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Note: This is my last issue as editor of *Brief*. Thanks for four great years--it has been an honor to serve U faculty and staff statewide in this role. I look forward to working with you in a new position as director of communication in the Graduate School. Pauline Oo, editor of *eNews* and a former *Brief* editor, will take the helm until a new editor is in place. Please continue to send your *Brief* correspondence to brief@umn.edu. -Ed.

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THE U OF M AND WINONA STATE U announced a clinical laboratory sciences (CLS) partnership Jan. 7, which will begin enrolling students next fall. The U's Center for Allied Health Programs--now home to one of the oldest CLS baccalaureate programs in the nation--is developing a learner-centered educational system that students pursuing careers in allied health fields can access throughout Minnesota. The partnership focuses on universities in Rochester and will expand to other U and MnSCU sites statewide through an electronic learning platform. See the [news release](#).

A NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION PROGRAM WILL DEBUT AT UMTC JAN. 16. The current single-event program, which draws 100 new employees each month, will become a yearlong orientation with three main events--in the first, seventh, and twelfth months of employment--and smaller, specific training and information sessions, many based on employee responsibilities. The program will be required for all new UMTC employees. See "[A bigger welcome for new employees](#)."

PEOPLE: New holders of endowed chairs in the College of Education and Human Development are Department of Curriculum and Instruction faculty members Aaron Doering in learning technologies and Deborah Dillon in reading; new director of the Beckman Center for Transposon Research is Dan Voytas from Iowa State U; Dave Crane and Jeremy Todd are among the first to achieve national certification as educational facilities professionals; Doug Arnold is president-elect of the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

U OF M ANNUAL REPORT, approved by the Board of Regents Dec. 14, is now available [online](#) (PDF). Contact Terri Carlson at carl0769@umn.edu if you have questions about the report.

CONGRESS PASSED A BUDGET BILL Dec. 19 with \$555 billion for fiscal year 2008 for all federal agencies except defense, for which a bill had already passed. While NIH and NSF escaped cuts, many higher education programs are underfunded and the U's high-energy physics project called NOVA was put on hold. The second session of the 110th Congress will reconvene in the House Jan. 15 and the Senate Jan. 22. See the Federal Relations [update](#).

YOU'RE INVITED: 2008 LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING AND RECEPTION. Join other University supporters and President Bruininks in this annual event. You will get an insider's preview of the U's 2008 capital bonding request, generate enthusiasm with other U supporters, and learn how to share your story in a way that will help the leaders and citizens of Minnesota realize how the U touches everyone. Enjoy a light dinner buffet and learn what you can do to support the U. Jan. 23, 5:30-8 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Just before the event, UMD and UMM will hold sessions specifically for their alumni and friends, 5:15-6:15 p.m. Register by Jan. 17--see the [Legislative Network](#) or call 612-626-1417.

PHARMACEUTICAL CARE EXPERIENTIAL CLINIC PATIENTS NEEDED: Appointments are now being accepted at UMD and UMTC. Clinic experience helps U pharmacy students learn how to deliver medication therapy management services--a new health benefit covered by some insurers and government programs. In the presence of an experienced faculty member, an advanced-standing pharmacy student conducts a comprehensive assessment of all of a patient's medication-related needs. All U employees, relatives, and friends are encouraged to help prepare pharmacy students for this new professional responsibility. Free, though donations are accepted. For more information or an appointment, call 218-726-6800 at UMD or 612-625-7929 at UMTC.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL QUALITY FAIR. Lee Todd, Jr., who developed a business plan to drive improvements as president at the U of Kentucky, will give the keynote address. Staff and faculty will present posters to share improvement projects for teaching, learning, research, and work. Best practices and projects-in-process will be highlighted. Prizes will be raffled throughout the day, with a grand prize iPhone. Jan. 31, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. [Register](#) and reserve a box lunch.

MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM events coming up include an exhibit of four prize-winning Minnesota pastel artists (Jan. 9-March 23, reception Jan. 27); Extreme Winter Walkabout (Jan. 12 and Feb. 9); three-course teas (Wednesdays through March 27); and more. See the [arboretum](#).

Crookston:

THE WALTER AND ELINOR FEHR SCHOLARSHIP IN AGRONOMIC SCIENCE has been established for UMC students with a gift from the Fehrs. Walter Fehr, '57, currently teaches and researches soybeans at Iowa State U. Read the [news release](#).

PREVIEW DAY for new and prospective students and their families will be Jan. 12. Read the [news release](#).

Duluth:

THE UMD SNOW ADVISORY HOTLINE is up and running for winter 2008. Call 218-726-7669 for information about school closings, 24 hours a day. Read [more](#).

"AT HOME(S): A Window Into the World of Duluth's Collectors," curated by Renaissance art historian and Department of Art and Design faculty member Jennifer Webb, showcases unique items from wealthy Duluth homes of the early 20th century. Tweed Museum of Art, through March 16. The Community Curators Series draws on local collections including Glensheen Historic Estate, Tweed Museum of Art, Northeast Minnesota Historical Center, and UMD Library's Ramseyer-Northern Bible Society Collection. See [exhibit information](#).

Morris:

UMM AT THE LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING: An information session about UMM's Gateway Center project request will be held before the Legislative Briefing. Jan. 23, 5:15-6:15, Minnesota Room, McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. Read more about the [project](#), and register [online](#) or by calling Melissa Weber at 320-589-6414. If you have questions about the presentation, contact Christine Mahoney at mahoneyc@morris.umn.edu or 320-589-6398.

"SONG FOR MINNESOTA," a concert by singer, songwriter, and guitarist Ann Reed and guest pianist Dan Chouinard, will be part of the Minnesota sesquicentennial celebration. Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. Read the [news release](#).

Twin Cities:

AN UPGRADE OF THE CAMPUS WIRELESS NETWORK, approved by the regents, will provide security improvements and guest access. Information meetings to prepare for the change will be held Jan. 22, 9-10:30 a.m., 325 Coffman Union; Jan. 23, 9-10:30 a.m., 110 St. Paul Student Center; and Jan. 23, 1-2:30 p.m., 325 Coffman Union. Register by contacting wireless@umn.edu. Read more about the [project](#).

COURSE RESERVES FOR SPRING 2008: University Libraries offer course reserve services to help instructors provide course materials, publications, and other information resources to their students. Print- and Web-based services are available. Students can access electronic content from within the Libraries or remotely. See [Reserves](#) for more information about placing materials on course reserves for spring semester, or contact Jerrie Bayer at j-baye@umn.edu or 612-624-8530.

GRANTS FROM THE GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND will help neighborhoods impacted by the new Gopher football stadium to preserve their beauty, serenity, and security. Eligible applicants are neighborhood and business associations adjacent to campus as well as a student organization, the Residential Housing Association. Deadline for applications: April 1. See the [guidelines](#).

HEADLINERS: "GLOBAL WARMING'S REGIONAL IMPACT: Minnesota's Role in an Environmental Crisis," with Deborah Swackhamer, professor of public health and director of the Institute on the Environment, is next in the series. Jan. 10, 7 p.m., Continuing Education Conference Center. See [Headliners](#).

DIALOGUE ON THE INTERSECTIONS OF FAITH AND SEXUALITY will be the next discussion in a series on identity sponsored by the Office of Equity and Diversity. Panelists will include Phillip Sellow, associate professor, classical and Near Eastern studies; Anne Phibbs, director of the systemwide GLBTA Programs Office; and Charles Amjad-Ali, MLK professor and director of Islamic studies, Luther Seminary. Jan. 29, 2:30-4:30 p.m., 2-101 Hasselmo Hall. Space is limited; register by contacting oed@umn.edu or 612-624-0594. Read [more](#).

SAVE THE DATE: 13TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION, featuring Robin Morgan, March 15, Coffman Union. See the [schedule](#).

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY REOPEN? So is the Campus Club--it first opened in 1911 and, after Coffman Union renovation, reopened five years ago this month. U faculty and staff are invited to celebrate their birthdays at the Campus Club for lunch. Membership is not required, but some restrictions apply. See the [details](#).

MORE EVENTS include a workshop, "Preventing and Responding to Workplace Harassment" ([Jan. 10](#)); Minnesota TIGER Summit: Preparing for 2010 ([Jan. 11](#)); "Nature Play: Spectacular Snowflakes" ([Jan. 12](#)); *Changing Hands: Art Without Reservation* (closes [Jan. 13](#)); "Keeping Current in a Web 2.0 World" in the health sciences ([Jan. 14](#)); "Understanding Child Abuse: From Neurobiology to Social Policy" colloquium by Joan Kaufman, Yale U ([Jan. 15](#)); and Pride @ Work Meet and Greet ([Jan. 16](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE (CSC) CONSIDERS HEALTH CARE SAVINGS PLAN: A year ago, civil service staff member Kathy Soupir attended a retirement seminar sponsored by the Office of Human Resources (OHR). One of the topics that caught her attention was how to pay for retirement health care costs. She learned that the Teamsters union contract had a new benefit called the Health Care Savings Plan. Now the CSC and OHR are considering a similar plan for civil service employees with more than 10 years of service and 200 hours of accrued vacation time. Read more in "[A proposal for postemployment health care costs](#)."

HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH IN 2008: The Employee Wellness Program can help you stay motivated to achieve your fitness and nutrition goals. Under the new UPlan Fitness Rewards program, an employee who exercises eight times a month at a participating fitness center can receive a membership dues reimbursement of up to \$20 per month. And, for the third consecutive year, UPlan members who complete or repeat the online UPlan Wellness Assessment can earn UPlan Wellness Rewards for their participation in Health Connections. Read more in "[Here's to your health in 2008](#)."

PEOPLE: Cancer Center researcher Lisa Peterson is the first woman named chair-elect of the American Chemical Society's Division of Chemical Toxicology; dean emeritus Erwin Schaffer died Dec. 25--he was 85 and had served the U and dental profession for more than 60 years; interior design professor Denise Guerin received the 2007 American Society of Interior Designers Distinguished Educator Award. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

GOV. PAWLENTY RELEASED HIS BONDING RECOMMENDATIONS Jan. 14, which included \$225 million for bridges statewide, \$70 million for the Central Corridor light rail line, and \$129 million for the U--\$40 million for HEAPR and the balance for U-recommended projects (Science Classroom Building, UMD Civil Engineering, UMM Gateway Center, and Folwell Hall), except the Bell Museum. Read [President Bruininks's statement](#) and learn more about the [U's capital request](#).

LAST CALL TO REGISTER: LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING AND RECEPTION. Get an insider's preview of the U's 2008 capital bonding request and learn how to share your story to support the U. A light dinner buffet will be served. Jan. 23, 5:30-8 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Just before the event, UMD and UMM will hold sessions specifically for their alumni and friends, 5:15-6:15 p.m. Register by Jan. 17; see the [Legislative Network](#) or call 612-626-1417. Also register for district meetings for meet-and-greet with legislators. See [schedule](#) for meeting dates and locations.

JAN. 11 REPORT BY HUMPHREY INSTITUTE confirms the role redistricting plays in fueling further polarization between political parties. Former Vice President Walter Mondale and former Governor Arne Carlson, advisory board cochairs of the Institute's Center for the Study of Politics and Governance, have proposed the creation of a nonpartisan, independent redistricting commission to redraw the state's district boundaries and oversee the U.S. Census count in Minnesota every decade. Read the [Redistricting Reform Report](#) to learn more about the Mondale/Carlson proposal.

U RECEIVES \$150,000 FROM XCEL ENERGY for algae-to-biofuels research with Metropolitan Council. The research team is studying specific types of algae consisting of up to 40 percent oil. Extracted oils can be used to produce biodiesel, while the remaining wet biomass can be processed into bio-based products. Funding will support a pilot system to produce algae for the development and improvement of harvest, extraction, and conversion processes, as well as the collection of data necessary for further research and development. The gift comes on the heels of a recent announcement that five U research projects will receive more than \$4.5 million from the Xcel Energy Renewable Development Fund.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL QUALITY FAIR. Best practices and projects-in-process will be highlighted. Posters this year include how to bring researchers together for collaboration through Speed Dating and how to engage students in the classroom with Click technology. Keynote address by U of Kentucky president Lee Todd, Jr. Chance to win 1 of 45 door prizes and iPhone grand prize. Jan. 31, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. [Register](#) by Jan. 24 to reserve a free box lunch.

FREE COMPUTER TRAINING: University Technology Training Center (UTTC) has online, self-paced learning materials to upgrade your computer skills. Topics include Gopher Messaging, Microsoft Office 2007, Moodle, M Key, myU Portal, NetFiles, UMChat, UMCal, and WebVista 4. See [UTTC Tutorials](#).

Crookston:

"POWER OF A DREAM" SERIES KEYNOTE by Max Siegel, Global Operations president for Dale Earnhardt Inc., will be held in celebration of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. Free; donations will be accepted to support scholarships through the Black Student Association. Jan. 17, 6 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. Reception to follow. Read the [news release](#).

SEN. KLOBUCHAR will kick off her northwest Minnesota tour at UMC with a discussion on rural health care. Jan. 15, 7:40-8:30 a.m., Bede Ballroom A. Read the [news release](#).

Duluth:

UMD LAUNCHES ALL-U Ph.D. PROGRAM IN INTEGRATED BIOSCIENCES (IBS) that's set to begin in September 2008. The program will be one of three in the nation, and it will offer a dynamic new integrative approach to the field of biology. Professor and head of biology department Matt Andrews is founding director. The program represents more than six years of planning and the collaboration of 60 scientists and faculty members. Joint administration and teaching by UMD Swenson College of Science and Engineering, Medical School-Duluth, College of Pharmacy-Duluth, UMD Natural Resource Research Institute, UMD Large Lakes Observatory, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Duluth. Read the [news release](#).

BOB NIELSON IS NEW BULLDOGS FOOTBALL HEAD COACH. Nielson will continue to serve as UMD's director of intercollegiate athletics, a position he has held since the 2003-04 season. Before becoming athletic director, Nielson spent five seasons as the Bulldogs football head coach (1999-2003), posting the best winning percentage in school history. Nielson will replace Kyle "Bubba" Schweigert, who coached the football team for the past four years. Read the [news release](#).

Morris:

UMM-SPECIFIC SESSION to be held prior to the annual U Legislative Briefing Jan. 23, 5:15-6:15 p.m., Minnesota Room, McNamara Alumni Center. The session will outline UMM's 2008 Gateway Center Project request. Questions, contact Christine Mahoney at mahoneyc@morris.umn.edu or 320-589-6398. RSVP required by Jan. 17; call Melissa Weber at 320-589-6414.

Artwork from UMM studio art faculty--those who have made contributions to the studio art program over the past 47 years--will be on exhibit Jan. 24-March 14 in the Humanities Fine Arts Gallery. Opening reception Jan. 24, 7-9 p.m.

Twin Cities:

U PORTION OF CENTRAL CORRIDOR LIGHT RAIL. The Met Council will host a public update meeting Jan. 28, 7-9 p.m., Prospect Park United Methodist Church, and a listening session Feb. 6, noon-2 p.m., Shepherd Room, Weisman Art Museum. The U will host its own session Jan. 29, 5-6:30 p.m., 2nd Floor, McNamara Alumni Center.

WANTED: English conversation partners for international graduate students. The Center for Teaching and Learning is looking for individuals who can commit one hour per week for one semester; times are flexible. Training is provided. If interested, contact Caroline Rosen at mrozl001@umn.edu or 612-625-3017.

FACULTY AND STAFF WITH CHILDREN in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to an open house at Pratt Community School, 66 Malcolm Avenue S.E. (Prospect Park). At 185 students, Pratt is the smallest school in Minneapolis, but it is at or near the top in all standardized tests and has very engaged parent and community involvement. Jan. 26, 9:30-11:30 a.m. See [Pratt school](#) or call 612-668-1122.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: PRESIDENT'S STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARDS, which recognize accomplishments and contributions made by outstanding student leaders at UMTC. Awards will be presented at a banquet May 5. For more information on the award, e-mail Heather Mead at hmead@umn.edu. Online nominations will be available after Jan. 22 at the [Student Unions and Activities Office](#).

CALL FOR JURAN FELLOWSHIP AWARD PROPOSALS. All U doctoral students may apply. Proposals due March 7. information session will be Jan. 30, 11:30 a.m., 324 Coffman Memorial Union. Food will be served. For more information or to RSVP, contact Meg Preston at 612-624-3225 or pres0139@umn.edu.

SCIENCE TRIVIA EVENT with questions ranging from biology 101 to science fiction and current events; hosted by Bell Museum and Doomtree MC Dessa. Gather a group of up to five friends and compete for gift certificates, Bell memberships, and other prizes. Jan. 16, 8 p.m., Nomad World Pub, Minneapolis. Preregistration is recommended; call 612-624-1897.

"CONSTRUCTION ZONES AND SPRAWL" will feature assistant professor of geography Brenda Kayzar and Tim Peterson, director and curator of Franklin Art Works discussing modernism and urban sprawl issues. The talk will revolve around New York-based artist Nicola Lopez's installation "Construction Zone," which illustrates how technological growth and sprawl are shaping our landscape. Jan. 19, 5:30 p.m. Franklin Art Works, 1021 E. Franklin Ave.

COMMUNITY FORUM: "A Nursing Perspective on Health Care Reform." School of Nursing Grand Rounds and the Densford International Center for Nursing Leadership are bringing together several nurses to share their thoughts on what is true health care reform. Ideas generated at the forum will be shared with political candidates, policy makers, and the public. Jan. 31, 4-6 p.m., Town & Country Club, St. Paul. For more information or to register, see [Densford Center](#).

MORE EVENTS include "Physics Circus" by U's Physics Force ([Jan. 17](#)), "Web of Science vs. Google Scholar Smackdown" ([Jan. 17](#)); Cafe Scientifique: "Is Minnesota at a Climate Crossroads?" ([Jan. 18](#)); feminist blogging with author Jessica Valenti ([Jan. 18](#)); "From Every Voice" concert commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ([Jan. 20](#)); and "The State of Minnesota's Republican Party and Conservative Movement" ([Jan. 22](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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U MOVES FROM 10th to 9th AMONG PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES in research expenditures. At the Board of Regents meeting last month, VP for Research Tim Mulcahy reported that the U had \$595 million in research expenditures in 2006—up from \$549 million in 2005; the increase represents the second highest growth rate among top public universities. Mulcahy talks about why those numbers are important in "[Research on the rise](#)."

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) WILL HIGHLIGHT DRIVEN TO DISCOVER television ad, "Harnessing Brainpower," in presentations throughout 2008, inviting the general public and U.S. Congress to learn more about work supported by NSF. This ad features the work of professor of biomedical engineering Bin He and his students. Together, they have created a brain cap that enables users to control a computer with only their minds. Ultimately, this same technology can be used to help those with artificial limbs. To learn more and view the ad, see [D2D](#).

PEOPLE: Harriett Copher Haynes, senior psychologist and former director of University Counseling & Consulting Services, has been named president-elect of the Minnesota Psychological Association; Minnesota Medical Foundation (MMF) staff were recognized by the Association of American Medical Colleges' Group on Institutional Advancement (MMF's 2006 annual report received an Award of Distinction from the group). Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

MEET LEGISLATORS AND U SUPPORTERS at district meetings across Minnesota. Dates vary and registration is required; see the [complete schedule](#).

STATE OF THE ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER address, "Fulfilling the Vision: Breaking New Ground," by Frank B. Cerra, senior VP for health sciences, is scheduled for Jan. 31, 3-4 p.m., Mayo Auditorium, UMTC. Address will follow the AHC Faculty Assembly. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend; both sessions will be telecast to campuses in Duluth (263 Med), St. Paul (280 VDL), and Rochester (388 University Square). Address will also include virtual groundbreaking of the new Medical Biosciences Building.

NEW DATABASE FOR ETHICS SCHOLARS. The U's Center for Bioethics, in partnership with the University Libraries and the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, received a \$517,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to develop and pilot "EthicShare," a Web site and bibliographic database for ethics scholars to share scholarly and popular press articles, multimedia objects, preprints, and archival documents. See [news release](#).

REGISTER FOR QUALITY FAIR BY JAN. 24 FOR FREE BOX LUNCH. Registrations after that date and walk-in reservations are welcome, but there is no guarantee of lunch. Come and see change in action—39 poster displays, 14 best practice ideas and success stories, and 8 new projects—plus breakout sessions. Keynote address by Kentucky U president Lee T. Todd, Jr., who brought quality improvements to his university. Chance to win 1 of nearly 50 door prizes and iPhone grand prize. Jan. 31, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. Information and registration at [Office of Service and Continuous Improvement](#).

2008 MCKNIGHT LAND-GRANT PROFESSORSHIP recipients have been named by the Office of the Provost and the Graduate School: Taner Akkin, biomedical engineering; Alptekin Aksan, mechanical engineering; Elizabeth Beaumont, political science; Mark Bee, ecology, evolution, and behavior; Nicholas Hopper, computer science and engineering; Chris Kim, electrical and computer engineering; Kirill Martemyanov, pharmacology; Katsumi Matsumoto, geology and geophysics; Jason McGrath, Asian languages and literatures; Shana Sturla, medicinal chemistry; Elizabeth Wilson, public affairs; Michael Wilson, anthropology; and Hui Zou, statistics. The Board of Regents will honor them in April. For more information, see [McKnight professors](#).

NEW UPLAN FITNESS REWARD. When you visit a participating fitness facility eight times a month, you can receive up to a \$20-per-month reimbursement of your health club membership. Bring your UPlan health plan card (HealthPartners or Medica) when you register at a participating recreational facility. More information at [Office of Human Resources](#).

UPLAN WELLNESS ASSESSMENT CONTINUES. If you have taken the Health Connections online assessment in the past, OHR encourages you to repeat the 20-minute questionnaire to measure how your health risks and lifestyle have changed. Both new and previous participants can earn a \$65 Wellness Reward for completing the assessment by April 30. Go to [Health Connections](#) to take the assessment and learn more about additional health improvement programs. If you need help with the assessment, call StayWell Health Management at 1-800-926-5455.

TWO COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS for faculty, staff, and postdoctoral scholars will be presented by Howard Gadlin, ombudsman and director of the Center for Cooperative Resolution at the National Institutes of Health. Explore issues specific to collaborative and interdisciplinary research and scholarship, including how to resolve conflict, communicate effectively across disciplinary boundaries, and lead successful interdisciplinary teams. Presented at UMTC and by interactive TV at UMD, 410 Library. Feb. 4, 3-5 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union; and Feb. 5, 3-5 p.m., A. I. Johnson Great Room, McNamara Alumni Center. See [details and register](#).

ENGAGING CONTROVERSIES: A Writing Pedagogy Discussion Series by the Center for Writing offers faculty members, TAs, and instructional staff a venue for discussing controversial issues related to teaching with writing. Brief, topical readings are sent to registrants in advance. Spring 2008 topics are "Disciplinary Differences #2," Feb. 1, 10:30-11:45 a.m.; "Writing = Skill or Ability?," March 7, 10:30 a.m.-noon; "Academic Writing Meets Digital Literacy," April 4, 10:30 a.m.-noon. To register or for more details, see [Center for Writing](#) or call 612-626-7579. All discussions will be held at 12 Nicholson Hall, UMTC.

Crookston:

MINNESOTA NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION (MNLA) FOUNDATION recently awarded \$3,500 IN GRANTS to assistant professor of golf and turf management Rob Golembiewski. Funds will go toward the upgrade of the Horticulture Greenhouse Teaching Laboratory. Plant donations for the Golf Garden Teaching, Research, and Outreach Facility are currently being planned. Read the [news release](#).

AG ARAMA will take place Jan. 25-26 in the University Teaching and Outreach Center. UMC alumni and friends are invited to take part in the activities. Read the [news release](#).

AWARD-WINNING COMPOSER AND MUSICIAN Charlie Maguire will recognize Minnesota's history and 150 years of statehood in a series of special events sponsored by UMC Feb. 6-7. Maguire will perform in concert on campus Feb. 7, 7 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Student Center. Admission is \$5 or \$2 with donation of a canned good. Admission is free for UMC students. Read the [news release](#).

A SERIES OF MEETINGS will be held in three locations in northwest Minnesota. Local food producers, processors, retailers, and consumers interested in selling or buying local foods are invited to learn about the Buy Fresh Buy Local Red River Valley chapter. Read the [news release](#).

Duluth:

LECTURE ON FOREIGN POLICY AND PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES. Chancellor Martin and the Royal D. Alworth, Jr. Institute for International Studies will present a lecture by former U.S. vice president and senator Walter Mondale, Jan. 31, 1:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Mondale's speech, "Foreign Policy Development and Presidential Candidates," is the 2008 Royal D. Alworth, Jr. Memorial Lecture. The public is invited; a reception will follow. Read [news release](#).

BUS SERVICE FROM UMD TO THE TWIN CITIES will continue to be offered by Jefferson Lines. The bus departs daily from Kirby Student Center at 3:50 p.m. Riders with a U Card (student ID) will receive an additional 15 percent off the service. The MOVIE EXPRESS BUS will also resume after winter break and will be offered on Fridays and Sundays. Tickets are \$24 one way and \$45 round trip. Ticket prices include bottled water, snack, and viewing of a recently released DVD. For schedules and to purchase tickets, go [online](#) or visit UMD Stores (street level).

Morris:

HILDA LADNER has been named assistant to the chancellor for equity and diversity, as well as director of the Multi-Ethnic Student Program. Ladner will assume her new roles in March 2008. Read [news release](#).

GREEN LECTURE. Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson; Lowell Rasmussen, associate vice chancellor for physical plant and master planning; and Sandy Olson-Loy, vice chancellor for student affairs, will present "Back to the Future: Reinventing a 'Green' Learning Environment," Jan. 25, 1:30 p.m., during the Association of American Colleges and Universities Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Twin Cities:

OPEN YOUR HOMES. If you're going to be away on sabbatical next year and would like to rent your home to a new or visiting faculty member, e-mail the [Relocation Assistance Program](#) (RAP) or call 612-626-0385. RAP maintains a temporary housing database in which U faculty and staff can list their properties. Properties for sale, open to students, or advertised elsewhere are not listed on or accepted for the database.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION. The Chinese American Student Association of the University of Minnesota is holding its annual Chinese New Year celebration. (The Chinese New Year, aka the Lunar New Year, officially begins Feb. 7.) The event will feature traditional Chinese dance and music; a Chinese-style dinner will also be served. Jan. 26, 5 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. Free for U students, staff, and faculty; \$5 per person for general public. For more information, please e-mail casa@umn.edu.

TOUR FOLWELL AND JONES HALLS. Associate dean of space planning in CLA Mark Pharis will talk about the historical and architectural importance of Jones and Folwell Halls and plans for refurbishing Folwell. Jan. 26, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Freshman Welcome Center, 200 [Jones Hall](#). Refreshments will be served in Folwell's Gerhard Weiss Library. RSVP to [Erica Giorqi](mailto:Erica.Giorqi) or 612-625-8837, with your name and the number in your party, by Jan. 23.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM. The U's Center for Excellence in Children's Mental Health and the Cultural Providers Network are cosponsoring a Symposium on the Intersection of Evidence-based Practice and Culture, Jan. 28-29. The keynote speaker, Ken Martinez of Technical Assistance Partnership for Child and Family Mental Health and the American Institutes for Research, will speak about strategies to eliminate behavioral health disparities. For more information, see [CECMH](#).

AMBASSADOR JOSEPH GLAUBER will present "Whither U.S. Agricultural Trade Policy" as part of the Minnesota Lectures on Applied Economics and Policy, Jan. 31, 3 p.m., Cargill Building for Microbial and Plant Genetics, 1500 Gortner Ave. As chief economist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Glauber will discuss the issues surrounding trade and protection related to U.S. interests and those of other countries in the ongoing Doha Round multilateral trade negotiations. (The Doha Round, in the works since 2001, is a means to encourage free trade worldwide.) Free, but [registration](#) is encouraged. Reception will follow.

THE HISTORY OF ARGENTINE TANGO COMES ALIVE in *Tango Fire* by Estampas Porteñas. Jan. 31, 7:30 p.m., Northrop Auditorium. Tango demos by Twin Cities and Rochester teachers and a performance discussion by the artistic director precedes the show; *milonga* (aka tango dance) with live music, cohosted by the Tango Society of Minnesota, follows the show. More info and tickets, see [show details](#). Two related events: "It Takes Two to Tango: An Exploration of Argentine Tango Through Performance and Analysis" by Bob Barnes, leader of the Twin Cities' Mandragora Tango Orchestra, and Emily McManus, U graduate student in ethnomusicology, [Jan. 30](#), 4 p.m., Nolte Center; and tapas and wine with faculty and friends of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Jan. 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Nicholson Hall lounge.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH. Librarians from the Givens Collection of African American Literature will share stories about contributions of prominent members of Minnesota's black community in "First Fridays," Feb. 1, noon-1 p.m., Elmer Andersen Library. Bring lunch; light refreshments served.

MORE EVENTS include "Reducing Harm to Minnesota Women Who Drink too Much: The Smart Women Smart Choices Program" ([Jan. 24](#)); "Words, Words, Mere Words: Links to Our Hearts, Souls, and Psychological States" ([Jan. 25](#)); "Dance of the Snowflakes"—Ballroom Dance ([Jan. 26](#)); Dialogue on the Intersections of Faith and Sexuality ([Jan. 29](#)); and *Hated Ideas and the American Civil War* Press book discussion with U professor Hazel Dicken-Garcia ([Jan. 29](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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NEW ASSOCIATE VP FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT Andrew Furco brings national and international experience to his new position as associate vice president for public engagement, which he began Jan. 2. See "[All together now.](#)"

PEOPLE: Assistant professor Kevin Dorfman received a 2007 Packard Fellowship for Science and Engineering; Peter Olin, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum director, has been inducted into the Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association Hall of Fame; Anne Kapuscinski is one of five recipients of the international Society for Conservation Biology's 2008 Distinguished Service Award; assistant professor Bonnie Westra was appointed to the Minnesota e-Health Initiative Advisory Committee. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

U IN TOP 10 FOR PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS. The U has moved up two spots this year in the number of graduates enrolling in the Peace Corps. In addition to ranking ninth among the country's largest colleges and universities, the U has become the 18th largest producer of volunteers of all time, with 1,203 total alumni joining the ranks since the Peace Corps began. Currently, 71 U alumni serve in the Peace Corps around the world. The Learning Abroad Center at UMTC coordinates the opportunity for U students.

REGISTER FOR TXT-U and join more than 12,000 subscribers who have signed up since Nov. 16, when TXT-U debuted at UMTC. The service, for students, faculty, and staff with cell phones and other wireless handheld devices, will be used only for emergencies or school closings. TXT-U will soon be implemented at UMC, UMM, and UMR; UMD has its own system. Text messaging joins outdoor sirens, fire alarms, broadcast voice mail and e-mail, pagers, and department radios among the U's methods to reach everyone quickly. There is no charge to sign up, though cell phone carriers may charge to receive text messages. To learn more and to register, see [TXT-U](#).

U IS ONE OF 20 IN SOLAR DECATHALON. The U.S. Department of Energy has chosen the University of Minnesota as one of only 20 international teams to compete in the 2009 Solar Decathlon. This is the first time the U has competed in the competition, which brings together student teams from the United States, Europe, and Canada to compete in designing, building, and operating energy-efficient, solar-powered houses. The teams will assemble their homes on the National Mall in front of the Capitol in Washington, D.C., next fall. The Institute of Technology and College of Design will lead the U's effort. Read the [news release](#).

Crookston:

UMC STUDENT JOSIAH LOLL, Campbell, Minnesota, has been awarded the Daily Point of Light Award Jan. 9 by the Points of Light Foundation and the Hands On Network for community service. The award celebrates the success of volunteers and spotlights the impact that the individuals have made on their communities. Read the [news release](#).

UMC ALUMNA BEVERLY VOGT has been named the Outstanding Dietetic Technician of the Year by the American Dietetic Association. Vogt, a 2005 graduate, completed her associate degree as a dietetic technician online while living and working in South Dakota. Read the [news release](#).

Duluth:

MARSHALL W. PLANETARIUM presents "Current NASA Missions" program, a review of NASA initiatives, Jan. 30, 7 p.m., at the planetarium. NASA has more than 100 missions currently in operation, including Earth-orbital satellites as well as planetary, solar, and even inter-planetary missions. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, see [UMD planetarium](#).

OJIBWE INABANDAMOWIN (Ojibwe Dreams), an exhibit of drawings by William Wilson, will be displayed through April 27, at the Tweed Museum of Art. The public is invited to a free gallery talk by the artist, followed by a reception, Feb. 9, 2-4 p.m. at the museum. The exhibit presents 40 drawings created by the artist over the past year. Wilson creates in the Woodlands style, known for its bright colors, outlined forms of animals and spirit beings, and narratives of traditional Anishinabe lifeways. Much of Wilson's art is inspired by dreams, visions, and stories passed down by his Ojibwe elders. For more information, see [Tweed museum](#).

Morris:

UMM WILL WELCOME APPROXIMATELY 200 VISITORS per day Feb. 1-2 during the Community of Scholars event, UMM's scholarships competition for incoming high school students.

THE ANNUAL MIDWINTER GATHERING, sponsored by the UMM Alumni Association, will be held Feb. 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pracna on Main, Minneapolis. For more information and to RSVP, call 320-589-6066.

Twin Cities:

FIRST STEEL FOR TCF BANK STADIUM was installed Monday Jan. 28. Over the next six months, the future home of Gopher football will receive 8,800 tons of steel in daily shipments for the stadium's frame. Fund-raising is currently under way for the \$288.5 million structure, and so far, nearly \$75 million has been raised toward the goal of \$86 million in donations and sponsorships. When it opens in September 2009, TCF Bank Stadium will be the first [on-campus football stadium](#) for the University of Minnesota in more than two decades.

FEB. 5 is CAUCUS NIGHT in Minnesota. For information about classes being held on caucus night, see the [Provost Office Web site](#).

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE (OLLI) received a second \$1 million endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation. The addition was awarded because OLLI has increased its membership to more than 1,000 and continues to offer innovative programming for older adult learners in the metro area. Part of the interest from the endowment will be used to grant fellowships to outstanding graduate students for preparing and presenting a course as part of OLLI's regular curriculum. Twelve such courses have been approved for spring semester. For more information, see [OLLI](#).

GOV. TIM PAWLENTY TO SPEAK at the University Enterprise Laboratories (UEL) open house. Jan. 30, 3-7 p.m., 1000 Westgate Dr., St. Paul (Pawlenty is scheduled at 3:45 p.m.). More than 250 investors, business executives, and U administrators and community members have registered for the event, which will showcase 25 U centers, colleges, and institutes, as well as UEL tenants. President Robert Bruininks will also attend. For more information, visit [UEL](#) or call 612-626-3438.

CELL PHONE DRIVE for Domestic Violence Shelters. If you recently bought a new phone, consider donating your old one. The U's Aurora Center for Advocacy and Education will be collecting cell phones (with batteries) through Feb. 8 at 407 Boynton and the Coffman Union Information Desk. The cell phones will be donated to local shelters to be distributed to victims of domestic violence, who can use the phones to call 911 in case of an emergency. Questions, call Jackie at 612-626-2929.

STUDENTS WANTED for the Intercultural Leadership Retreat, sponsored by International Student and Scholar Services. Open to international and U.S. students who want to learn how to become more effective in international environments. Retreat dates are Feb. 22, 5-9 p.m., and Feb. 23, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Space is limited; apply online before Feb. 5 at [ISSS](#). Questions, e-mail thorunnb@umn.edu.

NORTHROP JAZZ SEASON continues Feb. 2 with The Gospel According to Ramsey Lewis, 8 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Lewis, who has received three Grammy Awards and seven gold records, will play with Larry Gray (bass), Leon Joyce (drums), William Kilgore (organ), and Eleanor Hampton (vocals). Tickets are \$35 and \$45, with discounts for U faculty, staff, and students. \$20 rush tickets available for faculty and staff day of event. For details or complete schedule, see [jazz season](#).

FINANCIAL BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES for employees includes "Getting Ahead: How to Reduce Debt and Build Wealth" (Feb. 6); "A Perspective on Today's Economy and Portfolio Diversification" (Feb. 13); and "Build a Portfolio for Any Weather" (Feb. 27). Sponsored by Employee Benefits, with guest speakers. Noon-1 p.m., 210 Donhowe. For more information, call 612-624-9090 or see [Employee Benefits Service Center](#).

MEET THE ARTISTS of "Changing Landscapes: Visiting Artists With Disabilities," an exhibit gracing the walls of the Institute on Community Integration in Pattee Hall through August. The artists will speak about their work, and staff from Partnership Resources, Inc. will present a video about the organization's arts program. Feb. 7, 1 p.m., 325 Ed Sciences Building. RSVP and questions, call Megan at 612-626-8649.

AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS will speak at the Fourth Annual NOMMO series sponsored by the Givens Foundation and U Libraries: Randall Kenan (Feb. 7), Lucille Clifton (April 24), and Amiri Baraka (April 30). U professor and author of *Amistad* Alexs Pate will moderate. All events are 7:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. Tickets are \$10 (\$25 for series). To buy tickets and learn more, see [U Libraries](#).

"NETWORKS and NEIGHBORHOODS IN CYBERSPACE" is the MN Futures Grant Symposium sponsored by the Office of the VP for Research. Feb. 11, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Digital Technology Center, 4th floor, Walter Library. Speakers include Christine Greenhow, CEHD; Ann Hill Duin and Linda Jorn, Digital Media Center and Office of Information Technology; and Joanna O'Connell, Spanish and Portuguese studies, CLA. Registration is free and includes breakfast, lunch, and refreshments. [Only attendees can apply for \$250,000 [MN Futures Grants](#).] To register and for details, see [OVPR](#).

MORE EVENTS include I-35 bridge update from Hennepin County commissioner Peter McLaughlin ([Jan. 30](#)); "Focus Minnesota: An Evening With Will Steger" ([Jan. 31](#)); "The Rhetorical Tradition Meets the World Wide Web and Contemporary War Images" ([Feb. 1](#)); "Abandon Your Threads" fashion show ([Feb. 2](#)); "The Minnesota Caucuses: Roundtable Discussion" ([Feb. 4](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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U'S QUALITY FAIR drew a large crowd of staff, faculty, and students sharing best practices for the second consecutive year. The event highlighted projects from around the University that "innovate, improve, and inspire." Read more at "[Doing things better.](#)"

PEOPLE: UDS executive chef Ray Thering receives a Food Alliance Midwest award for his commitment to support local growers; clinical associate professor Bonnie Bata-Jones retired from the U.S. Army as a lieutenant colonel; English faculty members Charles Baxter and Patricia Hampl are finalists for 2008 Minnesota Book Awards (Baxter for *The Art of Subtext: Beyond Plot* and Hampl for *The Florist's Daughter*); English professor and chair Paula Rabinowitz will be honored Feb. 13 as the 2008 CLA Dean's Medalist. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

SUPPORT THE U DAY AT THE CAPITOL Feb. 20. Hundreds of U supporters from across the state are expected to attend. Noon rally in the rotunda; 12:45 p.m. lunch in the Great Hall; 1 p.m. optional meetings with legislators. Sign up at [Legislative Network](#).

U RESEARCHERS at the Academic Health Center and the Institute of Technology (IT) have discovered a new way to turn genes off in human T cells, a type of white blood cell that helps the immune system fight infections. The research could lead to new drugs for patients with diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis and lupus. It could also prevent cancer cells from dividing. The research was published in the Feb. 1 issue of *Molecular Cell*. Read the [news release](#).

IT AND THE COLLEGE OF DESIGN will lead the U's effort in the 2009 Solar Decathlon (item appeared in *Brief*, Jan. 30). Read the [news release](#).

BEAUTIFUL U DAY April 17--Mark your calendars for the 10th anniversary of the annual campuswide clean up. The 2008 event focuses on sustainability efforts at the U. Grants are once again available to help fund department and student group projects and activities; see [Beautiful U Day](#).

APPLICATIONS WANTED for the 2008-09 President's Emerging Leaders (PEL) cohort. The program is designed to identify and further develop the leadership skills of high potential P&A, civil service, and bargaining unit staff. The application deadline is March 20. For more information and application instructions, see [PEL](#).

Crookston:

DANIEL SVEDARSKY, head of the Natural Resources Department at UMC and president of the 8,000 member Wildlife Society, took part in a Jan. 29 news conference in Washington, DC, calling for legislation that would protect and restore wildlife and ecosystems harmed by global warming. Read the [news release](#).

ALUMNI AND COMMUNITY FRIENDS of the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) and UMC will gather for a social Feb.15 at the Terrace Green at ViewPoint Resort, Mesa, Arizona. Read the [news release](#).

Duluth:

"ADDING UP TO ZERO," an educational campaign highlighting the positive steps UMD is taking to minimize its environmental impact, is under way. The campaign features a Web site and brochures designed to further educate students, faculty, and staff. To review the campaign materials and offer comments, see [Adding up to Zero](#).

UMD MUSIC DEPARTMENT presents "Faculty Artist Recital: An Evening With the Bassoon," featuring bassoonist Jefferson Campbell, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, see [recital](#).

UMD THEATRE will perform *A Flea in Her Ear*, French master playwright Georges Feydeau's most celebrated work, Feb. 14-17 and 20-23 at Marshall Performing Arts Center. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. except Sunday, Feb. 17, when the show starts at 2 p.m. Written in 1907, the story of eccentric characters, misunderstandings, clandestine trysts, and misplaced jealousies creates overall fun and mayhem. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$11 for seniors, and \$6 for children 12 and under. For more information, see [current season](#).

Morris:

UMM'S BIOMASS GASIFICATION FACILITY and participation in Campus Energy Wars mentioned in a new publication from the National Wildlife Federation, "Higher Education in a Warming World: The Business Case for Climate Leadership on Campus." Read the full report at [NWE](#).

FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL hosted by Entre Nous and the French discipline at UMM, with support of the French-American Cultural Exchange. The 2008 Tourn?es Film Festival offers five award-winning feature films in French with English subtitles. Films will be shown on Fridays throughout Feb. 7 p.m., Science Auditorium. Special screening of *Paris, je t'aime* on Valentine's Day at Morris Theatre. Read the [news release](#).

Rochester:

MORE THAN 80 RESEARCHERS and scientists from the U, Mayo Clinic, IBM, and Hormel Institute gathered at the Rochester campus in January to share the early results of five biomedical informatics and computational biology research projects and to mark a milestone in a new collaboration that helps bolster the state's strength in these critical fields. To learn more about the projects, read [UMNnews](#) or see the [Biomedical Informatics and Computational Biology program](#), which was established with funding from the 2006 Minnesota Legislature.

Twin Cities:

SCHOOL OF NURSING RECEIVES \$2.5 MILLION ENDOWMENT from the Mary K. and Cyrus A. Field trust to support undergraduate and graduate nursing students. This is the second largest gift to the school in its 99-year history. The gift is eligible for the President's Scholarship match, further enhancing the funds available to nursing students. Read the [news release](#).

MET COUNCIL TO HEAR PUBLIC TESTIMONY on the proposed Central Corridor project, an 11-mile light rail line between downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis that would run through the Twin Cities campus. Today, noon-2 p.m., Shepherd Room, Weisman Art Museum. For more information about U's involvement in the project, see [Central Corridor](#).

ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT WILL ANNOUNCE its 2008 football recruiting class (3 p.m.) and unveil a virtual tour of the new TCF Bank Stadium (3:30 p.m.). Today, Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex. Read the [news release](#).

NEW WEB SITE launched for the [Center for Interprofessional Education](#). The center, established in December 2006, collaborates with AHC schools and colleges to identify, promote, implement, and evaluate interprofessional education.

TONY DIGGS EXCELLENCE AWARDS for student group contributions. The awards allow faculty, staff, and students to recognize student groups for excellent work. Nominations must be submitted by March 5, 4:30 p.m. Call Student Activities (612-626-6919) with any questions. Award descriptions and nominations are now available at [Student Unions and Activities](#).

RECOGNIZE AN OUTSTANDING STUDENT with a President's Student Leadership and Service Award. Nominations are accepted through Feb. 8. For more information and online nomination forms, see [Student Unions and Activities](#).

REMODELED ESSENTIALS MARKET NOW OPEN in Blegen Hall. New products include an organic food/beverage section, hot dogs, freshly prepared grab-n-go items, and school supplies such as pens, calculators, and notebooks. Hours: Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Friday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, see [University Dining Services](#).

USHER IN THE CHINESE NEW YEAR Feb. 8 with the [Friendship Association of Chinese Students and Scholars](#) at St. Paul Student Center. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., with dinner starting at 5 p.m. U students will perform 7-9 p.m. There will also be games, a movie, and karaoke. Admission is \$5 at the door.

EXTREME WINTER WALKABOUT: Join a naturalist-led hike through the woods, wetlands, and prairies of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska (Hwy. 5, 9 miles west of I-494). Feb. 9, 11 a.m.; departs from Oswald Visitor Center. Bring snowshoes if you wish. Complementary hot beverage afterwards. Free with Arboretum gate admission (\$7 adults, free for members and children under 15).

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL ORATORIO, "To Be Certain of the Dawn," with music by U alum Stephen Paulus and libretto by U professor Michael Dennis Browne. The event features a full orchestra and a *shofar* (traditional Jewish instrument), children's chorus, four soloists, and cantor, as well as photographs by Roman Vishniac. Feb. 12, 10 a.m. ticketed open rehearsal; 7:30 p.m. performance, Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis. Tickets: \$10-\$83; see [Minnesota Orchestra](#). (The performance will also take place April 25-26 at St. Cloud State University and St. John's University, Collegeville.)

"THE FUTURE OF VEHICLE SAFETY" is part of the Center for Transportation Studies winter 2008 Luncheon Series. Ronald Medford, senior associate administrator for vehicle safety at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, will discuss how future technologies will monitor driver behavior to avoid crashes. Feb. 13, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Learn more at [CTS](#).

MATH MATTERS lecture by the Institute for Mathematics and Its Applications will feature Alfio Quarteroni from the ?cole Polytechnique F?d?rale de Lausanne in Switzerland. In his talk, "Mathematical Modeling in Medicine, Sports, and the Environment," Quarteroni will describe how his research team uses math to improve cardiac surgical interventions and to optimize the design of the America's Cup yacht Alinghi. Free; Feb. 13, 7-8:30 p.m., 125 Willey Hall. Learn more at [IMA](#).

"THE AGING GAME" is the theme of Mini Medical School, spring 2008. Topics for the five-week series include what happens as we age, your aging skin, oral health, sexuality and aging, heart health, and what you should know about prescription drugs and medications. Mondays, March 24-April 21, 6-8:30 p.m., Coffman Union Theatre. For more information, see [Mini Med School](#).

MORE EVENTS include "The Legacy of the Nazi Doctors' Trial for American Bioethics and International Human Rights Law" ([Feb. 7](#)); "Women and Heart Disease" ([Feb. 8](#)); "Russel Wright: Living with Good Design" ([Feb. 9](#)); Adventure Science: Samsam Villages and Clean Water in Ghana ([Feb. 10](#)); "Drugs, Herbs, and Supplements" ([Feb. 11](#)); "Extreme Googling: Tips and Tricks for Expert Searching"([Feb. 12](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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The Smart Politics blog--written by postdoctorate Eric Ostermeier--is a destination for both political junkies and casual observers looking for a more expansive take on the latest political trends and stories. Read "[A smart look at politics](#)."

PEOPLE: Elaine Tarone will be the full-time director of the Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition, beginning Aug. 1; Lawrencina Oramalu and Cyrenthia Jordan are new Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action consultants; School of Journalism and Mass Communication lecturer Gayle "GG" Golden won the 2007 best feature story silver award from the Minnesota Magazine and Publications Association. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

PRESIDENT BRUININKS TO TESTIFY at legislative committee hearings about the U's 2008 capital request: House Higher Education and Workforce Development Policy and Finance Division, Feb. 14, 12:30-2 p.m., Room 5, State Office Building; and Senate Higher Education Budget and Policy Division, Feb. 21, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Room 123, State Capitol. For more information, including a video on the U's request, see [Government Relations](#).

AT THE REGENTS MEETING Feb. 8 President Bruininks gave an update on the U's sustainability efforts and a presentation on access and affordability for students and the role tuition plays in the U's budget. The presentation highlighted national trends, recently enacted tuition reforms, and financial aid the U is providing, including the Founders Free Tuition Program. At the meeting, the regents also approved David Wippman as new Law School dean, starting July 1. Read more about Wippman at [UMNnews](#).

U RANKED IN TOP 100 BEST FLEETS in North America for the third consecutive year. About 38,000 public fleets and 1,350 groups applied for the award, including the U's Parking and Transportation Services. The U has a fleet of 924 vehicles--cars, vans, trucks, and SUVs--including 37 hybrids. Read the [news release](#).

CENTER FOR READING RESEARCH in the College of Education and Human Development recognized 19 Minnesota schools for achievement in reading (under No Child Left Behind during school years 2005-06 and 2006-07) after failing to make adequate yearly progress in previous years. Presentation ceremony Feb. 22, 11 a.m., CEHD Conference Center, UMTC. For more information, including a list of school winners, visit [CEHD](#) or read the [news release](#).

U RECEIVES TWO GRANTS TO IMPROVE STUDENT ATTENDANCE and retention from the Minnesota Office of Higher Education. The recipients were U associate professor of educational psychology Ernest Davenport--\$23,000 to fund an ACT/SAT preparation course for at-risk students--and the Office for Equity and Diversity's *Maadaadizi* (Start a Journey) program--\$36,000 for 60 American Indian students to participate in career and college planning sessions). Read the [news release](#).

WEBMAIL PRO AND WEBMAIL 3.0 will be decommissioned July 1. GopherMail will continue as a Web-based e-mail application for central e-mail accounts. WebMail Pro and 3.0 users can begin using GopherMail immediately. WebMail Pro for non-central systems mail used by department e-mail servers also will be decommissioned. Send questions or comments to webmail@umn.edu.

MORE THAN 250 ORGANIZATIONS will be recruiting at the U's Job and Internship Fair, Feb. 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Minneapolis Convention Center. The Fair is free and open to all undergraduates, graduate students, and alumni from the last three years. For a complete list of organizations or to register, see [job fair](#).

Crookston:

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTREPRISE will host business development specialist Diane Morey from the Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF) for a presentation on the NMF Entrepreneur Development Program, Feb. 11, 4 p.m., Bede Ballroom. Read [news release](#).

FARM-SCALE BIODIESEL PROJECT is up and running at UMC. The project will look at opportunities for individual farmers or farm groups to produce their own biodiesel from crops like canola and sunflowers. Ag systems management and agronomy double major Jade Estling received an undergraduate research grant to operate the pilot plant for testing and research under the guidance of assistant professor Paul Aakre. His work will determine if pellet byproducts of crushed seeds could be used for animal feed or as a source of biomass. Canola growers in northwestern Minnesota initiated the project.

UMC WILL USE TEXT MESSAGES to notify students, staff, and faculty of emergencies and campus closings, beginning Feb. 12. UMC is the second campus to roll out TXT-U, the U's new emergency notification system that uses text messages to deliver emergency notices to cell phones and PDAs; register [online](#).

Duluth:

UMD THEATRE DEPARTMENT student Martha Gagliardi is one of two winners of the Irene Ryan Scholarship audition held in Omaha, Nebraska, as part of the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. Gagliardi, along with 15 other actors, will compete for the national prize in Washington, D.C., in April. A total of 343 undergraduate and graduate students from seven states competed in the Omaha audition. This is the fifth time in the last eight years that UMD has had an Irene Ryan Scholarship winner.

UMD MUSIC DEPARTMENT presents Ovation Guest Artist Series Concert with Grammy Award winner Sharon Isbin (guitar), Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Isbin, featured on the soundtrack of Martin Scorsese's Academy Award winning *The Departed* (2006), will perform with Spaniard Gemma Coma-Alabert (mezzo soprano). The event is sponsored by Charles and Carolyn Russell. Tickets are \$30 (\$25 for seniors, \$15 for students). All seats are reserved, and advance purchase is recommended. For more information, see [music events](#).

"THE AMERICAN INDIANS IN MINNESOTA: Personal Histories" series features authors Heid Erdrich and Lise Erdrich, Feb. 14, 7 p.m., Kirby Student Center Ballroom. Heid Erdrich is author of three collections of poetry, *The Mother's Tongue*, *National Monuments*, and *Fishing for Myth*, each of which has been nominated for the Minnesota Book Awards. Lise Erdrich is the author of *Night Train*, *Bears Make Rock Soup*, and *Sacagawea*. The event is presented by the [UMD American Indian Learning Resource Center](#).

Morris:

UMM YOUNG ALUMNI SERVICE PROJECT participants will volunteer at the nonprofit Feed My Starving Children in Brooklyn Park, March 13, 6-7:30 p.m. For more information, e-mail Erin Schellin at schellin@morris.umn.edu, call 320-589-6067, or see [alumni project](#).

NOW ONLINE: the presentation "Reinventing a Green Learning Environment: 'Scripting' a Sustainable Campus," by Chancellor Johnson; Lowell Rasmussen, associate vice chancellor for physical plant and master planning; and Sandy Olson-Loy, vice chancellor for student affairs. The presentation was given during the American Colleges and Universities Annual meeting in Washington, D.C.; see [green campus PDF](#).

Twin Cities:

REFURBISHED COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND STOCKED PARTS can no longer be purchased from University Computer Services (UCS). An RFP is under way to secure a new location for storing and selling such equipment. Microsoft software pickup and the U Rent-a-Guru program are still running at UCS, and UCS will also continue to pick up computer products from departments free of charge. For updates, check [UCS](#).

OPPORTUNITY FOR FACULTY AND STAFF to develop personal relationships with students and help fraternities and sororities connect to resources on campus: Fraternity and Sorority Faculty/Staff Adviser Program. The U has 46 chapters, including 10 multicultural organizations. For more information or if you are willing to offer advice, expertise, and perspective to a fraternity or sorority, contact Chad Ellsworth at Office for Fraternity and Sorority Life, 612-624-7659 or ellsw017@umn.edu.

ARBORETUM SEEKS VOLUNTEERS to lead daily walking and bus tours for visitors May-October. Applicants should have a strong interest in plants and gardening and a desire to share their enthusiasm with others. Guides attend a mandatory 12-session training program and make a commitment to lead at least 10 tours. For more information or to apply, contact Liz Nystrom at 952-443-1437 or nystro008@umn.edu.

HOSTS NEEDED FOR COLLEGE-AGED INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS who will attend an orientation at UMTC, Feb. 25-26 and March 31-April 1. Hosts provide room and board, as well as transportation to and from the orientation; the orientation schedule works conveniently around work schedules. To learn more, e-mail Susan VonBank at svonbank@umn.edu, call 612-625-8797, or see [MAST International](#).

CONVERSATIONS ON MANAGING THE MORTGAGE CRISIS in North Minneapolis, an area with one of the highest foreclosure rates in the state. Today, 2:30-4 p.m., 306 Folwell Hall. If you represent an organization or group working on this topic, the Institute for Advanced Study invites you to bring materials for the resource table. Questions, call 612-626-5149.

WORKING THROUGH ARCHITECTURE lecture series with School of Architecture faculty includes "Sinan: Tradition in Transformation," Feb. 19; "Cass Gilbert: Reimagining the Western Landscape," Feb. 26; and "Adolf Loos Readymade," March 4. For a complete schedule of speakers and topics, see [College of Design](#). All events are free; 7-8:30 p.m., Pohlrad Hall, Minneapolis Central Library.

"WE ARE WHAT WE EAT: A Conversation on Sustainability," by Anne Kapuscinski, director of the Institute for Social Economic and Ecological Sustainability; Dana Jackson, coauthor of *The Farm as Natural Habitat: Reconnecting Food Systems With Ecosystems*; and Bud Markhart, director of the Student Organic Farm. Speakers will talk about where our food comes from, the state of current agriculture, and why we need to care. Feb. 21, noon-1:30 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. RSVP sustainu@umn.edu by Feb. 20 for free lunch.

CENTER FOR WRITING--Teaching With Writing Program for spring semester: "Grading Student Writing," Feb. 22, noon-1:30 p.m. 10 McNeal Hall; "Responding to Nonnative Graduate Writers," Feb. 27, 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., 101 Walter; "It's All About Efficiency," lunch and conversation for TAs who teach with writing, March 5, noon-1:30 p.m., West Bank location TBA; "Teaching With Writing Online," March 7, noon-1:30 p.m., 101 Walter Library. To learn more or register, see [Center for Writing](#) or call 612-626-7579.

"THE AGE OF TERROR" is the Department of American Studies colloquium series; a presentation by Anouar Majid of New England University will address the "war on terror" from a global perspective. Feb. 25, 3:30 p.m., 101 Walter Library. Reception follows. For more information, e-mail amstdy@umn.edu or call 612-624-4190.

MORE EVENTS include *Selling Murder: The Killing Films of the Third Reich* and *Opfer der Vergangenheit*, films and commentary ([Feb. 14](#)); "Becoming Minnesota: A Sesquicentennial Sampler" ([Feb. 15](#)); Honoring Our Legacy: a celebration of the latest Black Heritage stamp issued by the U.S. Postal Service ([Feb. 16](#)); IT Week/Engineers Week ([Feb. 17-23](#)); "Are we bowling alone? Findings from the American Time Use Survey" ([Feb. 18](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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U'S 2008 CAPITAL REQUEST of \$288.3 million is currently being considered by the Minnesota State Legislature, which opened its 2008 session last week. The request contains funding for buildings and basic infrastructure improvements across the U's campuses. To learn more, read "[Capitol priorities](#)." To show your support for the U, visit the State Capitol today--events include noon rally, free lunch, and meetings with legislators; see "[Support the U Day](#)."

PEOPLE: Marco Yzer, associate professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, received an \$82,000 grant from a National Cancer Institute initiative to lead a study with researchers from Case Western; Carlson School assistant professor Kathleen Vohs was named one of five 2008 SAGE Young Scholars by the Foundation for Social and Personality Psychology and SAGE Publications; Ryan Mathre is a new public relations specialist in News Service at U Relations; Dana Bacon is the new grassroots manager in Government and Community Relations. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

THREE FINALISTS FOR FOUNDING DIRECTOR of the U's new Institute on the Environment will give public presentations: Deborah Swackhamer, interim director of the institute, March 3-5, UMTC, and March 6, UMD; Malcolm Hughes, University of Arizona professor, March 10-12, UMTC, and March 13, UMD; and George Hornberger, University of Virginia professor, March 24-25, UMTC, and March 26, UMD. Each finalist will present their research on the first day of their visit, 2:30-4 p.m., 105 Cargill Building. A public forum will be held on the second day of their visit, 2-3:30 p.m., 402 Walter Library. The public forums at UMD will be 10-11 a.m., library rotunda. Additional details on each candidate are available at the [Provost Office Web site](#).

MODEL OF FORMER I-35W BRIDGE, built by civil engineering junior Rachel Gaulke, is being sent to Washington, D.C. today. The 1/200th-scale model will be used by engineers at the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), for various presentations to help visualize and explain information related to the bridge collapse and its causes. NTSB contracted the U to produce the model because of its familiarity with the bridge. The budget for the model was about \$6,000, including labor and materials. Read the [news release](#) and watch the [video](#) on the construction and presentation of the bridge model.

U BUYS NORTHSIDE PLYMOUTH PENN SHOPPING CENTER property for its Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement Center. The property, acquired from the Northside Residents Redevelopment Council, Inc., Feb. 6, at \$1.125 million, comprises 2.19 acres and features a 21,374 square foot structure. The new U center will coordinate and facilitate novel and existing University research, outreach, and engagement activities related to North Minneapolis, such as the University Northside Partnership, and provide residents easier access to U programs and services. Read the [news release](#).

TWO U PROGRAMS RECEIVE GRANTS from Minnesota Campus Compact to increase the quality, impact, and sustainability of community service-learning efforts and campus-community collaboration initiatives: "UMD Connects" (\$20,000; directed by Casey LaCore) and UMTC (with Gustavus College) "Taking a Stand Against Genocide" (\$13,500; directed by Ellen Kennedy). Read the [news release](#).

FACULTY FOR THE ENGAGED CAMPUS, a national initiative of Community-Campus Partnerships for Health, is collaborating with the U and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to develop innovative new models of faculty development, to facilitate peer review and the dissemination of products from community-engaged scholarship, and to support community-engaged faculty through the promotion and tenure process. For more information, read the [news release](#) or call Children, Youth, & Family Consortium at 612-625-7849.

AWARD-WINNING NATIONAL MAGAZINE *Contexts* moves editorial offices to UMTC; inaugural issue hits newsstands this month. The U's Department of Sociology won the bid for editorial leadership of the American Sociological Association's seven-year-old journal last year. John Rash, pop culture expert and author of *The Rash Report*, will speak at the free launch party Feb. 22, 4 p.m., U Bookstores, Coffman Union, UMTC. To learn more, read the [news release](#) or see [Contexts](#) .

NEW REGENTS PROFESSOR LECTURE SERIES celebrates the U's most distinguished faculty and allows the U community, as well as the general public, to learn more about their work. Provost Sullivan initiated the series; the first lecture will be March 4, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Institute, UMTC. Frank Bates, Regents Professor and head of chemical engineering and materials science, will discuss, "Forty Years Later the Answer is Still Plastics." A reception follows.

CURA AND HUMPHREY INSTITUTE, along with 1,000 Friends of Minnesota, receive McKnight Foundation grants totaling \$1.9 million to fund Community Growth Options, a joint project to help 10 Minnesota communities address the challenges of rapid growth. The project will bring together local planning firms with U faculty and students to develop communities that are more sustainable, environmentally responsive, and economically efficient. To learn more, read the [news release](#).

Crookston:

UMC RECENTLY RECEIVED INITIAL APPROVAL from the Minnesota Board of Teaching to prepare students for state teacher licensure. The board also approved delivery of early childhood education degrees by the Crookston campus. The degree program, previously a cooperative endeavor between UMC and Bemidji State, is designed to qualify students to be effective teachers of young children--from birth through age eight--and to manage high-quality early childhood programs. Read the [news release](#).

GROWING INTEREST IN BIOFUELS and renewable energy have resulted in a new option for students majoring in agriculture at UMC. The Board of Regents approved an emphasis in biofuels and renewable energy technology at its February meeting. Read the [news release](#).

TIM NORTON IS NEW FACILITIES MANAGER. Norton has a solid background in facilities management and has served many years in the U system. He brings hands-on experience and leadership skills, honed both in university and county government settings, to UMC. Read the [news release](#).

Duluth:

ROYAL D. ALWORTH, JR. Institute for International Studies presents "The Role of Cooperative Finance in Developing Countries," Feb. 21, noon, fourth floor library rotunda. President and CEO of U.S. Federal Credit Union Bill Raker, who recently traveled to Cambodia to assess and visit prospective credit unions in a rural rice farming area, will discuss his trip, which he calls an "eye-opening and life-changing experience," in this International Brown Bag Lecture Series presentation. For more information, see the [Alworth Institute](#).

UMD INTERNATIONAL CLUB will present the 40th annual Feast of Nations, featuring a selection of foods and performers from around the globe, Feb. 23, 5:30 p.m., Kirby Student Center Ballroom. Tickets are \$15 (\$10 students, free for children five and under). For more information, see [International Club](#).

TWEED MUSEUM OF ART will host a presentation by David Stark, an art historian and educator with a specialty in Belgian painting, Feb. 26, 6 p.m., Tweed Lecture Gallery. Stark is principal author of *European Painting in the Tweed Museum of Art* (2000) and is currently conducting research on other aspects of European art at the museum and Glensheen Historic Congdon Estate. The presentation is part of the 2007-08 Art + Design Lecture Series, a joint venture of the museum and the Department of Art and Design to bring artists and designers to UMD to speak about their work and experience. For more information, see [Tweed Museum](#).

Morris:

A NEW INTERDISCIPLINARY MAJOR in environmental studies will be available next fall for students at UMM. The major will complement the renewable energy and sustainability initiatives that are already in place or in progress on campus. Read the [news release](#).

UMM IS RANKED among the top 100 colleges nationally as a best value for out-of-state students in the 2008 Kiplinger *100 Best Values in Public Colleges* exclusive survey. UMM and UMTC are the only schools in Minnesota to make the list. Read the [news release](#).

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL O. TRUMAN DRIGGS Distinguished Lecture, "Keep on Saving: How Other Nations Forged Cultures of Thrift When America Didn't," will be given by Sheldon Garon, Dodge Professor of History and East Asian Studies, Princeton University, Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m., Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall. Read the [news release](#).

COUGAR WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM has earned the NSCAA Team Academic Award for the ninth time. To be eligible, a team must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Read the [news release](#).

Twin Cities:

JOIN U POLICE MEMBERS FOR COFFEE and doughnuts on the east end of the Washington Avenue Bridge, Feb. 25, 9-11 a.m. Officers will give away whistles, cards with emergency numbers, and more. President Bruininks and Goldy will make appearances. The event kicks off Prepared-U, an awareness and education campaign about campus emergency preparedness, safety, and security.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH is now available for UMTC students. The new online resource allows current undergraduate students to obtain an individualized list of scholarships for which they may be eligible to apply; see [scholarships page](#) on [One Stop](#).

PILLSBURY COURT, a transitional residence for new U faculty and staff, has immediate vacancies. The facility comprises 48 two-bedroom townhouses that currently rent for \$995 per month plus utilities. For more information or to apply, go [online](#), e-mail [Fred Frogner](mailto:Fred.Frogner), or call 612-624-1969.

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY lectures coming up: "The Films of Ulrike Ottinger," introduced by the director, Feb. 22-24, Walker Art Center; Chinese film *Hibiscus Town*, Feb. 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 275 Nicholson Hall; and "The Gay Land Rush: Race, Gender, and GLBT identity in the Life of Minneapolis Neighborhoods," Feb. 27, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 235 Nolte Center. For more information on each event, see [IAS](#).

SIXTH ANNUAL SPARK FESTIVAL of Electronic Music and Arts is Feb. 26-March 2. Founded in 1992 by School of Music professor Doug Geers, SPARK brings renowned scholars and performers of electronic music and arts to the West Bank Arts Quarter for lectures, performances, master classes, and multimedia installations. This year, the festival features pop-influenced live electronica performances, with video every night at the Nomad World Pub, among other things. For the complete schedule, see [SPARK fest](#).

KATHERINE E. NASH GALLERY presents "Culturing Nature: Culturing Technology," seven women artists challenging the boundaries of nature and technology, Feb. 26-March 27. A public reception is scheduled for Feb. 29, 6-8:30 p.m. All events at the Nash, located in Regis Center for Art, are free and open to the general public.

"BUILD A PORTFOLIO FOR ANY WEATHER," the final session in the annual Brown Bag Financial Series, will be Feb. 27, noon-1 p.m., 210 Donhowe. The session is open to all U employees and will be presented by representatives from Fidelity. Registration is not required. For more information, see the [Employee Benefits Web site](#).

MORE EVENTS include "Ethics in Cyberspace: Internet Research Issues and Guidelines" ([Feb. 21](#)), "Social Entrepreneurship in Asia" ([Feb. 22](#)), *Peace crimes* play ([Feb. 23](#)), "Guitarathon" ([Feb. 24](#)), "TRAVERSE: Shifted Waterways and Urban Life" ([Feb. 25](#)), Great Conversations 2008: "American Democracy in Dissent" ([Feb. 26](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: On Monday, the University of Minnesota launched its revamped Emergency Preparedness Web site--complete with information about what to do during health, weather, and safety emergencies. Read "[Preparing for an emergency](#)."

SUMMER CAMP: Summer is still months away, but now's the time to sign up your child for a summer camp on one of the U's campuses. Read "[Summer fun for youth](#)" for a list of camp possibilities.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: For more than 10 years, the U has recognized faculty, staff, and students who have devoted their time and talent to making enduring contributions to the community. This year, nominations for the Outstanding Community Service Awards are due March 14. Read "[Recognizing those who change the world, one award at a time](#)."

PEOPLE: Lindsey Henson will be the Medical School's first vice dean for education April 1; Humphrey dean J. Brian Atwood has received the Dr. Jean Mayer Award for Global Leadership; Jody Lulich is the Osborne/Hill's Chair in Nephrology/Urology, and Jaime Modiano is the Al and June Perlman Endowed Oncology Chair, in the College of Veterinary Medicine. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS by President Bruininks will take place March 6, 3 p.m., Mayo Auditorium, UMTC. The address will be broadcast via ITV to all campuses and by video streaming on the Web.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT eligible 2007 expenses for Dependent Day Care Flexible Spending Account/Health Care Flexible Spending Account is March 31. (Submissions must be postmarked or in campus mail by that date.) Claim forms are available online. You have until March 15 to incur expenses in these accounts. If you do not submit a reimbursement for the full balance in your account, you forfeit the unused portion; [view your account balance](#). Questions, call [Employee Benefits](#) at 612-624-9090 (press option 3).

SEXUAL HARASSMENT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION. The Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action has scheduled additional sessions of "Sexual Harassment Awareness and Prevention" (formerly titled "Preventing and Responding to Workplace Harassment"). The program has been expanded and is being offered in two two-hour sessions, March 6 and March 13, and will be available to all campuses via ITV. For more information, see [EOAA calendar](#).

CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY AND HEALING: 2008-10 A. Marilyn Sime Faculty Research Fellowship Program to identify faculty with high potential for research in areas such as complementary therapies and healing practices, spirituality, and cross-culture healing practices. Tenured and tenure-track faculty are eligible to apply; application deadline is March 31. For more details, contact Linda Chmielewski at 612-626-5307 or chmie001@umn.edu.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY Institutional Research Grant applications will be accepted through April 1. The grant is for assistant professors who have no independent national funding and are engaged in cancer-related research. Funding is available up to \$30,000. For application forms and more details, call 612-626-1926 or e-mail micek003@umn.edu.

Crookston:

JACK GELLER is the new head of the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Department. He comes to Crookston after serving as president of the Center for Rural Policy and Development in St. Peter for the past 10 years. Read the [news release](#).

TANTALIZE YOUR TASTEBUDS and learn about different cultures during the International Dinner Series. Dinners start at 6 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Student Center. Featured countries: Nigeria, March 3; Czech Republic, March 10; China, March 24. The International Finale Dinner wrapping up the series is April 2. Read the [news release](#).

A SERIES OF EVENTS will highlight National Women's History Month at UMC. The theme this year is "Women's Art: Women's Vision." Event sponsors include the Northwest Minnesota Women's Fund, the UMC Women's Project Fund, and the Office for University Women. Read the [news release](#).

UMC STUDENTS AND AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR of natural resources earned top honors at a recent Minnesota Chapter of the Wildlife Society meeting. Mary Jo Geldert, a 2007 graduate in natural resources management, received the Student Conservationist Award; Jessica Holmes, a double major in wildlife management and natural resources aviation, earned the Fedeler Scholarship Award for Professionalism; and Professor John Loegering received a Service to Chapter Award. He was also named 2008 president-elect of the Minnesota chapter. Read the [news release](#).

Duluth:

CLA RESEARCH THURSDAYS Series presents "Water Privatization, Globalization, and Gendered Development: The Case of Ndaka-ini Dam in Central Kenya" by Njoki Kamau, Department of Women's Studies, Feb. 28, 3:15 p.m., Library Rotunda. Discussion will follow; snacks served. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, see [CLA events](#).

UMD WELCOMES THE BEST of women's college hockey to Duluth this March, when it hosts both the WCHA Final Face-off (March 8 and 9) and the NCAA Women's Frozen Four (March 20 and 22) at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. An NCAA alumni game, followed by the "Skate With the Champions" community skating event, will be free and open to the public, March 21, 3:30 p.m., convention center. The Patty Kazmaier Award Dinner will be March 21, 6 p.m., Radisson hotel. For more information and tickets, see [UMD Athletics](#).

ALWORTH INTERNATIONAL LECTURE SERIES presents "China: Problems and Prospects," by Gordon G. Chang, March 5, 7 p.m., Library Rotunda. In his presentation, Chang takes a critical stand on the Chinese Communist Party and discusses further issues about China. Chang, author of *Nuclear Showdown: North Korea Takes on the World* and *The Coming Collapse of China*, has appeared on CNN, Fox News Channel, CNBC, MSNBC, the BBC, Bloomberg Television, and "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart." His presentation is sponsored by the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation Global Awareness Fund. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [Alworth lecture](#).

Morris:

ENJOY HOMEGROWN FOOD and entertainment, Feb. 26, during the Fifth Annual Pride of the Prairie Local Foods Farmers Market and Meal. The Farmers Market will be 1-4:30 p.m., Oyate Hall, followed by a local foods feast 4:45-7 p.m., Food Services. Read the [news release](#).

UMM HAS BEEN SELECTED to participate in the pilot phase of a rating system for sustainability in higher education called STARS (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System). UMM joins 90 other college and university campuses in testing the self-assessment tool developed by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. Participants will provide the association with feedback throughout 2008. Read the [news release](#).

Twin Cities:

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR UMTC-ST. PAUL. Faculty, staff, students, external constituents, and residents of the local community are invited to participate in public forums to discuss a strategic plan for the St. Paul campus. March 4, 3-4:30 p.m., and March 5, 9:30-11 a.m. More information, including the draft of the strategic plan, is at the [Provost Office Web site](#).

IF YOU'RE NIH FUNDED AND READY TO PUBLISH: After April 7, the new NIH Public Access Policy will require you to submit any articles that arise from NIH funding to NIH's PubMed Central, where the articles will be permanently accessible to all, free of charge. Before that, however, you'll need to make sure you don't sign away necessary rights in the journal's author agreement. U Libraries and Sponsored Projects Administration can guide you through the submission process; [e-mail questions](#). For more information, see [U Libraires](#).

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: Mullen-Spector-Truax Women's Leadership Award (\$1,000 to a faculty or staff member), Civil Service/Bargaining Unit Women's Award (up to three \$1,000 awards given annually), and Doherty Woman Student Volunteer Award (\$400 U Bookstores gift certificate to a graduate or undergraduate student). Deadline: Feb. 29, 4:30 p.m. For nomination materials, see [Office for University Women](#).

TONY DIGGS EXCELLENCE AWARDS: Celebrating U student group contributions. Deadline: March 5, 4:30 p.m. Nomination forms and more information [available online](#).

GRANT OPPORTUNITY: The Center for Writing offers research grants to support effective ways of integrating writing into the curricula. Funded projects include, but are not limited to, instructor development, curriculum development, and classroom-based research. Deadline: March 14. More information at [writing grants](#) or call 612-624-7720.

INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH INFORMATICS SEMINAR on "The Role of Human-Computer Interaction in Health Informatics: Why the User Experience Matters," presented by Julie Jacko, institute director and professor in the schools of nursing and public health. Feb. 28, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 555 Diehl Hall.

CULTURING NATURE: culturing technology, an exhibit by seven women artists challenging the boundaries of nature and technology, is now at Katherine E. Nash Gallery through March 27. A public reception will be Feb. 29, 6-8:30 pm. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Free admission.

"FRAMING SUZAN-LORI PARKS," a monthlong series of free public performances and discussions by the departments of English and theater, in conjunction with a visit by playwright Suzan-Loru Parks, author of *Topdog/Underdog*: "Frank Theatre Presents Short Scenes" (Feb. 26), "Directing Challenges and Discoveries" (March 4), "The Playwrights' Center Presents: Inspired by!" (March 11), "Suzan-Lori Parks: Presented by the Esther Freier Endowment" (March 26), and "In the History of African American Theater" (April 1). 7:30 p.m.; various locations. For full details, see the [English department](#).

SCHOOL OF MUSIC STUDENT Andrew Staupé will perform as a soloist with the Minnesota Orchestra in four concerts featuring Russian and American music from the 19th and 20th centuries. Feb. 28, 11 a.m.; Feb. 29, 8 p.m.; and March 1, 8 p.m., Orchestra Hall. Tickets are \$21-\$83; call 612-371-5656. Also, March 2, 2 p.m. College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph; tickets, call 320-363-5777. The Feb. 29 show will be aired live on classical MPR and [online](#).

"MASCULINE IDENTITY Construction in Social and Literacy Practices" is part of the Literacy and Rhetorical Studies Minor Research Series. Presenters are Timothy Lensmire, culture and teaching and literacy education; Sara Berrey, English; and Tom Friedrich, literacy education. March 4, 2:30-4 p.m., 31 Peik Hall. For more details, see [Center for Writing](#).

NORTHROP JAZZ SEASON presents the Ravi Coltrane Quartet and the Roy Haynes Quartet, March 6, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Tickets are \$23.50-\$45 [online](#) or call 612-624-2345. Ask about discounts.

MORE EVENTS include "Bell Dioramas Walkabout: Three Viewpoints" ([Feb. 28](#)), "Swinging Away the Leap Day Blues" ([Feb. 29](#)), "Last Gopher Standing" ([March 1](#)), "10,000 Years and 50 Miles: Time Travel in Minnesota" ([March 2](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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THE U IS RENEWING A REQUEST for its Minnesota Biomedical Research Program this legislative session, and more than 100 faculty, staff, students, and other U backers attended a hearing last week to show their support for the plan. The program would authorize the construction of four new biomedical research buildings at the U over the next five years. To learn more, read "[Biomedical boom?](#)"

PEOPLE: Darlene Charboneau is the new Plant Pathology Research Facility manager; three UMD marketing professors received the Outstanding Article of the Year Award; Joseph Juran, namesake of the U's Joseph M. Juran Center for Leadership in Quality, died Feb. 28. Read about these and more in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

University-wide:

STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS by President Bruininks will take place tomorrow, 3 p.m., Mayo Auditorium, UMTC. Interactive broadcast sites: 220 Dowell, UMC; 410 Library, UMD; Science Auditorium, UMM; room 4 Magrath Library, St. Paul; and room 397 UMR. [Video streaming](#) on the Web.

U TEAMS UP WITH XCEL ENERGY, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, and the Great Plains Institute in a groundbreaking wind-to-battery project. The partners will test a one-megawatt battery storage technology to demonstrate its ability to store wind energy and move it to the electricity grid when needed. Fully charged, the battery could power 500 homes for six and a half hours. The project will take place in Luverne, Minnesota. Read the [news release](#).

MINNESOTA'S FUTURE DOCTORS PROGRAM, a collaboration between the U and Mayo Clinic medical schools, has received an anonymous donation of \$1 million--\$500,000 each to the Minnesota Medical Foundation and Mayo Clinic. The program was developed in response to a concern that practicing physicians and medical school students do not reflect the diversity of Minnesota communities. Read the [news release](#).

GIVE FEEDBACK ON ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES: Significant enhancements have been made to the administrative policy on academic misconduct, including such changes as providing for anonymous reporting through UReport. A new administrative policy has been developed, "Resolving Alleged Student Conduct Code Violations," providing details on who may issue complaints, the process for complaint resolution, which hearing bodies are involved, and how appeals are handled. Both policy drafts are [available online](#) for viewing and comments or questions until March 24.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: The President's Emerging Leaders program is accepting applications through March 20 for its 2008-09 cohort. The program is designed to identify and further develop the leadership skills of high potential P&A, civil service, and bargaining unit staff. For more information and application instructions, see [Office of Human Resources](#).

"ADAPTATION STRATEGIES FOR CLIMATE CHANGE" Environment Roundtable features Stephen Pacala, Princeton Environmental Institute, and Anne Kapuscinski, U's Institute for Social, Economic, and Ecological Sustainability. March 13, noon-1:15 p.m. (conversation, noon-12:45; audience discussion, 12:45-1:15), Coffman Theater; or [attend via UMConnect](#).

Crookston:

SPRING 2008 ENROLLMENT at UMC is up nearly 13 percent over last year for degree-seeking students, affirming the actions the campus has taken to address recruitment and retention. Official numbers show 1,072 degree-seeking students compared with 951 for spring semester 2007. Read the [news release](#).

NEW AND PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS will be able to learn more about the opportunities available at UMC during Preview Day, March 14. Read the [news release](#).

Duluth:

"NATIVE AMERICANS IN MATHEMATICS: A Proud Past and a Look to the Future," hosted by the UMD Department of Mathematics and Statistics, will feature Robert Megginson, mathematics professor and an associate dean at the University of Michigan, discussing some of the barriers that prevent fuller participation of Native Americans in mathematics. He will also discuss the opportunities that are now available to Native Americans in mathematics-based fields. March 6, 3 p.m., 130 Solon Campus Center. Read the [news release](#).

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S WEEK Celebration, featuring poetry, food, and live music by singer and songwriter Sara Thomsen is today, noon, Kirby Student Center Lounge. UMD Women's Resource and Action Center and Women's Studies department is sponsoring the free event. For more information, see [Women's Studies](#).

UMD MUSIC DEPARTMENT offers two jazz concerts by Jeff Tain Watts Quartet: March 6 and 7, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Bandleader Watts has established himself as one of jazz music's unique and creative composers. Watts, an innovative and influential drummer, is the only musician to appear on every Grammy Award-winning jazz record by both Wynton and Branford Marsalis. Tickets are \$25. For more information, see [music calendar](#).

Morris:

UMM HAS RECEIVED three Clean Renewable Energy Bonds that will be used to construct a second wind turbine near the U's West Central Research and Outreach Center, to add a steam turbine that will convert to electricity the "green" steam from the biomass facility that is under construction, and to purchase a third wind turbine that will be located in western Minnesota and shared with the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. Read the [news release](#).

UMM MOCK TRIAL TEAM finished first at the Upper Midwest Durst Memorial Regional Competition in Superior, Wisconsin. Read the [news release](#).

Twin Cities:

"M" BRIDGE CLOSED for inspection; use alternative routes. The pedestrian bridge that spans the Dinkytown railroad trench between Roy Wilkins Hall and the old Music Education Building is off limits for about a month. If repairs are needed, the bridge will remain closed indefinitely until they are completed.

GOLDSTEIN MUSEUM is among the first group of small libraries and museums in the United States to receive the "Connecting to Collections Bookshelf" from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to help care for its collections. The Bookshelf includes books, DVDs, and online resources that address such topics as collections management and planning, emergency preparedness, and culturally specific conservation issues.

NEED A BOOK FROM U LIBRARIES? Book delivery is available at the simplified new Web site, Get It! A book can be held for pick up at any campus library or delivered to faculty or staff offices at UMTC. See [Get It services](#).

JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL, through March 9, includes the films *Arranged* and *Aviva My Love*, as well as documentaries *The Forgotten Refugees* and *Making Trouble*. The Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies sponsored the March 4 film and post-show discussion. Ticket prices and screening locations vary. For a complete schedule, see [film fest](#).

TRANSPORTATION CAREER EXPO sponsored by Center for Transportation Studies will provide information to students on transportation career alternatives and preparation strategies. A reception offers networking and employment-seeking opportunities with potential employers. For more information, contact Mindy Carlson, 612-625-1813, carlson@cts.umn.edu, or see [2008 Career Expo](#). March 13, 1:15-5 p.m., Coffman Union.

MORE EVENTS include "Headliners: The China Connection" ([March 6](#)); "Computers Once Were Women--Why Did This Change?" ([March 7](#)); Dance faculty repertoire concert ([March 8](#)), wine class at the Campus Club ([March 10](#)); "Equitable Solutions to Greenhouse Warming" ([March 11](#)); "Finding Gene Information" ([March 12](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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"THE STATE OF THE U IS STRONG," said President Bruininks in his State of the U address last Thursday. In his sixth State of the U address, Bruininks spoke about evolving cultural identities and public policies, the creativity that change can spark, and recent accomplishments across the University system. Read "[Strength through change](#)."

DEVELOPING COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP: Interdisciplinary work requires collaboration, which often goes against the grain of individual leadership models. A new series of workshops--organized by the Graduate School's Office of Interdisciplinary Initiatives--aims to develop the collaborative leadership skills of those engaged in scholarship, research, creative work, and education and training programs. Mentoring is the theme of the next session, March 25, 3-5 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Space is limited; early registration is encouraged. Read more about the inaugural workshops--on conflict resolution and collaborative team-building--led last month by Howard Gadlin, National Institutes of Health, in "[Collaborating to lead](#)."

PEOPLE: Lynn Zentner is director of institutional compliance effective April 14; Steve Feinstein, director of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, died March 4; Correction to March 6 item--Darlene Charboneau is manager of the AHC's BSL3 facilities, which handle animal and human pathogens. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

AT THE MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE, both the House and Senate passed their bonding bills last week. The House bill contains \$136.2 million in funding for University construction and building maintenance projects, while the Senate bill contains \$133.9 million. Both bills include funding for the U's proposed Minnesota Biomedical Research Program. The bonding bill will now go to a conference committee cochaired by Sen. Keith Langseth and Rep. Alice Hausman. Other conferees are Sens. Koering, Pappas, Tomassoni, and Scheid, and Reps. Scalze, Solberg, Tingelstad, and Wagenius. For more information on the U's legislative requests, see the Office of Government and Community Relations [Web site](#).

THREE PROJECTS FOCUSED ON FOOD SAFETY and identifying food components that could prevent obesity and cancer have received \$1.17 million over the next three years from the U's Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives Institute. Topics include how bacteria survive on vegetables; how farm practices could prevent outbreaks of food-borne illness; how consumption of cruciferous and apiaceous vegetables reduces the risk of colon and liver cancers; and the properties in anti-inflammatory drugs found in food. Read the [news release](#).

MORSE-ALUMNI AWARD recipients for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education are Todd Arnold, fisheries, wildlife, and conservation biology; Janet Schrunck Ericksen, English (UMM); Leon Hsu, postsecondary teaching and learning; Timothy Johnson, political science; Terry Jones, astronomy; Kristopher McNeill, chemistry; Barry McQuarrie, mathematics (UMM); and Kristen Nelson, forest resources. Award ceremony will be April 28, McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS to Postbaccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education Award recipients are Massoud Amin, electrical and computer engineering; Richard Brundage, experimental and clinical pharmacology; Cesare Casarino, cultural studies and comparative literature; Douglas Foster, animal science; John Freeman, political science; Stephen Katz, integrative biology and physiology; John Matheson, law; and Melissa Middleton Stone, public affairs. Award ceremony will be April 28, McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC.

JOHN TATE AWARD RECIPIENTS for excellence in undergraduate advising are Randal Barnes, civil engineering; Gary Cooper, applied economics; Charles Habstritt, agriculture (UMC); and Holly Hatch-Surisook, psychology. Award ceremony will be April 4, Radisson University Hotel, UMTC.

FACULTY INTERESTED IN EXPLORING ADMINISTRATIVE CAREERS are invited to attend a workshop sponsored by the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs that will explore the experiences, challenges, rewards, and career paths of faculty currently in administrative roles at the U. The sessions will also include information about leadership development opportunities within and outside of the U. March 25, 1-3 p.m., 101 Walter Library. To sign up, e-mail caj@umn.edu.

APPLICATIONS FOR EQUITY AND DIVERSITY "IDEA GRANTS" are invited by the Office for Equity and Diversity. The program funds projects, programming, events, and research that support historically underrepresented students, faculty, staff, and communities. All academic and administrative units across the U's campuses are eligible to apply; grants are awarded quarterly. Next deadline for applications is March 31. For more information and the application, see [equity and diversity grants](#).

PEOPLESOFT HR/SA application requires M Key authentication as of March 16. If you use this system and have not yet activated your M Key, you can do so [online](#). All system users were sent an M Key at their work address. Call 1-HELP (612-301-4357) if you haven't received your key or need assistance activating it.

NEW GLOBAL HEALTH CERTIFICATION COURSE, Clinical Tropical, Migrant, and Travel Medicine, for physicians and other health care providers. Topics include introduction to refugee and migrant health, insect-borne disease, and travel medicine. Cosponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Features guest faculty from U-affiliated international sites. June 30-Aug. 22. To learn more, visit the [Department of Medicine](#).

Crookston:

PRESIDENT LI SHUMING, international coordinator Gu Mingdi, and other officials from Zhejiang Economic and Trade Polytechnic (ZJETP), Hangzhou, China, will visit UMTC March 12 and meet with U administration to discuss details of the UMC and ZJETP partnership. The group will visit UMC March 13 to sign a formal agreement to establish a joint English as a Second Language program. The program will be designed and directed by UMC.

CHARLES "CHUCK" HABSTRITT, UMC associate professor of agronomy, was recently named recipient of the 2007-08 John Tate Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising. Read the [news release](#).

INTERNATIONAL WATER INSTITUTE and Red River Watershed Management Board are hosting the 13th annual River Watch (RW) Student Forum March 19. Approximately 250 students, teachers, and resource managers will present the work of RW Teams from high schools in the Red River of the North Basin (North Dakota, Minnesota, Manitoba). Read the [news release](#).

Duluth:

UMD HAS LAUNCHED a revamped and expanded [Emergency Preparedness Web site](#) complete with information about what to do during health, weather, and safety emergencies. UMD will sponsor a booth demonstrating the Web site and new text messaging notification system at Tech Fest, March 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Kirby Student Center Ballroom.

UMD PROFESSOR LADONA TORNABENE'S "Living the Dream" fine arts photography exhibition will open, with prints for sale, March 1 and run through March 31 at Master Framing Gallery. The exhibit features all of Tornabene's limited edition fine art giclee prints, as well as many open editions in multiple sizes and on a variety of papers. Proceeds will go toward the UMD "Professor as Photographer Scholarship Fund," founded by Tornabene to help nontraditional students return to school and help health education majors to intern abroad.

BUS STOP, a romantic and comedic drama by William Inge, will open at UMD March 13, 7:30 p.m., Mainstage Theatre, Marshall Performing Arts Center. The plot concerns a busload of weary travelers who are forced by a snowstorm to stay overnight at a roadside diner. Showtimes are March 13-15 and March 25-29 at 7:30 p.m. and March 30 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$11 for seniors, and \$6 for children and UMD students. For more information, see [UMD theatre](#).

Morris:

UMM LAUNCHED TXT-U, the U emergency notification text message system, on March 10.

U.S. REP. KEITH ELLISON will address this year's graduating seniors at the annual commencement ceremony, May 17, 2 p.m. Ellison has represented the Fifth Congressional District of Minnesota in the U.S. House of Representatives since taking office in January 2007.

Twin Cities:

PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT for University Athletics NCAA Certification Self-Study. The U has been conducting a yearlong, campuswide study of its intercollegiate athletics department as part of the NCAA Division I athletics required certification program. The specific areas being studied are academic integrity; governance and commitment to rules compliance; and equity and student-athlete well-being. Public comment is requested on the draft report through March 24; comments will be considered by the steering committee in finalizing the report. To read all or part of the report and to provide feedback, go to [MyU portal](#).

THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE in the College of Design is one of six schools to win the American Institute of Architects Education Award for its new curriculum, "An Incomplete Curriculum for Transformation." Faculty members Ritu Bhatt, Renee Cheng, John Comazzi, Ozayr Saloojee, and Marc Swackhamer are responsible for developing the project, which explores an "evolving curricular structure." Read the [news release](#).

MCMAMARA ALUMNI CENTER has been named best meeting venue in Minnesota by *Minnesota Meetings + Events* magazine. In 2007, the venue hosted 489 meetings. All McNamara staff are employed by United Properties/NorthMarq Corporate Solutions, the building's management company. McNamara Alumni Center earned the Best Reception Facility Award from the magazine in 2002.

LEARN MORE ABOUT WELCOME WEEK (a new six-day program to complement freshman orientation), how it will affect the U community, and how you can get involved. Info sessions are March 12, 11-Noon, 335 Borlaug Hall, and March 19, 10:30-11:30 a.m., 101 Walter Library. To RSVP, e-mail ofvp@umn.edu or call 612-624-1979 with your name, department or college, and the location you plan to attend. For a complete schedule of upcoming events, see [Welcome Week](#).

JEREMIAH REEDY, professor emeritus of classics, Macalester College, will speak on "The Failure of Progressive Education and the Return to Classical Models." Response by Tim Lensmire, associate professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. March 13, noon, 40 Peik Hall.

"THE DIGITAL REPRODUCTION OF INEQUALITY," a companion event to the "Networks and Neighborhoods in Cyberspace" symposium, will feature assistant professor Eszter Hargittai, Northwestern University, talking about how information technology may contribute to or alleviate social inequalities. March 13, 4-5 p.m., 120-125 Nolte Center. To RSVP, e-mail greenhow@umn.edu. To learn more, see [events calendar](#).

"MEASURING CHILDHOOD OBESITY: Public Health Surveillance OR School-based Screening and Parent Notification?" is the topic of a special presentation and open conversation by the School of Nursing and the Obesity Prevention Center, with invited guests from the Burnsville, Eagan, Savage Independent School District 191; Minnesota Department of Health; and England's Department of Health and Department for Children, Schools, and Families National Child Measurement Programme. Moderated by Martha Kubik, School of Nursing. March 24, 10-11:30 a.m., Coffman Union. For more information or to register (by March 20), visit the [School of Nursing](#).

"ROBOTS: A NEW TYPE OF COMPANION" is the title of the spring 2008 Ada Comstock Distinguished Women Scholars Lecture. Speaker Maria Gini, U computer science and engineering professor, will demonstrate her research in artificial intelligence and robotics. March 31, 4 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, HHH. (Dessert reception follows.) To RSVP, e-mail women@umn.edu or call 612-625-9837.

MORE EVENTS include "Putting Faces to a Faceless Crime: Profiles of 'Euthanasia' Victims" ([March 13](#)), "Out of the Boxes and into the Archives: Celebrating the Life and Work of Max Lowenthal" ([March 14](#)), 13th Annual International Women's Day Celebration ([March 15](#)), "Cafe Scientifique: Global Warming and Environmental Equality" ([March 18](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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CUFS IS GOING AWAY when the U unveils its new financial system July 1. Enterprise Financial System team members are now testing the new system, which offers more flexibility in gathering data. About 2,800 U employees will be trained to use the system. Read "[New financial system continues progress toward July 1 go-live.](#)"

PARTNERING TO MAKE HOPES AND DREAMS COME TRUE: The U's partnerships with Hope Community and Learning Dreams are two examples of the most common types of University-community partnerships: partnering with an existing organization and partnering with a community to create a new organization. Read "[Partnering with Hope and Dreams.](#)"

PEOPLE: Pat Salmi, Institute on Community Integration research associate, received the Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management Award of Excellence for Outstanding Teamwork; Legal Aid Society will honor Law School professor Laura Cooper for outstanding career contributions May 1; associate professor Linda Lindeke is the new president-elect of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MINNESOTA. The U is hosting "Commemorating Discovery: Our Past and Our Future," four panel discussions to commemorate Minnesota's 150th birthday: "The Arts and the Built Environment: Changes in Suburban Life," April 3; "Agriculture and Forestry in the Natural World," April 10; "Changing Demographics: Snapshots of a New Minnesota and a New America," April 17; and "Changing World: Past and Present Threats to the Public's Health," April 24. All events are 5:30-8 p.m., Campus Club, UMTC. Free, but reservations are required because space is limited. To register or learn more about the speakers, see [sesquicentennial talks](#).

U GIVES HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE to alum Jack Dangermond, founder and president of ESRI, the world's leading GIS software company, April 2. He will deliver the inaugural John Borchert Lecture, "The Geographic Approach--A Cross-Cutting Methodology," 4:30 p.m., Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC, after the award ceremony. The lecture honors the late John Borchert, U Regents Professor in Geography and member of the U.S. National Academy of Science. Dangermond earned a master's in architecture from the U in 1968. Read the [news release](#).

2008 DISTINGUISHED MCKNIGHT UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS are Judith Berman, cell biology and development; Jeffrey Derby, chemical engineering and materials science; Sachin Sapatnekar, electrical and computer engineering; and Andreas Stein, chemistry. The Distinguished McKnight University Professorship Program, cosponsored by the Graduate School and Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost, recognizes outstanding mid-career faculty members whose scholarship brings particular distinction to the U. The Board of Regents will recognize the recipients May 9. For more information, see [McKnight grants](#).

PRESIDENT'S FACULTY MULTICULTURAL RESEARCH AWARD RECIPIENTS are Melissa Avery, Ananya Chatterjea, Tracie Collins, Shonda Craft, Kale Fajardo, Enid Logan, Sarah-Jane (Saje) Mathieu, Ruby Nguyen, Yuichiro Onishi, and Teresa Swartz. The awards, sponsored by the Office of the Vice President and Vice Provost for Equity and Diversity, are designed to encourage and support research on issues related to people of color in North America. For more information on the winners and the award, see [equity and diversity](#).

APPLICATIONS DUE for 2008-09 Faculty Interactive Research Program grants. The program supports public policy research and collaboration in Minnesota. Application deadline is March 27, 4:30 p.m.; visit [CURA grants](#). Questions, e-mail scott001@umn.edu or call 612-625-7340.

Crookston:

UMC Students In Free Enterprise club and General Mills American Indian Council have teamed up to help the students of Red Lake High School create the *Taste of Red Lake Cookbook*. Read the [news release](#).

CONNECTING LOCAL FOODS AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY is the theme of the Home Grown Economy Conference, sponsored by Minnesota Congressman Collin Peterson. March 30-31, UMC. Read the [news release](#).

HIGH TUNNEL AND SEASON EXTENSION workshop by U Extension and Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership. April 10. For workshop details, read the [news release](#). To learn more about high tunnels, read "[High tunnel craze feeds farmers market.](#)"

Duluth:

UMD TECH FEST 2008 will celebrate 10 years with the theme: "A Decade of Technology." The event will highlight the past, present, and future of technology on campus. March 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Kirby Student Center Ballroom. For more information, see [Tech Fest](#).

LORENTZ WITTMERS, JR. has been named head of the Medical School-Duluth Department of Physiology and Pharmacology. Wittmers, formerly interim head, is renowned for his research on hypothermia. He holds the Edwin Eddy Endowed Professorship and is director of graduate studies in physiology, as well as a Ph.D. adviser. For more information about him, see [UMD faculty](#).

TWEED MUSEUM OF ART presents artwork from its collection created or influenced by the artists of PBS 8/WDSE-TV's recent broadcast of "The Power of Art" series: Caravaggio, Bernini, Rembrandt, Jacques-Louis David, J. W. M. Turner, Van Gogh, Picasso, and Mark Rothko. The pieces, displayed until the end of the school year, were selected by Tweed curator Peter Spooner and installed within the "Portrait, Identity, Culture" exhibition. For more information, see [Power of Art](#).

Morris:

JULIE PELLETIER, assistant professor of anthropology, has received the 2008 UMM Alumni Association Teaching Award. Created by alumni in 1994, the award honors individual faculty members for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education.

HUNDREDS OF AREA HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ MUSICIANS will join UMM and alumni jazzers, as well as guest trumpeter Byron Stripling and saxophonist Eric Mariantal, during the 30th Annual UMM Jazz Fest, April 3-5. For tickets, call Student Activities 320-589-6080. Read the [news release](#).

UMM STUDENTS will present their research during the eighth annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, April 4. The event celebrates student scholarly achievement and showcases the variety and quality of research on campus. Read the [news release](#).

Twin Cities:

WALK-IN HEALTH SCREENINGS AT NO CHARGE for UPlan members: cholesterol, blood glucose, body mass index and body composition, and blood pressure. Staff from Boynton Health Service will administer the routine tests and help you interpret the results. April 1, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 142 WBOB, and April 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. If you are unable to attend on these dates, you can schedule a screening appointment (until the end of April) with MinuteClinic at Coffman Union; call 612-625-3803. For more information about preventive care for UPlan members, see [OHR Wellness Program](#).

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY LECTURES: "The Ethics of Representation," with Leigh Fondakowski, author of *The Laramie Project*, today, 4 p.m.; "Does Israel Have a Future as a Jewish State?" April 1, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Temple Beth Jacob; "Gay Sounds: A Non-discrete Model of Gay Speech," April 2, 3 p.m. All events are held at 125 Nolte Center, unless noted. For a complete schedule and details on each event, see [IAS](#).

LECTURE ON "BRINGING FEMINISM HOME": Daisy Hernandez, writer and coeditor of *Colonize This! Young Women on Today's Feminism*, will discuss how gender and race have shaped her identity as a feminist and what it means to connect feminism to the communities we call home. March 27, 7 p.m., 125 Willey Hall. RSVP to women@umn.edu or 612-625-9837.

DOCUMENTARY: Free screening of *No! Confronting Sexual Assault in Our Communities* by the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action. The film, about the impact of sexual violence on black women and girls, features first-person testimonials and interviews with violence prevention advocates. March 28, 12:15-1:45 p.m., 238A Morrill Hall. Space is limited; RSVP to frank055@umn.edu or call 612-624-9547 by today.

JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY to learn about *chadō*, the way of tea. Fumio Watanabe from Yamagata University, Japan, will speak at four sessions: *koicha demae* (thick tea ceremony), 4:30 p.m., *tanatsuki usucha demae* (thin tea ceremony with a shelf), 5 p.m.; *bonryaku demae* (abbreviated tea ceremony on a tray), 5:30 p.m.; *chabako demae* (tea ceremony in a box), 6 p.m. Green tea and a sweet will be served. March 28, 140 Nolte Center. For more information about this event and the April 1 Symposium on Japanese Discourse, e-mail szatr001@umn.edu.

TOWN HALL MEETING ON TRANSGENDER RIGHTS with Mara Keisling, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality. The event will focus on issues of gender identity that create barriers for gender access and equity, such as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, Social Security gender-record matching, and the Real ID Act. March 31, 7-8:30 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall. For more information, see [GLBTA](#) or e-mail neely010@umn.edu.

"The Impact of the 'War on Terror' on the Somali Community," by Omar Jamal, executive director of the Somali Justice Advocacy Center, is part of the American Studies in the 21st Century: A Colloquium Series. March 31, 3:30 PM, 125 Nolte Center.

"BEHIND HAPPY FACES," an open dialogue about depression and suicide with Ross Szabo, coauthor of *Behind Happy Faces: Taking Charge of Your Mental Health--A Guide for Young Adults*. April 1, 7 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union.

MUSIC FROM ALBANIA, BULGARIA, AND ROMANIA is the highlight of "Balkanicus," the School of Music's fifth annual concert of Balkan contemporary music. The program includes "The Flight of the Eagle for Piano"; "Fantasia for Baritone, Cello, and Piano on Heinrich Heine's poetry"; and "EXACT MUSIC for Nine Instruments." April 2, 7:30 p.m., Llyod Ultan Recital Hall.

PLANT SALE: Herbs, orchids, dorm plants, and more. Hosted by CBS Greenhouse and Plant Biology Phytograds. April 2-3, 9 am.-4 p.m., St. Paul Student Center.

MORE EVENTS include a talk with Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Suzan-Lori Parks ([today](#)); "AIDS bombs: HIV, Race, and Compliance in Minnesota" ([March 27](#)); "Common Senses: Perception and Perspective" ([March 28](#)); "*Wopida Wotapi* Thank You Feast And Celebration" ([March 29](#)); and "Communication Before Language" ([March 31](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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U HAS ORGANICS RECYCLING FOR COMPOST PROGRAM. University Dining Services' Green Team has played a big role in the U's compost collection efforts by helping the lunch crowd identify its compost-friendly waste. Read "[Every napkin counts.](#)"

PEOPLE: Ralph Rapson, who led the School of Architecture for 30 years, died March 29 of heart failure; Ann Edgerton will be the new director of the University of Minnesota Child Care Center effective May 12; Neuroscience professor Robert Miller will receive the 2008 Proctor Medal from the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology; Anne Phibbs, GLBT Programs director, has earned the 2008 Power of One Award from PFund. Read about these and more in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

University-wide:

FROSTBITE IS THE NAME OF THE NEW U APPLE. The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum received more than 7,000 entries worldwide in a naming contest for the apple. Commercial nurseries will soon start propagating the trees, which will be ready for gardeners and orchards to plant in one to two years. The first trees will then bear fruit to sell by 2014. Read the [news release](#).

MINNESOTA PHOTOGRAPHER CRAIG BLACKLOCK has been named senior fellow by the U's Center for Spirituality and Healing. As a fellow, he will support the center's ongoing research and education in optimal healing environments (the use of nature and art to promote healing in health care facilities). Blacklock's work, inspired by the north shore, is now featured throughout the center and the Medical Center's Transitional Care Unit, UMTC.

SENATE MEETINGS (U Senate and Faculty Senate) will be April 3, 2:30-5 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall, UMTC. Interactive broadcast: 308 Selvig Hall, UMC; Kirby Student Center Garden Room, UMD; and Student Activities Conference Room, UMM. Meeting agendas can be found on [the Web](#).

DISCOVERING FLUID POWER, a documentary produced by the U's Center for Compact and Efficient Fluid Power, in partnership with Twin Cities Public Television, will air April 6, 8 p.m., and May 10, 9 p.m., on TPT-channel 17 or channel 13 on Comcast Cable in Minneapolis. To learn more about the center, within the Institute of Technology, read "[New fluid power center has faculty pumped.](#)"

U LOCAL FOODS TASK FORCE KICKOFF will include networking opportunities, agenda-setting discussions about the group's future direction, and local snacks. To register, see [task force](#). For more information, call 612-625-5793 or e-mail madamek@umn.edu. April 10, 1-4 p.m., Cargill Building, UMTC.

PANEL DISCUSSION ON INTERDISCIPLINARITY will address the importance of interdisciplinarity, how to make it work, and how it has been applied in the past, particularly in the area of rhetoric. The event, hosted by the U's Institute for Advanced Study and organized by the Reconfiguring Rhetorical Studies collaborative, will feature UMC associate professor Mark Huglen and UMD assistant professors David Beard and David Gore. April 10, 4 p.m., Nolte Center. Read the [news release](#).

FIRST DOCTORAL DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP RESEARCH SHOWCASE will feature more than 30 of this year's 114 fellowship recipients, final-year Ph.D. candidates nominated by their graduate studies programs' directors in a U-wide competition sponsored by the Graduate School. April 15, noon-2 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union, UMTC. Registration is requested by April 9; [sign up online](#). For event details, see [U calendar](#).

RECIPIENTS OF U's DISTINGUISHED WOMEN SCHOLARS AWARD: Ruth Karras, history, and Stephanie Valberg, veterinary population medicine. The award, sponsored by the Office of the Dean of the Graduate School and the Office for University Women (OUW), will be presented at the OUW spring celebration. April 24, 2:30-4:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. For more information or to RSVP, call 612-625-9837.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: For Ferulate 08, an international conference on hydroxycinnamates and related plant phenolics, to be held at UMTC, Aug. 25-27. Submission deadline is April 20. For more information or to submit an abstract, see [Ferulate 08](#) or e-mail ferulate@umn.edu.

Crookston:

UMC RECEIVES A GIFT OF MORE THAN \$260,000 from the estate of Stanley and Hanorah "Pat" Alseth, of Baltimore, Md. Stanley Alseth was a 1935 graduate of the Northwest School of Agriculture, the residential high school located on what is now UMC. Read the [news release](#).

UMC ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR MARK HUGLEN will be one of three U faculty discussing the need for interdisciplinarity, April 10, UMTC. (See details in U-wide section.)

BUSINESS ACTIVITIES DAY, hosted by the UMC Business Department, March 26, drew 121 students from seven area high schools, who competed in 11 business-related activities. Read the [news release](#).

Duluth:

UMD WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM WINS 2008 NCAA national championship, by defeating the University of Wisconsin 4-0 in the final game, March 22, in Duluth. This is the fourth NCAA championship for the Bulldogs, who closed out their 2007-08 season with a record of 34-3-1, the best ever by a UMD squad. The Bulldogs won their first three titles in 2001, 2002, and 2003 and have been coached by Shannon Miller since 1999.

FOUR FACULTY MEMBERS AND 15 STUDENTS will represent UMD at the National Conference on Undergraduate Education Research, April 10-12, Salisbury University, Maryland. The goal of the event, which will see more than 2,200 undergraduates from 300 colleges and universities nationwide, is to promote undergraduate research in all fields.

Morris:

ASTRONOMERS HAVE RECOGNIZED PAUL MYERS, UMM associate professor of biology, by naming an asteroid in his honor. The asteroid, which was discovered on March 29, 2001, by David Healy and Jeff Medkeff at an observatory in Arizona and was numbered 153298, is now officially known as "Paulmyers." It's customary that the discoverer of an asteroid has the privilege of proposing a name for it. [Listen](#) to an MPR interview with Myers.

THE 35TH ANNUAL HENJUM CREATIVE STUDY INSTITUTE will be held June 16-27 and will feature art, music, and technology topics for students ages 12-17. Participants who sign up before April 20 may qualify for discounts and scholarships. Registration deadline is June 11. Read the [news release](#).

Rochester:

STEPHEN LEHMKUHLE WILL BE INAUGURATED as UMR'S first chancellor April 4. The ceremony will be held in Phillips Hall, Mayo campus; a reception will follow at UMR. More than 300 people are expected to attend. Free and open to the public.

UMR AND ROCHESTER AREA ALUMNI hosted more than 90 community members on March 19 for "Minnesota's Climate: Lessons From the Past and Implications for the Future," a talk by Mark Seeley, U meteorologist and coauthor of *Minnesota Weather Almanac*.

CANCER PREVENTION from an economic perspective was the topic of a March 27 town hall meeting at UMR cohosted by the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce and Mayo Clinic Cancer Center. Nationally acclaimed speakers discussed the benefits of cancer screening and other healthy behaviors, the financial implications of a healthier workforce, and the future of cancer prevention research.

Twin Cities:

ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE MAY 21 to the new Herbert M. Hanson building on the West Bank, along with the Carlson School of Management undergraduate program. The new address is 1925 4th St. S., Suite 4-101, Minneapolis, MN 55455. All phone numbers will remain the same.

UPLAN WELLNESS ASSESSMENT: If you haven't completed the UPlan wellness assessment for 2008, the deadline to earn wellness rewards is April 30. To learn more, visit [Human Resources](#).

TRANSITIONING TO THE NEW STUDENT RATING OF TEACHING FORM: The new form will be used this spring to assess teaching at the U. Three one-hour sessions will be held on April 7, 14, and 15 to introduce faculty and instructional staff to the contents of the form, how it will be scored, resources for supporting instructional development, and how to document the results. No registration is necessary, and refreshments will be served. For times and campus locations, visit [Human Resources](#). (See related item below: "Theater for Teaching and Learning.")

"COMMERCIALIZING TECHNOLOGY WITHIN A LARGE COMPANY," a 3M-sponsored seminar series for graduate students in science and technology-related colleges. April 7, 5-7 p.m., 3M Auditorium, Carlson School. To register, e-mail hce@umn.edu. For more information, see [Carlson seminars](#).

"WATER AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES," by Roxanne Ornelas, postdoc fellow in the U's Program on Race, Gender, and Public Policy, will explore the relationship between indigenous cultures and water and the recently adopted United Nations Declaration on the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples. April 2, 12:15-1:15 p.m., 35 Mondale Hall.

"HAS HIGHER ED ABANDONED ITS PUBLIC PURPOSE?" by Anne Neal, American Council of Trustees and Alumni; response by Phil Tichenor, professor emeritus, School of Journalism and Mass Communication. April 3, 12:15-1:30 p.m., 50 Mondale Hall.

"THE NEXT AUTHORIZATION: TRANSFORMING TRANSPORTATION POLICY?" is the topic of the seventh Oberstar Forum on Transportation Policy and Technology, sponsored by the Center for Transportation Studies. Rep. Jim Oberstar and Rep. Tim Walz will discuss the federal transportation act that will succeed SAFETEA-LU, which expires in 2009. Apr. 7, 12:30-4:30 p.m., Radisson Hotel Metrodome. Free, but space is limited. To register and learn more, visit [CTS](#).

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MUSIC AND THE SENSE OF MOTION will be explored in "Music, Motion, and Subjectivity," a presentation by Eric Clarke, Oxford University. The event, cosponsored by the School of Music and CLA, will include a Q&A. April 7, 3:30-5 p.m., 280 Ferguson Hall.

FOURTH ANNUAL FILM FESTIVAL by the School of Public Health and Minnesota Public Health will include *A Crude Awakening: The Oil Crash*, April 7, 6:15 p.m.; *Salud!*, April 8; *Unnatural Causes*, April 9; and *Sex Ed and the Statem*, a documentary by SPH graduate Jim Winkle, April 11. All films are 5:30 p.m., Mayo Memorial Auditorium, unless noted. Introductions by public health experts, and Q&A after each film. To learn more, visit [SPH](#).

HELP "STOCK THE TRAILER" with non-perishable food items and cash donations to benefit the Second Harvest Heartland food shelf. April 10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and April 12, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., outside St. Paul Student Center. The activity is part of the 92nd Annual Minnesota Royal, April 7-12. For a complete list of events, visit [CFANS](#).

UNIVERSITY OPERA THEATRE presents Monteverdi's *The Coronation of Poppea*, in Italian with supertitles; directed by associate professor of music David Walsh, April 10-12, 7:30 p.m., and April 13, 1:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Tickets are \$20 (\$10 students); call 612-624-2345 or [buy online](#).

THEATER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING will present a series of theatrical sketches related to student ratings of teaching. The sketches will be followed by a discussion on the research surrounding teaching evaluations and how they can be used to improve one's teaching. No registration is necessary. April 17, noon-1:30 p.m., 402 Walter Library.

APRIL IS SEXUAL AWARENESS MONTH, and the Aurora Center for Advocacy and Education Sexual Assault is hosting the film *DreamWorlds III*, April 4, 12:30 p.m., Club Room, Yudof Hall; table displays ("Taking Action" and "T-Shirt Project"), April 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and April 16, 1-4 p.m., and April 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; a rally ("Take Back the Night"), April 24, 6:30 p.m., Loring Park; and an improv show ("Sex Signals"), April 28, 7 p.m., Coffman Theater, 7 p.m.

FINDING HAPPINESS is the theme of the Annual Ruth Stricker Lecture by the Center for Spirituality and Healing. Keynote speaker Matthieu Ricard will present "Train Your Mind, Change Your Brain: Cultivating Inner Conditions for Genuine Happiness," April 18, 3-4 p.m., Northrop Auditorium; panel discussion and Q&A follow. Free, but registration is required. To learn more, visit [CSH](#).

MORE EVENTS include "Writing Correspondence for Internal and External Audiences" ([April 3](#)); "Dirty Laundry" ([April 4](#)); "QM08@MSP," conference on global and local sexualities ([April 5](#)); "Web of Science vs. Google Scholar Smackdown" ([April 8](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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GOV. PAWLENTY SIGNS BONDING BILL--The University of Minnesota received funding for most of its capital investment projects and for the Minnesota Biomedical Research Program. Read "[Bonding bill finalized](#)".

INAUGURATION OF ROCHESTER CHANCELLOR: Stephen Lehmkuhle was formally installed as the first chancellor of UMR on April 4. He arrived on campus nine months ago. Lehmkuhle wants nothing less for UMR than a new way of teaching and learning. Two trends in higher education convinced him of the need for a new model: the way information quickly changes and the diverse backgrounds of students of the future. Read more at "[U inaugurates Rochester chancellor](#)."

MORRIS IN WASHINGTON: U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar invited UMM chancellor Jacquie Johnson to testify at an April 3 hearing of the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee because of her leadership at the nearly energy self-sufficient Morris campus. Read more at "[UMM chancellor speaks to Congress](#)."

PEOPLE: U physician Phillip Peterson will receive an honorary doctorate from Karolinska Institute, one of the largest medical universities in Europe; Deputy Chief Steve Johnson will retire from U Police April 30; Julie Sandman is the new online student support services assistant at UMC. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

2008 PULSE SURVEY: U faculty and staff recently received an e-mail invitation with instructions and a link to the Pulse Survey. Administered every other year, the survey measures faculty and staff satisfaction with the University of Minnesota as an employer. Please take 20 minutes out of your workday to complete it. If you did not receive the invitation, e-mail irr.surveys@umn.edu.

FIRST BRICKS LAID AT NEW FOOTBALL STADIUM. Hilding Mortenson, who helped to construct Memorial Stadium as a 16-year-old and is an uncle to Mort Mortenson, Jr., of the Mortenson construction family, laid the first brick on TCF Bank Stadium at a ceremony April 7. The stadium is scheduled to open September 12, 2009. It will be the first on-campus football stadium for the U in more than two decades. Fund raising is under way for the \$288.5 million structure, and so far, \$75.5 million has been raised toward the goal of \$86 million in donations and sponsorships. For updates, see [TCF Bank Stadium](#).

BOARD OF REGENTS WILL MEET April 11, 9-11 a.m., 600 McNamara Alumni Center. Topics include recognition of McKnight Land-Grant Professors, annual debt management report, and light rail transit update. Committee meetings will be held April 10; see [agenda](#).

WANTED: NOMINATIONS FOR CAPA OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD. The award recognizes units within the U that are exemplary in their support of P&A staff and acknowledges the work of P&A staff members within these units. Winning units will receive a plaque and \$1,000 for professional development. Nomination deadline is April 15; see [CAPA](#).

Crookston:

MAP YOUR RETIREMENT with a series of workshops: April 15 and April 17, Bede Ballroom, and April 23, Minnesota Room, Student Center. All sessions are 5:30-8 p.m. Topics include living your life, maintaining your health, and managing your money. Read the [news release](#).

ERIK KANTEN IS FAMILY PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR. Kanten, part of UMC health services, was chosen by the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians. Read the [news release](#).

UMC WINS THREE BUD GRANTS. Beautiful U Day (BUD), an annual initiative celebrating the U's natural resources, buildings, and grounds, will celebrate its 10th anniversary April 17. Read the [news release](#).

Duluth:

JAZZ COMBO CONCERT, featuring jazz standards and original compositions, will be April 15, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. UMD Jazz Combos I-IV are directed by Ryan Frane, Billy Barnard, Scott Belck, and Eugene Koshinski. Tickets are \$6 (\$5 for seniors; \$3 for students). For more information, see [music calendar](#).

SPRING SYMPOSIUM keynote address of UMD Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry will be given by Bassam Shakhshiri, professor, University of Wisconsin, Madison. He will discuss various scientific phenomena, including combustion, exploding balloons, liquids that glow in the dark, and polymers. April 11, 3:10 p.m., 200 Chemistry Building.

Morris:

ANNUAL FACULTY AND STAFF RECOGNITION DINNER will be May 1, Oyate Hall. Staff and faculty retirees and honorees will be recognized during a dinner and program, 6 p.m. A UMM Retirees Association reception will begin at 4:30 p.m., LaFave House.

Twin Cities:

WELCOME WEEK INFORMATION SESSIONS: April 22, 10:30-11:30 a.m., 101 Walter Library, and April 30, 1-2 p.m., 355 Borlaug Hall. To RSVP, e-mail ofyp@umn.edu. For more information, see [Welcome Week](#).

"FROM MUD, A BLADE," lecture by visiting sculptor Matthew Ryle. April 10, 7 p.m., E110 Regis Center for Art. There will also be a screening of Matthew Barney's film *De Lama Lamina*.

"Robbing the Cradle of Civilization--The Looting of Iraq's Ancient Treasures," April 10, 7 p.m., 135 Nicholson Hall. Discussion and candlelight vigil will follow. To learn more, see [Saving Antiquities for Everyone](#).

FORMER FRENCH MINISTER for Equal Opportunities and renowned writer Azouz Begag will give a public reading April 14, noon, 125 Nolte. For details, see [U calendar](#). In anticipation of his visit, the Francophone Film Collaborative will screen *Le Gone du Chaaba*, a film based on Begag's autobiographical narrative. U history professor Patricia Lorcin will introduce the film and answer questions after the screening.

"TEMPTATION, SELF-CONTROL, AND PUBLIC POLICY" is the topic of the third annual James P. Houck Lecture on Food and Consumer Policy hosted by the U's Food Industry Center and the Department of Applied Economics. The speaker will be David Laibson, Harvard University professor. April 16, 2 p.m., Cargill Building for Microbial and Plant Genomics. The lecture is free, but [register online](#). To learn more, see [event brochure](#) (PDF).

"INFORMATICS: A Scientific Basis for Use of IT in Health care and Biomedicine," will be a lecture by William Stead, professor of biomedical informatics and medicine, Vanderbilt University Medical Center. April 21, 4 p.m., 2-620 Moos Tower.

"DEVELOPING PHYSICALLY ACTIVE GIRLS: Challenges, Opportunities, and Solutions" is the topic of the Tucker Center for Research on Girls & Women in Sport's spring 2008 Distinguished Lecture. Panelists are Barbara Ainsworth, exercise physiologist; Margaret Duncan, sport sociologist; Nicole LaVoi, sport psychologist; and Diane Wiese-Bjornstal, sport psychologist. April 22, 7 p.m., Humphrey Center. To learn more, see [Tucker Center](#).

FORMER U.S. REP. TIM PENNY and futurist Joel Barker will headline the 2008 Center for Integrative Leadership conference, "Making Communities Work: Leadership Across Public, Private, Nonprofit, and Geographic Boundaries." Barker will deliver the keynote address, "Innovation and Implications: New Responsibilities for 21st Century Leaders." Penny will speak about "Reinventing Minnesota: Crossing Traditional Boundaries to Create Change." April 21, 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., and April 22, 8 to 11 a.m. at Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. Registration is \$80. For more information or to register, see [U Extension](#). Read the [news release](#).

MORE EVENTS include "Rethinking the University: Labor, Knowledge, Value" ([April 11](#)); "Color of Indonesia" ([April 12](#)); "Urban sprawl: Observations on urban form, environment, and health" ([April 14](#)); ITV Conference: "Children of Incarcerated Parents" ([April 16](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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U RECEIVES THE LARGEST GIFT ever to a higher education institution in Minnesota: \$65 million over 15 years for cancer research. The U's cancer center will be named the "Masonic Cancer Center" in recognition of the gift. Read "[University receives \\$65 million for Cancer Center](#)".

FOOD AND BEVERAGES AT THE U: On April 11, the Board of Regents approved four long-term contracts with vendors for food and beverage service on U campuses. The contracts include a 10-year agreement with Coca-Cola. Read "[Regents approve contracts with food and beverage vendors](#)".

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES TAKE THE LIMELIGHT: The U will host its second annual Public Engagement Day, April 22, UMC. (Advance registration required.) A number of changes have been made since the inaugural event, one being the addition of public engagement days on the other campuses; upcoming: UMD, April 16, and UMC, April 17. Read "[Celebrating public engagement](#)."

PEOPLE: Faculty members Doug Arnold, Kathryn Sikkink, and Robin Stryker have received 2008 Guggenheim fellowships; professors Patricia Hampl and Charles Baxter are among winners of 2008 Minnesota Book awards; Andrew Scheil wins Medieval Academy of America Prize; Vladimir Cherkassky is one of 10 winners of the A. Richard Newton Breakthrough Research Award from Microsoft External Research; Kristen Ehresmann was appointed to a four-year term on the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

THE U HAS WON A CHANGING LIVES AWARD from United Arts for its Community Fund Drive. The award recognizes excellence in employee fund-raising campaigns in both the public and private sector. United Arts raised \$279,000 for approximately 30 Twin Cities arts organizations through its 2007 Workplace Campaign, surpassing its \$240,000 goal. Read the [news release](#).

YOU HAVE TWO MORE WEEKS to take the Pulse Survey, the primary tool for measuring faculty and staff satisfaction with the U as an employer. Last week, faculty and staff received an e-mail invitation with instructions and a unique link to the survey. If you did not receive the invitation, e-mail irr_surveys@umn.edu. If you do not have access to a computer, the following lab hours are available: April 18, 315 Donhowe; April 22, 108 St. Paul Student Center; and April 24, 1-134 Carlson School. All labs are open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

ZAMBIAN DELEGATES AT THE U: Over the past two weeks, the U's Institute on Community Integration partnered with four community organizations to provide leadership training in disability policy and services for a team of 10 government officials, missionaries, educators, and advocates from Zambia, Africa. The program was modeled on the Certificate in Disability Policy and Services offered in the College of Education and Human Development. To learn more, see [Twin Cities and Zambia Disability Connection](#).

THE U GAVE AN HONORARY DEGREE to 17th Surgeon General of the United States Richard Carmona in recognition of his contributions to public service. President Bush appointed him to the position in March 2002. Carmona is currently vice chairman of Canyon Ranch, an Arizona-based life enhancement company, and serves on the faculty of the University of Arizona.

2008 JOSIE R. JOHNSON AWARD WINNERS are Ananya Chatterjea, professor of theatre and dance, and Ross Neely, graduate student in social justice education. The Josie R. Johnson Human Rights and Social Justice Award is sponsored by the Office for Equity and Diversity and will be presented at a dinner and ceremony, April 22. [Learn more](#) about the award.

RSVP BY APRIL 21 TO ATTEND THE AWARD CEREMONY for the Morse-Alumni and the Outstanding Contributions to Postbaccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education recipients. April 28, 3:30-6 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, UMC. For a complete list of winners and to RSVP, see [UMAA](#).

U SYMPOSIUM ON TIME, hosted by the Institute for Advanced Study and Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, April 26, is an all-day exploration of time in nature. Participants will attend three guided presentations on phenology, plant evolution, and tree time. Lunch is included, but advance registration is required; see the [events calendar](#).

2009 EARLY CAREER SCIENTIST COMPETITION is seeking up to 70 outstanding early career scientists. Letters of intent are due April 30; applications accepted May 1-June 10. Eligibility is limited to scientists who hold appointments as assistant professor (or higher academic rank) in a tenure-track faculty position at an eligible institution. For criteria and application details, see [Howard Hughes Medical Institute](#).

MINNESOTA FUTURES GRANT PROGRAM by the Office of the VP for Research is designed to foster new pathways of interdisciplinary research. Three awards, providing up to \$25,000 each to support a symposium, will be offered during phase one of the program. For details, see [OVPR](#).

APPLICATION DEADLINE for the Digital Media Center Faculty Fellowship is May 5, 5 p.m. The fellowships provide up to five instructors with \$10,000 each to pursue topics of teaching and learning in emerging learning environments. Applicants must be Twin Cities campus faculty members or academic professionals with primary responsibility for teaching courses. For application instructions, see [DMC Faculty Fellowship Program](#).

THE PRIZE MONEY HAS DOUBLED for Minnesota Cup, the annual contest sponsored by the U and Wells Fargo to find the most innovative business ideas from Minnesotans. First prize is now \$50,000; second is \$10,000; and third is \$5,000. The student prize is \$5,000. Entry deadline is May 23. To learn more and for entry forms, see [2008 Minnesota Cup](#).

THE ACADEMIC AND CORPORATE RELATIONS CENTER is now a part of University Relations (UR), the U's central communications office. UR has five other departments: Government and Community Relations, News Service, Marketing, Internal Communications, and Creative Services. To learn more about the Academic and Corporate Relations Center, read "[The new front door of the University](#)."

Crookston:

SOME 800 CHILDREN, ages three and up, explored the world of agriculture and farm animals during the UMC Tours for Tots program, April 7-11. They learned about sheep, beef and dairy cattle, and horses, as well as visited the campus greenhouse to view plants and learn about research areas. Read the [news release](#).

UMC STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE (SIFE) received their ninth consecutive Regional Champion Award at the regional competition in Minneapolis, March 25-26. The team now advances to the 2008 SIFE USA National Exposition in Chicago. Read the [news release](#).

PATRICIA SIMMONS, Board of Regents chair, will be the 2008 commencement speaker. May 3, 2 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium. Read the [news release](#).

Duluth:

CONGRESSWOMAN BETTY MCCOLLUM will give an update from Washington as part of "The Ben and Jeanne Overman Lecture Series." McCollum, the second Minnesota woman elected to Congress since statehood in 1858, is serving her fourth term. April 21, 1:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. A reception will follow in the lower level.

THE "CULTURAL AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON TERRORISM" forum will feature keynote speaker Jim Northrup, a nationally known Native American writer, and a panel that includes Sabah Alwan, business administration professor, College of St. Scholastica (Iraq); Haji Khalil Dokhanchi, political science professor, UW-Superior (Iran); Alexis Pogorelskin, head, UMD History Department, and director, Center for Genocide, the Holocaust, and Human Studies; and a graduate student (Pakistan). April 16, 2:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall.

"PRINCIPLES OF POSSIBILITY: Proactive Art Education in Postmodern Times," a lecture by Olivia Gude, founding director of Spiral Workshop and art education professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The presentation is part of the [Art & Design Lecture Series](#). April 22, 6 p.m., Tweed Museum Lecture Gallery.

PROTECTING UMD STREAMS is a presentation on how green roofs, rain gardens, and other innovative efforts can be used to protect the streams running through UMD. April 18, noon-1 p.m., fourth floor Library Rotunda. Presented by Jesse Schomberg, MN Sea Grant, and Erik Larson and Candice Richards, UMD Facilities Management. A tour of Labovitz School of Business rain gardens will follow. For more information, call 218-726-8262.

Morris:

UMM WILL PARTICIPATE IN LIVING GREEN EXPO, May 3-4, Minnesota State Fairgrounds, St. Paul. The free event provides ways for people to live better, healthier lives with less impact on the environment.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S Pot-Your-Own-Plant, Art Club renovations to the campus wood kiln, the Minnesota Public Interest Group's green energy building identifiers, and energy efficient light bulb and reusable canvas grocery bag giveaways are all part of the annual Beautiful U Day, April 17, UMM.

THE FIRST ON-CAMPUS RELAY FOR LIFE, in conjunction with the American Cancer Society, is set for April 18-19, 6 a.m.-6 p.m., campus mall. (A Relay for Life event is also held each summer at an off-campus location.)

Rochester:

"THE EFFECTIVE DESIGN of computer-based aids for the teaching and learning of music in elementary education" was the topic of a presentation by Mariana Waisman, UMD assistant professor of graphic design, April 11, UMR. She spoke about a design project at the University of Alberta, Canada, that involved the creation of a computer-based aid for the instruction of musical concepts, primarily through listening activities, at the second-grade level of elementary education.

Twin Cities:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS REAFFIRMED its 2001 call for a northern route for the proposed Central Corridor light-rail line, during its April 11 meeting. A northern alignment, which would take the light-rail line north of campus, through the Dinkytown area, would save \$16 million to \$18 million in project costs, reduce travel time on the Central Corridor by more than a minute, and eliminate the need for mitigation costs to the approved Washington Avenue route. Read the [news release](#).

TO PROMOTE ENERGY CONSERVATION and to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Beautiful U Day, 10,000 compact fluorescent light bulbs will be distributed across the U, April 17. Events include a kickoff at the University ReUse Center, an open house at the Como Area work units, and a campus lunch at Northrop plaza and the St. Paul Student Center. Volunteers are still needed for campus spring cleaning; see [BJUD 2008](#).

BEAUTIFUL U DAY AND EARTH DAY will serve as bookends for a series of events celebrating campus beautification and sustainability. Events include the Great U of M Power Down, a daylong challenge, April 21, to reduce campuswide energy usage. For more information, see [institute on the Environment](#).

PUBLIC FORUM WITH DISABILITY SERVICES CANDIDATE: The U community is invited to a forum with Sam Goodin, finalist for director of Disability Services. Goodin currently serves as director of Services for Students with Disabilities at the University of Michigan. April 18, 10-10:45 a.m., President's Room, Coffman Union. The forum will include a 20-minute presentation by Goodin on "Current Trends in Higher Education and Disability" followed by a Q&A. For more information, e-mail oad@umn.edu.

TWIN CITIES CAMPUS VISITORS GUIDE AND MAP is printed once every two years and is available from University Relations. Departments may want to have this map to give to prospective students, business leaders, guests, visiting scholars, international visitors, workshop attendees, prospective faculty members, and others. To order, [download a form](#).

"CURRENT TRENDS IN HOME TELEHEALTH" is the topic of the Advances in Science and Technology Seminar Series, April 18, noon-1:30 p.m., 3-125 Mayo Memorial Building. Stanley Finkelstein, professor of laboratory medicine and pathology, will speak about the tools and techniques needed to develop and implement programs in home telehealth, an emerging area in telemedicine.

THE 39TH ANNUAL MINNESOTA IRON POUR is a chance to watch iron melted and poured into molds to make art. April 18, noon-4 p.m., Regis Center for Art. Mini-symposium with guest artists, April 17, 7 p.m., In-Flux Auditorium.

NORTHROP AUDITORIUM IS FEATURING the Trisha Brown Dance Company, April 25, 8 p.m. The performance, "Present Tense, Foray Foret, and I love my robots," is part of a yearlong collaboration among Northrop, Walker Art Center, and the U's Dance program. Tickets are \$25-\$42; see [Northrop](#). To learn more about the "Year of Trisha," read the [news release](#).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY with Project Homeless Connect, April 28, Minneapolis Convention Center. The event offers a variety of services to people living in shelters or on the streets. A one-hour volunteer orientation is required; to learn more or to volunteer, see [Project Homeless](#). If you wish to talk to other U staff and faculty who have volunteered at this event, contact Virajita Singh at 612-625-3447 or singh023@umn.edu.

THE PULMONARY HYPERTENSION EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM, hosted by the U's Lilliehei Heart Institute and Center for Lung Science and Health, is free to patients, families, and caregivers interested in learning more about the condition. May 3, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For more information or to register by April 23, contact Meghan Biever at bieve008@umn.edu or 612-624-8970.

MORE EVENTS include Bach Festival: Chamber Singers ([April 20](#)); "24/40-Hour Emergency Response Training" ([April 21](#)); "The Present Moment" ([April 22](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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FAMILIES AND PHYSICS: Through PACES (Parents and Children Experiencing Science), a program of the President's Initiative on Children, Youth, and Families, parents can model scientific curiosity for their kids; read "[When physics is a social science](#)."

PEOPLE: Dean Tsantir is the new director of the Graduate School's Office of Admissions, effective June 9; assistant professor Hisham Bizri has won an award from the American Academy in Rome; Jean Wyman was named president-elect of the Midwest Nursing Research Society; Gwen Halaas, director of AHC's Center for Interprofessional Education, was selected to attend the Harvard Macy Institute's Leading Innovation in Health Care and Education. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

University-wide:

THE U WAS PART OF A DISTANCE LEARNING MEMORANDUM signed yesterday (April 22). The American Distance Education Consortium, a nonprofit organization composed of approximately 65 state universities, including the U, has signed a cooperative agreement with the Chinese Central Agricultural Broadcasting Television School, the largest distance education organization in the world, to foster additional relationships for distance learning opportunities. Read the [news release](#).

TWO MILLION-DOLLAR GIFTS will support adult education at the U. The Bernard Osher Foundation has given the College of Continuing Education two gifts: one to create an endowment for the Osher Reentry Scholarship, which helps adults finish their first bachelor's degree, and the second, to go toward an endowment to support the U's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, a membership-based lifelong learning community of older adults. Read the [news release](#).

U NAMES ALUM TO COORDINATE RENOVATIONS: Archie Givens, CEO of Legacy Management & Development Corporation and nationally known for his work in affordable housing and health care administration, will serve as the U's representative during the renovation of the former shopping center at 2001 Plymouth Ave. N. in Minneapolis. The U bought the building in February to house the new Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement Center. Read the [news release](#).

INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF GLOBAL CHANGE has been awarded a \$600,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to continue its undergraduate honors program, the Global Issues Honors Consortium--a partnership among UMTC, UMM, Tougaloo College, and Dillard University. The program is designed to serve populations underrepresented in higher education and prepare students for graduate school. To learn more about the center, see [ICGC](#).

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED to Women's Leadership Institute's 2008-09 program. The institute offers U women a chance to cultivate leadership skills. Monthly meetings, held from September to June, include guest speakers, reflection, networking, and group discussion. Applications accepted through May 22. For more information, go to the [WLI Web site](#).

GRANT WRITING FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH is the topic of the next workshop in the Collaborative Leadership Development Series. A panel of seven faculty members will share their perspectives and experiences of developing successful proposals, focusing on the issues and concerns unique to interdisciplinary contexts. April 30, 3-5 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC, and by ITV at 410 Library, UMD. Sponsored by the Graduate School. Free, but space is limited and registration is required at [OII workshops](#).

Crookston:

ERIC BURGESS, UMC business instructor, presented his research on strategic planning in higher education at the 14th annual Midwest Qualitative Research Conference, April 17-18, University of St. Thomas. Kenneth Johnson, also an instructor in the Business Department, will copresent with Burgess on the same topic at the Association of Business Schools and Programs Annual Conference, July 21-22, New Orleans. Read the [news release](#).

STUDENTS HONORED SELECT FACULTY AND STAFF with special awards during the 2008 Student Awards Ceremony in early April. The entire UMC student body voted on the recipients. "Most Creative Use of Technology," Tom Sondreal, senior media producer, Media Services; "Outstanding Educator," Kevin Thompson, assistant professor of communication; "Most Supportive of Students," Sonia Spaeth, assistant professor of health, physical education, recreation, and art; and "Outstanding Service to Students," Lisa Samuelson, director of student activities.

A PROPOSAL BY UMC HORTICULTURE CLUB to create a native plant demonstration garden has been awarded \$4,000 by the U's Institute on the Environment. The grant was 1 of 12 awarded to student organizations across the U system for projects or activities in spring 2008 that promote sustainability and the environment. Read the [news release](#).

Duluth:

25TH ANNUAL BAEUMLER-KAPLAN HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION presents keynote lecture "Zeit Zeuge: Time Witness" by Leonore Baeumler, April 29, 4 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Baeumler, a Duluth resident who lived in Germany during the Nazi regime, will present excerpts from her memoir, *Zeit Zeuge*. The event is free and open to the public. Read the [news release](#).

MARSHALL W. ALWORTH PLANETARIUM WILL CELEBRATE National Astronomy Day, April 26, starting at 10 a.m. UMTC physics and astronomy professor Lawrence Rudnick will give the keynote address, "The Greatest Impact: Our Birth in the Stars." Programs include dark-sky shows, full-dome videos, remotely delivered presentations by the Hayden Planetarium in New York City, demonstrations, and workshops on buying and using telescopes. For more information, see [Alworth Planetarium](#).

DEAR FINDER, written and produced by UMD theater professor Tom Isbell, opens April 24, 7:30 p.m., Marshall Performing Arts Center. The award-winning play about the Holocaust returns to UMD 10 years after its premiere performance. The play runs through May 3; all performances 7:30 p.m., except Sundays, 2 p.m. Members of the Baeumler-Kaplan Holocaust Commemoration Committee will lead discussions after each performance (except opening night). Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$11 for seniors, and \$6 for UMD students and children. For more information, see [UMD theatre](#).

UMD MUSIC DEPARTMENT presents two performances of *The Merry Widow*, a romantic operetta by Franz Lehar, April 25 and 26, 7:30 p.m., Duluth Entertainment Convention Center. The opera features UMD faculty Rachel Inselman (soprano) and Calland Metts (tenor) in the leading roles, and nationally known guest director Dean Anthony. Performed in English with supertitles. Tickets are \$10-\$35. For more information, see [UMD music](#).

Morris:

A NEW DIGITAL IMAGE DATABASE makes three online high-resolution photo collections accessible to on- and off-campus users. The Historic District Collection documents the buildings and spaces that constitute the West Central School of Agriculture and Experiment Station Historic District. The UMM Heritage Collection contains photographs of people, places, and events that span the 120-year history of the campus. UMM Today holds current UMM photographs. The database is an ongoing, joint project of UMM Archives, the Rodney A. Briggs Library, Media Services, Admissions, Computing Services, and U Relations. Visit [UMM Digital Collections](#).

UMM STUDENTS who participated in the 2007-08 Multi-Ethnic Mentorship Program presented the results of their work April 7. The 12 projects were in the disciplines of art, biology, political science, economics, philosophy, computer science, French, environmental science, and education. Read the [news release](#).

Twin Cities:

OPEN FORUMS ON CAMPUS MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS will be held April 28, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center; May 1, 9:30-11 a.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union; and May 2, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 33 McNeal Hall, St. Paul. The purpose of the forums is to gather input from the U community and from residents of adjoining communities regarding recommended updates to the Twin Cities Campus Master Plan. For more information, go to the [Master Planning Web site](#).

CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY FORUM: VP Kathleen O'Brien and Institute on the Environment interim director Deborah Swackhamer will cohost a forum with the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group, April 28, 4-5:30 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. Learn more about the work being done to advance sustainability efforts on campus and share your priorities for campus sustainability. The forum, part of student Actifest week events, will also inform the work of the committee charged by President Bruininks, and cochaired by O'Brien and Swackhamer, to develop sustainability goals and outcomes for the U.

NEXT WELCOME WEEK INFO SESSION, April 30, 1-2 p.m., 335 Borlaug Hall. RSVP, ofvp@umn.edu. To learn more, see [Welcome Week](#).

MOVIE SCREENING AND DISCUSSION: Sundance Film Festival award-winner *Dark Matter* is a fictionalized account of a 1991 shooting at the University of Iowa. A panel discussion following the film will explore student mental health, adjustment issues, and campus safety. April 24, 4 p.m. (seating 3:30 p.m.), Coffman Union. To learn more, see [campus events](#).

INTERNATIONAL GRANTS SYMPOSIUM, sponsored by the Office of International Programs, will feature panel discussions with previous faculty recipients of its International Strategic Initiatives funds. A reception will follow to honor the 2008 faculty and graduate student recipients and feature posters presented by last year's student recipients. Grants will total nearly \$560,000 in 2008-09. April 29, 2 p.m. (reception 4:30 p.m.), Weisman Art Museum. To learn more, see [campus events](#).

"STORMWATER," cosponsored by the U's Water Resources Center, will feature student presentations on stormwater projects and an update on the U's stormwater plans, including those for the new TCF Bank Stadium. April 30, 3-4 p.m. 105 Cargill Building.

2008 KERMIT A. OLSON MEMORIAL LECTURE. Richard Primack, a Boston University professor, will present "Climate Change Comes to Thoreau's Concord," in which he will focus on the changes in flowering times that have been observed in several plant species over the past 150 years. April 30, 4 p.m., 110 Green Hall.

HILLEL PRESENTS A LECTURE: "Turning Away from Hate: Confessions of an Ex-Neo Nazi." TJ Leyden will speak about his years in a white supremacist movement and the importance of diversity and tolerance. April 30, 7 p.m., 175 Willey Hall.

UNIVERSITY STORES ANNUAL LAB FEST, featuring lab product and services vendors, will be April 30, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Radisson University Hotel, and May 1, St. Paul Student Center.

"BUILDING TIES '08" exhibit will feature culturally sensitive housing designs for Mexicans and Ojibwe, developed by third-year interior design students under the direction of U professor Tasoulla Hadjiyanni. Opening May 3, 2-4 p.m., Hennepin History Museum, and runs through June 8.

"THE SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY'S NANO-ELECTRONICS Research Initiative: Motivation and Challenges" is the next lecture in the Digital Technology Center's Science and Technology Innovators Series. Given by Jeff Welsler, director of SRC Nanoelectronics Research Initiative, IBM Almaden Research Center. May 6, 5 p.m. (4:30 p.m. reception), 101 Walter Library. For more information, see [DTC events](#).

MORE EVENTS include Financial Intelligence course ([April 24](#)); "Atlantic Worlds: Art and Globalization from Columbus to NAFTA" ([April 25](#)); "Kinetic Spectrum" ([April 26](#)); "Cellotone 2008" ([April 27](#)); "Innovative Approaches to the Global AIDS Epidemic: A Town Meeting With Congresswoman Betty McCollum" ([April 28](#)); "Video Options at the U" ([April 29](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, the University of Minnesota has transformed Facilities Management--the department responsible for keeping the U's buildings and grounds in good shape--into an operation that is more customer-focused, cost effective, and accountable. To learn more, read "[A new way of doing business.](#)"

PEOPLE: Kathleen Brooks is the new associate dean for primary care at the Medical School; Gary Reineccius was named head of the food science and nutrition department; UDS hires dietitian Laura Asrani; associate professor Sarah Hobbie has been named a 2008 Leopold Leadership Fellow. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

University-wide:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS will be holding a public forum on the U's proposed budget for fiscal year 2009 on May 21, 10:30 a.m., sixth floor, McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. Information on the forum and procedures for individuals wishing to speak can be found on the [Board of Regents Web site](#). The forum will be available via video conferencing on the other campuses (location details to come), and speakers from those campuses are welcome.

2008 OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNERS are Prentiss Cox, clinical instructor, Law School; Dennis Donovan, research fellow, Center for Democracy and Citizenship; Barbara Frey, director of the Human Rights Program and assistant professor, Law School; Maria Pabon, graduate student, Department of Educational Psychology; Mary Page, community member, Regional Sustainable Development Partnership. This award, established in 1999 by President Bruininks, recognizes members of the U community who have devoted their time and talent to making substantial, enduring contributions to the community and to improving public life and the well-being of society. For more information on the award, visit the [Office for Public Engagement](#).

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE for completing the UPlan Wellness Assessment for 2008 and to receive a \$65 UPlan Wellness Reward. Faculty and staff are eligible to receive another \$65 wellness reward in 2008 by participating in one of the following activities: consulting with a health coach, enrolling in Web-based Healthy Living programs, participating in HealthCare Choices, and (available this fall) registering for the HealthPartners 10,000 Steps program. If your spouse or same-sex domestic partner is a UPlan member, he or she can also earn the wellness rewards. Take the survey at [Health Connections](#).

SPLIT ROCK ARTS PROGRAM 2008 summer workshops in creative writing, visual art, and design will be held weekly, June 15-Aug. 1, UMTC and the U's Cloquet Forestry Center in northern Minnesota. The program is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. No prerequisites. Graduate and undergraduate credit available. Faculty and staff can take workshops at reduced tuition rates through Regents Scholarship. For workshop information and online registration, see [College of Continuing Education](#), e-mail splitrockarts@umn.edu, or call 612-625-1976.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED for the Multicultural Teaching and Learning Fellowship Program for 2008-09. The Center for Teaching and Learning administers and facilitates the fellowship, which supports course development, course revision, development of teaching resources, and other projects related to multicultural teaching and learning. Applications accepted through May 23. For more information, e-mail [Anita Gonzalez](mailto:Anita.Gonzalez) or visit [CTL](#).

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: The Medical Industry Leadership Institute's 2008 Interdisciplinary grant program is seeking applications for up to four grants, which will be funded at a maximum of \$30,000 each. Submission deadline is May 5; e-mail questions to [Jessica Haupt](mailto:Jessica.Haupt). The 2007 award winners will present their findings May 27, 3-4:30 p.m., Honeywell Auditorium, Carlson School. Topics are "Deploying RFID in the Health care Industry," "Bio-Materials Discovery," "Exploring the Value of a Personal Health Records System to Improve Preventative Health Screening," and "Improving Chronic Disease Care Using Data Mining and Personalization Technologies."

Crookston:

UMC WILL BECOME A SMOKE FREE/TOBACCO FREE campus effective Jan. 1, 2009, the second U campus after UMD to institute such a policy. The policy covers smoking, tobacco use, and tobacco sales on U-owned, operated and leased properties. Read the [news release](#).

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND TEACHERS of AGRICULTURE (NACTA) team at UMC placed first in the annual national judging competition held in Stephenville, Texas, in mid-April. The team won both the four-year college division competition and the overall sweepstakes competition between the top two- and four-year college teams. UMC teams last won the sweepstakes in 2003. Read the [news release](#).

A GIFT OF \$75,000 was unanimously approved at a recent Northwest School of Agriculture Alumni Association Board meeting to support a new state-of-the-art business conference room at UMC. Read the [news release](#).

Duluth:

DENNIS BRISSETT MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES features "Rationality and Happenstance: Life as ----" by J Clark Laudergeran, UMD professor of sociology. May 8, 3 p.m., 142 UMD Medical School. A reception follows in the atrium. Sociologist Dennis Brissett prompted Laudergeran's work in addictions; they collaborated on alcoholism/addiction research projects. Most recently, Laudergeran's research has focused on the prevalence of gambling addiction and trends in student drinking, among colleges in Duluth. Read the [news release](#).

THE 13TH ANNUAL RESEARCH/ARTISTIC UNDERGRADUATE SHOWCASE will be held May 1, noon-4 p.m., Kirby Student Center Ballroom. UMD students in the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program and students doing research with UMD faculty mentors will give presentations of their work. Chancellor Martin will introduce the program. Refreshments will be served.

"LIFE EXPECTANCY, LIFE SPAN, AND THE LIMITS OF MEDICINE," a lecture by Seymour Handler, a recently retired pathologist from North Memorial Hospital in Minneapolis, will be May 5, 11:30 a.m., Kirby Student Center, Rafters. Free and sponsored by University for Seniors. For more information, see [UMD events](#).

Morris:

UMM AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY (ACS) CHEMISTRY CLUB obtained Green Chapter status and received a commendable mention ACS Student Affiliates Chapter Award at the recent national ACS conference. To achieve green status, a chapter must engage in at least three green chemistry activities and promote green chemistry during the academic year.

FIRST SUMMER JAZZ EXPERIENCE residential clinic for high school musicians will be June 8-10. Artists in residence and international jazz greats Chris Vadala and Allen Vizzutti will be featured along with UMM jazz ensemble musicians as mentors. For more information, see [summer jazz](#) or call Karen Ellis at 800-842-0030.

Rochester:

TODAY, UMR IS HOSTING its first Bachelor of Fine Arts Campus Visit Day. The event is an opportunity for new students to meet current students.

Twin Cities:

SPRING COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES will take place May 3-June 21. About 7,000 students will earn their undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees. Commencement speakers include Gov. Tim Pawlenty and political pundit Jeff Greenfield. For a complete list of dates and speakers, read the [news release](#).

UNIVERSITY DINING SERVICES placed second in the "Food Service Organics" category at the 2008 National Recyclemania competition. More than 400 colleges participated in the 10-week contest, which began in January. Colleges competed in a variety of categories, including waste minimization, recycling, and food service organics (composting). Rutgers University took first place. Learn more about the [UDS sustainability programming](#).

CHINA CENTER IS HOSTING more than 40 principals from Chinese schools and educational institutions this week (April 28-May 1) for the first U.S.-China Principals Summit. Officials, scholars, and business people will join the educators to discuss education partnerships between their countries. To view a schedule of events for the forum, visit the [China Center](#).

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"SEAWORTHY," an exhibition of six master of fine arts (MFA) graduate students will run May 2-22, Nash Gallery, Regis Center for Art. (A public reception is scheduled for May 2, 6-8:30 pm.) Featured artists are Caroline Houdek, Josie Lewis, Jon Mahnke, Aaraan Schmidt, Andrew Schroeder, and Cheryl Wilgren Clyne. The MFA is the highest degree awarded within the fine arts; the exhibition represents the culmination of work during the three-year-program in the Department of Art.

THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC presents Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*, featuring the U's Choral Union and Percussion Ensemble and the Metropolitan Boys Choir. Artists include Linh Kauffman (soprano), Jeffrey Hess (tenor), and Jonathan Ten Brink (baritone). May 2, 7:30 p.m. Ted Mann Concert Hall. The event is free. For more information, visit the [School of Music](#).

PRIMATOLOGIST JANE GOODALL will give a public lecture, May 3, 11 a.m., Mayo Auditorium, and will give the commencement speech during the College of Veterinary Medicine graduation, 7 p.m., Northrop Auditorium.

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS FAIR: Admissions officers from 20 Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs member schools, including the Humphrey Institute, will be on hand to answer questions about master's and doctoral degree programs in international affairs. May 8, 5-7 p.m., Humphrey Center. For more information, call 612-624-2909.

"CURRIED FLAVORS" is a cooking, tasting, and book-signing event with culinary expert and cookbook author Raghavan Iyer, May 12, 6-8 p.m., *Great Hall*, Oswald Visitor Center, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Iyer's newest cookbook is *660 Curries: The Gateway to Indian Cooking*. Tickets are \$25 per person; to register, call 952-443-1422.

LECTURE SERIES ON OPTIMAL HEALING SPACES: The Ellerbe Becket Optimal Healing Environments Lecture Series, hosted by the Center for Spirituality & Healing, will feature Eve Edelman, a neuroscience and architecture specialist, speaking about "Creating Healing Spaces: Neuroscience and Architecture." May 13, 4 p.m., Mayo Memorial Auditorium.

"CARING FOR A PARENT WITH MEMORY LOSS" conference will feature U experts in a lively, informative discussion related to memory loss, caregiving tips, and what you can do to help. Presenters are Joseph Gaugler, assistant professor in the School of Nursing and the Center on Aging; Kristie Kellis, a study counselor who works with Alzheimer's caregiver; and Mark Reese, a study counselor with experience as a family caregivers. Free, but registration is required; e-mail qaug0015@umn.edu. May 31, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., 4-180 Weaver-Densford Hall.

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U POISED TO LAUNCH NEW WIRELESS NETWORK: The Office of Information Technology has been working to upgrade the current wireless network on the UMTC and UMR campuses. The new network will provide users with faster connection and better security. To learn more, read "[Faster wireless Internet planned.](#)"

TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP: The University offers various leadership development programs for its employees. Two of them are the President's Emerging Leaders and the Transformational Leadership Program. Recently, the Board of Regents recognized these programs and their role in driving a "culture of excellence." To learn more, read "[UMD graduates its second transformational leadership cohort.](#)"

PEOPLE: The U has hired top molecular and integrative physiologist Joseph Metzger; adjunct epidemiology instructor Kristen Ehresmann was appointed to the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice; Guillermo Sapiro was named editor in chief of a new Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics journal; Regents Professor Emeritus G. Edward Schuh died Sunday due to complications following heart surgery. Read about these and more in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

University-wide:

BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING, May 9, 9 a.m.-noon, 600 McNamara Alumni Center. The agenda includes a review of the six-year capital improvement plan (2009-14) and the president's recommended annual operating budget for fiscal year 2009. Committee meetings will be held May 7-8. For the complete agenda, see [Board of Regents](#).

THE VETERANS TRANSITION CENTER located at UMTC has received a \$40,000 grant from AT&T and Operation Homefront to support veterans returning to college. The funds for the student-run center will go towards new furniture, carpeting, computers, and other technology for the 2008-09 academic year. Read the [news release](#) and [watch a video](#) about the support the University provides for returning veterans. (The U has several resources across all campuses, in addition to the Veterans Transition Center, for its more than 600 student veterans.)

U HONORS NOTED CHILDREN'S AUTHOR with 2008 Kerlan Award. Walter Dean Myers will be honored along with author and illustrator Robert Kraus (posthumously), May 10, 1 p.m., 125 Willey Hall. Since 1975, the award has been presented annually in recognition of singular attainments in the creation of children's literature and in appreciation of donations to the Kerlan Collection. A professional development session will be held before the award ceremony, 9-11:30 a.m., Elmer Andersen Library. Read the [news release](#).

BEST DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES (DGS) AWARD recipients for 2008 are John Campbell, psychology, and Lois Cucullu, English, UMTC. Best DGS Assistant Award recipients are Lisa Hubinger, comparative and molecular bioscience and veterinary medicine, and Gail Kalli, plant biological sciences, UMTC. The Graduate School will be hosting a reception in their honor, May 14, 3-4:30 p.m., Upson Room, Walter Library, UMTC. Register by May 9 at starry@umn.edu. For more information, see [Grad School](#).

Crookston:

THE BLANDIN FOUNDATION recently awarded the Northwest Minnesota Foundation with a three-year, \$300,000 grant for a project that includes an annual competition to encourage new entrepreneurs. UMC is one of the project partners. Read the [news release](#).

UMC CELEBRATED STAFF DAY, May 5. The success and accomplishments of staff were recognized with a luncheon and award presentation.

A FACULTY WORKSHOP on the Graduation Planner, with William Dana and Kasi Williamson from the UMTC registrar's office, will be May 8, 100 Dowell.

Duluth:

UMD LIBRARY will present the 20th annual Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards, May 17-18. Festivities begin with a writing workshop by Minnesota author Bill Holm, May 17, 2-4 p.m., fourth-floor library rotunda. Book fair and reception, May 18, 12:30-3 p.m., Tweed Museum of Art, followed by awards presentation emceed by Duluth's first poet laureate Barton Sutter, with featured speaker Bill Holm, 3:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. For more information, see [UMD library](#).

PAMELA ENRICI, UMD Library, has been elected by the Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators to serve a three-year term in the University Academic Senate.

GLENSHEEN HISTORIC CONGDON ESTATE offers three special Mother's Day buffets, which include a tour of the mansion, May 11, 9 a.m., noon, and 4 p.m. Prices are \$24.95 for adults, \$13.95 for children, and free for those under five. Glensheen hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and tours are held on Saturdays and Sundays through May 26. For more information, see [Glensheen Estate](#).

Morris:

UMM SENIOR SIMON FRANCO AND DONNA CHOLLETT, anthropology professor, are recipients of the 2008 Cesar E. Chavez awards. They were nominated by UMM students for outstanding leadership and contributions to the Latino community, and for communities of color, and support of worker's rights. Read the [news release](#).

SENIOR JOHN HANSON, Falcon Heights, is the first UMM student to receive a scholarship from the Killam Fellowships Program. Read the [news release](#).

FROM SPRING STUDENT ART EXHIBITS: "Untitled Dream" by Reed Schmidt and "Dehumanization" by Ben Wellendorf were selected for the Rodney A. Briggs Library Student Art Award. The award recognizes talented UMM students and creates a permanent library art collection.

Rochester:

TODAY, UMR WILL HONOR 2008 GRADUATES with a reception, 5-7 p.m., third-floor student lounge. A short program will be held at 5:30 p.m. with refreshments and gifts.

Twin Cities:

STEP-UP PROGRAM: Senior VP Robert Jones, STEP-UP cochair, urges department heads to consider participating in this program to increase educational and economic opportunity for Minneapolis youth. STEP-UP places youth from diverse backgrounds in summer jobs for six to eight weeks, 20 to 40 hours per week. Hiring departments are expected to pay the students at least \$7 per hour; some matching funds are available. The deadline to request a student is May 19. Contact Steve Schumacher at sschumacher@achieveinneapolis.org or 612-455-1558, or if you have specific questions about the U's participation in the program, contact Tex Ostvig at 612-624-3958 or uconnects@umn.edu.

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY LECTURES: "Theorizing Historical Change: Critical Theory and the Transformations of the Twentieth Century": A talk with Moïshe Postone, May 8, 4 p.m.; "Creating Access to Mental Health Care for Somali and Oromo Refugees": A talk with Mary Bradmiller, May 9, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; "Telling Time: Short Films About Dreams, Memories, Paradoxes, Rhythms, Conundrums, Lies, and the Uncanny": Presentation by Lynn Lukkas, May 14, 4 p.m. All events are held at 125 Nolte Center. For more information, call 612-626-5054 or see [Institute for Advanced Study](#).

THE U'S COMPANION-ANIMAL BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM has two greyhound blood donors available for foster care. Both dogs were acquired from a rescue organization in Kansas, and they cannot be placed in homes with cats. If you are interested in fostering either of these dogs or have questions, e-mail [Beth Olmstead](mailto:Beth.Olmstead) or [Dora Schroeder](mailto:Dora.Schroeder). For information about the blood donor program, see [College of Vet Med](#).

OUR BODIES, OURSELVES is a special presentation and open discussion with Judy Norsigian, coauthor of *Our Bodies, Ourselves: Pregnancy and Birth*; Andy Steiner, author of *Spilled Milk: Breastfeeding Adventures and Advice From Less-Than-Perfect Moms*; and Deborah Ringdahl, School of Nursing clinical assistant professor. Today, 5:30-7:30 p.m., 401/402, Walter Library. For more information, visit [School of Nursing](#).

"THE OTHER SIDE OF CARING: Caregiver Suffering," the Wald Lectureship on Palliative and Hospice Care, will feature renowned ethicist and scholar Cynda Rushton discussing the paradox of providing humane care to people with serious illness or facing death. May 8, 4-5 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. For more information, see [School of Nursing](#).

PLANT SALE by U Horticulture Club: perennials, herbs, annuals, vegetables, fruits, and a few surprises. All plants grown locally. May 8-11, Gortner Ave. between Larpenteur and Folwell. (Times vary: Thur. and Fri. 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sun. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.) Questions, e-mail hortclub@umn.edu.

THIRD ANNUAL NEW MUSIC ENSEMBLE CONSORTIUM by the School of Music features new works and performances by faculty and students, including the world premiere of composer Laura Schwendinger's "Song for Andrew." Events include University of Iowa's Center for New Music, May 8, 7:30 p.m.; University of Wisconsin-Madison's Contemporary Chamber Ensemble, May 9, 7:30 p.m.; University of Minnesota's New Music Ensemble, May 10, 3:30 p.m. All concerts are held at Lloyd Ultan Recital Hall, Ferguson Hall. For a complete schedule of events and for more information, see [School of Music](#).

ROBOTS TAKE OVER THE LIBRARY: The Science and Engineering Library in Walter will host students and researchers from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering in the 2008 SCImagine!, the library's annual science showcase of artificial intelligence and robotics. May 9, 3:30-5 p.m. For more information, see [Walter Library](#).

"ARCHITECTURE AND CERAMICS: Material, Structure, Vision," curated by Rob Silberman, associate professor of art history, includes slide lecture, family dialogues, and tips on how to teach art to youth. Opening reception, May 9, 6-8 p.m., Northern Clay Center. For more information about the exhibit and related events, see [Northern Clay Center](#).

DEMYSTIFYING THE PROMOTION AND TENURE PROCESS: A Workshop for Probationary Faculty, will be offered May 22, 9-10:30 a.m., and May 23, 1-2:30 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. UMTC probationary faculty members are invited to attend the workshop, which will include discussion about changes to the tenure code, the process for tenure, and a dialogue with a panel of recently tenured U faculty members. Hosted by vice provost for faculty and academic affairs Arlene Carney. To register, contact [Jane Xiong](mailto:Jane.Xiong).

TENTH ANNUAL Civil Service/Bargaining Unit Staff Day, June 4, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., in front of Coffman Union, Minneapolis and in the green space at Carter and Eckles avenues, St. Paul. Lunch will be served. An evening event will also be held for second- and third-shift employees, 6:30-8 p.m., Coffman. Staff must bring the invitation card for gift and raffle. The card will be invalid if any changes are made to it, including address corrections.

MORE EVENTS include "Bollywood, USA: Global Indian Cinema in Asian America" ([May 8](#)); "Why You Belong" ([May 9](#)); "Trans Community Health and Wellness Fair" ([May 10](#)); "Wine Class: Australian Wine and Politics Thereof" ([May 12](#)); "Cafe Scientific: Does Evolution Make You Selfish?" ([May 13](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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Greetings! This is my first issue as editor of *Brief*. I'm looking forward to serving U faculty and staff systemwide in this role. I welcome your suggestions, comments, and feedback, and you can contact me anytime through brief@umn.edu--Adam Overland.

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"FINANCIALLY FIT MINNESOTA": The U and more than 20 other Minnesota employers are part of a new statewide initiative that helps employees plan for their future and improve financial literacy and security. Financially Fit Minnesota has the support of Gov. Tim Pawlenty, Minneapolis mayor R.T. Rybak, and St. Paul mayor Chris Coleman. To learn more, read "[U joins campaign to encourage saving for retirement.](#)"

AT THE BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING ON MAY 9, President Bruininks discussed possible scenarios for the U's FY 2008-09 annual operating budget. The U has modeled different plans based on reductions in state appropriations being considered by the legislature and Gov. Tim Pawlenty. A reduction of \$10 million would be addressed entirely through reallocations and delays in investments, but a reduction of \$27 million--as proposed by Pawlenty--would require an increase in tuition above the planned 7.5 percent. A public forum on the budget will be held May 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m., boardroom, sixth floor, McNamara Alumni Center. Regents will vote on a final FY 2008-09 operating budget proposal at their June meeting. For more information, visit the [Board of Regents](#).

PEOPLE: Greg Lindsey has been named associate dean of the Humphrey Institute; Misty Sato will receive the 2008 Young Scholars Research Fellowship; Charles Baxter's recent novel was voted a top book; Harouna Maiga was awarded the NACTA Teacher Fellow Award; Brian Buhr has been named head of the Department of Applied Economics. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

THE OFFICE FOR TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION (OTC) LAUNCHED A NEW WEB SITE featuring enhanced navigation and access to information and resources about technology transfer. OTC redesigned its site presentation and organization to help researchers understand the technology transfer process and to connect companies to U discoveries. Visit the [OTC Web site](#) to learn more and to read this month's Inventor Spotlight about medicinal chemistry professor Philip Portoghese.

THE HUMPHREY INSTITUTE WILL HONOR Jane Freeman, Minnesota's former first lady, longtime political activist, and friend of the U, and the Honorable Al Quie, former governor of Minnesota, with the Hubert H. Humphrey Public Leadership Award. Awards dinner June 3, McNamara Alumni Center, reception at 6 p.m., dinner and program at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$125, of which \$75 is tax-deductible. Proceeds benefit a student scholarship initiative. Contact Dawn Fish at dawnfish@umn.edu. For more information, see [awards dinner](#).

NEW INTERDISCIPLINARY INFORMATICS PROGRAM will draw from the biological, environmental, physical, mathematical, engineering, health, and agricultural sciences. The program is based at UMTC, but faculty from other campuses are encouraged to participate. Beginning this fall, the U will hire 21 new informatics faculty and up to 10 postdocs and offer 20 fellowships to the graduate program per year. See [informatics](#).

Crookston:

A WOMEN'S SOCIAL/ALUMNI EVENT FOR UMC took place May 7 at Eastcliff, the president's official residence. Guests from UMC and around the state celebrated accomplishments of UMC women students, faculty, and staff.

Duluth:

UMD GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT will be held May 15, 7 p.m., Romano Gymnasium, with 185 students participating. Professor Matthew Andrews, noted hibernation researcher, head of the UMD Department of Biology, and founding director of graduate studies in the integrated biosciences program, will speak. For more information, see [graduate commencement](#).

UMD's LARGEST EVER baccalaureate commencement ceremony is set for May 17, noon, Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. Nearly 1,100 graduates will march with over 100 faculty members. Student speaker will be Melissa Klajda, a magna cum laude honors graduate in the College of Education and Human Service Professions. World famous Arctic explorer Ann Bancroft will deliver the commencement address and be awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree for public service by UMD chancellor Kathryn Martin. For more information, see [ceremony](#).

UMD HAS ANNOUNCED THE RETIREMENT of nine faculty members in 2007-08. They include Stephen Adams, English; Thomas Bacig, cultural studies; Donald Collins, health, physical education, and recreation; William Fleischman, sociology-anthropology; Raj Karim, biology; J Clark Laundergan, sociology-anthropology; Raymond Raab, economics; Richard Seybolt, Spanish; John Voss, mechanical and industrial engineering.

UMD MASTER OF ADVOCACY AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM graduation ceremonies will be held May 16, noon, Kirby Student Center Ballroom. William Lucy, international secretary-treasurer of the 1.4 million-member American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, will be the featured speaker. For more information, see [MAPL](#).

Morris:

A NINE-HOLE FRISBEE GOLF (FROLF) COURSE pioneered by UMM Students will hold its grand opening May 16, 11 a.m., Pomme de Terre Park. For more information, see [frolf](#).

UMM WILL HOST ITS 45TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY May 17, 2 p.m., campus mall. U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison will give the address. For more information, see [ceremony](#).

UMM WILL HOST THE SIXTH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON SMALL TOWNS, featuring "The Power of Small: Building Solutions for Energy Self-Reliance." The renewable-energy-themed symposium will be held June 3-4 and will offer energy solutions for P-12 schools, higher education, and government agencies. For more information, see [symposium](#).

Twin Cities:

PHASE ONE OF A NEW WIRELESS NETWORK begins tomorrow, and Office of Information Technology staff will continue the changeover throughout the summer. Expect some connection disruptions; signs will be posted at building entrances if work is being done there. To learn more, read [Faster wireless Internet](#).

"TECHNO TEXTILES: INNER SPACE TO OUTER SPACE," is an exhibit highlighting concepts from intelligent buildings that respond to the environment to fabric balloons used to ensure that interplanetary vehicles land safely on Mars. Opening reception and panel discussion May 15, 7-9 p.m. Exhibit runs May 16-July 27. [Goldstein Museum Gallery](#), St. Paul campus.

U OF M CENTER FOR TRANSPORTATION STUDIES will host its 19th annual transportation research conference. Reducing congestion and lowering our carbon footprint will be among the topics addressed, covering all modes of transportation including highway, transit, rail, air, water, and others. May 20-21, RiverCentre, St. Paul. For more information, see [CTS](#).

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE'S conference "Payers, Providers, and Politics, Oh My!" brings together IT professionals, hospital and health plan executives, nurses, physicians, and academia for a wide range of topics relevant to today's health care industry. Cost is \$100 for HIMSS members; \$130 for nonmembers; \$25 for full-time students. May 21, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Carlson School of Management. For more information or to register, see [event](#).

THE HUMPHREY INSTITUTE AND THE INSTITUTE FOR AGRICULTURE AND TRADE POLICY will cosponsor "Green Chemistry in Minnesota: Opportunities and Challenges for Leadership" to discuss how Minnesota can integrate green chemistry into its policies and industries. May 28, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Humphrey Institute. Registration is \$25. For more information, visit [Green Chemistry](#).

THE U OF M ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2008 ANNUAL CELEBRATION will feature pioneering cardiac researchers Doris Taylor and Earl Bakken. May 29, 7:30 p.m., Northrop Auditorium. [Tickets](#): \$30 for members; \$40 for nonmembers; \$10 for students.

IVORY TOWER AND *LUNA* ARE NOW AVAILABLE. *Ivory Tower* is the UMTC undergraduate literary magazine. *Luna* is a journal of poetry and translation, edited by English professor Ray Gonzalez and MFA alumnus Alex Lemon. For more information, see [Ivory Tower](#) and [Luna](#) .

ENGAGE YOUR MIND AND REFRESH YOUR SPIRIT this summer with the College of Continuing Education's Curiosity Camps--unique daylong learning adventures for adults. Discounts are available for U faculty, staff, and full-time students. Twenty camps are offered June 11-Aug. 13. For more information or to register, visit [Curiosity Camps](#).

WHEN YOU ARE ENGULFED IN FLAMES is the new book by American humorist David Sedaris. Sedaris will discuss and sign copies of his sixth essay collection following the reading. Free and open to the public. June 13, 7 p.m., U Bookstore, Coffman Union. For more information or to order a signed copy, visit [Flames](#).

MORE EVENTS include Best DGS (directors of graduate studies) and Best DGS Assistant Awards Celebration ([May 14](#)); Promotion to Full Professor Workshop ([May 15](#)); Best-Selling Author Augusten Burroughs Discusses His New Book *A Wolf at the Table* ([May 16](#)); U of M Continuing Education Fair ([May 17](#)); Graduation Reception at Eastcliff ([May 18](#)); Campus Club Annual Meeting ([May 19](#)); "Cafe Scientifique: Can Darwin Make You Healthy?" ([May 21](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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THE RETIREMENT INCENTIVE OPTION (RIO) WAS APPROVED by the Board of Regents May 9. Interested employees must apply for the RIO between May 15 and Aug. 1. Employee benefits counselors will present RIO information on the Twin Cities campus weekly throughout the period. The May 27 presentation will be available for those not on the Twin Cities campus via UMConnect. For more information, read [RIO](#).

THE MINNESOTA STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOV. TIM PAWLENTY agreed to a deal on May 18 to balance the state's \$936 million budget deficit. The agreement includes reductions totaling \$12.3 million to the University's state appropriation for the 2008-09 biennium--\$6.15 million for the current fiscal year and another \$6.15 for fiscal year 2009. In addition, the U faces a base reduction of \$8.7 million beginning in fiscal year 2010. An agreement was also reached to fund the Central Corridor light-rail line in a supplemental bonding bill. The Board of Regents will vote on a final 2008-09 operating budget for the U at its June meeting.

PEOPLE: President's Emerging Leaders for 2008-09; UMC instructor and chief pilot Michael Vivion received reaccreditation as a master certificated flight instructor; Kenneth Gilbertson and Rajiv Vaidyanathan have each been awarded the 2008 University of Minnesota President's Award for Outstanding Service. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

University-wide:

"TREEOLOGY," THE MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM'S 2008 showcase summer exhibition, is a salute to the power and beauty of trees. The arboretum is celebrating its 50th anniversary, and its partner the U's Horticultural Research Center is observing its centenary year. May 24-Oct. 12. Special events continue year-round. Free to members and visitors with paid general admission to the arboretum. For more information, see "[Treeology](#)."

THE ARBORETUM'S PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM presents "Climate Change Adaptation and Biodiversity Conservation: A Minnesota Response," June 5, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., MacMillan Auditorium. Cost is \$40 and includes keynote, luncheon, and entrance to the arboretum. For registration and information, see "[Public Policy](#)."

THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE is accepting applications for the 2008-09 Policy Fellows leadership development program. From September to June, fellows meet monthly to explore fundamental aspects of leadership through presentations by local and nationally recognized experts. U staff statewide are eligible to apply. Application deadline is June 16. For more information, see [leadership](#).

Crookston:

UMC HAS ADDED A CRIMINAL JUSTICE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE for students new to the field or currently employed, starting fall 2008. The Board of Regents approved the degree program and minor at its May meeting. For more information, see the [news release](#).

Duluth:

THE FARMERS MARKET AT UMD/MARKET DAY AT THE PLAZA opens May 21, 2 p.m., Kirby Plaza (outside UMD Stores). The market runs Wednesdays until Sept. 24 and features live music; artist booths; UMD Stores sidewalk sales; locally produced vegetables, fruits, flowers; and more. For more information, see "[Market Day](#)."

UMD 2007-08 FACULTY AWARD RECIPIENTS ARE Matthew Andrews, biology, Chancellor's Distinguished Research Award; Thomas Isbell, theatre, Jean G. Blehart Distinguished Teaching Award; John Arthur, sociology-anthropology, Albert Tezla Teacher/Scholar Award. Outstanding Faculty Adviser Award recipients are Alison Aune, art and design; Kristelle Miller, psychology; Jennifer Schultz, economics; Lyle Shannon, biology; and Eileen Zeitz, foreign languages and literatures. For more information, see [awards](#).

Morris:

"ICE CREAM AND LOLLIPOPS: CHILDREN'S ART FROM THE COMMUNITY," will exhibit May 22-23, at UMM's Humanities Fine Arts Gallery. The event invites area elementary school children to view art, hear stories, and enjoy ice cream and lollipops served by volunteers from the UMM Retirees Association. For more information, see "[Ice Cream](#)."

THE 35TH ANNUAL HENJUM CREATIVE STUDY INSTITUTE, a two-week summer program in arts, music, and technology enrichment at UMM, will be held June 16-27 for students ages 12 to 17. Registration forms without discounts or scholarships will be accepted through June 11. For more information, visit [UMM Continuing Education](#).

Rochester:

UMR HIRED Cindy Holton to support the Biomedical Informatics and Computational Biology program, the Center for Allied Health Programs at UMR, and the fine arts programs. Also hired are Anne Lund who will support the chancellor and vice chancellor; Lacey Kennedy who will provide support for human resources; and Mary Beth Sancomb-Moran who will be UMR's first assistant librarian.

Twin Cities:

UNIVERSITY DINING SERVICES began its summer schedule on May 19. For specific restaurant hours, view the [schedule online](#).

THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC'S PROFESSOR FERNANDO MEZA presents a master class featuring Kroumata, the world-renowned Swedish percussion ensemble, May 30, 3:30 p.m., Lloyd Ultan Recital Hall, Ferguson Hall. For more information, see [School of Music](#).

THE WILSON LIBRARY SUMMER BOOK SALE will take place June 2-3, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., in the library's basement. Thousands of used books for sale, all subjects. \$2 per book on Monday, \$1 per book until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, \$5 per bag after 1 p.m. For more information, see [book sale](#).

TENTH ANNUAL Civil Service/Bargaining Unit Staff Day will be June 4, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., in front of Coffman Union, Minneapolis, and in the green space at Carter and Eckles Avenues, St. Paul. A chance to meet coworkers, browse information tables, and listen to music. Lunch will be served. An evening event for second- and third-shift employees, 6:30-8 p.m., Coffman. Staff must bring the invitation card for gift and raffle. The card will be invalid if any changes are made to it, including address corrections.

GOPHER EXPRESS WILL HOST A STAFF APPRECIATION DAY for U of M staff and faculty on June 2. Free fountain soda at the Coffman Cube location, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free regular or iced coffee at the Gopher Express West location, 9-11 a.m. For more information, see [Gopher Express](#).

THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION will need nearly 10,000 local volunteers to assist at the Sept. 1-4 event in the Twin Cities. Individuals age 18 and over may apply online before June 15. For more information, call Kjersti Duncan at 651-677-2008 or visit [convention](#).

CONCEPT SCENARIOS FOR UMORE PARK, a 5,000-acre University property in Dakota County, and its companion Vermillion Highlands, will be shared with the U community at campus forums and open houses on June 16, 9:30 a.m., Coffman Union, and June 17, noon, Student Center North Star Ballroom. The forums will follow the June 12 Board of Regents meeting, where the concept scenarios will be presented for the first time. University faculty, staff, and student participation at the forums is encouraged through attendance and via UMConnect. For more information, visit [UMore Park](#).

"EVOLUTION 2008," the joint annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Evolution, the Society of Systematic Biologists, and the American Society of Naturalists will be held June 20-24, on the Minneapolis campus. The meeting is the premier annual opportunity for sharing scientific research related to evolution. Registration fees are required. For more information, see "[Evolution](#)."

UPDATES ABOUT SUPPORT SERVICES being implemented and additional security measures that are being explored related to the recent sexual assaults on or near campus are described in a letter from U administration. For more information, see the [letter](#).

MORE EVENTS include "Leading Global Projects and Virtual Teams" ([May 22](#)); Promotion and Tenure Workshop for Probationary Faculty ([May 23](#)); Field Trip: Frogs and Frog Calls ([May 24](#)); Medical Industry Leadership Institute Research Seminar ([May 27](#)); UMAA Annual Celebration ([May 29](#)); "Caring for a Parent With Memory Loss" ([May 31](#)); Great Conversations 2008: Revenge of the Right Brainers ([June 3](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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THE LRT/CENTRAL CORRIDOR AND the U. For the latest news, maps, and information regarding the University's position and ideas for mass transit, light rail, and the Central Corridor, visit the [LRT Web site](#).

THE COLLEGE OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES WILL DEDICATE the Raymond Lindeman Research and Discovery Center and Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve with a program and tours June 5, 4 p.m. Cedar Creek, 2660 Fawn Lake Dr., Bethel, Minn. Speakers will be Regents Professor David Tilman, Dean Robert Elde, Regents Professor Peter Reich and Gerald Fischer, president of the University of Minnesota Foundation. Tours of the building and experiment sites will follow the dedication program. For more information, see the [news release](#) and [Cedar Creek](#).

A BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT performed by U of M doctors on a 2-year-old boy last fall appears to be working. The boy's doctors said Monday they believe they have found a cure for his devastating genetic skin disease using stem cells. To date, there has been no hope for treating the rare and painful disease, which causes the skin to fall off at the slightest touch and inevitably leads to cancer. Most children who have it do not survive to adulthood. For more information, see [stem cells](#).

U PRESIDENT ROBERT BRUININKS IS RECOVERING COMFORTABLY in Washington state from the pulmonary embolism he experienced while on vacation. He is not hospitalized and will be headed back to Minnesota as soon as he is cleared for travel. The president is grateful for everyone's well wishes. For more information, see the [news release](#).

STAN SAHLSTROM, the person affectionately dubbed the "founding father" of UMC, died June 2. He served UMC as provost from 1965 to 1985. Sahlstrom was appointed as director and charged with creating the U's Technical Institute in 1965. His title was later changed to provost. He presided in the ceremony involving the last graduating class of the Northwest School of Agriculture and the first graduating class of the Technical Institute. Sahlstrom led the transition of the campus from the Technical Institute to the Technical College to the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Upon his election to the Board of Regents in March 1985, he resigned from the provost position. He served as a regent for 12 years. For more information, see the [news release](#).

PEOPLE: Georgios Giannakis has been appointed the director of the U's Digital Technology Center; Sally Gregory Kohlstedt has been appointed the director of the Institute of Technology's History of Science and Technology; Peter Olver has been appointed as head of the School of Mathematics. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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PHISHING ATTACKS OFTEN APPEAR LEGITIMATE, but the Office of Information Technology reminds staff that the U will never ask e-mail users to provide personal information over e-mail. Unsolicited e-mail from uncertain origins should not be opened. E-mail that claims to be from the U and asks for Internet ID and password should be forwarded (message and header) to abuse@umn.edu. For information about these kinds of attacks, see [phishing](#).

WEBMAIL PRO AND WEBMAIL 3.0 will be decommissioned July 1. GopherMail will continue as a Web-based e-mail application for central e-mail accounts. U of M e-mail accounts will remain the same, and e-mail addresses will not change. Send questions or comments to [webmail](#).

Crookston:

U OF M, CROOKSTON TEAMBACKERS CLUB recently donated \$20,000 to support student-athlete scholarships at UMC. The club annually sponsors numerous fund-raisers and plays an integral role in raising dollars and promoting Golden Eagle athletics. For more information, see the [news release](#).

SUMMER CAMPS AT UMC will take place during June and July and cover a wide range of interests, including computer game design, leadership, and athletics. For more information, see the [camp schedule](#).

UMC STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE (SIFE) attained a new level of success at the SIFE National Exposition in Chicago in May. By placing third in their league, the team achieved the highest level in competition of any SIFE team in UMC history. For more information, see the [news release](#).

Duluth:

MARSHALL W. ALWORTH PLANETARIUM offers an introduction to the night sky with "Stargazing Tonight," June 4, 7 p.m. Planetarium staff will give an overview of everything that will appear in the sky during June. Private shows are also available by appointment for groups of 10 or more. For more information, see [Stargazing](#).

GLENSHEEN HISTORIC CONGDON ESTATE celebrates its 100th birthday this summer with a variety of events, including specialized tours, a symposium, and the "Glensheen Centennial Fancy Picnic Contest" celebration party. The event features music, artisan demonstrations, period games, and a picnic-packing contest with winners in a variety of categories. June 14, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., estate grounds. For more information, see [Glensheen](#).

UMD'S KENNETH GILBERTSON AND RAJIV VAIDYANATHAN have been awarded the 2008 University of Minnesota President's Award for Outstanding Service. For more information, see [outstanding service](#).

Morris:

UMM WILL HOST ITS "SUMMER JAZZ EXPERIENCE" for high school musicians June 8-10. The event features UMM jazz musician mentors and international jazz greats, Chris Vadala and Allen Vizzutti. For more information and to register, see [Summer Jazz](#).

Rochester:

UMR CONTINUES TO RECRUIT TALENT in many areas. Qualified candidates can view opportunities at [employment](#).

Twin Cities:

THE TCF BANK STADIUM WILL HONOR MINNESOTA'S 87 COUNTIES with custom-made stone signs that will ring Memorial Wall on the exterior of the stadium. A ceremony on May 29 revealed the first 5 of 87 county signs, each weighing more than three tons, created by New Ulm-based American Artstone. The signs symbolize that the future home of the Golden Gophers is a statewide facility, and pay tribute to the support of all Minnesota citizens. To read more about the signs, see webcam views of the stadium, or take a virtual tour, visit the stadium [Web site](#).

THE U OF M CHILD CARE CENTER IS HAVING A RUMMAGE SALE. Children's clothing, toys, books, women's maternity wear, and other items. Proceeds go to support educational and developmental programs at the center. U faculty, staff, and students are welcome. June 7, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m, at two locations (Minneapolis and Golden Valley). For more information, see the [flyer](#).

"2008 SUMMER AT NORTHROP" FREE OUTDOOR CONCERTS BEGIN JUNE 11. The summer session kick-off on June 16 will feature popular Twin Cities-based salsa band *Salsabrosa*. Free ice cream and sandwiches while supplies last, as well as drawings for prizes. All concerts begin at noon and will move inside if it rains. For a list of summer acts, see [concerts](#).

"SEEING MATHEMATICS EVERYWHERE," the next Institute of Technology public lecture, will feature world-renowned mathematician and U professor Doug Arnold. June 12, 7 p.m., Walter Library, Digital Technology Center. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, see [Mathematics Everywhere](#).

"PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS" turns the "dismal science" into performance art at Bryant-Lake Bowl in Minneapolis. U grad student Andrew Cassey performs his once-a-month lecture series twice more, June 24 and July 22, 7 p.m., 810 W. Lake Street. For more information, read the [feature story](#).

TEACHING WITH WRITING 2008 is a five-day seminar for faculty and instructors to focus on strategies for integrating meaningful writing instruction into their courses. Seats available first come, first served, capped at 25. Registration ends Aug. 8 or when full. Participants must commit to the entire session. For more information or to register, see [writing](#).

THE CENTER FOR CHANGING LANDSCAPES (CCL) RECEIVED THE Minnesota chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (MASLA) award of excellence for the center's work on the Minnesota River State Trail. The award, the highest given by MASLA, was presented at the MASLA annual awards dinner, April 18, at the Como Park Zoo Visitors Center. For more information, contact CCL's co-director [Mary Vogel](#).

THE U'S RESPONSE TO THE I-35W BRIDGE COLLAPSE was recognized on May 22 with the 2007 Minnesota Association of Government Communicators Award of Excellence in the category of public information projects: special event. The award recognizes the creative commuting solutions that the U implemented after the collapse. For more information, see [commuting](#).

SUMMER HAPPY HOUR AT THE CAMPUS CLUB is open to all U faculty and staff. Membership is not required weekdays during June, July, and August, 3-6 p.m. Get all the discounts and details at [happy hour](#).

HOURS FOR SOME OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WALK-IN HELPLINE LOCATIONS CHANGED April 28. Walk-in facilities are available to provide technology help and specialized services for U faculty, staff, students, and alumni. For up-to-date locations and times, visit [help](#).

HENNEPIN COUNTY SERVICE CENTER is now located at Coffman Union, ground level, and is open Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The center provides a range of services, from vehicle registration to hunting, fishing, and marriage licenses, to birth and death certificates. For more information, see [service](#) or call 612-348-8240.

THE ABANDONED-BIKE SALE AT THE REUSE WAREHOUSE will take place on June 5, 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. More than 200 bikes priced at \$35 (plus tax) will be for sale. Cash only. The event is open to the public. 883 29th Ave. S.E. Minneapolis (west of Highway 280 and Como). For more information, see the [warehouse](#).

MORE EVENTS include Nature Tots: Creepy Crawlies ([June 5](#)); Field Trip: Wolsfeld Woods ([June 8](#)); Conference on the "The Future of Leadership" ([June 9](#)); Educational Technologists Forum: The U of M Learning Platform and Digital Campus Initiative ([June 11](#)); *Salsabrosa* ([June 12](#)); "Bioblitz 2008" ([June 13-14](#)); David Sedaris discusses and signs his new book *When You Are Engulfed in Flames* ([June 13](#)); UMore Park Campus Forums and Open House ([June 16](#)); Pamela McNeill ([June 17](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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PRESIDENT BRUININKS SPEAKS ON LRT AND THE BUDGET following last Friday's Board of Regents actions. For an overview of the Board meeting, see "[Regents approve budget, light-rail resolution.](#)" For President Bruininks's thoughts on why now was the time to act on Central Corridor and how this year's budget prepares the University for the road ahead, see [President's perspective](#).

TOTAL COMPENSATION STATEMENTS BEGIN ARRIVING at employees' homes this week. For the first time in the U's history, staff and faculty will receive statements that account for the total dollar value of their pay and benefits. For more information, see [Total Compensation](#).

PEOPLE: Greg Cuomo has been named associate dean for extension at the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences; Andrew Svec was appointed the new director of communications, public relations, and marketing, UMC; tax director Kelly Farmer was selected to receive the NACUBO Tax Award; best DGS and assistant DGS winners were featured in a Graduate School story. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

APPLICATIONS FOR EQUITY AND DIVERSITY "IDEA GRANTS" are invited by the Office for Equity and Diversity. The program funds projects, programming, events, and research that support historically underrepresented students, faculty, staff, and communities. All academic and administrative units across the U are eligible to apply; grants are awarded quarterly. Next deadline for applications is June 30. For more information and the application, see [Idea Grants](#).

FIVE U DEPARTMENTS ARE WINNERS OF SPIF GRANTS. The Service and Process Improvement Fund (SPIF) grants were established by President Bruininks in 2005 to support Transforming the U goals: exceptional students, exceptional faculty and staff, exceptional organization, and exceptional innovation. For information about each winner, see [SPIF](#).

THE HARDY PLANTS RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM hosted by the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum will celebrate a long history of plant breeding in Minnesota and the north central United States. Lunch, tours, and a wine and cheese reception are included in the \$25 registration fee; free to students. June 19, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Snyder Auditorium. For more information and to register, see [Hardy Plants](#) or contact [Mary Meyer](#).

U OF M INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD POLICY WILL CHANGE July 1. The new policy calls for the assessment of a one-time \$2,500 initial review fee for all medical business and industry-sponsored applications involving human research subjects. The fee applies only to research involving human subjects; it is not applicable to animal research, exempt research, or expedited research. Departments should incorporate the review fee in the budget of relevant industry-sponsored research. The new policy is available for [review online](#). For more information or questions, e-mail [Moirra Keane](mailto:Moirra.Keane) or call 612-626-4851.

NEW FOOD AND VENDING CONTRACTS BEGIN JULY 1. The Board of Regents in April awarded Taher, Inc. a 10-year contract to provide non beverage vending service to UMTC, UMM, and UMR. Existing non-beverage vending machines operated by ARAMARK on UMTC and UMR will be removed between June 23 and July 9. Coca-Cola was awarded a new 10-year contract that includes beverage-vending rights at UMC, UMD, UMM, UMTC, and UMR. Coca-Cola has committed to have all machines updated to be energy efficient by Aug. 31. For more information, see [Vending](#).

WEBMAIL PRO AND WEBMAIL 3.0 will be decommissioned Aug. 1. GopherMail will continue as a Web-based e-mail application for central e-mail accounts. U e-mail accounts will remain the same, and e-mail addresses will not change. Send questions or comments to webmail.

Crookston:

A REGIONAL MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR STANLEY SAHLSTROM, founding provost for UMC, was held on June 13. Sahlstrom is remembered for his vision, leadership, and commitment to the campus, the community of Crookston, the region, and the state. He led the transition of the Crookston campus from a residential high school to a two-year technical college beginning in 1965 and served as provost until 1985. Following Sahlstrom's resignation as UMC provost, he was elected to the U Board of Regents--a position he held for 12 years. For more information, see [Sahlstrom](#).

DAN SVEDARSKY, professor of wildlife management and head of the Natural Resources Department at UMC, spoke in late May at a national meeting of the Wildlife Services agency in Estes Park, Colorado. The meeting reported on progress and techniques used in managing and controlling certain animal species that come into conflict with humans. Svedarsky is president of the Wildlife Society. For more information, see [wildlife management](#).

Duluth:

UMD THEATRE PRESENTS *THE MOUSETRAP*, Agatha Christie's longest running mystery, opening June 26, 7:30 p.m., Dudley Theatre, Marshall Performing Arts Center. Multiple performances are scheduled for June and July. The play is part of the Sieur Du Luth Summer Arts Festival and is directed by UMD theatre professor Tom Isbell. Tickets are \$14 adults, \$12 seniors, \$8 students/children, and \$6 UMD students (ID required). The festival features a variety of opera, jazz, chamber music, and big band concerts throughout the summer. For more information, see [festival](#).

THE UMD CENTER FOR INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION has created an academic online journal entitled *Bemaadizing: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Indigenous Life*. Structured to be highly interactive, *Bemaadizing* will provide an academic forum for universities and colleges as well as professional groups and organizations working in the field of Native American studies. The first issue of the biannual journal was published June 2. For more information, see [Bemaadizing](#).

NORTH SHORE SUMMER MUSIC EXPERIENCE, presented by the UMD Department of Music, is a one-week camp, June 22-28, for students entering grades 7-12. Participants can pick among four different areas that provide a variety of rich musical experience. For more information or to register, e-mail professor [Mark Whitlock](mailto:Mark.Whitlock) or see [Summer Music](#).

Morris:

THE ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON SMALL TOWNS in Morris brought together a large group of people--including education professionals, engineers, and rural development industry specialists--to promote energy self-reliance. Presentations from the June 3-4 event are online. For more information, see [Small Towns](#).

Rochester:

MINNESOTA SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS CONTINUE throughout the summer with "A Look at the Past." Join Judge Kevin Lund on a walk through downtown Rochester and explore its architectural history. June 26, 5:30 p.m., location TBD. Cost: \$5. Register with [Julie Densmore](#). For more information, see [Sesquicentennial](#).

Twin Cities:

EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS ON THE UMTC CAMPUS THIS SUMMER. From prowling for art to kayaking the Mississippi, outdoor adventure is just a walk, bike ride, or short drive away. For more information, see these [summer suggestions](#).

THE 2008 SPLIT ROCK SOIREE SEASON opens June 24. Split Rock Soirees feature four evenings of readings and artists' talks that celebrate the energy, talent, and accomplishment of the Split Rock Arts Program faculty. Open to the public, followed by a meet-the-artists reception. June 24, 7 p.m., McNeal Hall Auditorium. July 8, 15, and 22, 7 p.m., Weisman Art Museum. Students free, others \$5. For more information, see [Split Rock](#) or call 612-625-1976.

THE MEDICAL DEVICES CENTER'S CORE FACILITIES ARE OPENING. Tour the state-of-the-art medical device laboratory and experience surgery suites in 3D. June 24, 3:30-7 p.m., Shepherd Labs, 100 Union Street S.E. For more information, see [opening](#).

THE BALANCE STUDY: Balancing Life and Reducing Stress for Those Providing Elder Care is a National Institutes of Health funded study being conducted by the HealthPartners Research Foundation and the Center for Spirituality and Healing at the U. The study is looking at two interventions to help caregivers manage stress: caregiver education and support and mindfulness-based stress reduction. The summer session starts the second week in July (orientation June 25). The fall session begins early September with dates TBD. To participate or for more information, see [Balance Study](#) or call Dana McGree at 952-967-5031.

THE CENTER FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASE RESEARCH AND POLICY (CIDRAP) will host a webinar June 26, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in 5-125 Moos Tower. The event is titled MRSA [methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus] Menace in the Workplace. Online attendance requires registration and payment. Physical attendance is free and open to all U faculty, staff, and students. For more information or to register, see [CIDRAP](#).

OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (OIT) WILL DECOMMISSION FILENET Web content management application on Dec. 31. Units currently utilizing FileNET will need to convert to UMContent or move to a non-centrally supported solution. OIT will provide support to departments that elect to migrate to UMContent. To request support, contact the [UMContent Support Group](#).

MORE EVENTS include TechPlan: New Frontiers in Transportation Policy, Technology, and Planning ([June 19](#)); Teaching Workshop: Cambodia and the Holocaust: Searching for Justice ([June 21](#)); Bravo! Faculty Recital ([June 22](#)); Cafe Scientifique: Principles of Economics ([June 24](#)); Human Resource Management ([June 26](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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ENTERPRISE FINANCIAL SYSTEM (EFS) WENT LIVE on all University of Minnesota campuses on July 1. EFS replaces all major financial systems, including the mainframe Colleges and Universities Financial System (CUFS), Financial Forms Nirvana, Electronic Grants Management System internal (EGMSi), and JD Edwards. For more information, see [New Financial System Goes Live](#).

PEOPLE: Four new Regents Professors were recently named; Trevor Ames has been named dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine; Adel Ali has been named the new head of the Math, Science, and Technology Department at UMC; Northrop's Benjamin M. Johnson was named director of concerts and lectures; Professor Emeritus and Nobel Laureate Leo Hurwicz has died. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

University-wide:

THE U'S "DRIVEN TO DISCOVER" CAMPAIGN WON THE GOLD EFFIE AWARD, an international symbol of achievement in advertising communication. The Effie is known by agencies and clients globally as the pre-eminent award in the industry and is presented in 33 countries worldwide. The U is the only higher education institute to win in the government/institutional category since 1996. For more information, see the [News Release](#).

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE INCREASED THE STANDARD MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATES effective July 1. The new rates are 58.5 cents per mile for employees traveling on University business, and 27 cents per mile for moving. For more information, see the [Travel Policy](#).

U OF M SCHOOL OF NURSING IS SEEKING NURSING LEADERS for its 2009 Summit of Sages. Nominees should be groups (nursing leader and team) that have fostered innovation and inspiration through new models of care delivery. Nomination forms are due Aug. 6. For more information or a form, visit the [Densford Center](#).

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY REGARDING MEDICAL AND PERSONAL LEAVE and disability benefits for faculty and academic P&A employees is under review. New provisions include permitting limited use of medical leave to care for an immediate family member with a serious health condition, specific medical leave reporting requirements, and clarification of U rights to request medical leave documentation. The unpaid-personal-leaves policy includes language to align with Minnesota law allowing leaves for victims of certain crimes. There is also a change in the maximum number of days that may be taken per year by individuals with appointments of less than 50 percent time or an appointment term of less than nine months. Policy drafts are available for viewing, comments, and questions until July 14. For more information, see [Policy Review](#).

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY NEWS: The new financial system implemented July 1 brings changes to all associated financial policies, procedures, and documents. Human resource policies are now searchable online from both the [policy homepage](#) and [human resources policy page](#). Financial One Stop (FOS), which contained clickable flowcharts for financial procedures, was discontinued July 1. If you have bookmarked the FOS site or included it as a link on your Web pages, please replace with the URL <http://policy.umn.edu>.

Crookston:

STUDENTS FROM THE WHITE EARTH ACADEMY OF MATH AND SCIENCE visited UMC in June to focus on technology, engineering, science, and mathematics. The students, in grades five through eight, had a variety of learning opportunities in topics such as global positioning systems and mapping, computer game design, and equine science. For more information, see [UMC Visit](#).

UMC ALL-CAMPUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MARGARET REED was recently inducted into Altru Health System's Nursing Hall of Fame. As chief nurse for Altru, Reed has influenced nurse mentoring, and education, and other nursing initiatives. For more information, see [News Release](#).

Duluth:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND, TARJA HALONEN, is coming to Duluth in July. President Halonen will attend "FinnFest 2008" and will be awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree for public service presented by Chancellor Martin and University regents at a public ceremony, July 25, 10 a.m., DECC Arena. Proceeds go to support the FinnFest Scholarship, begun in 1992. Over 115 students have received awards from the scholarship. For more information, see [FinnFest](#).

THE UMD WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM WAS HONORED by President George W. Bush at a White House ceremony in Washington, D.C., June 24. The team won the 2008 NCAA Division I national championship. In the past eight years, the UMD women's hockey team and head coach Shannon Miller have been honored four times at the White House. The Bulldogs finished their 2007-08 season with a 34-4-1 record, the best for any UMD women's hockey squad in the program's nine-year history. For more information, see [White House](#).

Morris:

FUNDING TO OFFSET CARBON EMISSIONS produced by UMM's campus service fleet has been designated by the UMM Alumni Association (UMMAA) Board of Directors from the UMMAA Impact Fund. A significant percentage of the fleet are hybrids. For more information, see the Spring/Summer edition of [Profile, page 20](#).

Rochester:

THE FOURTH BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS AND COMPUTATIONAL SYMPOSIUM (BICB) was held at UMR on June 20. Approximately 85 researchers and administrators from the University of Minnesota, Mayo Clinic, IBM, and Hormel Institute attended the symposium. The BICB provides an opportunity for researchers and faculty to meet, communicate interests, and exchange ideas that could lead to collaborative research projects. For more information, see [BICB](#).

Twin Cities:

THE WEISMAN'S ART RENTAL PROGRAM LOANS ORIGINAL ARTWORK TO U faculty, staff, and students, and has been doing so since 1934. More than 800 pieces are in circulation and about 300 framed, ready-to-hang original artworks are available for rent at the Weisman store, including prints, one-of-a-kind watercolor and oil paintings, and photographs. For more information, see [Blank walls don't talk](#).

SEVEN PROJECTS WILL RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH THE U'S GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND. The fund was created by the U in July 2007, with \$1.5 million from the Minnesota Legislature to protect and enhance the neighborhoods and business districts impacted by the new on-campus football stadium. The Stadium Area Advisory Group of the U recommended the projects, including neighborhood identification banners, wayfinding signage in a neighborhood business district, a traffic calming study, and research on livability initiatives underway in other campus-area communities. For more information, see [Good Neighbor](#).

WALK-IN PREVENTIVE HEALTH SCREENINGS at Boynton Health Service are available on the second Wednesday of every month for UPlan members through December. The screening tests available include: cholesterol (total, HDL, LDL); blood glucose (nonfasting); body mass index and body composition, and blood pressure. Offered first-come, first-served at no cost. For more information, see [Health](#).

THE CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING will accept applications for the 2008-09 Multicultural Teaching and Learning Fellowship Program through July 15. The fellowship supports course development, course revision, development of teaching resources, and other projects. For more information, contact [Anita Gonzalez](#) or see [Fellowship](#).

TEST DRIVE A HYBRID at the Fleet Services Green Open House. New hybrid additions to the fleet, including the Toyota Camry, Toyota Prius, Chevrolet Malibu, and Ford Escape, will be available for driving. Complimentary cookies and lemonade will also be available. July 16, 2-5 p.m., Fleet Services Building, 901 29th Avenue S.E. For more information, see [Hybrid](#).

CIVICFEST IS LOOKING FOR DEDICATED PEOPLE to act as exhibit guides, assistant curators, and docents. As one of the premier events hosted by MSP 2008, CivicFest is a nonpartisan celebration of Minnesota and American History, democracy, and the U.S. presidency. CivicFest docents will share their civic pride and local knowledge. No extensive proficiency or degree are required. Applicants should fill out the CivicFest docent application and attend the information and registration meeting July 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m. For more information or to make a reservation, call 1-866-79-CIVIC or see [CivicFest](#).

THE INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN MARKETING AT THE CARLSON SCHOOL of Management, with the assistance of the United States Department of Commerce, will host a CEO forum on innovation: Drivers and Impediments, with Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez and U professor Rajesh Chandy as moderators. Distinguished panelists will discuss innovation and how government policies can help or hinder it. July 28, 1-3 p.m., 3M Auditorium, Carlson School. Free and open to the public. For more information and to RSVP, see [Innovation](#).

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SUMMER FUN by stopping at the Coffman Union information desk for savings on Twin Cities summer events. Discounted tickets are available for Valley Fair, the Star Wars exhibit at the Science Museum, the Minnesota Zoo's new Russian Grizzly exhibit, and various movie theaters.

MORE EVENTS include "Extreme Googling: Tips and Tricks for Expert Searching" ([July 7](#)); Romantica ([July 8](#)); Weight Watchers at Work Program ([July 9](#)); RefWorks Basics ([July 10](#)); Mister Rolls ([July 14](#)); Split Rock Soirees ([July 15](#)); "Web of Science vs. Google Scholar Smackdown" ([July 16](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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A BUDGET BILL IMPACTING THE U WAS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT BUSH ON JUNE 30. A \$400 million increase in science agencies' funding and a major expansion of GI Bill education benefits were part of the \$186.5 billion supplemental war-funding budget. The bill also allows work on the [NOvA high energy physics project](#), which has significant U of M participation, to move forward. For more information, see [Federal Relations](#).

PEOPLE: Claudia Neuhauser was appointed vice chancellor for academic affairs at UMR; Jack Geller and Stephen Cawley were appointed to a high-speed broadband taskforce by Governor Tim Pawlenty; Ignacio San Martin joined the College of Design as director of the Metropolitan Design Center; Terrill Bradford received the Graduate Student Teacher Award at the annual conference of the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

University-wide:

U EMPLOYEES WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (MSRS) will see a small rate increase in employee and U contributions beginning in July. A bill passed by the 2006 Minnesota State Legislature includes a pension provision to build up the MSRS funding level. The bill calls for increasing the general plan rates for employee and U contributions from 4 to 5 percent in annual increments of .25 percent between 2007 and 2010. Beginning with July 30 paychecks, covered employees and the U will each contribute 4.5 percent of covered salary to pay for monthly retirement, survivor, and disability benefits. Employee and U contribution rates will increase to 4.75 percent in 2009 and will top out at 5 percent in 2010. For more information, see [MSRS](#).

U PROFESSOR JEAN ABRAHAM WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED TO PRESIDENT BUSH'S COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS (CEA). As one of 10 senior staff economists on CEA, Abraham will provide the president and other federal government departments and agencies with current academic thinking on a wide range of subjects. She will serve as staff economist to CEA for the upcoming academic year, leaving the U July 21. For more information, see the [news release](#).

THE U'S SOLAR CAR, CENTAURUS, STARTED THE 2,400 MILE RACE from Texas to Canada on July 13. The U Solar Vehicle team was one of the first to meet all the qualifications for racing in the 2008 North American Solar Challenge, which pits teams against each other in designing and building a solar-powered car and then driving it across the country. The race ends July 22. For more information, see [Centaurus](#).

Crookston:

VITAL AGING NETWORK (VAN), A FORUM focusing on skill building and advocating for change for those retired or planning to retire, will be held on July 29, 10 a.m. to noon, in the Student Center Bede Ballroom, UMC. For more information and registration, see [VAN Forum](#).

UMC'S INITIATIVE TO DIGITIZE RARE OR IMPORTANT MATERIALS from campus archives is ongoing. The UMC Library is completing a project to make all yearbooks from the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) and UMC available on the Web. Currently, access is available to yearbooks from 1929 through 2000. For more information, see the [news release](#).

Duluth:

UMD BROKE GROUND JULY 11 for its \$15 million civil engineering building, to be constructed on the northeast corner of campus. The state-of-the-art facility will house the new bachelor of science program in civil engineering and is set for completion in September 2010. The structure will be the sixth new building constructed on campus since 2000 and is designed to be a LEED-certified "green building." For more information and a conceptual rendering of the building, see the [news release](#).

UMD GRADUATE ANGIE McDERMOTT WAS CROWNED "Miss Minnesota" on June 14, in Eden Prairie. McDermott's platform was "Higher Education: Journey to Your Dream," which featured a curriculum-based program for fourth- and fifth-graders. McDermott will compete in the Miss America competition in January 2009. For more information, see [Miss Minnesota](#).

SIEUR DU LUTH SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL 2008 features the opera *Il Trovatore* by Giuseppe Verdi, July 17-19, 7:30 p.m. and July 20, 2 p.m., Marshall Performing Arts Center. Additional events include the Opera Gala, July 22, and the International Gala, July 24, both held in Weber Music Hall. For more information, see [Sieur Du Luth](#).

Morris:

PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF EDUCATION CRAIG KISSOCK'S 48-year history with the University of Minnesota came to a close with his retirement from the UMM campus faculty. For more information, see a short [biography](#).

ANDY AND DIAN LOPEZ, pioneers of computer science at UMM, began their higher education professions before the computer science discipline existed. Together they retired this spring. For more information, see [pioneers](#).

Rochester:

IBM/UMR SUMMER COMPUTER PROGRAMMING WORKSHOPS FOR GRADES 9-12 include Introduction to Visual Basic and Beginning C++ Game Programming. July 21-25, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UMR. The workshop fee of \$350 per student includes text, software, lunches, and snacks. For more information, see [summer computer](#) or call 507-280-3104.

CLAUDIA NEUHAUSER WAS APPOINTED VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS at UMR following a nationwide search. Neuhauser joined the Rochester staff July 1. For the past 12 years, Neuhauser has been a faculty member at UMTC, serving first as a professor in the School of Mathematics and most recently as a Distinguished McKnight Professor and head of the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior in the College of Biological Sciences.

Twin Cities:

THE U OF M'S [WELCOME WEEK SCHEDULE](#) WAS RECENTLY FINALIZED. More than 5,000 first-year students will participate in academic and student development programs over the six-day experience. Numerous opportunities are available for volunteers to assist with elements of the Welcome Week program, from helping new students move in, to assisting in traffic flow and greeting parents. Faculty and staff can view details for all volunteer opportunities at [Welcome Week](#).

THE U'S FARMERS MARKET IS BACK FOR A DELECTABLE FOURTH SEASON at its location along Church Street. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Wednesdays through Oct. 8, more than a dozen vendors with 20 booths will sell locally grown flowers, fruits, and vegetables. The season's theme "What's not to like about green?" emphasizes the benefits of eating local. For more information, see [Help Yourself](#).

A RESUME DIVERSITY WORKSHOP addressing how to highlight and incorporate diversity in the workplace will be held July 17, 1-2:30 p.m., 101 Walter Library. The event is sponsored by the [University Women of Color Council](#).

SWAMI VEDA BHARATI WILL SHARE HIS THOUGHTS about the relationship between Hatha yoga and meditation in a talk on July 23, 4:40-6:30 p.m., Mayo Auditorium. The talk is part of the 2-credit University course, Yoga: Ethics, Spirituality, and Healing, with instructor Miriam Cameron. For more information, see the [Center for Spirituality and Healing](#).

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DAVID LEBEDOFF, LOCAL AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR and former U regent, will discuss his new book, *The Same Man*: George Orwell and Evelyn Waugh in Love and War, Aug. 14, 7 p.m., at the U of M Bookstore, Coffman Memorial Union. For more information, see [The Same Man](#).

TCF BANK STADIUM REACHED ITS ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF CONSTRUCTION on July 11. The stadium is on schedule to open for the first game on Sept. 12, 2009, vs. Air Force Academy. For more information, see the [news release](#), or view a [time-lapse video](#) of the progress.

MORE EVENTS include Extreme Googling: Productivity Tools for Your Online Life ([July 17](#)); Curiosity Camp: Rebuilding a Bridge, Repairing a City: The I-35W Crossing ([July 21](#)); Modern Marvels: Jewish Adventures in the Graphic Novel: Julius Knipl, Real Estate Photographer: Stories ([July 22](#)); Horst Rechelbacher, "Minding Your Business: Profits That Restore the Planet" ([July 23](#)); "Re-inspiring Citizenship in the 2008 Election: A Civic Dialogue With Participants of the November 5th Coalition and the Citizen Solution, including Harry Boyte and Don Shelby" ([July 24](#)); Drivers and Impediments ([July 28](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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THE U'S NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION PROGRAM broke new ground with the debut of "Discover Community" on July 22. Discover Community, the second of three main events new employees attend during their first year of employment, introduces employees to the diverse University community and addresses how differences contribute to transforming the U. For more information, see [Discover Community](#).

JONATHAN FOLEY WAS NAMED PERMANENT DIRECTOR of the U's new systemwide Institute on the Environment and will begin duties Aug. 25. Created in 2006, the Institute on the Environment brings together top researchers from the natural and social sciences, design, engineering, law, health, policy, and other disciplines to identify and solve major environmental problems of local and global significance. For more information, see the [news release](#).

PEOPLE: Michele Chin-Purcell accepted the position of executive director of the Office of Research Integrity and Oversight; Efi Foufoula-Georgiou, was appointed director of the National Center for Earth-surface Dynamics; Wayne Gladfelter was named associate dean in the Institute of Technology; Irving Gottesman has received a top honor for his research productivity in severe mental illness and for effectively training and developing young scientists. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

THE CENTER FOR ADOLESCENT NURSING AND CENTER FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS each received \$1 million from the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The centers are two of only five university-based nursing programs in the country to receive such funding. For more information, see [grants](#).

THE U'S SOLAR VEHICLE PROJECT TEAM FINISHED FIFTH OVERALL in the 2008 North American Solar Challenge, a 10-day, 2,400-mile race from Plano, Texas, to Calgary, Alberta, which ended July 22. The team was one of the few that did not trailer their car throughout the race. Before the race, the team won three of five awards, including best-prepared, fastest figure-8 on the track, and fastest lap on the track. For more about the solar car, including reflections, see [Centaurus](#). For event photos, see [Flickr](#).

FLEET SERVICES HELD A GREEN OPEN HOUSE July 16 showcasing new hybrid additions to its fleet of vehicles, available for rent (or lease) by U employees and departments. Some employees, including the story's author, took the opportunity to take a test-drive. For more information, read "[The model U](#)."

THE U WILL BE AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR Aug. 21-Sept. 1, showcasing its work around the state and how that work impacts and improves lives. Volunteers are needed daily during three available shifts: 9:30-11:30 a.m., 1:30-3:30 p.m., and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Each volunteer will receive one admission ticket and a Tejas coupon for a burrito and a small drink. Contact [Jessica Mooney](#) to volunteer.

THE SOUTHERN RESEARCH AND OUTREACH CENTER (SROC) will hold its Seventh Annual University of Minnesota Open House at its Waseca location Sept. 11. The theme, "Ag for the 21st Century: Striking a Balance," will illustrate how agriculture is leading the way toward enhancing economic, ecological, and social value in the rural community. Open-house hours are 4-8 p.m., with a picnic supper from 4:30-7 p.m. SROC is located at 35838 120th Street, Waseca, MN 56093. For more information, contact [Jeanette Williams](#).

THE NEW QUARTERLY *JOURNAL OF TRANSPORT AND LAND USE* (JTLU) published its first issue July 21. JTLU is an open-access, peer-reviewed online journal publishing original interdisciplinary papers on the interaction of transport and land use. The *Journal* is housed at the U and sponsored by the Center for Transportation Studies. Subscriptions and submissions are free. For more information, see [JTLU](#).

Crookston:

MARK HUGLEN RECEIVED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD at the Seventh Triennial Conference of the Kenneth Burke Society. Huglen is associate professor of communication at UMC. The conference was held at Villanova University in Philadelphia in late June. For more information, see [service award](#).

Duluth:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND, TARJA HALONEN, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree for public service by UMD Chancellor Martin and University regents July 25 at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center Arena. The honorary degree is the highest award conferred by the U and recognizes individuals who have achieved eminence in cultural affairs, in public service, or in a field of knowledge and scholarship. President Halonen also took part in the FinnFest 2008 event. For more information, see the [news release](#) or "[Finnish or not...](#)"

UMD'S MALOSKY STADIUM IS UNDERGOING A \$6.5 MILLION RENOVATION to be completed in time for the Bulldogs' nationally televised, Sept. 11, home football opener against Southwest Minnesota State. The renovated Malosky Stadium will feature a four-level building, with concessions, UMD stores, club room, and press box. Seating capacity will be about 4,500. For more information, see [Bulldogs home opener](#).

THE "DECADE OF THE '60s REUNION" will be held July 31-Aug. 3 on the Duluth campus for all alumni who attended UMD anytime during the 1960s. Activities include open-house events, receptions, lectures, a Glensheen Mansion tour with UMD alumni authors of *Will to Murder*, a cocktail party, golf, and a campus tour. Reunion packages are \$80 and \$150. For more information, see [UMD Reunion](#) or call 1-866-726-7164.

Morris:

STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN "SOCCER: A BRAZILIAN EXPERIENCE," will travel to Brazil Aug. 5 to learn about the intricate role of soccer in Brazilian culture. The program is offered as a four-credit study-abroad opportunity. Students will have a chance to train with a professional soccer club, and will journal about their experience in a blog. For more information, see the [program description](#) and [Trip of a lifetime](#).

THIS YEAR'S GATEWAY PROGRAM welcomed 25 students of color from six states and three countries, representing a wide range of backgrounds. The program was founded in 1995 to recruit, retain, and graduate talented students of color at UMM. The program encourages talented students to expand their educational and career aspirations. For more information, see [Gateway](#).

Rochester:

THE U OF M SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP will host a free public dinner to discuss community-driven projects in southeast Minnesota that build citizen-University connections. The partnerships are based in five regions throughout greater Minnesota and work to foster active citizenship, achieve sustainability, and create a vital relationship between the citizens and their land-grant university. Aug. 11, 6-9 p.m. Ramada Inn, Rochester. RSVP by Aug. 4. For more information, see [regional partnerships](#) or the [PDF brochure](#).

Twin Cities:

THE INSTITUTE ON COMMUNITY INTEGRATION (ICI) has been awarded renewed-five-year, \$2.6 million funding from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Since 1985, ICI has been a federally designated University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), one of 67 in the nation funded to carry out the UCEDD mission of working toward a nation in which all Americans participate fully in their communities. For more information, see the [institute](#).

MORE THAN 5,000 FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE in academic and student development programs over the six-day Welcome Week experience from Aug. 27 to Sept. 1. Faculty, staff, and students are working to make the week memorable through a number of unique experiences. For more information, see "[The evolution of the welcome mat](#)," or view [volunteer opportunities](#).

"SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND IRBs: CAN'T WE ALL GET ALONG?" is an awareness/discussion event sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Research. The talk and subsequent conversation will address the issues surrounding IRBs, offer a novel rationale for IRB review of SBS research, and consider implications of viewing IRBs as peer-review bodies. Aug. 7, 10-11:30 a.m., 180 Humphrey Center. For more information, see [Social Science Research](#). RSVP to [Ted Peck](#) if you plan to attend.

AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. IRMA McCLAURIN, associate vice president for system academic administration and executive director of the first Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement Center (UROC) aired July 27, on the public affairs program "Crossroads." The interview will be posted online at [UROC](#). For more information about UROC, read "[McClaurin helps U forge new partnerships](#)."

MORE EVENTS include "What is Web 2.0? Discovering the Participatory Web" ([July 30](#)); Ukrainian American Health, Mortality and Demography Project ([July 31](#)); Curiosity Camp: In Pursuit of Happiness ([Aug. 4](#)); Curiosity Camp: Wine That's Found Its Time: Minnesota Vineyards ([Aug. 6](#)); Olympic Opening Ceremonies ([Aug. 8](#)); Nature Play: Trash Art ([Aug. 9](#)); Curiosity Camp: The Omnivore's Dilemma: Are We What We Eat? ([Aug. 11](#)); "Speaking of Home: Immigration to Minnesota" ([Aug. 12](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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THE DEADLINE FOR ELECTING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RETIREMENT INCENTIVE OPTION (RIO) has been extended to Sept. 26. RIO is a one-time opportunity for voluntary retirement for eligible employees. RIO will provide 36 months of medical and dental subsidy following an employee's last day of employment. For more information, visit [employee benefits](#) or read [RIO](#).

PEOPLE: Cheryl Contant began her appointment as vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean at UMM; Alison Davis-Blake was appointed to a three-year term on the board of directors for the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

STUDENT-STAFF DIRECTORY: DEADLINE FOR UPDATES TO INDIVIDUAL LISTINGS is Sept. 12. To update your entry, go to "Update Personal Information" at [Employee Self-Service](#).

THE U's GREAT DISCOVERIES WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR with engaging exhibits and experts from all five campuses. The stage will feature performances, demonstrations, and appearances by U personalities. Maroon and Gold Day will be Aug. 24. U of M Bookstores at Coffman Union, the St. Paul Student Center, the UMC Bookstore, and M Gear in Rochester offer [savings on fair admission](#). The fair runs from Aug. 21-Sept. 1, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., U building, Dan Patch Avenue. For more information, see [State Fair](#).

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATIONS will be accepted until Oct. 6. The grant is available to assistant professors who have no independent national funding and are engaged in cancer-related research. Funding is available up to \$30,000. Applications may be obtained by calling 612-626-1926 or e-mailing micek003@tc.umn.edu.

Crookston:

UMC WAS NAMED ONE OF THE BEST COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE MIDWEST according to The Princeton Review, a New York-based company known for its test preparation courses, books, and college admission and other education services. UMC was selected as one of 159 institutions recommended by the company in its "Best in the Midwest" section "2009 Best Colleges: Region by Region." For more information, see the [news release](#).

THE NORTHWEST MINNESOTA WOMEN'S FUND established a new scholarship to benefit students attending UMC. Senior Ashley Walton was awarded the first scholarship. Funds will be available annually to support UMC-degree-seeking women who reside within the 12 counties of the Women's Fund service area. For more information, see the [news release](#).

UMC WILL HOST ITS ANNUAL "OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL" during the city's Ox Cart Days celebration. The social will be held Aug. 15, 3-5 p.m., near the Peterson Gazebo on the campus mall. For more information, see the [news release](#).

A RECENT GIFT BY BILL AND MARY TYRRELL OF \$34,000 will support UMC's Golden Eagle athletic program and several endowed athletic funds on campus. Matching funds of \$21,500 will be provided by UMC. The four-year pledge of \$8,500 annually will establish the Bill & Mary Tyrrell Endowed Athletic Scholarship. For more information, see [Golden Eagle Athletics](#).

Duluth:

A NEW SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE purchased through a \$400,000 grant by the National Science Foundation has been installed on the UMD campus. The microscope is capable of high-resolution imaging of features 25,000 times smaller than a human hair and direct chemical analysis. It is currently being used in research on airborne particulate produced from taconite mining, and will be used in teaching and research and made available to outside nonprofit and industry groups. For more information, see the [news release](#).

THE FESTIVAL OF FINE ART AND CRAFT, featuring work by the region's finest artists, will be held at Glensheen Historic Congdon Estate, Aug. 16, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The event has been named a "best bet" by the *Duluth News Tribune* and is attended by thousands every year. For more information, visit the [Festival](#).

UMD AND THE DULUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT are conducting two weeks of joint fire rescue training exercises at a UMD owned property. For more information see the [news release](#).

Morris:

UMM WILL MOVE A STEP CLOSER TO ENERGY SELF-SUFFICIENCY BY 2010 with a scheduled early morning "first burn" boiler commissioning at the biomass facility, Aug. 18. When fully implemented, the facility will provide heating and cooling for the campus. For more information, take the [biomass facility virtual tour](#) or read [Biomass Development](#).

MORE UMM CAMPUS BUILDINGS ARE POWERED BY THE WIND. By summer's end, the wind turbine at the [West Central Research and Outreach Center](#) is expected to bring the percentage of buildings powered by wind-generated electricity to nearly 100 percent. For more information, see UMM's [renewable initiatives](#).

Rochester:

SIGNATURE SERIES 2008: THE BEST IN TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT is a series of eight one-day courses cosponsored by the U's Center for the Development of Technological Leadership and UMR. The courses apply the best in technology management to improve on-the-job performance. Sept. 22-25, Oct. 20-23, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, see [Technology Management](#).

Twin Cities:

THE ANNUAL U OF M SCHOOL OF MUSIC PIANO SALE will take place Aug. 15, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Aug. 16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Aug. 17, noon-5 p.m., 225 Ferguson Hall. The documentary film *Note by Note*, which follows the creation of a Steinway concert grand, will be screened Aug. 16 and 17 at 2 p.m. For more information, see [School of Music](#) or the [brochure](#).

JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL FACULTY MEMBERS can attend a retreat sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning, Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs, Office of International Programs, and Office for Equity and Diversity. Junior faculty (pre-tenure) who identify themselves as international are invited. Aug. 26, 9:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Location TBA, space limited. RSVP to [Jeremy Hernandez](mailto:Jeremy.Hernandez), 612-625-5652, by Aug. 20.

THE SUCCESSFUL MANAGER'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM provides leadership development within the context of the U culture and community. Through lectures, exercises, case studies, and feedback, the program is an intensive, five-day experience that assists managers in developing strategies and plans for accomplishing goals. An information session will be held Aug. 26, 10-11 a.m., 210 Donhowe. Registration is open for the fall season. For more information, see [Leadership](#).

THE WEISMAN WILL TEST THE METAPHORICAL EYESIGHT OF AMERICA with its "Hindsight is Always 20/20" exhibition Aug. 23-Jan. 4. Always 20/20 looks at the politically-charged atmosphere of the 2008 presidential election and the history of American political discourse through the metaphor of vision--by using a Snellen chart (an optometrist's guide to testing eyesight). For more information, see the [event](#).

LOCAL AUTHOR AND FORMER U OF M REGENT DAVID LEBEDOFF will discuss his book *The Same Man: George Orwell and Evelyn Waugh in Love and War*. Lebedoff's book shows how both writers dedicated their lives to warning against a world of material wealth but few values. Aug. 14, 7-9 p.m., U Bookstore, Coffman Union. For more information or to order a signed copy, visit the [bookstore](#).

FACULTY MEMBERS IN THEIR FIRST FIVE YEARS AT THE U can develop and enhance their teaching skills through the Early Career Faculty Learning Community. The community is designed to assist faculty members establish a foundation for creative and engaging teaching. Participants work one-on-one and in interdisciplinary small groups with resource teachers, chosen for their commitment to mentoring and recognition as superior classroom teachers. Limited space is available. For more information and to register, visit the [Center for Teaching and Learning](#) or call 612-625-3041.

UNIVERSITY DINING SERVICES (UDS) IS IMPLEMENTING TRAYLESS DINING in Bailey, Centennial, Comstock, Middlebrook, Pioneer, and Sanford residential restaurants in August. The effort is part of UDS's sustainability commitment at the U. For more information, see [UDS sustainability](#).

MORE EVENTS include "The American President" ([Aug. 13](#)); UMore Park Open House ([Aug. 14](#)); "From Sportswear to Streetwear: American Innovation" ([Aug. 15](#)); "Short Rotation Crops International Conference" ([Aug. 18-22](#)); "Getting Published: How to Publish Your Science Research Article" ([Aug. 19](#)); Google for Researchers ([Aug. 20](#)); Grant Funding for Graduate Students ([Aug. 21](#)); College of Design at the State Fair! ([Aug. 23](#)); "Public Art as Conversation Starter": A conversation with Jack Becker and Peter Eleey ([Aug. 26](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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THE FACULTY RETIREMENT PROGRAM WILL INTRODUCE A NEW INVESTMENT OPTION called "target retirement funds" beginning Sept. 2. Target retirement funds are hybrid funds that gradually and automatically shift to more conservative investments over time as the investor's expected retirement date nears. For more information, call Securian at 651-665-3670 or see [faculty retirement plans](#).

PEOPLE: Former dean of the Humphrey Institute John Brandl died August 18; longtime Regents Professor Vernon Ruttan died Aug. 18; Steven Goldstein has been named the new president and CEO of the University of Minnesota Foundation; new postdoctoral fellows for 2008-09 are Robyn Autry and LaRose Davis, with Patina Mendez continuing through a second year; Louis Mendoza joined the University's Office for Equity and Diversity as associate vice provost; Jackie Millslagle has been appointed associate vice chancellor for academic administration at UMD. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

"U PROFILES" IS PART OF A NEW AND OCCASIONAL SERIES THAT *BRIEF* will publish about the talents and contributions of University of Minnesota employees, both on and off the job. This inaugural profile features Randy Croce, a video producer in the labor education service at Carlson's Center for Human Resources and Labor Studies. For more information, read "[Work made visible](#)."

UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS WILL BE WRITING THE BOOK--literally--on pesticide applications to control mold in buildings. The Pesticide Safety and Environmental Education (PSEE) of University of Minnesota Extension has received a \$35,000 grant to produce the manual that will be used by professionals in cleaning everything from too-tightly-sealed homes to large-building cooling towers. Many states have expressed interest in adopting the manual upon its completion in 2009. PSEE is a division of [System Academic Administration](#).

Crookston:

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT NAMED UMC a "Best Public College" for the 11th consecutive year. This fall, UMC offers students new options in criminal justice, biofuels and renewable energy technology, and urban forestry. For more information, see the [news release](#).

UMC's GOLDEN EAGLES AND THE NFL are preparing for the second annual NFL Youth Flag Football League starting Sept. 6, Ed Widseth Field. The outreach program is open to those in grades three and four and will be coached by the Golden Eagles team. For more information, see [Golden Eagles](#).

FACULTY AND STAFF AT CROOKSTON focused on a week of preparation and planning Aug. 18-22, before the beginning of fall semester. UMC chancellor Charles Casey addressed the faculty and staff during a luncheon on this year's "momentum" theme for opening week. For more information, see the [news release](#).

Duluth:

UMD's NEW FRESHMAN SUCCESS PROGRAM, "Welcome Week and Bulldog Bash," kicks off its inaugural year Aug. 29. The program is designed to help all freshmen with their transition to the college and the community. The campuswide effort involves more than 100 faculty, 150 staff members, 175 student leaders, and 2,200 freshmen. For a complete schedule of events, see [Welcome Week and Bulldog Bash](#).

UMD's DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING was recently ranked fourth in the nation for best undergraduate chemical engineering programs (public and private) by the recently released *U.S. News & World Report* issue of "America's Best Colleges." UMD ranked 10th among top Midwest public universities with master's programs and 45th overall among all Midwest universities with master's programs (both public and private). For more information, see the [news release](#).

Morris:

UMM WAS REPRESENTED AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR Aug. 26 in "The Environment and Great Outdoors" panel by Lowell Rasmussen, vice chancellor for finance and facilities; David Fluegel of the Center for Small Towns; and student Tynell Kocer. Morris will staff a general information booth at the fair on Aug. 29. For more information, see [environmental panel](#).

Rochester:

UMR WILL CELEBRATE MINNESOTA'S SESQUICENTENNIAL, the grand opening of UMR Student Services, and Beautiful U Day on Aug. 28., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Events throughout the day include guided tours of UMR and a ribbon cutting ceremony. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, see the [schedule](#).

Twin Cities:

MORE THAN 230 FACULTY ARE NEW TO THE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS THIS YEAR. Through three days of orientation, they began to get to know the U and each other. The enhanced orientation program is now in its third year. For more information, read "[New Twin Cities faculty get a U welcome](#)."

FIFTEEN THOUSAND MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE Republican National Convention next week. To maximize the U's resources, a [helpful Web site](#) was recently launched and sent out to reporters.

A WORKSHOP FOR THE SPOUSES AND PARTNERS OF RECENTLY RELOCATED NEW FACULTY AND STAFF, entitled "Conducting a Job Search in the Twin Cities" will be held Sept. 25, 9-11:30 a.m., 318 Donhowe. RSVP by Sept. 19 to 100 Donhowe. For more information, contact [Mary Everley](#).

THE U WILL OPEN A NEW STATE-OF-THE ART OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH FACILITY along the banks of the Mississippi River. Public tours will be available Sept. 19, 3-5 p.m., St. Anthony Falls Laboratory. For more information, see [SAFL](#).

MORE THAN 1,000 M KEYS WILL BE REPLACED DUE TO A MANUFACTURING DEFECT that leads to premature failure. The M Key establishes a user's identity through a two-factor authentication system, increases security, and reduces risk. The defective devices have been identified as those with serial numbers (located on the back) beginning with the letter "E." Anyone who currently has a device that needs to be replaced will receive e-mail notification. For more information, visit [M key](#).

DISABILITY SERVICES WILL GO GREEN WITH INSTRUCTOR ACCOMMODATION LETTERS this fall. The improved process for communicating student accommodations will send individualized letters electronically to students with disabilities. Students will be able to forward these letters to faculty and TAs. For more information, see [Disability Services](#), or call [Linda Wolford](#) with questions at 612-624-1403.

ERGONOMIC EVALUATION SCHEDULING through the Department of Environmental Health and Safety (DEHS) is changing. DEHS has posted a new self-assessment tool on its Web site designed to help people adjust or self-correct their own workstations. For more information, see the self-assessment tool at [Office Ergonomic Guide](#).

THE RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTER ON COMMUNITY LIVING in the University's [Institute on Community Integration](#) has received renewed 5-year, \$4.25 million funding from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, to continue as the designated national center for community living and employment of persons with developmental disabilities. For more information, see the [Research Center](#).

THE UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY TRAINING CENTER offers in-person and online learning opportunities for all University faculty, staff, and students, to help make the most out of technology. For more information, see "[Training the University...](#)"

COURSE RESERVES FOR FALL 2008 are offered by University Libraries to help instructors provide course materials, publications, and other information resources to their students. Print and Web-based services are available. For more information, see [Reserves](#), or contact [Jerrie Bayer](#) at 612-624-8530.

THE OFFICE FOR UNIVERSITY WOMEN OFFICIALLY CHANGED ITS NAME TO THE WOMEN'S CENTER Aug. 1. Founded in 1960, the Women's Center has a rich history of serving the needs of women faculty, staff, and students at the U. For more information or to request a workshop, visit the [Women's Center](#) or e-mail women@umn.edu.

U RENT-A-GURU HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY RELOCATED IN 152 Shepherd Labs. U Rent-A-Guru will continue to offer carry-in computer consultation and support services designed to help customers solve short-term computer problems. E-mail ucs@umn.edu or call 612-624-4800 for more information.

THE U OF M BOOKSTORE WILL CELEBRATE THE FOURTH ANNUAL College Colors Day, Aug. 29. U students, staff, and faculty are encouraged to show their U spirit by wearing maroon and gold and stopping by the Bookstore at Coffman Memorial Union or the St. Paul Student Center to enter to win a \$100 gift card.

UNIVERSITY STORES WILL HOST ITS 23rd ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE Sept. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m, Radisson University Hotel, 615 Washington Ave. Lunch served 11 a.m.-1 p.m. More than 50 vendors and U departments will be showcasing their products and services, available either through University Stores or U-Wide Contracts.

MORE EVENTS include New Student Convocation ([Aug. 27](#)); "Washington Week" broadcast from the University of Minnesota ([Aug. 29](#)); "to the bind" ([Aug. 31](#)); panels on American politics and policy ([Sept. 1](#)); luncheon with Germany's ambassador to the USA on "The Future Transatlantic Agenda" ([Sept. 3](#)); Field Trip: Birds in the City ([Sept. 5](#)); Cafe Scientifique: Tiger Moths, Mimicry, and the Mating Game ([Sept 9](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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Editor's Note:

Welcome back to a new academic year! *Brief* resumes its regular weekly publication schedule today, September 10. --Adam Overland

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A GRANT AWARDED TO UMC BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE will make the campus a focal point as the new Economic Development Administration University Center for the state. UMC, along with its partner University of Minnesota Extension, will provide technical assistance and applied research for economic development intermediaries at the local, county, and regional levels. The \$150,000 award will also provide an appropriation of the same amount for each of the next three years. For more information, see the [news release](#).

A GLBTA SYSTEMWIDE SUMMIT WILL TAKE PLACE in Duluth, Sept. 26-27. It represents the first-ever gathering of students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community members doing GLBTA work on all five U campuses. The event will showcase U programs and increase networking and information sharing for GLBTA communities. For more information, including directions, schedule, and registration, see [GLBTA Summit](#).

PEOPLE: James Campbell was presented with an honorary doctor of laws degree, Sept. 2, at the Carlson School of Management; the Humphrey Institute named Margaret Chutich assistant dean; Don Luce has been selected to be one of five judges for the 2008 Federal Duck Stamp contest; Hugh Parmer was named a research fellow with the Humphrey Institute's regional planning and policy area; the UMC Agriculture Department hired three new faculty members; seven individuals will be inducted into the University of Minnesota "M" Club Hall of Fame Sept. 18. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

A NEW \$1.3 MILLION ANNUAL "IMAGINE FUND" HAS BEEN CREATED to support a broad range of faculty activities in the arts, humanities, and design across the University of Minnesota system. The Imagine Fund series of programs will begin in fall 2008 and will be fully phased in by 2009. For more information, see [Imagine Fund](#).

THE U IS HOSTING A ONE-DAY GRANT WRITING SEMINAR designed for faculty members and research staff. Sept. 24, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Metrodome (West Bank), Aragon Ballroom. For more information, see [Write Winning Grants](#). Academic Health Center faculty and research staff may [register here](#). All other U faculty and research staff should [register here](#).

APPLICATIONS FOR EQUITY AND DIVERSITY "IDEA GRANTS" are invited by the Office for Equity and Diversity. The program funds projects, programming, events, and research that support historically underrepresented students, faculty, staff, and communities. All academic and administrative units across the U's campuses are eligible to apply; grants are awarded quarterly. Next deadline for applications is Sept. 30. For more information and the application, see [Idea Grants](#).

A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY ON COPYRIGHT OWNERSHIP is available for review and comment through Oct. 4. The policy builds on Board of Regents copyright policy and includes a proposed mechanism for copyright-ownership-dispute resolution. For more information, see [copyright](#), or call the [policy office](#) at 612-624-8081.

THE INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS INSTITUTE (ITS) received \$5.3 million to help Minnesota Valley Transit Authority buses better navigate shoulder lanes using lane-guidance technology and to improve traffic flow on I-35W. The project marks the first time a comprehensive technology-based lane-assist system will be put into operation. The money is part of a \$133.3 million award to the state through the U.S. DOT's Urban Partnership Agreement program. [ITS Institute](#) is part of the [Center for Transportation Studies](#), a division of [System Academic Administration](#).

THE MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM OFFERS FALL CLASSES for adults and youth in cooking, gardening, photography, and more, including special art workshops and retreats. For more information or to register, call 952-443-1422 or visit the [Arboretum](#).

SAVE THE DATE: N. SCOTT MOMADAY, the first American Indian to win the Pulitzer Prize, in 1969 for his novel, *House Made of Dawn*, will deliver the Graduate School's 2008 Guy Stanton Ford Lecture, Oct. 21, 12:15 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. For more information, see [Ford Lecture](#).

Crookston:

THE MINNESOTA CLEAN ENERGY RESOURCE TEAMS (CERTs), via the U of M Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships and Southwest Regional Development Commission, recently announced the funding of a number of grant proposals for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. For more information, see the [news release](#).

UMC ADMISSIONS STAFF WILL VISIT AREA HIGH SCHOOLS beginning Sept. 15, with the assistance of several new admissions counselors. New and prospective students will also be able to connect with UMC during the Sept. 13 [Preview Day](#).

Duluth:

AN UPCOMING PRIMETIME DISCOVERY CHANNEL DOCUMENTARY will feature the work of UMD's Arthur Aufderheide. "Secrets of the Dinosaur Mummy" chronicles the work of Aufderheide and a research team on "Leonardo," the world's most complete dinosaur fossil ever found. The show airs Sept. 14, 9 p.m. EDT. For more information, see [Leonardo](#).

ALLEN "BIG AL" CARTER, an artist and distinguished art teacher from Washington, D.C., will speak as part of the Visual Lecture Series, a joint venture of the Department of Art and Design and the Tweed Museum of Art. Sept. 16, 6 p.m., 90 Bohannon Hall. Reception follows. Carter's appearance is in conjunction with an exhibition of his work, which runs in the Tweed Museum until Nov. 2. For more information, see the [Visual Lecture Series](#).

UMD'S OFFICE OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT WILL SPONSOR A VOLUNTEER FAIR, Sept. 17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Kirby Student Center Ballroom. More than 50 community volunteer sites will be present with information on opportunities. For more information, see [Engqagement](#), [e-mail](#), or call 218-726-6747.

"SCIENCE IS FUN," an entertaining and informative seminar on how science can be communicated to all segments of society, will take place Sept. 19, in 200 Chemistry. The seminar includes demonstrations on combustion, exploding balloons, polymers, liquids that glow in the dark, and other scientific phenomena. For more information, [e-mail](#) or call 218-726-7257.

Morris:

UMM IS AMONG ONLY 11 MINNESOTA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES NAMED "EXEMPLARY" by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) in its recent survey "Campus Environment 2008: A National Report Card on Sustainability in Higher Education." UMM was previously recognized for its best practices by NWF in January 2008. For more information, see [Campus Environment](#).

Rochester:

UMR'S BACK TO SCHOOL BASH will take place Sept. 10, 5-7 p.m., UMR student lounge. UMR students, alumni, staff, faculty, and guests are invited to attend.

Twin Cities:

THE TECHNOLOGY USED TO COMMUNICATE EMERGENCIES HAS EVOLVED. The U maintains a comprehensive emergency preparedness Web site, and with so many new and returning students, faculty and staff can assist in creating a culture of safety by being a resource for students. To learn more, read [A Safe U](#).

THE BELL MUSEUM WILL HOST A PUBLIC MEMORIAL PROGRAM in honor of Harrison "Bud" Tordoff, the U professor and Bell director credited with the peregrine falcon's comeback. Tordoff died on July 23 at the age of 85. In conjunction with the event, the museum will host an exhibit about peregrine falcons, Sept. 13-21. The tribute will take place Sept. 20, 5:45 p.m. For information, call 612-624-4112 or visit the [Bell Museum](#).

GRANT-IN-AID OF RESEARCH, ARTISTRY, AND SCHOLARSHIP: The fall 2008 application deadline is Sept. 22. Faculty members whose needs fall into one of the fundable categories and who do not currently hold a Grant-in-Aid are encouraged to submit an application electronically. For more information, see [Grant-in-Aid](#).

THE ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER WILL HOLD A CAMPUSWIDE BLOOD DRIVE Sept. 23, 7 a.m.-5 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Schedule in advance by searching [blood drive](#), zip code 55455, and clicking on the upper right corner link "Donate Blood Now." For more information, contact [Jenny Meslow](#) or call 1-800-448-3543.

"BUILDING INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY" is the first of three workshops on Visioning Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs, hosted by the Graduate School this fall. The workshop will focus on best practices for creating community among program constituents, with a roundtable on best practices and a work session on creating a plan for building community within interdisciplinary graduate programs. Participants are invited to respond to several questions in advance (priority deadline Sept. 12) to inform the roundtable. Sept. 23, 3-5:30 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. For more information, see [workshops](#).

A FREE SEMINAR ABOUT WOMEN'S CANCER RESEARCH entitled "Women's Cancer: Understanding Research at the Masonic Cancer Center and How It May Benefit You" will be held Sept. 28, 1-4 p.m., at the McNamara Alumni Center. U physicians and researchers will discuss women's cancer studies currently under way, as well as cancer risk, prevention, and survivorship. For more information and to register, visit the [Masonic Cancer Center](#).

THE REGENTS PROFESSOR LECTURE SERIES, featuring public talks by newly appointed regents professors, will hold its first lecture of the semester Sept. 29, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. Eric Sheppard, Regents Professor of Geography, will discuss "Geography, Nature, and the Question of Development." Sheppard's talk will be followed by a reception. For more information, see [Lectures](#).

FUTURE FOOD SCARCITIES: GLOBAL CAUSES, LOCAL CONSEQUENCES is a symposium on rising food prices and their impact on food supplies, food companies, consumption, health, and public policy in the United States and around the globe. Oct. 23, McNamara Alumni Center, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information and to register, visit [Future Food](#).

U CARD'S GOPHER GOLD PROGRAM TRANSITIONED TO A SYSTEM where value is stored in a secure, online account rather than on the card. U community members who were unable to spend the value associated with the offline program will have until May 31, 2009, to visit the U Card office in Coffman to verify and transfer the card's value to the online Gopher GOLD account. For more information, contact [U Card](#).

THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS CENTER HAS BEEN RENAMED the Center for Human Resources and Labor Studies ([CHRLS](#)). Contact CHRLS director [Connie Wanberg](#) with questions or comments.

SAVE THE DAY: U WOMEN OF COLOR (UWOC) FALL WELCOME will be Nov. 5, 9-11 a.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. This year's program features a panel addressing health and wellness issues specific to women of color. Nominations for the UWOC Tapestry Award, which will be presented at the Welcome, are being accepted until Oct. 3. For more information, visit [UWOC](#).

MORE EVENTS include author Neal Karlen discusses his book *The Story of Yiddish* ([Sept 10](#)); Professor Travis Thompson discusses his book *Straight Talk on Autism* ([Sept. 11](#)); "Health Care: Models for Change"--TV show ([Sept. 14](#)); "The Twenty-first-century Metropolis: New Geographies of Theory" --discussion with Ananya Roy ([Sept. 15](#)); "In Small Things Discouted: Architecture and World Making" --presentation by Arijit Sen ([Sept. 16](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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CUSTOMIZED E-MAIL PHISHING ATTACKS, KNOWN AS "SPEAR PHISHING" ARE ON THE RISE. Some attacks against the U have been effective at tricking students, faculty, and staff into divulging personal information. A number of features are usually common to phishing attacks. To learn more, read "[Avoiding Identity Theft at the U.](#)"

PRESIDENT BRUININKS PRESENTED THE U'S BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST to the Board of Regents on Sept. 12. The proposed budget for the 2010-11 biennium (two-year budget period) requests \$141.2 million in new state money to maintain the University's competitive position and strengthen Minnesota's economy. For more information, see the [Budget Request](#).

PEOPLE: Chuck Miner has been named deputy chief of University Police. Read about this and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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"AUTUMN UNPLUGGED" AT THE MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM celebrates the essence of fall with its brisk air, crackling leaves, and dazzling hues. The centerpiece event will be Pumpkin Palooza, an extravaganza of fall's favorite plant in all its variety. A cornucopia of fall happenings at the arboretum can be found at [Autumn Unplugged](#).

"DIGITAL CAMPUS," WAS LAUNCHED AFTER TWO YEARS OF PLANNING AND CONSULTATION on Sept. 15. Digital Campus will serve as a gateway to online course offerings, degree programs, and noncredit courses across the University system. For more information, visit [Digital Campus](#).

"TEACHING WITH WRITING" provides support and creates community for instructors across the U who use writing in their teaching. These workshops and panels are free and open to all U instructors on any campus. For events over the noon hour, lunch is provided for the first 30 registrants. Space can be limited. For more information or to register, see [Teaching with Writing](#). Phone reservations can be made by calling 612-626-7579.

THE TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM enters its third year with a cohort on the Duluth campus that will focus on individual improvement projects with the support of mentors and the U's Office of Service and Continuous Improvement (OSCI). OSCI is developing a related program, Transformational Leadership-Lean, which will focus on identifying and eliminating wasteful practices in purchasing and areas of potential high-impact savings. [OSCI](#) is part of the University's [System Academic Administration](#).

Crookston:

CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW APARTMENT-STYLE RESIDENCE HALL ON THE UMC CAMPUS was approved at a Sept. 11 Board of Regents meeting. The \$10.6 million, 128-bed facility will house Crookston's growing student population. Community Contractors and Michael J. Burns Architects were recommended as the design/build firm for the new facility, which is expected to be completed in July 2009. For more information, see the [news release](#).

UMC WILL HONOR PAST GRADUATES AT ITS HOMECOMING WEEKEND, SEPT. 26-27. This year's outstanding alumni will be honored at a banquet and during halftime of the Sept. 27 football game. Two individuals and one team will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame Sept. 26. For more information, see [outstanding alumni](#) and [Athletic Hall of Fame](#).

Duluth:

UMD WILL HOST THE SIEUR DU LUTH FALL LECTURE AND SYMPOSIUM, Sept. 18, 2:30-6:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. The event will feature five noted architects who have designed UMD buildings. Architect Cesar Pelli (Weber Music Hall) will deliver the opening address. The symposium will conclude with a presentation on LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification and sustainability. For more information, see [Sieur du Luth](#).

"RUSSIA-GEORGIA CONFLICT: PUTIN'S VIEW" will be presented by Moscow State University's Zefirov Nikolay, professor of chemistry, as part of the Alworth Institute's International Lecture Series. Professor Nikolay will briefly examine Putin's perspective on the current conflict between Russia and Georgia and answer questions about the situation. Sept. 24, noon, UMD Library Rotunda. For more information, see [Conflict](#).

PETER ANNIN WILL DISCUSS HIS BOOK *THE GREAT LAKES WATER WARS* at a public lecture on Sept. 24, 7 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Annin, the 2008 Distinguished Aquatic Speaker of the Center for Freshwater Research and Policy, is the director of the Institutes for Journalism and Natural Resources and a former correspondent with *Newsweek*. For more information, see [Great Lakes](#).

Morris:

A NEW BOOK CLUB CALLED "ASKING THE BIG QUESTIONS" will be reading *Plan B 3.0*, by Lester Brown of the Earth Policy Institute. The club, hosted by the Rodney A. Briggs Library and the Office of Sustainability, will meet the second Thursday of the month for the next year. For more information, see the [book club](#).

THE ANNUAL BARBER LECTURE will be given by Russ Castronovo, the Jean Wall Bennet professor of English and American studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and Dana Nelson, the Gertrude Conaway professor of English at Vanderbilt. Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m., HFA Recital Hall. For more information, see [Barber Lecture](#).

LECTURES BY TWO LEADERS IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS will be given during the 33rd annual Midwest Philosophy Colloquium. This year's colloquium will address the topic, "Frontiers of Environmental Ethics." Sept. 25-26, 8 p.m., 109 Imholte Hall. For more information, see [Environmental Ethics](#).

Rochester:

GOLDEN GOPHERS FOOTBALL WILL BE SHOWN ON THE SILVER SCREEN in Rochester. Fans can enjoy the games at Wehrenberg Theatres' Galaxy 14 Cine. Admission is free, but limited. Tickets will be available 24 hours prior to kickoff. For more information, see [silver screen](#).

Twin Cities:

A COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FAIR coordinated by the U of M's Career and Community Learning Center, takes place Sept. 17, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Coffman Union. Visitors can learn about volunteer and internship opportunities in the Twin Cities. For more information, see [community involvement](#).

A U OF M FAMILY MATH AND SCIENCE FUN FAIR will feature robot demonstrations, astronaut training, microscopes, miniature race cars, a real human brain, and more. Sept. 20, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Coffman Union. For more information, see [Fun Fair](#).

THE CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE AT THE U OF M WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN WITH A CEREMONY on Sept. 19. A celebration concert will take place Sept. 21, 7-8:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Cost is \$28. For more information, see the [Confucius Institute](#).

DISCOVER EXCEPTIONAL WOMEN, HOSTED BY THE WOMEN'S CENTER, is a 10-day showcase of the wide range of resources, programming, and services available to women students, staff, and faculty at the U. Sept. 22-Oct. 3. For more information, see the [Women's Center](#).

THE FINE THEORETICAL PHYSICS INSTITUTE AT THE U OF M will present a free public lecture entitled "Finding the Big Bang." Princeton University professor and Albert Einstein professor of science emeritus Jim Peebles will speak at the event. Sept. 23, 7 p.m., 150 Tate Laboratory of Physics. Peebles's presentation is the third in the William I. Fine Theoretical Physics Institute's annual Misel Family Lecture Series. For more information, see [Misel Family Lecture](#).

THE THIRD OF THREE FINALISTS FOR DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS WILL VISIT CAMPUS Sept. 22 for a public forum in the Coffman theater. The archived presentations of each candidate can be found online. For more information, see [Dean Search](#).

MORE THAN 100 GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY will be represented at Graduate and Professional School Day. Learn about programs in law, business, education, health sciences, and other fields. Oct. 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Coffman Union. Free and open to all. For more information, see [Graduate and Professional School Day](#).

COURSES OFFERED BY ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS can help U employees build new skills and advance professional and personal development. Courses are ongoing throughout the fall. Many are free of charge. For more information, see [Career Development Courses](#) and [Personal and Professional Development](#).

A CONFERENCE ON CHALLENGES AND TENSIONS IN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS will focus on problems that arise because of differences in the organization and funding of science, cultural expectations, legal and regulatory environments, and graduate training. Oct. 2-3, Radisson University Hotel, 615 Washington Avenue S.E. For more information, see the [conference website](#).

OIT STAFF WILL HOLD A CRAFT AND BAKE SALE TO SUPPORT LOCAL RESOURCES through the Community Fund Drive. The kickoff event will take place Oct. 2, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m, 202 Johnston Hall. For information on how to donate an item, volunteer, or shop, visit [Community Fund Drive](#).

MINI MEDICAL SCHOOL CONTINUES ITS OUTREACH with its latest theme, "Hot Topics in Health." The five-week series will include pandemic flu, food and water safety, battlefield medicine, stem cell science, forensic pathology, ethical situations in natural disasters, and clinical trials. Mondays, Oct. 13-Nov. 10, 6-8:30 p.m., theater, Coffman Union. For more information, see [Mini Medical](#).

THE RESEARCHCHANNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUESTS VIDEOS about U research and discovery. The ResearchChannel provides worldwide cable and Web distribution of compelling video from top research universities and institutions. Colleges, departments, or centers may submit programs to be considered for the U's 10 hours of programming during the 2008-09 academic year. The first deadline is Oct. 15. For more information, visit [OIT Video Solutions](#) or the [ResearchChannel](#).

MORE EVENTS include Minnesota's Hidden History in Computing: Why Not Silicon Valley? ([Sept. 17](#)); From the Fall of the Wall to the War on Terror: How the 1990s Shaped Our World ([Sept. 18](#)); New Media Research@UMN: An Interdisciplinary Conference on New Media and Internet Studies ([Sept. 19](#)); Women's Soccer vs Boston University ([Sept. 21](#)); Coalition for a Respectful U - First Meeting of the Semester ([Sept. 22](#)); Building Intellectual Community ([Sept. 23](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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THE RAMP-UP TO READINESS PROGRAM IS A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE. The face of Minnesota is changing, and it's no coincidence that so many colleges and administrative units at the U have been inviting the state demographer's office to make presentations during the past few years. In recognition of these facts and to help address the issues they reveal, the U created the Consortium for College Readiness, housed in [System Academic Administration](#). For more information, see [Ramp-Up to Readiness](#).

PEOPLE: Christy Haynes is a recipient of the 2008 New Innovator Award; Ira Moscovice has been named head of the School of Public Health's Division of Health Policy and Management; UMM's Michael Rodriguez, associate professor of quantitative methods in education in the Department of Educational Psychology, will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award; Deborah Swackhamer has been appointed chair of the EPA Science Advisory Board; Sarah Youngerman has been named vice president of marketing and communications for the Minnesota Medical Foundation. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

University-wide:

THE PRESIDENT'S EMERGING LEADERS (PEL) PROGRAM provides leadership development opportunities for high-potential P&A, civil service, and bargaining unit staff. The program features educational and experiential components, and promotes skill development. For more information, see [President's Emerging Leaders](#).

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY ANNOUNCED A CALL FOR PROPOSALS for 2009-10 IAS Residential Faculty Fellows. All U faculty are eligible to apply. Faculty from coordinate campuses who are awarded a fellowship receive a housing stipend for the semester that they are in residence on the TC campus. For more information, see [Residential Faculty Fellows](#).

GUIDELINES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2008-09 DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARDS AND THE JOHN TATE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING. The distinguished teaching awards honor outstanding contributions to undergraduate, postbaccalaureate, graduate, and professional education. For more information, go to [Nomination Materials](#) on the awards page. For information on the Tate Award, see [John Tate](#). Information sessions for those involved in compiling dossiers for the awards will be held Oct. 3 (register by Oct.1), 1:30-2:30 p.m., and Dec. 1 (register by Nov. 26), 10-11 a.m., 102 Walter Library, UMTC. Information sessions for those on coordinate campuses are being arranged via ITV. E-mail questions to [Jeremy Hernandez](#) or call him at 612-625-5652.

THE CENTER FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS (CURA) SEEKS NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS to fill the position of director. Nominations may be sent to [Michelle Kuhl](#) and should include a brief statement of qualifications. For a complete position description and application procedures, visit the U of M [employment Web site](#). For more information, see [CURA](#).

THE DEADLINE FOR ELECTING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RETIREMENT INCENTIVE OPTION (RIO) is Sept. 26. Complete information is available on the [Employee Benefits Web site](#). Call the benefits service team at 800-756-2363 or 612-624-9090, option 2, with additional questions regarding program terms or eligibility. For more information, see [RIO](#).

Crookston:

AN ONLINE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED STUDIES DEGREE AT UMC has been approved by the Board of Regents. The program addresses the needs of individuals whose educational objectives cannot be met through traditional degree programs. For more information, see the [news release](#).

UMC'S THREE-YEAR-OLD STUDENT CENTER WILL BE NAMED at a ceremony honoring Donald Sargeant, a faculty member from 1970 to 2007 and chancellor of the Crookston campus from 1985 to 2003. Sept. 27, 11:15 a.m., Student Center. For more information, see the [news release](#).

Duluth:

UMD HELD GRAND-OPENING CEREMONIES FOR THE LABOVITZ SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS Sept. 19. The \$23 million facility was awarded Gold LEED Certification and is the first new higher education building in the state to be a LEED-certified "green building." With 65,000 square feet of space, the building contains the latest in technology, providing students with hands-on learning in the financial markets. For more information, see the [news release](#).

A UMD TEAM IN THE SWENSON COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING RECEIVED A \$200,000 National Science Foundation grant. The two-year grant will be used to develop a plan to improve the representation and advancement of female faculty in science, technology, engineering, and math. UMD will also provide leadership for other institutions around the country looking to meet the same goal. For more information, see the [news release](#).

Morris:

FOUR MINNESOTA POETS WILL READ FROM A NEW ANTHOLOGY Sept. 27, 7 p.m., in the Fergus Falls Center for the Arts, and Sept. 28, 2:30 p.m., in UMM's Humanities Fine Arts Gallery. Faculty Argie Manolis and Athena Kildegaard, along with LouAnn Muhm, Park Rapids, and Francine Sterle, Gunflint region, are among the almost 300 poets represented in the anthology, *Letters to the World*. For more news about UMM, see [Morris News](#).

MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ WILL RECEIVE THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD during the Distinguished Alumni Award and Cougar Hall of Fame Dinner, Oct. 3. Presented by the Morris Alumni Association Board, the award honors UMM alumni who have made noteworthy contributions in their professional lives, in public service, or in service to the U. Rodriguez is an associate professor of quantitative methods in education in the Department of Educational Psychology.

Rochester:

UMR CHANCELLOR STEPHEN LEHMKUHLE PENNED A RECENT EDITORIAL (published in the *Rochester Post-Bulletin*) regarding future recruitment challenges for college recruiters and the Minnesota workforce. A projected 10 percent decline in the number of students graduating from high school over the next 10 years must drive educators to empower more students to reach high academic goals. For more information, read the [chancellor's editorial](#).

Twin Cities:

SCHOLARLY AND CULTURAL EVENTS AT THE U THIS FALL are some of the richest and most enlightening in the Twin Cities, but not everyone knows they're invited. To help solve that problem, the Office for Scholarly and Cultural Affairs asked University Relations' marketing department to help bring these events together under one theme. Out of their work emerged a concept--Art to Z. For more information, see [Art to Z Scrabble](#).

THE FALL FLEET SERVICES' UNIVERSITY VEHICLE SALE HAS BEGUN. Departments may buy these vehicles for the price listed until the vehicle is turned in during Oct., Nov., and Dec., after which all remaining vehicles will be offered to the general public for purchase on e-Bay. For more information, see [Fleet Services](#).

"MAKING THE NEW STUDENT RATINGS OF TEACHING WORK FOR YOU" is the theme for the Fall Teaching Enrichment Series. The seminars examine the impact of regularly gathering and analyzing student feedback, to improve learning and document teaching effectiveness. Sept. 24, 20 Vincent Hall (East Bank). Sept. 25, B42 Classroom Office Building (St. Paul). For more information or to register, visit the [Center for Teaching and Learning](#).

A GRAND-OPENING CELEBRATION AND OPEN HOUSE FOR HANSON HALL, the new state-of-the-art undergraduate facility at the Carlson School of Management, will take place Sept. 25, 4-6 p.m. For more information, call 612-626-9633 or e-mail [Carlson events](#).

THE MEDITERRANEAN AND ITS SEAS WORKSHOP is a collaboration with the University of Athens and the first in a series of three workshops to be held from 2008 to 2010. Sept. 25-26, Coffman Union. Sept. 27, Andersen Library. Panels are open to the public. For more information, see [Mediterranean Seas](#).

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA AMERICAN INDIAN COUNCIL OF ELDERS and the American Indian Dance Club honor new scholars at the all-day Fall Welcome Feast and Powwow. Sept. 27, Coffman Union. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, see [Powwow](#) or call Betty Greencrow at 612-625-3187.

POSTDOCTORAL RECEPTION: The campus community is invited to welcome new postdoctoral scholars at a reception hosted by Provost Sullivan and Graduate School dean Dubrow. Recipients of the awards for Outstanding Postdoctoral Scholar and Outstanding Faculty Mentor will be honored. Oct. 1, 4 p.m., Weisman Art Museum. [Register](#) by Sept. 26 to attend.

FORMER U.S. VICE PRESIDENT WALTER MONDALE WILL SPEAK on "Complexity and Meaning in Health Care and Politics," Oct. 2, 4 p.m., Mayo Auditorium. A reception follows the talk. Free. For more information, see [Mondale](#).

NORTHROP HAS MANY UPCOMING SHOWS, INCLUDING A BOB DYLAN CONCERT on Nov. 4. [Bob Dylan tickets](#) go on sale Oct. 3 and will be available at the Northrop Auditorium box office or via charge-by-phone at 612-624-2345. For more information and upcoming events, visit [Northrop](#).

"DESIGNING INTERDISCIPLINARY CURRICULUM AND RESEARCH" WORKSHOP will provide strategies and tools to plan and implement interdisciplinary graduate curricula and research. Participants will identify factors involved in creating success and will develop a process for design, implementation, and continuous improvement. Oct. 7, 3-5:30 p.m., A. I. Johnson Room, McNamara Alumni Center. Early registration is recommended. For more information, see [workshops](#).

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES OFFERS VOTER REGISTRATION AND EDUCATION in advance of the coming elections. Faculty and staff can register to vote at several U Libraries. Also available are the Minnesota secretary of state's Elections 101 [Voter Guide](#) and voter education resources like Guide to the 2008 Elections. A discussion of student engagement in the election will be held Oct. 7, noon, Wilson Library with "why vote" posters designed by U students.

THE 2008-09 LECTURE SERIES ON LAW, HEALTH, AND THE LIFE SCIENCES examines "Synthetic Genomics: Risks and Benefits for Science and Society." Robert Friedman, deputy director of the J. Craig Venter Institute (JCVI), La Jolla, CA, and director of JCVI's Policy Center, will identify concerns raised by synthetic genomics and discuss miscommunication between scientists and the public. Oct. 8, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Coffman Union. For more information, see [Lecture Series](#).

NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE 2008 UNIVERSITY SERVICES STAR PERFORMER AWARDS. Nominations are welcomed from faculty, staff, and students on the Twin Cities campus. Since 1999, University Services has recognized individuals, teams, and departments who have gone above and beyond. Winners will be recognized at the Fall Leadership Forum. For more information, see [Star Performer](#).

THE CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY & HEALING has ongoing programs and events. "Clinical Applications of the Drawn Mandala," with Carol Bush, explores how the drawn mandala can reveal emotional, physiological, psychosocial, and spiritual states, Oct 10-12. "Evidence-Based Design: What Do We Really Know?" features Craig Zimring and discusses a type of design influencing billions of dollars of construction. Oct. 28, Mayo Memorial Auditorium. Free, but registration is required by calling 612-624-9459. For more information on these and other upcoming events, visit the [Center for Spirituality & Healing](#).

TRIPS WITH THE CENTER FOR OUTDOOR ADVENTURE include Fall Colors Backpacking: Superior Hiking Trail, Fly-Fishing Basics, Sea Kayaking Day Trip, and many more. For more information, call 612-625-8790 or see [Outdoor Adventure](#).

CARE PACKAGES: Gopher Express convenience store, in Coffman Union, offers care packages to surprise coworkers, students, or family members. September's package is "Gopher Spirit," with an assortment of goodies. Order online at [Gopher Express](#).

MORE EVENTS include "Climate Change, Sustainable Agriculture, and Bioresources: A Public Forum" ([Sept. 25](#)); "Recovering Our Sensual Wisdom: The Body and Knowing," A talk by Don Hanlon ([Sept. 26](#)); "Geography, Nature, and the Question of Development" ([Sept. 29](#)); "The Ethics of What We Eat: Why Our Food Choices Matter" ([Sept. 30](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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THE \$1.3 MILLION ANNUAL "IMAGINE FUND" WAS RECENTLY CREATED to support a broad range of faculty activities in the arts, humanities, and design across the University of Minnesota system. The Imagine Fund series of programs will begin in fall 2008 and will be fully phased in by 2009. For more information, see [A flying start for the arts](#).

PEOPLE: Kevin Cooper has been hired as a teaching specialist in marketing in the business department at UMC; Ki-tae Kim will coordinate UMC's English as a Second Language program; Scott Lanyon has been named head of the U's department of ecology, evolution, and behavior; Corbin Smyth has been appointed director of the UMD Kirby Student Center. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

THE DRIVEN TO DISCOVER advertising campaign is entering its third year of informing the public about groundbreaking discoveries taking place at the U. While TV and print ads during the first two years focused on research and education, this year's ads will also highlight stories about outreach. Ads will run Oct. 6 through Nov. 14, and Jan. 11 through March 1, on channels 4, 5, 9, and 11.

THE CENTRAL REGIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP will hold a conservation development tour Oct. 8, beginning in Baxter, MN. The tour will visit project sites that demonstrate sustainable systems in energy conservation and renewable energy resources, construction practices, and natural resource protection. For detailed information, see [invitation](#). For more information about the partnerships, see [Sustainable Development](#).

THE LEARNING ABROAD CENTER WILL HOST an Introduction to Study Abroad Curriculum Integration workshop Oct. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., President's Room, Coffman Union, TC campus. This workshop will help faculty, advisers, and student support staff better understand how study abroad fits into the academic programs of their students. Lunch will be provided. To register, fill out the [online form](#). The [Learning Abroad Center](#) is part of the Office of International Programs, a division of [System Academic Administration](#).

FOCUSING ON THE FIRST YEAR is a U-wide discussion for faculty, staff, and administrators. This year's theme is Encouraging Engagement & Promoting Success. Special guest and keynote speaker is George Kuh, founding director of the widely used National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). Oct. 22, 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m., Coffman Union, TC campus. For more information and to register, see [First Year](#).

THE HEALTHY FOODS, HEALTHY LIVES INSTITUTE HAS RELEASED two requests for proposals. The Institute will award U faculty members up to three research grants of \$100,000 each in the area of food policy and seed grants of \$25,000-\$50,000 each in the areas of food policy, prevention of obesity and chronic disease, and food safety. RFPs will be accepted until Nov. 21. To see the RFPs, visit [Healthy Foods](#). Call 612-625-8693 or [e-mail](mailto:) for more information.

TEACHING & ADVISING AWARDS NOMINATION INFORMATION SESSIONS for those on the coordinate campuses involved in compiling dossiers for the Morse-Alumni, Graduate-Professional, and Tate advising awards are currently being arranged via ITV. For more information, call 612-625-5652 or e-mail [Jeremy Hernandez](mailto:).

GoNorth! HAS BEEN SELECTED AS A 2008 TECH AWARDS LAUREATE, one of 25 global innovators recognized for applying technology to benefit humanity and spark global change. The GoNorth! project was selected because of its impact on students around the world, and for bringing attention to global climate change and the Arctic. For more information, see [GoNorth!](#)

Crookston:

UMC WILL HOST A WORKSHOP ON GRANT WRITING FOR FACULTY AND STAFF. Lynette Krenelka, director of distance degree programs at the University of North Dakota, will be on hand to deliver a full-day workshop: Getting the Results You Want. For more information, e-mail [Steve Hannah](mailto:) or call 218-281-8382.

Duluth:

THE UMD LABOVITZ SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS WILL HOST its "Professor for a Day" lecture Oct. 2, 11 a.m., Weber Music Hall. UMD graduate Craig Omtvedt, a financial executive from Fortune Brands, will speak on the topic, "Managing One's Destiny: Achieving Success in Today's Corporate World." Free and open to the public. Refreshments served at 10:30 a.m. For more information, see [Labovitz School](#).

A VISUAL LECTURE SERIES PRESENTATION by professor Anne Burdick from the California Institute of the Arts will take place on Oct. 7, 6 p.m., Tweed Museum of Art. Burdick, chair of the graduate Media Design Program (MDP) at Art Center College of Design, will discuss her work and experience. Professor Burdick was the lead designer and a contributing writer for the MDP's first transmedia publication, *The New Ecology of Things*. She is also the design editor of Electronic Book Review, where she collaborates with texts and writers to produce new modes of reading and writing in diverse media. For more information, see [Visual Lecture Series](#).

Morris:

A PUBLIC LECTURE, "VIEWING THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY FROM ALL ANGLES," will be presented by Rachel Brand Oct. 2, 7 p.m., Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall. Brand is counsel in the Regulatory and Government Affairs and Litigation and Controversy departments and former assistant attorney general and associate counsel under President George W. Bush. For more information, see [Lecture](#).

A PUBLIC DEDICATION OF THE NEW BIOMASS GASIFICATION FACILITY will be held Oct. 3. The dedication is at 2 p.m. at the facility, located next to the heating and cooling plant, east of the Regional Fitness Center. Local legislators, members of the Board of Regents, and other dignitaries will attend. For more information, see the [news release](#). For more news about UMM, see [Morris News](#).

Rochester:

A GENERATIONAL DIVERSITY IN THE WORKPLACE workshop will take place Oct. 8, 1-4:15 p.m. with a social event from 4:15-5:30 p.m., 417 University Square. For more information, see [Generational Diversity](#).

Twin Cities:

THE SCHOOL OF NURSING RECEIVED THE HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION GRANT to promote evidence-based practice among public health nurses in Minnesota. The "Culture of Excellence: Evidence-Based Public Health Nursing Practice" grant awards \$950,000 over three years. For more information, see [Nursing Grant](#).

A NEW HOMEPAGE FOR THE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS WILL LAUNCH THIS WEEK. The design reflects the U's mission of extraordinary education, breakthrough research, and dynamic public engagement, and showcases the many ways the U is Driven to Discover.

LEGAL ISSUES FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH COORDINATORS is the topic for the next clinical research coordinator meeting, Oct. 1, 3-4:30 p.m., 2-520 Moos Tower. The speaker will be Mark Bohnhorst, associate general counsel. Open to anyone in the U research community.

DARTMOUTH PROFESSOR DEBORAH STONE, author of *The Samaritan's Dilemma: Should Government Help Your Neighbor?* will discuss her book Oct. 2, noon, Humphrey Forum, Humphrey Center. No advance tickets are required. For more information, see the [news release](#).

THE NEW SCHOLARLY EXCELLENCE IN EQUITY AND DIVERSITY (SEED) AWARDS PROGRAM is accepting applications. The SEED Awards honor outstanding diverse undergraduate students (UMTC) who demonstrate leadership in and out of the classroom. Application deadline is Oct. 10. For more information and an application, see [SEED Awards](#).

A 3M SPONSORED FIVE-PART SEMINAR SERIES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS in technology and science programs, with practical lessons on how to bring technologies to market, will begin with "Identifying market opportunities," Oct. 13, 5-7 p.m., 2-260Z Carlson School. Register at hce@umn.edu. For more information, see [Carlson School](#).

THE 2008 FRONTIERS IN APPLIED PLANT SCIENCE BORLAUG LECTURE will feature Pedro Sanchez, director of the Tropical Agriculture and the Rural Environment Program, senior research scholar, and director of the Millennium Villages Project at the Earth Institute at Columbia University. Sanchez has made enormous contributions to reducing hunger and malnutrition throughout the developing world. Oct. 14, 3-4 p.m., 105 Cargill Building. Sanchez will be available to meet with graduate students during lunch and by reservation. For more information, see [Frontiers](#).

THOMAS VALENTE will present a seminar, Using Social Network Analysis to Understand and Change Health Behavior, Oct. 23, 1:30-3 p.m. 1-451 Moos Tower. For further details, please see the events section on the [Health Policy and Management Web site](#).

THE SECOND ANNUAL POSITIVE AGING CONFERENCE: "Achieving Purpose, Meaning and Vitality in the Second Half of Life" will take place Nov. 12. The cost of \$150 includes materials, continental breakfast, and lunch. For more information and to register, see [Positive Aging](#).

SAVE THE DATE: THE FIRST U OF M EQUITY AND DIVERSITY BREAKFAST will be held Nov. 20, 7:30 a.m., Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center. Sponsored by the Office for Equity and Diversity and cohosted by the President's Intercultural Advisory Council and the Graduate School, the event will provide a place for the U community to build new and strengthen existing relationships across the campus and state in support of the U's equity and diversity work. The event is open to all. For more information, see [Diversity Breakfast](#).

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP RETREAT is now soliciting facilitators for the annual retreat to be held Jan. 17-19. Many faculty and staff have had valuable experiences volunteering for the event. Orientation and training is provided. For more information and to apply, see [Social Justice](#) or e-mail [Jerie Smith](mailto:).

REPAIR WORK ON THE "M" FOOTBRIDGE HAS BEEN COMPLETED. This pedestrian bridge crossing the railroad track near Roy Wilkins Hall reopened Sept. 22.

CELEBRATE OCTOBERFEST! Save on all nine varieties of homemade bratwurst from the Department of Animal Science's Meat Sales Room located in 26 Andrew Boss Lab of Meat Science, St. Paul Campus. Bratwurst is \$3 per pound (a savings of 50¢ per pound). For more information, see [meat sales](#).

CAMPUS CLUB OKTOBERFEST will take place on the outdoor terrace and in the Campus Club West Wing, 4th floor, Coffman Union. Oct. 3, 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Special presentation at 6 p.m. by Doug Hoverson, author of *Land of Amber Waters*, *The History of Brewing in Minnesota*. Non-members are welcome. RSVP to 612-626-7788.

OIT STAFF WILL HOLD A CRAFT AND BAKE SALE TO SUPPORT the [Community Fund Drive](#). The kickoff event will take place Oct. 2, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m, 202 Johnston Hall. For information on how to donate an item, volunteer, or shop, see [Bake Sale](#).

MORE EVENTS include "A German Model for Minnesota? A Mileage-based System for Transportation Finance" ([Oct. 1](#)); GLBT Politics and the 2008 Elections ([Oct. 2](#)); "Pathways to Youth Inclusion in Egypt: Education, Livelihoods, and Family Formation": A talk with Ragui Assaad ([Oct. 2](#)); Dave Mona discusses *Beyond the Sports Huddle* ([Oct. 3](#)); Field trip: Migrant Birds in the MN River Valley ([Oct. 4](#)); "Raise Your Hand if You're a Journalist: Does Responsible Reporting Need a Legal Defense?" ([Oct. 6](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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DAVID TILMAN HAS BEEN NAMED THE 2008 RECIPIENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR BIOLOGY. Tilman will receive a medal, cash prize, and gift from Emperor Akihito of Japan in a ceremony in Tokyo on Dec. 8. The award is one of the most prestigious honors a scientist can receive. The last time it was given for ecology was in 1993, when Edward Wilson, the renowned Harvard evolutionary biologist, was the recipient. Tilman was selected for research proving that biodiversity makes ecosystems more productive and resistant to drought, disease, and pests. All of his research was carried out at Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve, operated by the College of Biological Sciences. For more information, see [International Prize for Biology](#).

FUNDING OF FEDERAL AGENCIES IS CRUCIAL TO THE UNIVERSITY'S RESEARCH MISSION; the University relied on federal sources for 70 percent of its half-billion dollar research portfolio last year. A \$630 billion continuing resolution was signed into law Sept. 30, keeping federal funding flat. The measure funds the government for the first five months of FY 2009, beginning Oct. 1, except for the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, and Veterans Affairs, all of which received yearlong appropriations. The Pell grant program received \$2.5 billion in new funding to meet a projected shortfall. Nearly all other accounts, including those of research agencies, were frozen at the same level of funding as in FY 2008. For more information, see [continuing resolution](#). For additional information, see [Government Relations](#).

FREE U-DAYS AT THE ARBORETUM: From 8 a.m. to sunset on Oct. 10 and 11, U employees are invited to visit the arboretum free-of-charge for a weekend that promises to be the high point in fall color viewing. Oct. 4 saw the kickoff of the Pumpkin Palooza theme during the arboretum's aptly named "Autumn Unplugged" extravaganza. It marks the beginning of a busy and fun-filled fall. For more information, read [A last hurrah](#).

PEOPLE: Donald Fosnacht of UMD was appointed by Governor Tim Pawlenty to the 15-member Clean Energy Technology Collaborative; UMD announced the appointment of Mindy Granley to the newly created position of campus sustainability coordinator; Ben Johnson will receive a Special Recognition award during Michigan's 23rd annual Governor's Awards for Arts & Culture; Marie Johnson has been appointed director of the University of Minnesota's new Medical Device Fellows Program; Julie Schumacher has received the first College of Continuing Education Distinguished Educator Award. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

THE MY VOICE, MY VOTE WEB SITE has been launched by the U's Institute on Community Integration (ICI) to help motivate and teach young adults with disabilities about voting and ways to participate in the political process. It provides information about accommodations and voting rights, shows how to register to vote, and features a video of a relevant workshop. The site is a collaborative project of ICI, the Humphrey Institute's Center for Democracy and Citizenship, Partnership Resources Inc., and Minneapolis Public Schools, with assistance from the Minnesota secretary of state's office. For more information, e-mail [Chris Bremer](mailto:Chris.Bremer), call 612-625-7595, or see [My Voice, My Vote](#).

THE MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION (MAES) recently funded seven projects aimed at providing answers about prevention and control of bovine tuberculosis (TB), a disease that attacks deer and cattle. The Rapid Agricultural Response Fund, administered by MAES, provided \$386,000 to close the knowledge gaps in Minnesota's fight against the disease. Because bovine TB has been discovered in Minnesota livestock, cattle producers now must observe costly federal testing requirements to protect against its spread. Bovine TB does not impact food safety. [MAES](#) is part of the University's [System Academic Administration](#).

WATER RESOURCES SCIENCE WILL HOLD ITS DISTINGUISHED VISITOR LECTURE SERIES on both the Twin Cities and Duluth campuses. J?rg Imberger, director of the Center for Water Research and internationally recognized environmental engineer, will speak on the theme "Life in a Changing Climate," Oct. 14, 4 p.m., 110 Green Hall, St. Paul campus, and Oct. 16, 7 p.m., August Fitger's Room, Fitger's Bldg, Duluth. On Oct. 15, 3:30 p.m., in St. Anthony Falls Laboratory Auditorium, Imberger will lecture on "Real Time, Adaptive Self Learning Management of Aquatic Natural Systems," and again on Oct. 17, 3:15 p.m., 185 Life Science, UMD campus. For more information about each event, see [Distinguished Visitor](#).

THE MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM'S SUMMER 2009 EXHIBITION THEME IS WATEROSITY: Go Green with a Splash, opening June 6. It features a juried exhibition of 10 designs that explore the interplay of people, plants, and water. Those interested in submitting a design must attend the mandatory pre-proposal meeting, Oct. 9., 1-3 p.m., Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. RSVP Oct. 8 by e-mail to [Thom Dreeze](mailto:Thom.Dreeze) or by calling 952 443-1425. For more information, see [Waterosity](#).

Crookston:

UMC WILL HOST A PRESENTATION AND CONVERSATION WITH DAN McELROY, commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). DEED is the state's lead agency focusing on business creation, relocation, expansion, and retention. Oct. 14, noon, Bede Ballroom, Sergeant Student Center.

A GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE NEWLY APPROVED RESIDENCE HALL will be held Oct. 15, 11:30 a.m., near Brink Hall. UMC administration, faculty, and staff will be joined by Crookston mayor David Genereux, as well as representatives from the Crookston Convention and Visitors Bureau, Community Contractors, and Michael J. Burns Architects.

Duluth:

UMD'S HOMECOMING CELEBRATION "Dawg Days 2008: Bulldogs Lead the Pack!" will be held Oct. 8-11. The events kick off Oct. 8 with the annual Department Decorating Contest and continue Oct. 9 with the Cardboard Boat Races on Bagley Pond and a homecoming bonfire at Fitger's courtyard. An Oct. 10 homecoming carnival followed by a 50th reunion dinner, women's volleyball and hockey games, and Oct. 11 events including a 5K trail run in Bagley Nature Area, tailgating, and home games of UMD football and women's volleyball and hockey conclude the celebration. For more information, see [Homecoming Celebration](#).

THE POLITICS OF ECONOMICS: CONSERVATIVE AND LIBERAL VIEWPOINTS will be presented by Curt Anderson, professor of economics, Labovitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE). The talk will present a nontechnical look at the basic economic beliefs and emphasis of analysis of conservatives and liberals and how these lead to general micro and macro economic policies. The current financial crisis will be described and discussed in the context of these two viewpoints. The presentation is part of the LSBE Department of Economics seminar series. Free and open to the public. Oct. 14, 3:30 p.m., Rafters, Kirby Student Center. For more information, see [Viewpoints](#).

THE FOURTH INDO-U.S. LECTURE SERIES ON DISCRETE MATHEMATICAL CHEMISTRY with Osmania University in Hyderabad, India, will be held at Nizam College, Jan. 6-9. Subhash Basak of UMD's Natural Resources Research Institute is organizing the lecture. Oct. 10 application deadline. Oct. 31 abstract submission deadline. Discrete mathematical chemistry is an emerging interdisciplinary research area with applications for the protection of the environment, new drug discovery, and understanding the molecular basis of property, bioactivity, and toxicity of chemicals. For more information, see [lecture series](#).

Morris:

MORRIS BIOMASS GASIFICATION PLANT: UMM dedicated its new biomass gasification plant on Oct. 3. A video segment produced by the News Service on the facility and UMM's sustainability efforts can be viewed at [Biomass Dedication](#).

UMM's ACADEMIC CENTER FOR ENRICHMENT was established in 2008. As the only University of Minnesota campus with such a program, UMM joins a unique community of other higher education schools with similar programs. For more information, see [Enrichment](#).

SIXTY-SIX INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARE STUDYING AT UMM THIS YEAR. The International Student Association and Office of International Programs sponsored a reception for scholars Sept. 19. A [slideshow](#) is available online. For more about UMM, see [Morris News](#).

Rochester:

A GENERATIONAL DIVERSITY IN THE WORKPLACE workshop will take place Oct. 8, 1-4:15 p.m. with a social event from 4:15-5:30 p.m., 417 University Square. For more information, see [Generational Diversity](#).

Twin Cities:

THE CITY, THE RIVER, THE BRIDGE symposium is a retrospective on the aftermath of the I-35W bridge collapse and reconstruction. What lessons have been learned from the disaster and the response? What policy and planning changes have occurred or are likely? What are the long-term consequences for the city and its relationship with the Mississippi River? President Bruininks will give the capstone comment. Oct. 9-10, various locations. For more information, see [City, River, Bridge](#).

STEAM SERVICE TO SEVERAL UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS WILL BE SHUT OFF FOR UP TO 24 HOURS next weekend as Facilities Management extends utility service to the East Gateway District. The project will connect the new deep steam tunnel to the existing campus distribution system. The shutoff will take place from 7 p.m., Oct. 10, until 7 p.m., on Oct. 11. For more information, see [Steam Service](#).

FREE ASSESSMENTS DURING NATIONAL DEPRESSION SCREENING DAYS will be held on the Minneapolis and St. Paul campuses Oct. 9-10. Assessments provided by mental health professionals from University Counseling & Consulting Services: Oct. 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Eddy Hall; Oct. 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Coffey Hall; Oct. 10, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Eddy Hall. University Counseling & Consulting Services can be reached at 612-624-3323. For more information, see [consulting services](#).

THE TUCKER CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON GIRLS & WOMEN IN SPORT has announced its fall 2008 Distinguished Lecture Series, featuring Minnesota track & field Olympians Janis Klecker, Carrie Tollefson, and Shani Marks. The lecture, titled "Minnesota Female Olympians: Stories, Experiences & Inspirations" and moderated by U professor Doug Hartmann, will be held Oct. 22, Humphrey Center, 7-9 p.m. For more information, see the [Tucker Center](#).

THE INSTITUTE FOR MATHEMATICS AND ITS APPLICATIONS PRESENTS "SURFING WITH WAVELETS." The public lecture will explain the principles of wavelets, give examples, and explain image compression. Oct. 29, 7 p.m., 125 Willey Hall. For more information, see [Wavelets](#).

THE SECOND-ANNUAL EXPERIENCE MINNESOTA: AN OPEN HOUSE FOR MULTICULTURAL STUDENTS will be held Nov. 15, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Northrop Auditorium. A joint effort of the undergraduate Office of Admissions, the Office of Equity and Diversity, and the Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence, Experience Minnesota is an opportunity for diverse prospective students and their families to learn about the University's academic opportunities, student organizations, and financial aid; meet top faculty and current students; and tour campus. Twin Cities staff and faculty will take part. E-mail [Sara Stearns](mailto:Sara.Stearns) or call 612-625-3274 with questions. For more information and registration, see [Experience Minnesota](#).

THE SECOND ANNUAL BAKKEN SURGICAL DEVICE SYMPOSIUM will spotlight cardiac valves. The program will explore the early innovations and current practice with an eye toward future developments in cardiac valve design and technique. Dec. 8-9, Mayo Memorial Auditorium. For more information and registration, see [Bakken Symposium](#).

MORE EVENTS include Graduate and Professional School Day ([Oct. 8](#)); "Beyond Just Whiteness: Cultural Identity and European Americans" ([Oct. 8](#)); "Engaging Controversies Technology Enhanced Learning: Is Google Making Us Stoopid? and Other Burning Questions" ([Oct. 10](#)) Nature Tots: Duck Stamps and Waterfowl Wonders ([Oct. 11](#)); Faculty BallRoom Dance Club: Swing with the Red, White and Blue! ([Oct. 11](#)); Artist Dialogue: Net Work: The Art of Mining Data and Meaning ([Oct. 12](#)) ACADIA 2008: Silicon + Skin ([Oct. 13](#)); Cafe Scientifique: Art and Aeronautics--A Conversation with Tomas Saraceno ([Oct. 14](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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THE BOARD OF REGENTS WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING AT UMD, Oct. 16-17. At the meeting, the board will take action on the University's 2009-10 biennial state budget request. In September, President Bruininks presented the board with a proposed \$141.2 million request. For more information, see [Regents](#).

THE U OF M DIGITAL CAMPUS seeks to accommodate learners across the state, the nation, and even the world. It's a convenient clearinghouse to online course offerings, degree programs, and noncredit courses systemwide. For more information, read [Expanding access to education at the U](#).

PEOPLE: Jane Davidson and Lanny Schmidt were appointed by Governor Pawlenty to the Clean Energy Technology Collaborative; Randy Moore was named winner of the National Association of Biology Teachers Evolution Education Award; longtime history professor and state legislator Allan Spear died; Sriyata Zaheer was named first holder of the Elmer L. Andersen Chair in Global Corporate Social Responsibility. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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WHEN FINANCIAL TIMES LOOK BLEAK, everyone--no matter what their income, needs a spending plan. In the column *Connect @ Home*, family resource management Extension educator Shirley Anderson-Porisch writes about money management in tough economic times. For more information, read [Planning is key](#).

THE U WILL JOIN THE UPPER MIDWEST HIGHER EDUCATION RECRUITMENT CONSORTIUM (UMW HERC) in October. The U joins 47 colleges and universities in Minnesota and Wisconsin to launch UMW HERC. The collaboration is designed to enhance dual-career and diversity hiring and is a premier example of the higher education community working together to advance the region. For more information, read [UMW HERC](#).

N. SCOTT MOMADAY, the first American Indian to win the Pulitzer Prize--in 1969 for his novel, *House Made of Dawn*,--will deliver the Graduate School's 2008 Guy Stanton Ford Lecture entitled, "Native American Oral Tradition: The Stories and Storytellers," Oct. 21, 12:15 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. For more information, see [Ford Lecture](#).

CALL FOR POSTERS AND *WORKING SMARTER* IDEAS FOR QUALITY FAIR: Quality Fair 2009 is set for Feb. 5, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Departments that want to share their quality improvement projects must apply by Nov. 6. Applications are [available online](#).

BUILDING SUCCESS IN MINNESOTA'S K-12 SCHOOLS: This fall has seen expansion of the U's innovative Minnesota Principals' Academy. The academy, coordinated by the College Readiness Consortium, brings together public school leaders from around the state for an intensive executive development program. The first academy prepared 48 school leaders in August 2007. The 2008 cohorts total 64 participants. They are working this month with a cohort in Rochester. The [College Readiness Consortium](#) is part of the Office of [System Academic Administration](#).

Crookston:

A MEET-THE-CANDIDATES FORUM, sponsored by UMC and the Crookston Convention and Visitors Bureau, will take place Oct. 21, 7-10 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. Local candidates running for school board, city council, and county commissioner positions, and candidates for Minnesota House Legislative District 1B are scheduled to attend. Audience members will have the opportunity to submit written questions and to meet candidates following the event.

AN OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW AND PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS will be held Oct. 16-17, and a campus preview day is scheduled for Oct. 18. For more information, see [open house](#).

NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT FACULTY AND STAFF recently presented at the annual meeting of the North Dakota Recreation and Park Association. The theme of this year's conference was "Healthy Communities from the Inside Out." For more information, see the [Healthy Communities](#).

Duluth:

UMD WILL HONOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH with a candlelight vigil, Oct. 16, 6 p.m., St. Paul Episcopal Church (1710 East Superior Street). The event is sponsored by UMD Women Resource and Action Center, UMD Department of Women's Studies, PAVSA, and Safe Haven Shelter.

A NEW PROGRAM TO PROVIDE HEALTH EDUCATION THROUGH MUSIC AND DANCE performances for surrounding area schools will launch in mid-October. The program is sponsored by the UMD School of Fine Arts with funding from SMDC Health System and HealthPartners and will showcase performances to 37,000 students in grades K-12 by June 2010. The shows will be performed by the UMD Voyageurs, a troupe of nine graduate students from the Department of Music. Show subjects include exercise, hygiene, peer pressure, substance abuse, and wellness. For more information, see [Health Education](#).

"PEACE, STABILITY, AND REFORM IN THE MIDDLE EAST: How Will the New U.S. Administration Balance Priorities?" will be presented by Michele Dunne, senior associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Oct. 22, 7 p.m., UMD Library Rotunda (fourth floor). Ms. Dunne is a former Middle East specialist at the Department of State and the White House. The lecture is part of the Alworth Institute's International Lecture Series. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [Peace, Stability, Reform](#).

SEUSSICAL, A MUSICAL BASED ON THE BOOKS OF DR. SEUSS, will be performed by the UMD Theatre, Oct. 16-18, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 19, 2 p.m.; and Oct. 22-25, 7:30 p.m. Mainstage Theatre, Marshall Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$17 adults, \$13 seniors (62 and over), \$8 children, and \$6 UMD students. Directed by Ann Bergeron. For more information see [Seussical](#).

Morris:

UMM UNVEILED A NEW BIOMASS PLANT LAST WEEK that will meet 80 percent of its heating needs. The facility will burn 9,000 tons of renewable fuel every year, with such biomass as corn stover (stalks, leaves, cobs) and wood chips. For more information, see [Biomass](#).

THE FIRST AMERICAN COUNCIL ON RENEWABLE ENERGY (ACORE) CAMPUS EXCELLENCE AWARD for Outstanding Use of Renewable Energy was presented to UMM Oct. 3 by Cheri Olf, ACORE's director of education and program manager of the Higher Education Committee. Olf noted that the U's new facility represents the highest level of commitment that institutions of higher education can make to renewable energy. For more about UMM, see [Morris News](#).

Rochester:

SHARMARKE SAMATAR, a respiratory care student, was recognized as the recipient of the Shirley Johnson Scholarship, Sept. 29, at the North Regional Respiratory Care Conference business meeting and luncheon, Mayo Civic Center, Rochester.

Twin Cities:

THE U'S COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE RAISES over a million dollars every year for Minnesota charities. The annual fund-raising effort, which runs Oct. 1-31, enables members of the campus community to pull together to raise awareness and money for hundreds of local charities. For more information, read [Community Fund Drive 2008](#).

THE MATERIALS RESEARCH SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CENTER ANNOUNCED \$16.8 MILLION in renewed funding over the next six years from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The U is one of only 14 universities nationwide to be chosen to receive NSF funding this year for a materials research center. For more information, see [NSF funding](#).

THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH WAS AWARDED more than \$1.5 million by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to establish a Preparedness and Emergency Response Research Center. The U was one of seven schools nationwide to be awarded a grant, which will allocate \$8.2 million to the School of Public Health over five years. For more information, see the [news release](#).

VIEWS FROM THE U: THE POLITICAL SCIENCE OF ELECTION 2008. In the run-up to election, the U's Department of Political Science invites the public to hear views on the current campaigns from six of its faculty members. The forum is free and open to the public. Oct. 20, 6 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see [Views from the U](#).

CONTROVERSIAL SOFTWARE FREEDOM ACTIVIST Richard Stallman, founder of the Free Software Foundation and the GNU project, will speak at the U Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m., 175 Willey Hall. For more information, see [software freedom](#).

THE THIRD ANNUAL TRANSGENDER COMMISSION OPEN HOUSE will feature educator, author, performance artist, and social justice activist Kate Bornstein as the special guest. Oct. 21, 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., North Star Ballroom, St. Paul Student Center. For more information, see [open house](#).

FLEET SERVICES WILL HOLD AN OPEN HOUSE featuring electric vehicles. Enjoy complimentary cookies and apple cider. RSVP is not required, but e-mail [Renee Shepherd](mailto:Renee.Shepherd) or call 612-624-1083 if planning to attend. Oct. 23, 1-3:30 p.m., 901 Fleet Services, 29th Avenue S.E. For directions, see [Fleet Services](#).

THE CENTER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGICAL LEADERSHIP WILL HOLD a Foresight After Four seminar titled, "Will India become an innovation powerhouse soon?" Rishikeshia Krishnan, professor of corporate strategy and policy at the Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore, will speak. Oct. 27, reception at 4:30 p.m., lecture at 5:15 p.m., 150 West Bank Office Building. For more information, see [Innovation Powerhouse](#).

THE ANNUAL MINNESOTA NANOTECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE will take place Nov. 11-13. Speakers from across the country and the U will discuss topics including nano sensors, energy, optics, microfluidics, materials, and medicine. Register by Oct. 17. For more information, see [Nanotechnology](#).

LOCAL AUTHOR AND PROFESSIONAL CHEF, STEVE LERACH, WILL DISCUSS HIS NEW BOOK *Fried: Surviving Two Centuries in Restaurants*, Nov. 13, 4 p.m., U Bookstore, Coffman Union. For more information, see the [bookstore](#).

A HARVEST GOURMET DINNER, HOSTED BY UNIVERSITY DINING SERVICES, will take place at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Nov. 15, 6:30 p.m. The menu includes a five-course meal with local wines. Price is \$80 members, \$85 nonmembers. For reservations, call 612-624-7173. For more information, see [Harvest Gourmet Dinner](#).

MAROON & GOLD FRIDAYS: Sport your maroon & gold or U of M apparel on Fridays and receive a free 16-ounce soda at the Gopher Express (Coffman Cube) or Gopher Express West (West Bank Skyway). For more information, see [maroon & gold](#).

THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC has numerous events scheduled for fall, including concerts, lectures, and operas. Collage Concert will take place Oct. 18, Ted Mann Concert Hall; A lecture on James Dillon's *The Book of Elements* will take place Oct. 28, followed by an Oct. 29 concert on the same topic; Nov. 6-9, University Opera Theater will perform *The Rape of Lucretia*, by Benjamin Britten. For more information, see the [School of Music](#).

MORE EVENTS include Local poet Tim Nolan discusses *The Sound of It* ([Oct. 16](#)); "Memories of 1963 in the 2008 Presidential Election: Barack Obama and the Legacy of the Civil Rights Movement" ([Oct. 16](#)); Habitrot 5k ([Oct. 18](#)); The Kenwood Symphony Opera and Ballet Promenade ([Oct. 19](#)); Seminar: The National Children's Study: Design and Measurement Issues ([Oct. 20](#)); The Built Environment and Physical Activity: Models of Urban Trail Use ([Oct. 21](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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GLOBAL FINANCIAL TURMOIL IN RECENT WEEKS has raised questions about the University of Minnesota's financial health and the impact on faculty, staff, and students. Through careful strategic planning and financial management, the U is positioned to weather the current storm. The U community is responding decisively to ensure the future financial strength of the U, encourage investment in the U, protect employees, and continue to reward performance. For more information, see the [Letter from President Bruininks](#).

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA-ROCHESTER ANNOUNCED that it has received provisional approval by the Board of Regents to recruit and admit students for UMR's first four-year undergraduate degree program. The bachelor of science in health sciences program will admit its inaugural class of freshmen in fall 2009. For more information, see [Rochester campus announces first undergraduate degree](#).

PEOPLE: James Parente has been named dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Stephanie Helgeson and W. Daniel Svedarsky will receive UMC's highest recognition, the Torch & Shield Award. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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THE ACADEMIC PROFILE OF INCOMING U OF M FRESHMEN IMPROVED SYSTEMWIDE. All four of the U's undergraduate campuses saw notable improvements in the 2008 freshman class. Total enrollment at the Crookston, Duluth, Morris, and Twin Cities campuses increased by 0.3 percent, from 66,099 in fall 2007 to 66,312 in fall 2008. For more information, see the [news release](#).

RECENT TURBULENCE IN U.S. FINANCIAL MARKETS CAN AFFECT RETIREMENT INVESTMENTS. The University has in place an oversight structure that assures that its retirement plans function as they should to allow participants to pursue individual objectives with respect to long-term retirement savings. For more information, see [retirement](#).

THE U'S COLLEGE READINESS CONSORTIUM (CRC) will convene two open meetings on preK-12 education. Each meeting agenda will look at an educational issue of overarching importance and provide time for updates on programs and research around the U. Meetings will be held Nov. 12, and Apr. 8., 9-11 a.m., President's Room, Coffman Union. [CRC](#) is part of [System Academic Administration](#).

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY IS TAKING APPLICATIONS for its Research and Creative Collaboratives for the 2009-10 academic year. The institute seeks participation from all colleges and schools at the U and encourages graduate student participation. Each collaborative will be provided with space in the institute and a research budget of up to \$15,000. Applications are due by Jan. 30. For more information, see [collaboratives](#).

AWARDS TO SUPPORT RETIREES who need financial assistance to pursue projects related to their research, instructional, or other work history are now available from the Graduate School and the U of M Retirees Association. The first deadline for proposals is Dec. 15. For more information, see [funding](#).

HEALTHCARE CHOICES IS A NEW UPLAN-SPONSORED PROGRAM designed to help employees navigate the health care landscape. UPlan members can complete the Web-based HealthCare Choices program by Dec. 31 to receive a \$65 Wellness Reward. For more information, see [HealthCare Choices](#).

THE SYMPOSIUM "CHILDREN IN NATURE: HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT BY DESIGN" will examine the implications for a child's physical and mental health relative to outdoor activity. The symposium features nationally known experts Stephen Kellert of Yale and Robin Moore of North Carolina State University. The symposium is cosponsored by the University of Minnesota Consortium on Youth, Families, and Children, and the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum's Public Policy Programs. Nov. 6, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Arboretum. For more information or to register online, see [Children in Nature](#).

THE COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC PROFESSIONALS AND ADMINISTRATORS recently announced the winner of the 2007-08 Outstanding Unit Award--the Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences. The Outstanding Unit Award recognizes units and departments at the U that are exemplary in their support of professional and administrative staff. For more information, see [Outstanding Unit Award](#).

Crookston:

THE 2008-09 ACADEMIC YEAR REPRESENTS A MILESTONE FOR UMC. As the campus begins its 15th year as a baccalaureate-degree-granting institution, fall enrollment for degree-seeking students has hit a record high. For more information, see [milestone](#).

A GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY for UMC's new campus residence hall was held Oct. 15. The \$10.6 million, 128-bed facility will house UMC's growing student population. For more information, see [growing](#).

Duluth:

THE UMD MUSIC DEPARTMENT WILL PRESENT an Ovation Guest Artist Concert with award-winning soprano Isabel Bayrakdarian, a young Armenian-Canadian admired for her stunning stage presence and exceptional musicality. Bayrakdarian, who sings on the Grammy Award-winning soundtrack of the film *The Lord of The Rings: The Two Towers*, has received many grants and awards including the first prize in the Operalia, three Juno awards, and the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal. Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Tickets are \$32/\$27/\$17. All seats reserved. Advance purchase recommended. For more information, see [Ovation Concert](#).

GLENSHEEN LIVING LITERATURE: EDGAR ALLAN POE is an evening of spooky thrills at Glensheen Historic Congdon Estate, Oct. 23, 24, and 25, 7 p.m. The event features a thrilling experience of an eerie classic by Poe in a 39-room mansion, a flashlight tour, and refreshments. Tickets are \$30. For more information, see [Glensheen](#).

UMD FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CELEBRATES ITS ANNUAL CUSTOMER SERVICE APPRECIATION WEEK with tips, tasks, and tidbits on campus sustainability and green living, Oct. 20-24. The "Take a Break With FM" event offers an opportunity to meet Mindy Granley, the new UMD sustainability coordinator, Oct. 24, 9-11 a.m., Darland Administrative Building, second floor lunchroom. For more information, call Trish Winberg at 218-726-8265.

UMD WILL HOST A STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, "Bridging Universities: Bringing Together People and Communities." The keynote speaker will be Tim Wise, author of *White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son*. Wise discusses the ways in which racial privilege shapes the lives of most white Americans. Other speakers include Duluth mayor Don Ness and faculty members from UMD and the University of Wisconsin-Superior. Free and open to the public. Oct. 27, 4-7:30 p.m., UMD Kirby Student Center Ballroom. For more information, see [Student Leadership](#).

Morris:

UMM IS ONE OF ONLY 12 CAMPUSES NATIONALLY SELECTED for a site visit and analysis by the Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), a prestigious center for sustainability and renewable energy. RMI is collaborating with the Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education to research barriers and solutions to reducing greenhouse gas emissions on college and university campuses. For more information about RMI, see [Campus Climate Change](#).

CHANCELLOR JACQUIE JOHNSON represented UMM on Stevens FORWARD!, a group charged with the task of stewarding Morris and Stevens County into the 21st century. Group leaders presented the planning and imagining phase of the group's work during a public reception Oct. 14. For more information, visit [Stevens FORWARD!](#)

Rochester:

WATCH THE GOLDEN GOPHERS take on the Purdue Boilermakers Oct. 25, 11 a.m., Westfire Grille, 2043 Superior Drive N.W., Rochester. Price is \$15 per adult, \$5 student donation (includes buffet and entrance into a drawing for prizes). All proceeds go to scholarships. [RSVP by E-mail](#) or call 507-285-7120.

Twin Cities:

THE REGENTS PROFESSOR LECTURE SERIES, featuring public talks by newly appointed Regents Professors, will hold its next lecture Nov. 11, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. Steven Ruggles, Regents Professor of History, will discuss "The Decline of the Extended Family." Ruggles's talk will be followed by a reception. For more information, see [Regents Lecture Series](#).

HELP THE U BREAK A WORLD RECORD, OCT. 28, at the Guinness World Record flu shot event. The U is shooting to dispense 10,000 flu shots in an attempt to shatter the previous record of 3,271. Get a free flu-shot at one of four locations: Northrop Plaza, Java City, Moos Tower, Humphrey Center, and St. Paul Student Center. U students, employees, and their dependents (18 years of age or older) are eligible to participate. For more information, see [World Record](#).

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT HAS STARTED THE TRANSITION FROM BUILDING COOLING TO HEATING. The process varies by building and area of campus and can sometimes take several weeks. While Facilities Management typically starts this changeover in mid-October, some buildings need to be handled differently and may experience a change in temperature earlier or later than the projected time. For more information, see [Facilities Management](#).

MAJOR PARTY CANDIDATES FOR MINNESOTA'S U.S. SENATE SEAT will speak at the Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. Scheduled forums include Al Franken, Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party candidate, Oct. 22, 1-2:15 p.m., and Senator Norm Coleman, Republican Party candidate, Oct. 23, noon-1:15 p.m. Dean Barkley, the Independence Party candidate, held a panel discussion on Oct. 8. For more information, see [Humphrey Center](#).

NORIKO KAWAI WILL PERFORM JAMES DILLON'S *THE BOOK OF ELEMENTS*, a five-volume piano solo, at the Ted Mann Concert Hall, Oct. 29, 7 p.m. For more information, see [Crossing oceans for music](#).

CELEBRATE HOMECOMING 2008: MARCHING INTO THE FUTURE. Events from Oct. 27 through Nov. 1 include a Red Cross blood drive, pep rally, maroon & gold T-shirt swap, and Homecoming parade led by University of Minnesota alumnus and Disney talent booking and casting director Stan Freese. In a rare appearance outside the Disney theme park, the world-famous Mickey Mouse will accompany Freese. For more information, see [Homecoming](#).

JUST IN TIME FOR HALLOWEEN, Leslie Klinger, author of *The New Annotated Dracula*, will speak at the University. A reception follows, with books available for sale and signature, courtesy of Once Upon a Crime Bookstore. Attendees in costume will be entered for a chance to win a free signed copy of the book. Oct. 27, 7 p.m., Elmer L. Andersen Library. For more information, see [Dracula](#).

THE 2008-09 LECTURE SERIES ON LAW, HEALTH, AND THE LIFE SCIENCES examines "The Paradigm Shift Caused by Synthetic Biology: Tensions Between Innovation and Security." Arti K. Rai, the Elvin R. Latty Professor of Law at Duke University School of Law, will argue that synthetic biology is producing a paradigm shift in biology that in turn presents challenges for law and policy. Nov. 4, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Coffman Union. For more information or to register, call 612-626-5624, e-mail lawvalue@umn.edu, or visit the [Web site](#).

THE SEMINAR "GENDER, SCIENCE, AND MYTHS OF MERIT" will present some of the current data on gender in science and suggest measures to adopt for greater equity among the sexes. Hosted by the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior, the seminar features Marlene Zuk of the Department of Biology, University of California-Riverside. Nov. 5, noon, 335 Borlaug Hall, St. Paul. For more information, see [Gender Seminar](#).

THE 16th ANNUAL KUEHNAST LECTURE will be held Nov. 5, 3 p.m., 335 Borlaug Hall, St. Paul. The lecture series is in honor of Earl Kuehnast, Minnesota state climatologist (1968-86). This year's lecture on climate change will be presented by Susan Solomon, atmospheric chemist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Earth System Research Laboratory. For more information, see [Kuehnast Lecture](#).

CARING FOR A PARENT WITH MEMORY LOSS: LEGAL, MEDICAL, AND DISTANCE ISSUES will take place Nov. 8, 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m., 2-530 Moos Tower. The conference will provide information, support, and education for individuals concerned with caring for parents with memory loss. For more information or to RSVP for the free event, e-mail Joe.Gaugler or call 612-626-2485. Download the conference brochure at [Nursing](#).

PRINTY MEMORIAL LECTURE: "Nursing Leadership for a Needy World" will take place Nov. 10, 12:15-1:15 p.m., 2-690 Moos Tower. David Printy, president and CEO of Oasis Hospital, United Arab Emirates, will discuss the importance of preparing nurse leaders to mentor and educate nurses practicing in a variety of cultural settings. Free, but an [e-mail RSVP](#) is requested.

MORE EVENTS include "Somali Refugees in Europe," a presentation by Abdi Roble and Doug Rutledge ([Oct. 22](#)); Responding to Student Writing ([Oct. 23](#)); Linguistics Colloquium ([Oct. 24](#)); Journeys: Travels Far and Travels Near ([Oct. 24-Dec. 19](#)); The Obama Effect ([Oct. 25](#)); Seminar: The Impact of Mortgage Foreclosures on the Immigrant Population of Minneapolis ([Oct. 27](#)) Guinness World Record walk-in flu shot event ([Oct. 28](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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ELECTION DAY IS NOV. 4, and President Bob Bruininks and Provost Tom Sullivan encourage everyone to vote. Record voter turnout and long lines at the polls are expected, so please plan accordingly. Polls are open 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Minnesota Statute 204C.04 allows for employees to be absent from work during the morning of Election Day for purposes of voting. If you think you may miss work, try to let your supervisor know ahead of time. To find out where your polling place is located or how to register to vote, visit the [Minnesota Secretary of State Voter Information Web site](#).

EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND BENEFITS FAIR 2008 provides an opportunity for U employees to talk to benefits staff and representatives from the health and retirement plans about benefit options. Nov. 5, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union; Nov. 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., UMD Kirby Student Center; Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Oyate Hall, UMM Student Center; Nov. 11, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., North Star Ballroom, St. Paul Student Center.

PEOPLE: Michael Darger received the Dean's Award for Distinguished Outstanding Leadership; Marla Reicks was presented with the Dean's Award for Distinguished Campus-based Faculty; assistant director of the multi-ethnic program Mike Miller received two awards during the 24th Annual Minnesota Indian Education Association Conference; The U ranked 9th on a list of the 100 most-cited universities in the field of management over the last 25 years in a recent *Journal of Management* article. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION POLICY will be the presentation topic at the Center for Transportation Studies (CTS) annual fall luncheon. Bruce Seely, historian of technology and dean of Michigan Technological University's College of Sciences and Arts, will be this year's speaker. Nov. 6, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Radisson University Hotel. For more information and registration, see transportation policy. [CTS](#) is a division of [System Academic Administration](#).

A NEW ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY, iTunes U, is coming to the U in November. In preparation, "iTunes U and Beyond: Perspectives of Faculty" will be the next session of the TEL (Technology-Enhanced Learning) Seminar Series. Faculty members will talk about their experiences using iTunes U and discuss how to move beyond recording lectures to using iTunes U as an outreach and dissemination tool. TEL seminars are free and open to the public. Nov. 4, noon-1:30 p.m., 101 Walter Library. For more information, see [TEL seminars](#).

NOV. 6 IS THE DEADLINE FOR QUALITY FAIR POSTERS AND WORKING SMARTER IDEAS. Departments that want to share quality improvement projects should apply online. Awards for the best posters will be announced at the fair on Feb. 5, McNamara Alumni Center. For more information and to apply, see [Quality Fair](#).

AR-BOO-RETUM! This Halloween theme at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum will take place Oct. 31, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Bring your little ghosts and goblins and enjoy special Halloween events and activities. Free admission to those in costume. For more information, see [Ar-Boo-Return!](#)

U OF M YOUTUBE: University of Minnesota Extension educators answer all types of questions from farmers all over the state--including questions about goats. From cheese to milk, goats are a growing part of the Minnesota farming economy. For more information, see [Goats are the way to go](#).

Crookston:

THE UMC LEARNING ABROAD OFFICE OFFERS "CHINA CORNER" for those interested in learning or expanding knowledge of the language. Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m., Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center. Open to the public. For more information, see [China Corner](#).

A RECOGNITION OF ACCOMPLISHMENT BREAKFAST FOR FACULTY AND STAFF will take place Oct. 31, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. Chancellor Charles Casey will give remarks at 8 a.m.

Duluth:

AMERICAN INDIAN SKIES, offered by the Marshall W. Alworth Planetarium, is part of the planetarium's Stars, Galaxies, and Cosmology Series. Shows are for adults and children alike and combine short presentations with stargazing. Visitors are treated to a view of the sky using the Spitz A3P Star Machine. Free and open to the public. Oct. 29, 7 p.m. For more information, see [stargazing](#).

FICTION WRITER AND UMD ENGLISH PROFESSOR JOSEPH MAIOLO will perform two readings from his original essay, taken from experience with the Cuban Missile Crisis, entitled "My Turkish Missile Crisis." Oct. 30, 7 p.m., and Nov. 3, 3 p.m. UMD Library Rotunda. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [readings](#).

UMD's DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK WAS AWARDED A \$25,000 GRANT from the Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation to collaborate with the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa on a project focused on raising healthy American Indian children in Grand Portage. An additional \$12,300 grant was received from the U's Office of the Vice President for Research to do similar work in Mille Lacs. The collaborators will use information from community elders, tribal human services, and other tribal professionals to develop training and parenting education materials designed specifically for each tribe. For more information, see [American Indian children](#).

THE 13TH ANNUAL HAUNTED HALLS OF UMD, a community family Halloween event, will take place Oct. 31, 5-7 p.m. The theme for this year's event is "The Wonderful World of Disney." Activities for children include trick-or-treating, a Disney wonderland game room, cookie decorating, Disney karaoke, and Disney face painting. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The event is sponsored by UMD Residence Halls. Check-in will be at the Lake Superior Hall Lobby, 513 Niagara Court. For more information, see [Haunted Halls](#).

Morris:

UMM TEAMS ACHIEVED FIRST PLACE in the primary competition and second place in a secondary competition during the 2008 Digi-Key Collegiate Computing Competition. This is the sixth consecutive year that a UMM team has placed in the top three at Digi-Key and the second win in three years. For more about UMM, see [Morris News](#).

Rochester:

A LOOK AT THE FUTURE is the final event in the Minnesota Sesquicentennial series at Rochester. Hear from local futurist Stephen Troutman about the future of Minnesota--trends, demographics, medicine, education, and technology. Oct. 30, 7 p.m., 414 University Square. For more information, see [Minnesota future](#).

Twin Cities:

UNIVERSITY WOMEN OF COLOR FALL WELCOME is a great way to meet and greet other members of the U community, find out what is planned for the year, and get involved with UWOC. This year's theme is "Taking Back Our Health: Issues Which Affect Communities of Color." The year's Tapestry recipient will be presented with the award at the event. Registration is required. Nov. 5, 9-11 a.m., Mississippi Room, 321 Coffman Union. To RSVP or request disability accommodations, [e-mail UWOC](#) by Oct. 30.

THE SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND BENEFIT READING will take place Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m., Bell Museum. Novelist and short-story writer Charles Baxter, Edelstein-Keller Visiting Professor of English, will host the event. Dept. of English Creative Writing Program faculty Patricia Hampl, Madelon Sprengnether, Julie Schumacher, and Michael Dennis Browne will be featured. A \$5 donation is suggested. Proceeds benefit Second Harvest Heartland, Minnesota's largest food relief agency. Additional Dept. of English upcoming events include readings by authors Junot Díaz (Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m., Coffman theater); Thomas Lynch (Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium); and Ethan Canin (Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m., Weisman Museum). For more information, see [upcoming events](#).

WORLD USABILITY DAY, NOV. 13, promotes the benefits of usability engineering and user-centered design in Web applications. Planned events include presentations, an open house in the usability lab, adaptive technology demonstrations, and a panel discussion. Walter Library. For more information and a schedule of events, see [Usability Day](#).

MINI BIOETHICS SCHOOL is a three-week course beginning Nov. 13, covering topics such as ethics and public health emergencies, health care professionals in interrogation, and stem cell research. The course is taught by the Center for Bioethics faculty and hosted by center director Jeffrey Kahn. Registration is \$45. All classes are 6-8 p.m., 3-125 Mayo Memorial Auditorium. For more information and registration, see [Bioethics](#).

HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH SEMINAR, "The Impact of Public Reporting on Post-Acute Care," will feature Rachel Werner, assistant professor of medicine, University of Pennsylvania, and core investigator with the VA HSR&D Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion. Dec. 4, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 2-530 Moos Tower. For more information, see [public reporting](#).

"THE GOLDEN ERA OF TANGO: MUSIC AND DANCE," take place Nov. 5, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Throughout its many years of transformation, one period in the history of tango truly shines: 1935-55, otherwise known as the Golden Era. Maximiliano Gluzman of Buenos Aires, Argentina will lecture. Refreshments will be served. For more information, see [Tango](#).

MORE EVENTS include James Dillon's *The Book of Elements* with Noriko Kawai, piano ([Oct. 29](#)); An Evening with Todd Haynes and Greil Marcus ([Oct. 29](#)); Designing Effective Research Assignments Workshop ([Oct. 30](#)); Maroon & Gold Friday ([Oct. 31](#)); Halloween at the Bell: Animal Haunt and Spooky Flashlight Tour ([Nov. 1](#)); "Wall Street Corporate Culture: Investment Banking and the Making of Financial Crisis"; A discussion with Karen Ho ([Nov. 2](#)) "U.S. and German Health Care, 2006" ([Nov. 4](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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THE U WAS RECOGNIZED AS A CHAMPION OF SUSTAINABILITY IN COMMUNITIES in the 2009 edition of the College Sustainability Report Card. The University's overall grade rose from a "B" last year to a "B+" this year--the highest grade among Big Ten schools. The U's full-page profile can be found on the GreenReportCard.org Web site. For more information, see the [news release](#).

OPEN ENROLLMENT IS ONLINE. Employees can make changes to their benefit plans through Dec. 1. Elections can be made on the [Employee Self-Service Web site](#). A narrated open enrollment presentation is available online at [presentation](#). Call the Employee Benefits Service Center at 612-624-9090 or 1-800-756-2363 with questions about enrollment.

PEOPLE: The University of Minnesota Alumni Association honored 18 of the top volunteers, groups, and events of the past year at a ceremony during Homecoming Week. Read about these awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

THE U WILL UNVEIL INTERIOR DESIGN PLANS FOR THE new Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement Center (UROC) Nov. 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Capri Theater, 2027 West Broadway, Minneapolis. The University purchased the Plymouth Avenue building in February 2008 to house its many new and existing north Minneapolis research, outreach, and engagement activities; facilitate collaborations with community, city, and county partners; and make University programs and services more accessible to residents. [UROC](#) is a part of the office for [System Academic Administration](#).

STUDENT VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY will honor veterans on Nov. 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Armory, East Bank, UMTC. There will be an opening ceremony, followed by a "meet and greet," and veterans resource fair. Rappelling from the Armory tower will be open to any student, staff, or faculty with valid U card from 10-11 a.m. and 12:30-1:30 p.m. Free chili will be served while supplies last beginning at 11:15 a.m., and a program with keynote speaker and featured guests will begin at noon. All veterans and their family members, faculty, staff, students, and the public are invited.

E3 2008, THE MIDWEST'S PREMIER ENERGY, ECONOMIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE, will take place Nov. 18, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Paul River Centre. Presented by the University of Minnesota, E3 brings together renewable-energy enthusiasts from across the globe. Over 50 presenters will be speaking in 15 different breakout sessions, and the conference also features a poster session showcasing renewable-energy research at the U. Registration is required. Free transportation is provided from the Minneapolis and St. Paul campuses. For a list of keynote speakers, presenters, breakout sessions, exhibitors, and more, visit the [E3 2008 Web site](#).

Crookston:

THE CENTER FOR ADULT LEARNING will host a College in the High School (CIHS) workshop, Nov. 6, 3:30-6:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Student Center. The workshop is designed to give CIHS instructors the opportunity for discipline-specific interaction with UMC faculty, to promote CIHS instructor networking, and to comply with National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships standards. Over 900 students from 40 regional schools take part in the workshop through UMC.

IN COMMEMORATION OF VETERANS DAY, the Veterans' Support Club, Crookston VFW, and American Legion will host a series of events Nov. 11. A 7:55 a.m. call to colors at the flagpole on the campus mall is followed by the placing of a wreath at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial at the campus entrance. At 9 a.m., in Kiehle Auditorium, a program on the history of Veterans Day features guest speaker Alvin Killough, a Vietnam veteran and assistant professor of psychology. At 11 a.m., local veterans groups hold a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in southeast Crookston, just off Highway 2.

Duluth:

UMD WILL CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF ISLE ROYALE'S "WOLF-MOOSE RESEARCH PROJECT," the world's longest ongoing wildlife research project, with activities celebrating the island's role in biological research, environmental education, and outdoor recreation. "Family Night Assembly" will be held at Hartley Nature Center, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m. *Fortunate Wilderness*, a film by George Desort, will be shown Nov. 6, 7 p.m., Marshall Performing Arts Center. 50 years of Wolf-Moose Research, a presentation by John Vucetich and Rolf Peterson, will take place Nov. 7, 7 p.m., UMD Marshall Performing Arts Center. For more information, see [Isle Royale](#).

NINTH ANNUAL STORY HOUR-FAIRY TALES symphony orchestra concert, featuring music from Grieg's *Peer Gynt* and Ravel's *Mother Goose* with guest artists Lise Lunge-Larsen and Elizabeth Nordell, will be performed Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Directed by Jean Perrault. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$3 children, \$3 students. For more information, see [Fairy Tales](#).

"WORKING WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH ASPERGER SYNDROME" WORKSHOP will take place Nov. 11, 1-3 p.m., Library Rotunda. A presentation on Autism Spectrum disorder, presented by nationally known speaker and disability specialist Lisa King, will follow at 7 p.m., Kirby Student Center ballroom. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [Asperger and Autism](#).

Morris:

THE 2008 ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE UNIONS INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE entitled "Reach FARGO Beyond: The Crossroads of Change" will take place Nov. 6-8, Memorial Union, North Dakota State University. Director of student activities Dave Swenson is chairing the conference planning team. UMM presenters include Swenson, vice chancellor of student affairs Sandy Olson-Loy, assistant vice chancellor of student life Henry Fulda, sustainability coordinator Troy Goodnough, and student Ashley Gaschk. For more information, see [Crossroads](#).

THE GREEN JOBS TASK FORCE has scheduled a public meeting to receive input on how Minnesota can attract new green jobs. Discussions will focus on programs, initiatives, and incentives the state legislature should consider during its 2009 session to help shape the state green jobs action plan. Nov. 7, 1 p.m., Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall. For more information, see [Green Jobs](#).

Rochester:

A FINE ARTS YOUTUBE FILM FESTIVAL is ongoing from Oct. 27 through Nov. 28. Visitors can view the online festival of original films created by students studying digital arts at UMR at [UMR YouTube](#).

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THE 16th ANNUAL KUEHNAST LECTURE will be held Nov. 5, 3 p.m., 335 Borlaug Hall, St. Paul. The lecture will also be available through [UM Connect](#). For more information, see [Kuehnast Lecture](#).

THE DEPARTMENT OF AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES will host a youth leadership conference titled "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants" to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the department and the historic Morrill Hall student takeover. The conference includes a panel discussion, inter-generational conversation, peer networking, cultural performances, and more. Nov. 7, theater, Coffman Union. For more information, e-mail [Rose Brewer](mailto:Rose.Brewer) or call 612-624-9305.

NORTHROP DANCE PRESENTS THE ROYAL WINNIPEG BALLET. The company, last seen at Northrop over 30 years ago, is critically and popularly acclaimed for its adventurous programming and its artistically versatile, technically astute and youthful dancers. Tickets are \$65/52/42/33. Staff and faculty discounts and rush tickets are available. Nov. 8, 8 p.m., Northrop. For more information or for tickets, call 612-624-2345 or see [dance](#).

NICKELODEON UNIVERSE, IN THE MALL OF AMERICA, WILL HOLD A "Party in the Park" on Nov. 9, 5 p.m. The family-friendly event will feature exclusive use of park attractions, rides, music, live entertainment, and a silent auction. Proceeds benefit the University Pediatrics Foundation, which supports the U's Children's Hospital, Fairview and the Department of Pediatrics. Adults \$80 (\$45 is tax-deductible), children \$30 (4 to 14 years), kids three and under are free. For more information, see [Party in the Park](#).

THE SECOND IN A FIVE-PART SERIES OF 3M-SPONSORED SEMINARS for graduate students in technology and science programs, entitled "Incorporating and Securing Intellectual Property," will be held Nov. 10, 5-7 p.m. 2-206 Carlson School of Management. To register, e-mail Carlson. For more information, see [3M Seminars](#).

"GETTING THE GOOD NEWS OUT" workshop will focus on the ways in which the contributions and achievements of U alumni, faculty, and staff can be shared. The workshop will provide information on putting together nominations and publicizing awards such as the honorary degree, the Outstanding Achievement Award, the Award of Distinction, and the Alumni Service Award. Free, but registration is required. Nov. 12, 10-11:30 a.m. Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. For more information and to register, e-mail University Awards and Honors program director [Vickie Courtney](mailto:Vickie.Courtney).

THIS YEAR'S BORCHERT LECTURE WILL FEATURE Michael Goodchild, a member of the National Academy of Sciences and professor of geography at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Goodchild will deliver the lecture "Geographic Information in the World of Web 2.0," Nov. 19, 2 p.m., theater, Coffman Union. The Geographic Information Science (GIS) Day poster session showcasing GIS-related research with poster presentations by students and faculty will take place from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and from 3:15-4:30 p.m. For more information, see [Borchert Lecture/GIS Day](#).

THE BELL MUSEUM'S "MINNESOTA MINUTE" PROJECT WON AN EMMY AWARD from the National Television Academy's Upper Midwest Chapter in the Community/Public Service Campaign category. The "Minnesota Minute" is a series of one-minute video spots honoring Minnesotans who have worked to protect and restore the natural landscape. For more information and to view the videos, see [Minnesota Minute](#).

MORE EVENTS include "Who Speaks for Islam? What a Billion Muslims Really Think" ([Nov. 5](#)); "How Many Words? The History, Theory, and Implications of the So-Called" ([Nov. 6](#)); "Caveret" ([Nov. 7](#)); They Also Choose Minnesota ([Nov. 8](#)); "Blackface: Then and Now," a presentation by Greil Marcus ([Nov. 10](#)); Challenges and Perspectives in Music Leadership ([Nov 11](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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CONSORTIUM ON FOSTERING INTERDISCIPLINARY INITIATIVES, a 10-member group of major public and private research universities, will meet for the first time in Minneapolis, Nov. 14-16. About 45 representatives will discuss findings from a self-study on barriers and best practices in eight key areas: administration and governance, collaborative technologies, development and fund-raising, education and training, equity and diversity, finance and budget, research, and space and capital planning. Minnesota is the lead institution, with vice provost and Graduate School dean Gail Dubrow as chair; other members are UC-Berkeley, Illinois-Urbana Champaign, Michigan, UNC-Chapel Hill, Washington, Wisconsin, Brown, Duke, and Pennsylvania. For more information, see the [news release](#) and the story in *Inside Higher Ed* .

THE UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN PLANNING FOR POTENTIAL CHANGES IN OVERALL REVENUE SOURCES for the past several months in light of global, national, and state economic conditions. The U is facing these challenges by taking a deliberate and responsible approach to control costs and maximize existing resources to keep the University strong and not lose the gains made in recent years. Consistent with this, a systemwide hiring pause has been put into effect by President Bruininks requiring that, before being filled, all open positions be reviewed and deemed essential. For more information, see the [letter from President Bruininks](#) .

NEXT GENERATION ENERGY GRANTS: On Nov. 6, Gov. Pawlenty announced \$2.7 million in Next Generation Energy Grants aimed at accelerating the commercialization of a number of bioenergy initiatives. The Forestry Department of the U's College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences received \$100,000 to study the sustainability of the state's forests as a source of woody biomass for energy. The Morris campus was awarded \$50,000 to support its biomass facility. For more information, see the [news release](#) .

PEOPLE: Richard Johnson has been appointed director of the University's Biomedical Research Facilities Program; Carol Klee has been named assistant vice president for international scholarship; Eleanor Hannah, Carol Leitschuh, Jodi Malmgren, and Samuel Myers, Jr. have been awarded Fulbright Scholar grants; Michael Osterholm has been appointed to the Pandemics Global Agenda Council; the Public Health Accreditation Board has named associate dean William Riley interim executive director; Susan Weller has been named director of the Bell Museum; The University's 2008 Award for Global Engagement recipients are Phillip Peterson, Paul Quie, John Vreyens, and Mahmood Zaidi; Diana Murphy will be presented with a Regents Award on Nov. 12; William Pedersen will receive the U's highest alumni honor--the Outstanding Achievement Award. Read about these awards and appointments in [People](#) .

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University-wide:

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK is Nov. 17-21. Planned activities will highlight the U's support of international education. Events include panel discussions, lectures, receptions, and a photo contest. For more information, see the [calendar of events](#) . The Office of International Programs is a division of [System Academic Administration](#) .

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: PRESIDENT'S INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE SERIES FUNDS support activities to seed emerging fields of interdisciplinary inquiry. New funding priorities are (1) supporting interdisciplinary collaborations between U of M faculty and faculty at other research universities and (2) supporting graduate student-initiated interdisciplinary conferences and related activities that provide national and international venues for presenting student scholarship and creative work. Tenured and tenure-track faculty and Graduate School students are eligible to apply. Proposals will be considered throughout the year. For more information, see [guidelines](#) .

A NEW UMORE PARK ADVISORY BOARD IS BEING LAUNCHED to engage U faculty, students, and staff members in the long-term planning and development of the 5,000-acre property in Dakota County. The objective is to identify and support mechanisms that integrate U research, education, and public engagement into the planning and development of UMore Park. For more information, see [UMore Park](#) .

THE CHANGING FACE OF MINNESOTA COMMUNITIES NOW THROUGH 2050: HOW WILL PUBLIC HEALTH RESPOND? Minnesota state demographer and keynote speaker Tom Gillaspay will describe projections for changing demographics in Minnesota through 2050, with focus on racial and ethnic diversity; how changing demographics will affect health, education, and economics; and how statewide initiatives/agencies, community organizations, and other entities are responding. Dec. 4, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Coffman Union. Free, but registration is requested. For more information and to register, see [Minnesota demographics](#) .

FAMILY HOLIDAY BUDGETS CAN EASILY GET OUT OF CONTROL, but research shows that what children really want for the holidays is a relaxed and loving time with family, an evenly paced holiday season, reliable traditions, and of course, a few gifts. In the column [Connect @ Home](#) , family resource management Extension educator Shirley Anderson-Porisch writes that parents should talk with children about holiday budgets. For more information, see [Connect @ Home](#) .

Crookston:

FIVE HORTICULTURE STUDENTS AT UMC TOOK FIRST PLACE at the annual Mid-America Collegiate Horticulture Society Competition. Hosted by the Northwest Missouri State University at Maryville, the competition consisted of a written horticulture knowledge exam, judging of all types of horticulture crops, and identification of both herbaceous and woody plants. For more information, see the [news release](#) .

UMC'S GLBTA PROGRAM IS HOSTING Genderama on Thursdays during the month of November. Upcoming topics include GenderBENDER (Nov. 13), GenderTALK (Nov. 20), and Transgender Day of Remembrance (Nov. 20). All events take place in 15 Hill Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, contact [Kim Jorgensen](#) .

DURING INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK, Nov. 17-21, UMC has planned events for the campus and community to help recognize the value of global learning. For more information, see [international education](#) .

Duluth:

"IRAN: POLITICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXTS" will be presented by Rosemary Stanfield-Johnson, UMD associate professor of history, and Khalil (Haji) Dokhanchi, UWS professor of political science. Stanfield-Johnson will discuss the cultural and religious contexts of Iranian society and its orientation to the rest of the world. Dokhanchi, a native of Iran, will examine the internal political structures and processes of Iran and its orientation to the Middle East. The lecture is part of the Royal D. Alworth International Lecture Series. Nov. 12, 7 p.m., Library Fourth Floor Rotunda. For more information, see [Iran lecture](#) .

THE UMD AMERICAN INDIAN LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a dinner and auction fund-raiser event, Nov. 14, 6-10 p.m., Kirby Student Center Ballroom. Funds from live and silent auctions will benefit the UMD American Indian/Alaskan Native Community Volunteer Scholarship Fund. Featured guest artist will be Jeff Savage. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$25 for students. For more information, see [American Indian Learning Resource Center](#) .

INTERNATIONAL TASTE OF UMD, featuring cuisines from international students' home countries, will be held Nov. 15, 2-4 p.m., Hope United Methodist Church, 301 West St. Marie Street.

THE UMD NIGHTWALK FOR CAMPUS SAFETY will take place Nov. 17, 6-7:30 p.m., starting from the Kirby Plaza bus hub. The purpose is to inspect the campus for possible safety issues and to gather suggestions for future improvements. Neighbors and community members are welcome. Those attending are encouraged to bring a flashlight and wear appropriate clothing for walking outside. John King, interim vice chancellor for finance and operations, and Jason Wittrock, president of the student association, will lead the walk.

Morris:

THE UMM JAZZ BAND will provide music for dancing during the Presidents Club Holiday Party. Dec. 4, McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see [UMM Jazz](#) .

HIGHLY ACCLAIMED CHINESE PIANIST Chu-Fang Huang will perform as part of this year's Performing Arts Series. Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. For more information, see [Performing Arts Series](#) .

Rochester:

THE U AND MAYO CLINIC SIGNED a Memorandum of Understanding for Education at UMR on Nov. 4. More than 75 guests were in attendance. The memorandum aligns support to nurture and sustain collaborative initiatives on education. It recognizes the relationship between the U and Mayo Clinic and demonstrates the continued commitment of each organization to high educational standards. The document is the first of its kind between the two institutions.

Twin Cities:

DUCK TALES: DON LUCE, CURATOR OF EXHIBITS AT THE BELL MUSEUM, PUT TOGETHER THE BELL'S Art of the Wild show and judged the highly competitive annual Federal Duck Stamp Contest. The winner can earn hundreds of thousands of dollars from stamp and print sales, and the contest has generated funds to protect millions of acres of waterfowl habitat in the U.S. For more information, read [Duck tales](#) .

MISSED CONTRIBUTING TO THE U'S GUINNESS RECORD? DON'T BE SICK ABOUT IT. You can still get a flu shot for free through the UPlan Wellness Program and Boynton Health Service. Preventive Health Screenings will be held Nov. 12 and Dec. 10. Walk in to Boynton's Roen Room and walk away with key indicators about the status of your health. For more information, see [health screenings](#) .

THE EXTENSION CENTER FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT invites U faculty and staff to attend the symposium: Youth Engagement, Social Trust, and the Future of Democracy. The presentation will focus on the role of youth engagement in nurturing social trust in younger generations and in fostering democracy. Nov. 18, 8:30 a.m.-noon, McNamara Alumni Center, Memorial Hall. The program will also be available through [UMConnect](#) . For more information, see [youth development](#) .

THE CURRENT FINANCIAL CRISIS impacts not only Wall Street and the United States but also the global economy and people in other parts of the world. A panel of scholars will offer insights on the crisis in the Global South and on U.S. communities of color and immigrant communities. The event will be moderated by Regents Professor Eric Sheppard. Nov. 18, 6-8 p.m., 3M Auditorium, Carlson School of Management. For more information, see the [Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change](#) .

INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE: The effect of the nation's infrastructure on quality of life and national security is the focus of the next Institute of Technology public lecture, presented by civil engineering professor Roberto Ballarín. Free and open to the public, but registration is recommended. Nov. 19, 7 p.m., Mayo Memorial Auditorium. For more information and to register, see [IT public lecture](#) .

BOYNTON HEALTH SERVICE EYE CLINIC TURKEY DAY FRAME SHOWCASE: Try on a pair of frames for a chance to win an iPod touch or Minnesota Wild tickets. Nov. 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, see [frame showcase](#) .

OPERATIONS RESEARCH IN HEALTH CARE: OPPORTUNITIES, PERSPECTIVES, AND PROGRESS. In recent years, the electronic availability of data involving millions of people and the development of new data mining algorithms presents an opportunity for operations research to have an impact in health care. Dimitris Bertsimas, Boeing professor of operations research and codirector of the Operations Research Center at MIT, will present. Open to the public. Nov. 20, 4:30 p.m. reception with seminar to follow, 402 Walter Library. For more information, see [operations research](#) .

WRITING RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM: INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES OF WRITING GRANTS. The colloquium features the original writing research of U faculty, based on projects funded by the Center for Writing's Interdisciplinary Studies of Writing Grants. Nov. 21, noon-1:30 p.m., 135 Nicholson. For more information and to register, see [writing](#) or call 612-626-7579.

MORE EVENTS include Brown bag discussion on technology based economic development ([Nov. 12](#)); World Usability Day 2008 ([Nov. 13](#)); "Delicious Movement": A workshop with Eiko Otake ([Nov. 14](#)); Marching into the Future ([Nov. 15](#)); eNow! presents: Jan Hein Hoogstad, Nora Paul, and Adam Schrag ([Nov. 17](#)); "The Presidential Glass Ceiling Is Broken: The Path From Victoria to Hillary" ([Nov. 18](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#) .

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EXECUTIVE SALARY FREEZE: At Friday's Board of Regents meeting, President Bruininks announced a salary freeze for all senior University executives. In addition to the president, the freeze includes all deans, chancellors, senior vice presidents, vice presidents, associate vice presidents, assistant vice presidents, vice chancellors, and vice provosts. The freeze is estimated to save about \$500,000 annually. The Regents also discussed a proposal to authorize alcohol sales in the premium seating sections of TCF Bank Stadium, Mariucci Arena, Williams Arena, and the restaurant of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

U.S. SENATOR AMY KLOBUCHAR WILL HOST A NATIONAL SUMMIT ON HEALTH CARE REFORM entitled "Prescription for Reform." Featured speakers include Senator Klobuchar; Karen Davis, president, Commonwealth Fund; Denis Cortese, president and CEO, Mayo Clinic; Jack Wennberg, director of the Center for Evaluative and Clinical Sciences, Dartmouth Medical School; and former U.S. senator David Durenberger, founder and chair of the National Institute for Health Policy. Nov. 25, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Mayo Auditorium. Free and open to the public. [RSVP to Health Summit](#). For more information, see [Prescription for Reform](#).

PULSE SURVEY MEASURES FACULTY AND STAFF SATISFACTION WITH THE U. The results of the survey are used to continuously improve the workplace. This year, more employees than ever responded--42 percent of all employees, an increase of 5 percent over the most recent survey, conducted in 2006. Results of the 2008 survey indicate that faculty and staff satisfaction remains high, while overall, employee opinions of the U are moving in a positive direction. For more information, read [Taking the Pulse of the University](#).

PEOPLE: School of Nursing faculty members Melissa Avery, Margaret Moss, Carol O'Boyle, and Cheryl Robertson were formally inducted as fellows into the American Academy of Nursing; Jordan Dunitz was awarded the 2008 Medical Staff Recognition Award for Excellence in Clinical Care; Lin Nelson-Mayson was elected president of the Association of Midwest Museums' board; recipients of the National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences Florence Hall Award, 2008, include Jodi Dworkin, Chris Gonzalez, Colleen Gengler, and Kathleen Olson; U of M alumnus Joan Velasquez won the highest annual award from the National Peace Corps Association. Read about these awards and appointments in [People](#).

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INCREDIBLE THINGS HAPPEN AT THE U EVERY DAY, and iTunes U can show them to the world. Thanks to a new partnership between the University of Minnesota and Apple, dynamic content from the University will be included in the global Apple iTunes Store, where it will be accessible from anywhere there is an Internet connection. All units and departments are invited to submit content to the U of M iTunes U public site. For more information, see [U of M on iTunes](#).

THE U OF M WAS RANKED IN THE TOP 100 BEST FLEETS IN NORTH AMERICA. This is the fourth consecutive year Parking and Transportation Services has received the recognition. Only four universities from around the country made the list. For more information, see the [news release](#).

THE ENGAGED DEPARTMENT GRANT PROGRAM DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED to Dec. 15. The program supports the work of department teams that seek to develop or strengthen their research-focused or teaching-focused community engagement initiatives. For more information see the [Office for Public Engagement](#).

ALL UMC, UMR, AND UMTC FACULTY SHOULD SUBMIT TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS TO THE U BOOKSTORE as soon as possible. The bookstore needs spring semester textbook information before finals week to purchase used copies from students. Textbook adoption information is [available online](#). Call the bookstore textbook office at 612-626-9484 or e-mail [bookstore](#) with questions.

Crookston:

METEOROLOGIST PAUL DOUGLAS WILL SPEAK AT UMC ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE and its effect on Minnesota and agriculture. Nov. 20, 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. The event is free, and the public is welcome. For more information, see [Paul Douglas](#).

THE UMC LIBRARY HAS BEEN AWARDED an IDEA (Innovation, Diversity, Equity, and Achievement) Grant of \$2,500 from the U's Office for Equity and Diversity to fund a children's book diversity collection. For more information, see [IDEA Grant](#).

Duluth:

"RACE, RESPONSIBILITY, AND RAUCOUS BEHAVIOUR: A MEDITATION ON ZIMBABWE, WRITING, AND FAMILY" will be presented by Alexandra Fuller, Nov. 19, 7 p.m., 70 Montague Hall. Fuller is the award-winning author of *Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight: An African Childhood*, and *Scribbling the Cat: Travels with an African Soldier*. Sponsored by the Alworth Institute for International Studies. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [Fuller lecture](#).

THE MUSICIANS OF THE 16-PIECE STRING ORCHESTRA, A FAR CRY, WILL PERFORM as part of the UMD Department of Music Ovation Concert Series, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. For more information, see [A Far Cry](#).

DRAW TO LIVE AND LIVE TO DRAW, an exhibit of prints and illustrations by Wanda Gag, will be at the Tweed Museum of Art through May 17. Wanda Gag was a pioneering female illustrator and printmaker of the 1920s and 30s. The exhibit presents her lithographs and book illustrations, as well as a selection of her paintings, letters, and sketchbooks. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [Wanda Gag](#).

Morris:

ADVANCED TICKET SALES FOR THE 2008 CAROL CONCERTS ARE UNDER WAY. The annual holiday tradition by the UMM Concert Choir and University Choir is scheduled for Dec. 5-7, Morris Area Concert Hall. Performances take place each evening at 7:30 p.m., with an additional 2 p.m. performance Dec. 7. For more information, see [2008 Carol Concerts](#).

Rochester:

THE MINNESOTA CAMPUS COMPACT CIVIC ENGAGEMENT FORUM WAS HELD AT UMR Nov. 12. The forum highlighted utilization of service learning and campus-community grants to benefit the region. Participants discussed partnership opportunities, the impact of campus-community collaborations, and ways to increase student engagement. UMR graduate Jennifer Rho shared her project, which set up a health clinic at the Hawthorne Education Center to serve individuals seeking adult basic education, ESL, and literacy programming, as well as assistance with citizenship.

Twin Cities:

THE INSTITUTE ON COMMUNITY INTEGRATION (ICI) has launched eight new projects to improve health care, education, and community services for people with disabilities in Minnesota and nationwide. Among them is a \$1.5 million grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research to study health care coordination for individuals with physical disabilities; a \$500,000 subcontract funded by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities to provide training that improves postsecondary education programs for students with developmental disabilities; and a \$600,000 grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research for a multi-state study of service outcomes for people with developmental disabilities. For more information on ICI projects, see the [Institute](#).

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES RECENTLY LAUNCHED A NEW WEB SITE. The site has been organized to allow multiple navigation avenues. New features include scrolling news alerts on the home page, interactive maps, and a completely revised events calendar that will go live at the end of November. View the site at [Parking and Transportation](#).

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MORE EVENTS include Electronics Recycling Tour-Asset Recovery ([Nov. 19](#)); University of Minnesota Equity and Diversity Breakfast ([Nov. 20](#)); "How to Remember the Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals" ([Nov. 21](#)); People for Sale: Event on Human Trafficking ([Nov. 22](#)); Presenting Two Cowards in Rep: Hay Fever and Present Laughter ([Nov. 23](#)); "Magic as Ersatz Experiments," A presentation by Eric Van Duzer ([Nov. 24](#)); From Pond to Power: 4th Annual Energy and Technology Forum ([Nov. 25](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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THE UNIVERSITY'S MORTUARY SCIENCE PROGRAM--the first of its kind in the United States and one of the top in the nation--turns 100 this month. For more about the program, read [A noble undertaking](#).

THE U ANNOUNCED ITS NEW DIGITAL CAMPUS INITIATIVE, unveiling a Web site that consolidates all of its online learning opportunities. The site also contains online opportunities developed in partnership with the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. Currently, the U has 18 degrees that can be earned solely online, as well as more than 1,000 classes offered online or in a hybrid online form. For more information, see the [news release](#) or the feature story [Expanding access to education at the U](#) or visit [digital campus](#).

PEOPLE: Carla Rahn Phillips and Holly Zimmerman-LeVoir were knighted into Spain's Order of Isabella the Catholic in a ceremony Nov. 24; Lorraine Francis, James Kakalios, James Leger, and Kenneth Leopold have been named to three-year appointments as Taylor Distinguished Professors; a 1992 paper coauthored by Professor Andrew Van de Ven was recently honored; Sharon Danes and Heather Haberman are recipients of the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education Outstanding Research Journal Article of the Year; a 1982 University of Minnesota graduate is among "50 Best Brains in Science" according to the latest edition of *Discover* magazine; longtime College of Biological Sciences faculty member Douglas Pratt died Nov. 6; John Haarstad died Nov. 17. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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University-wide:

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA PRESS HAS LAUNCHED THE MINNESOTA ARCHIVE EDITIONS. In partnership with Amazon.com, Google, and BookMobile, the new initiative will bring more than 1,000 titles back into print. The Archive Editions will establish Minnesota as the first university press to return into print virtually every book published since its founding in 1925. Minnesota Archive Editions uses digital technology to make long-unavailable books accessible to scholars, students, researchers, and general readers. For more information, [e-mail Heather Skinner](#) or call 612-627-1932.

A NEW WIND ENERGY RESOURCE MAP FOR NORTHEAST MINNESOTA was developed with support from UM Northeast Minnesota Sustainable Development Partnerships and other partners (Lake Superior Coastal Program, CERTS, and UMD's College of Liberal Arts). The Center for Sustainable Community Development at UMD has monitored the wind at seven sites along the North Shore of Lake Superior and used the data to develop a new, high-resolution wind resource map of the region. The map shows significantly more wind (14-19 mph) than current statewide wind resource maps (10-12 mph). For more information, e-mail or call [Mike Mageau](#) at 218-726-6133, or [Okey Ukaga](#) at 218-341-6029. To view the map, visit [MN Wind resource map](#) and scroll down.

HOLIDAY SEASON 2008: The University News Service has put together a holiday information page, featuring faculty talking about everything from winterizing your home to keeping the letter-writing tradition. The page's multimedia clips showcase U faculty speaking on topics including family, food, safety, shopping, tradition, and culture. For more information, see [holiday season](#).

NEW AND REVISED U-WIDE ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES are in development. Proposed drafts are open for review and comment for a period of 30 days. The feedback received will be considered prior to finalizing each particular policy. Policies under consideration: Environmental Management, Conducting Research with Human Embryos or Embryonic Stem Cells, and Addressing Student Academic Complaints. For more information, see [administrative policies](#).

Crookston:

THE NATIONAL HEALTH DISPARITIES CONFERENCE focused on health equality during its recent meeting in Prior Lake, Minnesota. UMC's Alvin Killough led a session entitled "Does Culture Matter? Approaches to Risk Reduction and HIV Prevention Among Minorities." For more information, see [health equality](#).

UMC'S SECOND ANNUAL WOMEN'S HOLIDAY SOCIAL kicks off the holiday season on Dec. 2, 4-6 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. The event raises money for UMC scholarships. For more information, see [holiday social](#).

AG AND NATURAL RESOURCES DAY will be Dec. 5. More than 20 contests ranging from horticulture and forestry to ag mechanics, livestock, and sales will bring 1,300 high school students from northwest Minnesota to campus. More than \$32,000 in scholarships is available. For more information, see [Ag and Natural Resources Day](#).

Duluth:

UMD WILL PRESENT A HOLIDAY CONCERT "Sounds of the Season" at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis, Dec. 5, 8 p.m. The event will feature performances by the Lake Effect Vocal Jazz Ensemble, the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble I, University Singers, Chamber Singers, and the UMD Symphony Orchestra. A preconcert buffet will be held at 6 p.m. at the Hilton Minneapolis. Buffet and concert package tickets are \$38. For reservations, call UMD toll free at 866-726-7164 by Dec. 1. For concert tickets only (\$17 adults, discounts for children and students), call the Orchestra Hall Box Office at 800-292-4141 or see [box office](#).

UMD MARSHALL W. ALWORTH PLANETARIUM WILL PRESENT "METEOR SHOWERS," Nov. 26, 7 p.m. The presentation will feature a summary of the best meteor showers of the year. For more information, see [meteor showers](#).

Morris:

A SHORT DOCUMENTARY, *TO BOEING AND BACK*, was accepted in the 2008 Minnesota State Historical Society's Minnesota's Greatest Generation Moving Pictures Film Festival. The video was produced by Roger Boleman; directed, videographed, and edited by Mike Cihak (both of UMM's Media Services); and written by Christopher Butler (UMM English faculty). All short films accepted by the festival are screened and become part of the permanent collections of the [Minnesota Historical Society](#).

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT AMANDA GRANAAS DEVELOPED A WEB SITE for the Morris Senior Community Center using a grant through Connecting Students and Communities, offered by the Center for Small Towns at UMM and the University of Minnesota West Central Partnership. For more information, see [community center](#).

Rochester:

UMR RECEIVED A SHARED UNIVERSITY RESEARCH award from IBM to provide high-performance computing equipment to Biomedical Informatics and Computational Biology (BICB) researchers. The \$140,000 award is the first made to UMR by IBM under its Shared University Research program. The IBM supercomputing technology will allow UMR to accelerate discovery and further enhance the growing relationship between the BICB collaborative partners: IBM, Mayo Clinic, the Hormel Institute, and the University. For more information, see the [news release](#).

Twin Cities:

COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE COLLEGE AND UNIT PARTICIPATION STATS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE. The 2008 fund drive raised more than \$1.2 million for area charities. For more information, see [Community Fund Drive](#).

UNIVERSITY CAMPUS SHUTTLES WILL HAVE A NEW LOOK AS THE UNIVERSITY puts 17 new buses into service around campus, including a hybrid. Two new buses are already in service, and the transition will be completed in time for the start of spring semester. The buses will have new rider-friendly features, including push-button stop signals instead of pull cords, rider controlled push-button doors, and three to four doors for quicker loading and unloading. PTS will officially introduce the new line Dec. 1, noon, outside Morrill Hall.

DTC SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INNOVATORS LECTURE SERIES will present "Robotics from the Lab to the Market," by Paolo Pirjanian, president and CEO of Evolution Robotics. Dec. 2, 4:30 p.m. reception, 5 p.m. seminar, 402 Walter Library. For more information, see [DTC lecture](#).

CONSULTATIONS ON THE POTENTIAL CAMPUSWIDE SMOKING/TOBACCO BAN will be held Dec. 3, 12-1 p.m., St. Paul Student Center theater, and Dec. 8, 4-5 p.m., Coffman Memorial Union theater. Consultations will share the results of a campus survey to understand attitudes toward smoking, solicit reasons for support of or opposition to enacting a smoke-free policy, and identify issues to consider when determining whether the U should enact a smoke-free policy. The Twin Cities campus community is invited to participate. For more information, see [smoking ban](#) or call 612-625-0563.

U OF M REGIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS will host "The Pending Resource Crisis: Understanding Our Biophysical and Biological Constraints to Sustainability," a seminar presented by Nate Hagens. Hagens is an editor of *The Oil Drum*, an online global think tank devoted to energy and sustainability. Dec. 3, 1:30-3 p.m., Borlaug Hall, St. Paul campus.

THE U POLICE DEPARTMENT IS A DROP SITE FOR TOYS FOR TOTS. Bring unwrapped toys to the lobby of the Transportation and Safety Building, 511 Washington Ave. S.E. The last day to drop off toys is Dec. 19, 3 p.m. For more information and gift suggestions, see [Toys for Tots](#).

THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY WILL BE MOVING IN JANUARY. After more than 40 years in the Social Sciences Building, the department will move to 1110 Heller Hall. The department's offices will be closed during the move, Jan. 5-11.

UNIVERSITY DINING SERVICES WILL RENOVATE COFFMAN UNION'S M DELI and reopen it as a sandwich shop. The deli will close Nov. 26, and reopen Jan. 20. The new deli hours will be Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. UDS also recently received an "A" in the annual College Sustainability Report Card for its work in local food procurement, waste conservation, and community partnerships. The report commended UDS for its increased focus in composting and local food purchases. For more information, see [UDS](#).

MORE EVENTS include Anxious Climate: Architecture at the Edge of Environment ([through Dec. 15](#)); Conference on Reforming the Redistricting Process ([Dec. 1](#)); Leading Through Change ([Dec. 2](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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PARTNERSHIPS WITH SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES are developing as the University focuses its efforts there. Robert Jones, senior vice president, and Meredith McQuaid, associate vice president and dean for international programs, have made two recent trips to African nations to explore potential partnerships with universities and to work with leaders in those countries to secure funding for capacity-building projects. For more information, read [Opportunity in Africa](#). OIP is a part of the office for [System Academic Administration](#).

"THE MINNESOTA TRADITION OF FAIR ELECTIONS" CONFERENCE will take place at the Humphrey Institute's Center for the Study of Politics and Governance. Panelists will include vice president Walter Mondale, congressman Jim Ramstad, Minnesota secretary of state Mark Ritchie, former Elmer Andersen chief of staff Tom Swain, and national and regional experts on the election process. The conference comes in the midst of the recount in Minnesota's U.S. Senate race between incumbent senator Norm Coleman and challenger Al Franken, anticipated to be one of the closest in Minnesota history. Dec. 10, 9:30-11:45 a.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center.

PEOPLE: The President's Award for Outstanding Service is now accepting nominations; Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

University-wide:

"VIDEO ON CAMPUS: PRESENT AND FUTURE," will focus on how video can support the U's land-grant mission of teaching, research, and outreach. Panelists will discuss infrastructure, technology, services, and dissemination options. Topics include course guide videos, enterprise media storage and management, Web and video conferencing, ResearchChannel, Big Ten Network, and more. Dec. 10, 12-1:30 p.m., 402 Walter Library. For more information, see [video on campus](#).

ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND DESIGN ANNUAL AWARD APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE: As part the U's new Imagine Fund, supported by a grant from the McKnight Foundation, up to 250 annual awards of \$3,000 each are available. All tenured/tenure-track arts, humanities, and design faculty across the University system are eligible. The application deadline is Feb. 1. For more information and the online application form, see [Imagine Fund](#).

THE RESEARCHCHANNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS REQUESTING VIDEOS about U research and discovery for the next round of submissions. The ResearchChannel brings together leading research and academic institutions to share the work of their researchers with the public through video programs available via satellite and cable television and its Web site. Colleges, departments, and centers may submit programs. Units selected in the first round include the College of Education and Human Development (research on after-school programs and GoNorth!); the Institute on the Environment (climate change, biofuels, Cedar Creek biodiversity research, and the institute as a whole); the College of Continuing Education (a "Great Conversation" with Daniel Ellsberg and a feature on teaching U.S. history 1865-present); and University Relations (three shorts on the St. Anthony Falls lab, greenhouse gas reductions, and MySpace for teens). Submissions for the second round will be accepted Jan. 5-30. For more information, see [OIT Video Solutions](#) or the [ResearchChannel](#).

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: The Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences is issuing a call for proposals addressing the societal implications of problems in health, environment, or the life sciences. Awards are available for graduate/professional students, individual faculty, and consortium/joint degree program members. Proposals are due in March 2009 for research in the summer or academic year 2009-10. For more information, see [proposals](#). Direct questions to [Audrey Boyle](#).

THE TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (TLP) returned to Duluth for the third cohort of the leadership development opportunity for faculty and staff. TLP challenges participants and their executive sponsors to successfully lead teams in driving improvement projects that directly benefit groups of U faculty, students, or staff. Fourteen U staff and faculty members make up this year's training class, including three participants from the Twin Cities campus, two from U of M Extension Services, and nine from UMD. For more information, see [Transformational Leadership](#).

THE AMETHYST INITIATIVE DEBATE: RETHINKING THE DRINKING AGE. The Office for Student Affairs will host a free online seminar during which the pros and cons of changing the legal drinking age will be debated by John McCardell and higher education risk-management expert Brett Sokolow, among other panelists. Following the seminar there will be a 30-minute panel discussion. Dec. 12, 12-1 p.m., Coffman Union. For more information, see [Amethyst Initiative](#).

EMPLOYEE PROFILE: University Historian Ann Pflaum has been at the U for more than 40 years, but she still finds herself learning something new every week. For more information, listen to [Ann Pflaum](#).

Crookston:

LEARN ABOUT TOBACCO CESSATION at a noon luncheon Dec. 4 and Dec. 10, Brown Dining Hall. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to ask questions as the Crookston campus prepares to go tobacco-free Jan. 1. For more information, e-mail [Stacey Grunewald](#).

Duluth:

THE HUMMINGBIRDS, a story of two sisters and the tie that binds them, will be presented by UMD Theatre Dec. 4-6, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 7, 2 p.m.; and Dec. 9-13, 7:30 p.m., Dudley Experimental Theatre, Marshall Performing Arts Center. For tickets call 218-726-8561 or visit the [theater online](#).

UMD DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC PRESENTS two "Sounds of the Seasons" concerts, Dec. 7, Weber Music Hall. The UMD Choral Concert, featuring the Concert Chorale, University Singers, Chamber Singers, and small-instrumental chamber singers, will take place at 1:30 p.m., and the UMD Band Concert will be held at 4 p.m. For more information or tickets, call 218-726-8877 or see [UMD music](#).

Morris:

COUGAR SPORTS NETWORK (CSN) is online for the tip-off of the 2008-09 Cougar basketball season. CSN utilizes Web technology to bring Cougar athletics to fans by way of a free, easy-to-use portal. CSN will provide live video and audio along with real-time game statistics. For more information, see [Cougar Sports Network](#).

LANDSCAPE PAINTINGS FOR THE LIFE CENTER at the Stevens Community Medical Center were produced by students in Michael Eble's Beginning and Advanced Painting I classes. A public reception to unveil the new paintings will take place Dec. 11, 4:30- 6 p.m., SCMC Life Center. For more information, see [Life Center](#).

Rochester:

DAVE MONA, WCCO RADIO PERSONALITY AND HOST OF SPORTS HUDDLE, will be at UMR to promote his new book *Beyond the Sports Huddle: Mona on Minnesota*. Mona will autograph copies of his book at M Gear, University Square. Five percent of all purchases made at M Gear that day will be donated to UMR scholarships. Dec. 9, 4-6 p.m. At 7 p.m., fans can attend a dinner at Michael's Restaurant to hear Mona discuss his experience cohosting the Sports Huddle with Sid Hartman. For more information, see [Sports Huddle](#).

Twin Cities:

DEAN BRIAN ATWOOD of the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs will participate in the Headliners series on the St. Paul campus. Atwood will draw on his first-hand experience in the Clinton administration to shed light on President-elect Obama's move to the White House. After leading the Clinton administration's State Department transition team, Atwood served for six years as administrator for the U.S. Agency for International Development. Dec. 4, 7 p.m., Continuing Education and Conference Center. For more information, call 612-624-4000 or see [Headliners](#).

IN ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON, THE LAR LUBOVITCH DANCE COMPANY will present a performance of modern dance Dec. 5, 8 p.m., Northrop. Staff and faculty receive \$4 off regular ticket prices, or they may purchase rush tickets the day of the performance for \$20. Gift certificates are available for a variety of performances during the holiday season. For more information, see [Northrop](#) or call 612-624-2345.

UNIVERSITY CATERING NOW OFFERS AN ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM for delivery orders. The system is called CaterTrax. University Catering provides catering services to UMTC, to the suites and lofts at Mariucci and Williams arenas, and to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. For more information, see [University Catering](#) or call 612-624-7173.

YEAR-END PARTY DEALS for U faculty and staff can be found at Goldy's Gameroom and the Gopher Spot. U employees receive 25 percent off the reservation rate for time, and 10 percent off food. For more information, call Stephanie Broom at 612-625-7707 or see holiday party deals.

MORE EVENTS include Nature Tots: Winter Animals ([Dec. 4](#)); Program honors founders Vecoli and Chambers ([Dec. 5](#)); Kung Fu sample class ([Dec. 6](#)); Arboretum auxiliary holiday sale ([Dec. 7](#)); Seminar: Spatiotemporal Analysis of West Nile Virus Incidences in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area ([Dec. 8](#)); Health care conference with Governor Tim Pawlenty ([Dec. 9](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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THE BOARD OF REGENTS WILL MEET THIS WEEK. Tim Mulcahy, vice president for research, will update the Board on the state of University research. In addition, provost Tom Sullivan and vice provost for undergraduate education Robert McMaster will present on the U's progress in increasing graduation rates. Dec. 11 and 12, McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see the [news release](#).

PEOPLE: Mike Kilgore has been named interim head of Minnesota's new Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council; David Largaespada has been awarded a nearly \$800,000 grant as part of a collaboration with researchers at Cincinnati Children's Hospital; Kathryn Sedo was appointed vice chair of the American Bar Association's Committee on Low Income Taxpayers and will become chair on July 1; U in the News features a selection of U faculty cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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University-wide:

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: CENTER FOR INTEGRATIVE LEADERSHIP (CIL) RESEARCH AWARDS for faculty and Ph.D. students. CIL funds support scholars who explore core questions about integrative thinking, behavior, leadership, and practice. The awards will help fund integrative leadership research, focusing on important societal problems. The \$10,000 CIL Scholar Award is for senior scholars who have an outstanding record of accomplishment in leadership studies or related fields; the \$2,500 CIL Leadership Award is for junior scholars, including graduate students, who are beginning work in leadership studies. Proposals are due Dec. 31. Research must be completed by June 30, 2010. For details and an application, see the [CIL PDF](#).

REVIEW YOUR PERSONAL FINANCES ANNUALLY. Extension educator Shirley Anderson-Porisch says that the new year brings with it an opportunity for U.S. households to review their financial situation. In the column, *Connect @ Home*, Anderson-Porisch suggests reviewing finances now--before the end of the year--to give time to make decisions. For more information, see [Connect @ Home](#).

THE OFFICE FOR EQUITY AND DIVERSITY IS TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR "IDEA GRANTS." Grants fund projects, programming, events, and research that support historically underrepresented students, faculty, staff, and communities. All academic and administrative units across the U are eligible to apply; grants are awarded quarterly. Application deadline is Dec. 31. For more information, see [Idea Grants](#).

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: The U's Academy of Distinguished Teachers, the Center for Teaching and Learning, the Office of Information Technology, and Instructional Development Services (UMD) are sponsoring a one-day teaching and learning conference focusing on making connections between teaching and learning, Apr. 27, McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. Presentation and poster proposals related to this focus will be accepted through Jan. 26. For more information and proposal submission guidelines, see [proposals](#). For more about the conference, see [teaching and learning](#). Direct questions to [Jeremy Hernandez](#).

TEN TIPS FOR INTEGRATING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY INTO YOUR WORKDAY. From a mid-day yoga or muscle class to finding a new, out of the way lunch spot, there are ways to get fit at work. *Wellness Works*, a U of M publication promoting the well-being of the University community, offers these [10 Tips](#). For more wellness information, see the complete issue of the fall 2008 [Wellness Works PDF](#).

REMINDER: The Office for Public Engagement is sponsoring an "Engaged Departments RFP," due Dec. 15. For more information, please see [engaged departments](#).

Crookston:

A FACULTY AND STAFF HOLIDAY PARTY will be held at UMC. Lunch will be served to all faculty and staff. Attendees are asked to bring their favorite holiday goodies to share. Also, a "white elephant" (garage sale quality) gift exchange will take place. Sponsored by the Holiday Committee. Dec. 18, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. For more information, e-mail [Barb Ricord](#) or call 218-281-8343.

THE SECOND ANNUAL WOMEN'S HOLIDAY SOCIAL AND SILENT AUCTION raised more than \$2,600 for women's scholarships. Over 100 women gathered to celebrate the season, enjoy refreshments, and connect with friends of the U. For more information, see [holiday social](#).

Duluth:

THE UMD BULLDOGS ARE HEADING TO THE NCAA II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME. The Bulldogs defeated California University of Pennsylvania 45 to 7 in the semifinal round of the NCAA Division II playoffs on Dec. 6, at California University. The championship game will take place on Dec. 13, noon, Florence, Ala., and will be televised to national audiences on ESPN2. Ranked number six, the Bulldogs are currently the only 14-0 team in Division II college football. This is the furthest UMD has ever advanced in its three appearances in the NCAA II playoffs. The Bulldogs face number three ranked Northwest Missouri State (13-1) for the national title. For more information, see [NCAA II Championship](#).

MARSHALL ALWORTH PLANETARIUM PRESENTS two programs celebrating the winter sky: Dec. 13, 7 p.m., "The Star of Bethlehem"; Dec. 17, 7 p.m., "The Zodiac: What's Your Sign?" Private shows are available by appointment for groups of 10 or more. For more information, see [winter sky](#).

Morris:

THREE MEMBERS OF THE UMM SYMPHONIC WINDS HAVE BEEN SELECTED as members of the 2009 College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA) National Intercollegiate Honor Band: Jessica Henry, French horn; James Jarvie, trumpet; and Brian Kotila, euphonium. The three will perform with the Honor Band as one of the capstone events of the CBDNA national conference, held in Austin, Tex., Mar. 28, 2:30 p.m. Additionally, the Symphonic Winds will perform Dec. 13, 3 p.m., Morris Area Concert Hall. For more on that concert, see [Symphonic Winds](#).

Rochester:

UMR HOSTS AN ETHICAL LEADERSHIP PRESENTATION including guest speakers: David Logan, who was convicted of conspiracy, bribery, and mail fraud in 2002 and sentenced to 71 months imprisonment and \$750,000 in fines and restitution; Logan's prosecutor, attorney and St. Thomas professor of law, Henry Shea; and Stephen Castleberry, UMD professor of marketing. Free and open to the public. Dec. 12, 3 p.m., 417 University Square. For more information, see [presentation](#).

Twin Cities:

BURIAL RIGHTS: THE DESECRATION OF HMONG GRAVES. Professor James Anaya, United Nations special reporter on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people, will hear testimony from victims of 2005 Hmong grave desecrations in Thailand. This hearing is the culmination of years of work and advocacy on the part of the Human Rights Program, public officials, and the Hmong community. Witnesses will include experts on Hmong culture and family members who have suffered from the violations. Dec. 10, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m., Coffman Union. For more information, see [United Nations hearing](#). For a detailed feature story by U writer Pauline Oo, see [Burial Rights](#).

FOUR CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR OF THE WOMEN'S CENTER will give public presentations at UMTC on Dec. 15, 16, 17, and 18 (times vary), 125 Nolte Center. Each candidate will present a 15-minute talk on "The Role of a Women's Center at a Research University in the 21st Century," followed by a question-and-answer period. The presentation schedule and bios for each of the candidates are available at [The Office for Equity and Diversity](#) or by e-mailing [Linda Vang](#).

THE TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (TLP) IS COMING TO UMTC. On the heels of three successful cohorts in Duluth, the U will offer the TLP at UMTC in March. Information sessions will be held Dec. 18, 9-10 a.m., and Jan. 15, 1-2 p.m., Gold Room, McNamara Alumni Center. E-mail [Mary Swords](#), or call 612-626-3727 to reserve a seat at an upcoming session. For more information, see [TLP UMTC](#). More about TLP can be found at [leadership program](#).

EATING WELL IS IMPORTANT TO LIVING A HEALTHY LIFE. Brenda Langton, senior fellow at the Center for Spirituality & Healing, is owner of the highly acclaimed restaurants Caf? Brenda and Spoonriver, as well as founder of the Mill City Farmers Market. For over 30 years, she has been committed to locally-grown foods and healthy dining. Langton will share her philosophy for healthy eating/healthy living Feb. 3, 5, and 10, 6-9 p.m., Roth Distributing, 1300 West 47th Street, Minnetonka. For more information and to register, see [healthy eating](#) or call 612-624-9459.

OPINIONS ON THE POTENTIAL FOR A NEW BIKE-SHARING PROGRAM AT THE U are requested by Parking and Transportation Services. This program is targeted towards individuals who do not regularly bring a bike to campus. Those who qualify are asked to take the 10 to 15 minute survey prior to Dec. 18, and may do so at [bike survey](#).

MORE EVENTS include "Building an Electric Car Future: Technology, Infrastructure, and Policy" ([Dec. 10](#)); "Why Jewish and Arabic History Books are Stacked in Two Different Sections of the Library" ([Dec. 11](#)); Dean's International Forum on the Russia and Georgia Conflict ([Dec. 12](#)); Nature Play: From Trash to Treasure ([Dec. 13](#)); Journeys: Travels Far and Travels Near ([Dec. 14](#)); Small Group Professional Communication ([Dec. 16-Jan. 6](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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THE BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING DECEMBER 11 AND 12 addressed a number of issues, including the U's response to the economy. Additionally, vice president Tim Mulcahy provided the board with the annual report on the state of [University research](#). For more information, see [meeting highlights](#).

U OF M RECEIVES \$40 MILLION FOR TYPE 1 DIABETES RESEARCH. The U received the pledge from the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation. The gift is the second largest in the history of the University and the second largest by an individual or family foundation to diabetes research in the United States. In recognition of the gift and the future of diabetes research, the University will rename its Diabetes Institute for Immunology and Transplantation the Schulze Diabetes Institute. For more information, see [Diabetes Research](#).

THE UMD BULLDOGS WON THE 2008 NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP, defeating Northwest Missouri State 21-14 in Florence, Ala., on Dec. 13. This is the first national title ever for the Bulldogs. The team went undefeated (15-0) for the season. UMD held a celebration rally Dec. 16, in the Romano Gymnasium, with a welcome by chancellor Kathryn Martin and coach Bob Nielson. It included video highlights of the game. For more information, see [UMD National Champions](#).

PEOPLE: UMM's Sarah Buchanan has been invited to join the National Screening Committee for the Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Scholarships; a film based on an interpretation of the music of James Dillon was one of 10 recipients to receive a 2008 German Record Critics' Award; Paul Rosenblatt has been honored by the National Council on Family Relations as a new fellow; Neal Gault Jr., former dean and alumnus of the Medical School, died Dec. 11; Jim Rothenberger, longtime School of Public Health faculty member, died Dec. 8; former Department of Microbiology department head Dennis Watson passed away on Nov. 30; U in the News features a selection of U faculty cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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University-wide:

BUILDINGS AFIRE, PANDEMONIUM, BROWN JUGS, and the point-a-minute squad: an intriguing set of words for a book about the history of Minnesota Gophers football. When University Relations writer Rick Moore sat down to research and write it he didn't know all the details, but the more he learned the more he burned to tell the tale. It's a history that spans from the leather helmets of old to the rigid plastic present, with a thousand touchdowns and a few tears in between. Take a look into the *University of Minnesota Football Vault: Golden Gophers* (Whitman Publishing, 2008), by Rick Moore, and read stories that--like sports at their ideal--not only entertain but inspire. For Moore information, read [Rick Moore's Golden Gophers](#) .

PERSONAL STRATEGIES TO RIDE OUT THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN. The Sand Creek Group, an employee assistance counseling service, is offering a free Web seminar for all U employees, Jan. 7, 12-1 p.m. The seminar will provide an opportunity for employees to assess their fears regarding the financial downturn, modify or align personal and family finances, and strategize for short- and long-term financial security. To register, see [Employee Benefits](#). Those unable to participate but who would like to view a recorded version of the seminar at a later date should call Lisa Dau at 1-888-243-5744.

FORMER BOSE CORP. PRESIDENT SHERWIN GREENBLATT WILL HEADLINE THE THIRD ANNUAL QUALITY FAIR, Feb 5, 9:45 a.m.-3 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Greenblatt, who will give the keynote address, is a past interim executive vice president at MIT and currently heads the MIT Venture Mentoring Service. This year's Quality Fair theme is "Working Smarter." Sessions will highlight tools to use for improvement projects. All U employees are invited to submit Working Smarter ideas for \$25 and \$75 prizes, with a chance for a department to win \$500 if an idea is implemented. Application forms are available on the [registration site](#).

2009 BUSINESS MILEAGE RATE CHANGE: The IRS has announced changes in the standard business mileage rates. Beginning Jan. 1, the standard business mileage reimbursement rate for personal vehicle use on approved University business will decrease from 58.5 to 55 cents per mile. The standard mileage rate for moving expenses decreases from 27 to 24 cents per mile. For more information, see the rates section at Appendix D, U of M policy, [Traveling on University Business](#).

Crookston:

UMC IMPLEMENTED TWO NEW ACADEMIC AGREEMENTS with community and technical colleges in the state. UMC's Agriculture Department signed articulation agreements with Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Fergus Falls, and Minnesota West Community and Technical College, Worthington. For more information, see [agreements](#).

THE AFRICAN WORLD AIDS DAY PLANNING COMMITTEE hosted its fifth annual African World AIDS Day. The conference, held at South High School in Minneapolis, was themed "United in the Fight Against AIDS." UMC's Alvin Killough gave the keynote address, "Being Black in the United States With HIV/AIDS." The commemoration of African World AIDS Day is part of a national observance that began in 1988, marking Dec. 1 as World AIDS Day. For more information, see [World AIDS Day](#).

Duluth:

GLENSHEEN HISTORIC CONGDON ESTATE is holding its annual holiday brunch and tour, Dec. 20 and 21. Tours begin at 10 a.m., with a holiday brunch in the mansion's winter garden at 11 a.m. For tickets and more information, call 218-726-8910 or see [holiday brunch](#).

GLENSHEEN'S "Living Literature" series features a night with Truman Capote with the reading of his classic tale, *A Christmas Story*, on Dec. 18, 19, and 20, 7 p.m. For tickets and information, call 218-726-8910 or see [Glensheen](#).

MARSHAL W. ALWORTH PLANETARIUM PRESENTS ITS FINAL TWO SHOWS OF 2008. "The Star of Bethlehem" is set for Dec. 20, 7 p.m. "The Astronomical Year in Review" will take place Dec. 31, 7 p.m. For more information, see [year-end shows](#).

Morris:

THE UMM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SPONSORED the third annual Senior Banquet, Dec. 12. The event is a special occasion for the Senior Legacy Committee to announce the Class of 2009's gift to UMM. It also honors seniors who will graduate in December 2008 and May 2009.

Rochester:

UMR CHANCELLOR RECEIVES MAYOR'S MEDAL OF HONOR. On Dec. 9, UMR chancellor Stephen Lehmkuhle was one of eight recipients of the Mayor's Medal of Honor for 2008. The chancellor received his medal at a luncheon honoring those who have made a significant contribution to the city of Rochester.

Twin Cities:

THE UNIVERSITY IS OFFERING A HOME BUYING INCENTIVE PROGRAM. The University District Home Buyer Incentive Program is designed for U employees seeking to purchase a home in one of the University District neighborhoods, including Cedar Riverside/West Bank, Marcy Holmes, Prospect Park East River Road, and Southeast Como. The program was developed through a partnership among the U, the City of Minneapolis, and the West Bank, Marcy Holmes, South East Como, and Prospect Park East River Road neighborhood associations. The incentive program provides down payment or closing cost assistance through a \$10,000, 2 percent interest loan that requires no monthly payments and is forgivable over five years. The program will launch Jan. 1. For more information, see [employee home buying incentive](#).

GOPHER FOOTBALL TICKETS ARE ON SALE FOR THE INSIGHT BOWL. Minnesota (7-5) will take on Kansas (7-5) on Dec. 31, 5 p.m., Tempe, Ariz., Sun Devil Stadium. Affordable bus packages for fans start at \$325 per person. Additionally, University athletics and the Alumni Association are sponsoring the official fan bowl tour with Creative Charters. The tour includes airfare, hotel, and related transportation. For more information, see [Insight Bowl](#).

THE INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF GLOBAL CHANGE (ICGC) sponsors fellowship competitions to support graduate students at UMTC committed to the study of global change, especially as seen in the global south (particularly Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, and the Middle East) and in communities of color within North America. The center is seeking nominations of students by departments. Applications are due by Jan. 30. Awards will be announced in March. Fellowship competition materials are available from the ICGC office, 537 Heller Hall; at the [ICGC Web site](#); or by [e-mail request](#).

THE INSTITUTE FOR MATHEMATICS AND ITS APPLICATIONS will hold a public lecture entitled "Making Sense of Sensors," Jan. 22, 7 p.m., 125 Willey Hall. The lecture features Robert Ghrist of the University of Pennsylvania, and is part of the Math Matters series, which features distinguished mathematicians and scientists and is aimed at a broad audience. For more information, see [Math Matters](#).

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY CLINICS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC and include a full range of dental services. Faculty-supervised student dentists, hygienists, and dental residents provide professional care. General and specialty dental services for children and adults are available, including checkups and braces. All clinic fees are reduced to reflect the student status of the caregiver. East Bank clinic hours are M-F, 8:15 a.m.-noon, and 1:15-4 p.m. For more information, call 612-625-2495.

MORE EVENTS include "Children of the Haskalah--the Emergence of New Jewish Culture in Germany" ([Dec. 18](#)); Tin Box Art Show: Graphic Design Senior Show ([Dec. 20](#)); Men's Basketball v. Southeastern Louisiana ([Dec. 23](#)); Men's Basketball v. High Point ([Dec. 28](#)); Winter Discovery Day Camps ([Dec. 29-30](#)); Men's Basketball v. Michigan State ([Dec. 31](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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