Hey Everyone – It’s Ag-Arama Time Again!!

Valerie Nowacki and Bill Rinkenberger
Guest Writers

By now most of you have probably had a chance to look through the 1994-1995 yearbooks that were recently issued. You may have come across fun-filled pictures of last year’s Ag-Arama. I emphasize “fun” because as you may have noticed everyone pictured is having a great time!

Mark your calendars because this year’s Ag-Arama is scheduled for Friday, January 19 and Saturday, January 20!

All activities during Ag-Arama are planned by UMC students who have appointed themselves to a variety of committees. All of the organization and decision making for this festival is done by these dedicated committee members who are advised by a very supportive faculty member, Buck Tillotson.

So, what exactly is Ag-Arama? Ag-Arama is similar to a county fair in that it is a time for students to showcase their knowledge and skills in their individual areas. This event is open all students on campus as well as alumni from the Crookston community.

Contests are held for ag aviation, agronomy, soils and ag chemicals management. There are also contests in mechanized agriculture, horticulture, natural resources, and animal science showmanship with competitions in horse, beef, sheep, swine, and dairy.

Most of these activities planned for Ag-Arama will take place in the arena of the University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC) located north of campus. The showmanship contests start at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Like Homecoming, Ag-Arama has royalty—King and Queen, Prince and Princess. At noon on Saturday, coronation will be held. The King and Queen are chosen from juniors or seniors, and the Prince and Princess are either freshman or sophomore students.

The royalty candidates are nominated by Agricultural Management faculty, and they complete an application, write an essay, and go through an interview process. A final election is held, and the whole student body take part in it. Voting times will be publicized in January.

Throughout the day on Saturday, there will be all sorts of games. These games are definite crowd pleasers. They include sand volleyball, the broom-barrel race, bat race, three-legged race, pole toss, seed, match, and log splitting, tug-o-war, and calf tying—just to name a few. These games are hilarious to watch but are even more fun to participate in. Other fun events include the ever popular egg-toss and, yes, the pie-eating contest.

You’re sure to work up an appetite having such a terrific time so a hearty dinner of barbecues, beans, potato salad, chips, brownies, lemonade and coffee will be served from 12:30 p.m.-1 p.m. If you have a UMC meal card, you can use it to pay for your meal. Otherwise, the cost is just four dollars.

The weekend is topped off with what is known as the “best dance of the year.” It will be held Saturday night at the Crookston American Regal, the UMC Golden Eagle mascot, is pictured in the holiday spirit with student Denise Albright, Chancellor Don Sargeant, student Doug Larson, and student Nancy Hanson. UMC student Trevor Bresken submitted the name Regal, and won the $100 prize in the name-the-mascot contest.

UMC Nominated For Leadership Award

UMC News Release

The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) has been nominated for the Pew Leadership Award for the Renewal of Undergraduate Education. This award is designed to recognize a select number of institutions that have made significant transformations in the way they are organized to support undergraduate education. Up to three institutions will ultimately be eligible for grants of $250,000 to support two years of continued renewal work.

The Pew Charitable Trusts program was initiated in October of 1995 with a national nomination process. The program recognizes colleges and universities that have taken bold steps to redesign their academic environments for the purpose of improving undergraduate education. It is managed by the Institute for Research on Higher Education at the University of Pennsylvania.

Candidate institutions must demonstrate progress in efforts to redesign the undergraduate curriculum to reflect the needs of today’s students and today’s society.

UMC implemented an applied technology component to its curriculum in 1993 as it moved from a two-year to baccalaureate institution. All full-time students are issued notebook computers with access to word processing, spreadsheets, databases, e-mail and the World Wide Web. At UMC, the mobile computer has replaced the barriers of time and space. Now technology goes wherever students go.

Nominated institutions will submit a portfolio of existing documents, planning documents and communication materials no later than December 8, 1995. Up to six institutions will be selected for site visits between February 1 and March 15, 1996. Finalists will be invited to submit grant application to the Trusts by June 1, 1996. Formal approval by the Trusts’ board will occur in late September 1996.
Binge Drinking Common Among Freshmen

Marco Buscaglia
College Press Service

University of Illinois freshman Andrea Salow says she woke up with a hangover her second day away at school.

"The first night there, a bunch of us ended up in someone's room doing shots of Goldschlager," says Salow, 18. "Nobody knew each other yet, so we just sat around drinking, talking about high school and stuff."

Like many new students, Salow's first campus experience with liquor came before she was fully unpacked.

"I was sick the next two days," she remembers. "It wasn't exactly the way I wanted to start out at school."

Most college freshmen get drunk their first week on campus and begin a steady drinking routine that lasts throughout their stay at the university, according to a recent survey by the Harvard School of Public Health.

"The study indicates that college students drink early and often," says Henry Weschler, author of the study, which is the second part of a survey on binging drinking. "They find a routine and latch onto it rather quickly."

Drawing on data from the first study, which surveyed 17,592 students from 140 colleges across the nation, Harvard researchers questioned 720 freshmen from the 13 unidentified schools with the strongest levels of binge drinking.

According to Weschler, binge drinking is defined as consumption of five or more drinks in a row for men or four or more drinks in a row for women on one or more occasions during a two-week period.

The survey revealed that 68 percent of freshmen went on a drinking binge at some point during their first semester, with 54 percent doing so within the first week of school.

All of the freshmen surveyed said that alcohol was very easy to get on campus, and 96 percent said campus drinking rules had no effect.

"It's pretty easy to get beer or something whenever you want it," said Linda Arlington, a sophomore at Ohio University. "It was easy in high school, and then you had to rely on someone's older brother or something. Here, you just walk down the hall and give someone money."

In addition to drinking programs and student opportunities, 54 percent of the freshmen said they considered the social scene of the university when deciding where to go to school.

The survey also found that:

- More than half of the students said it was "appropriate" to get drunk with friends or at parties.
- 54 percent said they sometimes regret what they do when they get drunk.
- The same percentage said they sometimes can't remember things they've done after drinking.
- Male and female freshmen binge at the same rate.
- 84 percent said alcohol consumption was a problem on campus.

"We hope that the President will veto this dangerous legislation and that follow-up negotiations will set student aid as a priority," said Kevin Boyer, NAGPS Executive Director.

For more information about NAGPS and its efforts to preserve student aid, call (708) 256-1562.

Students Call for Presidential Veto

Compiled by
Pam Neil
UMCHE Representative, UMC Student Forum

In a letter to President Clinton delivered on Friday, November 17, student leaders from campuses in 45 states called upon the President to veto legislation that calls for cuts to student aid.

Both the Budget Reconciliation and the Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations Bills make cuts to student aid. While pro-student aid efforts have been successful in reducing the scale of the cuts, several billion dollars in cuts would still be made if the legislation became law.

The letter to President Clinton was organized by the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS) and the National Association of Students for Higher Education (NASHE). Other national associations signing the letter include the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) and the American Dental Student Association (ASDA). The letter is signed by 123 graduate student association presidents and student government presidents representing almost that many universities and colleges.

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Update on Student Financial Aid Cuts

Compiled by Pam Neil
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On November 20, President Clinton and Republican congressional leaders signed a continuing resolution (CR) to provide funds for government departments whose fiscal year 1996 appropriations had not yet been approved. The CR extends the deadline for appropriations bills until December 15.

The House has approved its version of the appropriations bill that funds student aid programs; the Senate version remains stalled because it includes controversial abortion and strike replacement provisions.

The CR also calls upon Congress and the president to formulate a plan to balance the federal budget by 2002; ensure Medicare solvency; reform welfare; and provide adequate funding for national defense, veterans, and the environment.

Administration officials and congressional budget negotiators began meeting this week to devise such a plan. Any agreement reached by the two sides would replace the omnibus reconciliation bill—H.R. 2491, the Seven-Year Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act—approved by Congress last week, which Clinton has vowed to veto.

The good news: The reconciliation bill would reduce spending on student loan programs by $4.9 billion—far less than the $18 billion called for by House Republicans early this year. Students and their families no longer would be asked to bear the brunt of the cuts, as originally proposed; the bill would impose much of the cuts on banks and guaranty agencies. In addition, a number of objectionable proposals were dropped due to intense pressure from the higher education community, including:

- A tax on colleges and universities of 0.85 percent of their student loan volume (reduced from the initial Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee proposal of 2 percent);
- Elimination of the in-school interest exemption for all students (proposed in the House Budget Resolution) and for graduate and professional students (included in the final Budget Resolution);
- Elimination of the interest-free six-month grace period; and
- An increase in the interest rate on parent (PLUS) loans.

The bad news: The bill would impose a restrictive and inadequate cap on discretionary spending that would reduce overall funding for education programs—including need-based grants, loans, and work-study—by $30 billion over seven years. It would require savings from the federal student loan program of $4.9 billion over that period. Among the cost-saving provisions:

- Cap direct lending at 10 percent of student loan volume.
- Eliminate the $10 fee paid to schools for each direct loan they originate.

- Require states to bear some of the default costs in the direct and guaranteed loan programs.
- In addition, the bill would phase out a tax provision, Section 127 of the Internal Revenue Code, that allows employers to reimburse their workers up to $5,250 per year for educational expenses without those funds being counted as income for tax purposes.

This is definitely the crunch time for education and student aid. Call the following members of Congress, as well as the President, and urge them to REMOVE THE CAP on direct lending and INVEST IN EDUCATION!

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Information taken from the NAGPS Web site
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Have you had your break today?
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Legion from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. If you are under 21, you will be stamped and not be served alcohol. Music is provided by KYCK, and all types of music will be played. Anyone is welcome and the cost is just $3/person or $5/couple.

Popcorn sales will be held throughout December and January to help raise money for the event. Also, this year will be the first year that commemorative T-shirts will be sold. The T-shirts will have the Ag-Arama logo on them. The T-shirts will be on sale during the same time as the popcorn sales.

Support UMC ag students. Check out Ag-Arama!

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If this writer sounds like he is plugging the AAC, I admit it-"I'm guilty. I have used the Academic Assistance Center quite extensively. This has helped improve my grades (which need improving) I have found the Academic Assistance Center to be a warm, friendly place to study or meet with tutors. It is also a great place to network with other students.

Something once said by a man who today is one of the largest industry leaders in the world sticks with me: "I am not the smartest man around, but I am smart enough to always surround myself with smart people." -J. R. Simplot

I feel this is just what I do by going t the AAC. Stop in give it a look see. Maybe you will like it; you're sure to find it helpful.

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Simply count the number of reindeer appearing in this issue of the Fourth Estate, write that number on the contest form below, and return the form to Box 999 before MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1996. All forms received by that date (with the correct number of reindeer indicated) will be put into a drawing for the free T-shirt.

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Sponsored by the Ag-Arama Planning Committee

Legislature to Consider New UMC Controlled Environmental Facility

Doug Ellefson  Staff Writer

UMC is proposing a new addition to the campus—a new facility that would replace our existing outdated greenhouse and serve as a year-round research and teaching facility for plant sciences. It would also help our campus better accommodate our programs in horticulture and natural resource management.

Some say greenhouse, but the proper term for the proposed new addition is the "Controlled Environmental Science Facility." This new facility has been drawing quite a bit of attention to our campus. The new facility is one part of a number of other additions the University of Minnesota system is proposing.

Here's a short summary in layman's terms of how the University system goes about acquiring new facilities. The entire state makes requests for things it wants. The University is just one of many institutions that wants new things. The University completes a list of requests for improvements and additions. This list is then broken down and certain things are dropped.

Our new facility is number four on a list of seven projects that the University has requested, right above number five, which is a new library on the Duluth campus.

A meeting of state legislators and University officials was held here on the UMC campus on November 20, when a formal proposal and presentation for our new facility was made.

Now keep in mind the simple fact that a meeting was held means that the new greenhouse is merely being considered. It seems to be up to the legislature to accept the proposal and put the process into motion. Take this for what you will, and remember we are talking about government. Sometimes things done within the government take a long time.

Now it seems all we can do is hope and wait, but in the words of UMC Chancellor Sargeant, the meeting in November "went well, and most seemed impressed." Looks like we may stand a great chance at getting that new facility.

Rick Lieberg  Staff Writer

There lies on the UMC Campus a spot known as the Academic Assistance Center (AAC). It lies off the beaten path for most UMC students.

Unfortunately, it is not well known to all students that the AAC's main goal is to help students succeed in their studies.

The AAC is directed by Dr. Marsha Odom and staffed by some very likable people. Claudia Barton is the peer tutor program coordinator and reader essentials instructor. Ellen Frenette's expertise serves her well as test taping coordinator and writing essentials instructor.

Then there is Paula Schulz, who handles the duties as coordinator and basic math instructor. She is well versed in all types of math, even statistics. Paula will be leaving UMC soon to pursue a graduate degree in math education at UMC. Best of luck, Paula.

I have had the pleasure to work with these women. They have all been a great help to me academically.

This center has a lot to offer. It is a place to meet with a peer tutor (something that Claudia Barton will set up). I had a very nice chat with Claudia just the other day. When asked what the Academic assistance Center has to offer, she gave this reply. The center consists of two large low/ study areas and one small office/testing area all in Owen Hall 212. The center provides a quiet study area for individual or small groups. The AAC's hours are: Mondays through Thursdays 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The AAC also is a place to make up a test or, if you suffer from test anxiety, it may be the space to take a test. This costs you nothing. It's a service provided by the University.

The AAC is being wired for 36 additional LAN connections, providing students with expanded LAN access for this segment of the campus. This will provide students more effective tutorial sessions, especially in math, IMS and developmental courses.


FFA Nominates David Hoff for Honorary American FFA Degree

UMC News Release

David Hoff, assistant professor of agricultural business at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC), received the National FFA Organization’s Honorary American Farmer Degree.

Hoff was nominated for the degree by the Minnesota FFA Association, and the nomination was approved by the National FFA Board of Directors at their recent meeting. The Honorary American FFA Degree is the highest honorary award presented by the FFA.

Presentation of the degree was made at the National FFA Convention in November. The degree ceremony was held during the Friday morning session of the convention.

Hoff joined the UMC faculty in 1967, and served as acting chair or the educational division for the 1988-89 academic year. He was a farm management lecturer at the Berkshire College of Agriculture in Burchells Green, England in 1978-79.

He has a bachelor of science degree in agricutural education and a master of science degree in agricultural economics, both from North Dakota State University.

FAA is a national organization of 427,415 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. The organization has 7,237 local chapters located throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. FAA’s mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier national activities and award programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom.

UMC Intercollegiate Horse Show Teams Successful

Jennifer Johnson
Staff Writer

While students were winding down from finals and heading home for quarter break, six equine students were gearing up for their first IHSA show after two previous trips (one hunt and one stock) had been canceled due to weather.

The team traveled to Purdue University, to compete on November 18 and 19. The team is coached by Melissa Hower, and we had several new students this year.

Results from their show:

Peggy Tessier: 5th over fences and two 5th in Novice flat
Melissa Cave: two 5th places on the flat
Meghan Ond: 4th and 6th on the flat
Callie Sordahl: 6th in Advanced Walk, Trot, Canter
Rebecca Jelinek: 6th in Beginner WTC
Shellie Gierach: 6th in Walk-trot

Recently the stock seat team traveled to the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana for two shows on December 3. This team is coached by Tami Lewis. Results from their show include:

Chuckie Raguse: 6th in open and 1st in pattern, High point rider for the first show of the day.
Juli Olson: 6th in open
Melissa Cave: 2nd and 3rd
Peggy Tessier: 2nd and 4th in advanced 1
Michelle Becker: 2nd in Intermediate II
Val Nowacki: 4th in Intermediate II
Callie Sordahl: 3rd and 4th in Intermediate I
Shellie Gierach: 1st and 6th in beginner Walk-trot
Jane Hoesly: 3rd and 4th in beginner WT
Meghan Ond: 1st and 3rd in Intermediate II

Both teams were very successful and look to be a threat to other teams once again in the running for points. The next hunt seat show we plan attend (weather permitting) is on February 10 at St. Mary of the Woods and the following day, February 11, at Purdue University.

We are also looking into attending the competition at the University of Iowa the last weekend of March. The stock seat team is hoping to go to the University of Illinois on March 23 for two shows and then continuing on to St. Mary of the Woods for two shows on the March 24.

Congratulations to these students, and good luck in future shows!

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World AIDS Day Quiz

Stacey Grunewald
UMC Student Health Nurse

December first, 1995, marked the eighth observance of World AIDS Day. This year’s theme was “Shared Rights, Shared Responsibilities”. Shared Rights deals with every person having the right to: be able to avoid infection, receive care and support if infected with HIV/AIDS, and be treated with dignity and without discrimination.

Shared Responsibilities means: individuals have the responsibility to protect themselves and others from infection; families and communities have the responsibility to educate their members on HIV/AIDS; governments have the responsibility to implement appropriate HIV prevention policies and to ensure that all citizens have equal access to available services.

As a part of World AIDS Day, UMC students who passed through the Conference Center on December first were asked to complete a questionnaire concerning HIV/AIDS. Sixty-nine people completed the quiz. Their answers and the correct answers are listed below.

1. HIV can be spread through which of the following?
   A. insect bites - 2
   B. everyday contact - 1
   C. sharing drug needles (including steroids) - 61
   D. sexual intercourse - 69

   The correct answers are C and D. You will not get AIDS from a mosquito bite. The AIDS virus does not live in a mosquito, and it is not transmitted through a mosquito’s salivary glands like other diseases such as malaria or yellow fever. You won’t get it from bed bugs, flies, or other insects, either. You cannot get AIDS from everyday casual contact. You can become infected with HIV/AIDS either by having sexual intercourse with an infected person or by sharing drug needles or syringes with an infected person.

2. You can tell by looking whether a person is infected with HIV.
   FALSE - 69
   TRUE - 0

   100% of the students got this question right. There is absolutely no way to tell just by looking at someone if they are HIV infected.

3. From the time a person is infected with HIV, he or she can infect others.
   TRUE - 64
   FALSE - 5

   The correct answer is TRUE. From the time a person is infected with HIV, he or she can infect others, even if no symptoms are present. HIV can hide in a person’s body for years without producing any symptoms.

4. Providing help to people infected with HIV or people with AIDS does not put you at risk of infection.
   TRUE - 47
   FALSE - 22

   The correct answer is TRUE. You won’t get HIV infection through everyday contact with infected people at school, work, home, or elsewhere. It can’t be passed on by things like spoons, cups, or other objects that someone who is infected with the virus has used. You cannot get it from everyday contact with an infected person.

   Some people who felt this question was false stated that in rare instances if you had a cut on your hand and came in contact with the blood of an infected individual, there is the possibility that you could become infected. The possibility of this happening is rare. The point of the question was to emphasize the fact that you will not get HIV/AIDS through everyday casual contact.

5. Babies can be infected by their mothers during pregnancy, birth, or very rarely, breast-feeding.
   TRUE - 67
   FALSE - 2

   The correct answer is TRUE. A woman who is HIV infected can pass the virus on to her baby during pregnancy, birth, or in rare instances, when breast-feeding. If a woman is infected before or during pregnancy, her child has about one chance in 3 of being born with the virus.

6. If you have sexual intercourse only with members of the opposite sex, you cannot be infected with HIV.
   TRUE - 5
   FALSE - 64

   The correct answer is FALSE. HIV does not discriminate. You do not have to be a homosexual or an IV drug user to become infected. Both males and females can become infected and transmit the infection to another person through intercourse. HIV infection among women and teens is increasing at a rate four times greater than any other group. The number of HIV infected teens in the United States doubles every 14 months!

7. If they are used properly, condoms are an effective, but not foolproof, way to prevent the spread of HIV.
   TRUE - 66
   FALSE - 3

   The correct answer is TRUE. Latex condoms (though not foolproof) are known to help prevent the transmission of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. Condoms can break during intercourse. Use them properly every time you have sex. Condoms in combination with a spermicide are the best preventative measure against the AIDS virus. The only sure way to avoid infection through sex is to abstain from sexual intercourse.

8. The more sexual partners you have, the greater your chances of becoming infected with HIV.
   TRUE - 69
   FALSE - 0

   The correct answer is TRUE. Since many infected people have no apparent symptoms of the condition it’s hard to be sure who is or is not infected with HIV. So, if you choose to have more sexual partners, you increase your chance of encountering someone who is infected, and becoming infected yourself.

   Every time you decide you are ready to become sexually active, do so only with an uninfected partner in a mutually faithful, long-term relationship, such as marriage.

9. If you think you’ve been exposed to HIV, you should seek counseling and be tested.
   TRUE - 69
   FALSE - 0

   The correct answer is TRUE. If you are concerned that you engaged in behaviors that have placed you at risk for HIV infection you need to talk to someone about getting an HIV test that will determine if you are infected. Please stop by Student Health, 111 Bede Hall, or call 281-8512, if you want more information. The National AIDS Hotline is 1-800-342-AIDS.

Thanks to all those who participated in World AIDS Day to help make it such a successful event.
Andrew Svec
Newspaper Advisor

This is the fifth year of publication for The Fourth Estate. In five years UMC has seen many changes—baccalaureate programs, computers for every student, a new arena—but soon it may see a less positive change. This very newspaper is in danger.

Why is it in danger? Has it touched upon a controversial topic? No. There are basically two reasons why the paper is in danger.

First, student participation. We have some good writers on staff, but not enough of them. It's difficult to put together an interesting paper with only six or seven student articles. Thank goodness for faculty and staff participation. But we still need you—yes, you UMC students—to take part. This paper is supposed to be YOUR voice, YOUR outlet, YOUR organization.

Maybe we should ask if UMC needs a student paper. Personally, I think it does. But maybe you have a different opinion. If you do, we'd sure like to hear what you like or don't like about the paper so we can improve it. Send your suggestions or letters to the editor to UMC box 999.

Second, costs of printing. Paper and printing costs have risen tremendously over the past two years. We do receive $.50 per student per quarter from activities fees, and we have a busy ad manager who goes from local business to business trying to get ads. That's the part where you, as UMC students, come into play again. Please use the coupons in this paper. Show the local businesses that their advertising is effective. Mention that you saw a business ad in The Fourth Estate. That way local businesses will be more willing to advertise with us.

Finally, if you have and interest in working on the paper—news writing, creative writing, taking photos, doing layout, sending in club reports—please come to our next staff meeting. We will meet TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1996, at 5:00 p.m. in our new office, 211 Bede Hall (upstairs, next to Campus Ministry). Stop by and find out what we do.

I hope you will all take a more active role regarding The Fourth Estate. Read it, respond to it. We need you!

Send your ATTITUDES or OPINIONS to UMC Box 999. Voice your thoughts!

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A Politically Correct Christmas Story

'Twas the night before Christmas and Santa’s a wreck,
How to live in world that’s politically correct?
His workers no longer would answer to “Elves.”
“Vertically Challenged” they were calling themselves.
And labor conditions at the North Pole
Were alleged by the union to stifle the soul.
Four reindeer had vanished, without much propriety,
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How to live in world that’s politically correct?
'Twas the night before Christmas and Santa’s a wreck,
Were replaced by four pigs, and you know that looked stupid!
Second-hand smoke from his pipe had his workers quite frightened.
His fur-trimmed red suit was called “unenlightened.”

And to show you the strangeness of life’s ebbs and flows
And had gone on Geraldo in front of the nation
Demanding from now on her title was Ms.
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And to show you the strangeness of life’s ebbs and flows
And had gone on Geraldo in front of the nation
Demanding three million in due compensation.
Nothing of leather, nothing of fur.
Nothing that claimed to be gender specific.
Nothing that clamored or made lots of noise.
Nothing that’s warlike or unscientific.
Nothing fully acceptable was to be found.

So Santa just stood there, disheveled, perplexed;
He tried to be merry, tried to be gay.
He just could not figure out what to do next.

Late one Christmas Eve, I awoke to the sound of a soft thump up on our house’s rooftop. Now, I
was in the fifth grade at that time and I had almost given up the thought of there being a real Santa
Claus. But slowly and softly, as the footsteps seemed to continue down the ridge of the roof, I began to
wonder. Was this really Santa? Could it possibly be Santa Claus on our roof? The Santa Claus? I
went downstairs quietly to see what all the clatter was about and as I ran into the living room,
there he sat: my father, not Santa. “What are you doing up so late?” He turned to ask me after he had
shut off the television.

“1-1-1 thought I heard something…” I stammered, “…on the roof!” I added after some moments of
hesitation. Perhaps he would laugh at my childish behavior. I didn’t care. After all I had heard it, that I
was sure of.

He looked at me quizzically, “I thought you were too old to believe in Santa Claus, Laura.” He
looked at me even more intently. “Besides, I didn’t hear anything. Now, off to bed with you. Don’t
worry about it. It’s probably just the wind and the trees that are making all the noise.”

When I reached the top step, I heard the sound of the springs in my mom and dad’s double bed
squeaking and I knew he had given up staying awake for the rest of the night. Although I was a little
precautious after what I had heard, I knew there was nothing to fear and climbed back into bed. As
soon as I pulled the covers over my head, I swear I heard the sound of faint bells. Reindeer bells. I
stumbled out of bed and ran to the window. Then I heard the distinct sound of a hoof pawing the roof.
My heart pounced as I spun away from the window. “He’s here.” I whispered breathlessly.

Quietly, I snuck down the staircase and back into the living room, this time to face a childhood
fantasy rather than my father. There he sat, more jolly than I ever imagined him to be. His cheeks
were definitely rosy red, his eyes sparkled with delight, and oh how his tummy rolled like a bowl full of
jelly when he laughed his merry laugh. He turned as I entered the room and I got a perfect glimpse of
the outfit he was so famous for wearing. Bright red it was, with gleaming, furry white trim. It had the
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Hanukkah: "Festival of Lights"

Pam Reiss
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again. Most people are thinking about Christmas. Where they are going to spend it with. If they will get all their shopping done in time. All you have to do is go into a local mall, and you know Christmas is upon us.

But not all people celebrate Christmas. Some people celebrate Kwanzaa, an African-American heritage festival. Others don't celebrate anything at this time. Still others, like myself, celebrate Hanukkah.

Often people who don't celebrate Hanukkah ask me if it's the Jewish version of Christmas. Other than the fact that both holidays are celebrated around the same time of year (Christmas on December 25th and Hanukkah on the 25th day of the month of Kislev, which follows the lunar calendar and usually ends up in December), they have nothing to do with each other.

Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ. Hanukkah commemorates the victory of the Jews over the Syrians. The Syrians had come in and tried to concur the Jews. But a Jewish family, the Maccabees, led by Judah, helped the Jews fight off the attempt.

When the Maccabees returned to the Holy Temple—the most sacred place for the Jews—they found it had been defiled by the Syrians. They cleaned up the mess and prepared to rededicate the Temple to the service of God.

Now, Why is Hanukkah known as the "Festival of Lights," and why is it celebrated for eight days?

The Maccabees were trying to get the Temple ready for the rededication but couldn't find enough oil to light the lamp. It was all gone or had been poured out by the Syrians. Finally, they found a very small amount of pure oil in one of the Temple chambers. Enough oil for no more than one night. But a miracle occurred. The small amount of oil lasted eight days, enough time for more oil to be produced.

To commemorate this miracle, candles are lit every night during the holiday. Starting with one candle on the first night, another candle is added each night throughout the eight-day holiday.

It has also become a tradition with many families to eat certain foods. Although not popular with today's health conscious eating habits, the traditional foods are all fried. Two of the usual foods to partake in are jelly filled donuts (jambusters) and Latkes (potato pancakes). This is to remember the miracle of the oil.

In the past, parents used to give their children "Hanukkah Gelt" or a small amount of money. Some people don't bother with gifts at all, while others go all out and give one gift per night. While the idea of giving "gelt" or coins is usually passed over these days, many people still give the "chocolate gelt." Those gold covered chocolate coins are a symbolic token of the gelt that used to be traditional.

However you celebrate Hanukkah, it is a joyous occasion. One that families spend together, playing games of "dreidel" (a small top with the Hebrew letters on it representing "Neis Gadol Hayah Sham" or "a large miracle happened here"), singing songs in English, Hebrew and Yiddish, and enjoying the traditions that have been carried down for thousands of years.

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Looking down, I noticed his bright red sack lying in a heap upon the carpeted floor, empty. I looked back up and couldn't help but notice that his eyes had lost their glimmer of merriment. He now wore a more whimsical look, as if he were pondering whether to tell me something or not. As if he was unhappy about something. As if he was disappointed? No. He looked as if he had to... I couldn't understand.

"Wow! The real Santa Claus, white beard and everything!" I said, thinking it would cheer him up somehow. He gazed sadly at me for a second or two and then stooped down to pick up his empty sack. He was having some trouble reaching all the way around that big stomach of his, so I swept it up for him saying, "Here. Let me help you with this." I handed it to him and he nodded his approval, then swung it over his shoulder. He turned to go. "Wait! You didn't get your milk and cookies!"

called after him and he turned back to look at me one last time. Then, in a flash, he was gone.

Feeling a little depressed, I flopped down on the sofa. Santa Claus had been in my house! He was real! He hadn't said a word... I let my arm drop on the arm rest and felt something underneath it. Picking up a worn piece of paper, I flipped on the light to take a closer look at it.

Dear Laura,

You are beginning to look older and act more grown up with each passing year and as much as I love to see you blossoming into adulthood, I fear it just the same. For after some time you might become too old to believe in me, and I thank you for that. I have always believed in you too.

I shall not be coming to your home next Christmas because Philip no longer believes in me. Once the youngest in a household stops believing, I can no longer visit that house. You have held on to your beliefs for so much longer than the rest of your family. Please, don't stop believing. In me, and in yourself.

Love,
Santa

"Laura! Laura! Wake up! It's Christmas! Get up! We've got presents to open!" Groggily, I wiped my eyes and peered upward into my little brother's smiling face. I looked past him and saw the tree.

"How did I get down here?" I asked him.

"I don't know! But isn't it wonderful? The presents, I mean." He bounded up to the Christmas tree and picked up medium-sized, green package with bright red ribbon tied to it. He shook it, then turned it over to look at the tag, "It's for you." He said matter-of-factly. Dreamily, I glanced over at him.

"Who is it from?" I asked him. I was beginning to think that I had dreamt the whole thing with Santa Claus. I had probably walked down here in my sleep after I had seen dad, then dreamt the episode up on the couch.

Phil turned and looked at me kind of goofy. "Who is it from?" I asked him again, this time a little more forcefully.

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UMC Multicultural Club "Visits" Ecuador Via UND

Karla Beckman
Staff Writer

UMC's Multicultural Club visited UND's Multicultural Club on Thursday night, December 7. Both groups learned about Ecuador and its people's culture.

Ecuador is the smallest Andean Country. The capital is Quito and has a population of eleven million, with approximately 48% of the population living on the coast and about 46% in the highlands. The remainder live in the jungle region of the Oriente.

The urban population is 55%. The remaining rural population is mainly indigenous, and people living in the country are often referred to as Campesinos (peasants or farmers). The official national language is Spanish, and the official currency is the sucre.

A lot of what the club learned involved the country's music and musical instruments. Most of the instruments are made out of various animal parts: animal hides for the drums; animal claws for rattles; animal horns. The bases of the guitars were formerly made of armadillo hides, but that was outlawed in the 70's.

The club enjoyed rice milk, Ecuadorian meatballs and shrimp, which is a traditional entrée in Ecuador.

Kathy and Leo Lara entertained the group. They sang Latin American folkloric music. The music reflected much of the Ecuadorian cultural. African culture has some influence on Ecuadorian culture, and African music plays a major role.

Both Kathy and Leo interpreted what the music meant as they sang. They also explained what the instruments were used for. Lara encouraged audience participation, letting people get involved by playing some of the instruments.

The club would like to thank Mario Prada for driving us over to Grand Forks. It was greatly appreciated.

For more information about taking part in the UMC Multicultural Club, contact President Merand Jacobsen, UMC box 203, or Vice-President Sharad Barkatagi, UMC box 318. Interested students can also contact advisors Mario Prada at extension 8508 or Rae Howe at extension 8573.
Jonathan Dixon  
Faculty/Staff Writer

I've been thinking about change. That is partly because a number of things have been changing in my life recently--in school, in my thinking, in relationships--and it is partly because the editor asked me to consider writing a column about change.

So, as is my way, I took this coincidence as a sign and an inspiration, and you get to read the fruits of my thought (sour and shriveled though they may be).

College students know all about change, of course. Freshmen entering college for the first time don't need to be told that, and seniors about to leave school don't either. The whole college experience itself is a transition time, moving from home and parents to moving out into the world.

One obvious thing about change is--it's scary. There can also be excitement, happiness, sadness, regret, and a million other emotions. But by definition change involves an element of uncertainty. It is a process of moving from one state to a different state, from the known to the unknown; and, in my experience at least, the accompanying feeling of uncertainty can be one of the worst feelings in the world.

Unfortunately, that's the way it goes.

If you don't like it--tough. Deal with it.

I say that completely bluntly and seriously; but I also say it as a counselor, with all the sincere compassion, empathy and understanding I can muster. The job of a counselor is change: to help people deal with changes in their lives, or to help them change themselves to improve the quality of their lives.

Life is change. Nothing is permanent. Everything changes and eventually ends. If you can't accept that, you're not really alive. If you fight change and try to hang on to old obsolete routines and patterns, you can only end up frustrated and depressed. It's an impossible fight, and it is death to the spirit.

I do not mean to promote the idea, as some do, that change in and of itself is good, and that anything old is bad, and that we must force change for it's own sake. That is obviously not true.

There is a lot of good in the old, and I'm a firm believer in the adage, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." But eventually everything breaks, or wears out, or falls apart, or outlives it's usefulness. Everything ends. To deny that is to deny life.

Life is change; in a sense that is the same as saying life is loss. Change involves cutting ties with the past, and that often involves sadness. Again, that's the way it goes. Sorry. We can't hide from that fact. If we really want to live, we have to embrace it.

And that is the key--the positive point in this otherwise pretty dismal column. We can embrace change. We can embrace the sadness and the fear that go along with it, and with that we also embrace the excitement and challenge of living. You may be scared and sad, but at least you're feeling--you're alive.

One of the best pieces of advice I ever heard was from a successful actor I know in the Cities. He said, "At one point I decided to do only the things which scare me to death." That is embracing uncertainty.

And as someone else once said, "Sadness is the food of growth." Everything ends, but everything begins too, and we can have a say in the changes which affect us--if we only accept them. We can effect change as well as be affected by it. It's not a one-way street.

The world changes and grows, and because we are a part of the world, so do we: our life situations, our relationships, our bodies... We have to ride change, like a boat on the ocean, not fight it. And when we can learn to do that, our life improves, for we can learn to value the past and learn from it, and we can gain hope by realising that the bad times we are in now must end as well.

And realising that the good things in our lives must eventually end, we can enjoy them to the fullest now, while we have them--and then let them go without regret.

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Men’s Basketball Team Will Rise to the Challenge

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"Challenges may be stepping stones or stumbling blocks; it's a matter of how you view them."

--Jackson Brown

Every day the sun rises we are faced with challenges, whether it be taking that chemistry test or finding out how we are going to pay the credit card bill. This year's men's basketball team faces a challenge every time it steps onto that hardwood floor.

Currently the team is standing with a record of 0-8. In playing teams that are ranked in the top ten in the nation in Division II and Division III, we find challenges that are exciting.

So far we have played the number one ranked team in Division III, the University of Platteville out of Wisconsin and the number one ranked team in the NCC, the University of South Dakota, who is ranked eighth in the nation in Division II.

We have traveled down to Fargo to play the Bison, who are ranked third in the NCC. We have also faced Concordia--a preseason favorite in the MIAC Conference--along with a very improved Bemidji State team.

Moorhead State, one of the top ranked teams in the NSIC, Augsburg, and Southwest State have traveled to Crookston over the past month. In losing to Augsburg in OT and to Southwest State by 4, we have realized that the pieces to the puzzle are there--we just need to put it together.

We will conclude our pre-season schedule against St. Cloud State, Bemidji State, UND, California College out of PA., Colorado College, and UM-Morris. We will then begin our NDCAC Conference schedule on January 4 against U of Mary. This will be our first year officially as a member of the NDCAC Conference.

Coach Senske adds, "I am pleased with the way we have practiced and played this year. Almost everywhere we have played the media has taken interest in our men's basketball program and the direction our institution is moving.

"This program has made a commitment to compete at this level and will continue to do so in the future, although our program has not shown this in the win column. I anticipate this team will give a real accounting of themselves before the season ends."

In continuing on our journey down the road to success, we realize that there will be many more challenges that our team will face. As Jackson Brown states, "It's not how far you fall, but how high you bounce." With a 0-8 start we have not fallen because we know how high we can bounce.

Hang on with us through our journey of challenges. We might just bounce on a bus down to Idaho. If we do, we want you to continue to bounce with us.

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We apologize to the UMC Hockey Team and the UMC Women's Basketball Team for not including articles in this issue. We had trouble finding a reporter to cover women's basketball, and our hockey reporter had difficulties setting up a time to meet with the coach.

We will try to do better, and we wish all UMC athletes the best of luck this season!
Night of the Dogs and the Christmas Mongoose

An entirely different kind of holiday story...

Mark Graffstrom
Staff Writer

I was stunned. This was crazy. Santa Claus isn't real, I thought to myself. "This is the biggest load of B.S. I have ever heard. But who else would be living up at the north pole?" There was much skepticism, but there it was. I wired from the Associated Press:

June 23, 1995--Air Force polar expedition outpost Tango reported they had spotted wreckage of a large fortress on the coast of northern Greenland. Closer investigation uncovered that there had been a mishap pertaining to the storage of non-dairy creamer. This caused an explosion that involved non-dairy creamer dust and ten to fifteen propane storage silos. Fifty-six bodies have been pulled from the wreckage. Air force personnel rescued twenty-four people of which fourteen were seriously injured. The USAF are withholding any clues to why the fortress was there.

--Associated Press

After this report came out, the news media managed to make it all very boring and dull in a couple of days. They didn't know anything, and the Air Force wasn't telling.

I got very sick of their feeble speculations. In general, the media really sucks. They produce a lot of low quality filler and mix it with the news. They have to do this to make the news report last a half an hour so it will fit in nice and tidy with the schedule.

I was sick of filler and schedules. I didn't need a group of overeducated dweebs to tell me what they thought was happening in the world. I can think just fine on my own.

I set myself free. Free from the translucent view of the world I was seeing through the media. I went to Greenland to see for myself.

Greenland is not a hard country to get into. You don't need a passport or anything. Just avoid being picked up by radar. This is done by flying very low.

In Greenland this is dangerous. The terrain is pretty much flat or just looks that way. A subtle rise is hidden because snow is one color. You can't tell if there is a hill in front of you unless it throws a shadow. At fifty feet you can easily kill yourself. It is a tricky job indeed.

The only alternatives are to fly higher or to fly at night with the landing lights on. Scratch flying higher unless you want to get killed.

There is much sensitive airspace around Greenland. You fly high, you get visible on radar, you get hunted by a guided missile, and you get your ass killed. Forget flying at night because this is the land of the midnight sun, okay genius? The only choice was to fly low.

This worked out fine until I had momentarily dug my landing gear into small snow hills a couple of times. This caused my stress level to go up until it wasn't fun anymore. I turned back. I had to find some other way. I would try the computer networks.

I didn't own a computer so I went down the street to my friend Dandilion's house. Dandilion is a real computer nut. He uses computers and electronics to escape from the world. His parents were among a group who tried to establish a commune in Alaska in early 1978. Everybody except the children in the group had been on a continuous acid trip for about ten years, so it is no wonder that the whole group was killed by food poisoning after an attempt at home canning.

By some queer twist of fate, the only survivor of the group was a four-year-old Dandilion. He was left to wander in the wilderness for four years before he was found by authorities. This left him emotionally scarred for life. If you ask him about it, he will say he just hates the whole freakin' world. At least he can channel his anger.

When I went to see him, he was writing a program for a radar tracking system for his homebuilt guided missiles. He had been so busy that he hadn't even heard about the discovery in Greenland. As soon as I told him about it he automatically started to gather information--his way.

First he tried correspondence on the Internet, but there were so many different rumors that he finally said nuts to that. Next he decided to go right to the source: The United States Air Force. It wasn't long before he hacked into the Pentagon's computer.

As soon as he got in he was blaz. That poor little Amiga was getting a workout. He had to work fast. You can't just meander through confidential Pentagon files and get away with it. You've got to burn thorough them copying them as fast as you can. In only ten minutes he was out. He had a lot to show for ten minute's of work: Fifty files, two of which where about the incident in Greenland. He just couldn't resist picking up some additional C.I.A. files he didn't have in his collection yet. He wanted to get back to work so he printed me some copies and sent me on my way.

When I got home I read the two USAF reports. The first report stated that of the survivors that were rescued one intrigued them. He was a man that went by the name of Santos.

It was reported that he had a puzzling injury. When rescuers arrived on the scene, Santos was impaled on a broken girder and was yelling obscenities like a demon. What puzzled the rescuers the most, however, was that there was an I-beam sticking through this man's chest and he was still breathing.

The second report said that he had escaped from military hands after three days, and there was a massive search going on. After a couple of days of thinking about it, I lost interest and forgot my enthusiasm, until Christmas Day the following year.

On that fateful day on December 25, 1996 the television networks where blasting a fantastic story about the killer dogs. It seems that there was a terrible epidemic of dog attacks. Dogs just all of a sudden turned into killing machines without warning. Nobody knew what was causing it, and the body count was going up.

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He wanted complete control over the world and in time he would have it. He had the power to do anything. Dog power. He had total control over their minds. He did this by using brain waves. Suddenly radio signals that move information within the brain.

All that was needed was the code to get the brain to respond. This code was very simple on dogs. A short code that is easily transmitted in a few seconds.

By using his Ham radio and a network of relay transmitters, he had every dog within range under his complete control. In only a matter of time he would have complete control over humans as well.

The future started to look very grim. Then General Nerd came on the scene. Do you remember my friend down the street? Well, he got pretty pissed over this idea of somebody taking over the world before he had a chance. Dandilion decided it would be easier to take control from the existing government than it would be from a pissed-off immortal.

He decided to end this little charade and help the US government regain control. He really hated to use up his guided missiles now, but there was no alternative. The biggest problem was to find the transmitters Santos was using, and he didn't have much time.

Dandilion was lucky that Santos stayed on the air as long as he did. There was just enough time for him to run a tracking program on his trusty Amiga. When he found the origin of the transmitter relay, he carefully plotted the latitude and longitude of the location. Quite a feat considering he couldn't use his G.P.S. radio. It was jammed too. Then he called me up, and I helped him load the missiles onto my dad's flatbed truck. We were off.

Dandilion couldn't risk using the guiding system for the missiles because they depended on radio waves. Something Santos had control over. No, these missiles would have to be unguided.

Dandilion had to figure out the exact angle of trajectory before the missiles were launched. When he had finished the calculations, Dandilion checked for radar. Sure enough Santos had a radar system. This meant that everyone within twenty miles heard them. It's not that Dandilion's missiles were that powerful; it was the explosions of all the residual fuels left in the abandoned oil refinery Santos was using for a hideout. For being an all powerful immortal and everything, Santos was pretty stupid.

Everything was finally back to normal. This time the military kept Santos under successful confinement. Dandilion had probably saved the world but preferred to stay anonymous. He couldn't risk the government finding out about such things as radar jammers and guided missiles in his possession because he would be arrested.

After the incident, Christmas was never the same again. Kids had nightmares about Santa Claus and a powerful commercial concept was destroyed. Sure the retail industry tried to create the "Christmas Mongoose," but it just didn't fly. As for me, I never look at a dog the same again. I'm just glad that I have control over my mind.
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Your Monthly Horoscope
Mystically compiled by Doug Ellefson

ARIES (Mar. 21 - April 19)
Looking to the future allows you to focus on the task at hand. Keep in mind your actions affect those around you. Remind yourself to love. Try role playing behind the door. Eat your vegetables.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)
Santa doesn’t bring goodies to everyone. Honestly allows you to make new friends. Send a gift to someone not expecting it and enjoy the feeling. Playing hard to get leaves you all alone.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Look deep inside to find the real answers. Wearing a mask only keeps the problem out of reach. Snow will bring you to a level of higher understanding. Your aura is blue. Holidays are a good time to make amends.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Light a candle and think about things. A ritual you have needs to be changed. Leaving someone in need leaves you alone. The phone offers you opportunity. Pay attention to the signs.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Finances may need some tending. Investigate all the options before making a decision. Don’t take earth for granted. Talk to your parents to see the light. Take yourself seriously each day. Eggs make you smarter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
It’s never as good as it looks. Travel through your mind when you’re confused. Marriage may be in your future. Personality is one and Originality is two. Do your best to understand others. Smile.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
Spiritually relieves stress if you will let it. Finding something lost leaves you with an answer. Drinking and thinking don’t always mix. The cure is right under your nose. Express yourself in a positive way. Pray to someone new.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
Travel only with the sound of wind. Remember what goes around comes around. Take the time to find the real you and remember what you see. Trust not only in what you do but what you feel. Play by the rules.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
New rituals may help relieve stress. Check the facts before you act. Troubles are avoided by allowing space. Ask the real questions to find the real answers. Clarity can be found in cooperation. Attempt to see the whole, not just the parts that make it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Try to outlive your words. Money in your pocket creates a great conversation. Offer yourself as the means to reconcile with an enemy. City lights clear your mentality. Shop now to avoid rushes. Find comfort in reality.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Manage your spare time effectively. Hope for the best and it shall be yours. Use your voice and make it heard. Loud does not always mean best. Expose yourself to the option of being wrong. Set the record straight with truth.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)
Contemplate the real reasons for your actions. Train your inner self to let go. Justice will smile on you. Apply the skills to pay the bills. Read between the lines when you feel nervous. The safety of stability leads you to act foolishly. Learn to sacrifice the temporary to respect the permanent. Find the time.

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