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HOUSE PANEL VOTES TO NIX SCHOOL CLOSING IDEA The State House Appropriations Committee voted Tuesday against a bill aimed at closing several Minnesota institutions of higher learning. Instead, the committee voted to direct each of the four higher education systems in Minnesota to develop a plan for dealing with projected declining enrollments and to bring those plans back to the Legislature in 1983. Among issues the systems are to consider include geographic accessibility of institutions, possible campus mergers, and general student needs, according to Rep. Lyndon Carlson, DFL-Brooklyn Center, who chairs the Education Division of the Appropriations Committee. The original bill, which the Education Division had approved on Monday, called for the closing of one University of Minnesota outstate campus or one college at the Twin Cities campus, one of seven schools in the state University system, two of 18 community colleges, two of 33 Area Vocational Technical Institutes, and at least one University experiment station or research facility.

'A' PLAN PAY RAISE APPROVED BY REGENTS Pay plan for civil service employees in Schedule A (professional) received approval at last week's Board of Regents' meeting. The plan gives professional staff an increase of 8.25 percent retroactive to July 1, 6 percent next July 1, and 3 percent on Jan. 1, 1983. All are conversion increases, with both individual salaries and ranges increased. In addition, some funds will be available for performance increases Jan. 1, 1982 and Jan. 1, 1983.

MARIE STEVENS TO RETIRE Foreign Student Advisor Marie Stevens completes 12 years of service to the University at the end of this month. In her honor, a retirement party is being planned for 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, in the Rafters. Everyone is invited to attend.

CHILD CARE CENTER HAS OPENINGS Need a day care service for your little ones? UMD's Child Care Center currently has openings for infant-toddler age and pre-school age children, both on a part-and-full-time basis. This service is open to students, faculty and staff and community members with children. The pre-school center is located at 2627 E. 7th (Alworth House). The infant-toddler center is in Home Economics 105. The Child Care Center also is looking for a part-time janitor. He or she must be a student and be eligible for work study. For information call Emily Austgen, director, at 728-4812.

HEALTH SERVICE HOLIDAY HIATUS The Student Health Service will be closed during part of the Christmas break, Dec. 28, 29 and 30. If medical assistance is needed, students should go to one of the area hospitals, St. Luke's, St. Mary's or Miller-Dwan.

CAMPUS CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS At the annual UMD Campus Club meeting, the following were elected as new directors: Tom Duff, Greg Fox, T. John Leppi, and Mary Nash. At the board meeting, the following were elected: Don Batkins, president; T. John Leppi, vice president; Jerrold Peterson, treasurer; and Tom Duff, secretary.

THE PASSWORD IS: "WELLNESS" In an effort to educate students about illness prevention and healthy living, UMD's Health Service has added a Wellness Center. The center offers print and audio-visual materials which look at the physical, emotional, spiritual and social dimensions of health. For information, contact the Health Service, 8155.

BASIN STUDIES CENTER SEEKS EQUIPMENT The Lake Superior Basin Studies Center is seeking equipment donations for research projects. Equipment needed includes: two runabout boats, outboard motors, a boat trailer, binocular dissecting scopes, an incubator shaker, a late model car and a pickup truck, a travel trailer and a motor home which sleeps eight. All gifts are tax deductible. Want to help? Call Tom Wood, center director, 8542.

FOREIGN STUDENTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS If you would like to invite one of UMD's 145 international students into your home for a meal or a visit at some time during the upcoming break, call Marie Stevens, 7163. It can be a very rewarding experience.

NEW YORK THEATRE Interested persons may still sign up for a theatre trip to New York City over spring break (Feb. 27-March 7). Cost of the trip, including theatre productions, hotel and round trip passage, is \$429. A \$75 deposit is due by Dec. 30. For more information, contact Continuing Education and Extension, 8113, or Janis Myer, theatre, 8777.

WHAT IT IS The Faculty-Staff Newsletter accepts all kinds of announcements and news items about upcoming campus events such as seminars or lectures or other things of interest. The Newsletter is printed once a week during the academic year and is distributed on campus every Thursday. Deadline is noon on Tuesday every week. Got something of interest? Planning a film series? Sponsoring a seminar? Overthrowing the government? Let us know and we'll include it in the Newsletter. For information, call 7110 or visit Angelo Gentile, editor, in 315 Administration Building.

TAKE TWO And while we're on the subject, there will not be a Newsletter for the next two weeks. Look for it again on Jan. 7. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS (December 20 - 31)

SUNDAY, Dec. 20 -- "The Christmas Star," free public program, Marshall W. Alworth Planetarium, 3 p.m.

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THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, Dec. 31, Jan. 1,2 -- Men's Hockey: Jeno's Holiday Classic, Duluth Arena

ALL WEEK -- The Tweed Museum of Art is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and from 2 to 5 p.m. on weekends. There is no charge for admission. Current exhibits: Photographs by Sean Wilkinson; American Paintings from the permanent collection; Paintings from the Potlatch Collection; Watercolors by Deborah and David Baker; Photographs by Don Albrecht.