ranging from trail maintenance in Texas to bridge building in Wyoming.

In previous years AHS has sent an average of 350 volunteers in teams of 10-12, working in locations ranging from the Hawaiian Islands to the Admiralty Islands in the Alaskan Pacific. Other volunteers have headed for the back country, where they spend a ten day "vacation" on projects ranging from trail maintenance in Texas to bridge building in Wyoming.

What these guys were going over the plan they had in their heads. I began to get that adrenaline buzz that comes with being frightened. I looked to the man sitting next to me. What was it that made him so scary. Was it the silence he chose, or was it the cuts on his face and the stitches above his left eye?

I began to plan out my strategy so that I would be prepared when they decided to move in on me. I was scared because the guy in the back seat was sitting over far enough to be out of my sight in the mirror. I had my punches and my eye-pokes all orchestrated when the water towers of Crookston came into view. What a relief, at least now if their skin, the way they looked to the man sitting next filed out quickly without making my, way to the pump, to them. "Yeah. Thanks again!" they replied.

This small fifteen minute experience is something that will stick with me forever. I shared my life with two complete strangers, and they in turn shared theirs. I was able to tag two men as conniving murderers without even giving them a chance. I was rather disappointed in myself for acting the way I did. It was not the color of their skin, the way they dressed, or even what they said. It was the exact opposite, it was what they didn't say. Silence and my crazy overactive mind was what scared me the most. If you ever find yourself in a similar situation, do yourself a favor. Try not to think too much.

Doug Ellenson
Staff Writer

Last Sunday, driving on my way back from Grand Forks, I had an interesting experience. I was alone, and maybe that is why this ordeal affected me in the way that it did. I was relaxing while listening to a story on public radio, when I noticed two figures up ahead in the distance.

As I drew closer I was able to make out the forms of two men standing on the side of the road. Each had a duffel bag and one of the men was holding something in his hand. I drew closer and was able to make out the word "Crookston", scribbled on a dirty envelope. I drove by and was able to make eye contact with the man holding the sign. I passed the men and found myself slowing and pulling onto the shoulder. What was I doing? I had only picked up maybe two other hitchhikers in my life, and they were standing next to stalled cars. Now these two were a different story. They had been on the road for some time. I could tell by the hair on their faces as I watched them in the rearview mirror, running towards my car.

I opened the passenger door and flipped the seat forward to let the taller of the two men into the back seat. They sat themselves quietly, and I was the first to speak. What do you say to two men who look like the haven't slept for weeks. Well, "Going to Crookston, eh? Great city!" is what I said. "Bemidji is where we're going," the man in the front seat replied.

I asked the guy in the front seat if he had any good stories to tell me. He turned slowly and let me into his head via his evil looking eyes, and said nothing. This guy was fucking scary! He turned again and stared off into the empty fields. After some more small talk, which mainly consisted of me asking three or four questions without answers, I gave up and sat quietly.

I figured these guys were just glad to be off their feet and weren't really talking. That's OK, I could understand that. But what if it was something else. We drove in silence for about five minutes until I broke it once again. I asked if they were cold and wanted me to turn the heat up. No reply. Now I was scared as hell.

What if these guys were going over the plan they had in their heads. I began to get that adrenaline buzz that comes with being frightened. I looked to the man sitting next to me. What was it that made him so scary. Was it the silence he chose, or was it the cuts on his face and the stitches above his left eye?

I began to plan out my strategy so that I would be prepared when they decided to move in on me. I was scared because the guy in the back seat was sitting over far enough to be out of my sight in the mirror. I had my punches and my eye-pokes all orchestrated when the water towers of Crookston came into view. What a relief, at least now if they stabbed me, stole my car and left me to die, I wouldn't have all that far to crawl. I had planned to tell them the seven dollars in my front pocket was all I had, but I really had four hundred in my wallet. I had gone to Grand Forks to buy a bike.

I had begun to regret doing my good deed for the day and stopping for these two guys. But they really had done nothing to make me scared, except nothing. Their doing nothing was what scared me the most. My mind had created this entire scenario and caused me to freak out over absolutely nothing.

I pulled into town and headed for the first gas station I could see which turned out to be S.A. I told these guys I needed gas and had to get going to pick up my dad right across town. I told them they were pretty much in the center of town and should be able to find another ride easy. What happened next simply amazed me. The hand I had pictured coming at me with a knife or a gun, was extended to me. "Thanks man, we really appreciate your help."

I shook hands with the man I thought was going to take my life, and he got out of my car. The guy in the back filled out quickly without saying a word. I got out and made my way to the pump. "You guys take care!" I yelled to them. "Yeah. Thanks again!" they replied.

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The creative, bizarre and generally fictitious section of the student newspaper of the University of Minnesota, Crookston

Who's Your Favorite Brady?

Dean Anderson
Sam the Butcher
"He really knows how to deliver meat."

Tonia Sperr
Cindy
"I like the way she talks and her curly hair."

Ivan Reinke
Bobby
"He's cool."

Marlene Raddatz
Alice
"She dates Sam the butcher."

Carmen Anderson

Molly Diers
Bobby
"He's cute and his inventions were awesome, especially the volcano."

Brian Frank
Jan
"She stayed off drugs long enough to be a normal person."

Marcus Meiners
Marsha
"Nice, tan body."

Mark Grafstrom
Peter
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Mr. College

By Anthony Rubino, Jr.

America's Funniest Q&A Column

Mr. College leaps courageously into the 20th century!

You can now reach me by e-mail on America Online at the address below!

Q. Dear Mr. College: I have a problem with my roommate. She comes in at two in the morning and starts talking on the phone. She knows I have classes early in the morning and does it anyway. How can I tell her to stay off the phone without being the bitch—Anonymous, Lafayette, LA

A. Dear Anonymous: Before I answer this, you'd better have a look at the following question which arrived on the same day I received your letter.

Q. Dear Mr. College. I have a problem with my roommate. When I come in at two in the morning and start talking on the phone, she wakes up. It's very distracting, and I find it hard to concentrate on my conversation. How can I tell her to sleep more soundly without being the bitch?—Anonymous's Roommate, Lafayette, LA

A. Dear Anonymous & Anonymous's Roommate: COINCIDENCE?

Maybe... but I don't think so. Now you two crazy kids need to find a way to resolve your differences. May I suggest a good old-fashioned battle to the death. It's very decisive, and the winner gets her own room!

Q. Dear Mr. College: What's your favorite "Brady Bunch" episode?—Brady Guy, Washington, DC

A. Dear Guy: It's a toss up between the episode where Gidget and Peter get liquored up and shave the dog, or that wacky two-parter when Marcia gets pregnant with Davy Jones' baby.

Mr. College Question Contest!

The best question I receive this semester is worth $100! Send your questions to: Mr. College • P.O. Box 30094 • Bethesda, MD 20824-0094

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Short Fiction: Sir Malcom’s Quest

By Shelby Joy Rich

The forest was cold and damp as the young boy climbed over the fallen trees with their deep roots still implanted into the ground. The dark deep forest was like a long tunnel that one could only get through by slowly feeling their way along step by step. Sir Malcom looked up trying to catch a glimpse of moonlight through the heavy mass of branches that covered his night sky. Carrying nothing but the torn clothes on his thin, naked body, he crawled and climbed was way through the harsh forest. He was in search of The Land of Wise. "I have traveled for days, and for what?" he asked himself. Sir Malcom squinted his eyes in hope of seeing an end to the deep, dark forest. But there was no end in sight, no sign of the trees lessening, or the darkness being pierced by the light of the day. "Oh h, h," he sighed, "I may never find an end to this deep dark forest! Where is my light? Where is my hope of finding The Land of Wise?" he cried as he leaned his back up against a tall, old tree. Sir Malcom slithered down the side of the old tree and sat in a ball at its large roots. He lay his weary head onto his lap and began to sob.

"My dear boy! What's seems to be the matter?" a low toned, old voice inquired.

Sir Malcom jumped to his feet and turned around, nearly losing his balance. He stepped back and took a long hard look at the old tree.

"I ask you again, my child, what seems to be the matter?"

"Did ... did ... I hear you correctly? Oh my mind must be going by the long journey! Did I ... just hear you speak?" asked Sir Malcom.

"Of course you did my child! Who did you think it was ... a bush? ... the ground you are standing upon right now?" the wise old tree said joyfully, yet sarcastically.

"But, Sir Malcom couldn't find the words to fill what was taking place in his mind.

"Oh come now, little one, I'm not that scary, on the contrary, I am quite distinguished in my old age. Now what was I heard you say you were looking for?"

Sir Malcom straightened his back, stood still and stared at the old tree, "I, in fact, am looking for The Land of The Wise. I was sent in search of the land to find a cure through deserts and more forest beyond. He climbed up mountains of trails and down valleys of death. Through the swamps of sin and floods of tears, the young boy traveled. Yet in his rebellion of the truth, and failure to trust and believe the old tree, the wise old one's love for the young boy never ended. Through sunrise and sunset the old tree patiently waited for the day the young warrior would crawl back to him and take shelter in his wide branches of love.

"Oh my dear young child," the old tree chuckled, "My little lost sheep, can you not see that The Land of Wise is the actual ground you are standing upon this very moment? Can you not yet see that you are speaking with the One wisest of them all?"

Sir Malcom stared hard into the deep warm eyes of the old tree. A sour look arose across the young boy's face as his eyes squinted harshly at the old tree. "You must be the most foolish of them all to believe that I, being the Sir that I am, could believe such a falsehood. I am wasting not only the hour shared with you, but also the very air that I breathe in your company! I will find The Land of Wise! And you, my Lord, are certainly not it!"

With that, Sir Malcom was gone. Once again stumbling over the rocks and deep implanted roots of the deep, dark forest. In an instant the darkness had covered him and one could not longer even see the shadows that would follow. He was gone.

The dear, wise, old tree, however, knew that this would not be the end of Sir Malcom. For in his great wisdom he knew the young boy, a boy of such might yet so weak, would return.

Sir Malcom endured several years of wandering through deserts and more forest beyond. He climbed up mountains of trails and down valleys of death. Through the swamps of sin and floods of tears, the young boy traveled. Yet in his rebellion of the truth, and failure to trust and believe the old tree, the wise old one's love for the young boy never ended. Through sunrise and sunset the old tree patiently waited for the day the young warrior would crawl back to him and take shelter in his wide branches of love.

"Oh, my Lord," he cried out in repentance.

The old tree reached out his branches and welcomed the weary Sir Malcom. "Oh my child, my little lost sheep come and rest in my branches."

Sir Malcom, his quest finally over, crawled up and feel on his knees at the roots of the wise old tree.

Because He Cared

by: Young

I owe my life to Christ Jesus who died one day for me.

He had a crown of thorns, a slash in his side, and was nailed to a tree.

Only twelve of a thousand men ever believed a word he said; And even that very special one denied him before he was dead.

On the day that Jesus died the realization had begun, Everyone in his presence knew they had killed God's son.

Three days did finally pass and a miracle was made. The Savior arose from the dead so that the world could be saved.

In doing this he paved the way so my life would be spared. Christ did this because he loved me and he did this because he cared.

Attention Poets

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The National Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.
**Your Monthly Horoscope**

Mystically compiled by Doug Ellefson and Sara Bisson

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-April 20)
Take some time to listen to your heart, it is trying to tell you something. Careless behavior will prove to be financially binding if you're not careful. Save.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 21)
Lending money to a friend may not be the best idea. Eating fiber will keep you on your toes, and keep you alive longer. Keep your eyes open for deals that seem too good to be true. Be cautious.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21)
Quiet isolation reveals new aspects on life. New ways of thinking are only almost complete. Warm others.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22)
Kisses in the night may come back to haunt you. Only you can tell what is the best decision. Let opinions exist solely as what they are, take charge of your own life. Fun.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)
Financial situations prove to be not such a big deal. Life is short and needs your full participation. Keeping pocket change in the car will put a smile on your face. Revive.

**VIRGO** (Aug 23-Sept. 22)
Bad habits would be best to be dropped before spring. Letting go of negatives will leave you open for positive rewards. Honesty will bring to you a happy day. Share.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Family looks at you in a new light due to your actions. Remember to tip waiters and those with service jobs. Thank someone that you normally wouldn't. The changing of the seasons holds magic for you. Tell the truth to everyone.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Setting personal goals will leave you enriched at the end of the day. Place more emphasis on the power of love. Wave at a kid on a school bus. Eat healthy.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)
Lean on others for strength in times of weakness. Those who care will always be there for you. Don't forget to look over your shoulder when it's dark. Go on a date. Good deeds keep you in good standing. Strive to be.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
Flowers bring a smile to someone close to you. Send some. Taking on a challenge will help you grow in more ways than you realize. Spend time with your grandparents, you'll be glad you did. Gain.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)
Strengthening your ability to think creates a whole new you. Making others feel good comes back to you in other ways. Life may tend to overwhelm you. Take extra precautions while driving on freeways. Tell your parents you appreciate them. Music may be the key to your dreams biggest lock.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)
The judicial system comes into your life in an uncommon way. Take extra precautions while driving on freeways. Tell your parents you appreciate them. Music may be the key to your dreams biggest lock.