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Bus travel to the Twin Cities

Summary: Are you out on a limb when you want to visit St. Cloud or the Twin Cities because you don't own your own vehicle? UMM students had a vision that they could provide an environmentally feasible and an economically possible way for campus folks who need to travel to the Twin Cities on the weekend.

(September 17, 2008)-Students at the University of Minnesota, Morris had a vision that they could provide an environmentally feasible and an economically possible way for campus folks who need to travel to the Twin Cities on the weekend. They worked to make it happen.

UMM senior Doug Williams urged his friend, Patrick Chester to campaign for Morris Campus Student Association (MCSA) president in part on the platform of working to provide a bus by which students, staff and faculty could travel from Morris to the Twin Cities. Now as MCSA president, Chester is making good on his campaign promise. The plan makes sense on a variety of fronts, said Williams.

“It’s an environmentally sound idea,” explained Williams. “It will bring the campus closer to being carbon neutral by 2010, less cars on the road. It will also mean less wear and tear on many cars, while it won’t cause a great impact or create a ‘suitcase’ campus.” The bus route will travel to a concentrated area with stops in St. Cloud and Maple Grove.

The contract is with Ottertail Minn-Dakota Coaches out of Fergus Falls—the same company with which UMM contracts for all athletic travel. Cost is \$30 for students and \$50 for staff and faculty. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Information Desk in the Student Center.

The weekend schedule for departures, stops and arrivals is:

Friday 6 p.m. load North Lot Morris

6:15 p.m. depart Morris

7:45 p.m. arrive McStop St. Cloud/St. Augusta

8 p.m. depart McStop

8:45 p.m. arrive Maple Grove Transit Center

Sunday

7 p.m. load Maple Grove Transit Center

7:15 p.m. depart Maple Grove

8 p.m. arrive McStop St. Cloud/St. Augusta

8:15 p.m. depart McStop

9:45 p.m. arrive Morris

The bus schedule for the Fall Semester continues on the following dates: September 28, October 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 21 (fall break), 24, 26, 31, November 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21 and 23.

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