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THE BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVED A TCF BANK STADIUM DESIGN for UMTC in a special session Jan. 3. The 50,000-seat stadium will be a blend of brick, stone, and glass in a traditional collegiate horseshoe shape, open to the downtown Minneapolis skyline, with the potential to expand to 80,000 seats. A revised cost of \$288.5 million was also approved--an addition of \$39.8 million to be financed without added expense to taxpayers, students, or the U's academic mission. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Regents_approve_stadium_design.html .

COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC PROFESSIONALS AND ADMINISTRATORS (CAPA): The 2006-07 CAPA communications survey is the central way for CAPA to improve communications with U academic professional and administrative (P&A) staff statewide. Committee chair John Borchert urges P&A staff to participate. Read more and link to the survey at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Council_of_Academic_Professionals_and_Administrators/Survey_begins.html .

FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF THE NEW UMTC HONORS PROGRAM is Serge Rudaz, professor and director of undergraduate studies, School of Physics and Astronomy. He will work with colleges to integrate current, college-based honors programs into a single, more visible campuswide program. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070105_3087&page=UMNN .

PEOPLE: New VP for university relations Karen Himle joined the U Jan. 9; new federal relations team is Channing Riggs and Dan Gilchrist; and more. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html .

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

University-wide:

2007 LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING AND RECEPTION is an opportunity for faculty, staff, students, and alumni to join President Bruininks for an insider's look at the U's 2007 legislative request. The U seeks \$123.4 million in new state funds in its 2008-2009 biennial budget request, with stated goals of ensuring the U's continued excellence and helping to build for the future of the U and the state. Learn what you can do as an advocate and network with others who care about the U. Light dinner buffet followed by a program; short training sessions available. Jan. 24, 5:30-8 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. Register by Jan. 18, 5 p.m., at <http://www.supporttheU.umn.edu> or by calling Emily Johnston at 612-625-8739.

SAVE THE DATE: QUALITY FAIR, Jan. 25, 8 a.m.-noon, McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/osci> .

THE U WILL HOST "RISK AND RESPONSE TO GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE: Lessons From Cross-National Social Science Research," an international conference of leading scholars. Free, but registration is requested. Jan. 25-26, Humphrey Center, UMTC. See <http://igs.cla.umn.edu/research/conferences.html> .

PRESENTATION PROPOSALS FOR THE SPRING TEACHING AND LEARNING CONFERENCE are now being accepted. On April 23, the U-wide Academy of Distinguished Teachers, UMTC Center for Teaching and Learning, and UMTC Digital Media Center, with support from the Bush Foundation, will sponsor a conference, "Enhancing Student Learning: Conversations About Research and Practice," at the McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. The call for proposals and information about the conference, including keynote speaker, are posted at <http://www.adt.umn.edu/conference07> . Online registration will open in March. For more information, contact Karen Zentner Bacig at kbacig@umn.edu or 612-624-5082.

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. All U employees, relatives, and friends are encouraged to help prepare pharmacy students for this new professional responsibility. An advanced-standing pharmacy student, with an experienced faculty member present, conducts a comprehensive assessment of a patient's medication-related needs. Free, though donations are accepted. For more information or an appointment, call 612-625-7929.

APPROACHING DEADLINE: 2007 DISTINGUISHED WOMEN SCHOLARS AWARDS. These annual awards are made to two women faculty members: one in science and engineering, another in humanities, social sciences, and the arts. Nomination deadline to college deans: Jan. 19; final nominations to the Graduate School: Jan. 29. For more information, see <http://www.grad.umn.edu/faculty-staff/funding/OUW> .

INITIATIVE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT (IREE) UPCOMING EVENTS include the Second Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) Conference (Jan. 16-17); in the Energy Seminar Series, "Scientific Challenges in Sustainable Energy Technology," by Nate Lewis (Jan. 17) and "Will It Be Corn Ethanol or Prairie Biofuels?" by David Tilman (Jan. 24); a roundtable, "Minnesota's Stake in Plug-in Hybrid Vehicles" (Jan. 18); and a biofuels symposium, "Pathways Toward a Renewable Energy Future" (Feb. 1). For more information, see <http://www.iree.umn.edu/events.html> .

Crookston:

THE FUTURE OF UMC ATHLETICS will be announced today by Chancellor Casey. As part of UMC's strategic positioning process, an 18-member committee comprehensively reviewed the Golden Eagles program and filed a report Nov. 27. The report identified critical issues and options for conference affiliations. About one quarter of UMC students are involved in athletics on campus. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story426.html> (today's schedule), <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story406.html> (Nov. 27 news release), and <http://www.umcrookston.edu/planning/strategic/arcindex.htm> (athletic review committee report).

CHANCELLOR EMERITUS Donald Sargeant, who joined the campus in 1970, led UMC 1985-2003, and most recently directed UMC's international programs through a period of rapid growth, was honored at a retirement party Dec. 20. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story423.html> .

Duluth:

"THE HISTORY OF PRINTMAKING" AND "THE LOUISIANA SERIES," collections of prints by U.S. printmaker Warrington Colescott, are on display in a suite presentation until Jan. 11, Tweed Museum of Art. The works are Colescott's tribute to his family roots and are presented as part of the 2006-07 National Print Biennial in Minnesota. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/tma> .

"TO 'D' OR NOT TO 'D'--IS VITAMIN D REALLY MAGIC?" by Michael Slag, Department of Endocrinology, St. Mary's/Duluth Clinic, is next in the Doc Talks lecture series sponsored by the U of M Medical School Duluth. Free and open to the public. Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m., 142 Medical School Duluth. See <http://www.med.umn.edu/duluth/research/doctalks/home.html> .

"REESTABLISHING CONNECTIONS TO OUR WATERWAYS," a three-part interactive speaker series by the Northern Minnesota component of the American Institute of Architects, will feature the U of M Sea Grant Program along with architects, city planners, water resource specialists, and community members. The series is funded by the AIA's new community service program, Blueprint for America. The first program will be Jan. 16, 7 p.m., Northern Lights Theater, Fitger's. For more information, see <http://www.seagrants.umn.edu/news> and <http://www.aia-mn.org> .

Morris:

"MANY FACES OF ASIA" is the theme of Asian Awareness Week, Jan. 22-27. The cultural extravaganza will feature traditional dances, a silent auction, fashion show, and dinner. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/umnnews/View.php?itemID=1963> .

Rochester:

THE UMR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approved negotiations with Galleria Mall in downtown Rochester for temporary use of space to accommodate short-term U expansion, the first step in a long-term plan to develop the UMR campus. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070109_3091&page=UMNN .

Twin Cities:

HEADLINERS: "THE NEXT GENERATION OF BIOFUELS." Regents Professor of Ecology David Tilman will discuss his path-breaking research on converting prairie grass into renewable biofuels. Jan. 11, 7 p.m., Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul. \$10. Headliners are monthly discussions with U and community experts on topics in current events. See <http://www.cce.umn.edu/enrichment/headliners> .

MUSIC FOR MARTIN, the 26th annual concert to honor the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be presented by the Office of the VP and Vice Provost for Equity and Diversity and the School of Music. Grammy Award-winning Sounds of Blackness and local a cappella group 4given will perform. Free and open to the public; no tickets or reservations required. Jan. 21, 4 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=061219_3075&page=UMNN or <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=398936:event=115262> .

CENTER FOR WRITING spring workshops and panel discussions for instructors will be "In-Class Writing: Brief, Low-Stakes, and Potent" (Jan. 30); "Devising Effective Writing Assignments" (Feb. 7); "Portfolio Grading" (Feb. 15); "Online Response to Student Writing" (Feb. 21); "What's Grammar Got to Do With It?" (Feb. 28); and "Grading Student Writing" (March 7). The first session (Jan. 30) will be noon-1:30 p.m., 101 Walter Library; lunch will be provided to those who register by Jan. 26. To get details or register, see <http://writing.umn.edu/home/events.htm> or call 612-612-7579.

NOMINATE A STUDENT for the President's Student Leadership and Service Award, which recognizes accomplishments and contributions of outstanding student leaders at UMTC. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional students are eligible. Faculty, staff, and students can make nominations. Nominees also will become candidates for the 2007 U of M Alumni Association (UMAA) Student Leadership Award, 2007 Donald R. Zander Award for Outstanding Student Leadership, and 2007 Mary A. McEvoy Award for Public Service and Leadership; each is accompanied by a financial scholarship. Deadline: Feb. 14. See <http://www.sao.umn.edu/leadership/awards> or contact dussa001@umn.edu or 612-624-8697.

SAVE ON LANDMARK AND OTHER THEATER TICKETS: The Coffman Union information desk now carries discount tickets to Landmark theaters in addition to AMC, Mann, Muller, Regal, and Crown. Save \$1.50 to \$2.50 per ticket. See <http://www.coffman.umn.edu/info/movies.php> .

"SHOULD THE UNITED NATIONS BE ABOLISHED?" will be the topic of a lecture by renowned French journalist Pierre-Edouard Deldique. Jan. 22, 7 p.m., Wilkins Room, 215 Humphrey Center. In French; free and open to the public, but registration requested by Jan. 19: call 612-332-0436. Sponsored by Alliance Francaise, Humphrey Institute for Public Affairs, and Minneapolis-Tours Sister Cities Association (MTSCA). For more information, contact MTSCA representative Ed Coughlin, edcough@hotmail.com .

"DUAL USE AND NATIONAL SECURITY," presented by David Relman, Stanford U, will explore U.S. efforts to conduct scientifically sound risk-benefit analyses to craft regulation preventing the misuse of biological knowledge as a security threat while ensuring that legitimate research is not impeded. Third in the 2006-07 Lunch Series on the Societal Implications of the Life Sciences. Jan. 25, 12:15-1:30 p.m., Coffman Theater. For a free box lunch, register by Jan. 19: lawvalue@umn.edu or 612-625-0055. See http://www.lifesci.consortium.umn.edu/news_and_events .

MORE EVENTS include the annual Physics Circus (Jan. 11); "Touch the Sky: Human Photographs by Jim Brandenburg" (extended through Jan. 14); and Cafe Scientific: "Human Hearing and the Frog Chorus," with ecology, evolution, and behavior faculty member Mark Bee (Jan. 16). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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GENERAL COMPENSATION FOR FACULTY AND STAFF is a primary component (\$69.5 million) of the U's \$123.4 million request to the legislature for the 2008-2009 biennium, since the U is a people-driven institution with nearly two-thirds of its budget devoted to salaries. The entire request focuses on (1) sustaining quality and competitiveness and (2) creating Minnesota's future. Register by Jan. 18 to attend the Legislative Briefing, Jan. 24, 5:30-8 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. Learn how you can support the U. Light dinner buffet followed by a program; short training sessions available. Read a summary of the request at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/U_makes_push_for_increased_state_funding.html .

CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES MAKE A DIFFERENCE: Debra Haessly, administrative director of the School of Kinesiology and winner of the 2006 Civil Service and Bargaining Unit (CSBU) Staff Award, was nominated for the award by professor and director Mary Jo Kane. The deadline for the 2007 CSBU Staff Award is Feb. 15--take this opportunity to nominate a staff member who makes a difference in your work day. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Civil_Service_Committee/Recognize_a_U_staff_member.html .

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SPOTLIGHT: APPRENTICE TO CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. UMD marketing professor John Kratz applies *The Apprentice* as a framework for students to create marketing campaigns, and it's producing great results. One campaign is raising public awareness of methamphetamine. The campaign is just one outcome of Kratz's decision to work with UMD's Office of Civic Engagement to identify meaningful partnerships in the Duluth community. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_for_Public_Engagement/Apprentice_to_civic_engagement.html .

INSTITUTE ON THE ENVIRONMENT'S 15 FOUNDING FELLOWS, named last week, will be Susan Galatowitsch, Sagar Goyal, Lucinda Johnson, Anne Kapuscinski, Bradley Karkkainen, David Mulla, Lance Neckar, Paige Novak, Christopher Paola, Stephan Polasky, Lanny Schmidt, Richard Skaggs, David Tilman, Lawrence Wackett, and Elizabeth Wilson. The new institute, led by interim director Deborah Swackhamer, will coordinate U-wide environmental resources to make it easier for researchers to share knowledge. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070112_3102&page=UMNN .

PEOPLE: UMM vice chancellor for student affairs Sandra Olson-Loy has been appointed to the Commission on Judicial Selection by the Minnesota Supreme Court; UMD professor James Boulger won the Lake Superior Medical Society President's Award; retired professor Brad Pedersen was honored by the Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association; U of M Foundation's new VP of marketing and communications is Lisa Meyer; Graduate School's 2006 Distinguished Master's Thesis Award winner; and more. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html .

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University-wide:

QUALITY FAIR PROMOTES INNOVATION: The U's first Quality Fair will feature innovative ideas from staff and faculty across the state. More than 50 poster and breakout sessions will address topics such as executing strategy through a balanced scorecard and fostering engaged learning inside and outside the classroom. Keynote speaker Doug Lennick, Lennick Aberman Group, will address aligning personal values, aspirations, and behavior with organizational strategy and culture. With the theme of the Great University of Minnesota Get-Together, the fair will feature prizes, mini-donuts, and cotton candy. Jan. 25, 8 a.m.-noon, McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. Sponsored by the Office of Service and Continuous Improvement and the improvement liaisons. To register or get more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/osci/fair.html> . Presentations will be streamed live online the day of the event; advance testing of your computer's reception capabilities is recommended.

BOARD OF REGENTS: Names of 11 finalists, including two incumbents, for four open seats have been forwarded by the Regent Candidate Advisory Council to Gov. Pawlenty. By Feb. 15, he will forward at least one name for each seat to the legislature for a vote. Public interviews will be held at a date to be announced. Finalists for the Fifth Congressional District seat are incumbent Peter Bell (Minneapolis), Pat O'Connor (Golden Valley), and Jacob Sullivan (Minneapolis); for the two at-large seats, incumbent Cynthia Leshner (New Brighton), Linda Cohen (Minnetonka), John Derus (Minneapolis), Rondi Erickson (Duluth), and Dean Johnson (Willmar); for the student at-large seat, Stephen Barrows (Minneapolis), Maureen Cisneros (West St. Paul), and Venora Hung (Golden Valley). Current regents Berman (at-large) and Ransom (student) did not seek reelection. For more information, see <http://www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/rcac> .

TEACHING QUESTION? If you sometimes wish you could pick up the phone or send a quick e-mail message to a faculty colleague about a teaching question, the U-wide Academy of Distinguished Teachers (ADT) offers just such a resource. See <http://www.adt.umn.edu/rfaculty.html> for a list, by topic, of ADT members willing to be contacted. For more information, contact Karen Zentner Bacig, Office of the Senior VP for Academic Affairs and Provost, kbacig@umn.edu .

THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY AFFAIRS will sponsor Good Laboratory Practice (GLP), a one-day training course, Feb. 28, Continuing Education Conference Center, St. Paul. The course covers federal regulations for GLP in 21 CFR Part 58. \$250 for anyone with U affiliation. Faculty, staff, and students can register at <https://onestop2.umn.edu/training/category.jsp?category=CONTSUBST> . For more information, contact Dawn Walden, walde010@umn.edu .

NOMINATIONS FOR THE JOSIE R. JOHNSON HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD are due Feb. 9. The award honors current faculty, staff, and students who have made exceptional contributions in the areas of human rights and social justice. Nominations must be made by U faculty, staff, or students. For details, see http://www.academic.umn.edu/equity/awards/josie_johnson.html . For more information, contact Sue Hancock, hanco004@umn.edu .

NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS are due Feb. 28. The awards recognize outstanding faculty, staff, or U-affiliated community members who have devoted their time and talent to make substantial, enduring contributions to the public good and well-being of society. Those given to faculty and staff will carry a continuous salary award annually during their employment at the U. All U faculty and staff are eligible. For details and a list of previous award recipients, see <http://www.engagement.umn.edu/awards> .

Crookston:

UMC ATHLETES WILL CONTINUE TO COMPETE AT THE NCAA DIVISION II LEVEL as part of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, Chancellor Casey announced last week. He reaffirmed UMC's commitment to the conference, to investing in competitive success, and to finding a solution that will keep the intercollegiate Golden Eagle hockey program on campus. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story428.html> .

"SANCTUARIES AND ARTIFICIAL REEFS as Ecosystem Management Alternatives in the Great Lakes" will be presented by Stephen Bortone, Minnesota Sea Grant College director, UMD. Jan. 18, 3 p.m., Youngquist Auditorium. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story430.html> .

Duluth:

GEOLOGY OF PRECAMBRIAN ROCK is the focus of a new center for undergraduate and graduate students, formed by UMD's Natural Resources Research Institute and Department of Geological Sciences in partnership with the Minnesota Geological Survey. Bedrock formed during the Precambrian Era holds much of the world's deposits of iron ore, but students are often not trained to map it. This summer, the center will launch a six-week, six-credit field camp open to North American students, including a week of mapping and primitive camping in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/unirel/homepage/07/precambrian.html> or contact Jim Miller, mille066@umn.edu , or Dean Peterson, dpeters1@nrri.umn.edu .

INTERIM SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN OF THE U OF M MEDICAL SCHOOL DULUTH is Gary Davis, professor and head, Department of Behavioral Sciences. He will continue as department head and serve as associate director of the Center for Rural Mental Health Studies. Dean Richard Ziegler's term ended in 2006. A search for a permanent senior associate dean to lead medical school programs at UMD is underway. For more information, see <http://www.med.umn.edu/duluth/NewsReleases/Davisinterimdean.html> .

Morris:

SIX AREA LEGISLATORS and approximately 50 campus and community residents attended the district meeting the U held Jan. 12. A green-campus tour and the meeting were followed by a reception in honor of UMM and the City of Morris receiving the Carter Partnership Award for Campus-Community Collaboration last fall. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/greencampus> (green campus) and <http://www.morris.umn.edu/umnnews/View.php?itemID=1647> (award).

Twin Cities:

THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE TOURED UMTC JAN. 11. Sites included the McGuire Translational Research Building, the Nanofabrication Center in the Electrical Engineering/Computer Science Building, and the media lab in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Legislators heard from VPs Jones and Mulcahy and Vice Provost Swan about strategic positioning and alignment with the biennial budget, the importance of research to the state, and benefits of a research university education to undergraduates. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/govrel> .

THE WOMEN'S FACULTY CABINET Web site is now live at <http://www.umn.edu/home/wfc> . The cabinet provides leadership to improve and enrich the academic and professional environments for women faculty at UMTC and is sponsored by the Office of the Senior VP for Academic Affairs and Provost. Cabinet members are Elizabeth Arendt, Heidi Barajas, Carol Chomsky, Rhonda Drayton, Tasoulla Hadjiyanni, and Peggy Nelson.

"MINNESOTA'S STATE IN PLUG-IN HYBRID VEHICLES" will address how Minnesota can lead and contribute to the developing field of hybrid vehicle technologies by bringing together potential stakeholders, exploring opportunities and obstacles for moving Minnesota initiatives forward, and building awareness of the plug-in hybrid technology and its potential. This roundtable discussion is sponsored by the Center for Transportation Studies, the Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment, and the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs State and Local Policy Program, and in cooperation with the Center for Diesel Research. Jan. 18, 8 a.m.-noon, Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul. Free. For more information and registration, see <http://www.cts.umn.edu/events> or RSVP to cts@umn.edu .

SAVE THE DATE: UMAA 2007 VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP SUMMIT. All UMAA national, society, and chapter volunteers are invited to participate in a forum to share ideas and celebrate support for the U. Presentations, interactive sessions, roundtable and panel discussions, networking, and a chance to see the Gopher women's hockey team take on Bemidji State U. Feb. 10, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. See <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/summit> or call 612-626-0425.

ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO ENTER A POSTER COMPETITION ON COMMUNICATING SCIENCE, sponsored by the U's chapter of Sigma Xi, the global honor society of science and engineering. Abstracts due Jan. 31; competition will be March 6, Great Hall, Coffman Union. Posters will be judged for excellence in communicating science to an educated, non-specialist audience. Graduate and undergraduates may enter by submitting title, authors, and short abstract (less than 200 words) to Michael Russelle at russelle@umn.edu .

LUNCH DISCUSSIONS ON ANY ASPECT OF TIME, speculative or concrete, are part of the University Symposium on Time, organized by the Institute for Advanced Study. Lunch is included for those who reserve a place, but all are welcome. Jan. 18, noon-1:30 p.m., Carlson Private Dining Services, ground floor, CASO. For more information, see <http://www.ias.umn.edu/symposium.php> ; reservations: ias@umn.edu or 612-626-5054.

MORE EVENTS include "Who Needs Identity?" (Jan. 17); "Making Sense of a Complex World," a public lecture sponsored by the Institute for Mathematics and Its Applications (Jan. 18); "The Art of the Start: Guy Kawasaki" (Jan. 19); Music for Martin 26th annual free concert to honor the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at the Ted Mann Concert Hall (Jan. 21); "Should the UN Be Abolished?" (Jan. 22). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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A NEW TICKETING SYSTEM FOR U EVENTS DEBUTED THIS MONTH to provide better service and features for students, faculty and staff, and the general public. The system, which is being phased in, went online Jan. 4 for Northrop Auditorium, Rarig Center, and Ted Mann Concert Hall at UMTC and is projected to be ready for the UMD fine arts festival this spring and for UMTC athletics by June 15. Ticketing is just one of more than 50 projects that will be featured at the first-ever U-wide Quality Fair, Jan. 25, 8 a.m.-noon, McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. Presentations will be streamed live at <http://www.umn.edu/osci/fair.html> . Read more about the enterprize ticketing system at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/U_introduces_new_ticketing_system.html .

THE ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER HAS NAMED CROOKSTON as the site of the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) for northwestern Minnesota. AHECs provide federal and state support to improve health care in medically underserved areas by training more doctors, nurses, and dentists. Crookston will become the state's fourth AHEC site, joining Fergus Falls, Hibbing, and Willmar. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Improving_health_care_in_northwestern_Minnesota.html .

U RESPONDS TO GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: President Bruininks gave a mixed review to the governor's budget proposal for the 2008-2009 biennium, unveiled Monday. Gov. Pawlenty recommended funding half of the U's request, with full support for the research-focused portions and none for the education and general compensation portions. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070123_3124&page=UMNN . Learn more about the U's budget request at <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/govrel> .

PEOPLE: Regents Professor Ronald Phillips is cowinner of the 2007 Wolf Prize in Agriculture; Robert Kudrle succeeds G. Edward Schuh as the Humphrey Center's Freeman Chair. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html .

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University-wide:

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THE McKNIGHT LAND-GRANT PROFESSORSHIP PROGRAM marks its 20th anniversary this year. The 2007 recipients, named by the Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost and the Graduate School this month, are UMTC faculty members Daniel Bond, microbiology and BioTechnology Institute; Kathleen Collins, political science; Christy Haynes, chemistry; Karen Ho, anthropology; Nihar Jindal, electrical and computer engineering; Marta Lewicka, mathematics; Helene Muller-Landau, ecology, evolution, and behavior; William Schuler, computer science and engineering; Kathleen Vohs, Carlson School of Management; Christophe Wall-Romana, French and Italian; and Chun Wang, biomedical engineering. They will be honored by the Board of Regents in March. For more information, see http://www.grad.umn.edu/faculty-staff/mcknight/land_grant_recipients.html .

THE OFFICE FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT has announced 33 projects, with a total of 47 principal investigators at UMD and UMTC, to receive 2006-07 Public Engagement Seed Grants. The grants allow U faculty, staff, and students to work with their communities to bring about change. See <http://www.engagement.umn.edu/awards> .

DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARDS FOR INTERNATIONALS honor leadership by U international alumni, former students, and friends to highlight outstanding contributions around the world as a result of their association with the U. Nomination deadline for 2007 awards is Feb. 1. For more information, see <http://www.international.umn.edu/awards/leader/leader.html> .

FOUR TYPES OF AWARDS are made by the Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment, and the Life Sciences to address broad, societal implications of related problems. Proposal deadlines are Feb. 5 for (1) individual faculty and (2) departments, programs, and centers; and Feb. 19 for (3) graduate/professional students and (4) members of the consortium and the Joint Degree Program in Law, Health, and the Life Sciences. See <http://www.lifesci.consortium.umn.edu/rfps> or contact boyle032@umn.edu or 612-626-5624.

DEADLINE FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS for the U-wide Teaching and Learning Conference is Jan. 29. The topic is "Enhancing Student Learning: Conversations About Research and Practice." Sponsored by the Academy of Distinguished Teachers, UMTC Center for Teaching and Learning, and UMTC Digital Media Center, with support from the Bush Foundation. April 23, McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. See <http://www.adt.umn.edu/conference07> .

NEXT MEETING OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE will be Jan. 31, 9 a.m.-noon, 238A Morrill Hall, UMTC. All civil service staff members are welcome. See the agenda at <http://www.umn.edu/csc> .

SEARCH CAPABILITY FOR INTERNET-DELIVERED COURSES, created by the Office of the Registrar, is now available on the University Catalogs Web page. Users can identify U courses delivered entirely or in part on the Internet. Read more in this month's edition of *The Record* at http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/Services/News_Events_and_Activities/Record.html .

THE REVISED STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT, amended by the Board of Regents Dec. 8, is posted under "Academic" at <http://www.umn.edu/regents/polindex.html> .

Crookston:

"THE POWER OF A DREAM" will be presented by civil rights activist and Olympic gold medalist Tommie Smith. Jan. 25, 4 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. A reception will follow. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story431.html> .

THE 32ND ANNUAL AG-ARAMA will be dedicated to Dave Hoff, whose career at UMC spanned 38 years until he retired in 2005. Ag-Arama features contests in agronomy, animal science, horticulture, and natural resources. Students showcase knowledge and skills in their major area of study and interact with alumni and faculty members. Jan. 26-27, U Teaching and Outreach Center. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story432.html> .

QUALITY FAIR EXHIBITOR FROM UMC will be Kevin Thompson on exceptional support for online students. Jan. 25, UMTC. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story435.html> .

Duluth:

COLLECTIONS OF THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY NORTHEAST MINNESOTA HISTORICAL CENTER, housed at UMD since 1976, are coming under the oversight and day-to-day operations of UMD historical archivist Patricia Maus this month. The collections date back to 1830; categories include social history, iron mining, Lake Superior shipping, lumbering, and development of Duluth, regional railroads, and the Duluth-Superior port. Minnesota and St. Louis Historical Society members will continue to have input about the center's contents. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/nemhc> .

TWO WORKSHOPS ON INNOVATIVE TEACHING will be presented Jan. 30 by Karl Smith, professor of engineering education at Purdue U and Morse-Alumni Distinguished Teaching Professor, civil engineering, UMTC: "The Rigorous Design of Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in the Sciences," 9:30-11 a.m., Kirby Student Center Ballroom C, "Engaging Students in Large Classes Though Active and Cooperative Learning," 2-3:30 p.m., Ballroom B. Sponsored by the Instructional Development Service, Bush Foundation Grant for Enhancing Student Learning Through Innovative Teaching and Technology, and University Education Association.

"THE CASE AGAINST PLUTO: Why Our Ninth Planet Failed to Meet the Requirements for Membership" will be presented today, 7 p.m., Marshall W. Alworth Planetarium. The Astronomy Club will lead a discussion. Free and open to the public. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/~planet> .

Morris:

PLAN-IT-GREEN (PIG) is a pilot program in which UMM and community volunteers will share expertise in sustainability and environmental issues with area fifth- and sixth-graders. A sustainability festival, supported by a grant from the Jeffers Foundation, will be Feb. 17, 1-4 p.m., Science atrium and laboratories. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnnews/View.php?itemID=2269> .

QUALITY FAIR EXHIBITORS FROM UMM will include the Center for Small Towns and the Global Teaching Program. Jan. 25, UMTC. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnnews/View.php?itemID=2263> .

Twin Cities:

CAMPUS FOOD AND BEVERAGE SURVEY: GIVE YOUR INPUT. Faculty and staff are invited to provide information for the Retail Dining Work Group, which is working on the upcoming U-wide food-and-beverage request for proposals. Take a short survey (seven questions) at <http://www.uservices.umn.edu/umfoodbev> to help gain a better understanding of what is important to UMTC dining services customers.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE ACADEMIC OUTCOMES FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES, made by a strategic positioning task force chaired by professors Mary Jo Kane and Perry Leo and announced last week, include better data collection of academic information for effective monitoring, a summer bridge program, better access to academic programs relevant to student-athletes' interests, maintaining contact with those who leave the U before graduation, and better integration with the broader U community. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070119_3118&page=NS .

FIRST ADAPTED SPORTS CLUB will launch a membership drive with a wheelchair basketball exhibition featuring the Courage Center's athletes. Jan. 26, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Rec Center. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070116_3108&page=NS .

ENJOY GOPHER SPORTS this semester--and help build campus community--with reduced-price tickets for faculty and staff. Cheer on Coach Jim Molinari and the men's basketball team when they play Penn State at Williams Arena, Jan. 27, 11:15 a.m.; tickets are \$15 while supplies last. The discount is also available for games vs. Iowa (Feb. 7, 7 p.m.) and Michigan (Feb. 24, 1:30 p.m.). Tickets are available at the U of M Bookstores in Coffman Union and the St. Paul Student Center and the ticket office in Mariucci Arena. Watch for men's gymnastics (Feb. 17), women's gymnastics (Feb. 24), baseball (March 24), and softball (April 14). This special offer is available through a joint initiative of U governance and athletics.

"NEW NEUROSCIENCE, OLD LEGAL PROBLEMS: The Case of Juvenile Responsibility" will be presented by Stephen Morse, U of Pennsylvania, as the fourth annual Deinard Memorial Lecture on Law and Medicine. Feb. 1, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Coffman Theater. Free and open to the public, but registration is requested by Jan. 30. E-mail lawvalue@umn.edu or call 612-625-0055. See http://www.lifesci.consortium.umn.edu/news_and_events .

SAVE ON WINTER FUN: The Coffman Union information desk offers discounted ski passes for Spirit Mountain and Wild Mountain--save as much as \$17. Discounted tickets are also available for lots of indoor activities, including the Science Museum and Children's Museum. See <http://www.coffman.umn.edu/info> .

THURSDAYS AT FOUR: Upcoming topics are "The Invention of Race in the European Middle Ages" (Jan. 28); "The Trouble With Time: Personal and Public Narratives in Memoir and History" (Feb. 1); and "Performing Polarities: Activist Theatre in Israel-Palestine" (Feb. 8). See <http://www.ias.umn.edu> .

MORE EVENTS include Legislative Briefing (Jan. 24); local M.D. Lynne Eldridge on her book, *Avoiding Cancer One Day at a Time* (Jan. 25); "Risk and Response to Global Environmental Change," a conference (Jan. 25-26); public reception for Critical Translations art exhibition at the Nash Gallery (Jan. 26, exhibit runs through Feb. 15); Chinese New Year party (Jan. 28); "Globalizing Justice: Do Human Rights Trials Really Work?" by Regents Professor Kathryn Sikkink (Jan. 29); "Sudan at the Crossroads: Two Years After Signing the Comprehensive Peace Agreement," by Norwegian diplomat Tom Vraalsen (Jan. 30); "A New Era of Conflict," by U.S. coordinator for counterterrorism Henry Crumpton (Jan. 31); "Whose America Is It? A Policy Discussion on Economic Migration and the American Dream" (Jan. 31). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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TRANSFORMING THE U: THE FIRST QUALITY FAIR attracted more than 800 staff and faculty members from every campus last week. Best practices and improvement projects were showcased by 53 exhibitors in a festive atmosphere. "Standardization of Services," presented by University Services, won first place; UMD and the School of Dentistry also won top awards. Other projects recognized were sponsored by UMC, College of Liberal Arts at UMTC, Office of Human Resources, and Medical School. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_of_Service_and_Continuous_Improvement/Quality_Fair_generates_big_energy.html .

UMTC IS ONE OF 76 INSTITUTIONS IN THE NEW COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT classification, an elective category in the Carnegie Foundation's system for comparing colleges and universities nationwide. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_for_Public_Engagement/A_national_leader_in_community_engagement.html .

PEOPLE: Gopher men's basketball interim coach Jim Molinari got a law degree before his love of athletics and teaching took over his career. He's also an uncompromising advocate for student-athlete success in the classroom. Faculty and staff still have a chance to see Molinari and the team in action with reduced-price tickets Feb. 7 and 24. Read a profile of the coach at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/A_love_of_teaching.html .

AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS: See

http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html .

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University-wide:

SOME OF THE NATION'S TOP BIOFUEL EXPERTS will meet at a symposium, "Pathways Toward a Renewable Energy Future," Feb. 1, 1:30-4:30 p.m., St. Paul Student Center, UMTC. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070118_3114&page=UMNN .

"DIVERSITY IN COMMUNICATIONS," hosted by the Communicators Forum, will feature VP and vice provost for equity and diversity Rusty Barcelo. She will describe her vision for portraying diversity on U campuses honestly and respectfully, common pitfalls and stereotypes, and how the U will measure progress and successes related to diversity and equity. The U community is invited to attend this free program. Feb. 7, 3-4:30 p.m., Campus Club, Coffman Union. Register by Feb. 5 by e-mailing james052@umn.edu . Participate via Breeze on the Web by contacting obrie136@umn.edu . For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/umcf/event> .

"DIVERSITY THROUGH THE DISCIPLINES" FORUM will highlight research conducted by recipients of the President's Faculty Multicultural Research Award: Kathy Fennelly, Humphrey Institute for Public Affairs, and Helga Leitner, geography; Erika Lee, history; David Martinez, American Indian studies; and Deniz Ones and Stephan Dichert, psychology. Feb. 8, 2:30-4:30 p.m., President's Room, Coffman Union, UMTC. This is the second of three programs; the third will be March 8. See <http://academic.umn.edu/system/projects/pfmra.html> .

REORGANIZATION OF THE U'S TECH TRANSFER PROGRAM is designed to reinvigorate commercialization of U research. Patents and Technology Marketing (PTM) and the Office of Business Development (OBD) have been reorganized into the Office for Technology Commercialization (OTC). OTC oversees all aspects of technology commercialization at the U through its twin centers: the Licensing Center (formerly PTM), which manages patent and licensing functions, and the Venture Center (formerly OBD), which assists in the creation of U-based startups. Both functions have been consolidated at OTC's new location in University Enterprise Laboratories in St. Paul. For more information, contact umotc@umn.edu or 612-624-0550 or see <http://www.research.umn.edu/techcomm> .

TECHNOLOGY-ENHANCED LEARNING (TEL) GRANTS support instructors in developing, implementing, and evaluating projects with programmatic potential that improve educational access, enhance community, and/or incorporate emerging technology such as educational games, simulations, digital audio, and/or digital video. Deadline for 2007 grant proposals: Feb. 13. For more information, see <http://dmc.umn.edu/grants> .

SHOP ONLINE AT THE U: Looking for a gift for a birthday, anniversary, Valentine's Day, or other special occasion? Check out the new UMart Web site for a selection of U products. Shop online, buy from multiple departments with a single transaction, and pay by credit card. See <http://umart.umn.edu> and choose "U Products." If your department has a product you'd like to list, contact umart@umn.edu .

Crookston:

THE ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RECRUITMENT PROGRAM new director is Sean Shin. Shin brought ESL to UMC in fall 2005, working as a visiting professor in UMC's Learning Abroad Center. The ESL program became part of the curriculum in June 2006 and has grown significantly, largely through Shin's efforts in collaboration with chancellor emeritus Don Sargeant and study abroad coordinator Rae French. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story443.html> .

"HOW DO YOU MEND A BROKEN HEART?" a talk on preventing heart disease in women, by Anne Taylor, associate dean for faculty affairs for the Medical School, UMTC, will be webcast Feb. 2, 12:20-1:15 p.m., 116 Kiehle Building. Free and open to the public; refreshments will be served. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story438.html> .

Duluth:

"COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: A DIALOGUE," a conference on the development of community support systems for building healthy families, aims to foster collaboration between faculty and community professionals working on issues of healthy child and family development. The keynote speech will be delivered by Martha Erickson, director of the Harris Program, Center for Early Education and Development, UMTC. Hosted by the UMD departments of psychology and education. Feb 2, 9 a.m.-noon, Rafters Room, third floor, Kirby Student Center. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2007/January/24.html> .

SEVENTH ANNUAL NEW MUSIC FESTIVAL will feature the contemporary chamber music ensemble Zeitgeist, one of the oldest and most successful new-music groups in the country. Founded in 1977, Zeitgeist's unique instrumentation includes percussion, piano, and woodwinds. Hosted by the Department of Music. Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Tickets: adults \$8, seniors \$6, students \$5. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/music> .

Morris:

THE TOURNÉES FILM FESTIVAL will bring five award-winning movies from the francophone world to Morris beginning this week, thanks to the student organization Entre Nous and the French faculty. Films will run Sundays for five weeks: Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, and March 4, 7 p.m., Edson Auditorium. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnews/View.php?itemID=2314> .

WOMEN'S WEEK events will include an Editor's Roundtable bag lunch, Feb. 5, 11:30 a.m., Alumni Room, Student Center; Poetry Blowout, Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium; Red Shirt Day, Feb. 6; Soup and Substance discussion on feminism, Feb. 7, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Oyate Hall, Student Center; discussion on women in math and sciences, Feb. 8, 6 p.m., Alumni Room, Student Center; and the Vagina Monologues, Feb. 9-10, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnews/View.php?itemID=2332> .

Twin Cities:

DIGITAL MEDIA CENTER (DMC) FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS provide instructors with \$20,000 for release time to explore technology, learning, and teaching issues; share project outcomes and research findings; and develop leadership and scholarship skills at program events and biweekly meetings. Applicants must be UMTC faculty members or academic professionals with primary responsibility for teaching courses. Deadline for 2007-08 fellowship applications: Feb. 20. For more information, see <http://dmc.umn.edu/fellowship> .

"ENGAGING STUDENTS IN DIGITAL WRITING" is the topic of a panel discussion including Chris Anson, professor of English and director of North Carolina State U's campus writing and speaking program, and U professors Lee-Ann Kastman Breuch, rhetoric, and Thom Swiss, curriculum and instruction. Feb. 1, 3-4:30 p.m., 101 Walter Library. Registration requested. See <http://www.writing.umn.edu/lrs/speakerseries.htm> or call 612-626-7579.

"WHO'S GOT THE STORY? Memoir as History/History as Memoir" conference series resumes with a panel of journalists who have also published memoirs: June Cross, *Secret Daughter*; Samuel Freedman, *Who She Was*; and Annette Kobak, *Joe's War*. They will appear in three events: Jan. 31, reading and discussing their work, with U professors Patricia Hampl and Elaine Tyler May moderating, 7:30 p.m, Weisman Art Museum; Feb. 1, as part of the Thursdays at Four series, 4 p.m., 125 Nolte Center; and Feb. 1, in a panel discussion, with U professor Madelon Sprengnether moderating, 7:30 p.m., 140 Nolte Center. See <http://www.whosgotthestory.umn.edu/schedule.html> .

MAROON AND GOLD WILL GO RED FOR WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH ON FEB. 2. If you want to increase awareness of women's No. 1 killer, wear red and gather 8-9 a.m. at the Fieldhouse to help create the "world's largest living heart." Free breakfast will be offered; speakers will include Mary Pawlenty, Susan Hagstrum, and Deborah Powell. Over the lunch hour, the Powell Center for Women's Health will sponsor "How to Mend a Broken Heart," presented by Anne Taylor, 12:10-1:15 p.m., 2-650 Moos Tower. Taylor will address risk factors, prevention strategies, and other developments in cardiovascular research; lunch provided. See <http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3037087> and <http://www.womenshealth.umn.edu> .

BROWN-BAG FINANCIAL SERIES for employees includes "Meeting Financial Challenges at Mid Career" (Feb. 7), "Diversify Your Investment Plan" (Feb. 14), "Keeping Your Investment Strategy on Track" (Feb. 21), and "A Perspective on Today's Economy and International Investing" (Feb. 28). Sponsored by Employee Benefits, with guest speakers. Noon to 1 p.m., 215 Donhowe. For more information, call 612-624-9090 or see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/benefits/events> .

"GENOMIC NUTRITIONAL PROFILING: The Ethics of Nutrigenomics" will be presented by David Castle, U of Ottawa, as the second in the 2006-07 Lecture Series on Law, Health, and the Life Sciences. Feb. 7, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Paul Student Center Theater. Free and open to the public, but registration is requested by Feb. 5. E-mail lawvalue@umn.edu or call 612-625-0055. See http://www.lifesci.consortium.umn.edu/news_and_events .

KICK-OFF EVENT FOR MICROFINANCE ALLIANCE, a new student organization that provides a platform for the U community on microfinance efforts to alleviate poverty, will feature Susan Cornell Wilkes, coauthor of *The Miracles of Barefoot Capitalism*, and a screening of *Awakenings*. Feb. 7, 7 p.m., Coffman Union Theater, <http://www.microfinancealliance.com> .

"MYTHS AND MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THE YOUNG DRIVER PROBLEM and Its Solutions" will be the keynote presentation, by National Institutes of Health researcher Bruce Simons-Morton, at the Center for Transportation Studies winter luncheon. Feb. 8, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Radisson University Hotel. Tickets: \$30, \$10 students. See <http://www.cts.umn.edu/events/luncheon/2007/winter> or call 612-624-3708.

BOB DYLAN'S AMERICAN JOURNEY, 1956-66, will run Feb. 3-April 29, Weisman Art Museum. Preview party Feb. 2. An interdisciplinary symposium, "Highway 61 Revisited: Dylan's Road From Minnesota to the World," will be March 25-27; watch for registration information. See <http://www.weisman.umn.edu/exhibits/upcoming.html> .

MORE EVENTS include *Genius*, a film about Charles Darwin, in the Science on the Screen series (Feb. 1); world-renowned baroque flutist Barthold Kuijken in residency (Feb. 1-4); *The Road to Reality: A Complete Guide to Laws of the Universe* author and Oxford physicist Roger Penrose (Feb. 2); "Protest and Civil Rights" in the U Libraries First Fridays series (Feb. 2); "Building Ties: Culturally Sensitive Housing Designs for the Hmong and Ojibwe People," a showcase of student designs at the Hennepin History Museum (Feb. 4-June 3); Emerging Digerati (Feb. 5); Spanlink CEO Brett Shockley at the Carlson School of Management's First Tuesday luncheon (Feb. 6); "Democracy, Diversity, and Expertise: On the Need for a Radical Rethinking of the 21st Century Public Research University," by philosophy professor Naomi Scheman (Feb. 6); "Was Dred Scott Rightly Decided?" by law professor Michael Stokes Paulsen (Feb. 6); McKnight Summer Fellows Tony Brown, Andrew Scheil, and Tasoulla Hadjiyanni (Feb. 7); and *What a Party* author and political strategist Terry McAuliffe (Feb. 7). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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TRANSFORMING THE U: THE STATE OF THE ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER (AHC) remains strong, Senior VP Cerra reported Jan. 31. But the increasingly competitive higher education environment requires the AHC to focus on offering a distinctive educational experience, becoming a talent magnet for top faculty, and becoming the destination of choice for patients. Cerra delivered the address in the newly renovated, historic Mayo Auditorium. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/State_of_the_AHC_2007.html .

THE ACADEMIC AND CORPORATE RELATIONS CENTER opened in St. Paul in July 2006 as the U-wide "front door" to the business community. The center helps hiring organizations and qualified student job-seekers find each other, helps businesses find partners for collaborative research, and much more. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/The_new_front_door_of_the_U.html .

UPLAN WELLNESS: WHAT'S NEW IN 2007? Now spouses and same-sex partners, if covered by UPlan, can qualify for \$65 rewards by taking the Health Connections wellness assessment and enrolling in a follow-up program. If you signed up for the 10,000 Steps program by Dec. 29, more information and tips for success are available. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_of_Human_Resources/Health_Connections_expands.html

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PEOPLE: David Chapman, educational policy and administration, has won a Fulbright New Century Scholars grant; Stan Deno, educational psychology, will receive an award for distinguished research in special education. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html .

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THE BOARD OF REGENTS WILL MEET FEB. 8-9. Agenda items include reports on aspects of U research; the U's urban agenda; policy related to employee work-life and personal leaves, compensation and recognition, and performance evaluation and development; and the future of UMTC's Northrop Auditorium. The docket is available on the Web. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070206_3148&page=NS and <http://www.umn.edu/regents> .

STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Hearings on the U's biennial budget requests continue before the House Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee, today, 12:30 p.m., 5 Senate Office Building; and before the Senate Higher Education Budget and Policy Division, Feb. 13 and 15, 12:30-2:45 p.m., 123 Capitol. For more information about the request, see <http://www.umn.edu/qovrel> .

"WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE UNIVERSITY?" is the topic of a symposium for faculty, staff, and students on civil engagement and moral education. It will feature leading national academics Richard Bernstein, Mark Bauerlein, and Nicholas Wolterstorff. Sponsored by several U offices and the MacLaurin Institute. Feb. 19, 2:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center, UMTC. For more information, <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=396362;event=113881> .

THE PRESIDENT'S EMERGING LEADERS (PEL) PROGRAM is accepting applications for the 2007-08 cohort. The program is designed to identify and further develop leadership skills of talented academic professional and administrative, civil service, and bargaining unit staff. PEL offers a structured but flexible development opportunity with educational and experiential components; a new element will be training devoted to the DMAIC (define, measure, analyze, improve, control) project-management model. Application deadline: March 9. See <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/pei> .

STATE OF THE U ADDRESS will be delivered by President Bruininks on March 1, 3 p.m., Coffman Union, with ITV broadcast to all campuses. A question-and-answer period will follow the speech. Disability accommodations will be provided upon request: please call 612-624-6868 by Feb. 23.

THE U WILL HOST "KEEPING OUR FACULTIES IV: Recruiting, Retaining, and Advancing Faculty of Color," the fourth biennial national symposium on promoting faculty diversity on U.S. campuses. The symposium will include strategies that have been successfully employed to date, models for leadership to promote change, and strategies to empower faculty of color and transform institutional culture. Emphasis will be placed on faculty diversity in the sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); business and management; and the health sciences; but the symposium is designed to be beneficial to faculty, administrators, and students from all disciplines. April 12-14, UMTC. For a list of presenters or to register, see <http://www.cce.umn.edu/KOF> .

BEAUTIFUL U DAY will be April 19. Grant applications to support activities are now being accepted. Download the application at <http://www.buday.umn.edu> .

THE SPRING TECHNOLOGY-ENHANCED LEARNING (TEL) SEMINAR SERIES will begin with "Designing Effective Blended Learning Experiences," Feb. 15, noon-1:30 p.m., 155 Peters Hall, UMTC. Subsequent topics will include "Meeting the Millenials Halfway: Expanding Teaching and Learning with Podcasting and Vodcasting" (Mar. 7), "Accessibility and Universal Design" (Apr. 5), and "Situating Instruction in the Real World Through Technology" (May 3). Seminars also will be webcast live via Breeze Meeting and podcast the week after each event. For more information, see <http://dmc.umn.edu/series> .

DESIGNING AND CONDUCTING FOCUS GROUP INTERVIEWS is the topic of a two-day intensive workshop hosted by the Centers for Public Health Education and Outreach. Learn procedures for public and nonprofit environments, including practical approaches to each step, from determining whether focus groups are appropriate to analyzing results. Take it as noncredit continuing ed (1.6 CEUs for \$350) or for one graduate credit. It will be offered twice, March 12-13 and 14-15, University Office Plaza, 2221 University Av. S.E., Minneapolis. Registration deadline: March 5. See <http://cpheo.sph.umn.edu/cpheo/events/focusgroup/home.html> .

"WHAT'S FOR DINNER? The Ethics and Aesthetics of Eating," a conference sponsored by the U's Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, will feature national author Michael Pollan. April 19; tickets are now available. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070124_3129&page=UMNN .

Crookston:

ONLINE STUDENT CREDIT HOURS ARE UP 27 PERCENT spring semester compared with spring 2006. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story449.html> .

THE HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BLACK CHURCH in African Americans' struggle for freedom will be the topic of a presentation by Grand Forks bishop Michael Cole in recognition of Black History Month. The program will include music by the Gospel Outreach Ministries choir. Feb. 15, 6-7:30 p.m., Prairie Room, Student Center. Refreshments provided; free and open to the public. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story445.html> .

Duluth:

THE ASSOCIATE DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL for the Duluth campus is Lawrence Knopp, Jr., McKnight Land-Grant Professor and a member of the UMD faculty in geography for 17 years. The appointment began in January and is three-quarters time. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2007/January/22.html> .

HANDING DOWN THE NAMES, a play by Steven Dietz on the immigrant experience, spans two centuries and three continents. Feb. 8-11 and 14-17, 7:30 p.m., except Feb. 11, 2 p.m. Tickets \$13 adults, \$10 seniors, \$6 students. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/theatre> .

TWO VALENTINE DINNERS, featuring live music and take-home roses, will be hosted by Glensheen Historic Congdon Estate. Feb. 10 and 14; begins at 6 p.m. with a tour of the mansion and wine and beer tasting, concludes with dinner at 7 p.m. in the winter garden. Tickets \$60 per person. For reservations, see <http://www.glensheen.org> .

"DEATH INVESTIGATION: CORONERS AND MEDICAL EXAMINERS," by pathologist Donald Kundel, is next in the Doc Talk series sponsored by the U of M Medical School Duluth. Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m., School of Medicine Duluth. Free and open to the public. See <http://www.med.umn.edu/duluth/research/doctalks> .

Morris:

UMM WILL COMPETE against Minnesota colleges and universities in Campus Wars to lower heat and electricity consumption. Read more at <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnews/View.php?itemID=2368> .

"THE HOMEGROWN ECONOMY: Foods From Local Farms as an Economic Development Tool" conference, sponsored by Congressman Collin Peterson, will be held Feb. 26 at UMM. To register, see <http://www.regionalpartnerships.umn.edu> .

Rochester:

"LITTLE CELLS, BIG ISSUES: Ethics and Policy Issues in Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research" will be presented by Jeffrey Kahn, professor and director, Center for Bioethics, UMTC. Feb. 12, 7 p.m., HB117 Heintz Center. Free and open to the public; registration requested. See http://www.r.umn.edu/14_Events_Special.htm .

Twin Cities:

A NEW STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH WEB SITE is a resource for students, parents, faculty, and staff seeking student mental health information and related resources at UMTC. Find information about campus counseling, assessing mental health services for students in crisis, and confidential online assessments. The Provost Committee on Student Mental Health developed the concept and guided the site's design and implementation. Bookmark the site: <http://www.mentalhealth.umn.edu> .

HENNEPIN COUNTY SERVICE CENTER IS NOW AT UMTC ON MONDAYS, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3 Morrill Hall. Services include driver license and state ID duplicates; motor vehicle tabs, plates, titles, and registrations; birth and death certificates; marriage licenses and certificates; watercraft, snowmobile, and ATV registrations; passports; and more.

RENOVATION OF THE GOPHER SPOT GAME ROOM AND CONVENIENCE STORE at the St. Paul Student Center won the 2007 Interiors Award from *Contract* magazine. See <http://www.spsc.umn.edu/gopherspot> .

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGISTS FORUM MEETINGS this semester will feature discussions about WebCT Vista Powerlinks/Integrating Systems With WebCT Vista (Feb. 14) and Best Practices of Blogs and Podcasts (April 11). For more information, see <http://dmc.umn.edu/etf/schedule06.shtml> .

LAST CALL TO NOMINATE A STUDENT for the President's Student Leadership and Service Award. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional students are eligible. Faculty, staff, and students can make nominations. Nominees also become candidates for the 2007 UMAA Student Leadership Award, Zander Award for Outstanding Student Leadership, and McEvoy Award for Public Service and Leadership; each is accompanied by a financial scholarship. Deadline: Feb. 14. See <http://www.sao.umn.edu/leadership/awards> or contact dussa001@umn.edu or 612-624-8697.

"WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO LEAVE NO CHILD BEHIND?" by Pedro Noguera, New York U, will be the 26th annual Konopka Lecture. Feb. 13, 10 a.m., 3M Auditorium, Minnesota History Center, St. Paul. Free and open to the public. See <http://www.konopka.umn.edu> .

THE GREAT CONVERSATIONS 2007 schedule is now posted. The series begins with "The Obesity Epidemic," a conversation between CFANS dean Allen Levine and former U.S. Food and Drug Administration commissioner David Kessler. Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. U faculty members in the series this year will include Robert Elde (March 27), Kathryn Sikkink (April 24), Donna Gabaccia (May 8), and Richard Leider (June 5). Series tickets offer a discount. See <http://www.cce.umn.edu/conversations> .

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY FILM COLLABORATIVE will present *Arabics* (Feb. 8), *Jirokichi the Ratkid* (Feb. 15), films of Ernie Gehr (March 1), *Heremakono (Waiting for Happiness)* (March 8), and more, through May 3. All at 7 p.m., 155 Nicholson Hall. See <http://ffc.umn.edu/screenings.html> .

"RECRUITMENT OF ETHNIC MINORITIES INTO CLINICAL TRIALS," presented by Loretta Jemmott, U of Pennsylvania, will be the next lecture in the Distinguished Visiting Scholar Series in Health Disparities. Feb. 16, noon-1 p.m., 1-450G Moos Tower. See <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/ocr/events/dvss> .

MORE EVENTS include "Meeting Financial Challenges at Mid-Career" in the Brown-Bag Financial Series for U employees (Feb. 7); "Romanticism's Horizons," by Bali Sahota, Asian languages and literatures (Feb. 8); "Black Language and Black American Contributions to Standard American Communication Structures," by Penn State professor Elaine Richardson (Feb. 9); "Mapping New Knowledge Ecologies" workshop (Feb. 10); "Computer Security" on *Tech Talk* (Feb. 11); "New Media and Democracy: Intersecting Property Policy and the Idea of the 'Commons'" (Feb. 12); Cafe Scientifique: Understanding Evolution (Feb. 13); and "Literacy and Identity" (Feb. 14). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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TRANSFORMING THE U: U RESEARCH faces challenges including funding and facilities, says VP Mulcahy, but the importance and broad strength of the U's research portfolio should not be underestimated. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Up_to_the_task.html .

REGENTS MEETING REVIEW: Recommendations for UMTC's Northrop Auditorium, a highlight of the Feb. 9 regents meeting, provided a vision for the future of the historic building and the campus as a whole. Other business included a record-setting month for gifts to the U, policy reviews, and reports including all-U honors. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Stage_set_for_Northrop_renewal.html .

CAPA UPDATE: The excellence and value of academic professional and administrative (P&A) staff are the focus of three current initiatives of the Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators (CAPA): (1) take a survey, (2) nominate a unit for the CAPA Outstanding Unit Award, and (3) plan to attend the annual P&A celebration April 20. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Council_of_Academic_Professionals_and_Administrators/Discovering_PA_excellence.html .

PEOPLE: The new director of the Raptor Center is Julia Ponder, former state legislator Steve Kelley has been appointed as a senior fellow at the Humphrey Institute, and more. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html .

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University-wide:

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Funding increases for science research and Pell grants were part of a resolution passed in the U.S. House of Representatives Jan. 31, with six of Minnesota's eight representatives voting yes. President Bush sent his proposed \$2.9 trillion budget for fiscal year 2008 to Capitol Hill Feb. 5, so budgets for both fiscal years 2007 and 2008 are now before Congress. Read the U federal relations team's Feb. 7 update on prospects for higher education and the U at <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/fedrel> .

NEW INTERNET PASSWORD REQUIREMENT: E-mail notifications are being sent to all U accounts about a change to Internet password requirements. Instead of continuing indefinitely, passwords will now expire a year after they are set. The change results from an external security audit of U systems. You will be notified when you need to change your password. More information about Internet passwords and copies of notices are at <http://1help.umn.edu/password.html> .

UREPORT IS A CONFIDENTIAL reporting service for faculty and staff who are concerned about a possible violation of law or policy and are uncomfortable raising it through normal channels. Reports can be made on the Web or by phone, and follow-up is possible. See <http://www.instcomp.umn.edu> .

A LIST OF U-WIDE SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH is being updated. To list a program, send its title, description (max. 100 words), age range, sponsoring U unit, and contact information (URL, e-mail, and telephone number) to stok0086@umn.edu by Feb. 23 or as soon as possible. See the 2006 list at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Summer_youth_at_the_U.html .

ENTER U COMMUNICATIONS PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS in the Sixth Annual Maroon & Gold Awards competition, sponsored by the U of M Communicators Forum. Kickoff for more information is Feb. 20; to attend, register by Feb. 16. See <http://www.umn.edu/umcf> .

REMINDER: OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD NOMINATIONS are due Feb. 28. Awards recognize outstanding faculty, staff, and U-affiliated community members who have devoted time and talent to make substantial, enduring contributions to the public good and the well-being of society. Faculty and staff recipients receive a continuous salary award annually during their employment at the U. See <http://www.engaqement.umn.edu/awards> .

Crookston:

AN ARTICULATION AGREEMENT WITH ROBESON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Lumberton, N.C., was signed at UMC Jan. 31. Now Robeson students may complete an associate of arts degree in pre-criminal justice at their home institution, along with earning a private pilot's license, and then complete a minimum of two years at UMC to earn a bachelor's degree in law enforcement aviation. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story459.html> .

"UP FOR DISCUSSION" is a new community book discussion series cosponsored by the U. Topics include energy, agriculture, trade, and sustainability. Thursdays, Feb. 15-March 8. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story452.html> .

Duluth:

A \$3 MILLION GRANT from the National Science Foundation to the College of Science and Engineering (CSE) will support a five-year project, "GK-12: Graduate Fellows in Science and Mathematics Education." It will place 10 graduate students in four Duluth area schools for 10 hours a week. The UMD students will come from three M.S. programs: integrated biological sciences, geological sciences, or applied and computational mathematics. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/unirel/homepage/07/mathgrant.html> .

THE 16TH ANNUAL SOUL FOOD DINNER will be presented by the Multicultural Center as part of the Black History Month celebration, Feb. 17, 6 p.m., ballroom, Kirby Student Center. Tickets \$15 adults, \$13 students, and \$10 children (5-10); purchase in front of the bookstore through Feb. 16. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/mlrc/msc> .

THREE MINNESOTA GRAPHIC DESIGN PROFESSIONALS--Tony Litner, Jeff Ruprecht, and Jenna Akre--will hold a panel discussion as part of the Art and Design Lecture Series, sponsored by the Department of Art and Design and the Tweed Museum of Art. Feb. 20, 6 p.m., Tweed Museum. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/tma/events.html> and <http://www.d.umn.edu/art> .

Morris:

THE BLACK STUDENT UNION will host Darryl Van Leer, acclaimed one-man show actor, as part of UMM's celebration of Black History Month. Feb. 21, 7 p.m., Edson Auditorium. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnews/View.php?itemID=2416> .

UNITEL COFOUNDER and president Ravi Randhava will speak on "The Role of Biomass in Transportation Fuels," Feb. 26, 7 p.m., Science Auditorium. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnews/View.php?itemID=2469> .

Twin Cities:

"WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE UNIVERSITY?" a symposium on civic engagement and moral education, will address questions such as how academia should nurture students' commitment to improving the world. Sponsored by the MacLaurin Institute, Office for Public Engagement, Office for Student Engagement and Leadership, Program in Human Rights and Health, School of Public Health, and Institute for Diversity, Ethics, and Peace. Feb. 19, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center, UMTC. Read a preview at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Search_for_the_soul_of_the_U.html .

A TWO-YEAR HOUSING INSPECTION INITIATIVE was launched this month by the City of Minneapolis to ensure the safety of people in neighborhoods surrounding the campus. Inspectors will visit rental properties in the Cedar-Riverside, Marcy-Holmes, Prospect Park-East River Road, Southeast Como, and University District neighborhoods. They will look for working smoke detectors and safe electrical systems and make sure properties are not overcrowded. Renters who have questions or concerns about their off-campus rental housing should call the city's inspections division by dialing 311. The U also has resources for students with questions and concerns about off-campus housing. Call University Student Legal Services, 612-624-1001; same-day appointments are available in emergencies. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070208_3152&page=UMNN .

WORKSHOPS FOR TENURED ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS: (1) "Promotion to Full Professor: Conceptualizing Your Dossier" will focus on the nuts and bolts of preparing a dossier and is designed for those who intend to pursue promotion to full professor in the next year or so. Feb. 26, 10 a.m.-noon, 401 Walter Library. (2) "Promotion to Full Professor: Long-term Planning for Your Future" will focus on big-picture issues of promotion to full professor and is designed for those planning to pursue promotion to full professor in two or more years. (3) A workshop tailored to the Academic Health Center faculty is being planned for later this spring. To sign up for a workshop, contact Cheryl Johnson at caj@umn.edu or 612-626-9545 a week in advance. Sponsored by the Office of the Senior VP for Academic Affairs and Provost.

HOSTS ARE NEEDED FOR COLLEGE-AGED INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS who will attend an orientation at UMTC-St. Paul, Feb. 19-21, March 26-28, or April 16-18. Hosts are asked to provide room and board as well as transportation to and from the orientation; the orientation schedule works conveniently around work schedules. Provide students with a reassuring welcome and make an international acquaintance without leaving home. To become a Twin City host for MAST International, contact Susan VonBank, svonbank@umn.edu or 612-624-3740, and see <http://mast.cfans.umn.edu> .

"LAW AND INEQUALITY: THE NEXT 25 YEARS," a Law School symposium, will include sessions on race and class, disability and employment, genetic discrimination, poverty and natural disasters, and international human rights standards. Feb. 16, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall. Free and open to the public; 6.25 CLE credits available. See <http://www.law.umn.edu/lawineq/symposium.html> .

TIMBERWOLVES OWNER and Taylor Corporation chair Glen Taylor is the next speaker in the Leading for Tomorrow series. Feb. 22, 3M Auditorium, Carlson School of Management, 5 p.m. reception, 5:30 p.m. presentation. Registration requested by Feb. 19. See <http://www.carlsonschool.umn.edu/page3296.aspx> .

U ALUM, FORMER GOPHER, AND SUPERBOWL CHAMPION COACH Tony Dungy will speak at the U of M Alumni Association annual celebration, May 8. Tickets go on sale Feb. 22. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070205_3145&page=UMNN .

GOPHER MEN'S GYMNASTICS: FACULTY-STAFF DISCOUNTS. Cheer on Coach Mike Burns and your men's gymnastics team when they meet Michigan at the Sports Pavilion, Feb. 17, 7 p.m. Show your U card at the ticket window the day of the event and get discount tickets (\$3) for you and your guests. You're also invited to a reception after the meet in the pavilion club room, where you can meet the gymnasts and get their autographs. This special offer is available through a joint initiative of U governance and athletics that aims to build campus community. Watch for women's gymnastics (Feb. 24), men's basketball (Feb. 24), baseball (March 24), and softball (April 14).

MORE EVENTS include "Diversify Your Investment Plan" in the Brown-Bag Financial Series for U employees (today); 11th Annual Minnesota Pavement Conference (Feb. 15); visiting artist and Los Angeles Center for Land Use Interpretation founder and director Matthew Coolidge (Feb. 15); "Understanding School Readiness Gaps: SES, Race, and Ethnicity," by Katherine Magnuson, U of Wisconsin, in the 2007 McEvoy Lecture Series (Feb. 16); "Alphabet Soup" national college GLBTA conference (Feb. 16-18); "Armenians and Turkey's Lingerin Past," a Nov. 29 discussion between Taner Akcam and Eric Weitz on TPT (Feb. 17); "The Search for Rational Religion in the Early Republic," by Kirsten Fischer, history, American Studies in the 21st Century Colloquium Series (Feb. 19); "In China's Shadow: The Crisis of American Entrepreneurship," by distinguished visiting attorney Reed Hundt (Feb. 20); "Educated Into Irrelevance: How the Humanities Degree Mis-prepares You For Life," by Emory U professor Mark Bauerlein (Feb. 20); and McKnight Summer Fellows Christophe Wall-Romana, Diane Willow, and Matthew Mehaffey (Feb. 21). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: Communities from Minneapolis to the Red River Valley are working with U faculty members to find long-term solutions to problems related to children's health--such as indoor environmental hazards and school readiness. Planning grants came from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_for_Public_Enqagement/Growing_up_healthy.html

CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE: If you're wondering whom to nominate for the President's Outstanding Service Award, read about last year's civil service recipients. Jenny Meslow, Academic Health Center, has been the face behind the U's Relay for Life and the annual Turtle Derby. Debbie Nelson, Law School, is an all-around, long-time, go-to person for faculty, staff, and students alike. Nominations are due March 9. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Civil_Service_Committee/Honoring_all_kinds_of_great_service.html .

TRANSFORMING THE U: The Medical School's new interdisciplinary Center for Medical Humanities and the Arts is forging links with the UMTC College of Liberal Arts and the arts community to help prepare more compassionate and effective doctors. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Body_and_soul.html .

PEOPLE: UMTC's Department of Educational Psychology has won an innovative practices award for its statistics education program, headed by Joan Garfield; Todd Hickman is UMM's new head football coach; UMD alumna Karen Diver is the first woman chair of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html .

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WANTED: FEEDBACK ON MEDICAL PLANS. The Benefits Advisory Committee (BAC) seeks your confidential comments about experiences--positive or negative--with your medical plan in the past year. The 2007 Plan Reviews section of the BAC Web site lists the appropriate person to contact for your medical plan. Deadline for comments: March 7. See <http://www.umn.edu/usenate/committees/bac.html> .

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: FESLER-LAMPERT CHAIR IN URBAN AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS is an endowed, one-year position for U faculty members to support research related to urban or regional affairs in Minnesota. About \$36,000 is the expected endowment for 2007-08. Deadline to apply: March 20, 4:30 p.m. See <http://www.cura.umn.edu/Programs/FL-Chair/chairapp.php> or contact Tom Scott, professor, at scott001@umn.edu or 612-625-7340.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: FACULTY INTERACTIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM GRANTS, supported by the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, support faculty research related to a significant public policy issue for Minnesota or its communities and that includes interaction and engagement with involved groups, agencies, or organizations in the state. Each award supports the faculty member's time for one month during summer 2007 and a half-time grad research assistant for academic year 2007-08. Deadline to apply: March 27, 4:30 p.m. See <http://www.cura.umn.edu/Programs/FIRP/announce.html> or contact Tom Scott, information above.

CAMPUS LOCATIONS FOR THE STATE OF THE U ADDRESS BROADCAST, live by interactive TV from the Coffman Union theater, UMTC, will include 100 Dowell Hall, UMC; 410 Library, UMD; Science Auditorium, UMM; ST108, UMR; and 155 Peters Hall, UMTC, St. Paul. March 1, 3 p.m.; a question-and-answer period will follow the speech. Disability accommodations will be provided upon request: please call 612-624-6868 by Feb. 23.

THE ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER (AHC) HISTORY PROJECT will be launched by AHC and University Libraries with a lecture to honor a late U oncologist: "B. J. Kennedy and the Campaign for Medical Oncology," by Gretchen Krueger, historical consultant for the American Society of Clinical Oncology, 2003-06. Feb. 28, 4-5 p.m., Mayo Memorial Auditorium; a reception will follow. See http://blog.lib.umn.edu/moore144/ahcarchives/2007/02/ahc_history_project_lecture.html .

Crookston:

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS approved by the regents Feb. 9 include a B.S., as well as a minor, in biology. Name changes were also approved for two programs: UMC will now offer a B.S. in animal science with two areas of emphasis, animal science and pre-veterinary medicine, and a B.S. in equine science with two tracks, equine science and pre-veterinary medicine.

2007 INTERNATIONAL DINNER SERIES will feature two-hour virtual trips to Columbia (March 5), Nepal (March 19), Ireland (March 26), and around the world (April 4), hosted by international students and the International-Multicultural Club. Individual event and series tickets available; reservations required by Feb. 23. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story460.html>

A BISON SKULL, found in 1958 in a former peat bog in rural Erskine, is on loan and on display in UMC's Natural History Collection, second floor, Owen Hall. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story464.html> .

Duluth:

OSLO CHAMBER CHOIR, a Norwegian explorative folk music group, will perform in the Ovation Guest Artist Concert, with a repertoire of jazz, Gregorian chant, Nordic contemporary, and Norwegian folk music. Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. All seats reserved; tickets \$25 adults, \$20 seniors, \$15 students. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/music/events/calendar/ianfeb.html>.

PROFESSOR FOR A DAY, hosted by the Labovitz School of Business and Economics, will feature two panel discussions, Feb. 27, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., fourth floor rotunda, Library. "Corporate and Social Responsibility" will include current and former executives from Allete, Inc., 9 a.m. "Entrepreneurship" will include two alumni who have started their own businesses, 11 a.m. Free and open to the public. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/lisbe/newsandevents.php?id=246> .

UMD HEALTH SERVICES, which offers personal counseling to more than 600 students a year, received renewed accreditation by the International Association of Counseling Services. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2007/February/14.html> .

Morris:

JAZZ FEST 2007 comes to UMM March 29-31. About 900 high school jazz musicians and alumni jazzers will join the UMM Jazz Ensembles and guest artists Allen Vizzutti and Chris Vadala for three days of clinics and three evening performances. Ticket order forms are now available. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnews/View.php?itemID=2546> .

ALUMNA AND MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE Lorie Gildea, '83, will give the keynote commencement address May 12. Gildea was appointed to the state bench last year; see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/UMM_alum_Gildea_named_associate_justice.html .

Rochester:

OPEN FORUMS FOR THE COMMUNITY this month, sponsored in part by UMR, featured two U faculty members. Mark Seeley, professor of soil, water, and climate, gave two climate-related presentations, one about Lake Superior shipwrecks, to members of LIFE--Learning Is ForEver. Deborah Swackhamer, director of the Institute on the Environment, spoke on Minnesota's emerging water-quality issues to the Minnesota Trout Association and the local chapter of Trout Unlimited as part of a mini-series by U professors and researchers on the environment.

Twin Cities:

DUNN BROS. COFFEE OPENED IN WILSON LIBRARY, lower level, as the Academic Blend Café, Feb. 14. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. See <http://www.umn.edu/dining> .

"INVITE YOUR PROFESSOR TO LUNCH": Students can invite a professor to eat at a residential restaurant, and the professor's meal is on UDS. Students should sign up at the front desk of any residence hall. Sponsored by University Dining Service and Housing and Residential Life. See <http://www.umn.edu/dining/reshalldine.html> .

CALL FOR ENTRIES: "IT'S GLOBAL," a juried public-health filmmaking competition, is sponsored by the School of Public Health. Submit short films on a broad range of topics, such as pollution, clean water, refugee health, disaster preparation, nutrition, infectious disease, access to health care, and climate change. Deadline: March 12. Screenings of selected entries: April 2-6. See <http://www.sph.umn.edu/film> .

MINI MEDICAL SCHOOL'S FIVE-CLASS SPRING SERIES, "Taking Charge of Your Health," is offered in collaboration with the Center for Spirituality and Healing. Topics include diet and nutrition; relationships and family; stress mastery; life purpose; and more. Mondays, April 9-May 7, 6-8:30 p.m. \$75 for five classes; space is limited. See <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/minimed> .

FAMILY POLICY FORUM: A presentation of findings from *Issues in Bridging the Divide Between Policy Makers and Researchers*, by Marcie Jefferys and Kate Troy, will feature policy makers and advocates. Feb. 23, 1-3 p.m., Sku-U-Ma Room, McNamara Alumni Center. See <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=400396;event=116136> .

MORE TICKETS FOR NIKKI GIOVANNI, writer and activist, presenting "Truth-Telling and the Need for Poetry: From the Harlem Renaissance to Hip-Hop," are now available for viewing on the large screen in Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. Tickets for Ted Mann Concert Hall are sold out. Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m. Free, but reserve seats (limit two per person) by contacting women@umn.edu or 612-625-9837. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/women/events.html> .

JACK AUBREY DINNER AT THE CAMPUS CLUB, inspired by Patrick O'Brien's seafaring series, will feature fish soup, meat pie, biscuits (without weevils), pickled cabbage, and spotted dog; sea shanties by the Eddies; and "Navigating by the Stars," a talk by professor and U observatory director Bob Gehrz. March 1, 5:30 p.m. U community nonmembers of the Campus Club are invited but must register by calling 612-626-7788. See <http://www.umn.edu/cclub/Master&Commander.htm>

GOPHER WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS: FACULTY-STAFF DISCOUNTS. Cheer on coaches Meg and Jim Stephenson and the women's gymnastics team when they meet Iowa at the Sports Pavilion, Feb. 24, 6 p.m. Show your U card at the ticket window or the U of M Bookstore at Coffman Union the day of the event and get discount tickets (\$3) for you and your guests. You're also invited to a reception, where you can meet Jim Stephenson, in the pavilion club room before the meet, 4:30-5:30 p.m. This special offer is available through a joint initiative of U governance and athletics that aims to build campus community. Watch for baseball (March 24) and softball (April 14).

MORE EVENTS include "Keeping Your Investment Strategy on Track" in the Brown-Bag Financial Series for U employees (Feb. 21); Talk About Time open lunchtime discussion in 125 Nolte Center (Feb. 21); "Bush's Disconnect," by Ben Page, Northwestern U, moderated by Walter Mondale (Feb. 22); "Startling Facts About Feelings: The New Science of Emotion" (Feb. 22); public reception for Quiet Time/Love's Labour, an art exhibition on time, labor, and the creative process (Feb. 23); ninth annual Latke-Hamentash Debate, with Oren Gross, law, and Joseph Goldman, strategic management, for the latke and Hamline U's Kenneth Fox, conflict studies, and Stephen Kellert, philosophy of science, for the hamentash, moderated by Alex Lubet, music and Jewish studies (Feb. 25); a national conference, "Creating Stem Cells by Research Cloning: Scientific, Ethical, Legal, and Policy Challenges" (Feb. 26); "Understanding Volunteerism and Social Action: The Role of Psychological Sense of Community" (Feb. 27); and the Spark Festival of Electronic Music and Arts (through Feb. 27). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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Editor's note: *Brief* will not be published March 14. Deadlines are noon on March 2 for the March 7 issue and on March 15 for the March 21 issue.

Read *Brief* on the Web at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Publications/Brief/Brief_2282007.html .

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TRANSFORMING THE U: STATE OF THE U ADDRESS, MARCH 1, will focus on achievements of the U's strategic positioning initiatives and the need to reset goals to meet new challenges. 3 p.m., Coffman Union theater, UMTC. Live broadcast locations: 100 Dowell Hall, UMC; 410 Library, UMD; Science Auditorium, UMM; ST108, UMR; and 155 Peters Hall, UMTC, St. Paul. A question-and-answer period will follow the speech. The address can also be viewed online at <http://www.umn.edu/pres/stateoftheu.html> . See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070226_3177&page=UMNN .

THE CAMPUS CLUB UNVEILED A NEW DISPLAY OF THREE AWARDS for U faculty and staff Feb. 21. More than 100 attended a reception for current and past-year recipients of the President's Award for Outstanding Service, Josie R. Johnson Human Rights and Social Justice Award, and Outstanding Community Service Award. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Over_the_top.html .

SUMMER 2007 YOUTH PROGRAMS AT U LOCATIONS STATEWIDE are now taking registrations. See the listing of hundreds of camp opportunities, from art and design to science and athletics, for children from preschool to grade 12, at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Summer_youth_at_the_U.html .

PEOPLE: The Office of the President's new communications officer is Jim Thorp; the Institute for Advanced Study announced 22 residential faculty fellows for 2007-08, from UMD, UMM, and UMTC; geography professor and department chair Robert McMaster will lead the 60-member University Consortium for Geographic Information Science; and more. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html .

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University-wide:

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR LONG-TERM CARE COVERAGE continues through March 16. Information sessions at UMC, Feb. 28; UMD, March 1; and UMTC Feb. 28 and March 1; see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/benefits> . See also <http://uplanltc.jhancock.com> and enter user name "uplanltc" and password "mybenefit."

"DIVERSITY THROUGH THE DISCIPLINES" FORUM will highlight research conducted by recipients of the President's Faculty Multicultural Research Award: Linus Abraham, journalism and mass communication; Walt Jacobs, postsecondary teaching and learning; Richard Lee, psychology; and Sherri Turner, educational psychology. March 8, 2:30-4:30 p.m., President's Room, Coffman Union, UMTC. This is the last of three programs. See <http://academic.umn.edu/system/projects/pfmra.html> .

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH (RCR) Continuing Education Awareness/Discussion Small Grants Program. The Office of the VP for Research announces a new intramural funding opportunity. Small grants of up to \$3,500 encourage active engagement of research/professional ethics topics. Proposals should fulfill the criteria for awareness and discussion activities required every three years of U faculty and principal investigators on all campuses. Deadlines: two for the remainder of fiscal year 2007--April 15 and June 15--and quarterly deadlines thereafter. See http://www.research.umn.edu/opportunities/intramural/RCR_grantsprogram.html .

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH GRANTS support assistant professors who have no independent national funding and are engaged in cancer-related research including genetic mechanisms of cancer, molecular mechanism of cancer progression and metastasis, development of novel cancer therapeutic models and translational research, cancer immunology, and immunotherapy. Funding up to \$30,000. Deadline: April 16. For more information, contact micek003@umn.edu or 612-626-1926.

UM REPORTS now include four reports to help advisers and departments communicate with students about their graduation plans: Student Roster, Major/Minor Roster, Advisee Roster in My Active Advisees, and Student Group Roster. Learn more in the February issue of *The Record* at http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/Services/News_Events_and_Activities/Record.html .

WANTED: ENTRIES FOR THE 2007 MAROON & GOLD AWARDS, sponsored by the U of M Communicators Forum. Submit your best work in the categories of print, multimedia, campaign/series, and writing. Earlybird deadline: March 2. Final deadline: March 15. See <http://www.umn.edu/umcf/awards> .

THE U ADDED 12 TOYOTA PRIUS HYBRID VEHICLES to its fleet--5 to the UMTC rental pool and the rest signed to long-term leases for specific departments on U campuses statewide. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070222_3173&page=UMNN .

MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM WILL PREVIEW ITS NEW MAZE GARDEN at the Minneapolis Home and Garden Show, Feb. 28-March 4, Minneapolis Convention Center. See http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/whitsnw/press%20releases/release2_20_ArtToAMaze.htm .

Crookston:

GOLDEN EAGLE FOOTBALL PROGRAM: Resources to strengthen staff, scholarships, and operations include moving part-time coach Steve Olson to full-time, hiring (in progress) for separate full-time offense and defense coaches, and adding 5 football scholarships, bringing the campus total to 15. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story467.html> .

"EAT RIGHT! Feel Good! Look Great!" will be presented by international nutritional educator Deanna Latson, March 7, 8 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story471.html> .

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION IN MARCH, "Generations of Women Moving History Forward," will include a reception, concert, and scholarship recognition event with Patty Kakac of the Granary Girls (March 8); "An Intergenerational Festival of Song" with folk singer Joe Crookston (March 20); and a Red Tent gathering with panel discussion and activities on balancing life and work issues (March 26). See <http://www.UMCrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story463.html> .

Duluth:

"INVISIBLE WOUNDS OF OPPRESSION: Healing Our Clients, Healing Ourselves," a workshop on racial oppression, will be presented by Kenneth Hardy, professor and national diversity consultant. Hosted by the Department of Social Work and sponsored by the Center for Regional and Tribal Child Welfare Studies and a Chancellor's Diversity Grant. Free and open to the public; advance registration required. March 5, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2007/February/21-B.html> and <http://www.d.umn.edu/sw> .

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL AND INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING head and professor David Wyrick has been elected director of the American Society for Engineering Management for the North Central Region. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2007/February/21-A.html> .

Morris:

INAUGURATION OF UMM'S FIFTH CHANCELLOR, Jacqueline Johnson, will be April 20. A luncheon will be served 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Turtle Mountain Cafe. Ceremony and address--"On the Edge of Tomorrow, in the Middle of Everywhere"--will be at 1 p.m., Edson Auditorium, followed by a performance by Opposite Day, the UMM jazz combo. Beginning at 3 p.m., accomplishments of UMM students will be showcased during the Seventh Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium in the Science Auditorium. The public is invited to attend the inauguration and the symposium.

ENJOY A FEAST OF MINNESOTA HOMEGROWN FOOD and locally grown entertainment during the Pride of the Prairie Spring Local Foods Expo, March 1. Dinner 4:45-7 p.m., Food Service building. Farmers Market, 2-4:30 p.m., Oyate Hall, Student Center, will showcase locally grown products and information from area farmers and local organizations. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnews/View.php?itemID=2571> .

Twin Cities:

ACCESS TO THE WORLD'S LARGEST VISUAL ARCHIVE OF HOLOCAUST TESTIMONIES will be offered through U Libraries, one of six universities chosen by the U of Southern California Shoah Foundation Institute's Visual History Archive to do so. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070223_3175&page=UMNN .

RACIAL IDENTITY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP with Pearl Barner and Harriett Haynes is designed to provide greater understanding, from theoretical and applied perspectives, of racial identity development in students of color. Discussion will focus on key issues and how educators can be competent, responsive, and humble as they work with students to foster positive identities and support their achievement. Cosponsored by International Student and Scholar Services and the Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence. Today, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 402 Walter Library.

NORTHROP DANCE SEASON next month presents Les Ballets Africains (March 1), American Ballet Theatre (March 13), and Eifman Ballet of St. Petersburg (March 20-21). See <http://www.northrop.umn.edu> .

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION, "Crossing Borders, Connecting Cultures," will feature María José Alcalá, technical adviser for gender equality and women's empowerment, United Nations Population Fund; workshops; and performance. The free event brings together scholars, community activists, advocates for women's causes, and community members. Sponsored by Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights and the U's Human Rights Program. Mar. 3, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Coffman Union. See http://www.mnadvocates.org/International_Women_s_Day .

GUEST CHEF AT BISTRO WEST, Humphrey Center, will be J. D. Fratzke of Muffuletta, March 6, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Bistro West and Muffuletta are members of the Heartland Food Network, which promotes local, sustainable, and organic foods. Bistro West features a network chef each month. See <http://www.umn.edu/dining> . For reservations, call 612-625-2588.

"PUBLIC PLACES/PRIVATE SPACES" will feature readings by three leading writers and panel discussions on the relation between memoir and history, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m., Weisman Art Museum; and March 1, 7:30 p.m., 140 Nolte Center. Second in a series. See <http://www.whosgotthestory.umn.edu> .

"PATTERNS, PATTERNS EVERYWHERE" will explore mathematical symmetry in nature, from vast geological formations to tongues of flames and visual hallucinations. Presented by Martin Golubitsky, Cullen Distinguished Professor of Mathematics, U of Houston, in the next Institute for Mathematics and Its Applications Public Lecture. March 7, 7 p.m., 125 Willey Hall. See <http://www.ima.umn.edu/2006-2007/PUB3.07.07> .

MORE EVENTS include "A Perspective on Today's Economy and International Investing" in the Brown-Bag Financial Series for U employees (Feb. 28); *Astronomy for the Utterly Confused* authors Jeanne Hanson and U professor Terry Jay Jones (Feb. 28); "Geneology, Intimacy, and the Shifting Boundaries Between Legal and Illegal Immigration" (March 1); 12th Annual Transportation Career Expo (March 1); *Frankenlaw* by the Law School's Theatre of the Relatively Talented, TORT (March 2-3); Lions Children's Hearing Center fund-raiser for research on childhood deafness, with wine-and-cheese tasting, local designers' fashion show, and big-band Andy Arts Society Orchestra (March 3); Louise Erdrich and Nuruddin Farah in conversation (March 4); *It Can Happen Here: Authoritarian Peril in the Age of Bush* author Joe Conason (March 5); Carlson School of Management dean Alison Davis-Blake, "Delivering on the Promise: Obligations and Contributions of a Business School in a Land-Grant Environment" (March 6); and "Children's Risks and Children's Rights: Perspectives on Resilience and Prevention," the 2007 Harris Forum (March 7). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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Editor's note: The next issue of *Brief* will be published March 21. The deadline is noon on Thursday, March 15.

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TRANSFORMING THE U: The code of conduct for U faculty and staff--revised at the same time as the student code in December--may be the most important U regents policy, says Tom Schumacher, director of the Office of Institutional Compliance. Schumacher talked recently about the code of conduct, about "sea changes" since the first code was written in 1996, and about ways faculty and staff can use it during a period of transformation. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/The_core_of_who_we_are.html .

ELEVEN 2007-09 MCKNIGHT LAND-GRANT PROFESSORS will be recognized by the Board of Regents March 9. The award supports junior faculty at a crucial time in their careers. One of them is Christophe Wall-Romana, UMTC assistant professor of French and Italian, whose field of cinepoetry brings poetry back to life for a new generation. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Poetry_for_a_new_generation.html .

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: Lisa Loegering, service-learning assistant director at UMC, kept hearing community requests for mentors to Crookston kids. In response, she wrote a grant proposal that in 2004 launched UMC Mentoring and Caring. Now she trains and supervises a growing number of students as mentors. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_for_Public_Engagement/Mentor_for_mentors.html .

PEOPLE: Marvin Marshak named UMTC faculty director of undergraduate research; Graham Candler will receive the 2007 Thermophysics Award; and more. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html .

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STATE OF THE U ADDRESS, postponed due to weather March 1, will be rescheduled. Watch for updates at <http://www.umn.edu/pres/stateoftheu.html> .

2007 OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD WINNERS will be honored at a ceremony April 23, McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. (Appointments are at UMTC unless otherwise noted.) The Morse-Alumni Award recipients for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education are Praveen Aggarwal, marketing, UMD; Jay Bell, soil, water, and climate; Thomas Hoye, chemistry; Patricia James, postsecondary teaching and learning; Ned Mohan, electrical and computer engineering; Paula O'Loughlin, political science, UMM; and Joel Samaha, sociology. Outstanding Contributions to Postbaccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education Award recipients are Maria Damon, English; John Day, neurology and pediatrics; Ruth Lindquist, adult and gerontological health; Thomas Molitor, veterinary population medicine; and Bruce Wollenberg, electrical and computer engineering. Register now to attend the reception. See <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/distinguishedteaching.html> .

THE BOARD OF REGENTS will meet March 8-9. Agenda items include strategic positioning reports on transforming the undergraduate experience, the role of clinical sciences for the U, and equity and diversity initiatives; a report on the student interest survey; and recognition of McKnight Land-Grant Professors. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070306_3192&page=UMNN .

NAMES OF FOUR CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF REGENTS, recommended by Gov. Pawlenty, were forwarded by a joint legislative committee Feb. 27 to the full legislature: for the Fifth Congressional District, incumbent Peter Bell; for two at-large seats, Linda Cohen of Minnetonka and incumbent Cynthia Leshner; and for the student seat, Venora Hung, Law School. Election is scheduled in a joint convention of House and Senate, March 8, 6 p.m., House Chamber.

SUPPORT THE U DAY AT THE CAPITOL WILL BE MARCH 28. Hundreds of U supporters including students, faculty, staff, alumni, and volunteers 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 <http://www.supporttheU.umn.edu> .

NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR to the United States Knut Vollebaek and U.S. ambassador to Norway Benson Whitney visited the U March 6 with a delegation from Norway. They focused on student exchange and met with college representatives about specific initiatives. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070301_3183&page=UMNN .

A NEW SERIES, THE U FORUM ON RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS, is sponsored by the Office of the VP for Research. The inaugural event will be "From Leviathan to Peer Review: Social Science and Institutional Review Boards," presented by J. Michael Oakes. The event is designated to satisfy the awareness/discussion component of the Responsible Conduct of Research continuing education requirement. March 21, 4-5:30 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall. See http://www.research.umn.edu/events/research_ethics.html .

THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE (CSC) will have five vacancies for terms that begin July 1: one for UMC, one for UMD, and three for UMTC. The CSC has 15 members. All civil service staff who have held temporary or continuing appointments of at least 50 percent time for at least two calendar years are eligible. For first consideration, apply by March 30; applications will be accepted until interviews are held the week of April 16. The search committee will recommend a slate of candidates to President Bruininks in May. See <http://www.umn.edu/csc> or contact search chair Mary Berg, bergx017@umn.edu or 612-627-4131.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS for faculty, administered through the Office of International Programs, will increase in number and dollar amount; the average award for individuals will be \$1,000-\$1,500. Deadline is April 2 for activities beginning May-August. Apply using the new online system at <http://www.international.umn.edu/funding/travelgrant> .

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRING TEACHING-AND-LEARNING CONFERENCE, April 23, is now open. "Enhancing Student Learning: Conversations About Research and Practice" is sponsored by the Academy of Distinguished Teachers, UMTC Center for Teaching and Learning, and UMTC Digital Media Center, with support from the Bush Foundation. See the program at <http://www.adt.umn.edu/conference07> . Free, but registration is required. Register at <http://www.ijr.umn.edu/adt/adtconference07/register.cfm> . For more information, contact Karen Zentner Bacig, kbacig@umn.edu or 612-624-5082.

SPRING BREAK is March 12-16. UMM and UMTC will be closed March 16 for a floating holiday.

Crookston:

"DIET AS THE ULTIMATE KEY TO VIBRANT HEALTH AND HEALING," a one-day seminar, is sponsored by the Lake Agassiz Sustainable Farming Association and the Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership. March 15, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Student Center. Speakers will include Agri-Dynamics founder Jerry Brunetti, Crookston physician Debra Bell, and veterinarian Paul Detloff. \$20 on-site registration includes lunch of organically grown foods. See <http://www.regionalpartnerships.umn.edu/index.pl?id=4114&isa=Category&op=show> .

UMC STUDENTS WILL "PAY IT FORWARD" on this year's spring-break bus tour to work on service projects in six U.S. cities. March 9-17. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story475.html> .

Duluth:

LIFE IS A DREAM, by Pedro Calderon de la Barca and directed by guest Rachel Katz-Carey, will run March 8-10 and 20-25, 7:30 p.m., Marshall Performing Arts Center/Dudley. Tickets \$13 adults, \$10.50 seniors, \$6.25 students. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/theatre> .

SECOND ANNUAL UMD STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION, presenting the best of student work in print, interactive, identity, experimental typography, applied graphics, and Web design, runs through March 11, Tweed Museum of Art. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/tma/exhibitions/sdocomp.html> .

COLON CANCER will be the next topic in the Doc Talks series, presented by Robert Cormier, biochemistry and molecular biology. Sponsored by the U of M Medical School Duluth. March 13, 7:30 p.m., 142 School of Medicine. Free and open to the public. See <http://www.med.umn.edu/duluth/research/doctalks/home.html> .

Morris:

U-WIDE STANDING COMMISSION ON GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER (GLBT) ISSUES was welcomed in a public reception March 6. The commission, formed in 2004, includes work groups for student issues, employee/employment issues, systemwide issues, and alumni and community relationships. UMM representatives on the commission are vice chancellor for student affairs Sandy Olson Loy (cochair); Queer Issues Committee cochairs Lori Koshork and Argie Manolis; media services technician Ron Kubik; and student Blair Jasper. For more information about the commission, contact coordinator Ross Neely at neely010@umn.edu or 612-626-3064.

"DIVERSITY AND CIVILITY: WILL IT HAPPEN IN OUR GENERATION?" is the theme of the 34th Annual World Touch Cultural Heritage Week, March 19-24. Events will include the film *Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World* (March 19), 3K Peace Run (March 20), Grammy Award winner Bill Miller (March 22), and more. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/umnnews/View.php?itemID=2547> .

INFORMATION ABOUT CHANCELLOR JOHNSON'S INAUGURATION, April 20, is now posted. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/umnnews/View.php?itemID=2611> .

Twin Cities:

SKIN CANCER PREVENTION: To check a worrisome mole or other spot, get a free screening from a U dermatologist via Telemedicine. Free sunscreen and face-wash samples. Students can have a picture taken and age-progressed to see what over-exposure to the sun will do by age 55, then receive a \$25 travel voucher from STA. March 7, Great Hall, Coffman Union, or March 8, Minnesota Commons, St. Paul Student Center. Telemedicine screenings, noon-1 p.m.; photos 10 a.m.-4 p.m. See <http://www.bhs.umn.edu/saveyourskin> .

TONY DIGGS EXCELLENCE AWARDS: Celebrating U Student Group Contributions. The deadline for nominations has been extended to March 9. The award allows faculty, staff, and students to recognize student groups for excellent work. See <http://www.sao.umn.edu/groups/excellence> .

"NUTRIGENOMICS: SCIENCE, REGULATION, AND POLICY," presented by José Ordovas, Tufts U, is the final program in the 2006-07 Lecture Series on Law, Health, and the Life Sciences. Today, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Paul Student Center theater. Free and open to the public. See http://www.lifesci.consortium.umn.edu/news_and_events .

MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA music director Osmo Vänskä will make his concert debut with the U of M Symphony Orchestra in a performance featuring six students and their Minnesota Orchestra counterparts. March 22, 7:30 p.m., Orchestra Hall, 1111 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis. Tickets \$2.50; students free with student ID. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070301_3182&page=UMNN .

"RELEVANT RISK, REVOLUTION, AND REVISITING ROSE: Causes of Population Levels and Social Inequalities in Health" is the topic of a forum to examine appropriate methods for measuring population health and health inequalities, to describe the relationship between risk factors and social inequalities in coronary heart disease, and to look at population health strategies that achieve the largest benefit. March 23, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Coffman Union theater. Free, but registration is requested. See <http://www.cpheo.sph.umn.edu/cpheo/healthdisparities/home.html> .

MARCH MADNESS: Get discounted tickets to favorite Minnesota attractions at the Coffman Information Desk. See <http://www.coffman.umn.edu> or 612-624-4636.

MORE EVENTS include exhibit opening event for "Law and Order: The Career and Legacy of Minneapolis Mayor Charles Stenvig" (today; exhibit runs through May 7); "Rwanda and Darfur: A Comparative Analysis" (March 8); a public lecture by visiting Kenyan-born collage artist Wangechi Mutu (March 8); Cantus in Concert: "A Sound Like This," with Robert Bly (March 10); Café Scientifique discussions on nature and nanotechnology (March 13) and the biology of contraception (March 20); "Shared Space: Reconciling People, Places, and Traffic" (March 19); Lesa Clarkson on "What We Know About Teaching African American Students" (March 20); and GradFest 2007 (March 21). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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TRANSFORMING THE U: At the Board of Regents meetings March 8-9, a major theme was transition from planning to implementation of strategic positioning initiatives, with reports from President Bruininks, Senior VP Sullivan, Senior VP Cerra, and VP Barceló. The 11 McKnight Land-Grant Professors for 2007-09 were also recognized. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Strategic_action.html .

SUPPORT THE U DAY AT THE CAPITOL WILL BE MARCH 28. Sign up now to join hundreds of U supporters including students, faculty, staff, alumni, and volunteers from across the state. Noon rally in the rotunda; 12:45 p.m. lunch in the Great Hall; 1 p.m. optional meetings with legislators. See the U tattoo and register at <http://www.supporttheU.umn.edu> .

CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Three members of the 15-member CSC--Cathy Marquardt, Linda Olcott, and Susan Rose--talked recently about benefits of being on the committee. Civil service staff members at UMC, UMD, and UMTC are invited to seek one of five seats open for 2007-08; apply by March 30 for first consideration. Terms begin July 1. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Civil_Service_Committee/Apply_now_for_the_CSC.html .

CHANGING PERCEPTIONS: A U Senate subcommittee is out to change the lingering perception that student-athletes are less dedicated to the classroom than to their sport. UMTC women's gymnastics is one of many sports at the U in which the student-athletes are highly successful in both. There's still time to see the gymnasts in action this season, and special faculty-staff discount ticket offers are coming up for baseball (March 24) and softball (April 14). Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Changing_perceptions.html .

PEOPLE: FOUR NEW REGENTS WERE ELECTED by the legislature March 8 for six-year terms, beginning immediately: Maureen Cisneros, Linda Cohen, Venora Hung, and Dean Johnson. The first meeting of the new board will be May 10-11. See more information about this and more recent U appointments and awards at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html .

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University-wide:

STATE OF THE U ADDRESS IS RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 5, 4-5 p.m. See <http://www.umn.edu/pres/stateoftheu.html> .

DISTINGUISHED MCKNIGHT UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS for 2007, announced by the Office of the Provost and the Graduate School, are Gary Balas, aerospace engineering and mechanics; Bernardo Cockburn, mathematics; Uwe Kortshagen, mechanical engineering; Claudia Neuhauser, ecology, evolution, and behavior; Nikos Papanikolopoulos, computer science and engineering; and Eric Weitz, history. All are members of the faculty at UMTC. They will be honored by the Board of Regents in May. For more information, see http://www.grad.umn.edu/faculty-staff/mcknight/distinguished_recipients.html .

JOHN TATE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING for 2007 will be awarded to Pamela Holsinger-Fuchs, student services, UMC; Mary Moga, College of Liberal Arts, UMTC; Julie Johnson Westlund, career services, UMD; and Gayle Woodruff, Learning Abroad Center, UMTC. They will be honored at a ceremony April 20, Radisson University Hotel, Minneapolis. See <http://www.irr.umn.edu/evpp/tateaward07> .

FACULTY INTERESTED IN EXPLORING ADMINISTRATIVE CAREERS are invited to attend one of two presentations to explore the experiences, challenges, rewards, and career paths of faculty now in U administrative roles. Sessions are March 26, 1-3 p.m., and April 4, 3-5 p.m., both in 401 Walter Library, UMTC. Each will feature a panel of U administrators; the April 4 session will focus on women. Panelists will share their experiences of moving into administrative roles within a university setting, talk about their career paths, and offer advice. Information about leadership development opportunities available to U faculty, within and outside the U, will be provided. To sign up, contact Cheryl Johnson, caj@umn.edu . Sponsored by the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: The budget for fiscal year 2007, signed into law last month, includes a \$260 increase in the maximum Pell Grant, from \$4,050 to \$4,310, and added funding for three major research agencies: National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, and the Department of Energy Office of Science. Minnesota delegation members helped pass these increases, which were among only a few augmentations in the budget. Read the U federal relations team's March 15 update, including prospects for the fiscal year 2008 budget, at <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/fedrel> .

WHAT ARE STRATEGIES UNIVERSITIES CAN USE TO RECRUIT FACULTY OF COLOR? How can universities create a welcoming environment to keep them? These key questions will be addressed by an estimated 400 professors, administrators, human resources professionals, and students at a national symposium, "Keeping Our Faculties IV: Recruiting, Retaining, and Advancing Faculty of Color," to be hosted by the U, April 12-14, UMTC. Early registration is \$375 by March 29; one-day registration also available. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070315_3206&page=UMNN .

A CELEBRATION TO HONOR John Felipe, assistant director and 30-year staff member at the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, will be March 28, 3:30-5 p.m., Campus Club, Coffman Union, UMTC. The U-wide community is invited; RSVP to Felicia Franklin, eoaa@umn.edu or 612-624-9547.

Crookston:

RED TENT CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH will include a panel of women leaders--including staffers for Sen. Coleman and Rep. Peterson, a Marshall County commissioner, and the mayor of Park Rapids--in "Women's Voices in Public Policy." Other activities will include presentations on topics from women's health to the practice of veiling, an opportunity to write letters to troops, and more. March 22, beginning at 2 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Student Center. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umnnews/stories/story483.html> .

Duluth:

THE FIRST DOCTORAL PROGRAM to be delivered entirely from the UMD campus will be the doctor of education (Ed.D.), with course offerings beginning in August 2007. The Ed.D. with a major in teaching and learning is an applied degree for professional development of K-12 teachers, community college and university faculty and administrators, human service professionals, and business professionals involved in education and training. June 15 is the application deadline for the first class. Read more at <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2007/March/14-B.html> .

"THE GROUND RULES OF SCIENCE: Why the Judge Ruled Intelligent Design Creationism Out of Court" will be presented by Robert Pennock, professor, Lyman Briggs School of Science and Department of

Philosophy, U of Michigan. Pennock has written extensively on the topic and was called as an expert witness in *Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School Board*. March 22, 7-8:30 p.m., 200 Chemistry. Sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Policy, Sigma Xi Society, and the departments of geology, biology, physics, and communications. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2007/March/13.html> .

THE SIXTH ANNUAL STUDENT CONCERTO COMPETITION CONCERT, featuring the UMD Symphony Orchestra, will be directed by Jean Perrault, professor, and guest conductor Pierre Calmelet, Paris. March 25, 3 p.m., Weber Music Hall. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/music/events/calendar/maraprmay.html> .

Morris:

WORK BY ART AND NON-ART MAJORS, from photos and paintings to ceramics and mixed media, will be on view at the 2007 Juried Student Art Exhibition, March 22-April 14, gallery, Humanities Fine Arts. Opening reception March 22, 7 p.m. Juror was Wanda Schackmann-Flechsigg, '79, founding director of Circa Gallery in Minneapolis. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnews/View.php?itemID=2608> .

Twin Cities:

HIGHLIGHTS OF UMTC PARTICIPATION IN A STUDY OF JUNIOR FACULTY will be the topic of a presentation today by Arlene Carney, vice provost for faculty and academic affairs. The Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE) at Harvard University surveyed junior, tenure-track faculty at institutions across the country, asking them to assess their experiences regarding promotion and tenure, the nature of their work, policies and practices, and the general climate, culture, and level of collegiality on their campuses. The U's participation is part of ongoing strategic positioning efforts to address recommendations in the May 2006 task force report on faculty culture. The presentation will be given twice: today, 1:30-2:30 p.m., 144 McNeal Hall, St. Paul; and May 4, 1-2 p.m., 2-215 Carlson School of Management, Minneapolis. Sign up to attend a session by contacting Cheryl Johnson, caj@umn.edu .

WORKSHOP ON ACADEMIC SUPPORT RESOURCES FOR VETERANS will include presentations on reintegration training and the family experience, as well as a student-veteran panel. Learn how to assist veterans and their families, whether as coworkers, students, or fellow citizens. March 27, 1-4:30 p.m., Bell Museum Auditorium. Free, but registration is requested: e-mail Janet Crittenden at veterans@umn.edu .

THE WEISMAN ART MUSEUM ANNOUNCED PLANS TO EXPAND with 11,000 square feet in three new wings designed by original architect Frank Gehry. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Expansion_in_the_wings.html .

GOPHER WRESTLERS WON THEIR THIRD NATIONAL TITLE SINCE 2001 on March 17. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Gopher_wrestlers_win_national_championship.html .

RACE, GENDER, AND PUBLIC POLICY POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS are sought to develop new research with support of the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. Application deadline: April 15. See http://www.hhh.umn.edu/news/headlines/headlines2007/race_gender.html .

"SHAKE, RATTLE, AND ROLL: TESTING STRUCTURES TO THEIR LIMITS," by professor of civil engineering Catherine French, will be the spring 2007 Ada Comstock Distinguished Women Scholars Lecture. French was a primary collaborator in developing one of the nation's six large-scale structural testing facilities, researching effects of earthquakes and other extreme natural and human-produced events on bridges, skyscrapers, and more. March 22, 7:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center; a reception will follow. See <http://www.umn.edu/women/events.html> .

GREAT CONVERSATIONS: "BRIDGING THE DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDE: THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION" will feature College of Biological Sciences dean Robert Elde and San Diego's High Tech High founder and chief executive officer Larry Rosenstock. March 27, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070320_3214&page=UMNN .

POLISH YOUR ETIQUETTE SKILLS at the spring 2007 etiquette dinner for faculty, staff, and alumni. Profile Resource Organization VP Darcy Matz will show how to professionally handle any dining situation. \$20 includes three-course meal by D'Amico. April 10, 5:30-8 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Register now at <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/etiquette> .

CLASSES WITHOUT QUIZZES: Water quality, Minnesota wines and apples, climate change, and high performance homes are some of the featured topics for short classes for students of all ages, taught by faculty experts in the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences. A keynote talk on climate change will be presented by climatologist Mark Seeley and WCCO-TV anchor Don Shelby. April 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., UMTC-St. Paul. Discount registration before March 23. See <http://www.cfans.umn.edu/cwq> or call 612-624-0822.

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY University Symposium Research Awards deadline is March 23. Upcoming IAS activities include "Cosmologies: Perceptions of Time in China and South Asia" (today); "Philosophy and Kabbalah on the Pursuit of Happiness" (March 22); a symposium on "Art as Knowing: A Public Conversation About Art, Ideas, and Practice," (March 23-24); "Father, Forgive Them": The Rhetoric of Mercy in the Violence of Supersession" (March 26); and more. See <http://www.ias.umn.edu> .

MORE EVENTS include "The Impact at Home: War and the National Guard," moderated by Tim Penny (today); Grad Fest 2007 (March 21-22); Spain's Consul General (March 22-23); Austria's Consul General (March 23); American Indian poet, linguist, and MacArthur Fellow Ofelia Zepeda (March 23); "Highway 61 Revisited: Bob Dylan's Road From Minnesota to the World" (March 24-27); "Porous Sovereignty/Walled Democracy," by Berkeley political science professor Wendy Brown as part of the American Studies in the 21st Century Colloquium Series (March 26); Senior Send-off hosted by the U of M Alumni Association (March 27); and professor Harvey Sarles discussing his new book, *Next Places* (March 28). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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TRANSFORMING THE U: President Bruininks emphasizes the importance of institutionalizing change and engaging in a sustained commitment to excellence as the U strives toward top-three status. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Concerted_effort.html .

A TWO-WAY STREET FOR RESEARCH AND PRACTICE: Workshops on children's mental health--held at UMTC and delivered by ITV and the Internet to 35 sites statewide--are generating interest that is growing faster than the planners dreamed. The March 29 workshop on attachment theory is expected to draw more than 1,000 researchers, clinicians, parents, and other health professionals. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_for_Public_Engaqement/Two_way_street.html .

CAPA CELEBRATES: Who are academic professionals and administrators--also known as P&As--and what do they do? Read six very short profiles by Pam Stenhjem, professional development and recognition representative on the Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators (CAPA). Also, P&A staff are invited to CAPA's annual event in their honor, April 20, noon-2 p.m., UMTC; register by April 11 to assist the planners. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Council_of_Academic_Professionals_and_Administrators/Highlighting_PA_workforce.html .

PEOPLE: The U's inaugural class of postdoctoral fellows is Zenzele Isoke, Patina Mendez, and Ludwin Molina; new UMTC basketball coach is Orlando "Tubby" Smith; seven faculty and staff members' projects have been named for grants from the President's Initiative on Children, Youth, and Families; new AHC Center for Interprofessional Education director is Gwen Wagstrom Halaas. Read about these and more U appointments and awards at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html .

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ROCHESTER CAMPUS CHANCELLOR SEARCH COMMITTEE is now soliciting applications and nominations. Committee chair and VP for research Tim Mulcahy urges members of the U community to nominate candidates. Applications and nominations will be reviewed beginning April 13 and accepted until position is filled. Submit nominations and application materials electronically to UMRChancellor@academic-search.com . For details about preferred and required qualifications and UMR, see <http://www.r.umn.edu> and the external search firm Web site, <http://www.academic-search.com> .

STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: The higher education bill has passed on the Senate floor and continues to work its way through House committees this week. Both the House and Senate are likely to vote on the capital bonding bill by the end of this week. Support the U's request through the Legislative Network, <http://www.supporttheU.umn.edu> .

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR "KEEPING OUR FACULTIES IV: Recruiting, Retaining, and Advancing Faculty of Color" is March 29. Join an estimated 400 professors, administrators, human resources professionals, and students at this national symposium, April 12-14, UMTC. One-day registration is also available. See <http://www.cce.umn.edu/conferences/kof> .

FACULTY INTERESTED IN EXPLORING ADMINISTRATIVE CAREERS are invited to attend the second of two presentations to explore the experiences, challenges, rewards, and career paths of faculty now in U administrative roles; this session will focus on women. April 4, 3-5 p.m., 401 Walter Library, UMTC. To sign up, contact Cheryl Johnson, caj@umn.edu , Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE U-WIDE ADT CONFERENCE ON TEACHING AND LEARNING AND THE DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD CEREMONY, APRIL 23, McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. The conference topic is "Enhancing Student Learning: Conversations About Research and Practice," sponsored by the Academy of Distinguished Teachers; see the day-long program at <http://www.adt.umn.edu/conference07> . The ceremony will follow, 3:30-6 p.m.; see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/distinguishedteaching.html> . Both events are free, but registration is required.

MORE THAN 75 STAFF MEMBERS FROM 12 DEPARTMENTS volunteered to help families completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at the second annual Minnesota College Goal Sunday last month. The project assists low-income students and those without a college-going tradition. Read more in the March issue of *The Record* at http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/Services/News_Events_and_Activities/Record.html .

THE U'S INITIATIVE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT (IREE) is now part of the Institute on the Environment. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070320_3217&page=UMNN .

SPLIT ROCK ARTS PROGRAM, with weeklong and weekend workshops at UMTC and the U's Cloquet Forestry Center, will feature 39 options in three disciplines, June 17-Aug. 3. See <http://www.cce.umn.edu/splitrockarts> .

Crookston:

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER FOR THE CLASS OF 2007 will be the Hon. Russell Anderson, chief justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, May 5, 2 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story491.html> .

BUSINESS ACTIVITIES DAY will draw area high school students to campus for 10 business-related contests. Today, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story487.html> .

Duluth:

NEW DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR FRESHWATER RESEARCH AND POLICY is Randall Hicks, professor and head, Department of Biology. Hicks is an environmental microbiologist whose current research focuses on the Great Lakes and northern Minnesota watersheds. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2007/March/06.html> .

THE BULLDOG WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM took second place in the national championship March 18, losing to the U of Wisconsin-Madison. See http://www.umdbulldogs.com/womens/hockey/index.php?sect_rank=3&story_id=3191 .

"MAKING WHITENESS VISIBLE," a film by Shakti Butler, will be screened as part of the Social Justice Film Series, sponsored by UMD's delegation to the Seventh Annual White Privilege Conference, Black Student Association, Instructional Development Services, and Diversity Commission. March 29, 11:30 a.m., Rafters, Kirby Student Center. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/umdoeo/diversity/upcoming.html> .

"FEMINISM, PRIVILEGE, AND THE POLITICS OF ACCOUNTABILITY," a keynote speech for Women's History Month, will be presented by women's studies professor and author Ann Russo. March 29, 7 p.m., 200 Chemistry. A reception will follow. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2007/March/14-A.html> .

TECHFEST 2007 will feature 25 booths with faculty, staff, and students demonstrating the latest in technology and learning and teaching trends at UMD. Refreshments and door prizes. March 30, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., ballroom, Kirby Student Center. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2007/March/16.html> .

Morris:

HIGH SCHOOL, UMM, AND ALUMNI MUSICIANS will perform at the 29th annual Jazz Fest, March 29-31. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnews/View.php?itemID=2546> . Call 320-589-6080 for tickets.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON SMALL TOWNS will focus on opportunities for collaboration between learning institutions and community revitalization initiatives. June 5-6. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/services/cst/symposium/2007> .

Twin Cities:

SUPPORT THE U DAY AT THE CAPITOL IS TODAY. There's still time to join hundreds of U supporters including students, faculty, staff, alumni, and volunteers from across the state. Noon rally in the rotunda; 12:45 p.m. lunch in the Great Hall. Catch a bus to the Capitol on the south side of Coffman Union or at the St. Paul Student Center. See <http://www.supporttheU.umn.edu> .

UMTC MAINTAINED ITS STANDING among U.S. public research universities in the 2006 report, published last week, of the Center for Measuring University Performance, at Arizona State U (formerly located at the U of Florida). UMTC ranked in the top tier in eight of the nine measures, which relied on 2004 and 2005 data and thus do not reflect strategic positioning efforts over the past two years. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070320_3216&page=UMNN .

TWO MAJOR GRANTS were announced March 19. With \$6 million over five years from the U.S. Department of Defense, UMTC will lead a six-university effort to use biology to advance quantum physics and electronics. Nearly \$1 million over three years from the Bush Foundation will support the Writing Enriched Curriculum, part of the Baccalaureate Writing Initiative. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070319_3208&page=UMNN (biology) and http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070319_3212&page=UMNN (writing).

A CELEBRATION OF TEACHING AND LEARNING will feature Stephen Brookfield, Distinguished University Professor, U of St. Thomas, an international expert on teaching, critical thinking, discussion methods, and adult education. Other activities will include the UMTC campuswide Teaching and Learning Poster Fair and an interactive theater presentation on mentoring teaching assistants. April 16, 12:30-3 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Sponsored by the Bush Foundation with support from the Center for Teaching and Learning. Register at <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/teachlearn/celebration> .

CONSTRUCTION FOR THE EAST GATEWAY DISTRICT began March 25 with road work on University Avenue between Oak Street and Huron Boulevard. The Hawkeye Lot will close May 15, and the Huron Boulevard parking complex will close July 1. See <http://www.umn.edu/pts/stadium.htm> .

A NEW JAVA CITY ECOGROUNDS COFFEE VENUE opened in the Hay Loft Café, part of the College of Veterinary Medicine's Ben Pomeroy Student-Alumni Learning Center, the renovated dairy barn at 1964 Fitch Av., St. Paul. See <http://www.umn.edu/dining> and <http://www.cvm.umn.edu/about/facilities/librarymuseum/pomeroycenter/History.html> .

THE FIFTH ANNUAL RACE FOR JUSTICE 5K fun run and walk, organized by the Law School, will be held April 15, starting at Nicollet Island. Race-day registrations welcome. See http://www.law.umn.edu/current/raceforjustice_2007.html .

A CONFERENCE ON "MANAGING INCIDENTAL FINDINGS IN HUMAN SUBJECTS RESEARCH: From Imaging to Genomics" will present recommendations from a National Institutes of Health-funded project to develop standards. Many national experts will speak. May 1, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. Advance registration is strongly encouraged. See <http://www.lifesci.consortium.umn.edu/conferences/incidentalfindings.php> .

McKNIGHT SUMMER FELLOWS will talk about their research: origins of the Lebanese national idea, 1840-1920 (Carol Hakim); the "wayward press," the public sphere, and a theory of press criticism (Kathy Roberts Forde); and migration, tourism, and the reconfiguration of Maya life in modern Mexico (M. Bianet Castellanos). Today, 4-5:30 p.m., 140 Nolte Center.

PLANT SALE, sponsored by the College of Biological Sciences Greenhouse and Plant Biology Phytograds, will be April 4-5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Paul Student Center.

MORE EVENTS include "Countdown to Apartheid in Israel/Palestine," with human rights activist Jeff Halper (today); "Time and Language" by Anatoly Liberman (March 29); *Betrayal of Democracy: Ethiopia* screening (March 29); public reception for MFA exhibition at the Nash Gallery (March 30); *You Suck: A Love Story* author Christopher Moore (March 30); 11th Annual Symposium in Romance Studies (March 31); "Beyond Marriage: Building New Alliances Around the Politics of Sexuality" (March 31); fourth annual free 7 Days spring concert (April 1); Sen. Amy Klobuchar in the first in a series of public forums on "Connecting With Government" (April 2); W. E. Petersen Symposium, "Cross-breeding of Dairy Cattle" (April 2); "Dying When You're Rich, Dying When You're Poor," by Carlos Gomez, M.D., U of Virginia, in a School of Nursing annual lecture (April 3, registration requested by March 30); and "A River Runs Through All of Us" a symposium inspired by the Mississippi (April 4). (SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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THE FIRST U-WIDE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT DAY, APRIL 11, will feature local and global guest speakers: Elder Atum Azzahir, an experienced U partner in the Powderhorn and Phillips neighborhoods of south Minneapolis, and Xolela Mangcu, a leading voice in South Africa for revitalization of public life and democratic activism. Faculty, staff, students, and community members are invited. Free registration to attend addresses, lunch, and workshops, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Coffman Union, UMTC; no registration required for the open house celebration, 4-6 p.m., Great Hall. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_for_Public_Engagement/Engagement_party.html .

STATE OF THE U ADDRESS IS RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 5, 4-5 p.m. The address by President Bruininks will seek to reestablish the U's strategic goal and to inspire a common vision of a transformed U. The focus will be results of strategic positioning from the past two years as well as the need for persistence in the face of current challenges, including rising standards and expectations. The address will be delivered in the theater of Coffman Union, UMTC, with live broadcast locations at 100 Dowell Hall, UMC; 410 Library, UMD; Science Auditorium, UMM; ST108, UMR; and 155 Peters Hall, UMTC, St. Paul. See <http://www.umn.edu/pres/stateoftheu.html> .

TRANSFORMING THE U: THE UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE AT UMTC is undergoing a transformation that includes writing, advising, research, bridge programs, expanded welcome week, mentorships, study abroad, a Web-based graduation planner, and SMART Commons. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Undergraduate.html .

PEOPLE: Professor of social work Helen Kivnick, founder of CitySongs for urban youth, will receive the 2007 Josie R. Johnson Human Rights and Social Justice Award; UMM junior Eagan Heath has been named a Truman Scholar; new Stem Cell Institute director is Jonathan Slack. Read about these and more U appointments and awards at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html .

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University-wide:

SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR THE ASSOCIATE VP AND DEAN OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS is now seeking applications and nominations. Committee chair and School of Public Health dean John Finnegan invites members of the U community to nominate candidates. Applications and nominations will be reviewed beginning April 15 and accepted until the position is filled. Submit materials electronically to the search firm representative, Alberto Pimentel, VP for Education/Non-Profit Practice, Edward W. Kelley & Partners, at Alberto.Pimentel@ewkp.com . For details, see <http://www.academic.umn.edu/system/international/avp.html> .

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE (P&A) STAFF, hosted by the Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators (CAPA), will be "Discovered: P&A Excellence," April 20, noon-2 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall, UMTC. Registration requested by April 11 to assist planners, e-mail georq038@umn.edu .

SECOND MINNESOTA CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE TOURISM, sponsored by the U Tourism Center, will open with a keynote on tourism and recreation implications of global warming. April 25-26, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska. Space is limited. Register at <http://www.tourism.umn.edu> .

Crookston:

UMC WAS NAMED TO THE PRESIDENT'S HIGHER EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOR ROLL, a new national program to recognize campus cultures that make service and engagement a priority. UMTC was also among the 10 Minnesota colleges and universities named. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story499.html> .

AN EQUINE SCIENCE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT has been signed by UMC; Laramie County Community College, Cheyenne, Wyo.; and Black Hawk College, Kewanee, Ill. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story497.html> .

Duluth:

DISABILITY AWARENESS CRASH COURSE will be sponsored by Disability Services and Resources. Events will include a disability expo with more than 20 organizations providing information on a variety of disabilities, wheelchair tours of UMD, music, and panels on ADD/ADHD and on "dis-mobility" and transportation issues. Door prizes and refreshments. Today, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Kirby Student Center, ballroom. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/access> .

"RUSSIAN POLITICS: PUTIN AND 2008," a lecture by Sergy Sevastiyarov, visiting Fulbright professor of political science at the U of Louisville, will be sponsored by the Alworth Institute for International Studies, April 9, 7:30 p.m., fourth floor rotunda, Library. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/alworth/main/intlecture.php> .

Morris:

COMPLETION OF THE UMM HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN will be celebrated with a slide presentation to the campus community by State Historic Preservation Office representative Dennis Gimmetad ('73), Gemini Research representative Sue Granger ('80), Chancellor Johnson, associate vice chancellor for physical plant and planning Lowell Rasmussen, and U Architect's Office staff member Jim Litsheim. April 11, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Science Auditorium. See <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/preservation> .

HOME-GROWN ECONOMY CONFERENCE, rescheduled for April 2 due to bad weather in March, drew more than 300 presenters and exhibitors, who explored how new value chains--moving locally grown, healthy foods from the field to the dinner plate--can become an economic engine for farmers, rural communities, and development organizations. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnews/View.php?itemID=2340> .

Rochester:

UMR CHANCELLOR SEARCH COMMITTEE is accepting applications and nominations. U community members are urged to nominate candidates. Applications and nominations will be reviewed beginning April 13 and accepted until the position is filled. See <http://www.r.umn.edu> and the external search firm Web site, <http://www.academic-search.com> .

"THE SIGNS OF SAFETY APPROACH TO CHILD PROTECTION CASEWORK," a School of Social Work conference, was well attended by community professionals March 28 at the UMR interactive television host site. The conference was organized by the Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare. See <http://ssw.che.umn.edu/cascw.html> .

Twin Cities:

TWO MAJOR GRANTS were announced April 2. With \$22.5 million over seven years from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, UMTC will become one of six sites in the nation to establish a Center of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance. Nearly \$7.5 million over five years from the U.S. Department of Transportation will make the U's Intelligent Transportation Systems Institute and the Minnesota Department of Transportation coleaders in research to prevent collisions at rural highway intersections. See <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/releases/avianflu040207/home.html> (avian influenza) and <http://www.its.umn.edu/news/2007/CICAS.html> (transportation).

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE DEAN Jeffrey Klausner has announced he will step down this summer to become the new president of the Animal Medical Center in New York, the city's largest animal care, education, and research facility. See <http://www.cvm.umn.edu/newsandevents/DeanKlausner.html> .

"MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER: U of M Minneapolis Area Neighborhood Impact Report" is available online at <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/govrel/reports.html> .

"DEMYSTIFYING THE PROMOTION AND TENURE PROCESS," a workshop for all UMTC probationary faculty members, will include discussion about current proposed changes to the tenure code and about the tenure process, and dialogue with a panel of recently tenured faculty members. Hosted by Arlene Carney, vice provost for faculty and academic affairs. April 25, 1:30-3:30 p.m., A.I. Johnson Room, McNamara Alumni Center. To register, contact Cheryl Johnson at caj@umn.edu .

UNIVERSITY STORES ANNUAL LAB FEST will feature new products and more than 60 vendors. April 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Radisson University Hotel, Minneapolis; April 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Paul Student Center ballroom. Lunch will be served 11 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, log in at <http://www.ustores.umn.edu> .

OPEN HOUSE FOR U OF M PHYSICIANS SMILEY'S CLINIC, in a new location serving the east Phillips and Seward communities, will include several free health screenings, tours, refreshments, and door prizes. April 11, 3:30-7:30 p.m., 2020 E. 28th Street (corner of 28th and Hiawatha), Minneapolis. See http://www.umphysicians.umn.edu/news_detail_objectname_smileys_open_house.html .

TOASTMASTERS AT THE U: Become a better public speaker and leader and gain confidence through proven methods in a fun and supportive atmosphere. Attend a campus organizational meeting, today, noon-1 p.m., 2-120 Molecular Cellular Biology, <http://www.umn.edu/twincities/maps/MCB> . Feel free to bring your lunch. For more information, contact Jeff Stafford, staff086@umn.edu , or call Organizational Effectiveness, 612-626-0774.

"WRITING BEYOND CAMPUS WALLS," a workshop for academics interesting in writing for popular media, will describe differences between academic writing and journalism and how to pitch ideas, frame academic research in terms interesting to editors, and consider the most appropriate outlets for different subjects. Presented by Clay Steinman, media and cultural studies, Macalester College; sponsored by Students for Engaged Scholarship. April 5, catered dinner 6 p.m., workshop 6:30-8 p.m., 140 Nolte Center. Contact nadle002@umn.edu .

"THE INTERNET, THE PUBLIC INTELLECTUAL, AND THE WAR ON TERROR" will be presented by Juan Cole, blogger, commentator, and professor of Middle East and South Asian history, U of Michigan, April 5, 4 p.m., 120 Nolte Center. Cole will also speak on Afghanistan-Pakistan relations and Taliban resurgence, today, 3:30-5:30 p.m., 125 Nolte Center. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070323_3236&page=UMNN .

"WHAT NON-NATIVE FACULTY SHOULD KNOW WHEN WORKING WITH NATIVE STUDENTS" will be presented by Spero Manson, Pembina Chippewa tribe, professor of psychiatry and head of the American Indian and Alaska Native programs, U of Colorado, and Health Sciences Center. Manson has worked on health care issues in Pakistan, Southeast Asia, and with Eastern European refugees in the United States. Sponsored by the School of Nursing Native Nurses Center; free and open to the public. April 12, 3-4:30 p.m., 1-450 Moos Tower. See http://www.nursing.umn.edu/AboutUs/Calendar/Manson_Spero.html .

"A PERSPECTIVE ON THE INTERSECTION OF SCIENCE AND POLICY AT THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION" will be presented by Scott Gottlieb, M.D., American Enterprise Institute, as the final lecture in the 2006-07 Lunch Series on the Societal Implications of the Life Sciences. April 12, 12:15-1:30 p.m., theater, Coffman Union. Box lunches will be provided to those who register by April 6: contact lawvalue@umn.edu or 612-625-0055. See http://www.lifesci.consortium.umn.edu/news_and_events .

TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION SERIES FOR GRAD STUDENTS IN SCIENCE and technology-related colleges: The fourth of five seminars will be "Developing a Successful Business Model for Your Technology Business." April 9, 4-6 p.m., Carlson School of Management (CSOM). Register at ces@csom.umn.edu . The series is sponsored by 3M and offered through the Gary S. Holmes Center for Entrepreneurship, CSOM. For more information, see <http://carlsonschool.umn.edu/page7307.aspx> or contact Sharon Hansen, shansen@csom.umn.edu or 612-624-0226.

MORE EVENTS include Islam Awareness Week: "Islamophobia and Islamofascism: Challenging the Muslim Stereotype" (April 4); legislative update on GLBT issues (April 4); "The New Wounded: The Evolution of War-related Injuries and Their Medical, Social, and Economic Impact (April 5); "The 'New Breed' of African Leaders and the Future of Human Rights and Democracy in Africa," a full-day panel discussion (April 6); "Destinations," a Student Dance Coalition concert (April 5-7); "Survivance: Theory and Practice in Native American Narratives" (April 9); "Long-Term Costs of War: Landmine Abatement in Laos" (April 10); and the Science and Technology Banquet fund-raiser, "Anticipating the Bioenergy Revolution" (April 11). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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TRANSFORMING THE U: STATE OF THE U ADDRESS, presented by President Bruininks April 5, recognized the hard work, perseverance, and ingenuity of staff and faculty members over the first two years of the strategic positioning effort. The president called for persistence in the face of current challenges, including rising standards and expectations. "We aspire not to ranking but to stature," he said, which "requires a deep and abiding cultural commitment to excellence in everything we do." Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Bruininks_delivers_State_of_the_U_for_2007.html .

SEEKING AN EDGE IN THE BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES: Only the promise of adequate lab space was enough to lure world-renowned biomedical researcher Gunda Georg to Minnesota. That's why the U is asking the state legislature to fund the Biomedical Sciences Research Facilities Authority, which would authorize the issuance of bonds to enable the U to construct four new research buildings over the next eight years. Read more about Georg and the bonding authority proposal at the legislature at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Seeking_an_edge_in_the_biomedical_sciences.html .

UMD CELEBRATES ITS FIRST CLASS OF TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (TLP) GRADUATES: A snowstorm did not prevent the Duluth campus from honoring 19 staff members at TLP graduation April 3. Their projects--many tied to UMD's strategic approach for improving retention and graduation rates--are building skills and transforming processes across the campus. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_of_Service_and_Continuous_Improvement/UMD_graduates_first_TLP_class.html .

PEOPLE: Four UMTC faculty members have received 2007 Guggenheim Fellowships: Daphne Berdahl, anthropology; Hisham Bizri, cultural studies and comparative literature; David Treuer, English; and Peter McMurry, mechanical engineering. Read about these and more U awards and appointments at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html .

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University-wide:

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS TODAY FOR "KEEPING OUR FACULTIES IV: Recruiting, Retaining, and Advancing Faculty of Color." April 12-14, UMTC. One-day registration is also available. See <http://www.cce.umn.edu/conferences/kof> .

THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE U-WIDE CONFERENCE ON TEACHING AND LEARNING and the Distinguished Teaching Award Ceremony, April 23, McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. Both events are free. The conference, "Enhancing Student Learning: Conversations About Research and Practice," 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., is sponsored by the Academy of Distinguished Teachers and UMTC Center for Teaching and Learning and Digital Media Center; contact 612-624-5082 or kbaciq@umn.edu (online registration closed April 9). The awards ceremony, 3:30-6 p.m., is sponsored by the U of M Alumni Association; register by April 13. See <http://www.adt.umn.edu/conference07> (conference agenda) and <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/distinguishedteaching.html> (awards ceremony registration).

BEAUTIFUL U DAY IS APRIL 19. Activities are planned on all the U campuses. Volunteers are needed at UMTC for a litter pickup (St. Paul and Minneapolis), planting trees on East River Road, and planting flowers on Northrop plaza. See <http://www.buday.umn.edu> .

U READS 2007 LIST of 10 books recommended by U faculty, staff, and students is now posted at <http://www.cce.umn.edu/ureads/list.html> .

ITASCA FIELD BIOLOGY PROGRAM offers summer session courses at the U station in Itasca State Park, May 24-June 26. Faculty and staff are encouraged to direct students from all disciplines at any accredited college or university to enroll. Earn up to eight credits in immersion courses in ecology, mammology, ornithology, animal behavior, and more. See <http://www.cbs.umn.edu/itasca> .

Crookston:

THREE NEW COACHES have been hired in the Golden Eagle football program, which is part of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC): David Hennings and Justin Schreiber, full-time, and UMC Athletic Hall of Fame member Jim LeClair, part-time. Hennings has served as assistant coach part-time for seven seasons. Schreiber was a quarterback at UMC 1999-2002 and has coached Division II college and high school football. LeClair played at UMC in 1968-69 and later played 12 seasons for the Cincinnati Bengals. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/people/athletics/news> .

A DAYLONG CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT April 13 will put community volunteers to work alongside UMC students, faculty, and staff in honor of Beautiful U Day. Volunteers should check in at the Eagle's Nest on the west side of the Student Center. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story501.html> .

Duluth:

THE NEW VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND STUDENT LIFE is Randy Hyman. He comes from Ball State U, Indiana, where he served as associate dean for student affairs and director of the graduate program for student affairs administration in higher education. He succeeds Bruce Gildseth, who is retiring after 30 years as vice chancellor but will continue leading the UMD Campus Retention Initiative in the chancellor's office through 2007-08. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2007/April/04.html> .

"AN INTRODUCTION TO BUCHENWALD" will be presented by Leonore Baeumler and Karl Bahm as part of UMD's annual Baeumler-Kaplan Holocaust Commemoration. Today, 4 p.m., Rafters; free and open to the public. Commemoration events will continue through April, focusing this year on Buchenwald concentration camp. The keynote address, "The Birds Keep Silent in the Forest," will be given by Buchenwald survivor and St. Olaf College professor Reidar Dittman, April 19, 4 p.m., Kirby Student Center ballroom. An exhibition on the camp will be displayed through April 30, UMD Library. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2007/April/06.html> .

"MUSLIMS AND THE WEST IN THE AGE OF GLOBALIZATION" will be presented by Ahmed Samatar, dean, Institute for Global Citizenship, Macalester College, as the Alworth Institute for International Studies Annual Memorial Lecture. Today, 7:30 p.m., Kirby Student Center ballroom. Free and open to the public.

UMD SCIENTIFIC VENDOR SHOW will feature more than 20 scientific supply vendors displaying equipment and answering questions. Friday, April 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., atrium, Swenson Science Building. For more information, contact Randy Hedin, rhedin2@d.umn.edu .

Morris:

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM, to be held in conjunction with the inauguration of Chancellor Johnson next week, will showcase the research of more than 100 students in every discipline. April 20, 3-5 p.m., Science Building atrium and Imholte Hall classrooms. Alumna and visiting professor of political science Angela Bos, a participant in UMM's first undergraduate research symposium, will give the symposium keynote address. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnews/View.php?itemID=2838> .

Rochester:

UMR CHANCELLOR SEARCH COMMITTEE: Applications and nominations will be reviewed beginning April 13 and accepted until the position is filled. See <http://www.r.umn.edu> and the external search firm Web site, <http://www.academic-search.com> .

Twin Cities:

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT DAY IS TODAY. Faculty, staff, students, and community members are invited. Free registration to attend addresses, lunch, and workshops, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Coffman Union, UMTC; no registration required for the open house celebration, 4-6 p.m., Great Hall. See http://www.engagement.umn.edu/public_engagement_day/index2.html .

SOFTBALL: ENJOY GOPHER SPORTS AND HELP BUILD CAMPUS COMMUNITY with reduced-price tickets for faculty and staff. Cheer on coaches Lisa Bernstein and Julie Standerer and the softball team when they play Purdue U at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium, Apr. 14, noon. Tickets are free for those with a U Card and \$3 for family and friends; get them at the U Bookstore in Coffman in advance or at the stadium on game day. A one-hour clinic for kids 12 and under will follow; register at diamo010@umn.edu . See <http://www.gophersports.com> for game delays or cancellations due to weather. Sponsored by a joint initiative of U governance and athletics.

"THE DREAM ACT: IN-STATE TUITION FOR ALL?" will feature speakers Mercy Das-Šulc, Citizens League Immigration and Higher Education Study Committee, and Sara Rosales, ISALIAH Civil Rights for Immigrants Campaign, in the Spring 2007 Hope Forum, presented by the Lutheran Student Movement and University Lutheran Church of Hope. April 17, 6-7:30 p.m., President's Room, Coffman Union. See "Hope Forum" on the left sidebar at <http://www.ulch.org> or call 612-331-5988.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND WORK will be the topic of a short-course designed to help supervisors define domestic abuse, recognize behaviors associated with it, and understand how it affects the U workplace environment. Participants will be equipped with effective strategies and skills to respond when working with a colleague or employee who may be experiencing domestic violence. Resources in your organization and community that can be used to intervene, support, and protect those involved will be identified. Facilitator: Jamie Tiedemann, director, Aurora Center for Advocacy and Education. April 25, 9-11 a.m., 210 Donhowe Building. Register at <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/supervisors/workshops> .

U REUSE WAREHOUSE SEALED-BID AUCTION will be April 19, 20, and 23, 883 29th Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. Meat slicer, antique bench, wooden file cabinet, executive desk, industrial tools, and much more are up for bid. Highest sealed bid during the three viewing days will claim the merchandise. The ReUse Warehouse is a depot for used U property. See a complete list of auction items at <http://www.reuse.umn.edu> .

RECENT UMTC FEATURES ON THE U HOME PAGE:

--THE NEW UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM and its director, physics professor Serge Rudaz, http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/He_takes_the_honors.html
--"WISH YOU WERE HERE," the new online faculty recruitment brochure, http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Wishing_they_were_here.html

THE MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN CREATIVE WRITING 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION will feature several panels, April 12-13, and conclude with festivities and a reading to announce the Michael Dennis Browne Fellowship, April 13, 7 p.m., West Wing, Campus Club, Coffman Union. See <http://creativewriting.umn.edu> .

MORE EVENTS include a campus reception for Wolf Prize winner and Regents Professor Ronald Phillips (today); E. L. Doctorow reading for the Esther Freier endowed lecture (today); McKnight Summer Fellows on projects related to the Caribbean (today); annual David Noble Lecture, "The Jim Crow Cigarette: Tracing Cultures of Transnational Capitalism Before World War II," with Nan Enstad, U of Wisconsin-Madison (April 12); united local university men's choruses performing Randall Thompson's "The Testament of Freedom" (April 13 and 15); topics on the Korean War (beginning April 12-14) and a traveling art and multi-media exhibit, "Still Present Pasts" (April 14-June 2); conference to honor German studies professor Gerhard Weiss (April 14); 5K Race for Justice fun run and walk (April 15); Gov. Tim Pawlenty addressing the Law School community, sponsored by the U chapter of the Federalist Society (April 16); annual Freeman Lecture, "Food vs. Fuel: The Unintended Consequences of the American Race for Energy," (April 17); Tucker Center lecture, "Sex vs. Athletic Competence: Exploring Competing Narratives in Marketing and Promoting Women's Sports" (April 17); and IMA public lecture, "Epidemics in Technological and Social Networks: The Down Side of Six Degrees of Separation," with Jennifer Tour Chayes (April 18). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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THE IMPORTANCE OF ADVISING: Mary Moga's colleagues joke about the number of times she is thanked every year at the UMTC CLA Honors event for graduating seniors. This year, Moga is one of four U advisers to be honored April 20 with the John Tate Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising--along with Pamela Holsinger-Fuchs, UMC; Julie Johnson Westlund, UMD; and Gayle Woodruff, UMTC. The celebration highlights the importance of advising to the U's goals and student success. Read a profile about Moga and the Tate Awards at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Top_advisers_honored.html .

UMM INAUGURATION: The U community is invited to the inauguration celebration of Morris campus chancellor Jacqueline Johnson, April 20. Events will include a luncheon, undergraduate research symposium, music, ceremony, and inaugural address, "On the Edge of Tomorrow, in the Middle of Everywhere." See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnews/View.php?itemID=2611> .

PEOPLE: Phil Kragens, Office of Disability Services, has won a state excellence award in assistive technology; management professor Srilata Zaheer has been elected a fellow of the Academy of International Business; and the new UMC admissions director is Amber Evans-Dailey. Read about these and more U awards and appointments at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html .

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University-wide:

BEAUTIFUL U DAY ACTIVITIES CONTINUE THIS WEEK:

--UMD: "A Greener UMD" (today, noon, fourth-floor rotunda, Library); rain garden tours (April 19-20, noon, meet at the rain garden sign nearest to College Street). See <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2007/April/13.html> .

--UMM: A prairie-scene painting project (April 19, 8:30 a.m., campus mall), and more. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnews/View.php?itemID=3004> .

--UMTC: Kickoff breakfast (April 19, 8 a.m., EECS/Lind Hall courtyard), litter pickup, tree planting, container planting, lunch at the St. Paul Student Center, rain-barrel making, forums, and more. See <http://www.buday.umn.edu> .

PRESIDENT BRUININKS WILL VISIT ALEXANDRIA APRIL 19 to meet with community leaders and U alumni about topics including technology, biomedicine, and renewable energy. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070413_3275&page=UMNN .

INTERNATIONAL FACULTY RESEARCH CIRCLES SYMPOSIUM: OPPORTUNITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS. Learn about establishing transnational research circles linking disciplinarily diverse groups of U faculty with researchers abroad around issues of global or international importance. Principal investigators for projects currently funded by Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change and Office of International Programs will present; includes information on how to submit a successful application. April 25, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 415 Blegen Hall, UMTC. See <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=401368:event=116762> .

OPEN ENROLLMENT DEADLINE FOR LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE is April 20. See <http://uplanltc.ihancock.com> (username "uplanltc"; password "mybenefit").

LAST CALL TO REGISTER FOR THE DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARDS CEREMONY, hosted by the U of M Alumni Association. April 23, 3:30-6 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. See <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/distinguishedteaching.html> .

"BACK TO THE '80S: CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF THE COMMUNICATORS FORUM" is the topic of the forum's 17th annual conference. Topics include an overview of digital communications today, origins in the 1980s, and how changes have affected U communications professionals. Speakers will include Katherine Lanpher, Steve Wilbers, Bob Filipczak, and Leslie O'Flahavan. May 2, Coffman Union; earlybird registration discount through April 20. See <http://www.umn.edu/umcf> .

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY RESEARCH AND CREATIVE COLLABORATIVES for 2007-08 include faculty members from communication and composition at UMD and six colleges and the Office of Information Technology at UMTC. See details about the 10 collaboratives at <http://www.ias.umn.edu/collaboratives.php> .

THE RECORD: A NEW GENERAL-PURPOSE UMTC CLASSROOM SCHEDULE VIEWER will soon be rolled out to the entire campus community by the Office of Classroom Management. Learn more in the April issue at http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/Services/News_Events_and_Activities/Record.html .

Crookston:

CHILDREN AGES 3 AND UP will meet sheep, cattle, and horses and explore the greenhouse in the Tours for Tots program this week, through April 20. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story510.html> .

COACH SHANNON STASSEN WILL SPEND THREE DAYS ON A LIFT in a fund-raiser for a UMC scholarship endowed to honor longtime UMC athletics director Herschel Lysaker. April 23-25. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story505.html> .

Duluth:

SIEUR DU LUTH SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL, sponsored by the UMD School of Fine Arts, announced the 2007 schedule, with 30 performances over seven weeks. The international extravaganza will feature a mix of theater, opera, jazz, chamber music, and big-band performances, with conductors and students from Italy, France, China, Korea, and Mexico. June 27-Aug. 15. See <http://www.umdartsfest.com> .

A *STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE*, the Pulitzer Prize winning play by Tennessee Williams, set in 1940s New Orleans, opens this week with guest director Aaron Cabell. April 19-22 and 25-28, 7:30 p.m. except 2 p.m. on Sundays; Mainstage Theater. Tickets \$13 adults, \$10.50 seniors, \$6.25 students. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/theatre> .

"DIE VOGELEIN SCHWEIGEN IM WALDE: THE BIRDS KEEP SILENT IN THE FOREST" will be delivered by 2007 Baeumler-Kaplan Holocaust Commemoration keynote speaker Reidar Dittmann, professor emeritus, St. Olaf College, April 19, 4 p.m., UMD Kirby Student Center Ballroom. Free and open to the public. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/holocaust> .

NATIONAL ASTRONOMY DAY will be celebrated by the Marshall W. Alworth Planetarium with presentations, demonstrations, booths, a prize giveaway, workshops, and other events. April 21, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., with a keynote speech in the evening, "Infrared Astronomy With NASA's New Spitzer Space Telescope," by UMTC professor of physics and astronomy Robert Gehrz. Free and open to the public. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/~planet> .

Morris:

THE SEVENTH FIRING OF UMM'S WOOD-FIRED KILN will be April 19-22, and the 2007 Senior Studio Art Exhibition will open April 19, continuing through May 12. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnews/View.php?itemID=2903> , <http://www.morris.umn.edu/academic/art> , and <http://www.morris.umn.edu/events/gallery> .

Rochester:

UMR CHANCELLOR SEARCH COMMITTEE: Applications and nominations are now being reviewed and will be accepted until the position is filled. See <http://www.r.umn.edu> and the external search firm Web site, <http://www.academic-search.com> .

Twin Cities:

"CELEBRATING UNIVERSITY WOMEN" 2007 AWARDS will honor recipients Rosalie Kane, Ellen Longmire, Shirley Nelson Garner, Martha Feda, Mary Ellen Berman, Michelle Wittcoff Kuhl, and Tatiana Ormazá. The program will open with remarks by VP and Vice Provost BarcelÓ, "Honoring the Stories and Strengths of Women." A dessert reception will follow. Free, but registration is requested. April 25, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center. See <http://www.umn.edu/women/events.html> .

TODAY: "ZIP AROUND CAMPUS AND GRUB DOWN WITH FLEXDINE" is the theme of this year's spring outdoor event cosponsored by Parking and Transportation Services and University Dining Services. Learn more about Zipcar and FlexDine as you play mini-golf and enjoy free refreshments on Coffman's front plaza. April 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Zipcar is an on-campus car-sharing program that gives members "wheels when you want them." An actual U of M Zipcar will be on the sidewalk for curious onlookers to look inside. Read more at <http://www.zipcar.com/umn> . FlexDine is not just for students; it's on-campus dining convenience for faculty and staff. Add money to your U Card, and you won't need cash for coffee at Wilson Library's Dunn Bros, smoothies at Coffman's Jamba Juice, and more. See <http://www.umn.edu/dining/flexdine.html> .

"DEMYSTIFYING THE PROMOTION AND TENURE PROCESS," a workshop for all UMTC probationary faculty members, will include discussion about current proposed changes to the tenure code and about the tenure process, and a panel of recently tenured faculty members. Hosted by Arlene Carney, vice provost for faculty and academic affairs. April 25, 1:30-3:30 p.m., A.I. Johnson Room, McNamara Alumni Center. To register, contact Cheryl Johnson at caj@umn.edu .

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GREAT CONVERSATIONS: "FOR ONE, FOR ALL: INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS" is the topic of a conversation between Regents Professor of Political Science Kathryn Sikkink and Argentinian human rights advocate, lawyer, and former political prisoner Juan Mendez. April 24, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. See <http://www.cce.umn.edu/conversations> .

"TOWARD A GLOBAL FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL POLICY for an Open International Economy," a symposium to honor Regents Professor Emeritus G. Edward Schuh, will feature scholars and policy experts from around the world--many of them his former students--addressing key research topics of his career. Schuh urged consideration of macroeconomic policies' effects on the agricultural sector. May 2-3, Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. See http://www.hhh.umn.edu/schuh_symposium .

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE to see Tony Dungy, '78, head coach of the Indianapolis Colts, at the U of M Alumni Association annual celebration. May 8, 8 p.m., Mariucci Arena. See <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/celebration> .

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY EVENTS this week include "Korean War: Past and Present" workshop for high school teachers (April 19-20); "We Don't Know Who You Are': Preventing Fraud, Ensuring Permanence, and Fixing Transgender Identity Documents in the Post-9/11 United States" (April 19); "Why Iraq?" (April 23); "Resisting (Through) Metaphor," on geographical metaphors and epidemiology (April 24); "Uncanny Pulse-Streams in Music," with examples since Franz Schubert (April 25); and more. See http://www.ias.umn.edu/calendar.php?view_month=4_2007 .

MORE EVENTS include a National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission field hearing (today); "The Food-Fuel-Environment Conflict: A Path Towards Sustainability," with Regents Professor David Tilman (April 19); "The New Guerrilla Marketing for Entrepreneurs," by St. Paul Saints co-owner and president Mike Veeck (April 19); Kurt Weill opera, *Street Scene* (April 19-22); Minneapolis/St. Paul International Film Festival (April 19-29); 27th annual human resources conference, "HR Tomorrow: What Does the Future Hold?" (April 20); "Norway, World War II, and the Holocaust" conference (April 20); Swahili Day (April 21); films for Earth Day, *The New Environmentalists* and *The Queen of Trees* (April 22); 30th Annual Frank Premack Public Affairs Journalism Awards (April 23); graduate student professionalization talks (April 24); and "Training for Global Understanding: Traditional Hmong Wedding," a workshop for faculty and staff (April 25). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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TRANSFORMING THE U: Although student research took center stage on inauguration day April 20, Morris's fifth chancellor, Jacqueline Johnson, stole the show with a lighthearted and inspiring address to the campus and community audience, which included regents and other U dignitaries. "Suddenly, the middle of nowhere has become the middle of everywhere," she said. "As the world turns from expendable sources of energy to renewable ones, the heartland, the prairie in all its beauty, takes on new meaning." Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Johnson_inaugurated_at_UMM.html .

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD WINNERS: Twelve faculty members from three U campuses took top honors April 23 for teaching. A closer look at three of them--Maria Damon, Tom Molitor, and Patricia James--gives insight on what makes a great teacher at both the undergraduate and the graduate and professional levels. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Teachers_at_the_top.html .

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNERS: At the end of a workday, U staff and faculty members such as Brenda Reeves in the Twin Cities and Barbara Elliott in Duluth bring their talents into the community for another shift. This year's five Outstanding Community Service Award winners have made long-lasting changes in centers for youth in trouble and homeless, programs to prepare low-income high school students to take college admission tests, governors' committees, advocacy related to autism, and many more arenas. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_for_Public_Engagement/Energy_givers.html .

PEOPLE: Rep. Steve Sviggum (R, Kenyon) has joined the Humphrey Institute as a senior fellow; UMTC entrepreneurial management junior Erick Boustead has been named the U's first Udall Scholar. Read about these and more U awards and appointments at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html .

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University-wide:

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS NAMED. The Senate and House have both passed versions of the higher education bill, and the Higher Education Finance Conference Committee met for the first time April 23. After reconciling differences in the bills, they will present a bill to the governor for signature. Senate conferees are senators Pappas (DFL, St. Paul, chair), Latz (DFL, St. Louis Park), Michel (R, Edina), Robling (R, Jordan), and Sheran (DFL, Mankato). House conferees are representatives Rukavina (DFL, Virginia, chair), Atkins (DFL, Inver Grove Heights), Brynaert (DFL, Mankato), McFarlane (R, White Bear Lake), and Welti (DFL, Plainview). Support the U's request through the Legislative Network, <http://www.supporttheU.umn.edu> .

CONFERENCE ON COSTS AND BENEFITS OF RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH (RCR), sponsored by the Office of Research Integrity, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and hosted by the U, will feature experiences of four major research universities that have confronted costs and benefited from RCR programs. May 31-June 1. See http://www.research.umn.edu/events/rcr_conference/about.html , or contact Carol Foth, fothx001@umn.edu or 612-624-1854.

TEL GRANT PROGRAM EXHIBIT: The U community is invited to learn about projects funded by the 2006 Technology-Enhanced Learning (TEL) Grant Program, sponsored by the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost and the Office of Information Technology. Recipients and development team members will present the project outcomes in a public poster session. See a list of recipients and project titles at <http://dmc.umn.edu/grants/2006/awards06.shtml> . Refreshments will be served. April 27, 1-3 p.m., President's Room, 333 Coffman Union.

A CELEBRATION TO HONOR Jerome "Jerry" Staiger, assistant director for radiation protection in the Department of Environmental Health and Safety and 40-year staff member at the U, upon his retirement. May 4, 3-6 p.m., second-floor atrium, Hasselmo Hall (formerly BSBE). The U-wide community is invited; RSVP requested (but not required) to RPD@umn.edu .

THE U WILL RETURN TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE after UMC faculty voted no last week to provisions impacting them in the most recent contract offer. UMD faculty voted yes to provisions impacting them in the same contract. U administration and the University Education Association (UEA) have been working toward the first three-year contract for UMC faculty members, who unionized in August 2005. More than 20 negotiating sessions have been held to date. For more information about the negotiations, see <http://hr.umcrookston.edu/info.htm> .

Crookston:

UMC'S DEVELOPMENT OFFICE is working to raise \$50,000 in 50 days in support of Golden Eagle athletics. Matching funds will be available for giving during the 50-day campaign. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story517.html> .

FIFTEEN STUDENTS FROM TAIWAN'S Nan Kai Institute of Technology (NKIT) are visiting UMC April 23-May 5, to be joined next week by NKIT president Kuo-Ming Wang. The students are enrolled in two-year programs in mechanical engineering and business English and have the potential to transfer credits for enrollment at UMC. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story515.html> .

FAREWELL GATHERING for associate vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management Pamela Holsinger-Fuchs will be April 26, 4-6 p.m., Bede Ballroom. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story512.html> .

Duluth:

A RECEPTION TO HONOR vice chancellor for academic support and student life Bruce Gildseth will be held today, 2-4 p.m., Griggs Center. Gildseth is retiring after 30 years of service, a period when enrollment has grown from 6,500 to 11,200 students. He has led UMD's work with the Minnesota Council for Quality for a decade, earning its Minnesota Gold Award. For the next academic year, he will serve on a special assignment in the chancellor's office to continue leading the campus retention initiative. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2007/April/04.html> .

LATIN AMERICAN AWARENESS EVENT will include keynote speaker Marjorie Agosin, an award-winning poet and human rights activist. Today, 7 p.m., ballroom, Kirby Student Center. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/mlrc/hlc/html/events.html> .

"PRIVILEGE, POWER, AND DIFFERENCE," a keynote speech by Allan Johnson, is next in the Social Justice Film Series. April 26 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Rafters, Kirby Student Center. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/umdoeo/diversity/upcoming.html> .

VIDEO+ANIMATION+GAMES SYMPOSIUM, held by the Visualization and Digital Imaging Lab, will showcase technologies and feature demonstrations, hands-on video production, and presentations by industry professionals. April 27, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., ballroom, Kirby Student Center. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/vdil/news> .

Morris:

NEARLY 175 YEARS OF COMBINED SERVICE and dedication to UMM will be recognized during the annual Faculty and Staff Recognition Dinner, when five longtime staff and faculty members mark their retirement at the end of this academic year: Llea Anderson, vending supervisor; Gordon Harstad, building and groundsworker; Jooinn Lee, professor and chair, Division of the Social Sciences; Joan Reicosky, instructor of accounting; and Dennis Templeman, associate professor of anthropology. April 26. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnews/View.php?itemID=2982> .

Rochester:

CONVERSATION ON ENERGY will draw several hundred local leaders from business, industry, renewable energy, environment, and conservation to talk about how Minnesota and the nation will meet growing energy needs. Sponsored by the U and ConocoPhillips. April 26, 6:30 p.m., Radisson Plaza Hotel, 150 S. Broadway. See <http://www.ur.umn.edu/uns/36454> .

UMR RECEIVED THE COMMITMENT AWARD at United Way's 2007 Celebration of Caring and Sharing this month. UMR's participation rate was 78 percent, with an average gift of \$344. See <http://www.uwolmsted.org> .

Twin Cities:

EMERGENCY RESPONSE: Information about UMTC's safety, security, and emergency preparedness resources is online at <http://www.safety.umn.edu> . Also, in light of events last week, faculty and staff are urged to become familiar with the free, confidential counseling resources available on campus. Read more at <http://www.mentalhealth.umn.edu> .

THREE PUBLIC FORUMS ON THE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS MASTER PLAN--last published in 1996--will be part of the first phase in a process to update the plan. Members of the campus and campus-area community are invited to participate in identifying key issues and questions that should be addressed. Today, 3-4:30 p.m, 33 McNeal Hall, St. Paul; April 30, 1-2:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center; May 1, 10-11:30 a.m., Mayo Auditorium.

HIGHLIGHTS OF UMTC PARTICIPATION IN A STUDY OF JUNIOR FACULTY will be presented in the second of two programs by Arlene Carney, vice provost for faculty and academic affairs. The Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE) at Harvard University asked junior, tenure-track faculty at institutions across the country to assess their experiences regarding promotion and tenure, the nature of their work, policies and practices, and the general climate, culture, and level of collegiality on their campuses. The U's participation is part of ongoing strategic positioning efforts to address recommendations in the May 2006 task force report on faculty culture. May 7, 1-2 p.m., 2-215 Carlson School of Management. (Note date change.) Sign up by contacting Cheryl Johnson, cj@umn.edu .

NOMINATIONS FOR 2007 COLLEGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION (CCE) Distinguished Teaching Awards are due May 14. The annual \$2,000 honorarium recognizes outstanding teaching and/or academic leadership through CCE. Request nomination materials at 612-625-0238. For specific information about award criteria or the nomination process, contact Kay Cooper, kcooper@cce.umn.edu or 612-625-1206.

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY PUBLIC LEADERSHIP AWARDS for 2007 will honor former ambassador to NATO and Humphrey Institute dean Harlan Cleveland, civil rights leader and former U regent Josie Johnson, Sit Investment Associates chair and Minnesotans' Military Appreciation Fund cofounder Eugene Sit, and former Missouri senator and ambassador to the U.N. John Danforth. Dinner and program May 16. See <http://www.hhh.umn.edu/news/headlines/headlines2007/danforth.html> .

A CELEBRATION OF MULTICULTURAL GRADUATES will kick off the UMTC commencement season April 28, 1-3 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070423_32988&page=NS .

"PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS FOR HUMAN RESOURCES: Designing and Implementing Effective Policies," a CIDRAP Business Source interactive Web seminar, will cover planning issues including policy development, employee communications, and tabletop exercises. Speakers are leading experts in the fields of infectious diseases/public health, human resources, and labor and employment law. Free for U staff, faculty, and students. April 27, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 5-125 Moos Tower. For details, see <https://events.tc.umn.edu/event.pl?oid=401400> or contact palensky@umn.edu .

"THE TWO FACES OF PANDEMIC RISK COMMUNICATION: Alerting People Now and Helping Them Cope When It Happens" will feature risk communication consultant Peter Sandman. May 8, 7-9 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. Free, but register by May 1. See <http://cpheo.sph.umn.edu/cpheo/events/sandman/home.html> .

"DESIGN AND ITS PUBLICS: CURATORS, CRITICS, AND HISTORIANS," an international conference hosted by the U, will include 14 of the most celebrated design thinkers from the United States and Europe. April 27-28. See <http://www.design.umn.edu/go/project/DAIP07> .

NEW CENTER FOR INTEGRATIVE LEADERSHIP, an initiative to develop leadership models for complex global leadership across sectors, will be launched with "The Age of Integrative Leadership: A Conversation With David Gergen and Bill George." May 3, noon-1:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Register by April 30. See <http://www.carlsonschool.umn.edu/cil> or call 612-624-8913.

SAVE THE DATE: NINTH ANNUAL CSBU STAFF DAY for civil service and bargaining unit employees will be June 6, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., front plaza, Coffman Union, Minneapolis; and south area (Carter and Eckles avenues), St. Paul. Evening event 6:30-8 p.m. at the Coffman location. Lunch, gifts, music, and information tables. You must bring an invitation to pick up a gift and enter the raffle. Watch for more information in Brief in mid-May.

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY EVENTS this week include "Story and Psyche," with memoirists Carlos Eire, Alice Kaplan, and Andre Aciman in the series, "Who's Got the Story? Memoir as History/History as Memoir" (readings today, panel discussion April 26); 10th anniversary celebration of *Voices From the Gaps*, a Web-based transnational academic community (April 26); Still Present Pasts: Korean Americans and the Forgotten War exhibit (through June 3) and events including a birthmother panel (April 28); and many more. See http://www.ias.umn.edu/calendar.php?view_month=4_2007 and <http://mnstillpresentpasts.org> .

MORE EVENTS include former Ecolab CEO Allan Schuman in the Leading for Tomorrow series (April 26); a roundtable on "Human Rights, the Burden of Disease, and International Tobacco Control" (April 27); Mark Seeley on "Minnesota's Weather History: Stats, Stories, and Future Scenarios" in the SCImagine! series (April 27); MFA exhibitions at the Nash Gallery (reception April 27, show through May 17); *The Arabian Nights* (through April 28); Bob Dylan's American Journey, 1956-1966 (closes April 29); Center for Lung Science and Health's special scientific program (April 30); "Biofuels: Economic Prospects and Environmental Implications" symposium (May 1); and "Paying for Minnesota Roads and Transit," the 18th annual Transportation Research Conference (May 1-2). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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TRANSFORMING THE U: At the fourth national symposium on "Keeping Our Faculties" hosted by the U in April, more than 300 leading academics from 115 colleges and universities shared emerging best practices, ideas, and inspiration for attracting and retaining faculty of color. Progress has been slow, but a paradigm shift is afoot as higher education takes on issues from merit to organizational structures. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Great_minds.html.

A HIGH-SPEED OPTICAL NETWORK FOR RESEARCHERS has been created by the U of M, Iowa State U, U of Iowa, and U of Wisconsin-Madison. The Broadband Optical Research, Education, and Sciences Network--BOREAS-Net--allows researchers across the U system and at the three partner universities to share data and computational resources with researchers worldwide and to collaborate on research activities with other institutions. See <http://www.ur.umn.edu/uns/36438>.

PEOPLE: Newly elected fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences include UMTC faculty members Patricia Hampf, English; Geoffrey Hellman, philosophy; and John Sullivan, political science. Newly elected to the National Academy of Sciences is Allen Goldman, physics. Ann Hill Duin has been named associate VP and deputy CIO in the Office of Information Technology, beginning in July. Read about these and more U awards and appointments at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html.

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University-wide:

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: The state capital bonding bill passed in the House (84-49) and Senate (45-18) April 30. The bill included \$36.4 million for the U--\$22 million for HEAPR and \$14.4 million for the renovation of 717 Delaware Street S.E., Minneapolis, as a biomedical science research facility. The governor vetoed the bill May 1. A new bonding bill may be possible in the remaining three weeks of the session. The higher education omnibus bill, of which the U's biennial budget request is a part, is still in conference committee. Follow progress on the U's requests during the final weeks of the session and watch for ways to lend support through the Legislative Network, <http://www.supporttheU.umn.edu>.

PRESIDENT'S EMERGING LEADERS (PEL) FOR 2007-08 are Maggie Aftahi, Jessica Beyer, Sherri Boone, Kimberly Carlisle, Mark Decker, Bruce Ecklein, Bruce Erickson, Catherine Fejes, Steve Gillard, Elizabeth Grossman, Peter Haeg, Rachel Hartreeve, Jacqueline Hoffsten, Andy Howe, Claire Kari, Charleen Klarquist, Victoria Larson, Matthew Nuttall, Bryan Rumble, Tricia Sanders, Virajita Singh, Anne Sumangil, Peggy Talbot, Julie VanSteenbergen, and Jodie Walz. The PEL program provides a structured but flexible leadership development opportunity for high potential P&A, civil service, and bargaining unit staff across the U. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/pel>.

A MULTI-UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM ON INTERDISCIPLINARY ADVANCEMENT has formed with U leadership, and the U will host a conference, "Fostering Interdisciplinary Inquiry," in fall 2008 to discuss common challenges and identify best practices. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070501_3317&page=NS.

CHINA CENTER DIRECTOR SEARCH: Three finalists will visit and speak in public forums at UMTC beginning tomorrow: Xiaobo Hu, Clemson U (May 3); Xun (George) Wang, U of Wisconsin-Parkside (May 10); and Yongwei Zhang, Missouri State U (May 17). See http://www.chinacenter.umn.edu/director_search.

THE FIRST RECIPIENTS IN A NEW U-WIDE INTERNATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM include four interdisciplinary institutional partnerships, nine interdisciplinary research circles, five doctoral fellowships, 14 pre-dissertation and small-grants for graduate and professional-degree students, and 10 internships. The program promotes a global network of scholarship and engagement and encourages interdisciplinary and transnational partnerships. More than \$470,000 was awarded through the Office of International Programs. See <http://www.international.umn.edu/funding/strategic>.

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (WLI): CALL FOR APPLICATIONS. The Office of Human Resources and the Office for U Women invite women employees U-wide to apply for the 2007-08 institute. WLI offers an opportunity to grow as a leader, meet other women leaders, and take time for self-reflection and personal growth. The yearlong program includes monthly meetings, an all-day retreat, and networking activities. Deadline: May 18. See <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/leadership/womens>.

TURKISH-AMERICAN ALLIANCE MASTERWORKS CONCERTS, featuring Turkish and American music and Turkey's Hacetepe Symphony Orchestra, will be May 4 and 6 at UMD and May 5 at UMTC. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/music/events/calendar/maraprmay.html>.

Crookston:

COMMENCEMENT: UMC'S 98th commencement will include a keynote address by Minnesota Supreme Court chief justice Russell Anderson. An estimated 120 students will graduate. May 5, 2 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story513.html>.

THE FIRST GRADUATES OF POLARIS INDUSTRIES' educational partnership program with UMC and Northland Community and Technical College will be honored at a commencement ceremony May 3, 2 p.m., at the corporate offices in Roseau, Minn. Polaris is a Minnesota-based manufacturer of snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), and Victory motorcycles. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story520.html>.

RED LAKE RIVER RENDEZVOUS TOUR: A recreational trek down the 193-mile Red Lake River, from Lower Red Lake to the Red River, will raise awareness of the corridor as a canoe and small-boat route through forests, plains, ridges of glacial Lake Agassiz, and communities including Crookston. Paddlers are invited to join the tour for a few hours or up to several days. Sponsored by the Red Lake River Corridor Enhancement Joint Powers Board and the U-community Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership. May 28-June 10. See <http://www.redlakerivercorridor.org>.

Duluth:

CELEBRATION OF 40 YEARS OF UMD RADIO will include a concert with Shawn Colvin, Iris Dement, and Pat Donohue, May 4, 7:30 p.m., Duluth Entertainment Convention Center; and a day of events with past KUMD volunteers and members, including a live broadcast from the Marshall Performing Arts Center, May 5. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/unirel/homepage/07/erice.html>.

FACULTY AWARD RECIPIENTS were honored at a campus reception April 30. Jean G. Blehart Distinguished Teaching Award: Carmen Latterell, mathematics and statistics. Outstanding Faculty Adviser Award: Colleen Belk, biology; Linda Rochford, marketing; and Robyn Roslak, art and design. Albert Tezla Teacher/Scholar Award: James Klueg, art and design. UMD recipients of U-wide teaching and advising awards were also honored. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/unirel/homepage/07/awards07.html>.

NEW HEAD COACH OF BULLDOG WOMEN'S BASKETBALL is Tanya Nash. She has been a NCAA Division I assistant for seven years and held positions at Santa Clara and Drake universities. See http://www.umdbulldogs.com/womens/basketball/index.php?sect_rank=9&story_id=3248.

Morris:

COMMENCEMENT: Alumna Lorie Gildea, '83, associate justice on the Minnesota Supreme Court, will give the keynote address. May 12, 1:30 p.m., campus mall. Other events will include a Native American Honoring Ceremony, reception for parents, and recital, May 10-12. See http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnnews/View_php?itemID=2891 and <http://www.morris.umn.edu/events/commencement>.

UMM WAS AGAIN NAMED ONE OF THE TOP 10 Best Value Public Colleges by *The Princeton Review*. See http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnnews/View_php?itemID=3201.

UMM WILL EXHIBIT AT THE LIVING GREEN EXPO at the State Fairgrounds in St. Paul, May 5-6. See http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnnews/View_php?itemID=2898.

Rochester:

IBM/UMR SUMMER COMPUTER PROGRAMMING WORKSHOPS FOR GRADES 9-12 include Introduction to Visual Basic and Beginning C++ Game Programming. Aug. 6-10, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UMR. See <http://www.r.umn.edu> or call 507-280-3104.

Twin Cities:

COMMENCEMENTS this spring will feature Exxon VP Rich Kruger; former Gopher and NBA star Trent Tucker; public affairs analyst Norman Ornstein; one of the original "lost boys" of Sudan, John Bul Dau; publisher Steve Forbes; and more. May 4-June 23. For more information about the 18 ceremonies, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070424_3301&page=UMNN.

A CEREMONY TO HONOR GRADUATING GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER students and Breaking the Silence Award recipients will be May 3, 4-7 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070427_3309&page=UMNN.

A CELEBRATION FOR GRADUATING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, faculty mentors, and friends will include live music, a short program, refreshments, and photos with Goldy Gopher as part of a special Small World Coffee Hour. May 4, 4-6 p.m., West Bank Bistro, Humphrey Center. See <http://www.iss.umn.edu/events/Celebration.html>.

WEST BANK STREET CLOSINGS DUE TO CONSTRUCTION of Hanson Hall began this week. 20th Avenue is closed May 2-8; the north side of Riverside Avenue will close May 9-10. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070427_3310&page=UMNN.

UNIVERSITY BOATHOUSE GRAND OPENING will celebrate the new permanent home of the women's varsity rowing team and the men's crew club. May 4, 2-4 p.m., East River Flats Park (just off East River Parkway, below Coffman Union). See http://www.gophersports.com/ViewArticle.dbml?SPSID=38873&SPID=3324&DB_OEM_ID=8400&ATCLID=877750.

"GLOBAL IMMIGRATION ISSUES: 'WHEN DID YOUR ANCESTORS COME TO THIS COUNTRY?'" is the next Great Conversations topic, with professor of history and Immigration History Research Center director Donna Gabaccia and Emmy Award-winning writer and performer Ruben Martinez. May 8, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. See <http://www.cce.umn.edu/conversations>.

"TORTURE, WAR, AND MEDICAL ETHICS" is the topic of a discussion between U professors Steven Miles, Medical School, and Oren Gross, Law School. Miles recently organized an online archive of documents on prisoners of war in Afghanistan and Iraq and at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Gross is an expert on national security law, international law, and the Arab-Israeli conflict. May 9, 7-8:30 p.m., Humphrey Center. (This event was rescheduled due to weather March 1.) See http://www.hhh.umn.edu/news/home_and_away (event) and http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070424_3299&page=UMNN (online archive).

2007 SUMMER PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE offers professional development for anyone practicing in or studying public health and related fields. Options range from one day to three weeks, May 21-June 8. Credit available. See <http://cpheo.sph.umn.edu/cpheo/institute>.

CURIOSITY CAMPS offer one-day opportunities for adults on topics from honey beekeeping to Sherlock Holmes archives to the newest architectural icons of Minneapolis, June-August. See <http://www.cce.umn.edu/curiosity>.

SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE IN UNIVERSITY YOUTH PROGRAMS SUMMER CLASSES, from general recreation to sports and academic instruction and fun, ages 5-15. Day camps, June 13-Aug. 24. See <http://www.recsports.umn.edu/youth> or contact Todd Tratz at tratz001@umn.edu or 612-625-2242.

NORTHROP DANCE SEASON series subscribers save up to 35 percent with the option to buy reserved parking. The 2007-08 schedule includes Cloud Gate Dance Theatre of Taiwan (Oct. 13), Houston Ballet (Oct. 20), Philadelphia's Koresch Dance Comany (Nov. 13), Argentina's Estampas Porteñas (Jan. 31), State Ballet of Georgia (March 14-15), and Trisha Brown Dance Company (April 25). See <http://www.northrop.umn.edu>.

MORE EVENTS include "Hyderabad Signatures of Memory," a talk with D. Venkat Rao (today); "Ambonese Herbal: What a 400-Year-Old Text Is Teaching the Mayo Clinic," the annual James Ford Bell Lecture by Brent Bauer, M.D. (May 3); 20th annual Bach Festival Concert (May 4); Korean Children's Day (May 5); Bob Dylan's American Journey, 1956-66 (extended through May 6); "Health Outcomes of Loneliness," the Annual Ruth Stricker Mind-Body Lecture by James Lynch (May 7); "Happy Birthday, Linnaeus," Café Scientifique (May 8); alumni Tony Dunga and Stan Freese at the UMAA annual celebration (May 8); and "Healthy Kids in Healthy Places," a community action forum sponsored by the School of Public Health (May 9). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu>.

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Brief (5-09-2007)

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Editor's note: The May 16 issue of *Brief* will be the last of the academic term. Summer publication dates will be May 30, June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25, and August 8 and 29. The deadline for submissions is the Friday before publication.

Read *Brief* on the Web at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Publications/Brief/Brief_5092007.html.

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BOARD OF REGENTS, meeting May 10-11, will welcome four new members; honor several groups of faculty and staff award winners; hear reports on topics including tenure code revisions, UMD and UMR strategic positioning, and schematic plans for the new Bell Museum; and vote on the six-year capital improvement plan. See <http://www.umn.edu/regents/agendas/2007/may/text> (agenda) and <http://www.umn.edu/regents/docket/2007/may> (docket).

TRANSFORMING THE U: With millions of volumes now available in online stacks, students and scholars need a personal librarian. That concept has guided the Digital Library Development Laboratory at UMTC in creating MyLibrary. Graduate students got access last December, and deployment for all UMTC audiences is scheduled by summer's end. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Go_with_the_flow.html.

FOR THE NEXT GENERATION: More than 100 teen parents from area high schools visited the U May 1 and heard from UMTC student-parents who are thriving. The event was sponsored by the Student Parent Association and the Student Parent HELP Center, which is a national model for delivering comprehensive services to students with children. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/For_the_next_generation.html.

PEOPLE: Bell Museum of Natural History board member Ford Bell will head the American Association of Museums; professor Henry Balfour has won the Pan-American Clinical Virology Award for 2007; UMM computer science professor Andy Lopez and junior Miracle Obeta have won the campus César Chávez Award; nine Communicators Forum Maroon & Gold Award-winning teams were named May 2. Read about these and more U awards and appointments at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html .

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: The Higher Education Conference Committee completed its work Monday night. The Senate passed the conference committee report (44-21) Tuesday afternoon, and the House was expected to vote Tuesday evening. The bill includes \$149.8 million in new funding for the U, plus \$25 million in one-time funding and \$8 million in recurring funds (beginning in 2010) for the U-Mayo partnership. It is unknown whether the governor will sign the bill. Sign up for updates and find ways to support the U's request at <http://www.supporttheU.umn.edu>.

FEDERAL RELATIONS UPDATE: Ongoing issues related to student loans and renewed interest in campus safety in the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy are moving Congress toward reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, a task left over since 2003. Accreditation, textbook costs, and financial aid are other issues in the latest update from the U Federal Relations team. See <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/fedrel>.

U-WIDE PUBLIC FORUM: INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING. Members of the U community statewide are invited to discuss a vision for the future of science and engineering research at the U and share ideas on this new systemwide interdisciplinary institute. Interactive live broadcast will be available on the Web at <https://breeze5.umn.edu/iase>. Sponsored by the Office of Senior VP for Academic Affairs and Provost. May 10, 11 a.m-1 p.m., 2-520 Moos Tower, UMTC. For more information, including the roster of advisory committee members, see http://www.academic.umn.edu/provost/interdisc/sci_tech.

NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR THE ASSOCIATE VP FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT are invited and encouraged. This is an annually renewable, 12-month academic administrative position, 50-100 percent time, beginning July 1 or as soon as possible thereafter. The AVP supports public engagement activities by faculty, staff, and students and provides oversight for the Office for Public Engagement and the Council on Public Engagement. Applications and nominations will be reviewed beginning May 21 and accepted until position is filled. For more information, see <http://www.academic.umn.edu/system/engagement/avp.html>.

A RECEPTION TO HONOR C. Eugene "Gene" Allen for 40 years of distinguished U-wide service will be held upon the occasion of his phased retirement. Allen joined the College of Agriculture faculty in 1967; he has served as dean, VP, Ag Experiment Station director, provost, and executive director and associate VP for international programs. May 17, 3:30-6 p.m. (program at 4 p.m.), Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center. The U-wide community is invited; RSVP requested, and reminiscences and tributes welcome, to Susan Miranda at schia025@umn.edu . For disability accommodations, call 612-626-8839.

COMPLETE THE UPLAN WELLNESS ASSESSMENT--OR TAKE IT A SECOND TIME--BY MAY 31 to earn \$65 for participation in Health Connections. UPlan members who take 20 minutes to answer a confidential questionnaire about health habits and fitness goals can qualify to receive the reward. Faculty and staff are eligible to receive another \$65 wellness reward in 2007 by (1) connecting to a health coach by phone, (2) enrolling in an online health improvement program, or (3) participating in a UPlan Wellness-sponsored health action program to be announced later this year. A spouse or same-sex domestic partner who is also a UPlan member may also qualify to earn wellness rewards. Log on to <http://www.healthconnections.umn.edu>.

Crookston:

NATURAL RESOURCES CLUB was honored by the U.S. Forest Service during the last weekend in April for 25 years of annual tree planting in Chippewa National Forest. Since 1983, students, faculty, staff, and alumni have planted more than 155,000 trees, helping to restock areas logged for forest products. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story526.html>.

A DELEGATION FROM TAIWAN'S LUNGHWA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY joined another from Nan Kai Institute of Technology visiting UMC at the beginning of May. Discussion topics included cooperative academic degree-completion programs, joint research, ESL programs, and faculty and student exchanges.

Duluth:

BACCALAUREATE COMMENCEMENT: More than 1,000 students and 100 faculty members will march. Regent Baraga and Chancellor Martin will present honorary doctor of humane letters degrees to two internationally recognized Duluthians: cookbook author Beatrice Ojakangas and architect David Salmela. Both will give acceptance remarks. Speakers will also include honors graduate Kristin Zinsmaster. May 12, noon, Duluth Entertainment Convention Center. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2007/May/01-A.html>.

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT: New student regent Maureen Cisneros will be among the 150 participating graduates. Cisneros will receive her degree from the Master of Advocacy and Political Leadership (MAPL) program. MAPL director and political analyst Wy Spano will speak. May 10, 7 p.m., Romano Gymnasium. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2007/May/01-B.html>.

SIX RETIRING FACULTY MEMBERS this year include Bo Casserberg, physics; Jonathan Conant, German; Tom Hedin, art history; Richard Lichty, economics; Roger Lips, English; and Jerrold Peterson, economics. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2007/May/01-D.html>.

FACULTY AWARD RECIPIENTS honored April 30 included two Outstanding Faculty Adviser Award winners whose names were omitted from the May 2 *Brief*: Jean Stevenson, education, and Janelle Wilson, sociology/anthropology. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2007/May/01-C.html>.

Morris:

STUDENT HONORS AND AWARDS DAY will be May 11. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnews/View.php?itemID=3313>.

COMMENCEMENT: Updated program information is now posted for UMM's 44th annual commencement, in which more than 300 students will receive bachelor's degrees. May 12, 1:30 p.m., campus mall. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnews/View.php?itemID=3315>.

ECHOES OF THE CRY OF THE MARSH, a new documentary that chronicles a citizen's dedication to wetland restoration in Minnesota, researched and written by English faculty member Christopher Butler and produced by Media Services, will be broadcast on Pioneer Public Television, May 10, 9 p.m., and May 16, noon. Read more at <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnews/View.php?itemID=3205>.

Twin Cities:

THE MEDICAL SCHOOL was recognized by the American Academy of Family Physicians as one of the top 10 medical schools in the nation for training physicians interested in family medicine. See <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/releases/fammedaward042707/home.html>.

AN OPEN FORUM ON THE FUTURE OF THE MUSIC EDUCATION BUILDING, 147 Pillsbury Drive S.E., will give the public an opportunity to give input and ideas for the U to consider for the final reuse study report. May 14, 4:30-5:30 p.m., 155 Nicholson Hall. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070502_3320&page=UMNN.

FIRST NATIONAL AMERICORPS WEEK RECRUITMENT FAIR for students seeking national service opportunities in Minnesota will be May 14, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Christensen Center, Augsburg College, 720 22nd Avenue S. See <http://ici1.umn.edu/msip/> .

UPCOMING EVENTS THAT REQUEST OR REQUIRE REGISTRATION:

--"Crafting Environmental Policy in the Teeth of Possessive Individualism: Whose Land Is It?" the second Philip M. Raup Lecture on Land and Environmental Policy. May 17, 3 p.m., Cargill Building. See <http://www.apec.umn.edu/rauplecture07.html>.

--"The Future of IT: Implementation of Technology," the Sixth Health Information Technology Institute, for IT professionals, hospital and health plan professionals, and academics. May 17, all day, Carlson School of Management. See <http://www.himss-mn.org>.

--"What Does It Mean to Be a Citizen?" 13th annual international conference on Pedagogy and Theatre of the Oppressed. May 31-June 3, Rarig Center. Registration discounts through May 13. See <http://www.ptoweb.org>.

"PREPARING GLOBAL CITIZENS" is the theme of the 59th annual conference of NAFSA: Association of International Educators, to be held in Minneapolis, May 27-June 1. About 7,000 from 90 countries are expected to attend. All further registrations must be made on site; one-day registrations available. Speakers will include Gen. Colin Powell, Humphrey Institute dean J. Brian Atwood, author Jack Weatherford, and Singapore diplomat Kishore Mahbubani. See http://www.nafsa.org/annual_conference.

"REBUILDING AFTER KATRINA" will be presented by Institute of Technology alumnus Craig Johnson, VP, Stanley Consultants, and senior project manager for Task Force Guardian, which was charged with restoring the New Orleans hurricane protection system before the next hurricane season. May 16, 6:30 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. lecture, theater, Coffman Union. See <http://www.it.umn.edu/alumni/itas/lecture.html>.

MORE EVENTS include the U Child Care Center's Kami M. Talley memorial collection open house (May 9); "Revvng Up Global REM (Race, Ethnicity, Migration)," meetings on a new U initiative (May 10-11); "Out Loud!" by the Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus (May 12); "Global Justice and Human Rights Trials" on TPT (May 12); *A Life Among Whales* (May 13); Sen. Norm Coleman in a public forum as part of the "Connecting With Government" series (May 14); local author Arthur Phillips signing his new book, *Angelica* (May 14); Theory Slam II (May 15); Penumbra's 30 Years: A Foundation for the Future (exhibit May 15-25); and "Backstage With Bellamy" (May 16). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu>.

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TRANSFORMING THE U: THE BOARD OF REGENTS approved the U's six-year capital improvement plan May 11. With components designed to attract and support exceptional faculty, staff, and students, the plan will put the U at the forefront nationally in creating modern learning spaces. Also during meetings May 10-11, reports included a discussion of tenure code revisions, passed unanimously by the faculty senate April 5, in preparation for the Board of Regents vote next month; schematic plans for the new Bell Museum; and more. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Creating_the_best_places.html.

FOUR NEW REGENTS took the oath of office May 10 at the onset of the board's monthly meetings. Maureen Cisneros of West St. Paul, Linda Cohen of Minnetonka, Venora Hung of Golden Valley, and Dean Johnson of Willmar were sworn in by Minnesota Supreme Court justice Lorie Gildea, UMM, '83, in a brief ceremony before an audience of about 70. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Meet_the_new_regents.html.

CAPA UPDATE: 2007-08 executive officers for the Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators, elected April 20, are Pamela Stenhjem (chair), Mary Laeger-Hagemeister (vice-chair), David Bernstein, John Borchert, Ingrid Nuttall, and Bill Roberts. Nine senators were also elected. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Council_of_Academic_Professionals_and_Administrators/CAPA_2007_transition_begins.html.

PEOPLE: The UMTC College Bowl team won its sixth national title this month in Los Angeles; UMM students were on the Anishinaabe Quiz Bowl winning team; three faculty members will receive FDA honors for contributions to national food safety and defense; Julie Schumacher has won a Minnesota Book Award. Read about these and more U awards and appointments at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html.

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RECIPIENTS OF THE 2007 PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE are Jacqueline "Jaki" Cottingham-Zierdt, Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action; Bill DeJohn, MINITEX Library Information Network; Jigna Desai, Department of Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies; Joycelyn Dorscher, M.D., Center of American Indian and Minority Health and Department of Family Medicine, Medical School Duluth; Melissa Hansen, Cancer Center; Sande Hill, Department of Educational Psychology; John Look, School of Dentistry; Jan Morlock, University Relations; Duncan Okello, Boynton Health Service; Gyles Randall, Southern Research and Outreach Center, Waseca; Philip Raup, Department of Applied Economics; and Lynne Schuman, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. They will be recognized by the Board of Regents June 8 and honored at a reception at Eastcliff June 26. The award honors active or retired faculty or staff members who have gone well beyond their regular duties and have demonstrated an unusual commitment to the University community. See http://www.umn.edu/honors/Awards/Presidents_Award_Outstand.html.

APPLICATION FEE FOR ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY MEMBERS DEPLOYED OVERSEAS will be waived for undergraduate applications to all U of M campuses. The change was effective April 23. Read more in the May issue of *The Record* at http://www.onestop.umn.edu/onestop/U_Resources/News2C_Events2C_and_Activities/The_Record/Record_200705.html.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE U-WIDE GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT AWARD for faculty and staff members, active or retired, are invited in recognition of outstanding contributions to global education and international programs at the U in any field or discipline. Recipients receive a cash prize and honorary title. See <http://www.international.umn.edu/awards/global>.

A DELEGATION TO ICELAND will be led by President Bruininks May 23-25, celebrating the 25th anniversary of U of M-Iceland educational exchange. An honorary doctor of laws degree will be awarded to Iceland's prime minister, Geir Haarde, '77.

IREE-INSTITUTE ON THE ENVIRONMENT INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS: Two meetings for faculty are scheduled to help clarify information, address questions, and informally discuss concerns related to the Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment (IREE) transition to the Institute on the Environment with interim Institute director Deb Swackhamer and IREE director Dick Hemmingsen. Today, 8:30-9:30 a.m., 115 Cargill Building for Microbial and Plant Genomics; 10:30-11:30 a.m., 404 Walter Library.

IREE WILL HOST ITS MOST AMBITIOUS RENEWABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE, "E3 2007," Nov. 27 at UMTC. The event aims to raise the U's profile for its work at the intersection of energy, the economy, and the environment. See <http://www.iree.umn.edu> or contact Sarah Schmitz at schmitz@umn.edu or 612-624-6566.

CONFERENCE ON COSTS AND BENEFITS OF RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH EDUCATION PROGRAMS, originally scheduled for May 31-June 1, has been postponed. See http://www.research.umn.edu/events/rcr_conference/about.html.

NEW GARDEN MARKET and gift store in the western metro, featuring locally grown fruits and vegetables, will open at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. SummerHouse--building on the success of the arboretum's popular AppleHouse--will include food, plants, meat, gardening and cooking aids, furniture, and items for kids. May 18-Aug. 12, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Hwy. 5 and Rolling Acres Road (one mile west of the arboretum entrance). See http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/whatsnew/press%20releases/release3_20_summerhouse.htm or call the SummerHouse hotline, 952-443-1409.

LAKE SUPERIOR EDUCATIONAL CRUISES will begin June 19; preregistration is required, and tours fill quickly. A View From the Lake cruises take citizens along with U of M Sea Grant water-quality specialists on three-hour trips to hear the latest information about low water levels, warming lake temperatures, invasive species, and storm-water runoff. Participants collect water samples and view lake life. \$20 per person. Ports of departure are Bayfield, Wis. (June 19-20); Superior, Wis. (June 20-21); Washburn, Wis. (June 21-22); Ashland, Wis. (June 23-24); Two Harbors, Minn. (July 13-14); and Duluth (July 27-28). For more information, see <http://www.seagrant.umn.edu/vfl> or call 218-726-8106.

Crookston:

NATURE NORTHWEST PROJECT: A comprehensive source book with 1,000 entries related to nature-based recreation in the 21 counties of northwestern Minnesota is now available. The project was funded in part by a grant from the U's Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership to raise residents' and visitors' awareness of opportunities. The database includes searchable descriptions and photographs. See <http://www.NorthernMinnesota.org>.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA recognized UMC for campus support May 2 with the presentation of two prints by North Dakota artists Tom Saubert and Jeff Hoff. The prints will become part of UMC Library's permanent collection of prints. The Northern Lights Council's Voyageur Trails District presented the gift. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story527.html>.

Duluth:

MINNESOTA INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE SYMPOSIUM III will be hosted by UMD's Center for Indigenous Knowledge Revitalization. Presentations, movies, and discussions will focus on international language revitalization initiatives. Open to the public; registration is required. May 17-18, Kirby Student Center. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2007/May/03.html>.

THE 19TH ANNUAL NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA BOOK AWARDS will feature a book fair, program, keynote address by fiction writer Will Weaver, and awards in four categories: fiction/poetry/drama, nonfiction/memoir, art/photography, and children's literature. Presented by UMD Library and Friends of the Duluth Public Library. May 17, 5:30-9 p.m., Weber Music Hall. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/nemba>.

THE 2007 OUTSTANDING INSTITUTIONAL ADVISING PROGRAM AWARD will be presented to the College of Liberal Arts Student Affairs and Advising Center by the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) in October. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2007/May/02.html>.

Morris:

THE FIRST MORRIS RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMUNITY PARTNERS TOUR will take 35 ninth-grade students from Osseo Junior High School to the U's West Central Research and Outreach Center; an ethanol plant, USDA-ARS North Central Soil Conservation Research Laboratory, Denco, LLC; and UMM. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnews/View.php?itemID=3373>.

THE CONCERT CHOIR's 36 members arrive in northern Europe this week with director Ken Hodgson, as part of May session. They will give eight performances while visiting more than 12 cities, including combined concerts with the Royken Vocal Ensemble Choir, Copenhagen Christian Church Congregation, and Musikgymnasium Choir. The itinerary begins in Bergen, Norway, today. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnews/View.php?itemID=3281>.

"LEVERAGING RESOURCES TO IMPROVE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES," the fifth annual symposium on small towns, will be June 5-6. Hosted by the Center for Small Towns in partnership with the Minnesota Campus Compact, Minnesota Public Radio, and the Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships. See <http://www.centerforsmalltowns.org> or call 320-589-6451.

Twin Cities:

WIRELESS 2008 is a new project to replace UMTC's current wireless network access with the newest technology and provide seamless access. Townhall meetings to gather input for the request for proposals will be held May 29, 1-3 p.m., 110 St. Paul Student Center; and May 31, 9-11 a.m., 325 Coffman Union. Please register by e-mailing wireless2008@umn.edu. More information will be posted as it becomes available at <http://www.umn.edu/nts>.

EAST BANK TELEPHONE OUTAGE, May 25, 6 P.M.-MAY 26, 6 P.M., will occur as cable and wire of UMTC's central service is updated. Ethernet connections will not be affected. Phones in the following buildings will have no dial tone, but calls will go to voicemail: Akerman, Amundson, Architecture, Armory, Bell, Civil Engineering, Church Street Garage, Fieldhouse, Ford, Fourth Street Ramp, Klaeber Court, Lind, Mechanical Engineering, Morrill, Murphy, Nolte, Nolte Garage, Northrop, Physics, Pillsbury, Shepherd Labs, Vincent, Newman Center, and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (partially). For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/nts>.

CAMPUS CLUB SUMMER HOURS, beginning this week, are lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; full-service lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (reservations required); and Café Bar 1:30-7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 1:30-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday. See <http://www.umn.edu/cclub/news.html>.

THE FIRST ANNUAL TONY DIGGS EXCELLENCE AWARDS, given April 19, honored 16 new and established student groups for innovation, philanthropic efforts, outstanding events, and overall achievement. The awards are named for the former director of student activities, a 16-year employee of the U who died in 2006 after a long battle with cancer. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Continuing_a_legacy_of_action.html.

U LIBRARIES' ACQUISITION OF PENUMBRA THEATRE COMPANY'S ARCHIVES will be celebrated with an evening of performance by Penumbra favorites and conversation with founder and artistic director Lou Bellamy, associate professor in the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance. Free and open to the public. Today, 7:30 p.m., Willey Hall auditorium. An exhibit of archive materials is on display in Andersen Library through May 25. See http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Going_backstage_with_Bellamy.html.

MORE EVENTS include *Thirty Days: Off the Grid* in the Science on the Screen series (May 17); "Scholars, Scrolls, and Scandals: The Dead Sea Scrolls and the History of Judaism" (May 17); "Genomics and Risk-based Therapy for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia," the 16th annual Nesbit Lectureship in Pediatric Oncology, by William Carroll, M.D., New York U (May 18); a demonstration of CareerPath, the College of Continuing Education's new free, online career management tool (May 19); MFA exhibition at the Nash Gallery (through May 19); Campus Club annual meeting (May 21); and Rep. Jim Ramstad in "Connecting With Government" (May 30). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu>.

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Editor's note: *Brief* is now on its summer schedule. Publication dates are June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25, and August 8 and 29. The deadline for submissions is noon on the Friday before publication.

Read *Brief* on the Web at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Publications/Brief/Brief_5302007.html.

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LEGISLATIVE REVIEW: On the last day of the 2007 session, May 21, the Minnesota State Legislature passed a higher education bill that provides \$149.6 million for the U for the 2008-09 biennium--about 82 percent of the U's request. President Bruininks expressed satisfaction with the outcome. The bill went to Gov. Pawlenty May 29; he has three days to sign it. Funds include new investments in health workforce and clinical sciences; environmental, agricultural systems, and renewable energy initiatives; measures to stem tuition increases and augment scholarships; and support for recruiting and retaining faculty and staff. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Legislature_passes_higher_ed_bill.html.

CSBU STAFF DAY AT UMTC IS JUNE 6. Volunteer Betty Jo Johnson reflects on the nine-year history of the annual celebration for civil service and bargaining unit employees, and recycling coordinator Dana Donatucci describes this year's goal of making it a zero-waste event. Come for lunch, gifts, music, and information tables. You must bring an invitation to pick up a gift and enter the raffle. Locations in St. Paul (Carter and Eckles, midday) and Minneapolis (Coffman Union, midday and evening). http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Aiming_for_zero_waste.html.

PEOPLE: Interim dean for the College of Veterinary Medicine is Trevor Ames, a faculty member since 1981; Best Dissertation Award winners, Juran Fellows, and more. Read about these and more U awards and appointments at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html.

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

University-wide:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC FORUM ON THE U BUDGET on June 13, 1 p.m. Interested speakers should call the board office by 3 p.m. on June 6, 612-625-6300. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/regents/forum.html>.

THE myU PORTAL FOR ALL U CAMPUSES WILL MIGRATE TO A NEW VERSION JUNE 4. For about five hours during the migration, myU will be unavailable. Current users will not lose data, documents, or content during the process. Training and help documents will be available to introduce users to new myU features and orient them to where content appears in the new system. Learn more about the new myU and how to access important software during the migration at <http://www.umn.edu/tel>.

THE U FORUM ON RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS, sponsored by the Office of the VP for Research, will be "Who? Me?! Conflict of Interest: Perception vs. Reality," presented by Richard Bianco. The event is part of a series designated to satisfy the awareness/discussion component of the Responsible Conduct of Research continuing education requirement. June 6, 4-5:30 p.m., 215 Ben Pomeroy Center. To register or get more information, see http://www.research.umn.edu/events/research_ethics.html.

LAST CHANCE FOR UPLAN MEMBERS TO TAKE THE WELLNESS ASSESSMENT AND EARN \$65. There's just one more day to get paid to complete or retake the UPlan Wellness Assessment. When you and your spouse or same-sex domestic partner (who is a UPlan member) complete the confidential online wellness assessment no later than May 31, you can each earn a \$65 wellness reward. Whether this is the first time you are completing the 20-minute online questionnaire or whether this is a reassessment, go to <http://www.healthconnections.umn.edu> to learn how it pays in 2007 (up to \$260 per couple) to improve your health.

HUMPHREY INSTITUTE POLICY FELLOWS program offers practical training in public affairs leadership for emerging leaders from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. U staff statewide are eligible to apply and are encouraged to nominate applicants. Through a competitive application process, 25 leaders from around the state will be selected for 2007-08. Application deadline: June 22. See <http://www.hhh.umn.edu/centers/cspg>.

"WOMEN SCIENTISTS IN LEADERSHIP ROLES," a national conference hosted by Graduate Women in Science (GWIS), will explore prevailing myths about women in science and how achievement can be enhanced by leadership roles in education, academia, and the greater community. Scheduled events include a one-day symposium, a deans panel discussion, and a wide array of speakers, including VP and vice provost for equity and diversity Rusty Barceló. June 13-17. To register and get more information, see http://www.gwis.org/86th_meeting/info.htm.

"BEYOND CHECKLISTS: Developing and Implementing Business Plans for Pandemic Influenza," a CIDRAP Business Source interactive Web seminar, will feature U professor Michael Osterholm; Karen Dye, Sun Microsystems; and Barry Cardoza, Union Bank of California. Free for U staff, faculty, and students. June 15, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. CDT, 5-125 Moos Tower. See <https://events.tc.umn.edu/event.pl?eid=117007> or contact palensky@umn.edu.

TWO DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES offered by the Center for Early Education and Development (CEED) coming up are Introduction to Infant Mental Health (June 4-Aug. 6) and Parent-Infant Pathways: An Educator's Guide to Providing Information and Support to New Parents (June 11-Aug. 13). See <http://education.umn.edu/ceed/coursesandtrainings>.

Crookston:

NEW ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT is Peter Phaiah, beginning in early June. He brings extensive experience in academics, student services, recruitment, student development, and international programs along with his knowledge of diverse student populations. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story531.html>.

A UMC DELEGATION TO CHINA May 17-June 6 aims to advance collaboration between the U and Zhejiang Economic and Trade Polytechnic (ZJEP). The meeting will build the relationship and explore possibilities for collaboration with the Zhejiang Forestry University (ZFU) in Zhejiang province, China. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story530.html>.

UMC WOMEN'S PROJECT FUND: Nearly 70 women alumni, friends, students, and employees of UMC and UMTC gathered for a reception hosted by U First Lady Susan Hagstrum at Eastcliff May 15. Five women shared stories about their Crookston experiences, and Judy Kirk, U of M Foundation, encouraged women to support the U. Northwest Minnesota breads, Crookston chippers, and St. Paul campus cheeses were served. Currently, 24 women are sponsors of the Crookston campus Women's Project Fund. For more information on getting involved, contact Barbara Muesing at candb@gvtel.com.

Duluth:

NATIONAL ACADEMIC ADVISING ASSOCIATION (NACADA) Region 6 conference will feature more than 20 presentations by advisers and higher education professionals. Keynote speakers will be Nancy King, Kennesaw State U, and Wes Habley, ACT, Inc. May 31-June 1, Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. See http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Regional_Divisions/region6/sessions.htm.

UMD MARKET DAY is open to the public every Wednesday, 2-4 p.m., during the summer, in the UMD Kirby Plaza courtyard. The market offers plants, berries, vegetables, fruits, skin and health products, and more, plus live music. Sponsored by Farmer's Market, UMD Auxiliary Services, RSOP, UMD Stores, U of M Employee Wellness Program, and UMD Human Resources. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/unirel/homepage/07/mkday.html>.

Morris:

SYMPOSIUM ON SMALL TOWNS will address strategies to gain both education and community vitality as demands on rural public schools and small towns escalate. "Leveraging Resources to Improve Schools and Communities" will feature a panel of key legislators, school-community partnership showcases, roundtable conversations, and an evening celebration of rural life with local foods, wine, and music. June 5-6. It's not too late to register; Minnesota Public Radio members get a 10 percent discount. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnews/View.php?itemID=2965>.

Twin Cities:

BURSAR OFFICES WILL STOP SELLING POSTAGE TO DEPARTMENTS JULY 1. The change, which responds to an audit recommendation, was made in consultation with the Office of Budget and Finance, Office of Asset Management, and Department of Audits. To use stamp inventory, the Bursar Office reserves the right to substitute a combination of stamps (up to two stamps per denomination) to fill postage orders. Department options for purchasing postage are described on the bursar Web site, <http://oam.software.umn.edu/bursar>.

WEST BANK BURSAR OFFICE WILL CLOSE FOR THE SUMMER, June 4-Sept. 3, reopening for business Sept. 4. The East Bank Bursar Office, 145 Williamson Hall, and St. Paul Bursar, 107 Coffey Hall, remain open to assist students and departments. See <http://oam.software.umn.edu/bursar>.

ORIENTATION BEGINS JUNE 6. First-year students: June 6-July 13, Aug. 1-2, and Aug. 27-28. Transfer students: July 16 and Aug. 3-24. Graduate and professional students: Aug. 21-23 and Sept. 29. See <http://www.ofyp.umn.edu>.

SUMMER AT NORTHROP OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES, presented by U of M Summer Session and the Department of Concerts and Lectures, will feature 26 free concerts. June 4-July 26, noon-1 p.m., Northrop plaza. Official launch will be June 11 with free ice cream cups from UDS and sandwich samples from Jimmy Johns, while supplies last, plus a drawing for air tickets and other prizes. See <http://www.umn.edu/umato/summer.html>.

REGISTER NOW FOR PRE-FALL SEMINARS ON TEACHING WITH WRITING, which fill quickly.
--For faculty, a five-day seminar on teaching with writing, Aug. 20-24, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 135 Nicholson Hall. Limit: 25. Details: <http://writing.umn.edu/prefallseminar>. Registration: <http://writing.umn.edu/register-prefallsem.htm>.
--For graduate students who are teaching, a two-day seminar, "Commenting on and Grading Student Writing," Aug. 27-28, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 35 Nicholson. Limit: 90. Details: <http://writing.umn.edu/taseminar>. Registration: <http://writing.umn.edu/taseminar/TAreregister.htm>.

MINNESOTA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN ETHICS (I.C.E.) 2007, sponsored by the Department of Philosophy, will bring a small group of moral philosophers to UMTC to discuss research on topics of common interest. Keynote speakers will come from the universities of Arizona, Adelaide, Auckland, Minnesota, Trier, and Virginia, and from Columbia and Georgetown U. June 29-July 1, Humphrey Center. Register online at <http://mnice.umn.edu>.

THE CAFÉ&acut; BAR AT THE CAMPUS CLUB IS OPEN TO ALL FACULTY AND STAFF every weekday afternoon this summer, 3-6 p.m., beginning June 4. Membership is not required for this special offer. The Café Bar serves adult beverages, nonalcoholic drinks, and food, and offers great views (including the terrace) and the ambiance of the club. Enter to win a free Campus Club membership. See <http://www.umn.edu/cclub/CafeBarHappyHour2007.htm>.

STOCK UP FOR SUMMER GRILLING. The Department of Animal Science's Meat Lab sales room is open, offering a variety of beef, pork, and some lamb; bratwurst is on special. Wednesdays, 2-5 p.m., 26 Andrew Boss Laboratory of Meat Science (lower level), St. Paul. See <http://www.ansci.umn.edu/meatlab/meatsales.htm>. Inquire about additional days and hours by contacting Pete Nelson, nels5618@umn.edu or 612-624-9260.

DISCOUNT VALLEYFAIR TICKETS, up to \$12.45 off, are on sale at the Coffman Union and St. Paul Student Center information desks and Gopher Express West. See "seasonal tickets" at <http://www.coffman.umn.edu/tickets.php>.

GREAT CONVERSATION: "WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR PARACHUTE? The New Face of the Working World," will be the final conversation in the 2006-07 series, with best-selling *What Color Is Your Parachute?* author Richard Bolles and U Center for Spirituality and Healing senior fellow and author Richard Leider. June 5, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. See <http://www.cce.umn.edu/conversations/2007conversations/parachute.html>.

SUMMER ASIAN FILM SERIES will open with *Tears of the Black Tiger* (Thailand), June 13. Seven more films on Wednesdays through Aug. 8, 7-9:30 p.m., 155 Nicholson Hall. See <http://ias.umn.edu/calendar.php> and <http://ias.umn.edu/Marran.php>.

MORE EVENTS include the 34th annual H. K. Hayes Memorial Lecture, presented by Fazle Hassan Abed, founder and CEO of one of the world's largest nongovernmental development organizations, BRAC (May 31); Fifth International Conference on Language Teacher Education, "Bridging Contexts, Making Connections" (May 31-June 2); Still Present Past: Korean Americans and the Forgotten War (through June 2); Pride @ Work picnic potluck at Como Park Pavilion (June 4); herbarium tour honoring Carl Linnaeus (June 5); CSBU Staff Day (June 6); "Reweave the World: Investing in Tomorrow's Leadership," a symposium on youth leadership development led by Meg Wheatley, sponsored by the U of M Extension Center for 4-H Community and Youth Development (June 6); "Genes and the Environment: The Emerging Role of Genomics in Public Health," a School of Public Health roundtable in celebration of Rachel Carson's 100th birthday (June 8); BioBlitz 2007 (June 8-9); Flashback: Norwegian Landscapes in Retrospect, an exhibit at the Bell Museum of Natural History, part of the metro's Nordic Summer celebration (June 9-Aug. 12); U of M Job Networking 101 (June 12). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu>.

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TRANSFORMING THE U: A tuition reform plan, unveiled before a review of the proposed 2007-08 budget during the Board of Regents meetings June 7-8, would soften the burden of tuition for students systemwide. Four main components are (1) establishing a 13-credit band at UMC, UMD, and UMM, similar to UMTC's; (2) setting tuition at UMD and UMM lower than at UMTC; (3) reducing nonresident and nonreciprocity tuition rates for undergraduates at UMD and UMTC; and (4) seeking a change in the reciprocity agreement with Wisconsin. A public forum on the budget--including the tuition reform recommendations--will be held today, and final action will be taken at a special meeting of the board June 27. Read more about the plan and highlights of the Board of Regents meetings at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Bruininks_unveils_tuition_reform_plan.html.

FIVE NEW REGENTS PROFESSORS are Frank Bates, chemical engineering and materials science; Richard Leppert, cultural studies and comparative literature; Elaine Tyler May, American studies and history; Matt McGue, psychology; and Peter Reich, forest resources. The appointments, approved by the Board of Regents June 8, bring the number of regents professors to 25, with the goal of increasing the number to 30 by 2010. Read the news release at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070612_3366&page=NS.

THE U HAS JOINED THE GOOGLE BOOK SEARCH PROJECT, along with 11 other Midwest universities, in a groundbreaking agreement to digitize selected volumes. Among the distinctive U collections that may be included are Scandinavian history, literature, and culture; forestry; bees and beekeeping; and the history of medicine. The contract is for six years with the option to renew; by digitizing up to 1 million U volumes, the value to the U could reach \$60 million. Other participants include Harvard, Oxford, and Stanford universities. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/U_joins_the_Google_Book_Search_Project.html.

CONFERENCE AND VISITING CHILD CARE SERVICES IN THE TWIN CITIES AND BEYOND: Now faculty and staff visiting UMTC, and UMTC faculty and staff attending conferences or overnight meetings across the United States or in the U.K., can find child care that allows them to take the kids along. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_of_Human_Resources/Bring_the_kids.html.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE leadership transition for 2007-08 has begun with Cathy Marquardt, chair; Susan Cable, vice chair; and Karen Lovro, treasurer. Read a report from the outgoing chair, Peg Wolff, at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Civil_Service_Committee/A_new_year_begins.html.

PEOPLE: The 2007-08 Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs is professor of restoration ecology Susan Galatowitsch; Mark Russell Smith has been named to a new, shared position as conductor for the UMTC School of Music and the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra; the inaugural holder of the world's first academic endowed chair in sexual health is Eli Coleman, director of the Program in Human Sexuality. Read about these and more U awards and appointments at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html.

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University-wide:

NEW CHINA CENTER DIRECTOR, beginning July 1, will be Yongwei Zhang, currently professor of geography, assistant VP for research and economic development, director of international programs and affairs, and director of university programs in Asia at Missouri State University. See http://www.chinacenter.umn.edu/news/zhang_announce.html.

THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN MINNESOTA will be the subject of the Minnesota Affordable Housing Symposium for architects, builders, designers, planners, realtors, human service providers, housing providers, policy makers, researchers, and concerned citizens. June 19-20, Continuing Education and Conference Center, UMTC. Sponsored by the College of Design. See <http://www.cdes.umn.edu/ce/conferences> or call 612-626-9068.

SUMMER INSTITUTE IN ADOLESCENT HEALTH, "Engaging Youth: Working Together With Parents and Families," is designed to share secrets for success from schools, clinics, and youth programs in urban and rural communities, workplaces, and more. July 30-Aug. 1. Registration deadline: July 16. Conference Center B, Minnesota Department of Education, Roseville. Sponsored by the School of Nursing's Center for Adolescent Nursing and several cosponsors. See <http://cpheo.sph.umn.edu/institute/adolescenthealth>.

THE UNIVERSITY NORTHSIDE PARTNERSHIP and U-wide involvement in the local foods movement are two features in the summer issue of M, a quarterly publication for more than 400,000 U alumni, friends, faculty, and staff. See "An urban agenda for the 21st century" and "Eating close to home" on the story list at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Publications/M_magazine.html.

THE SPRING/SUMMER ISSUE OF SOURCE, the University of Minnesota Extension magazine, includes information about Minnesota's wine tourism trails, reaching out to military kids, the new zone planting map, tips for planting in tough areas, and more. See <http://www.extension.umn.edu/source>.

GUIDELINES FOR U OF M EXTENSION NAME CHANGE are available online, including a one-page Fast Guide in PDF format. The name of the extension service was changed to University of Minnesota Extension with approval by the regents last December. See <http://www.extension.umn.edu/guidelines>.

A MAZE GARDEN AND "ART TO A-MAZE" ART WALK will feature a collection of 15 juried outdoor art installations. Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chanhassen, June 16-Sept. 30. See http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/whatsnw/press%20releases/release2_20_ArtToAMaze.htm.

Crookston:

NEW DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, beginning in July, will be Kimberly Gillette, currently at Minnesota State U, Moorhead. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story538.html>.

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENTS FOR ATHLETICS FUND-RAISING begin June 14. Everyone is welcome. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story541.html>.

UMC WILL HOST THE WEST POLK COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE, a fund-raiser for cancer research and survivors, June 15, 6 p.m., through the night until June 16, 6 a.m. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story544.html>.

Duluth:

THE 2007 RECIPIENT OF THE BIENNIAL AWARD FOR GREAT LAKES SCIENCE, presented by the International Joint Commission (IJC) of Canada and the United States, is Gerald Niemi, director of the Center for Water and the Environment at the UMD Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI). The award recognizes Niemi for his leadership in the Great Lakes Environmental Indicators (GLEI) project and acknowledges him as an outstanding scientist whose research has had a positive influence on environmental quality and the health of the Great Lakes basin ecosystem. See <http://www.nrri.umn.edu/default/newsrelease/jniemiaward.htm>.

THE 16TH ANNUAL EDUCATORS' INSTITUTE will offer workshops in a concentrated one- or two-day format for teachers of all levels. Many courses satisfy teacher licensure renewal and may be applicable to concentrations in the M.Ed. program at UMD or to degrees at other institutions. Courses are taught by UMD faculty and currently practicing Minnesota educators and are offered on an undergraduate, graduate, or noncredit basis. July 9-20, UMD. Sponsored by UMD Continuing Education and the College of Education and Human Service Professions. Early registration is encouraged. For more information, call Beth Ruark, 218-726-6682, or Marge Erickson, 218-726-6819, or see <http://www.d.umn.edu/goto/educatorsinstitute>.

Morris:

FINAL APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A BIOMASS PLANT AT UMM was given by the Board of Regents Facilities Committee June 7. The campus expects to heat up to 80 percent of its buildings using the greenhouse-gas-neutral biomass plant, replacing natural gas with local corn stover. Construction will begin in July and is scheduled to be completed in spring 2008. See <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummnnews/View.php?itemID=3493>.

A COMMITMENT TO REDUCE AND EVENTUALLY ELIMINATE CAMPUS GLOBAL WARMING EMISSIONS, made at a summit of higher education leaders in Washington, D.C., June 12-13, was adopted by more than 250 campus leaders, including Chancellor Johnson. The American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment is the first effort by a major sector of society to set climate neutrality as a target. See <http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org>.

Twin Cities:

CAMPUS CONNECTOR RIDER ALERT: The transitway between Oak Street and 23rd Avenue S.E. closed June 4--nearly a month before the previously announced date of July 1. The Campus Connector route now diverts around the stadium construction. Stops have relocated permanently to (1) along the transitway on the north side of the Wildcat Lot and (2) on Oak Street adjacent to Mariucci Arena. See the map at <http://www.umn.edu/pts/stadium.htm>.

CSBU STAFF-DAY GIFT PICKUP: Civil service and bargaining unit staff who did not pick up their gift June 6 can pick it up with their invitation card or University staff ID card (not a necktag departmental ID) June 18-22, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at one of the following locations: Minneapolis: first floor hallway, Scott Hall, East Bank; St. Paul: 203 Kaufert Labs. You must pick up your gift on the campus where your department is housed. After June 22, e-mail wendy@umn.edu.

THE U CARD OFFICE IS BUSY--FACULTY AND STAFF ARE ASKED TO VISIT ON MONDAYS during the summer, when traffic is slower than other days, or call before stopping by, 612-626-9900. The U Card Office issues more than 7,000 cards to incoming first-year, transfer, and graduate students during orientation programs from June through August. See <http://www.umn.edu/ucard/umtc/tcget.html>.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE ADA COMSTOCK DISTINGUISHED WOMEN SCHOLARS LECTURE SERIES are being accepted until June 21. The series acknowledges and honors the scholarly accomplishments and leadership of distinguished women faculty. Eligibility is limited to tenured women faculty employed at UMTC for at least five years who have achieved significant accomplishments and honors such as the Distinguished Women Scholar's Award, Regents Professorship, McKnight Distinguished Professorship, and Fulbright Award. For more information about the award and nomination process, see <http://www.academic.umn.edu/wfc/ada> or contact Karen Zentner Bacig, kbacig@umn.edu or 612-624-5082.

DISCOUNTS AT THE STUDENT UNION INFORMATION DESKS include pre-sale tickets for *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* at the Great Clips IMAX theater (first show July 10) and to the Pompeii exhibit at the Science Museum of Minnesota (opens June 27). Coffman Union and St. Paul Student Center, <http://www.coffman.umn.edu/info> and <http://www.spsc.umn.edu/info>.

U OF M SHOWBOAT PLAYERS AND THE MINNESOTA CENTENNIAL SHOWBOAT present *Sherlock's Last Case*, June 15-Aug. 25. See <http://showboat.umn.edu/sherlock.html>.

MORE EVENTS include the "Women Scientists in Leadership Roles" national conference (June 13-17); "Flashback: Norwegian Landscapes in Retrospect," an exhibit at the Bell Museum (opening reception June 14, continues through Aug. 12); "Beyond Checklists: Developing and Implementing Business Plans for Pandemic Influenza" (June 15); Bike-in at the Bell (June 16); Curiosity Camp: Geology Tour of the Twin Cities (June 18); "After Hours," an exhibit of work by Department of Art staff, and an exhibit of art from the Lost Boys of Sudan (June 19-July 13, public reception June 22); "Interface of Ethnicity and Nationality in a Diverse Society" (June 20); "Remind All the Children," the Third Biennial Givens Children's Literature Symposium (June 21); Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus (June 22-23); Schaefer Prairie, a lecture/demonstration by professor Ed Cushing (June 24); and Rep. Jim Oberstar on transportation (June 25). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu>.

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REGENTS PROFESSOR PROFILE: PETER REICH, professor of forest resources, is known for combining data sets from around the world and finding patterns no one else has seen. Among his findings: a universal continuum of plant lifestyles from fast (weeds) to slow (pine trees) and a way to compute a key variable in models of climate change. Read more about Reich in the first profile in a series on five new regents professors named this month at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/The_whole_world_in_his_hands.html.

TRANSFORMING THE U: FIVE 2006-07 PRESIDENT'S EMERGING LEADERS (PEL) PROJECTS were presented in a celebratory poster display June 20--on faculty mentoring, UMR positioning, internationalizing the U, staff engagement, and managing change. The 26 participants were honored for their achievements during a year of leadership development. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_of_Human_Resources/PEL_200607.html.

PEOPLE: U students have won eight Fulbrights for 2007-08--to Australia, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Norway, Senegal, and Tunisia; an endowed chair has been named for veterinary medicine professor Carl Osborne; Daniel Garry is the new Lillehei Heart Institute and cardiology division director in the Medical School; UMTC has hired 10 new faculty members in economics. Read about these and more U awards and appointments at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html.

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

University-wide:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS will meet today at 1 p.m. to act on the proposed annual operating budget for 2007-08. See the schedule at <http://www.umn.edu/regents/meetings.html> and the news release at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070625_3387&page=UMNN.

MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN TUITION RECIPROCITY will continue with modifications to address U concerns, Gov. Pawlenty announced June 22. See the governor's announcement at <http://www.governor.state.mn.us/mediacenter/pressreleases/PROD008202> and the University's statement at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070622_3385&page=UMNN.

MSRS CONTRIBUTION RATE INCREASE: A bill passed by the 2006 Minnesota State Legislature included a pension provision to build up the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) funding level. As a result, the general plan rates for employee and employer contributions will increase from the current rate of 4 percent to 5 percent over four years. Beginning with Aug. 1 paychecks, civil service and bargaining unit employees will contribute 4.25 percent of their salaries and the U will contribute 4.25 percent to pay for monthly retirement, survivor, and disability benefits. See also the MSRS legislative update at <http://www.msrs.state.mn.us/info/Leqislat.htmls>.

TEN U UNITS WON SERVICE AND PROCESS IMPROVEMENT FUND (SPIF) GRANTS totaling \$469,688 for 11 projects in fiscal year 2008. The winners include U of M Extension, Office of the General Council, Office of Human Resources, Sponsored Projects Administration, Learning Abroad Center, UMTC Office of Admissions, and five UMTC colleges (CEHD, CLA, Design, Humphrey Institute, and Nursing). Applications for next year will be due in March 2008. See <http://www.umn.edu/osci/spif.html>.

NOMINATE A FACULTY MEMBER FOR A DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD. If you know a faculty member who has made outstanding contributions to undergraduate or graduate education at the U, consider nominating him or her for the Horace T. Morse-U of M Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education or the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Postbaccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education. Exceptional faculty members in all U units are eligible. Nominations may be made by students, faculty, or administrators, in coordination with collegiate deans' offices or (at UMC and UMM) the vice chancellors' offices. Guidelines for 2007-08 nominations will be available in September, but 2006-07 guidelines and other nomination materials may be reviewed now at <http://www.irr.umn.edu/evpp/morseaward07/> (Morse) and <http://www.irr.umn.edu/evpp/gradprofaward07/> (graduate/professional), or contact Robin Matross Helms at rmhelms@umn.edu or 612-626-5598.

THE U FEDERAL RELATIONS TEAM UPDATE, e-mailed June 20, is now posted. Topics include the major role higher education will play in the budget reconciliation process this year, research and student aid in appropriations bills, patent reform, action against illegal downloading of music and movies on university computer networks, accreditation regulations, support for study abroad, competitiveness, immigration, the farm bill, and representatives' recent campus visits. See http://www.umn.edu/urelate/fedrel/dc_updates.html.

THE JUNE ISSUE OF *THE RECORD* features information on two new enhancements to instructors' My Classes reports; the UMACRAO conference to be held Nov. 7-9 in Okoboji, Iowa; and three new employees in Academic Support Resources. See http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/Services/News_Events_and_Activities/Record.html.

OPERATION MILITARY KIDS, created by U of M Extension, the U.S. Army, and others, reaches out to nearly 15,000 Minnesota children affected by the military deployment of a loved one. See the U of M Moment feature at <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio> or <http://www.operationmilitarykids.org>.

TWO CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH this summer include the national Maternal Nutrition Intensive Course, July 25-27, Humphrey Center, UMTC (register by July 6); and the Public Health Mini-Institute, with several course and event options, two to four days each, July 17-27, Bismarck, North Dakota (register by July 10). See <http://cpheo.sph.umn.edu/cpheo/events/mnic/home.html> (nutrition) and <http://cpheo.sph.umn.edu/cpheo/mini-institute/home.html> (mini-institute).

FOURTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH CONFERENCE registration is now open. Presented by the Deborah E. Powell Center for Women's Health, Sept. 17, UMTC. See the program and register at <http://www.wmhealth.umn.edu/wmhlt/h/profed/upcoming2/research07.html>.

THE MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM AUXILIARY'S 23RD ANNUAL GARDEN TOURS will begin with brunch (July 8) or lunch (July 10, 11) and continue by coach to private gardens in the Minnetonka/Excelsior area. Space is limited, so reserve soon. Download a reservation form at <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/calendar/july.htm> or call 952-443-1400, ext. 7052, to request that a form be mailed to you.

Crookston:

MORE THAN 200 ALUMNI AND FRIENDS of the former Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) will return June 29-30 for an annual reunion at UMC. Read more at <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story540.html>.

SHAVER BUTTERFLY GARDEN, a unique horticultural display of plants selected to attract butterflies, will be dedicated during the NWSA reunion. June 30, 9:30 a.m., between Owen and Hill Halls. Read more at <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story552.html>.

SECOND ANNUAL GAME DESIGN CAMP will put math and physics center stage for high school students at UMC. June 24-30. See <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story548.html>.

Duluth:

A *YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD*, directed by Chancellor Martin, will kick off the 2007 Sieur Du Luth Summer Arts Festival tonight, 7:30 p.m. The jazzy musical is known for clever characters and the spirit of friendship. Music director is assistant professor Ryan Frane; choreography is by assistant professor Rebecca Katz Harwood. Various dates and times through July 8, Marshall Performing Arts Center. See <http://www.umdartsfest.com/home.php>.

PROMOTION AND TENURE of 15 faculty members was announced June 20. They are Dalibor Froncek, Mary Caprioli, Emmanuel Enemuoh, Ryan Frane, M. Imran Hayee, Mary Hermes, Dahui Li, Mary Ann Marchel, Michael Pfau, Yongcheng Qi, Maureen Tobin Stanley, Joyce Strand, Craig Stroupe, Steve Vanderheiden, and Josef Werne. See <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2007/June/20.html>.

Morris:

AN INFORMAL, PUBLIC GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE NEW BIOMASS FACILITY is scheduled for July 27. The reactor will convert corn stalks and other residual materials into a syngas--similar to natural gas--that can be burned to produce clean energy for heating and eventually cooling the campus. The facility also will serve as a platform for UMM research partners to identify tradeoffs and opportunities surrounding gasifying other agricultural residues. 11 a.m., construction site next to the UMM heating plant. Read more at <http://www.morris.umn.edu/umnnews/View.php?itemID=3493>.

Rochester:

CHANCELLOR CANDIDATE PUBLIC FORUMS AND RECEPTIONS continue this week with Stephen Lehmkuhle, senior VP for academic affairs, U of Missouri, today, 3:30-5 p.m.; and David Chang, chancellor, Polytechnic U, Brooklyn, New York, June 29, 3:30-5 p.m. On June 25, Allan Myerson, provost and senior VP, Illinois Institute of Technology, presented. All in the Radisson Plaza Hotel, 150 S. Broadway, Rochester. Resumes and the position announcement are posted at http://www.r.umn.edu/01_about-chancellor.html ; see also the news release at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070620_3383&page=UMNN.

Twin Cities:

CAMPUS FARMERS MARKET WILL RETURN for the third season on Wednesdays, July 11-Aug. 29, with flowers, herbs, and produce grown in the Twin Cities campus vicinity. Get acquainted with gardeners and farmers, pick up a free canvas tote bag, help yourself to free iced tea compliments of the Campus Club, get a chair massage courtesy of Boynton Health Service, get nutrition and fitness tips from members of the U Wellness Collaborative, and enjoy free outdoor concerts on Northrop Mall on select dates in July. Sponsored by the Employee Wellness Program, Office of Human Resources. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Church Street mall near Tate Lab of Physics. See <http://www.farmersmarket.umn.edu>.

TRAFFIC ALERT: Significant delays near UMTC in Minneapolis are expected throughout construction on I-35W between Stinson Boulevard and I-94 until late September. See <http://www.mndot.gov> or <http://www.511mn.org>.

PARKING RATES at public UMTC lots will increase by \$.25 July 1. See all the new rates at <http://www.pts.umn.edu/parkingrates.htm>.

FACULTY AND STAFF ADVISERS FOR 46 individual fraternity and sorority chapters, including 10 multicultural organizations, are sought in a new initiative sponsored by the Office for Student Affairs and the Office for Fraternity and Sorority Life. See <http://www.umn.edu/fsl> and contact Chad Ellsworth, ells017@umn.edu or 612-624-7659.

STUDENT WRITING SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE DURING THE SUMMER at the Center for Writing, face-to-face in 15 Nicholson Hall and online with the support of a grant from the College of Liberal Arts Office of Information Technology. See <http://writing.umn.edu/sws> or call 612-625-1893.

KWANZAA FREEDOM SCHOOL is being held at UMTC for the first time through a partnership of the Konopka Institute for Best Practices in Adolescent Health and two community organizations. More than 20 high school students will benefit from U faculty expertise and facilities for three hours a day on two days a week throughout the summer. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070606_3358&page=UMNN.

HEALTH CARE AND INNOVATION: The third annual American and German trans-Atlantic experts roundtable will include leaders in all major health care sectors. July 16-17, McNamara Alumni Center. Register by July 5. Read more at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/news_details.php?release=070620_3382&page=UMNN.

MORE EVENTS include the Minnesota International Conference in Ethics (I.C.E.), sponsored by the Department of Philosophy (June 29-July 1); "Your Heart's Desire: Sex and Love in Jewish Literature," a discussion with English professor Maria Damon (July 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31); "Catastrophe: Imaging and Imagining Disruptions of Time," an interdisciplinary workshop of academics and artists (July 6); rebroadcast of Juan Cole's April 5 talk, "The Internet, the Public Intellectual, and the War on Terror" (July 8); and the 15th annual SHARP conference, "Open the Book, Open the Mind" (July 10-15). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu>.

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REGENTS PROFESSOR PROFILE: MATT MCGUE, professor of psychology, is known around the world for his longitudinal studies on twins and adopted children. When it comes to adolescent substance abuse, intelligence, and aging, his findings are exploring the complex interaction between genetics and environment. Read more about McGue in "[Getting at the root of human behavior](#)," the second profile in a series on five new regents professors named in June.

TRANSFORMING THE U: The Board of Regents [adopted the University's budget](#) for the 2007-08 academic year on June 27. The \$2.83 billion budget includes an ambitious tuition reform initiative that will keep next year's tuition increase below 2 percent for most undergraduates on U campuses. The regents' resolution does not include action on Wisconsin tuition reciprocity; the president will likely make a recommendation for the September meeting.

THE FRIENDS OF EASTCLIFF annual garden party showcased blooms ahead of schedule at the end of June. Deb Brown, longtime U of M Extension horticulturist, offered lawn and garden tips for this unusual growing year. Many faculty and staff members were among the guests sporting hats, which have become part of the garden party's tradition. Membership is open to everyone and helps to maintain the historic home of University presidents. Read more about the [gardens of Eastcliff](#).

PEOPLE: UMTC professors Riv-Ellen Prell, American studies, and Erika Lee, history, have received the first Fessler-Lampert Public Humanities Awards, administered through the Graduate School; CBS dean Robert Elde and professor Rob King have been named to the governor's NextGen Energy Board; Mohamed Bakri, CLA-Twin Cities, '06, has won the Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Scholarship; professor Fadil Santosa will become director of the Institute for Mathematics and Its Applications in 2008; the new UMC volleyball coach will be Lee Anderson; UMC has named five alumni as 2007 Top Aggies. Read about these and more U awards and appointments in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

University-wide:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS meets today. Agenda items include updates and discussions on the U's internal audit plan; emergency preparedness; teaching and learning; the COACHE survey of probationary faculty; state and federal relations; and more. Action items include the collective bargaining agreement with University Education Association, Duluth and Crookston faculty. Chairs of the Civil Service Committee and the Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators will give reports and be recognized by the board. See the [agenda and docket](#).

PLAN NOW TO NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR THE JOHN TATE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING. If you know an adviser who has made a difference in students' lives, consider nominating him or her for this award. Exceptional faculty advisers, academic advisers, and career advisers in all U units are eligible. Nominations may be made by students, faculty, or administrators, in coordination with collegiate deans' offices or (at UMC and UMM) the vice chancellors' offices. Guidelines for 2007-08 nominations will be available in September, but 2006-07 guidelines and other nomination materials may be reviewed now at [John Tate Award](#), or contact Robin Matross Helms at rmhelms@umn.edu or 612-626-5598.

NEW U WEB STANDARDS AND TEMPLATES ARE NOW AVAILABLE. They include many updates made since the initial release in 2002. Web developers interested in discussing ongoing development of the U's Web templates are invited to join the WEB_TEMPLATE Listserv. See the [Web Depot](#).

THE U'S "DRIVEN TO DISCOVER" MARKETING CAMPAIGN [has won international awards](#) from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the American Marketing Association.

SAVE THE DATE: THE SCHOOL OF NURSING'S [SUMMIT OF SAGES](#), Oct. 14-16, will feature writer, educator, activist, and historian Maya Angelou.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: 100 DISTINGUISHED NURSING ALUMNI. In celebration of the School of Nursing centennial in 2009, nominate one or more of the school's nearly 7,500 living alumni who have profoundly impacted families, communities, the school, or the nursing profession. Download the [nomination form](#) (PDF).

NATIONAL CHILDREN AND YOUTH GARDEN SYMPOSIUM, sponsored by the American Horticultural Society, will focus on new approaches to building and enhancing youth gardening programs. About 300 educators, garden designers, and community leaders are expected to attend; registration is open to the public. July 19-21, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. See "[Widening the Circle](#)."

DONATE BOOKS TO BENEFIT ANDERSEN HORTICULTURAL LIBRARY at the arboretum. Fall book sale will be Oct. 5-7; donations will be accepted through Sept. 21. Call 952-443-1405 or see the [call for book donations](#).

Crookston:

REFRESHED [UMC MISSION](#), approved by the regents, is now posted, along with the campus vision and core values. Revisiting the campus mission was one of the goals of UMC's strategic positioning process.

[NEW FLAT-RATE TUITION STRATEGY](#), which makes all credits above 13 per semester tuition-free beginning this fall, has been adopted to shorten time to graduation and make UMC more affordable.

Duluth:

LARGE LAKES OBSERVATORY (LLO) IN A TV SERIES: UMD professors and students, working aboard the *Blue Heron* research vessel and in the LLO's X-ray fluorescence laboratory, will appear in the fourth episode of "Faces of Earth," a series this summer on Discovery's Science Channel. The ITRAX X-ray fluorescence core scanner at the lab, seen analyzing sediment cores recovered from African tropics, is one of only six in the world and two in the United States. The series will be Thursdays, July 23-Aug. 9; UMD will be featured Aug. 9. Read more about [LLO in the series](#) and the [core scanner](#).

NATURAL RESOURCES RESEARCH INSTITUTE (NRRI) has received a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a five-year project to provide long-term water quality data from the Great Lakes, including water quality changes and the impact of invasive species, excessive nutrients, and climate change. The UMD research group, led by research associate Euan Reavie, is part of a multidisciplinary team of scientists, government officials, and public representatives working on restoring and protecting the Great Lakes. Read more in the spring/summer issue of NRRI Now at [NRRI News and Updates](#).

[CONCERTS BY THE LAKE](#), featuring Jim Melde Big Band, will be held on the lawn of Glensheen, the historic Congdon estate, on Wednesdays, July 11-Aug. 15, 7:30 p.m. Prior to each concert in August, dance lessons will be offered at 6:30 p.m. The series, produced by Lori Melton, is part of the UMD Sieur Du Luth Summer Arts Festival. Tickets \$5 all ages; \$15 family of four.

UMD RECREATIONAL SPORTS OUTDOOR PROGRAM DIRECTOR Mick McComber has been [elected Region V vice president](#) of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) board of directors.

Morris:

[TWO CHANGES TO UMM TUITION](#) this fall will be lowering the required load for tuition banding from 15 to 13 credits and reducing the cost to align with rates at UMD and UMTC.

INTERIM VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS for the 2007-08 academic year will be Roland Guyotte, beginning July 15. Guyotte is a professor of history and currently dean for the Division of Social Sciences. Leslie Meek will continue as assistant dean through 2007-08.

WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE all-school reunion will include a full slate of activities and entertainment by alumnus Lowell Lundstrom, '57, and his wife, Connie. July 21. See the [reunion schedule](#).

Rochester:

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2007 SIGNATURE SERIES, eight one-day courses on the best in technology management. Oct. 8-11: managing new product development for business growth; strategic cost management; conflict management; and corporate entrepreneurship. Oct. 29-Nov. 1: communication in a technical environment; managing intellectual property; managing innovation in a technological environment; and strategic management of technology. 415 University Square, 111 South Broadway, Rochester. See the [series outline and details](#).

Twin Cities:

UMTC'S WIRELESS SERVICE is being replaced. Customer interviews to help define U wireless requirements are under way. Before vendor selection, finalists are participating in proof-of-concept test periods. The Wireless 2008 project Web site is now posted at Networking and Telecommunication Services (NTS) [Data Services](#) on the "Wireless" tab. Project updates are posted regularly.

TRANSITION FROM MODEM POOL TO ISP: Both the U modem pool and the 800 modem pool will be phased out in the next year. NTS vendor finalists for Internet service provision (ISP) have been selected and are awaiting approval and notification from University Purchasing. When available, new ISP service offerings may be purchased through [Umart](#). Details about the transition from modem pool to ISP are being released as they are authorized. Watch [NTS news and announcements](#).

CAMPUS [FARMERS MARKET](#) RETURNS TODAY for the third season, with produce, herbs, and flowers grown in the Twin Cities campus vicinity. Wednesdays, July 11-Aug. 29, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Church Street mall near [Tate Lab of Physics](#). See the [news release](#).

THE UDS NORTHPROP GRILL MOVES TO THE CHURCH STREET MALL on farmers market days, beginning today. Menu includes local corn on the cob, grilled chicken sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs, and more. Wednesdays, July 11-Aug. 29, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The grill continues on Northrop plaza all other weekdays, weather permitting, until early fall, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. See dining [locations and hours](#).

SUMMER AT NORTHPROP: CATCH THE FINAL MONTH of free outdoor concerts. Selected dates through July 26, noon-1 p.m., Northrop plaza. See the [concert schedule](#) or call 612-624-2345.

LAST CALL: CSBU STAFF-DAY GIFT PICKUP. Civil service and bargaining unit staff day gifts are still available for CSBU employees. Contact wendy@umn.edu for more information.

MORE EVENTS include "The Identity Machine: Printing and Publishing in the Creation of the Knowledge Economy" (July 11); films from Japan and Taiwan in the Asian film series (July 11, 18, 25); guest chef Rachel Rubin of Thousand Hills Cattle Company at the Bistro West (July 12); *The Girls Who Went Away* author Ann Fessler (July 13); Rat Fest at the Bell Museum (July 14); Low and Paul Metzger in concert at the Weisman Art Museum (July 14) in conjunction with the exhibit "SAD: Illuminating a Northern View of Darkness" (through Sept. 23); Walk for Wellness with Germany's minister of health and get a free pedometer (July 16); Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., lecture and book signing (July 19); Agriculture Open House (July 19); Muddy Sunday volleyball benefit for U of M Habitat for Humanity (July 22); and "Completing Wreck" in the U symposium on time (July 25). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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REGENTS PROFESSOR PROFILE: FRANK BATES, professor of chemical engineering and materials science, was a truck driver with a math degree when he literally walked into graduate school. Now he's a world leader in developing plastics and adhesives used in everything from balloon catheters (medicine) to steel-rod coating (construction), with 15 patents issued and pending. Read more about Bates in "[A material success](#)," the third profile in a series on five new regents professors named in June.

TRANSFORMING THE U: A merit pay plan was adopted this month by civil service staff in University Libraries at UMTC. Staff and managers are using their new performance management system to set goals for the 2007-08 fiscal year, and civil service staff will first be awarded merit pay at the end of the fiscal year, beginning in 2008. The change began a year ago and has been marked by research, employee involvement, and debate. Read more about the U Libraries' [path to merit pay](#).

THE FIRST UMR CHANCELLOR will be Stephen Lehmkuhle, pending approval by the regents Sept. 7. Lehmkuhle is currently senior VP for academic affairs at the U of Missouri. Read the [news release](#).

PEOPLE: Pamela Webb, formerly at Stanford U, joined the U of M July 9 as associate VP for research administration and director of Sponsored Projects Administration (SPA); the new director of the Animal Cancer Center is Jaime Modiano, formerly at the U of Colorado; a Congressional Gold Medal was presented to alumnus Norman Borlaug July 17. Read about these and more U awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

PUBLIC FORUMS TO MEET ASSOCIATE VP AND DEAN FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS FINALISTS are in progress. Kenneth Holland, Kansas State U, and Meredith McQuaid, the interim who is also associate dean of administration and international programs at the Law School, presented July 17 and 24, respectively. Everett Egginton, New Mexico State U, will present July 26, 2-3 p.m., 2-260R Carlson School of Management, UMTC. See [forum videos and candidate CVs](#).

INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING: In late June, Senior VP and Provost Sullivan received the advisory committee's blueprint for this new systemwide institute, which will bring U researchers together from across all five campuses, launching new discoveries in a variety of science and technology-related areas. See the [blueprint and an executive summary](#).

HEALTHY FOODS, HEALTHY LIVES (HFHL) INSTITUTE has been established in the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS). The director is Mindy Kurzer, professor of food science and nutrition. The [HFHL Institute](#) grew from the [HFHL presidential initiative](#) and will maintain collaboration among the five participating colleges--School of Public Health, Medical School, College of Veterinary Medicine, U of M Extension, and CFANS.

NEW POLICIES are now posted for [Creating and Evaluating Interdisciplinary Centers](#) and [Sharing Indirect Cost Recovery Among Collaborating Collegiate Units](#), both effective immediately.

ALL-U HONORS: NOMINATION DEADLINES for 2007-08 honorary degrees, Outstanding Achievement Award, Award of Distinction, Alumni Service Award, and naming of buildings or grounds are Aug. 24, Sept. 14, Nov. 16, Jan. 18, March 14, and April 18. Submit nominations to Vickie Courtney, program director, University Honors and Awards, Senate Office, 427 Morrill Hall, 100 Church Street S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455. Read more about the [nominating process](#).

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS FOR FACULTY: The next application deadline for grants administered through the Office of International Programs is Aug. 1 for activities beginning September through December. [Apply online](#).

STATE FAIR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: The U will be well represented at the fair this year, with all campuses and more than 25 colleges, units, and departments sharing how their work has led to discoveries that impact and improve lives, and with daily give-aways and stage performances. Be part of the Great Minnesota Get-Together, Aug. 23-Sept. 3. Volunteers are needed to distribute backpacks daily in three shifts: 9 a.m.-noon, 1-4 p.m., and 5-8 p.m. Each volunteer receives one admission ticket and a Tejas food coupon good for a burrito or small drink. The U of M is in the Crossroads Building on Dan Patch Avenue. To volunteer, e-mail discover@umn.edu or call Laura at 612-626-3527.

A NEW INTERNET RESOURCE TO LOCATE HEALTH SERVICE STATEWIDE will be launched next week. [My Health Minnesota--Go Local](#), created by the U's Health Sciences Libraries, Mayo Clinic Libraries, and MINITEX Library Information Network, builds on the free MedlinePlus consumer Web site of the National Library of Medicine. It empowers Minnesota citizens to find quality information about health issues, access statewide health services, and connect with local hospitals, care providers, nursing homes, support groups, and more. The [launch](#) will be July 31, 3-5 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC.

PREPARE NOW TO NOMINATE A FACULTY MEMBER FOR A DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD. Guidelines for 2007-08 nominations will be available in September, but 2006-07 guidelines and other nomination materials may be reviewed now at [Horace T. Morse-U of M Alumni Association Award](#) for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education and [Award for Outstanding Contributions to Postbaccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education](#). For more information, e-mail rmhelms@umn.edu or call 612-626-5598.

Crookston:

[A NEW BIOLOGY DEGREE PROGRAM](#) and a biology minor, both with a choice of emphasis in plant or animal systems, will debut at UMC this fall.

[ONLINE CREDIT HOURS THIS SEMESTER](#) ARE UP 41 PERCENT over summer 2006. UMC has added two more bachelor's degrees available entirely online.

[A RURAL HEALTH SUMMIT](#), with a keynote by Senior VP Cerra, will be held at UMC and sponsored by the Minnesota Rural Health Association and its counterparts in Montana and North Dakota. Registration is open to anyone interested in health and well-being of rural people and communities in the Upper Midwest. Aug. 17, Bede Ballroom.

PROMOTION AND TENURE of faculty members [Pamela Elf and Martin Lundell](#) was announced last week.

Duluth:

[A NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING](#) will be offered beginning in fall 2008. Areas of emphasis will be water resource engineering, transportation, structural engineering, and geotechnical engineering. The program will grow to 200 students. Plans to hire eight faculty members are under way, and a \$16 million building is part of the U's capital bonding request.

JOURNALISM STUDENTS WILL GET HANDS-ON STUDIO AND INDUSTRY COURSES through a new collaboration of KUMD radio and the College of Liberal Arts, which will [expand journalism](#) from a minor to a comprehensive program by fall 2008.

[A NEW SMOKING POLICY](#), which prohibits smoking on all UMD property, will go into effect Sept. 1; housing facilities will be smoke free as of May 19, 2008.

THE OPERA *CARMEN*, by Georges Bizet, will be directed by Earl Logan and conducted by Pierre Calmelet of the Paris Conservatoire National de Région Boulogne-Billancourt, as part of the Sieur Du Luth Summer Arts Festival. July 26-28, 7:30 p.m.; July 29, 2 p.m.; Marshall Performing Arts Center. [See more information](#).

Morris:

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO THE [BIOMASS FACILITY GROUND BREAKING](#), July 27, 11 a.m., construction site next to the campus heating plant.

[THE 2007 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD](#) recipient will be Lorie Skjerven Gildea, '83, Minnesota Supreme Court associate justice. She will receive the award, presented by the UMM Alumni Association Board, Sept. 28 as part of homecoming events.

"[THE RED EDGE GARDEN TOUR](#)," funded by a Minnesota Department of Agriculture Sustainable Agriculture Demonstration Grant, will be presented by researcher Steven Poppe at Horticulture Night. July 26, 5 and 7:15 p.m., West Central Research and Outreach Center.

[UMM GOES TO THE SAINTS](#): More than 700 current students, staff, faculty, and alumni have registered for the fourth annual UMM event at the St. Paul Saints game Aug. 7, Midway Stadium, St. Paul. Former Saints announcer Rusty Kath, UMM '03, now the Tampa Bay Devil Rays in-stadium emcee, will be honored.

Twin Cities:

VICE PROVOST AND DEAN OF UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION Craig Swan will retire at the end of fall semester after 38 years as professor of economics, department head, associate dean, vice provost, and leader for [signature initiatives](#) in the strategic positioning effort. Provost Sullivan announced plans to form an advisory committee to search for a new vice provost.

MOST CCE OFFICES IN WESBROOK HALL ARE MOVING TO ST. PAUL, 20 Classroom Office Building, by early August, bringing the large majority of College of Continuing Education staff together on one campus. Remaining in Minneapolis will be offices for English as a second language and the Program in Translation and Interpreting (Wesbrook) and pre-college programs (Armory). See [maps and more information](#).

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DISCOUNT TICKETS FOR THE STATE FAIR AND THE MINNESOTA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL go on sale July 30 at the information desks in Coffman Union, St. Paul Student Center, and Gopher Express West. State fair tickets are limited--last year they were sold out the week before the fair started. [See seasonal discount tickets](#).

MORE EVENTS include a Spanish film series ([July 25](#)); reception for works by Michael Vegell and Tricia Schweitzer on inner-city culture and urban landscapes ([July 26](#)); "Microtubule Catastrophe: Social Interaction at the Nonoscale," a discussion with David Odde ([July 27](#)); Summer Choir concert, Faure's *Requiem* ([July 28](#)); information session about the U's new interdisciplinary Medical Devices Center and how to get involved ([July 30](#)); "Talk About Time" lunch discussion ([July 31](#)); World Future Society conference keynote by School of Public Health alumnus Tor Dahl ([July 31](#)); films from Iran and China in the Asian Film Series ([Aug. 1, 8](#)); "Among Women, Between Nations--Entre mujeres, entre naciones," a national conference of the Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social/Women Active in Letters and Social Change ([Aug. 2-4](#)); "Catastrophe in Film: Werner Herzog's *Lessons of Darkness* and James Gladman's *Tantra*" ([Aug. 3](#)); "Network Leadership: Connecting Individuals, Organizations, and Communities" conference presented by the Public and Nonprofit Leadership Center ([Aug. 6](#)); and Land O'Lakes president and CEO Chris Policinski at the Carlson School's First Tuesday luncheon ([Aug. 7](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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REGENTS PROFESSOR PROFILE: RICHARD LEPPERT, professor of cultural studies and comparative literature, works in a world of ideas as expansive as the North Dakota plains where he grew up. As a teen, he sang for three years to save up to see Europe. Today, he's the author of 10 books translated and used around the world, including a surprise top seller in musicology on the German intellectual Theodor Adorno. Read more about Leppert in "[Expanding horizons](#)," the fourth profile in a series on five new regents professors named this summer.

U RESPONSE TO THE I-35W BRIDGE COLLAPSE Aug. 1 between the east and west banks of the Mississippi River adjacent to UMTC in Minneapolis involved countless employees and students living in the surrounding neighborhoods. To date, none of the fatalities or those missing have been identified as U faculty, staff, or students. The entire U of M Police Department was deployed in response; four UMD police officers came to assist with security. The Department of Emergency Management's mobile command post and U ambulances were deployed, and at least 40 victims were treated at the U of M Medical Center immediately downstream of the site. A joint information center for agencies including FEMA, NTSB, MnDOT, state and city law enforcement, and Metro Transit is located in the Law School's Mondale Hall. I-35W has been the primary access artery for UMTC in Minneapolis. Watch for [updates](#).

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY Ross Macmillan was one of the first to respond when the bridge fell. Read the story, "[For U professor, bridge collapse hits close to home](#)."

THE AMERICA COMPETES ACT, passed by Congress Aug. 2, authorizes--though it does not appropriate--significant new funding for research, through the National Science Foundation and Department of Energy, and for science, technology, engineering, and math education. The bill, now on its way to the president's desk, was a bipartisan response to the 2005 National Academies report, "Rising Above the Gathering Storm." [President Bruininks lauded Congress](#) and members of Minnesota's delegation who supported the legislation, considered key to long-term U.S. economic competitiveness.

[DUAL-CAREER SERVICES](#) are available for spouses and partners of prospective and new faculty and staff who have relocated to the U during the past year. The Relocation Assistance Program eases the transition for families by providing information on moving companies, housing, child and elder care, school systems, spouse/partner employment, and diversity and community resources.

PEOPLE: An honorary doctorate for Nobel laureate Paul Nurse, in whose lab former College of Biological Sciences dean Pete Magee worked; a Blaise Pascal Chair for International Research for theoretical physics professor Mikhail Shifman; Clinical Scientist of the Year is UMD professor of pathology Kent Froberg; a new regional extension educator in community economics at UMC; new coaching staff at UMM. Read about these and more U awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL FACULTY: A half-day retreat for junior international faculty members will be hosted by the Center for Teaching and Learning, Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Office of International Programs, and Office for Equity and Diversity. All junior (pre-tenure) faculty who identify themselves as international are invited to attend. The goal of the retreat is to bring together a group to discuss their experiences, to provide resources to support teaching and research, and to learn what the sponsoring offices can do to support individuals' careers. A panel of international faculty members will talk about their experiences at the U and answer questions. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Aug. 28, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Eastcliff. Register by Aug. 14: contact Robin Matross Helms at rmhelms@umn.edu or 612-626-5598.

SUCCESSFUL MANAGERS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM fall session will begin Oct. 31. The program--sponsored by the Office of Organizational Effectiveness, a division of the Office of Human Resources, and by the College of Continuing Education (CCE) in partnership with Personnel Decisions International (PDI)--is an important tool for increasing leadership capabilities at the U. See [program information](#), including costs and session dates. Come to one of two free information sessions about key outcomes of the program. Aug. 13 or Sept. 20, 10-11 a.m., 210/215 Donhowe Building. For more information, call CCE at 612-624-4000.

A CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION WORKING GROUP has been formed to review compensation and classification policies for U of M civil service employees. The 12-member group, appointed by VP Carrier, Office of Human Resources (OHR), is composed of a broad representation of civil service employees and OHR staff. It will study current policies, collect stakeholder feedback, review best practices, and make recommendations for improving the civil service classification and compensation structure. The [working group](#) will issue a report in February 2008. Regular progress reports will be published on the OHR Web site.

PRESIDENT'S EMERGING LEADERS (PEL): [Final reports for the 2006-07 PEL](#) cohort are now posted. They included (1) Directing Change Management, (2) Faculty Mentoring, (3) Internationalizing: Bringing the World to the U, (4) Positioning Rochester, and (5) Staff Engagement in the University Community. Also, bios and photos for the [2007-08 PEL](#) cohort are posted.

THE [OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDIT](#) IS THE NEW NAME for the former Department of Audits.

2007-08 TUITION AND FEE INFORMATION is now posted for [UMC](#), [UMD](#), [UMM](#), [UMR](#), and [UMTC](#). Abbreviated information for [all the campuses](#) is available in PDF.

OPEN HOUSE FOR THE [SOUTHERN RESEARCH AND OUTREACH CENTER](#) (SROC) will showcase "Agriculture for the 21st Century: Growing a Healthier World," with activities for all ages. Sept. 13, 4-8 p.m., Hwy. 14 and Co. Rd. 57, Waseca.

U AT THE FAIR: Discover your [U at the Minnesota State Fair](#), Aug. 23-Sept. 3. See details on the new exhibits, fabulous stage programs, daily giveaways, and more.

SAVE THE DATE: "[From Neurons to Neighborhoods: Making the Link Between Science and Service](#)," will be the 2007 Guy Stanton Ford Memorial Lecture, by Thomas Insel, director, National Institute of Mental Health, Oct. 16.

THIS MONTH AT THE MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM:

--[FlowerFest Weekend](#), including two popular garden shows, Aug. 18-19
--Deadline to enter the annual [Scarecrows on Parade](#) (PDF) contest and exhibition, Aug. 31
--"[Unbidden Gardens](#)," a multimedia exhibit on threatened natural areas in Minnesota, through Sept. 16

Crookston:

ED WIDSETH FIELD, shared by UMC and Crookston High School, is undergoing [renovations](#) this summer, including a new track surface and new ticket booth and concession building with permanent, handicapped accessible bathrooms.

[NEW REGIONAL EXTENSION EDUCATOR](#) IN COMMUNITY ECONOMICS and business faculty member is Bruce Sorte, whose appointment is with U of M Extension and UMC. Sorte will spend the majority of his time working with communities in northwestern Minnesota on economic issues and teaching courses like microeconomics and natural resource economics.

Duluth:

[NEW COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING ASSOCIATE DEAN](#) is professor Stanley Burns, who has headed the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. UMD engineering programs--chemical, electrical and computer, industrial, and mechanical--currently enroll more than 750 students; a new civil engineering program will open in 2008.

"[COMMUNICATING MATHEMATICS](#)" conference in July honored professor Joseph Gallian for achievements in mathematics teaching, research programs, and mentoring new college faculty nationwide. The event drew students and faculty and was funded by the National Security Agency, the College of Science and Engineering, and the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

[UMD WILL BE AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR](#) with faculty, staff, and student presentations and performances, Aug. 24-25. Stage performances will include the Lake Superior Trivia Show; music by alumni is scheduled on Friday, noon and 2 p.m., and Saturday, 1 p.m. The UMD booth inside the U building will feature admissions, the Multicultural Center, Eni-gikendaasoyang, and other programs.

Morris:

LOCAL FOODS ON CAMPUS: UMM raised the bar in 2001 by writing local foods into its campus food service contract with Sodexo. The idea is spreading. Read the story from the summer issue of *M*, "[Eating close to home](#)."

Twin Cities:

NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION will be Aug. 21-23. The three-day program provides faculty new to UMTC an important opportunity to learn about U priorities and resources and to meet new colleagues and other faculty and staff. All new faculty are welcome to attend. For more information, see [New Faculty Orientation](#) or contact Karen Zentner Bacig, kbacig@umn.edu or 612-624-5082.

CAMPUS PARKING TIPS FOR THE STATE FAIR DATES, Aug. 23-Sept. 3, will be sent to U e-mail accounts next week. They also will be posted on the [Parking and Transportation Services](#) (PTS) Web site.

PTS celebrated being named [2007 Parking Organization of the Year](#) by the International Parking Institute, a trade organization of 400 institutions in 18 countries. PTS shares the inaugural award with the city of Houston, Texas. UMTC is the third largest traffic generator in Minnesota.

U-PASS, THE DEEP-DISCOUNT UNLIMITED-RIDE STUDENT BUS PASS, has been overhauled so it's renewable and doesn't include photos--which means students must show their U Card in case of fare checks. The [new program](#) began Aug. 1 and brings the U-Pass into alignment with 2005 changes to the staff-faculty Metropass.

TRANSITION FROM MODEM POOL TO INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS (ISPs): Several vendors to provide residential fee-based Internet service at discount rates have been selected by Networking and Telecommunication Services (NTS). U faculty, staff, students, and alumni may purchase this service directly from the selected vendors through [UMart](#). The U modem pool and the 800 modem pool will be decommissioned Dec. 31. The customer base has declined as people move to alternate ISPs offering services such as DSL and cable modem, equipment is aging, and costs of sustaining the modem pool have increased. See more [information on the transition](#) on the ISP tab.

PRIDE @ WORK, the U's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and ally employee network, will host a free ice cream social. Aug. 9, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Garden Terrace, St. Paul Student Center. Call 612-625-0537 for more information.

VOLUNTEER AT CONVOCATION, to be held Sept. 4, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Shifts vary. [Register to volunteer](#) by Aug. 20.

SAVE THE DATE: "[An Evening With Ken Burns](#)" will include a preview of *The War*, a seven-part TV series on World War II, at Northrop Auditorium, Sept. 5.

[2007-08 NORTHPROP JAZZ SEASON](#) will include six concerts between Oct. 14 and May 3.

MORE EVENTS include Curiosity Camp, "What Lies Beneath Us: Archaeology in the Twin Cities" ([Aug. 9](#)) and "Our Bodies, Our Health" ([Aug. 13](#)); Life Sciences Summer Undergraduate Research Programs Poster Symposium ([Aug. 10](#)); Educational Technologists Forum: Assessing Learning With Technology ([Aug. 11](#)); *Flashback: Norwegian Landscapes in Retrospect* and *Photographs From the Galapagos* (through [Aug. 12](#)); Rep. Jim Ramstad in the "Connecting With Government" forum series ([Aug. 14](#)); UMore Park open house ([Aug. 16](#)); Trans-Atlantic Institute in German and European Studies (through [Aug. 19](#)); "Victorian Secrets and Edwardian Enigmas: The Riddles of the Rooms of 221B Baker Street" at Andersen Library (through [Aug. 20](#)); *Worldwide Tuning Meditation* ([Aug. 21](#)); "Dealing With Difficult People: Strategies for Successful Work Relations" ([Aug. 22](#)); "Becoming Minnesota: A Sesquicentennial Sampler" ([Aug. 23](#)); Connecting Beijing-Minneapolis ([through Aug. 23](#)); *Sherlock's Last Case* by the Showboat Players ([through Aug. 25](#)); and new graduate student orientation ([Aug. 28](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TRANSFORMING THE U: When the lights go on in UMTC classrooms next week, they'll be creating a better student and faculty experience than ever, with consistent brightness and far fewer burnouts. Group relamping also will save more than \$1.5 million over the next five years by changing light bulbs building by building instead of bulb by bulb, and by standardizing the type of bulb. The next phase is group relamping in work spaces. Read more about the project from initiators Ruthann Manlet and Sean Schuller in Facilities Management and Dave Crane in the Office of Classroom Management, in "[Light on the subject](#)."

THE U RECEIVED AN INTENT-TO-STRIKE NOTICE FROM AFSCME Aug. 24. If a strike is called, it could begin between Sept. 5 and 24. The U and AFSCME are returning to the bargaining table this week. AFSCME (American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees) represents more than 3,000 health care, clerical, and technical employees among a total of 17,000 U employees statewide. See [bargaining unit contract negotiations](#).

CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Dan Farrar, director of the Security Monitor Program at UMTC, is the first of six new CSC members to be profiled. Read more in "[Focusing on professional development](#)."

PEOPLE: New VP for scholarly and cultural affairs is UMTC College of Liberal Arts dean Steven Rosenstone; new associate VP and dean for international programs is Meredith McQuaid; new executive director of the Northwest Minnesota Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is Joan Porraz; professor Eli Coleman was elected president of the International Academy of Sex Research; UMTC student Ann Miron is Princess Kay of the Milky Way. Read about these and more U awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

CLASSES BEGIN this week at UMC (Aug. 28) and UMM (today) and next week (Sept. 4) at UMD and UMTC. See the [2007-08 academic calendar](#).

STUDENT-STAFF DIRECTORY: DEADLINE FOR UPDATES TO INDIVIDUAL LISTINGS is Sept. 14. Go to "Update Personal Information" at [Employee Self-Service](#).

TEACHING AND ADVISING AWARDS NOMINATION INFORMATION SESSIONS will be held this fall for those involved in compiling dossiers for the Morse-Alumni, graduate/professional, and Tate advising awards. Topics will include dossier format, tips for compiling a strong dossier, and more. Staff from the Office of the Senior VP and Provost will be available to answer questions about the process. UMTC: (1) Sept. 18, 10-11 a.m., 402 Walter Library, and (2) Dec. 3, 2-3 p.m., 101 Walter Library. Sessions for UMC, UMD, and UMM will be offered by interactive TV: (1) Sept. 20, 10-11 a.m., and (2) Dec. 5, 2-3 p.m.; campus locations will be 106 Sahlstrom Center, UMC; 173 Kirby Plaza, UMD; and 7 HFA, UMM. Register for the September sessions by Sept. 11 and for the December sessions by Nov. 26. Contact Robin Matross Helms at rmhelms@umn.edu or 612-626-5598.

GRANT-IN-AID OF RESEARCH, ARTISTRY, AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM for faculty and graduate students is administered by the Graduate School. Applications are due Sept. 17 for the grant period Jan. 1, 2008-June 30, 2009. See the [request for proposals](#).

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE VP FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT Andrew Furco, U of California-Berkeley, and Irma McClaurin, Ford Foundation, both identified through a national search, visited UMTC in August; videos of their [public forums](#) will be posted.

THE FIRST GLBTA SYSTEMWIDE SUMMIT, hosted by the U-wide Standing Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Concerns, will bring together students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community members from each campus to discuss improving the campus climate for GLBT and ally communities. Sept. 23-24 at UMD; advance registration is requested. See the [GLBTA Systemwide Summit](#).

THE STATE FAIR FEATURES THE WHOLE U. Great discoveries are on display with engaging exhibits and experts from all five campuses. Check out the stage performances, demonstrations, and appearances by U personalities. Shop for U clothing, gifts, entertainment tickets, and special athletics ticket offers. Discount tickets available from U Bookstores, UMTC. The U building is located at Dan Patch Avenue. Through Sept. 3, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. See [Discover the U at the Minnesota State Fair](#).

"HOT TOPICS IN MATURE WOMEN'S HEALTH" will be the fourth annual Women's Health Research Conference, presented by the Deborah E. Powell Center for Women's Health. Sept. 17, McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. See the [conference program](#) and register now.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE [SUMMIT OF SAGES](#), with Maya Angelou, hosted by the Katherine J. Densford International Center for Nursing Leadership, will allow 55 students from the six Academic Health Center schools to attend. E-mail densford@umn.edu to request an application. Oct. 14-16, St. Paul.

SAVE THE DATE: [E3 2007](#) will be the Midwest's premier energy, economic, and environmental conference. Nov. 27, UMTC. Early-bird registration through Oct. 16.

FIELD TRIP VOLUNTEERS are needed by the [Minnesota Landscape Arboretum](#). Learn more at a kickoff event, Sept. 6, 9-11 a.m., Chaska. Register by Sept. 4; contact Randy Gage at rgage0020@umn.edu or 952-443-1478.

U GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATES: A general [legislative update](#) (Aug. 9) and a [federal relations](#) update (Aug. 17) are now posted.

Crookston:

UMC BEGINS 2007-08 with new degree programs in biology and pre-veterinary medicine; a redefined Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology; equipment upgrades in chemistry labs; and more than 100 new student-athletes and 10 athletics staff members. See the [fall 2007 update](#).

UMC WAS NAMED A TOP PUBLIC BACCALAUREATE COLLEGE IN THE MIDWEST for the 10th consecutive year by *U.S. News & World Report*. See the [news release](#).

Duluth:

A SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE (SEM) will be purchased with a [grant of \\$400,000 from the National Science Foundation](#) to the College of Science and Engineering. It will be used for teaching and research in geological sciences, biology, chemical engineering, and mechanical engineering and will also be available to outside nonprofit and industry groups. SEM installation in the chemistry building is planned for early 2008.

THE [UMD MARCHING BAND](#) will [assemble](#) this fall after an 18-year break, the Department of Music announced. The corps-style band will present shows throughout the season at athletic events, with the first appearance at homecoming, Sept. 29, 1 p.m.

THE DEPARTMENTS OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING ranked 5th and 38th in the nation, respectively, in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* survey. UMD ranked 10th among top Midwest public universities. See the [news release](#).

Morris:

NINETY DELEGATES FROM MORE THAN 40 NATIONS stopped in Morris Aug. 22 as part of the USDA Global Conference on Agricultural Biofuels. The group toured the campus biomass facility under construction and the West Central Research and Outreach Center's wind turbine. They also attended a biomass presentation by Lowell Rasmussen, associate vice chancellor for physical plant and planning, and Joel Tallaksen, biomass gasification project coordinator. See "[Global conference delegates tour](#)."

[GATEWAY 2007](#), a four-week transition program, was attended by 15 students from Arizona, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Texas. Founded in 1995, the program includes a 4-credit umbrella course along with workshops, seminars, and athletic activities. Students are motivated to succeed at UMM and gain an understanding of the level of work expected in college.

[OPENING CONVOCATION](#) for the 2007-08 First-Year Seminar will be presented by John Biewen, Center for Documentary Studies, Duke University. Sept. 6, 7 p.m., Edson Auditorium.

Rochester:

UMR MOVED TO DOWNTOWN ROCHESTER--to the third and fourth floors of University Square (formerly Galleria Mall), 111 S. Broadway--last week. Telephone numbers have not changed. See details at [UMR on the move](#).

Twin Cities:

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING INFORMATION for fall semester is now posted. With changes due to stadium construction and the I-35W bridge collapse, everyone is urged to avoid driving to campus. Metropasses for faculty and staff have been reduced from \$64 to \$45 to make busing more affordable; a new Lot 33 north of Mariucci Arena is available for carpools until 9 a.m.; more bike racks have been installed on campus; and 900 parking spaces have been added at the State Fairground Lot in St. Paul. Read more about [getting to the University](#).

OPEN HOUSES TO GATHER CITIZEN INPUT ON I-35W BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION are being held by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). There will be no formal presentation; MnDOT engineers will be available to answer questions. Aug. 30, 4:30-7 p.m., Humphrey Center atrium; Sept. 5, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Crystal Court, IDS Center, 717 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis. Learn more about the [open houses](#).

"REFLECTIONS ON THE BRIDGE" will provide a time for the arriving campus community to observe a moment of silence, hear from campus representatives, and gain perspective on the Aug. 1 tragedy that will continue to affect the lives of individuals and the surrounding communities. Sept. 4, 12:15 p.m., east end of the Washington Avenue Bridge. Sponsored by the Interfaith Campus Coalition, student groups, and several U offices, including the Office for Student Affairs, University Counseling and Consulting Services, Community Relations, and Boynton Health Service.

COURSE RESERVES FOR FALL 2007: 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 reserve for fall semester, or contact Jerrie Bayer at j-baye@umn.edu or 612-624-8530.

THE CUP coffee café in Williamson Hall is closing its doors. The Cup will not reopen in September. Coffee is available at three other East Bank locations operated by University Dining Services: Wise Owl Café in Walter Library, Starbucks in Coffman Union, and Java City in Moos Tower. A second Dunn Bros. Coffee café will open as the River Road Café in the newly renovated Education Sciences Building in October. See [UDS](#).

THE MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA WILL GIVE A [FREE NOON CONCERT](#) ON NORTHPRO PLAZA to kick off the orchestra's 2007-08 concert season, Sept. 12, noon-1 p.m. The program will include an eclectic mix of music, including Tchaikovsky's *1812* overture, which gained the orchestra fame when it recorded the work 50 years ago in Northrop Auditorium.

MORE EVENTS include new teaching assistant training ([Aug. 29-30](#)); "The Final Word!" The Poets of the City Super Show ([Aug. 31](#)); Gopher Volleyball in the Diet Coke Classic ([Aug. 31-Sept. 2](#)); and the transportation fair ([Sept. 4](#), Coffman Union, and [Sept. 5](#), St. Paul Student Center). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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AFSCME STRIKE IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN TODAY. The American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees represents about 3,100 clerical, technical, and health care workers across the U. The U has worked to ensure as little disruption as possible during the strike. Classes will be held as scheduled, and teaching, research, and outreach will continue. Links to information are posted on the U of M home page, MyU Portal, and Office of Human Resources site. See [updates and more information](#) about what to do during a strike, information for [students](#), [settlement offer information](#) (PDF), and information for [non-striking employees](#) (including student employees and graduate assistants).

REGENTS PROFESSOR PROFILE: ELAINE TYLER MAY, professor of American studies and history, grew up in the political ferment of the 1960s and, as an exchange student in Japan in 1968, developed a thirst for understanding American history. She has written several acclaimed books and is a leading scholar on 20th century American family history. Read more about May in "[A contemporary view of history](#)," the final profile in a series on five new regents professors, who will be recognized by the Board of Regents Sept. 7.

THE CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH'S first full-time director, Joel Hetler, brings years of community experience to his new position. Hetler wants to give public engagement a stronger role in setting the research agenda and to shorten the time from research to practice. Read the public engagement spotlight, "[Children's mental health leader is back to campus](#)."

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

University-wide:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS WILL MEET SEPT. 6-7. Action items will include a revised Minnesota-Wisconsin tuition reciprocity agreement and appointments of the UMR chancellor, the VP for scholarly and cultural affairs, and the associate VP and dean for international programs. Also on the agenda: a review of the U's 2008 state bonding request and reports on responding to needs of student military veterans, addressing student mental health needs, and plans for UMore Park. See the [agenda and docket](#).

NOMINATIONS FOR MCKNIGHT LAND-GRANT PROFESSORSHIPS are invited by the Graduate School and the Provost's Office. The program provides two-year awards to junior faculty through an annual competition with the aim of strengthening the faculty for the future. Applications are due in 314 Johnston Hall, UMTC, Sept. 28. See [nomination information](#).

THE GRADUATION PLANNER IS NOW ONLINE. The planner is a new tool for undergraduates on all U campuses. Students will use it to explore majors and minors, make a four-year plan, and work with advisers to stay on track. To preview how it will work for students and advisers, see the [Graduation Planner](#) tutorial and quick-start guides.

THE WARRIOR TO CITIZEN CAMPAIGN is a statewide, grassroots citizen effort to provide enduring support to returning soldiers and their families. The campaign is being organized through the U's Center for Democracy and Citizenship at the Humphrey Institute, UMTC. Partners include employers, students, clergy, legislators, teachers and other professionals, and veterans and their families. See the [center's site](#) for more information.

SUMMIT OF SAGES: REGISTER NOW. This year's summit, on the theme of social justice, will feature sages Afaf Meleis, Rosemarie Reger-Rumsey, Cheryl Robertson, Gene Thin Elk, and Bill Thomas; guest speakers will be Maya Angelou, Jean Watson, John Howe III, Linda Olson-Keller, and Cathy Wurzer. Sponsored by the Katharine J. Densford International Center for Nursing Leadership. Oct. 14-16, Crowne Plaza Hotel, St. Paul. Early-bird registration through Sept. 10. Registration for specific events is available; discounts for groups of three or more. Register online at [Summit of Sages](#).

PUBLIC LISTENING SESSIONS ON CREATING A VISION FOR UMORE PARK will be held this month on education (Sept. 17), environment (Sept. 19), energy (Sept. 20), health (Sept. 25), interdisciplinary opportunities (Sept. 26), and transportation (Sept. 27). UMore Park is a 5,000-acre property, owned by the U, in Dakota County. The goal is to create a vibrant, culturally rich, new community of 20,000 to 30,000 people over a 25- to 30-year period. All sessions will be held 5-7:15 p.m. at locations in Rosemount. A light meal will be served, so registration is requested. Call 612-626-3976 or register at [UMore Park](#).

FLOOD EMERGENCY AND CLEANUP resources from the U are available. Click on "Recovering From Disaster" at [U of M Extension](#).

THE BIG TEN NETWORK, a first-of-its-kind partnership among the 11 Big Ten universities and a major television provider, launched Aug. 30. It aims to provide nationwide and rural access to Gopher athletics; coverage of more sports, including baseball, soccer, gymnastics, volleyball, and wrestling, in addition to football and basketball; a dramatic increase in coverage of women's sports; and non-sports programming to showcase academic breakthroughs, renowned faculty, current students, and honored alumni. Read more in [Big Ten Network kicks off coverage](#).

Crookston:

UMC is among the "Best in the Midwest" in *The Princeton Review* 2008 survey of college students. Strong academics as well as increasing diversity and international programs were cited. See the [news release](#).

AN ANONYMOUS DONOR contributed to endowments for the UMC Baseball (\$1,400) and Mark Olsonawski Football (\$2,100) scholarships. See the [news release](#).

NORTHWEST MINNESOTA LOCAL INITIATIVES ENERGY MEETING: Community-based energy potential will be the focus of a meeting hosted by the Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership. Learn about recent legislation, including the Next Generation Energy Act of 2007 and the Dispersed Generation Study, and find out what role your community could play in generating dispersed renewable energy. Sept. 19, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Thief River Falls. Free; registration required for lunch. See [more information](#).

Duluth:

BULLDOG BASH 2007 continues for new students through Sept. 8. Games, workshops, art, and informational events help students connect with the faculty and staff and get to know UMD resources. Activities included Taste of Tweed, an introduction to the Tweed Museum of Art, Sept 4; Multicultural Center welcome and open house, Sept. 6, 2-4 p.m., 268 Kirby Student Center; and "Respect Yr Mama," music and conversation with Shannon Murray and Dave Cuomo, Sept. 7, 7 p.m., UMD Rafterns. Everyone is welcome. See the [event schedule](#) and more information.

PROJECTED ENROLLMENT for fall 2007 is 10,700, including 2,700 new students (2,225 freshmen, 475 new transfer students). A total of 3,020 students (87 percent of incoming freshmen) will live on campus. More than 45 percent of entering freshmen are from the seven-county Twin Cities metro area, with notable increases from several non-metro areas. UMD continues to draw 10 percent of its new students from Wisconsin, with increases from other states. See the [news release](#).

THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, DULUTH'S new senior associate dean is Randall Seifer, professor and chair, Department of Pharmacy Practice and Pharmaceutical Science. Seifer replaces Stephen Hoag, who will continue on the faculty. See [Seifer's bio](#) and the [college site](#).

Morris:

UMM is also among the "Best in the Midwest" in *The Princeton Review* 2008 survey of college students, and was named an America's Best Value College. Outstanding professors, financial assistance, and campus atmosphere were cited. See the [news release](#).

NATURAL CONSTRUCTS, the first exhibit of the season in the [Humanities Fine Arts Gallery](#), features the work of Iowa artists Timothy Frerichs and Brian Roberts, who use the natural world as the inspiration for their work. Through Oct. 13; reception Oct. 11, 7 to 9 p.m.

Rochester:

NEW UMR LOCATION IN DOWNTOWN ROCHESTER: See [details about the new location](#)--including maps, directions, transit and parking information, floor plans, and construction information. Students will continue to have access to the fitness center, the writing area in the Learning Center, and the Goddard Library in the old location at University Center Rochester.

Twin Cities:

TRANSIT AND PARKING: See guidelines on [getting to the U](#). [Metropasses](#) for faculty and staff have been reduced from \$64 to \$45 to make busing more affordable. See also [Parking and Transportation](#).

MAROON & GOLD FRIDAYS: HELP CELEBRATE U SPIRIT AND PRIDE when you wear maroon and good on Fridays in a tradition sponsored by the U of M Alumni Association (UMAA). Office or department representatives can serve as Goldy Gopher's ambassadors. Register one or more person to attend a kickoff where they will receive a laminated sign and toolkit, meet Goldy and members of the U of M Cheer Team, learn more about U spirit, and register for a drawing for free lunch delivered by Goldy on a Friday. The kickoff is Sept. 14, noon-1:30 p.m., Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center; lunch provided. Register by Sept. 12 by calling 612-626-0425 or see [Maroon & Gold Fridays](#).

CAMPUS CLUB FALL HOURS begin this week: lunch in the server, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; menu-service lunch, 11 a.m., RSVP 612-626-7788; and bar menu and beverage service, Monday-Wednesday 2-8 p.m., Thursday-Friday 2-9 p.m. Learn more about the [Campus Club](#).

DINKYTOWN AND CEDAR-RIVERSIDE BUSINESSES ARE OPEN. With traffic changes due to the I-35W bridge collapse, they offer convenient places to eat, socialize, and run errands over the lunch hour for U faculty, staff, and students.

CENTER FOR HEALTH TRAJECTORY RESEARCH (P20) SEMINAR SERIES theme this year is clinical trial methodology. One continuing education unit of credit will be offered at each seminar. The first topic will be "Modeling Longitudinal Trajectories of Emotional Distress in Dementia Caregivers," presented by David Roth, professor of public health, U of Alabama-Birmingham. Sept. 6, noon, 3-125 Mayo Auditorium. See the [schedule](#).

TURF AND GROUNDS FIELD DAY will highlight the latest research, education, and outreach related to green industries serving parks, public spaces, golf courses, cemeteries, and more. Sept. 13, display and trial gardens, St. Paul. Early-bird registration through Sept. 7; lunch is included. See [Field Day](#).

MORE EVENTS include the Transportation Fair at the St. Paul Student Center ([Sept. 5](#)); Minnesota Cup Final Awards Reception ([Sept. 6](#)); *Pipaashaa (Extreme Thirst)*, an exploration of environmental damage on underserved populations by Ananya Dance Theatre ([Sept. 6-9](#)); Small World Coffee Hour ([Sept. 7](#)); Funk at the Fred ([Sept. 7](#)); "Documenting China: Contemporary Photography and Social Change" (opens [Sept. 8](#)); Allianz HopeDay Festival with Gopher athletes, coaches, children with life-threatening illnesses, and their families ([Sept. 9](#)); "The Future of Science" in Café Scientifique ([Sept. 10](#)); Compleat Scholar fall sampler ([Sept. 11](#)); and *Encyclopedia of Shamanism* author Christina Pratt ([Sept. 12](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TRANSFORMING THE U: The Successful Manager's Leadership Program is a U effort to build across-the-board staff leadership skills. Through the course, managers Kathryn Johnson and Shawn Welch got to know their own strengths and weaknesses, then use that knowledge to advance the U's as well as their units' strategic goals. The next session begins Oct. 30. Read more in "[The key is inside.](#)"

CAPA RETREAT REVIEW: The Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators (CAPA) held its annual retreat Aug. 17. They heard preliminary results of a spring survey of academic professional and administrative (P&A) staff and got to know CAPA and each other. Read more in "[Getting their feet wet.](#)"

THE STRIKE CONTINUES into the second week for the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), which represents U clerical, technical, and health care workers statewide. Updates are posted on the [Office of Human Resources](#) home page.

PEOPLE: Interim director of institutional compliance is Susan Rafferty; interim dean of the Twin Cities campus College of Liberal Arts is Jim Parente. Read about these and more appointments and awards in [People](#).

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University-wide:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS MET SEPT. 6-7. At the meeting of the full board on Friday, new regents professors Frank Bates, Richard Leppert, Elaine Tyler May, Matt McGue, and Peter Reich were honored, as well as new McKnight Presidential Professor John Bryson and McKnight Presidential Chair John Wagner. Chair Patricia Simmons adjourned the meeting after it was interrupted twice by protesters who identified themselves in support of striking AFSCME employees. Appointments of UMR Chancellor Lehmkuhle, VP Rosenstone, and Associate VP McQuaid were approved by board leadership later in the afternoon under provisions allowed by Board of Regents policy; they will be reported at the board's October meeting. Action on the revised Minnesota-Wisconsin tuition reciprocity agreement, a preview of the U's 2008 state bonding request, and other items were postponed until October. See the [Board of Regents](#).

TRANSFORMING THE U FOR THE 21ST CENTURY, the 2007 strategic positioning report to the Board of Regents, is now available and can be downloaded in PDF format at [Transforming the U](#).

SEARCH FOR THE INTERIM DIRECTOR of the U-wide Institute for the Advancement of Science and Engineering is now in progress. The institute's first leader will recruit its inaugural faculty. Nominations and applications are invited. Review began Sept. 11; the position will begin this fall, with the appointment date subject to negotiation. See the [guidelines](#).

SEARCH FOR A NEW VICE PROVOST AND DEAN OF UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION, UMTC, is now in progress. Candidates must be tenured full professors at any U of M campus. Nominations and applications are invited, and review will begin Oct. 1. See the [position description](#), including timeline and search committee.

SMALL GRANTS TO SUPPORT RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH (RCR) continuing education awareness and discussion activities are sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Research. The next deadline for applications is Oct. 15. See the [guidelines](#).

DISPARITIES: UNEQUAL OPPORTUNITIES, UNEQUAL OUTCOMES is an initiative to make small grants and provide technical assistance to seed or support small projects that promote or examine ways to effectively address disparities among Minnesota's children, youth, and families. Funding is from the President's Initiative on Children, Youth, and Families. The Children, Youth, and Family Consortium requests proposals by Oct. 5. See the [request for proposals](#).

BUILDING INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH CENTERS IN WOMEN'S HEALTH grant program information sessions will be held at UMTC Sept. 11, 4:30-5:30 p.m., B-620 Mayo; Sept. 17, 3-4 p.m., Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center; and Sept. 18, noon-1 p.m., B-620 Mayo. See [BRCWH](#).

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH GRANT applications are due Oct. 15. Grants up to \$30,000 support assistant professors who have no independent national funding and are engaged in cancer-related research, including genetic mechanisms of cancer, molecular mechanisms of cancer progression and metastasis, development of novel therapeutic models and translational research, and cancer immunology and immunotherapy. Request an application by contacting micek003@umn.edu or 612-626-1926.

2007-08 STATEWIDE SPEAKERS TOUR of the U of M Alumni Association (UMAA) will include St. Cloud (Sept. 18), Belle Plaine (Sept. 19), Monticello (Sept. 24), Brainerd (Sept. 25), Lakeville (Sept. 27), Walker (Oct. 9), St. Michael (Oct. 23), Owatonna (Nov. 12), Roseville (Nov. 20), Winona (Nov. 28), White Bear Lake (April 8), and Faribault (April 28). The first meeting was held in Fairmont, July 23. The UMAA, deans, and faculty members speak about benefits of U teaching, research, and engagement to specific regions and the state. See the [news release](#).

TEACHING AND ADVISING AWARDS NOMINATION INFORMATION SESSIONS for those involved in compiling dossiers for the Morse-Alumni, graduate/professional, and Tate advising awards will address dossier format, tips for compiling a strong dossier, and more. Staff from the Office of the Senior VP and Provost will be available to answer questions about the process. UMTC: (1) Sept. 18, 10-11 a.m., 402 Walter Library, and (2) Dec. 3, 2-3 p.m., 101 Walter Library. Sessions for UMC, UMD, and UMM will be offered by interactive TV: (1) Sept. 20, 10-11 a.m., and (2) Dec. 5, 2-3 p.m.; campus locations will be 106 Sahlstrom Center, UMC; 173 Kirby Plaza, UMD; and 7 HFA, UMM. Register for the September sessions by Sept. 17 and for the December sessions by Nov. 30. Contact Robin Matross Helms at rmhelms@umn.edu or 612-626-5598.

OPEN HOUSE FOR THE SOUTHERN RESEARCH AND OUTREACH CENTER (SROC) will showcase "Agriculture for the 21st Century: Growing a Healthier World," with activities for all ages. Sept. 13, 4-8 p.m., Hwy. 14 and Co. Rd. 57, Waseca. The flyer can be downloaded in PDF format at [SROC](#).

Crookston:

UMC WILL HOST A PRE-SITE VISIT FOR ITS EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM by teacher-education supervisor Richard Simms, Minnesota Board of Teaching, Sept. 13. Faculty members Soo-Yin Lim-Thompson, Marilyn Grave, and Marsha Odom prepared over the summer, and department head Bill Peterson is helping to coordinate the site visit.

MORE THAN 80 STUDENT-ATHLETES helped Northwood, N.D., clean up and rebuild after the town was ravaged by a tornado Aug. 26. Golden Eagle football, soccer, and hockey teams traveled to Northwood Sept. 1. Read more about the [student volunteers](#).

IT SHOWCASE WINNER: Junior Delano Robinson earned first place in the college division of the Information Technology (IT) Showcase held in conjunction with the 29th annual National BDPA (Black Data Professionals Association) Technology Conference in Washington, D.C. Robinson's presentation, "Electronic Stability Control (ESC) System Benefits," focused on increasing vehicle safety through computer technology. It was his first time in the competition. Robinson is earning a double major in information technology management and business management at UMC. The BDPA IT Showcase is sponsored by IBM and Eli Lilly & Company. Read the [news release](#).

Duluth:

THE FIRST EXHIBITION FROM THE MICHAEL S. BERMAN POLITICAL COLLECTION--more than 1,000 photographs, political convention publications, bumper stickers, and jewelry of the past 40 years--opens Friday on the fourth floor of the UMD Library. On display will be more than 50 items from the collection, donated by Berman, '61, a longtime national political lobbyist and adviser, currently president of the Washington consulting firm Duberstein Group, Inc. Berman will speak on "National Conventions and Their Role in Presidential Campaign Civility" as part of the chancellor's first Sieur du Luth lecture series, Sept. 14, 1 p.m., Kirby Ballroom. Read more about the [Berman collection](#).

A *RETROSPECTIVE VIEW*, works by alumnus Bill Shipley, brings together current, sensitive landscape abstractions and earlier works. Shipley, a painter and educator, taught in New York City for 35 years and now works with the Tweed Museum in various capacities. Through Oct. 28, Tweed Museum of Art. Opening reception Sept. 23, 2-4 p.m. See [exhibit details](#).

Morris:

A PREVIEW OF THE KEN BURNS DOCUMENTARY, *THE WAR*, will be hosted by UMM and Pioneer Public Television, Appleton, Minn. The free, public, [one-hour screening](#) of the highly anticipated PBS series about World War II will include selected highlights. Sept. 13, 7 p.m., Edson Auditorium.

FOURTH ANNUAL [COUGAR FEST](#) will be a full day of activities, athletic competition, food, and fun. Sept. 15.

NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO'S Neal Conan and Ensemble Galilei will kick off the 2007-08 Performing Arts Series season. Conan and actress Lily Knight will present, "First Person: Stories From the Edge of the World," a multimedia celebration of the world's great explorers in an evening of theater, original music, and photographs from National Geographic's image collection. Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. Series season tickets are on sale now. See [series information](#) or call 320-589-6080.

Twin Cities:

GOPHER QUICK CLINIC IS NOW OPEN. The clinic is a high-quality, fast, and affordable new option for health care at Boynton Health Service (BHS). See a board-certified physician assistant trained to diagnose, treat, and write prescriptions for several minor illnesses. No appointment necessary; 10- to 15-minute visits. \$5 co-pay for staff and faculty enrolled in any UPlan medical plan option even if BHS is not your primary care clinic. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m.; check in at the main BHS desk on the third floor. See [Gopher Quick Clinic](#).

NEW HOURS AT BOYNTON HEALTH SERVICE: New hours at the Minneapolis location, beginning this month, are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and, for urgent care and pharmacy only, Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. The change is based on faculty and staff feedback. See [BHS](#).

UNIVERSITY STORES ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE will be Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Radisson University Hotel-Minneapolis, 615 Washington Ave. S.E. Lunch will be served 11 a.m.-1 p.m. More than 50 vendors and U departments will showcase products and services and give away samples. See the U Stores [announcement](#).

THE ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER WILL HOLD A CAMPUSWIDE BLOOD DRIVE. Please schedule your appointment in advance at [American Red Cross](#) (ARC) and search by ZIP code 55455. Donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds, and present a photo ID at check-in. If you have traveled outside the United States in the past year or have other questions about eligibility to donate, call the ARC nurse at 651-291-3885 before scheduling. Sept. 25, 7 a.m.-5 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For other information, contact Jenny Meslow at meslo001@umn.edu or 800-448-3543.

VOLUNTEER FOR PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT, a program that assists the homeless in Hennepin County, through the new U-Hennepin Partnership. The next event is Oct. 1; one-hour [volunteer orientation](#) is required, for which several dates are available, Sept. 17-24.

SUPER FANTASTIC WEEK AT THE ST. PAUL STUDENT CENTER, Sept. 17-21, will include noon concerts, outdoor bookstore sale, daily free food and drink samples, a community birthday party at the Gopher Spot, and *Scheders* After Dark late-night activities for students, staff, and the community. See the [schedule](#).

MORE EVENTS include Paint the Bridge ([Sept. 12](#)); "Tribal Time, Ceremony, and Public Art," a talk with visiting artist Hachivi Edgar Heap of Birds, U of Oklahoma ([Sept. 13](#)); "New Media Research @ UMN," a conference on new media and Internet studies ([Sept. 13-14](#)); opening receptions for "Out of the Comfort Zone" exhibition of art by U faculty at the Nash Gallery and "Documenting China" photography exhibition at the Weisman Art Museum ([Sept. 14](#)); Rep. Tammy Baldwin, the first openly lesbian member of the U.S. House of Representatives, giving the Spear Lecture on Public Policy ([Sept. 15](#)); Constitution Day ([Sept. 17](#)); "Hot Topics in Mature Women's Health," the Fourth Annual Women's Health Research Conference ([Sept. 17](#)); "Brain Immune Interactions: The Science of Mind-Body Connections," a lecture by NIMH/NIH physician and program director Esther Sternberg ([Sept. 17](#)); roundtable discussion about *The Kite Runner* with Margaret Mills, Ohio State U ([Sept. 17](#)); Pride @ Work fall picnic ([Sept. 18](#)); "Great Ideas Rarely Just Happen: Developing Creativity and Innovation," with designer Bruce Mau ([Sept. 18](#)); and U.S. diplomat Thomas Wise on reconstruction in Iraq ([Sept. 19](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TRANSFORMING THE U: COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH is a growing priority, presenting new challenges to universities across the nation. The U's Research Subjects' Protection Programs, Institutional Review Board, and Sponsored Projects Administration are working to remove real and perceived barriers. Read more in "[The research give-and-take](#)."

THE U AND HENNEPIN COUNTY SIGNED A MASTER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT in support of community-based research, shared expertise among academics and practitioners, and expanded student opportunities to gain experience in areas of public health, transportation, education, and social sciences. Hennepin is Minnesota's largest county, with 22 percent (1.1 million) of the state population. See "[Clearing the way to collaborate](#)."

STRIKE UPDATE: The U's Sept. 14 offer to the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) was described in an e-mail [message](#) to all faculty and staff from VP Carrier Sept. 17. Answers to frequently asked questions about [funding for U wage increases](#) are also posted.

PEOPLE: New director of the U Office for Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action is Kimberly Hewitt Boyd, formerly at Hamline U; Doug Ernie, electrical and computer engineering, has been named associate dean in the Graduate School responsible for review of academic programs and U-wide academic interdisciplinary centers. Read about these and more appointments and awards in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

University-wide:

CIVIL SERVICE STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE for training to enhance workplace skills, including conferences and workshops for career advancement at the U. Non-bargaining unit civil service staff members employed at least 75 percent time are eligible. Funds may be used for registration fees for one seminar, workshop, conference, or course. Applicants may apply for a one-time grant of up to \$200 within a 12-month period. Applications must be received four weeks before the event. Get the guidelines and application from the [Civil Service Committee](#).

"CHINA AND THE MIDDLE EAST: FROM REVOLUTION TO STABILITY...TO CHALLENGE?" presented by Jeffrey Bader, Brookings Institution, will be the next Bob and Kim Griffin Building U.S.-China Bridges Lecture, hosted by the U-wide China Center. Sept. 20, 4 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall, UMTC. A reception will follow. See more [lecture details](#).

CHINA CENTER MOON FESTIVAL CELEBRATION WILL WELCOME NEW DIRECTOR Yongwei Zhang. Sept. 25, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Wilkins Room, Humphrey Center, UMTC. See [China Center staff](#).

SYSTEMWIDE [GLBTA SUMMIT](#) has been postponed. It had been planned for Sept. 23-24 at UMD.

A PUBLIC MEETING ABOUT THE U'S PROPOSED PHYSICS LABORATORY AT ASH RIVER will be held Sept. 26, VFW Hall, Hwy. 53, Orr, Minn. See the [news release](#).

SAVE THE DATE: GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL DAY, a free U-wide event where students can talk to representatives of more than 100 graduate and professional programs, will include workshops on how to apply and pay for programs. Oct. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union, UMTC. See the [schedule](#).

"FROM NEURONS TO NEIGHBORHOODS: Making the Link Between Science and Service," by Thomas Insel, director, National Institute of Mental Health, will be the Graduate School's 2007 Guy Stanton Ford Memorial Lecture. Oct. 16, 12:15 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall, UMTC. See [lecture details](#).

MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM fall activities include the AppleHouse (through Oct. 31), Scarecrows on Parade (through Nov. 1), botanical art show on wildflowers of Tibet (Sept. 26-Jan. 6), Auxiliary quilt raffle (Sept. 29), bulb and harvest sales (Sept. 29-30), and more. The Art to A-Maze exhibit ends Sept. 30. See [September events](#) and [news](#).

Crookston:

GOLDEN EAGLE ALUMNI WEEKEND for alumni, family, friends, and the campus community will be Sept. 21-23. Events include alumni golf and social, tailgating, Golden Eagle football against Bemidji State U, and Golden Eagle soccer against Northern State U and the U of Mary. Men's and women's alumni basketball games will also be held. See the [schedule](#).

FOUNDING UMC PROVOST Stanley Sahlstrom was honored Sept. 11 by the St. Cloud Rotary Club for 52 years of service. See the [news release](#).

UMC AND CROOKSTON HIGH SCHOOL worked together to host the first annual Crookston [Fall Sport Festival](#) Sept. 14-15 at UMC. Golden Eagle and Pirate athletes volunteered.

Duluth:

"THE CHANGING BALANCE OF POWER IN THE MIDDLE EAST: The Impact of the War in Iraq," a lecture by Marina Ottaway, Middle East program director for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, will be presented as part of the [Alworth International Lecture Series](#). Sept. 26, 7 p.m., 200 Chemistry; a reception will follow. Free and open to the public.

"BIRD FLU AND YOU," a lecture and workshop by Jim Skoog and Jo Thompson, will present basics of the virus; differences between seasonal flu, avian flu, and pandemic flu; and information on how to prevent the spread of seasonal and pandemic flu and be prepared to work during a pandemic. Sept. 25, noon, Garden Room. Sponsored by [UMD Human Resources](#); free and open to the public.

Morris:

A FILM BY UMM FACULTY AND STAFF--*Echoes of the Cry of the Marsh*, by Media Services director Roger Boleman, assistant director of marketing communication and design Mike Cihak, and English faculty member Chris Butler--has been nominated for an Upper Midwest Emmy Award in the documentary category. The awards gala will be Oct. 20. Read more about the [film](#).

HOMECOMING 2007: Everybody will receive star treatment during "[A Red Carpet Affair](#)," Sept. 24-29.

Rochester:

UMR HOSTED A PARTY AND OPEN HOUSE Sept. 18 for other tenants of University Square in downtown Rochester, where UMR now occupies the third and fourth floors. More than 100 owners, managers, and employees of 15 shops--from clothing stores and cafés to Barnes & Noble and Games by James--enjoyed a Greek picnic, ice cream, and a guided tour "upstairs," where construction has been under way for months. Watch for [UMR updates](#).

Twin Cities:

UNIVERSITY NORTHSIDE PARTNERSHIP (UNP) INFORMATION MEETINGS for those interested in learning more or being involved will introduce this strategic collaboration seeking to advance the quality of life in north Minneapolis through a sustained, mutually beneficial, and invested relationship between the U and the northside community. College of Education and Human Development dean Darlyne Bailey will roll out next steps. Sept. 26, 4-5 p.m., 140 Nolte Center, and Oct. 8, 11 a.m.-noon, 144 McNeal Hall. [Registration is requested](#).

THE OCCASIONAL-USE PARKING PROGRAM (formerly called limited-use) for faculty and staff has been extended for the 2007-08 academic year. The program is designed for those who usually bus, bike, or walk to campus but sometimes need to drive. It allows for 22 parking uses in one of four locations (4th Street Ramp, East River Road Garage, Gortner Avenue Ramp, and West Bank Office Building Ramp) between Oct. 1, 2007, and Sept. 30, 2008. See [details and sign up](#).

STAR PERFORMERS NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED. University Services recognizes departments, teams, or individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Star Performer Award recipients will be honored at the Leadership Forum in November. Deadline for nominations: Oct. 5. See the [guidelines](#).

A WORKSHOP FOR SPOUSES AND PARTNERS OF NEW FACULTY AND STAFF, "Conducting a Job Search in the Twin Cities," will be hosted by the Relocation Assistance Program. Sept. 27, 9-11:30 a.m., 215 Donhowe Building. Register by Sept. 21 to raprequests@hr-mail.ohr.umn.edu or 612-626-0774. See the [workshop description](#).

FARMERS MARKET CONTINUES ON WEDNESDAYS THROUGH SEPT. 26, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., along Church Street in Minneapolis. Still available: locally grown fruits and vegetables, including apples developed by U researchers and sold by the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. An informal on-site survey of about 300 market visitors, conducted Aug. 29 by the Employee Wellness Program, reported that 8 out of 10 buyers are very satisfied with the market. Learn more about the market and how to [make the most of produce in season](#).

UNIVERSITY DINING SERVICES' (UDS) FIRST SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH AND WELLNESS EVENT, "Eat Well, Live Well," will showcase more than 35 UDS partners, including Minnesota Heartland Food Network, Urban Ventures, Pepin Heights Farm, Thousand Hills Cattle Company, Davanni's Pizza & Hot Hoagies, and Sawatdee Thai Restaurant. See and taste local and healthy foods available on campus. Sept. 24, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. See [UDS](#).

SAVE THE DATES:

--TRANSGENDER COMMISSION SOCIAL EVENT. Learn about the commission, find out how to get involved. Oct. 3, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Nolte Center lounge. For more information, contact Ross Neely at neely010@umn.edu.

--U WOMEN OF COLOR (UWOC) FALL WELCOME. A panel of women of color will address the topic, "Weaving the Tapestry: Building a Vibrant Community Across Cultures." Oct. 31, 9-11 a.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. Registration is requested: e-mail uwoc@umn.edu. Call 612-625-1105 for more information.

UNIVERSITY STORES ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE is today, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Radisson University Hotel-Minneapolis, 615 Washington Ave. S.E. Lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m. See [U Stores](#).

MORE EVENTS include "Breaking the Barriers to Biomass Conversion" symposium ([Sept. 19](#)); "New Ethnic Notions: Race and Identity in a Global Arena," by Harlem curator and visiting scholar Lowery Stokes Sims ([Sept. 19](#)); Time Symposium lunch ([Sept. 20](#)); Oceanaire Seafood Room chef Rick Kimmes at Bistro West ([Sept. 20](#)); "American Mediterranean: Southern Slaveholders in the Age of Emancipation" ([Sept. 20](#)); inaugural Sawyer Series lecture, "Humanitarianism and World Order," by NYU professor and SSRC president Craig Calhoun ([Sept. 20](#)); U professors debate use of public funds to subsidize inner city neighborhoods ([Sept. 21](#)); "Exploring National Identity in the European Union" workshop ([Sept. 22](#)); a cross-country bike trip in *From Sea to Shining Sea*, part of the Sunday Nature Films series at the Bell Museum ([Sept. 23](#)); "Before Their Time: Child Labor and Health" seminar ([Sept. 24](#)); campuswide blood drive ([Sept. 25](#)); and a panel discussion on the works of writer, teacher, and activist Cherrie Moraga ([Sept. 26](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS.

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TRANSFORMING THE U: The first chancellor of the U's Rochester campus arrived Sept. 10 with a background in visual neuroscience and leadership at the four-campus U of Missouri. Stephen Lehmkuhle couldn't resist the rare opportunity to help build a new campus in a high-tech, high-growth corridor with a groundswell of community support. Read more in "[Connect and commit](#)."

THE AFSCME STRIKE ENDED Sept. 21, and workers are returning this week. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees leadership announced that they will forward the U's offer to employees for a vote in early October. See [more information](#) about the offer and returning to work and the [statement](#) from President Bruininks.

A \$2.45 MILLION GRANT TO INCREASE MINORITIES IN "STEM" FIELDS has been awarded to a statewide alliance led by the U, including 16 colleges and universities, the Science Museum of Minnesota, and the Minnesota High Tech Association. The National Science Foundation-funded initiative aims to double the number of underrepresented minorities--African American, Hispanic/Latino American, and Native American students--who complete baccalaureate degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) over the next five years. See the [news release](#).

PEOPLE: Interim director of the Office for U Women at UMTC is Peg Lonquist; News Service changes; Gopher wrestling team honored at the White House. Read about these and more appointments and awards in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

University-wide:

UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETINGS this academic year will be Oct. 4, Nov. 29, Feb. 14, March 6, April 3, and May 1. See the [detailed schedule](#).

THE TEAMSTERS' collective bargaining agreement has been ratified by members and will be presented for review and approval at the Board of Regents meeting in October. See general information on the [labor negotiating process](#).

A NEW U-WIDE OFFICE OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY, designed to coordinate and ensure alignment of occupational health and safety programs and compliance activities across the U system, has been established by President Bruininks. The decision to establish the office was based on a comprehensive report produced by a task force charged by VP Carrier, human resources; VP O'Brien, university services; and VP Mulcahy, research. The office will be managed through the Office of the Senior VP for Health Sciences; Ross Janssen has been appointed director and also will continue in his role as the U's HIPAA privacy and security officer. See [OHS](#).

GUIDELINES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2007-08 DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARDS--the Horace T. Morse-U of M Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education and the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Postbaccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education. Go to "Nomination Materials" on the [awards page](#). Direct questions to Robin Matross Helms, Office of the Senior VP for Academic Affairs and Provost, at rmhelms@umn.edu or 612-626-5598.

GUIDELINES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR THE 2007-08 JOHN TATE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING, administered through the Office of the Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Education. Go to "Guidelines and Forms" on the [awards page](#). Direct questions to Robin Matross Helms, rmhelms@umn.edu or 612-626-5598.

ARE YOU A FULBRIGHTER? A reception for all past and present Fulbright award recipients U-wide will be hosted Nov. 15 by the Office of the President, the Office of International Programs, the Office of the Senior VP for Academic Affairs and Provost, and the Graduate School. If you ever participated in a Fulbright program or are currently at the U on a Fulbright award, contact Robin Matross Helms, rmhelms@umn.edu, to be added to the invitation list.

"SAVING THE PLANET...ONE CAMPUS AT A TIME," featuring Chancellor Johnson, UMM, and Dean Fisher, UMTC College of Design, will be the first Environment Roundtable sponsored by the Institute on the Environment. Currently, UMM gets more than 50 percent of its electricity from wind power; UMTC recycles nearly 60 percent of its waste. Johnson and Fisher will talk about the role academia should play in modeling sustainable practices, and they will gather ideas for how to green the U. Oct. 1, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., 105 Cargill Building for Microbial and Plant Genomics, UMTC; the event also will be available via Breeze. See [event details](#).

"USING LABYRINTHS IN HEALTH AND HEALING" will be the next topic in the Healing by Design Lecture Series, with guest experts on the history of labyrinths and their application in healing and hospital settings. Oct. 4, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. See the [Center for Spirituality and Healing](#).

Crookston:

HOMECOMING 2007: Alumni and friends are invited to join UMC students, staff, and faculty for a week of activities. See "[Let the Good Times Roll](#)."

A NEW SCHOLARSHIP supported by Norby's Work Perks of Grand Forks, N.D., will help to support a junior or senior in business or entrepreneurship at UMC. The donor is Matthew Norby, '06. See the [news release](#).

Duluth:

THE SWENSON COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING has been named after longtime UMD benefactor and chemistry alumnus James Swenson, '59. The announcement of the new name and gifts from James and Susan Swenson and the Swenson Family Foundation was made Sept. 21 by Chancellor Martin and Dean Riehl. Swenson gifts have now reached \$21 million, including new donations of \$7.7 million for science and research scholarships and \$3 million toward construction of the new civil engineering building. Read more about the [gifts](#) and [Swenson](#).

HOMECOMING 2007: Marking 75 years of UMD football, homecoming activities this year will include a department decorating contest, 5K trail run, bonfire, reunion brunch for the class of '57, UMD Young Alum Kickoff happy hour, and tailgating. During the game vs. Western Washington, the marching band will debut at halftime for the first time in 18 years. Sept. 27-29. See the [schedule](#).

Morris:

UMM'S FIRST TEACHER EDUCATION ALUMNI CONFERENCE will feature Michael Smart, 2007 Minnesota Teacher of the Year. Smart attended Harvard, Stockholm U, and UMTC and currently teaches in a Japanese program at Robbinsdale Armstrong High School. He has worked with global languages in the public and private sectors, including nonprofits. See [conference details](#).

THE FIRST DIRECTOR OF THE ACADEMIC CENTER FOR ENRICHMENT is Paula O'Loughlin, associate professor of political science and a 2007 recipient of the Morse-Alumni Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Teaching. The center will coordinate work related to study abroad, national scholarships, honors, undergraduate research opportunities, Morris Academic Partners, Undergraduate Research Symposium, and National Student Exchange.

Rochester:

THE ROCHESTER HIGHER EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL heard from Chancellor Lehmkuhle for the first time Sept. 21 in UMR's new location. He spoke to about 45 council members about the academic strategic planning process. This week, Lehmkuhle is scheduled to address more than 200 members and friends of the local Rotary.

THE FIRST "GOPHER HOLE" of the academic year is today, fourth floor, 5-7 p.m. Students, staff, faculty, family, and friends of UMR are invited to the monthly gathering. Rochester Area Alumni and Friends of the University of Minnesota (RAAFUM) will provide pizza and soda for students and alumni. The monthly Gopher Hole grew out of informal after-class student meetings several years ago.

SAVE THE DATE: The grand opening of UMR at its new location will be Oct. 25. Details will be posted on the [UMR home page](#).

Twin Cities:

TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON PLEASANT STREET S.E. since the I-35W bridge collapse, 11 disability parking spots have been moved to Pillsbury Drive, and the bike lane along Pillsbury Drive has been removed. Parking and Transportation Services took the action to allow traffic to flow more smoothly on Pleasant Street between University Avenue and Arlington Street S.E. See [more details](#).

FALL WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSIONS FOR INSTRUCTORS, sponsored by the Center for Writing, begin with "Teaching and Writing Online," on how to effectively use WebCT/Vista, UThink blogs, and other technologies. Sept. 28, noon-1:30 p.m., 1-142 Carlson School of Management. Upcoming workshops include "Coaching Graduate Writing," especially for faculty (Oct. 12); "It's All About Efficiency," especially for graduate students who write and teach with writing (Oct. 19); "Commenting on/Responding to Student Writing" (Oct. 24); and "Grading Student Writing" (Nov. 9). Most are held midday, and lunch is provided to those who register in advance. [Register online](#) or call 612-626-7579.

THE HONEYWELL-NOBEL LAUREATE LECTURE, "ELECTRICITY AND BIOLOGY," will be delivered by Roderick MacKinnon, winner of the 2003 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. Oct. 1, 4-5:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Free and open to the public, but registration is recommended. The lecture will be part of a traveling technology experience, Oct. 1-2. See [initiative details](#).

"BRIDGES FALL DOWN" IS THE FIRST HEADLINERS FORUM FOR 2007-08, featuring John Adams, professor and chair, Department of Geography, and codirector of the new University Metropolitan Consortium. Oct. 4, 7 p.m., Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul. Hear more U experts speak on timely topics, to be announced, on Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan. 10, Feb. 7, March 6, and April 3. \$10 per forum; subscribe for the whole series by Sept. 28 at \$50. See [Headliners](#).

TECHNOLOGY FORUM AND OPEN HOUSE, sponsored by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), will include industry and research exhibits, Google VP of engineering Stuart Feldman as the keynote speaker, Google Fellow and CSE Distinguished Alumni Award winner Jeffrey Dean, and a panel on future workforce supply and demand. Oct. 5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. Register by Sept. 28 for lunch. See more [event information](#).

FACULTY AND STAFF APPRECIATION DAYS FOR GOPHER FOOTBALL are Sept. 29, 7 p.m., vs. Ohio State U (\$35), and the homecoming game Nov. 3, 7 p.m., vs. the U of Illinois (\$30). Buy discounted tickets at U of M Bookstores or the Mariucci Arena ticket office through Nov. 2. Seats based on availability. Sponsored by the Advisory Committee on Athletics and its subcommittee on campus and community relations, in partnership with the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.

LAST [FARMERS MARKET](#) OF THE SEASON IS TODAY, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., along Church Street in Minneapolis.

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY EVENTS THIS SEMESTER include a Tuesday lecture series on "[The River, the Bridge, the Community](#)": Beyond the Headlines of the I-35W Bridge Collapse" (begins Oct. 2); the University Symposium on [Time](#), including "Cities in Conflict" and Talk About Time monthly lunches; [Thursdays at Four](#); and more. See also the complete [calendar](#) by date.

FOUR 3M SEMINARS ON TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION, for graduate and Ph.D. students in technology and science programs, will focus on how to bring ideas from lab to marketplace. The series begins with "[Identifying Market Opportunities](#)," Oct. 8, 5-7 p.m., 2-260 Carlson School of Management. To register, e-mail hce@umn.edu.

MORE EVENTS include the GLBTA Programs Office open house ([Sept. 26](#)); "Environmentalism and Modern Democracy," a conversation about environment and communities of color ([Sept. 27](#)); "School Buildings--The State of Affairs," a symposium on architecture for a new education ([Sept. 28](#)) and an exhibition of 31 designs from Europe ([through Oct. 7](#)); Disability Awareness Month kickoff ([Sept. 28](#)); "Speaking Science 2.0: New Directions in Science Communications," with a panel of national journalists and bloggers ([Sept. 28](#)); fall raptor release at Lake Rebecca Park Reserve ([Sept. 29](#)); *Gopher Gold* author and journalist Tim Brady ([Sept. 29](#)); "The Natural History of Minnesota Wine" ([Sept. 29](#)); "The Future and Practice of Healthy Foods" symposium ([Oct. 1](#)); "The Kids Are All Right: Violent Media, Free Expression, and the Drive to Regulate," the 22nd Annual Silha Lecture, by Washington, D.C., attorney Robert Corn-Revere ([Oct. 1](#)); Minnesota Vikings owner Zygi Wilf on "The Business of Football" at the Carlson School's First Tuesday luncheon ([Oct. 2](#), register by Sept. 28); Community Involvement Fair ([Oct. 3](#)); "A Dialogue in Black and Blue" with Ralph Ellison biographers Arnold Rampersad and John Wright ([Oct. 3](#)); and the etiquette dinner for students ([Oct. 9](#), register by Oct. 1). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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AN ADDITIONAL \$11.4 BILLION FOR THE PELL GRANT PROGRAM, approved by Congress Sept. 7 with support of Minnesota's delegation, was signed by President Bush Sept. 27. It will mean a maximum \$4,800 Pell Grant for low- to moderate-income students in 2008-09 and 2009-10--an increase of \$490--and \$5,400 by 2012-13. Other provisions of the legislation include lower interest rates on undergraduate subsidized loans and loan forgiveness to students who take public service jobs. The law went into effect Oct. 1. See the [news release](#).

"DRIVEN TO DISCOVER" HIGHLIGHTS 12 U DISCOVERIES. This year's ads feature faculty and students working together to show how research enhances education. Beginning this week, look for new TV commercials; prints ads in the *Star Tribune*, *Pioneer Press*, and Sunday *New York Times*; sidewalk clings; and other on-campus elements. Driven to Discover aims to help the U community and the public better understand the University's vital role in the state's economy and quality of life as well as the U's goal to be among the top three public research universities in the world. Learn more about the new [campaign](#).

PEOPLE: The new associate VP for public engagement will be Andrew Furco from the U of California-Berkeley, effective Jan. 2. Read about this and more appointments and awards in [People](#).

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University-wide:

CALL FOR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS: INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK 2007 will be Nov. 12-16. All U campuses, colleges, departments, and student organizations are encouraged to plan activities and events that highlight international education at the U. The first IE Week was declared by the U.S. departments of state and education in 2000 to encourage policies and programs that prepare students for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study in the United States. See the U-wide [IE Week site](#).

"STEM CELL RESEARCH: AT THE INTERSECTION OF SCIENCE, POLITICS, LAW, AND CULTURE" will be the topic of two public lectures by visiting professor Zach Hall, founding president of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine. Oct. 9, noon-1:15 p.m., theater, Coffman Union, UMTC; Oct. 11, 7-8 p.m., room 417, University Square, UMR. Free and open to the public; registration is required to receive continuing education credits for the UMTC lecture. See the [visit schedule](#).

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR Thomas Insel will deliver the Graduate School's 2007 Guy Stanton Ford Memorial Lecture, "From Neurons to Neighborhoods: Making the Link Between Science and Service." Oct. 16, 12:15 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall, UMTC. Free and open to the public. See [more information](#).

"COLLABORATING ACROSS BORDERS: AN AMERICAN-CANADIAN DIALOGUE on Interprofessional Education" will be a conference for U.S. and Canadian health professionals, educators, students, and policy makers about issues and trends in health education, practice, and policy. Oct. 24-26, Twin Cities campus. See [IPE](#) to register.

"BOTANY AS CULTURAL DIPLOMACY"--a public policy symposium for U researchers, scientists, and community health professionals, arts organizations, and the public--will feature a keynote address by botanical artist and international NGO consultant Dianne Aigaki. Oct. 11, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. See more information on the [calendar](#) or call 952-443-1422.

Crookston:

UMC HOSTED MOBILE COMPUTING CONSULTANT Neil Card of Algonquin College, Ottawa, Ontario, Sept. 26-27. Algonquin is considering issuing laptops to its 12,000 students; UMC has been a laptop campus since 1993. Card visited classrooms, held roundtable discussions with faculty and staff, and gathered information.

ENROLLMENT for degree-seeking students is on the upswing, with significant increases in new freshman, international, and online student numbers this fall semester. Enrollment has increased more than 8.5 percent since fall 2006. See the [news release](#).

Duluth:

"POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER: Supporting the Families of Returning Troops" is a workshop designed to educate doctors, nurses, social workers, psychologists, counselors, teachers, community leaders, and human service organizations about delivery of services to veterans and their families. Speakers will be Clyde Markon, Civil Affairs and Medical Director, Twin Ports VA OPC; Jeff Hall, VA Rural Outreach Coordinator for Returning Veterans; and Kathy Dowell, assistant professor of psychology. The workshop qualifies for CEU credits. Sponsored by the Department of Psychology and the UMD Veterans Resource Center. Oct. 5, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Rafters, 3rd floor of Kirby Student Center. Advance registration is required. See [more information](#).

"LEADERSHIP AND COURAGE" will be the topic of a lecture by wheelchair triathlete Trish Downing, 2006 Challenged Athlete of the Year. Downing has competed in more than 50 marathons and triathlons and is only the second woman wheelchair athlete to qualify and compete in the Hawaii Ironman. Sponsored by the UMD Commission on Women and Rec Sports. Oct. 5, noon, rotunda, UMD Library. See [event details](#).

DOCUMENTARY PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR Shakti Butler will present two events Oct 8: first, a lecture, "Communicating Across Differences," 9 a.m., Ballroom A, Kirby Student Center; then an interactive film screening of "Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible," 4 p.m., Ballroom B. Butler is a facilitator, trainer, and lecturer on a variety of topics, including the interconnectedness of racism, classism, sexism, and homophobia. Sponsored by the UMD Chancellor's Diversity Initiatives, Diversity Commission, and Multicultural Center. See [event details](#).

Morris:

UMM IS PREPARING TO HOST THE BOARD OF REGENTS, Oct. 10-12. The community is invited to coffee with President Bruininks, Oct. 11, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Common Cup Coffeehouse, downtown Morris. See the [news release](#).

AN EXTRAORDINARY COLLEGE EXPERIENCE FOR WOMEN is offered at UMM, according to *Cosmo Girl!*, which published "100 Best Colleges" as a supplement to its October 2007 issue, this year in partnership with *The Princeton Review*. See the [news release](#).

SUPER SATURDAY SCIENCE will host girls in grades 5-7 to expand their interest in science. Oct. 13, 9 a.m.-noon, UMM Science Building. See the [news release](#).

Rochester:

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CEHD) DEAN Darlyne Bailey met with UMR representatives, CEHD alumni, and members of the Rochester education and human services communities Sept. 30-Oct. 1 as part of her Hot Dish Tour of Minnesota. See the [news release](#).

Twin Cities:

FACEBOOK IS A NEW UMTC EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION TOOL: To supplement communications tools used during campus emergencies, UMTC has created the U of M Emergency Notification Facebook group. U community members who join can have access to the latest information on crisis situations, such as weather emergencies, hazardous material spills, or crime alerts. Recent crises on campuses around the country, including recent bomb threats at UMTC, prompted the change. Facebook, a popular social networking Web site, has been primarily a student phenomenon, but membership is rapidly expanding to the employment ranks of higher education. Facebook members can [join the group](#). Others may first become a [Facebook](#) member.

TIPS FOR TAKING SHELTER ON CAMPUS IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER are posted on the Department of Emergency Management Web site. See "[Severe Weather Emergencies](#)" and scroll to the end.

COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE BEGAN OCT. 1 AND RUNS THROUGH OCT. 31. This year's goal is a participation rate of 40 percent and a total of \$1.25 million for state charities. View the welcome from cochairs Steve Cawley, VP and CIO for information technology, and Billie Wahlstrom, vice provost for distributed education and instructional technology, at [Minnesota charities count on U](#).

"THE CONDITION OF OUR NATION'S TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE: Are We Heading Toward a Crisis?" is the topic of a discussion with state and national leaders, including Rep. Jim Oberstar and Sen. Amy Klobuchar, in the Oberstar Forum on Transportation Policy and Technology. Oct. 8, 12:30-4:30 p.m., Radisson Hotel Metrodome. Free, but space is limited and registration is encouraged. See [forum information](#).

"ALGEBRA, STATISTICS, COMPUTATION, AND BIOLOGY" will be presented by Bernd Sturmfels, U of California-Berkeley and one of the founders of algebraic statistics, and DiaNA, a fictional character who plays hopscotch and rolls tetrahedral dice, in the next IMA [Math Matters Lecture](#). Oct. 9, 7 p.m., 125 Willey Hall.

DIALOGUES ON THE INTERSECTIONS OF IDENTITY, a year-long series of campus conversations presented by the Office for Equity and Diversity, will begin with Cherrie Moraga, Chicana lesbian writer, editor, teacher, and activist. A workshop is full, but limited space remains for her reading and discussion, "A Chicana Codex of Changing Consciousness." Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m., 3M Auditorium, Carlson School of Management. Registration is required. Contact qed@umn.edu or 612-624-0594. See [event details](#).

"THE WONDERS OF THE BRAIN: From Neurons to Emotions" is the theme of Mini Medical School's five-class series this fall. Topics will include anatomy and chemistry of the brain; the developing brain through adolescence; dementia and Alzheimer's Disease; and more. Mondays, Oct. 8-Nov. 5, 6-8:30 p.m. \$75 for five classes; space is limited. See [more information](#).

NORTHROP SEASONS BEGIN--dance on Oct. 13 with Cloud Gate Dance Theatre of Taiwan, and jazz on Oct. 14 with the Pat Matheny Trio, including Christian McBride and Antonio Sanchez. See [Northrop Memorial Auditorium](#).

MORE EVENTS include the Transgender Commission social event ([Oct. 3](#)); Community Involvement Fair ([Oct. 3](#)); noon lecture on preconception health for women ([Oct. 4](#)); "Bridges Fall Down," a discussion with geography professor John Adams, to kick off the 2007-08 Headlines series ([Oct. 4](#)); discussion about "The Map That Named America: 1507-2007," a Bell Library holding on display this fall ([Oct. 5](#)); American Indian Cultural House five-year celebration ([Oct. 6](#)); "Sanctified Violence in Ancient Mediterranean Religions," an international conference ([Oct. 6-8](#)); *The World Without Us* author Alan Weisman ([Oct. 8](#)); Minneapolis Mayor Rybak on "Rebuilding Common Ground" after the I-35W bridge collapse ([Oct. 9](#)); retired General Mills Foundation leader Reatha Clark King in the Carlson School's "Inside the Boardroom" series ([Oct. 9](#)); Café Scientifique on the St. Anthony Falls Research Lab ([Oct. 9](#)); and Graduate and Professional School Day ([Oct. 10](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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U ENROLLMENT NUMBERS AND THE UMTC FRESHMAN CLASS PROFILE were released Oct. 4. U-wide enrollment is steady, with a notable increase in undergraduate enrollment at UMC; the total is 66,099 students. UMTC's entering Class of 2011 is academically better prepared than ever, according to key measures. UMTC also saw an 18.48 percent increase in transfer students. Read the [news release](#).

DEVELOP YOUR CAREER AND YOUR SELF: Every year, more than 2,000 employees U-wide take advantage of the Regents Scholarship Program. Even more faculty and staff members take workshops and courses to improve their teaching, management, or other capabilities. Sessions on topics from managing meetings to wellness to work-life balance are available. Fall is a good time for faculty and staff to go back to school, too. Take advantage of what the U offers to help create and keep an outstanding staff and faculty. Read more in "[Retool or refresh](#)."

COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE, UMTC: By day, Art Kistler is the maintenance manager for Parking and Transportation Services. By night and on weekends, he looks and sounds like Elvis Presley. He also aspires to give like Elvis, which is one reason he's a longtime champion for the annual Community Fund Drive (CFD). The drive is in full swing and runs through Oct. 31. Read more about Kistler and the CFD in "[All shook up](#)."

PEOPLE: New statewide U youth development coordinator is former Gopher and NBA star Trent Tucker; professor of neuroscience, radiology, and medicine Kamil Ugurbil has been elected to the Institute of Medicine; the 2007 Global Engagement Award winners are John Cogan, Allen Isaacman, and Vernon Weckwerth; vice provost and dean Craig Swan has been inducted into the U's Academy of Distinguished Teachers; and UMC professor Dan Svedarsky was installed as president of the Wildlife Society. Read about these and more appointments and awards in [People](#).

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THE BOARD OF REGENTS WILL MEET IN MORRIS OCT. 11-12. Action items will include the revised Minnesota-Wisconsin reciprocity agreement, delayed from last month, and the 2008 state bonding request. Also on the agenda are reports from UMC and UMM. See the [agenda and docket](#) and the [capital request](#). President Bruininks will also [visit Willmar](#) Oct. 10 with a focus on extension, research, business, and health care.

PATH-BREAKING RESEARCHER ON THE MOLECULAR BASIS OF SOCIAL BEHAVIORS Thomas Insel, director of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and coauthor of *The Neurobiology of Parental Behavior* (2003), will present "From Neurons to Neighborhoods: Making the Link Between Science and Service," the 2007 Guy Stanton Ford Memorial Lecture, sponsored by the Graduate School. Insel began his research at NIMH in 1979, left to become a professor of psychiatry at Emory U in 1994, and was appointed NIMH director in 2002. Oct. 16, 12:15 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall, UMTC. Free and open to the public. See [more information](#).

TEXTBOOK REQUESTS FOR ROCHESTER CAMPUS: The U of M Bookstores-Twin Cities is opening a new location in University Square in downtown Rochester to serve UMR students. Textbooks for classes offered at UMR will be stocked at the new location. Instructors teaching courses or sections at UMR should submit spring semester textbook orders to U of M Bookstores by Oct. 17. If you have questions, contact the U of M Bookstores Faculty Textbook Office textbook@umn.edu or 612-626-9484.

TRANSFORM, a publication that investigates the scholarship of teaching and learning at the U and in higher education, will arrive soon in campus mailboxes of all faculty members. The Academy of Distinguished Teachers and the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) collaborated to establish the publication last fall. The third issue includes "Learning in the Pit: Experiments in Economics and Teaching," by a panel of four; an excerpt from "Hoops and Hurdles: The Unlikely Story of How I Learned How I Learn," by English professor Ed Griffin; an interview with microbiology professor Leslie Schiff; and "A Too-Short History of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning," by CTL staff member Paul Baepler. The current newsletter is also posted at [Transform on the Web](#).

FACULTY SUMMER RESEARCH AND MCKNIGHT SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES: The summer 2008 application deadline is Nov. 5. See the [guidelines and application](#).

TECHNOLOGY-ENHANCED LEARNING (TEL) SEMINARS this semester are "Media Literacy and New Media" (Oct. 10), "The U of M Learning Technology Platform: Integrating Online Tools to Support Hybrid Education" (Nov. 7), and "Learning Outcomes, Assessment, and Technology" (Dec. 5). The sessions are held at UMTC and also webcast and podcast. For an overview of each issue, annotated citations to related research literature, and information about related campus resources, see [more information](#).

TECH TALK, the U TV show about digital technology in everyday life, returns this month for a sixth season. Topics include software alternatives, home movie editing, gaming, technology and renewable energy, and more. Begins in the Twin Cities Oct. 14, 9-9:30 p.m., on TPT Minnesota channel 17. Subscribe to the podcast, see episodes online, and learn more at [Tech Talk](#).

Crookston:

UMC'S SCARECROW WON FIRST PLACE in the organizations category in the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum's "Scarecrows on Parade" competition. "For the Birds" was created by Natural Resources Department lab services coordinator Laura Bell and administrative specialist Judy Baatz, joined by several students. The scarecrows will be on display through Nov. 1. Read the [news release](#).

[PREVIEW DAY](#) for new and prospective students and their families will be Oct. 13.

Duluth:

THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE IN DULUTH WAS RENAMED the Gerald W. Heaney Federal Building and United States Courthouse and Customhouse in honor of the retired Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals judge. Heaney, who served as a U regent in 1964-65 and on the bench 1966-2006, was a powerful voice in the establishment of the Natural Resources Research Institute and the medical school at UMD. In 2001, Heaney received an honorary doctor of laws degree for public service at UMD. Former Vice President Mondale, members of the Minnesota congressional delegation, and Chancellor Martin spoke at the ceremony. Read more in the [news release](#).

Sacred Sea: A Journey to Lake Baikal author and award-winning reporter Peter Thomson will speak Oct. 15, 7 p.m., 120 Solon Campus Center. The presentation, followed by a book signing, is hosted by the [Large Lakes Observatory](#). Free; the public is cordially invited.

Morris:

THE UMM HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN has received a 2007 Minnesota Preservation Award. The award ceremony was held Oct. 2 in conjunction with the National Preservation Conference in St. Paul. See the [news release](#) and the [awards](#).

Twin Cities:

A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE NEW EDUCATION SCIENCES BUILDING, 56 East River Road, was held Oct. 5 to coincide with the College of Education and Human Development's state of the college address. It will house the Department of Educational Psychology, Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement (CAREI), and Center for Early Educational Development (CEED), which are scheduled to move in later this month. The building, where the process for refining taconite was invented, has been renovated inside and its exterior restored to its 1924 appearance. See the [news release](#).

RECEPTION for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) faculty and staff will be hosted by VP and Vice Provost Barceló and the GLBTA Programs Office. Oct. 11, 4:30-6 p.m. Register by contacting Linda Vang, vang0286@umn.edu or 612-625-8680.

NATIONAL DEPRESSION SCREENING DAY IS OCT. 11. Free anonymous screenings are available for students, faculty, and staff. Take the screening inventory online at the [University Counseling and Consulting Services](#) (UCCS) Web site. Health professionals will be available to talk about inventory results 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in 109 Eddy Hall and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in 199 Coffey Hall.

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGISTS FORUM MEETINGS this semester will feature discussions on "Capture the Classroom: Podcasting, Vodcasting, and Streaming Video" (Oct. 10) and "Best Practices in Video for Teaching and Learning" (Dec. 12). See the [forum](#).

THE FIRST "EXPERIENCE MINNESOTA" OPEN HOUSE FOR MULTICULTURAL PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS will be presented by the Office of Admissions, Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence, and other campus colleagues. Prospective students and their families will get information about the U's outstanding academic opportunities, multicultural organizations, and financial aid; meet top faculty and current students; and tour campus. A welcome session will feature the Minnesota Marching Band, Goldy Gopher, the Spirit Squad, and a step show by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Faculty and staff are asked to spread the word and encourage multicultural high school students to attend. Nov. 10, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. See the [registration page](#).

FACULTY AND STAFF APPRECIATION DAY FOR GOPHER VOLLEYBALL is Oct. 27, 7 p.m. Free for all faculty and staff with a U Card. Limit is two tickets per faculty or staff member; also buy \$1 discounted tickets for family and friends at the gate on game day. Sponsored by the Advisory Committee on Athletics and its subcommittee on campus and community relations, in partnership with the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.

WORLD HURRICANE EXPERT Kerry Emanuel, MIT professor of meteorology, award-winning author, and one of *Time* magazine's 100 People Who Shaped the World, will speak on "Divine Wind: The History and Science of Hurricanes" in 15th annual Kuehnast Endowment Lecture. Oct. 18, 3:30 p.m., 335 Borlaug Hall. See [lecture information](#).

A MEMORIAL CONCERT FOR MIRJANA "MINJA" LAUSEVIC, an associate professor of ethnomusicology who died July 15, will be held Oct. 13, 12:30 p.m., Cedar Cultural Center, 416 Cedar Av. S., Minneapolis. See [more information](#).

MORE EVENTS include Graduate and Professional School Day ([Oct. 10](#)); "Culture Matters: The Role of Race and Ethnicity in International Adoption" ([Oct. 11](#)); events to raise awareness of events in Darfur, Sudan, sponsored by the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies ([Oct. 11-17](#)); "Environmental Influences on Human Development and Disease Risk" in the School of Public Health Roundtable Series ([Oct. 12](#)); *One Breasted Woman* author Susan Deborah King in the Harvard Street Forum, commemorating Breast Cancer Awareness Month ([Oct. 12](#)); "Molecular Targets in Neuroblastoma: Clues to the Cure," the second annual Children's Cancer Research Fund lecture ([Oct. 12](#)); a public reception for retrospective exhibitions of works by art professors Guy Baldwin and Gary Hallman ([Oct. 12](#)); Minnesota Network of Latinos in Higher Education annual conference ([Oct. 12-13](#)); Argentine Tango Fair, including workshops for beginners with Ramu Pyreddy ([Oct. 12-14](#)); grand opening celebration of the Leatherdale Equine Center ([Oct. 15](#)); "Metabolic Imaging of Bone Metastases and Normal Bones in Breast Cancer Patients," by David Mankoff, U of Washington, the first Pfizer Visiting Scholar hosted by the Powell Center for Women's Health ([Oct. 16](#)); the Tucker Center's fall distinguished lecture, "Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies: Barriers and Solutions to Girls' Physical Activity Participation," by Maureen Weiss ([Oct. 16](#)); the 23rd Annual Conference on Policy Analysis ([Oct. 17](#)); *All Aunt Hagar's Children* Pulitzer Prize-winning author Edward Jones ([Oct. 17](#)); and "LGBT Business Issues: Future Success, Inclusiveness Now" ([Oct. 17](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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THE NOBEL PRIZE IN ECONOMICS has been awarded to Leonid Hurwicz, Regents Professor Emeritus of Economics, along with economists Eric Maskin, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, and Roger Myerson, U of Chicago. The three developed a theory that helps explain situations in which markets work and others in which they don't. Hurwicz received his law degree in Poland in 1938; he joined the U faculty in 1951. Read the [story](#) with a link to video.

A STATE CAPITAL BONDING REQUEST of \$238.9 million was approved by the regents Oct. 12. When combined with a U investment of \$69.4 million, it would give a total capital bonding investment of \$308.3 million. Projects include \$100 million in asset preservation and replacement; a new civil engineering building at UMD; the renovation of a gateway center at UMM; and, at UMTC, a new science teaching and student services building along the Mississippi River, a new home for the Bell Museum of Natural History, the renovation of historic Folwell Hall, and infrastructure improvements for the Academic Health Center's ambulatory care and learning center. See the [news release](#).

DURING MEETINGS AT UMM OCT. 11-12, THE BOARD ALSO APPROVED a revised Minnesota-Wisconsin reciprocity agreement and schematic designs for a new home for the Bell Museum. They heard reports from the U Foundation on a record year of fund-raising, with \$251 million in private gifts, and from Chancellor Johnson. See pp. 189-200 of the [Oct. 12 docket](#) for information about the reciprocity agreement; see news releases about the [museum](#) and [record-level giving](#). [Video and audio](#) of the Oct. 12 meeting will be posted.

UMD'S SECOND COHORT IN THE TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM began work this month, with a major focus on improving retention and graduation rates. Read more in "[Improving student persistence](#)."

CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS are helping civil service staff develop their knowledge and skills, off campus as well as on. Apply now--funds are limited. Read more in "[Even a little helps a lot](#)."

PEOPLE: Renowned poet Maya Angelou was awarded an honorary doctorate by the School of Nursing Oct. 14; UMTC professors Patricia Hampl, Geoffrey Hellman, and John Sullivan were inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences Oct. 6; faculty and staff Fulbright winners include Sally Gregory Kohlstedt, history of science, technology, and medicine (New Zealand), Elizabeth Bradford Lightfoot, social work (Namibia), and Deanne Silvera, International Student and Scholar Services (Germany); and U of M Extension announced administrative team changes Oct. 15. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' (AFSCME) collective bargaining agreement was ratified by members Oct. 15 and will be presented for review and approval at the Board of Regents meeting in November. See the [news release](#) and information on the [labor negotiating process](#).

"BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESSFUL NOMINATIONS" WORKSHOP will help participants create a toolkit for developing successful nominations for the U's honorary degree, Outstanding Achievement Award, Award of Distinction, Alumni Service Award, and naming of a building. Nov. 6, 10-11:30 a.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. To get more information or register, contact Vickie Courtney, program director, University Awards and Honors, courtney@umn.edu or 612-625-4805.

TEKNE AWARD FINALISTS, announced by the Minnesota High Tech Association, include two U of M units, both in the category of innovative collaboration. One is the Academic and Corporate Relations Center, St. Paul; the other is Project Lead the Way, a partnership that includes the UMTC Institute of Technology, Minnesota Department of Education, and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. The winners will be announced Nov. 1. See the [news release](#), [ACRC](#), and [Project Lead the Way](#).

"CHANGING LIVES AND CHANGING TIMES: American Life Courses in Historical Perspective," a mini-conference sponsored by the Life Course Center, Department of Sociology, UMTC, will feature panels of national experts on topics from how U.S. families have changed over the past century to young adulthood as a factor in social change around the world. Oct. 26, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 1114 Social Sciences Building, UMTC. Free. See the [schedule](#).

E3 2007, THE MIDWEST'S PREMIER ENERGY, economic, and environmental conference, will feature more than 40 speakers, with keynotes by Pew Center on Global Climate Change president Eileen Claussen, Xcel Energy CEO Richard Kelly, and POET (formerly Broin) VP of research and development Mark Stowers. Breakout session topics will be biofuel feedstocks, solar energy advancements, business and industry's role in addressing climate change, energy-efficient buildings and industries, wind energy, policy scenarios, transportation, and more. Nov. 27, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Coffman Union, UMTC. Space is limited; see the [schedule and register](#) now.

Crookston:

THE TORCH AND SHIELD AWARD--UMC's highest honor--will be given to five individuals who, through exceptional leadership, have helped to develop the Crookston campus, U of M Extension, and the Northwest Research and Outreach Center: regional extension educator Cindy Bigger, '79; Clay County commissioner Jon Evert; U senior VP for academic administration Robert Jones; educator Ardell Knudsvig; and state senator Keith Langseth. The Torch and Shield recipients and donors to UMC will be recognized in a ceremony Oct. 23, Bede Ballroom, Student Center. See the [news release](#).

Duluth:

INTERIM HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES is James Boulger, named by Medical School Duluth senior associate dean Gary Davis. See the [announcement](#).

THE SATIRICAL MUSICAL COMEDY *URINETOWN* pokes fun at local government, bureaucracy, corporate mismanagement, and small-town politics. Presented by UMD Theatre. Oct. 18-21 and 24-27, Mainstage Theatre, Marshall Performing Arts Center. See [more information](#).

"GOVERNMENTS AND POVERTY" will be presented by U of York politics professor Adrian Leftwich, codirector of the Department for International Development's research consortium on Institutions and Pro-Poor Growth (IPPG). His research currently focuses on state-business relations and the politics of economic policy making in developing countries. Oct. 22, 7 p.m., fourth floor rotunda, Library. See [lecture information](#).

"THE POLITICS OF IMMIGRATION TODAY: Addressing Root Causes" will be presented by immigrant-rights activist Flor Crisostomo and the Mexico Solidarity Network. Hosted by the [Multicultural Center](#); sponsored by the Hispanic/Latino/Chicana Learning Resource Center, Latino/Chicana Student Association, and Women's Resource and Action Center. Oct. 23, 7 p.m., Kirby Student Center Ballroom. See [more information](#).

Morris:

THE 2007 SCHOLARSHIP JUBILEE to honor UMM scholarship donors and recipients, hosted by the [Office of External Relations](#), Oct. 6, was attended by more than 200. Associate vice chancellor Maddy Maxeiner welcomed everyone, and Chancellor Johnson gave remarks. Speaking on behalf of students were Alex Carlson and Laurel Cutright; Susan Keskinen spoke on behalf of donors.

Rochester:

UMR HOSTED A WELCOME for Chancellor Lehmkuhle at the official opening of the new campus, Oct. 16. About 200 people came from across the state to attend, including Regent Simmons, President Bruininks, Senior VP Jones, and Rochester mayor Ardell Brede.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO UMR'S GRAND OPENING at its new location. Tour the building, learn more about UMR, enjoy refreshments, and register for door prizes. Oct. 25, 4-8 p.m., University Square, 111 S. Broadway. For more information, contact Julie at 507-280-3104; see also the [UMR home page](#).

A PUBLIC FORUM ON STEM-CELL RESEARCH Oct. 11 was sponsored by Mayo Clinic, the U Center for Bioethics, and the U Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment, and the Life Sciences. About 150 attended the presentation by Zach Hall, founding president of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine.

Twin Cities:

A NEW URBAN RESEARCH AND OUTREACH/ENGAGEMENT CENTER (UROC) will be developed as a model for how urban research and land-grant universities can be more strategic, intentional, and effective in efforts to help urban communities resolve complex problems. The new UROC model, which borrows from the successful rural Research and Outreach Center model, will be supported with a grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) beginning in November. The grant of \$750,000 over three years was awarded to Senior VP Jones and Associate VP Maruyama to develop collaborations as part of the Northside Partnership. Long-term partnerships, focused on health, education, and economic development, will be formed to address key issues identified by the Northside community and will be matched by a long-term U presence. See [System Academic Administration](#) and [University Northside Partnership](#).

SYMPOSIUM ON TIME: The Institute for Advanced Study will host a three-day symposium on issues raised in Harvey Brown's *Physical Relativity: Space-Time Structure From a Dynamical Perspective* (2005), Oct. 25-27, including a debate on "What Einstein Did to Time." See the [symposium](#).

"COMMUNITY APPROACHES TO CONFLICT FOR JUSTICE AND CHANGE" is the title of the inaugural Creative Conversations Film Series on selected dates, Oct. 18-Nov. 15. A local organization will host a discussion after each film. The series begins with *The Fire Next Time* on conflict in Flathead Valley, Montana, around issues of rapid growth and talk radio. Hosted by sponsoring offices at the U, Hamline U, and William Mitchell College of Law. See the [schedule](#).

MORE EVENTS include "The Sound Creates the Space: Time and Place in Aural Art" on the art of timing in improvisational performance ([Oct. 17](#)); "Why Were the Templars Arrested in 1307?" ([Oct. 18](#)); "The Public Life of History: An Argument out of India" ([Oct. 18](#)); *La Ciudad* film and discussion ([Oct. 19](#)); "Cultures of Democracy? Germany and the USA at Home and Abroad" ([Oct. 19-20](#)); School of Music's Collage Concert, with 500 student and faculty performers ([Oct. 20](#)); Habitrot 5K run/walk through the campus to benefit affordable housing in the Twin Cities ([Oct. 21](#)); *Feminist Waves, Feminist Generations* authors Jennifer Pierce and Karla Erickson ([Oct. 22](#)); "What Would Justice Powell Do? The 'Alien Children' Case and the Meaning of Equal Protection," a Law School distinguished lecture by long-time U.S. Supreme Court correspondent Linda Greenhouse ([Oct. 22](#)); "Biofuels, Carbon, and Trade: Leadership Challenges for the Interdependent Americas" ([Oct. 22-23](#)); Bio-Medical Library open house ([Oct. 23](#)); Center for Transportation Studies 20th anniversary program and reception ([Oct. 23](#)); "Where Does the Water Actually Go? The Mississippi River is a Connected Bio-physical System," by professor Christopher Paola ([Oct. 23](#)); "Navigating Conflict: Planned Parenthood's Strategy in South Dakota," by CEO Sarah Stoesz in dialogue with Humphrey Institute lecturer and former legislator Steve Sviggum ([Oct. 24](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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THE U'S ROCHESTER CAMPUS will celebrate its grand opening Oct. 25 with a public reception and tours of its state-of-the-art classrooms and interaction-friendly common spaces. The new campus is located in the heart of a revitalized downtown area, with a major partner--Mayo Clinic--a short walk away. Read more and link to video in "[Downtown digs.](#)"

A GIFT FROM THE SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY to UMTC, announced Oct. 19, includes \$10 million for the new Gopher stadium and \$2.5 million to a matching endowment fund for scholarships that will promote American Indian educational opportunities. Read the [news story](#).

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SPOTLIGHT: Minnesota's 2007 grape harvest is in, and the crop and its prospects are bigger than ever. The U's Department of Horticultural Science has always been devoted to applied research and outreach. Now, a century of grape breeding and public engagement is helping to develop a new Minnesota crop and related industries--grape growing, wine making, and agritourism. Read more in "[From the grapes to the glass.](#)"

PEOPLE: The founding director of the Duluth Medical Research Institute is Mustafa al'Absi; the Minnesota Medical Foundation's new VP for development is Patricia Porter. Read about these and more appointments and awards in [People](#).

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University-wide:

THE NEW COURSE GUIDE SYSTEM IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR UMM AND UMTC spring 2008 undergraduate- and graduate-level courses, including UMTC courses offered at UMR. UMD will begin using the system for fall 2008 courses, including its courses offered at UMR. The new guide is designed to give students more information for making registration decisions. Instructors and department scheduling staff can include course descriptions, syllabi, instructor photos and bios, and short video clips and transcriptions. Departmental scheduling staff can access the new system through PeopleSoft; instructors can log in for [UMTC](#) or [UMM](#).

U OF M 2007 RETENTION SUMMIT will provide campuses an opportunity to share information while developing a framework to meet U graduation and retention targets. Keynote speaker will be James Anderson, VP for student success and vice provost for institutional assessment and diversity, State U of New York, Albany. Oct. 30, Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center, UMTC. See the [schedule](#). The registration deadline has closed, but limited space is available; contact Leslie Zenk, Office of the Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education, zenklr@umn.edu.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: JOSIE R. JOHNSON HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD. Nominations will be accepted through Jan. 22. In honor of Johnson's lifelong contributions to human rights and social justice, the award recognizes one faculty or staff member and one student who, through their principles and practices, exemplify her standard of excellence in creating respectful and inclusive living, learning, and working environments. Call 612-624-0594 or see the [Johnson Award](#).

DIRECTOR, U-WIDE OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL COMPLIANCE: This position is now posted. Applications should be submitted by Nov. 26. See the [description and apply online](#).

CAMPUS FORUMS ON CREATING A VISION FOR THE NEW COMMUNITY AT UMORE PARK: Faculty, staff, and students are invited to share ideas for developing a community of 20,000-30,000 people on 5,000 U-owned acres in Dakota County over 25-30 years. Nov. 8, 8-10:30 a.m., North Star Ballroom, St. Paul Student Center; Nov. 9, 8-10:30 a.m., theater, Coffman Union. Register [online](#) or by calling 612-626-3976.

THE THIRD ANNUAL MINNESOTA NANOTECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE, hosted by the Center for Nanostructure Applications, will include presentations on nano energy, devices, sensors, and materials, with top researchers from around the country and the U, a poster session, and a reception. Nov. 13-14, Radisson University Hotel. Free, but registration is required--by Oct. 29 to exhibit in the poster session and by Nov. 8 to attend the workshop. See the [schedule](#).

MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM AUTUMN EVENTS include Pumpkin Fest (Oct. 27-28); a screening of *Bill's Big Pumpkins*, about a Buffalo, Minn., pumpkin grower (Oct. 28, 2 p.m.); Ar-BOO-return (Oct. 31); AppleHouse and a naming contest for the new U apple (through October); and Scarecrows on Parade (through Nov. 1). See the [MLA](#).

Crookston:

CAMPUS LEADERS RETURN TO CHINA Oct. 26-Nov. 3 to continue conversations and build relationships with Zhejiang Economic and Trade Polytechnic (ZETP) and Zhejiang Forestry U in Hangzhou. Currently, under an agreement with ZETP, UMC faculty teach and help develop courses in agriculture business management and information technology management, and Chinese students may attend UMC to complete a B.S. degree. The group traveling will include Chancellor Casey, assistant professor Jingpeng Tang, career and counseling services director Don Cavalier, and international programs director Kimberly Gillette. See a summary of the [visit last summer](#).

URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM, approved by the regents Oct. 12, is a new emphasis in the UMC horticulture program, joining production horticulture and environmental landscaping. See the [news release](#).

FALL CONVOCATION guest will be Virgil Benoit, area history expert and professor of French at the U of North Dakota. Minnesota sesquicentennial pins will be given to those who attend. Oct. 24, 10 a.m., Kiehle Auditorium.

Duluth:

UNITED NATIONS DAY forum will feature local experts speaking on aspects of UN work: Katherine Fuller, reference librarian, UMD Library; Paul Sharp, head, political science; Bert Minewagen, Citizens for Global Solutions; and Michael Zlonis, physician, St. Luke's Hospital. Oct 24, 10:30 a.m. - noon, lounge, Kirby Student Center. An information table with a DVD on the UN is available 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in front of the bookstore, and a literature display is in the library foyer. All free and open to the public. Hosted by the [Alworth Institute](#) for International Studies.

"REPRESENTATION, CURRENCY, AND CULTURE: Exploring the Social and Symbolic Functions of Money," presented by assistant professor of composition Ken Marunowski, will focus on the European Union. Oct. 25, 3:15 p.m., fourth floor rotunda, Library. Free and open to the public.

QUARTETTO GELATO, an international virtuoso ensemble, will perform music by Ravel, Brahms, Rossini, Piazzolla, and Weber as part of the Department of Music's Ovation Guest Artist Series. Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. All seats reserved; advance purchase recommended. See [event information](#).

Morris:

THE VIENNA BOYS' CHOIR will perform medieval, contemporary, and experimental music as part of the UMM Performing Arts Series. Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m., Morris Area Concert Hall. See the [news release](#).

Rochester:

U HOMECOMING will be celebrated at UMR with a social and dinner featuring head UMTC baseball coach and author John Anderson. Nov. 1. See [more information](#).

Twin Cities:

UMTC HAS BEGUN A YEARLONG STUDY OF ATHLETICS PROGRAMS as part of the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) Division I athletics certification program. Areas of study will include academic integrity, governance, commitment to rules compliance, and commitment to equity and student-athlete well-being. Associate VP for internal audits Gail Klatt will head the committee responsible for the study, which will include administrators, faculty, staff, alumni, student-athletes, and the community. This is the only higher education certification program that focuses solely on athletics. The U's first certification was completed in 2001. Read the [news release](#).

A PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE REVISED LIBERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM will be presented by the Council on Liberal Education in four public forums, Nov. 6, 8, 13, and 15. Feedback and comments are requested and encouraged. See the [draft and schedule](#) and give comments.

U WOMEN OF COLOR (UWOC) FALL WELCOME will feature a panel of women of color addressing the topic, "Weaving the Tapestry: Building a Vibrant Community Across Cultures." Oct. 31, 9-11 a.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. The UWOC Tapestry Award winner will be announced. Space is limited and registration is requested: e-mail uwoc@umn.edu. For more information, contact uwoc@umn.edu or 612-625-1105.

FREE FLU SHOTS: Flu season is here. Protect yourself and reduce the spread of flu around campus. Get a free flu shot and a cookie. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 25, W120 Boynton; Oct. 29, Java City in Weaver-Densford Hall; and more dates and locations scheduled in November and December. See the full [schedule and locations](#).

MINNEAPOLIS STREET CLEANING began Oct. 23 and will continue for five weeks. Watch for temporary No Parking signs to avoid ticketing and towing. Get [more information](#).

RIVER ROAD CAFÉ IS NOW OPEN in the new Education Sciences Building, 56 East River Road. The Dunn Bros Coffee location, on the north end of the ground floor, facing the river, is open Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. See the [UDS](#) announcement.

ST. ANTHONY PARK 2007 HOME TOUR, adjacent to UMTC in St. Paul, will include homes that have historic or architectural significance or have recently been remodeled. Tickets \$15, \$12 in advance. Oct. 27, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. See the [St. Anthony Park](#) community site.

A DISCOVERY OF COSMIC PROPORTION--a gap in space 1 billion light years across--is the next topic in the 2007-08 Headliners series, featuring astronomy professor Lawrence Rudnick. Nov. 1, 7 p.m., Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul. \$10. See [Headliners](#).

"THE LOW-WAGE WORKER: LEGAL RIGHTS, LEGAL REALITIES," a symposium of the *Minnesota Law Review*, will feature interdisciplinary scholars on domestic work, immigration, collective action by low-wage workers, community organizing, workers' centers, the history of low-wage workers, the international human rights implications of denying labor protections to undocumented workers, legislative efforts to regulate big-box retailers, social class definition, and the economic effects of minimum wage laws. Nov. 2, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Law School. Free to all U students and faculty. Registration is required only to buy lunch. See [more information](#).

MINI-BIOETHICS SCHOOL topics will include the complicity of health care professionals in interrogation, human embryonic stem cell research, and preparation for pandemics. Tuesdays, Nov. 13-27, 6-8 p.m., Mayo Auditorium. See more [information and registration](#).

MORE EVENTS include "Staging Thirst: Environment (In)Justice and Dancing Unrest" ([Oct. 24](#)); "Early Modern Religious Cartographies in the New World" ([Oct. 25](#)); *Changing Hands: Art Without Reservation*, an exhibit of contemporary Native American art from the U.S. west, northwest, and Pacific (preview [Oct. 25](#), exhibit [Oct. 26-Jan. 13](#)); University Theatre's *The Crucible* ([Oct. 26-Nov. 3](#)); Battle in the Barn: Faculty and Staff Day at Gopher Volleyball ([Oct. 27](#)); Field Trip: Knowing Fall and Winter Plants ([Oct. 28](#)); Breakthrough Series: DIABETES ([Oct. 29](#)); "White Girls Behaving Badly: Reality TV and Gender Politics Post 9/11" ([Oct. 29](#)); *Schulz and Peanuts* biographer David Michaelis ([Oct. 30](#)); "Between Prairie and Sea: The Mississippi River as a Continental Transportation System" ([Oct. 30](#)); "More and Better: Preventing a 2010 Workforce Meltdown," the inaugural event in the U's Strategic Leadership Insights series, with Edward Gordon ([Oct. 31](#)); and "The Global Biofuels Debate: Science, Policy, and Ethics" in the Lecture Series on Law, Health, and the Life Sciences ([Oct. 31](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR HEALTH BENEFITS IS ONLINE NOV. 1-30. Options this year include selecting different medical and dental plans, adding or canceling medical or dental coverage, adding or canceling dependent coverage, adding \$25,000 of additional employee life insurance without evidence of insurability, and adding or increasing the amount of long-term disability insurance. If you want to participate in the health care or dependent day care flexible spending accounts in 2008 or make other benefit changes, you must make your choice on the [Employee Self-Service Web site](#) by Nov. 30. See [Open Enrollment](#), which includes a narrated presentation, and attend a [health and benefits fair](#) Nov. 1 at UMD or Nov. 6 or 7 at UMTC. Call the Employee Benefits Service Center at 612-624-9090 or 1-800-756-2363 if you have specific questions about open enrollment.

NEW UPLAN FITNESS REWARDS program allows UPlan medical program members who enroll in Medica or HealthPartners in 2008 to be reimbursed up to \$20 per month in membership dues for exercising eight times a month at a participating fitness facility--including U rec centers at UMD, UMM, or UMTC. The total reimbursement per household may be \$40 per month. Read more in "[Reward yourself](#)."

IMPROVING ON TIME: When all the clocks in the country "fall back" an hour Nov. 4 as daylight saving time ends, the clocks in 300 UMTC central classrooms will be reset by the invisible hand of a new remote system. Read more in "[Improving on time](#)."

PEOPLE: Seven UMTC faculty members have been named to the American Association for the Advancement of Science: Judith Berman and Robert Herman, genetics and cell development; David Lilja, electrical and computer engineering; John Lipscomb, biology; Stephen Polasky, applied economics; Jeffrey Roberts, chemistry; and Lanny Schmidt, chemical engineering. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

THREE CANDIDATES FOR THE VICE PROVOST AND DEAN OF UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION position at UMTC will give public presentations: Nov. 7, 2-3 p.m., 402 Walter Library; Nov. 14, 2:15-3:15 p.m., Ski-U-Mah Room, McNamara Alumni Center; and Nov. 19, noon-1 p.m., 402 Walter Library. Each will be broadcast live via UMConnect (formerly Breeze) for U-wide participation. Candidates will be announced Nov. 1 by the [Office of the Senior VP and Provost](#).

U RESEARCHERS: LEARN MORE ABOUT THE \$1 MILLION COMMERCIALIZATION CHALLENGE, an opportunity to help turn "green" U technologies and other innovations into real-world products or services. Sponsored by the Office for Technology Commercialization (OTC). Nov. 5, 12:30-2 p.m., Ski-U-Mah Room, McNamara Alumni Center; dessert and coffee will be served. See the [OTC](#).

CALL FOR RESIDENTIAL FELLOWS, INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY (IAS): Fellowships allow faculty members from any U campus to devote themselves to research for one semester. Up to 20 awards (50 percent of each fellow's b-base salary and fringe up to a maximum of \$30,000) will be made for 2008-09. Deadline to apply: Nov. 30. See [residential fellows](#).

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[APPLEHOUSE](#) has been extended through Nov. 4, selling apples, pumpkins, gourds, and locally made fruit pies, ciders, preserves, and jellies, as well as photographs and garden and nature products. Daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Chanhassen.

Crookston:

RENEWED UMC WRITING CENTER coordinator is Shou-Ching Chao. The center helps students develop writing strategies and skills, including organizing, editing, and revising papers. Chao will direct center activities, coordinate professional and peer tutors, and serve as a liaison between the center and the faculty. He received his master's and Ph.D. in English at UMTC, where he also has taught English literature and composition. See the [news release](#).

Duluth:

THE 15TH ANNUAL NIGHTWALK FOR CAMPUS SAFETY is an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to walk together to inspect all outdoor and several indoor areas of the campus for possible safety issues and to gather suggestions for improvements. Nov. 5, 6-7:30 p.m. See [more information](#).

"AMERICAN INDIANS IN MINNESOTA: PERSONAL HISTORIES" will feature alumna Karen Diver, chair of the Fond du Lac Band of Minnesota Chippewa tribe, speaking on her role as head of a tribal government that employs 1,600-1,800 people and holds assets of more than \$300 million. Diver was a founding member of the American Indian Community Housing Organization and is a member of the Governor's Workforce Development Council. Nov. 5, 7 p.m., ballroom, Kirby Student Center. See the [American Indian Learning Resource Center](#) and the [series schedule](#).

Morris:

A NEW INITIATIVE TO ENCOURAGE NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS IN STEM FIELDS--science, technology, engineering, and mathematics--will be funded through an award of nearly \$500,000 from the National Science Foundation. Geology professor James Cotter is the principal investigator. See the [news release](#).

PRIDE OF THE PRAIRIE [ANNUAL FARMER'S MARKET AND MEAL](#), featuring locally grown foods and local music. Nov. 6, 1 p.m., Student Center and Food Service Center.

ADVANCED [BIOMASS WORKSHOP](#), to educate those who will participate in biomass-related activities within the next five years, will include presentations on regional biomass-to-energy facilities and discussions about current science, policy, and the economics of biomass use. Nov. 15, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Student Center. Register by Nov. 8.

Twin Cities:

WORKSHOPS ON ARTstor--a database of nearly 550,000 downloadable art images to which U faculty, staff, and students have free access through U Libraries--will be offered for the U community. Images of paintings, sculptures, drawings, etchings, prints, photography, and more by master artists around the world and throughout history can be downloaded and used in teaching, presentations, papers, and other academic applications. An ARTstor representative will lead the workshops. Nov. 8 or 9, 120 Andersen Library. Free, but registration is required. See the [schedule](#).

HOMECOMING EVENTS THIS WEEK include a candlelight vigil for I-35W bridge victims (Nov. 1) and sock hop and swing dance (Nov. 2). Saturday events: parade on University Avenue, from Pleasant Street/15th Avenue to Oak Street, with staging on East River Road, Arlington Street, and Pleasant Street (2-3:30 p.m.), and royalty coronation at the football game vs. Illinois at the Metrodome (7 p.m.). See "[Golden Oldies](#)."

PRE-HOMECOMING DINNER AT THE CAMPUS CLUB IS OPEN TO NONMEMBERS. Dinner includes herb-roasted chicken, fresh vegetables, mashed potatoes and gravy, roasted vegetables and chèvre in filo-dough pastry, and fresh apple crisp. Nov. 3, 5-6:45 p.m., Coffman Union. \$20. Reservations required: call 612-626-7788. See the [details](#).

HOPE LODGE FOR CANCER PATIENTS will open in late December. The Richard M. Schulze Family American Cancer Society Hope Lodge, 2500 University Ave S.E., will provide free, temporary accommodations and a nurturing, home-like environment for adult cancer patients traveling long distances for outpatient treatment. Community volunteers will be a major part of its success. To volunteer, contact Mary Oys Wiles, Hope Lodge manager, American Cancer Society, 651-255-8183.

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE: Interfaith Campus Coalition Blood Drive needs volunteers to give blood and help. The need for blood is acute. The coalition provides a supportive and fun environment for first-time donors. Nov. 7, 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Hillel, 1521 University Avenue S.E. Schedule an [appointment to give](#) (use sponsor code 5160). To volunteer to help, contact Jerie Smith at smith145@umn.edu.

A BENEFIT FOR THE PHILLIPS NEIGHBORHOOD CLINIC, which provides free access to culturally sensitive, high quality health care while providing U students the experience and skills to work in underserved communities, will be hosted by students in the health professions. Nov. 7, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Weisman Art Museum. See "Silent Auction" at the [PNC](#) site.

THE U.S. PREMIER OF A DOCUMENTARY FILM ON ARTIST M. C. ESCHER, *Achieving the Unachievable*, examines mathematical solutions to the mystery behind Escher's unfinished masterpiece. Director Jean Bergeron will attend and answer questions. Hosted as part of the [Math Matters Lecture Series](#) by the Institute for Mathematics and Its Applications. Nov. 1, 7 p.m., 125 Wiley Hall.

THE FALL 2007 LEADERSHIP RESEARCH CONFERENCE will feature a public keynote, "Changing Times: Leadership Studies and the Leadership Industry," by Harvard U professor Barbara Kellerman, author of *Women and Leadership* and the forthcoming *Followership: How Followers Create Change and Change Leaders*. Sponsored by the Center for Integrative Leadership, a joint program of the Carlson School of Management (CSOM) and Humphrey Institute. Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m., 3M Auditorium, CSOM. See the [news release](#).

SAVE THE DATE:

--[TRANSGENDER COMMISSION OPEN HOUSE](#), Nov. 13, 4:30-6:30 p.m., 332 Coffman Union
--"[BEYOND THE F-WORD](#): FASHION, DRESS, AND CULTURAL MEANING," by Regents Professor Joanne Eicher, in the Ada Comstock Distinguished Women Scholars Lecture Series, Nov. 13, 7 p.m., Humphrey Center
--"[A WOMAN FOR ALL SEASONS](#): ASTRID LINDGREN AT 100" conference on the Swedish creator of Pippi Longstocking, Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Andersen Library

MORE EVENTS include "Eyewitness Iran," by correspondent Reese Erlich ([Oct. 31](#) and [Nov. 1](#)); Día de los Muertos procession ([Nov. 1](#)); "Comparing and Connecting the Contemporary Humanitarian Enterprise With Its Roots in 19th Century Colonialism: The French Example" ([Nov. 1](#)); "Is Journalism Dead?" a talk with Jeremy Iggers ([Nov. 1](#)); "Palestine and Israel Behind the Headlines and On the Ground," stories from U Archives ([Nov. 2](#)); Carl Linnaeus, a 300th birthday celebration exhibition (through [Nov. 4](#)); "Interviewing Diverse Children and Families" ([Nov. 5](#)); "From Cultural Competence to Social Justice" ([Nov. 6](#)); "A Vital Cog in the Regional Network: The New Bridge as a Transportation Link," by John Adams ([Nov. 6](#)); "Not Just a Pretty Face: The Ugly Side of the Beauty Industry" ([Nov. 6](#)); and Gender and Pay Equity Panel ([Nov. 7](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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--A new international physics lab will be built near Ash River, Minn., with a \$45.6 million federal grant.

--Mellon Foundation grant will promote interdisciplinary research and publication through Quadrant, a new program of the U of M Press and IAS.

--Office of Public Engagement Seed Grants: 2007-08 cycle began Nov. 2.

--People: Associate VP Kvakvik honored in Norway; Humphrey Institute professor Sam Myers elected to the National Academy of Public Administration; five McKnight Presidential Fellows named; and more.

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A NEW INTERNATIONAL PHYSICS LABORATORY will be built near Ash River, Minn., about 40 miles southeast of International Falls, with a new \$45.6 million, four-year cooperative agreement from the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science to the UMTC School of Physics and Astronomy, announced last week. The lab is the first step in a \$250 million project on the study of neutrinos, fundamental building blocks of matter than can help researchers discover how the universe is developing. The NOVA project will involve about 200 scientists and engineers from 33 institutions in seven countries. Construction is scheduled from fall 2008 to spring 2010, and detector installation will take two more years. Read more in "[U goes small-game hunting in far north](#)."

A GRANT FROM THE MELLON FOUNDATION WILL ESTABLISH QUADRANT, a new program to promote interdisciplinary research and publication. With \$672,000 to the U of M Press and Institute for Advanced Study, Quadrant will develop a new model for press partnerships that brings humanities and social sciences scholars together with those in the sciences and professional schools. Four collaborative groups will be formed on design and architecture, environmental sustainability, global cultures, and health and society. Read more in "[Crossing the lines](#)."

OFFICE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SEED GRANTS, established in 2000, now fund about 20 projects a year. Improving access for low-income students and developing leadership in the nonprofit sector are the aims of two projects funded last year. Proposals for the 2007-08 cycle are due Dec. 7. Applicants are encouraged to propose projects related to broad U priorities and strategic initiatives. Read more in "[Seeds of change](#)."

PEOPLE: Associate VP Kvakvik has been appointed First Knight of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit; Humphrey Institute professor Sam Myers has been elected to the National Academy of Public Administration; new McKnight Presidential Fellows are associate professors Marco Peloso, J. Michael Oakes, Chris Leighton, Wilma Koutstaal, and Andrew Scheil. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

BOARD OF REGENTS WILL MEET NOV. 8-9. Agenda items include review of policy on intellectual property and copyright and of an Area Health Education Center (AHEC) resolution; a report from the Faculty Consultative Committee; and recognition of Nobel Prize winner Leo Hurwicz. Action items include collective bargaining agreements with AFSCME and IBEW and purchase of 2001 Plymouth Avenue N., Minneapolis, for the Northside Partnership. See the [agenda](#).

2008 CAPITAL BONDING REQUEST VIDEOS: A series of high quality video presentations about 10 projects has been produced by Government Relations in partnership with other U offices. See the [videos](#).

FALL 2007 ASSEMBLY OF THE NETWORK OF INTERDISCIPLINARY INITIATIVES (NII), hosted by the Graduate School with support from the offices of the provost and the VP for research, will be Nov. 19, 3-5 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. The network is an advocacy group for institutional transformation that seeks to identify and remove institutional barriers to the U's ability to successfully engage in interdisciplinary research, scholarship, education, training, and creative work. Faculty, administrators, and postdoctoral fellows who are participants and leaders in interdisciplinary initiatives are invited to attend and join. Learn more at [NII](#).

VICE PROVOST AND DEAN OF UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION CANDIDATE FORUMS at UMTC will be presented by professors Peter Hudleston, geology/geophysics, Nov. 7, 2-3 p.m., 402 Walter Library; Laura Gurak, writing studies, Nov. 14, 2:15-3:15 p.m., Ski-U-Mah Room, McNamara Alumni Center; and Robert McMaster, geography, Nov. 19, noon-1 p.m., 402 Walter Library. Each will be broadcast live via [UMConnect](#) (formerly Breeze) for U-wide participation. See also [search information](#).

DIRECTOR SEARCH, U-WIDE OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL COMPLIANCE: The director provides independent oversight of operational compliance units and collaborates to ensure U employees know policies, procedures, and legal requirements relevant to their work and to identify and address potential compliance vulnerability. Apply by Nov. 26. See the [position](#).

UREPORT is an independent confidential reporting service for faculty and staff who are concerned about a possible violation of law or policy and are uncomfortable raising it through normal channels. Reports can be made online at [Ureport](#) or by phone (866-294-8680), and follow-up is possible.

PRESIDENT'S FACULTY MULTICULTURAL RESEARCH AWARD (PFMRA) supports research on issues related to people of color, particularly in a North American context. Tenured and tenure-track faculty whose research focuses on issues related to people of color are eligible to apply. Award amounts vary, up to \$7,000 per year for two years. Deadline for 2008-09: Dec. 7. Sponsored by the Office for Equity and Diversity. Get application [information and forms](#).

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION (IE) WEEK will be Nov. 12-16. Events will include fairs, workshops, lectures, an exhibit of international library collections, films, photo contests, and a reception for current and past U.S. and international Fulbright recipients. See the complete [schedule](#) of events on all the campuses.

UMORE PARK: Faculty, staff, and students are invited to forums on developing a new community in Dakota County. Nov. 8, 8-10:30 a.m., North Star Ballroom, St. Paul Student Center; Nov. 9, 8-10:30 a.m., theater, Coffman Union. Register [online](#) or by calling 612-626-3976. Written suggestions are also welcome.

Crookston:

A PASSPORT DRIVE for students and the public will be held during IE Week at UMC. Nov. 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Northern Lights Lounge, Student Center. See the [news release](#).

THE COLLEGE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL (CIHS) program at UMC received national accreditation at the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships Fall Conferent in Salt Lake City last month. CIHS at UMC is one of only four programs accredited in Minnesota. See the [news release](#).

Duluth:

THE ROY LaBOUNTY CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP has been established to promote entrepreneurship and business development initiatives in northeastern Minnesota. The center will be created with a generous gift from Roy LaBounty, founder of LaBounty Manufacturing and longtime UMD supporter. It will be administered by the Labovitz School of Business and Economics dean's office. See the [news release](#).

"SOWING SEEDS OF RESISTANCE: Colombia Flowers Unions, U.S. Policy, and the Struggle for Dignity" will be presented by Lydia Lopez, president of a Colombian flower workers union. She will speak about anti-union campaigns against flower workers and specific attempts to bust Untraflores in Columbia. [Brown-bag lunch](#), Nov. 8, noon, rotunda, Library. Free and open to the public.

INTERNATIONAL TASTE OF UMD, featuring sample cuisines from more than 40 countries, will be hosted by the [International Club](#) as part of IE Week. Nov. 10, 2-4 p.m., Hope United Methodist Church, 301 W. Marie Street. Free and open to the public.

Morris:

THE 29TH ANNUAL UMM FESTIVAL OF THE WINDS will feature guest artist Mark Davis Scatterday, professor of conducting, Eastman School of Music, U of Rochester, with UMM's Symphonic Winds and the 2007 Festival High School Honor Band. Nov. 9-10, performances each evening at 7:30 p.m., recital hall, Humanities Fine Arts. See the [news release](#).

INTERNATIONAL COUNTRY FAIR will be hosted by the Center for International Programs and the Study Abroad Advising Service as part of IE Week. Students and faculty will discuss their study, travel, and work experience abroad; opportunities for students will be showcased. Nov. 12, 5-7 p.m., Oyate Hall, Student Center. See [event information](#).

Twin Cities:

LAW SCHOOL DEAN SEARCH COMMITTEE has selected five finalists and will begin interviews Nov. 12. See the [news release](#).

I-35W BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION BEGAN NOV. 1, and loud pile-driving begins this week. Find information about the construction published by the [Minnesota Department of Transportation](#) or call the I-35W bridge hotline at 612-236-6901.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR DIAL-UP SERVICE: The U modem pool will be decommissioned Dec. 31. If you use the U modem pool for Internet access, consider using one of the Internet Service Providers (ISPs) offering discounted U rates through [UMart](#). One vendor, Velocity, will give new customers three months of free Internet access; to receive this offer, you must make the conversion to Velocity by Dec. 1. If you need assistance or have questions, call 1-HELP (612-301-4357) or e-mail modem@umn.edu.

A PANEL ON GENDER AND PAY EQUITY will examine the persistence of unequal pay for equal work, despite decades of attention. Panelists will be Minnesota Women's Consortium executive director Bonnie Watkins and Pay Equity Coalition president Patty Tanji. Nov. 7, noon-1 p.m., 31 Rapson Hall. Cosponsored by the CSBU Woman's Programming Planning Committee and the Office for U Women. Contact women@umn.edu or 612-625-9837 for more information. See the [news release](#).

WORLD USABILITY DAY IS NOV. 8. The Office of Information Technology and the Digital Technology Center will cosponsor a free program to promote the benefits of usability engineering and user-centered design. Events include speakers on usability (noon-1:30 p.m.) and Web accessibility (1:45-3:15 p.m.) and an open house (11 a.m.-noon and 3:30-5 p.m.) at the Usability Service Laboratory in Walter Library. See [more information](#).

A SYMPOSIUM ON FRONTIERS IN PROTEOMICS AND NANOMEDICINE will feature 2003 Nobel Prize winner and Duke U professor Peter Agre, M.D. Free, but preregistration is required by Nov. 10. Presented by the U, Mayo Clinic, and Sweden's Karolinska Institute. Nov. 12-14, Mayo Auditorium. To learn more, see the [course calendar](#) or call 612-626-7600.

THE ADA COMSTOCK DISTINGUISHED WOMEN SCHOLARS LECTURE for fall 2007, "Beyond the F Word: Fashion, Dress, and Cultural Meaning," will be given by Joanne Eicher, Regents Professor Emerita of Design, Housing, and Apparel and renowned researcher of cultural aspects of dress, with special interest and expertise in Africa and Asia. Eicher is the editor of a forthcoming 10-volume encyclopedia of dress and fashion. Nov. 13, 7 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. A reception will follow. Register by contacting women@umn.edu or 612-625-9837. See more [event information](#).

STUDENT VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY, Nov. 14, Northrop Plaza, will include a chili lunch at 11:30 a.m. (in the atrium, while supplies last); a program with Gov. Pawlenty, Regent Johnson, President Bruininks, the ROTC joint-service color guard, and U of M Marching Band at 12:15 p.m.; and an F-16 flyover salute by the U.S. Air Force at 1 p.m. Faculty, staff, and students are invited. See [event information](#).

MORE EVENTS include an international expert panel on "Diplomacy and Peacekeeping" in Africa ([Nov. 7](#)); *Dispatches from the Color Line: The Press and Multiracial America* author Catherine Squires ([Nov. 7](#)); "Simulations of Time and Life in Medieval Automata: Islamic Symbolism, Teleological Mechanisms, and Ontological Difference," by Ayhan Aytes ([Nov. 8](#)); U Opera Theatre's double bill of Kurt Weill's *Seven Deadly Sins* and Giacomo Puccini's *Suor Angelica* ([Nov. 8-11](#)); "Subtitling Abusively: The Case of *Memories of Agano*" with U of Michigan professor Markus Nornes ([Nov. 9](#)); Day of Learning, CEHD's sixth annual Saturday Scholars program for personal and professional growth ([Nov. 10](#)); "The Silk Road," a concert with pipa soloist Gao Hong ([Nov. 11](#)); "'Check All That Apply' and Then What? Working With the New Race Question," a seminar on federal data collection policies ([Nov. 12](#)); *Fearproof Your Life* author Joe Bailey ([Nov. 13](#)); Transgender Commission open house ([Nov. 13](#)); Third Annual Minnesota Nanotechnology Conference ([Nov. 13-14](#)); College of Design dean Thomas Fisher on "The Design of a New Bridge" ([Nov. 14](#)); and *Mayflower* author Nathaniel Philbrick ([Nov. 14](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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--Interdisciplinary network, formed to share best practices and shape policy, will meet Nov. 19.
--International Education Week: Study abroad number ranks high nationally and is growing.
--Civil Service Committee met in Morris.
--People: President Bruininks will chair NASULGC board of directors; two nursing professors elected to the American Academy of Nursing; and more.

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INTERDISCIPLINARY NETWORK: When Ray Newman studies a new aquatic species entering a Minnesota river or lake, he's in deep water in more ways than one. Newman has overcome significant challenges to accomplish interdisciplinary work that led to a new, federally funded freestanding minor involving faculty from 16 departments. In the process, he has learned a lot that could help others across the U overcome similar challenges. That's why Newman is one of nearly 200 faculty, staff, and postdoctoral fellows across the system who have joined the Network of Interdisciplinary Initiatives, which will meet Nov. 19, 3-5 p.m., at UMTC and UMD. Read more in "[At the front lines of interdisciplinary inquiry.](#)"

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK: UMC ranks sixth in the nation for the number of students who study abroad, according to the 2007 *Open Doors* report on international student mobility, released Nov. 12. Study abroad as well as international student numbers are up. Dozens of events are scheduled U-wide to celebrate the week, Nov. 12-16. Read the [news release](#). A new undergraduate study abroad requirement, the first of its kind among public universities, is one of several curriculum changes announced by the Carlson School of Management this fall; read the [announcement](#).

THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE MET IN MORRIS Oct. 25. Chancellor Johnson welcomed the group, and after the business meeting, they heard about UMM's green campus initiatives from physical plant director Lowell Rasmussen and toured the campus. Read a [review](#).

PEOPLE: President Bruininks will chair the board of directors for the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) for a one-year term; nursing professors Christine Mueller and Linda Olson Keller have been elected to the American Academy of Nursing; Humphrey Institute senior fellow emerita Arvonne Fraser received an Outstanding Achievement Award Nov. 6; and more. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

NOMINATIONS FOR DISTINGUISHED MCKNIGHT UNIVERSITY PROFESSORSHIPS are invited by the Graduate School and the Office of the Provost. The awards support the U's most outstanding mid-career faculty members who have recently achieved full-professor status. Deadline: Jan. 7. See [more information](#), including nomination instructions.

RESEARCH AND CREATIVE COLLABORATIVES, through the Institute for Advanced Study, support research and creative projects of interdisciplinary teams of researchers, scholars, and artists. This year, the work of 28 faculty conveners from 19 departments and 9 colleges in 10 interdisciplinary collaboratives is being supported. Deadline for 2008-09: Feb. 1. See [more information](#).

ACADEMIC AND CORPORATE RELATIONS CENTER received the Tekne Award for Innovative Collaboration Nov. 1. The center serves as an access point to U resources for industries. See the [news release](#).

PLANS FOR A TRIBUTE TO MINNESOTA VETERANS, past, present, and future, in the new Gopher stadium will be unveiled at UMTC Student Veterans Appreciation Day events today, beginning at 11:30 a.m., Northrop Plaza. Information will be posted on the [stadium Web site](#).

THE 2006 SHAPE SURVEY by the School of Public Health (SPH) and Hennepin County is the third in a series of nationally recognized surveys to collect information on the health of the county, Minnesota residents, and factors that affect their health. More than 10,000 households completed the survey, yielding information on 8,000 adults and 4,000 children. Learn more about possible research initiatives and student projects using SHAPE data, including how to access the data, in a presentation by the Hennepin-University Partnership. Opening comments by SPH dean John Finnegan and Hennepin County Public Health Division director Todd Monson. Nov. 27, 1:30-3 p.m., D199 Mayo Building. Register by Nov. 21 at biel0032@umn.edu. Read more about the [SHAPE survey](#).

"TREE-OLOGY" REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum's summer 2008 juried exhibition will give a fresh look at trees in today's world with interactive public art along a tree-lined walk for visitors of all ages. A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held for artists and design firms interested in entering works. Nov. 29, 1-3 p.m., at the arboretum's Oswald Visitor Center. Register by Nov. 28: e-mail dreez001@umn.edu or call 952-443-1425. See the [call for entries](#).

FREE THURSDAYS AT THE MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM have begun and continue through April 24. The arboretum will also remain open until 8 p.m. on Thursdays Nov. 29-Dec. 20. The auxiliary holiday sale will be Dec. 1-2. See the [arboretum](#).

Crookston:

WRITING CENTER OPEN HOUSE, open to the community, will be Nov. 15, with a ribbon cutting at 2 p.m., 270 Owen Hall. See the [news release](#).

THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF TEACHING is visiting Nov. 11-14 to evaluate UMC's proposal for institutional licensure to offer teacher education programs beyond the early childhood education program, birth through third grade, currently offered in cooperation with Bemidji State U. Preparation for the visit has been led by faculty members Soo-Yin Lim-Thompson, Marilyn Grave, and Marsha Odom. Read more about the [early childhood education program](#).

GROWTH OF ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAMS AND HEALTH-RELATED DEGREE CURRICULUM--cooperative efforts with the Crookston Area Health Education Center (AHEC), in particular--were the topics of a campus faculty and staff visit Nov. 5 with vice provost and senior VP for academic affairs Billie Wahlstrom and assistant VP of Academic Health Center special programs Barbara Brandt.

Duluth:

"FROM DREAMS MAY WE LEARN" exhibition artist Robert Rabbett Before Horses Strickland, an Ojibwe artist and member of Wisconsin's Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, models his work after Renaissance masters and focuses on narrating Ojibwe mythology. He will speak Nov. 20, 6 p.m., lecture gallery, Tweed Museum of Art. Free; the public is cordially invited. The exhibition runs through Feb. 24. See [exhibit information](#).

"NORTHERN LIGHTS," an introduction to the cause and character of auroras, will be presented as part of a weekly series, with a chance to stargaze using the Spitz A3P Star Machine. Nov. 21, 7 p.m., Marshall W. Alworth Planetarium. Programs are presented by planetarium staff, members of the Arrowhead Astronomical Society, or visiting professors. See the [planetarium](#).

Morris:

ANNUAL UMM/CITY OF MORRIS OCTOBER BREAST CANCER AWARENESS FUND-RAISER helped to raise awareness and more than \$750 for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure effort this year. More than 50 UMM student, staff, and faculty volunteers and off-campus residents knitted and crocheted scarves and hats to sell in the Student Center. See the [news release](#).

A NEW WEATHER STATION, installed on top of the Science Building this year, is contributing to the Citizen's Weather Observation Program, which feeds climatic data to NASA and more than 4,000 universities and research institutions worldwide. It's also being used in physics classes. See the [news release](#).

Rochester:

ROCHESTER-BASED U SCHOOL OF NURSING STUDENTS have provided more than 350 influenza vaccinations for members of the community and staff over the past two weeks and will continue through December. Ten senior nursing students are providing the vaccinations as part of an elective course in nursing, Immunizations for Populations. UMR students and staff have been working with Olmsted County public health influenza clinics and the Boynton Health Service to provide the service.

Twin Cities:

STUDENT VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY will honor veterans and highlight U initiatives to ease the transition to college life. Today's celebration--which will include a visit by Gov. Tim Pawlenty and an F-16 flyover--will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Northrop plaza. All veterans and their family members, faculty, staff, students, and the public are invited. A free chili lunch will be served in the Northrop Auditorium atrium while supplies last, and the program will begin at 12:15 p.m. The flyover is scheduled for 1 p.m. Read more about the [event and new campus initiatives](#).

NEW PLANT PATHOLOGY RESEARCH FACILITY, 1907 Dudley Avenue, St. Paul, was dedicated Nov. 7. The \$6 million facility is one of four in the nation, joining facilities in Maryland, Florida, and Hawaii. The project, built with U, state, federal, and private funding, is expected to draw scientists from institutions around the world to study infectious crop diseases and ways to manage them. See the [news release](#), and read more in "[Putting pathogens in their place.](#)"

EDUCATION SCIENCES BUILDING: PUBLIC ART entitled *Garden of Mirrors*, by assistant professor of art Andrea Stanislav, was installed Nov. 11 in the courtyard overlooking the river. The project incorporates Iron Range rock in tribute to the building's history as the site where the process for refining taconite was invented. Just inside, University Dining Services and the College of Education and Human Development will hold a grand opening celebration at the River Road Café, Nov. 27, 10 a.m. See the news release about the [public art](#) and the [grand opening announcement](#).

A \$2.5 MILLION STADIUM SPONSORSHIP from Edina-based Dairy Queen was announced Nov. 13. See the [news release](#).

FULBRIGHT RECEPTION for past and present U.S. and international Fulbright recipients will be Nov. 15, 4-6 p.m., lobby, Ted Mann Concert Hall. RSVP to rmhelms@umn.edu or 612-626-5598.

FINALISTS FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CARLA--the Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition--will give public presentations during campus visits: Michele de Courcy, U of Melbourne, Australia, Nov. 20, 4-6 p.m., 125 Nolte Center; Elaine Tarone, U of Minnesota, Nov. 27, 4:30-6:30 p.m., 125 Nolte Center; and Elizabeth Bernhardt, Stanford U, Dec. 6, 4:30-6:30 p.m., 140 Nolte Center. See [more information](#).

THE GOPHER SPOT AND GOLDY'S GAMEROOM invite departments to book holiday parties. Each offers a large space, variety of packages, discounts on reservations, food, bowling, billiards, and more; alcohol permits are available. Contact the [Gopher Spot](#) (St. Paul Student Center) and [Goldy's Gameroom](#) (Coffman Union).

DISCOUNT TICKETS are available for *Beowulf* at the Minnesota Zoo IMAX theater, Twin Cities movie theaters, and skiing at Spirit Mountain. See [discount deals](#) at Coffman Union and the St. Paul Student Center.

"SUSTAINABLE CITIES: A CONVERSATION ON SUSTAINABILITY" will feature landscape architecture professor Lance Neckar, Center for Sustainable Building Research director John Carmody, and geography and urban studies professor and Golden Valley City Council member Paula Pentel. As of May 2007, the majority of the global population lives in urban areas; the panel will explore implications. Nov. 29, 12:45-1:45 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. See the [series schedule](#).

MORE EVENTS include American Indian Student Cultural Center open house ([Nov. 14](#)); *Higher Ground*, a documentary film about how people with disabilities survived Hurricane Katrina and the aftermath ([Nov. 15](#)); *Enchanted: Revealing the Fantastic and Metaphysical*, an international art exhibit (public reception [Nov. 16](#), exhibit through Dec. 16); "Fantasy Matters" conference ([Nov. 16](#)); *Inspecting Carol*, a holiday mystery-comedy on the Minnesota Centennial Showboat (opens [Nov. 16](#)); "Gaming" on *Tech Talk* ([Nov. 18](#)); "Whole Systems Research: What Is It and Why Is It Important?" a lecture by U of Calgary epidemiology and sociology professor Marja Verhoef ([Nov. 19](#)); Scholarly Publishing and Open Access Webcast ([Nov. 20](#)); "Computational Biology" in Café Scientifique ([Nov. 20](#)); community Thanksgiving dinner ([Nov. 22](#)); "Design and Business: Why Can't We Be Friends?" ([Nov. 26](#)); Fill the Bus clothing drive on Coffman Union plaza ([Nov. 27](#)); Sid Hartman and Joel Rippel on *Great Minnesota Sports Moments* ([Nov. 27](#)); grand opening of Zoca Mexican restaurant at Carlson Dining ([Nov. 28](#)); and "What Every Physician Needs to Know About Integrative and Holistic Health Care" in the Medical School's Grand Rounds series ([Nov. 28](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TXT-U BECAME PART OF THE U'S EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM Nov. 16, when it debuted at UMTC. The new system for students, faculty, and staff with cell phones and other wireless handheld devices will be used only in case of real emergencies or school closings. TXT-U will also 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. Those who sign up by Dec. 15 may win an iPod touch. Read more in "[1 new message](#)."

GRADUATE STUDENT ENROLLMENT FROM ASIA HAS INCREASED at UMTC, with gains of 3 percent from China, 34 percent from India, and 86 percent from Turkey. Gains from several nations were well ahead of the national rate and correlate with strategic efforts that grew from work of a committee formed in 2004 to create a plan for UMTC international recruitment. Despite intense competition for international talent, UMTC is now regaining enrollment that fell sharply in 2001. Recovery is reported at UMD, as well. Read more in the [media advisory](#).

UMTC WILL DECOMMISSION ITS MODEM POOL for employees, students, and alumni to access the Internet from home. About 3,000 remaining pool users must transfer to third-party Internet service providers (ISPs) by Dec. 31. The Office of Information Technology identified ISPs with a record of good service, availability, and reasonable cost and negotiated U discounts, available through UMart. Read more about the process and options in "[Everybody out of the pool!](#)"

PEOPLE: New associate VP for system academic administration and executive director of the U's first Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement Center is Irma McClaurin; alumnus Mohamed Benaissa, '63, former Moroccan ambassador to the United States, will be awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree and will speak at UMTC Dec. 4; and more. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ENDS NOV. 30. Employees satisfied with their medical and dental plans do not need to re-enroll, but enrollment is required to start or continue a health care or dependent day care flexible spending account; start or increase the level of long-term disability insurance, if eligible; or get up to \$25,000 of additional employee life insurance. See [open enrollment](#).

AN ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY FOR ACADEMIC PERSONNEL AT UMR AND UMTC (faculty, P&A, graduate assistants, and professionals in training) has been approved to achieve equity with the 11 days available to academic employees at UMC, UMD, and UMM. This personal holiday must be taken between Dec. 21 and Jan. 19; specific available dates could change in future years. See [personal holiday](#).

NEXT U SENATE MEETINGS ARE NOV. 29. The U Senate and Faculty Senate will meet 2:30-5 p.m.; locations are 308 Selvig Hall, UMC; Garden Room, UMD; 3500 Science Building, UMM; and 25 Mondale Hall, UMTC. The Student Senate will meet 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. See the [schedule details](#).

A CEREMONY TO HONOR NOBEL PRIZEWINNER Leonid Hurwicz, Regents Professor Emeritus of Economics, with special guest Jonas Hafström, Swedish ambassador to the United States, will take place simultaneously with the award ceremony in Stockholm. Dec. 10, 9:30 a.m., Tedd Mann Concert Hall, UMTC. Admission is free but tickets are required; request a ticket by Nov. 30 by contacting Erik at farse003@umn.edu or 612-624-8480. To request disability accommodations, call 612-625-0051. Post a note of congratulation to Professor Hurwicz in the [questbook](#).

TEACHING AND ADVISING AWARDS NOMINATION INFORMATION SESSIONS for those involved in compiling dossiers for the Morse-Alumni, graduate/professional, and Tate advising awards will address dossier format, tips for compiling a strong dossier, and more. Staff from the Office of the Senior VP and Provost will be available to answer questions about the process. UMTC: Dec. 3, 2-3 p.m., 101 Walter Library. Sessions for UMC, UMD, and UMM will be offered by interactive TV: Dec. 5, 2-3 p.m.; campus locations will be 106 Sahlstrom Center, UMC; 173 Kirby Plaza, UMD; and 7 HFA, UMM. Register by Nov. 30. Contact Robin Matross Helms at rmhelms@umn.edu or 612-626-5598.

INFORMATION SESSION ON THE 2008 SUCCESSFUL MANAGERS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM will be Dec. 11, 9:30-10:30 a.m, 215 Donhowe Building, UMTC. The program's four-and-a-half-day spring session, designed to increase leadership capabilities at the U, is scheduled to begin Feb. 26. See [more information](#), including program dates and costs and a brochure in PDF format.

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 Dec. 31. See [more information and the application](#).

THE ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER AND JAPAN'S KEIO U SCHOOL OF MEDICINE will establish a clinical research education e-program with a grant from Medtronic Foundation. The program will allow U researchers to share clinical research expertise with Japan. See the [news release](#).

FLEET SERVICES AUCTION: U Fleet Services' regular auction of extra vehicles is online this year. The auction began this month and continues through February; vehicles will be added as they become available. See a list of vehicles available to buy at [Fleet Services auction](#).

SAVE THE DATE: The third annual Minnesota conference on sustainable tourism, "Stepping up to Sustainability," will be April 15 at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC). More information will be posted soon by the [U Tourism Center](#).

Crookston:

THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF TEACHING site-visit evaluation team will recommend that UMC be granted institutional licensure, with conditions, for offering teacher education programs, as reported Nov. 14 in preliminary findings. The written report is expected in 30 days, and final recommendations will go before the board for consideration in late January or early February, when the licensure would become official. All initial approvals include requirements for follow-up reports and on-site visits.

WOMEN'S HOLIDAY SOCIAL AND OPEN HOUSE will include a silent auction of holiday baskets created by departments to raise funds for the Women's Project Fund and raise awareness of women's scholarships at UMC. Dec. 4, 4-6 p.m., Bede Ballroom.

Duluth:

UMD ATHLETICS HOSTED THE 2008 NCAA Division II North Central Region women's volleyball tournament Nov. 15-17. Concordia U-St. Paul captured the regional championship with a 3-1 win over the Bulldogs and advanced to the Elite Eight tournament. See the [results](#).

DINNER WITH FRIENDS, a Pulitzer prizewinning, "sober, wise, and extremely funny" drama about marriage crisis, will be presented by the Department of Theatre. Nov. 29-Dec. 2 and Dec. 4-8, 7:30 p.m. (2 p.m. Sundays), Dudley Experimental Theatre, Marshall Performing Arts Center. Tickets \$15 adults, \$11 students and seniors, \$6 children and UMD students. See [more information](#).

Morris:

NEW CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND DEAN is Cheryl Contant, pending approval by the regents Dec. 14. Contant is professor and director of the city and regional planning program in the Georgia Institute of Technology's College of Architecture. She served as an American Council of Education Fellow at Macalester College in 2006-07. She was selected following a national search and will assume responsibilities next summer. See the [news release](#).

THE MARKET RESEARCH PHASE OF A BRANDING INITIATIVE FOR UMM has been completed by the national marketing firm Lipman Hearne. The firm conducted on-campus focus groups, student and parent focus groups, and donor and alumni surveys this fall and will present their findings Nov. 27-28. The research will be used to enhance UMM's communications efforts. For more information, contact director of communications Christine Mahoney, mahonevc@morris.umn.edu or 320-589-6398.

Rochester:

GOV. PAWLENTY VISITED UMR NOV. 19 to see the new facilities and talk about his vision for higher education in Rochester and southeastern Minnesota. He thanked the Rochester Higher Education Development Council (RHEDC) for their efforts and enthusiasm for the unique opportunities the new campus brings.

Twin Cities:

METRO TRANSIT'S 2007 COMMUTER CHOICE AWARD was given to UMTC in recognition of creative commuting solutions, both operational and marketing, after the I-35W bridge collapse. See the [news release](#).

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LEARNINGLIFE, a learning community to help more than a million Minnesotans about to retire and other citizen-learners who want to connect, have fun, and learn in good company, has been established by the College of Continuing Education. It will debut at LearningLife Fest, Dec. 1, 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Continuing Education and Conference Center. See the [news release](#) and [register](#).

THE NEXT HEADLINERS FORUM will feature economics professor and Federal Reserve Bank economic adviser Varadarajan V. Chari on "Game Theory in an Economic Maelstrom." Chari, a colleague of 2007 Nobel prizewinner Leonid Hurwicz, will talk about the significance of Hurwicz's groundbreaking theory and the current volatile state of the economy. Dec. 6, 7 p.m., Continuing Education and Conference Center. See [more information](#).

PULITZER PRIZEWINNER Paul Muldoon, Princeton U professor and new poetry editor of *The New Yorker*, will speak on "The Eternity of the Poem" in the next Esther Freier Endowed Lecture. The Irish-born Muldoon has published 10 major collections of poetry and is a guitarist and lyricist for the band Rackett. Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m., theater, Coffman Union. Sponsored by the [Department of English](#), 612-625-3363.

NOBEL LAUREATE James Heckman, U of Chicago professor of economics, will speak on "[Schools, Skills, and Synapses](#)" in the next George Seltzer Distinguished Memorial Lecture. Heckman's research proves a greater return on investment for dollars spent on early childhood programs compared with remediation later in life. Dec. 6, 3:30 p.m., 3M Auditorium, Carlson School of Management. Register by Nov. 30 by contacting carlsonevents@umn.edu or 612-626-9633.

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. See [gift suggestions](#).

MORE EVENTS include "What Every Physician Needs to Know About Integrative and Holistic Health Care" in the Medical School's Grand Rounds series ([Nov. 28](#)); "Sustainable Cities: A Conversation on Sustainability" ([Nov. 29](#)); "Bio-deregulation: Bodies, Jeans, and Justice," by Rice U professor of English Rosemary Hennessy ([Nov. 29](#)); "The Birth of the Human Rights Movement," by history professor Jay Winter ([Nov. 30](#)); U Marching Band Indoor Concert ([Dec. 1-2](#)); "Early Findings From the Flexible Work and Well-being Study" ([Dec. 3](#)); "Slow Art" ([Dec. 3](#)); Grand Casinos cofounder Lyle Berman at the Carlson School's First Tuesday luncheon ([Dec. 4](#)); *Engaged Scholarship: A Guide for Organizational and Social Research* author and U management professor Andrew Van de Ven ([Dec. 4](#)); School of Nursing Foundation benefit jewelry sale ([Dec. 5](#)); and "Aesthetics or Utility? Art Engaging the Environment," a public lecture by Department of Art visiting scholar Lesley Stokes Sims ([Dec. 5](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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REALITY PSYCH: Developmental psychology instructor Brenda Butterfield felt she wasn't getting through to students in her class. Trained in social work, Butterfield started the path to transforming the UMD course with a single phone call to Head Start. Then she worked with UMD's Office of Civic Engagement and more partners to place students in community learning environments for 20 hours. Read more in "[Reality psych](#)."

HOLIDAYS IN THE OFFICE: It's the time of year when celebrations are an important part of holiday traditions. To make it an enjoyable time of year for coworkers, take time to consider options when planning office get-togethers. Read updated tips prepared by Dee Anne Bonebright, Office of Human Resources, in "[A party for all](#)."

PEOPLE: Geography professor Robert McMaster has been named vice provost and dean for undergraduate education, succeeding Craig Swan; the Academic Health Center announced the newly endowed John S. Najarian Chair in Clinical Transplantation; Award for Global Engagement recipients John Cogan, Allen Isaacman, and Vernon Weckwerth were honored Nov. 27. Read about these and more appointments and awards in [People](#).

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TIME CHANGE: THE MINNESOTA CEREMONY TO HONOR NOBEL PRIZEWINNER Leonid Hurwicz, Regents Professor Emeritus of Economics--which will take place simultaneously with the award ceremony in Stockholm--will begin 10 minutes earlier than announced. Dec. 10, 9:20 a.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall, UMTC. See the [media advisory](#) and watch the [U of M home page](#) Dec. 7 for information about seeing the award presentation online. See also information about online viewing of the simultaneous [ceremony in Stockholm](#) and Hurwicz's Dec. 8 [Nobel lecture](#).

A RECEPTION TO HONOR professor Craig Swan, vice provost and dean of undergraduate education, upon the occasion of his retirement will be held Dec. 12, 3:30-6 p.m., with a program at 4:15 p.m., Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center. The U-wide community is invited. RSVP requested to mtillman@umn.edu. Reminiscences and tributes for a memory book are welcome; send to Judie Cilcain at cilcain@umn.edu. For disability accommodations, call 612-624-3316.

"THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF BIOMEDICAL AND HEALTH INFORMATICS in Academic Health Centers: Minnesota Leads the Way" will be presented by Don Detmer, president and chief executive officer, American Medical Informatics Association. The U is embarking on a major bioinformatics investment over the next few years--an interdisciplinary, comprehensive, academic home for bioinformatics research. Detmer is a leader in one area of the field and well-known in research and academia. Dec. 11, 4 p.m. lecture, 5 p.m. reception, Mayo Auditorium. See [more information](#).

MINNESOTA TIGER SUMMIT: PREPARING FOR 2010. All health care providers soon will be required by law to use an interoperable electronic health record. This Technology Informatics Guiding Education Reform (TIGER) summit is an opportunity to help develop an action plan for empowering nurses and other health care providers for the new law; it will also provide a model for others to align resources in Minnesota to meet the new requirement. Four national speakers--Martin LaVenture, Minnesota Department of Health; Joyce Sensmeier, HIMSS; Roy Simpson, Cerner Corporation; and Diane Skiba, U of Colorado Health Sciences Center--and others will be on hand to help inform the development of an action plan. Jan. 11, Earle Brown Heritage Center. Sponsored by the School of Nursing and several cosponsors. See [more information or register](#).

DISTINGUISHED WOMEN SCHOLARS AWARD: Nominations for 2008 awards are due to college deans Jan. 18, final nominations to the Graduate School Jan. 28. Annual awards are made to two women faculty members--one in the sciences and engineering, and one in the humanities, social sciences, and arts. See the [guidelines](#).

INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI AWARD: Nominations for 2008 are due Feb. 21. The U-wide Distinguished Leadership Award for Internationals honors alumni, former students, and friends of the U who have distinguished themselves in post-U work as leaders in their professions. See the [guidelines](#).

THE ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER (AHC) ACADEMY FOR EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH RESEARCH confers upon AHC faculty the highest U recognition of research excellence. Nominations are encouraged from all AHC colleges and departments. Deadline for nominations: March 14. Send to Sara Balick, U Senate Office, 424 Morrill Hall. See [nomination requirements](#).

DECEMBER EVENTS AT THE ARBORETUM include music on Saturdays at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. and free Thursday night performances at 6 and 7 p.m. See [holiday offerings](#).

Crookston:

TAIWAN: Senior vice chancellor for academic and student affairs Tom Baldwin is in Taiwan the first two weeks of December. His itinerary includes visits to National Taipei College of Business (NTCB), Lughwa U of Science and Technology, Taiwan International U, and (tentatively) Nan Kai Institute of Technology. UMC will receive the first Nan Kai student this spring semester. Baldwin is scheduled to speak at conferences and meet with colleagues and prospective students.

DEDICATION OF THE UMC EQUALITY ROOM, 15 Hill Hall, was held Dec. 3. Anne Phibbs, systemwide director of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Allies (GLBTA) Programs, attended. The Equality Room is a designated safe space open to all student groups, who can reserve the space through the U's SURE reservation system; similar spaces are available on all U campuses. Also visiting from UMTC Dec. 3 were Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Office director Kim Boyd and Office for University Women director Peg Lonnquist. See [current highlights](#).

Duluth:

THE 2007-08 CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH recipient is Matt Andrews, professor and head, Department of Biology. He will be honored at an award ceremony, Dec. 10, 3:15 p.m., 150 Chemistry Building. After the ceremony, he will present a seminar on his current research, "What We Have Learned From Hibernating Mammals." A reception will follow in the Griggs Center, second floor, Kirby Student Center. The public is cordially invited. See [event information](#).

The Great Lakes Maritime Research Institute (GLMRI) has been appointed a member of the Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council (MTSNAC) for a three-year term by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters. The GLMRI is dedicated to developing and improving economically and environmentally sustainable maritime commerce on the Great Lakes through applied research. It is a consortium of UMD's Swenson College of Science and Engineering and Labovitz School of Business and Economics and the U of Wisconsin-Superior's Transportation and Logistics Research Center. The institute has nine affiliated universities throughout the Great Lakes states. See the [news release](#).

Morris:

PLANNING FOR A NEW RESIDENTIAL LIFE FACILITY, to open in fall 2009, is under way. Green Prairie Community, designed for sustainable living, will provide contemporary housing in suite-style dwellings for 80 undergraduates. Read the [news release](#).

Rochester:

CHANCELLOR LEHMKUHLE VISITED WINONA Nov. 28 as part of the U of M Alumni Association's yearlong, statewide speakers tour. See the [news release](#).

THE M GEAR STORE, OPERATED BY UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORES, celebrated its grand opening in the Shops at University Square Nov. 28. An estimated 650 people attended the event, which featured members of the U of M alumni marching band and remarks by Chancellor Lehmkuhle, Rochester mayor Ardeall Brede, and bookstores director Bob Crabb. The new store carries textbooks, supplies, and course needs, as well as Gopher, U of M, and UMR gear and gifts for fans and alumni of all ages. See [M Gear](#).

THE U OF M MARCHING BAND's 11th appearance in Rochester was held at the Mayo Civic Center Nov. 27, with an estimated 5,000 attending. About 130 attended a reception before the concert, hosted by the Rochester Area Alumni and Friends of the U of M.

Twin Cities:

"A SAFE YOU IS A SAFE U" PUBLIC SAFETY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN aims to make students, faculty, staff, neighbors, and visitors to the UMTC aware of efforts to keep the campus safe and to ask members of the U community to take personal steps to build on the culture of safety. See the [developing Web site](#).

THE MINNESOTA SENATE CAPITAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE spent the morning of Nov. 27 touring UMTC projects that are part of the 2008 state bonding request. They stopped at the site for the new Bell Museum of Natural History and sat in on a class in EE/CSci--a "scale-up" prototype classroom. The senators also visited Folwell and Ackerman Halls. Read more about the [capital request](#).

"PROMOTING CRITICAL THINKING IN THE CLASSROOM: Assigning, Communicating, and Assessing What We Value" will be presented by Bill Condon, director of campus writing programs at Washington State U. He will argue that a lack of inspired student thinking can result from lack of clear instructor expectations and will discuss a seven-dimension critical-thinking rubric developed by his institution's Critical Thinking Project in 1996. Dec. 14, 10 a.m.-noon, 135 Nicholson Hall. [Register](#).

CHEESE GIFT BOXES are available at the Department of Food Science and Nutrition Dairy Salesroom, open Wednesdays, 3-5 p.m., 166 Andrew Boss Lab of Meat Science. See [more information](#).

MEAT LAB GIFT PACKAGES are available, also featuring maple syrup, Fireside apples, and honey, all vacuum packed. Dec. 13, 14, and 17-21, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 26 Andrew Boss Lab of Meat Science. Order ahead. See [more information](#).

MORE EVENTS include "Burning the Sea: Desperate Journeys Across the Mediterranean," led by Hakim Abderrezak ([Dec. 5](#)); a performance of Nicholas Maw's "Sonata" by Minnesota Orchestra concertmaster Jorja Fleezanis ([Dec. 6](#)); "Envisioning Real Utopias" by Eric Olin Wright, U of Wisconsin ([Dec. 7](#)); "150 Years of Minnesota Memories," a program drawn from library archives of statehood celebrations ([Dec. 7](#)); National Conference of the Early Childhood Research Collaborative ([Dec. 8](#)); CLA commencement and graduation reception at Eastcliff ([Dec. 9](#)); free latke/potato pancake taste testing on the east end of the Washington Avenue bridge ([Dec. 10-11](#)); "Ethnic Studies in the Neo-Liberal University" by Lisa Duggan, New York U ([Dec. 10](#)); "Tough Ceramics at the Seashore" in Café Scientifique ([Dec. 11](#)); and "Building a Better Baby Business: What's Wrong With the Market for Assisted Reproduction and How to Make It Better" by Deborah Spar, Harvard Business School ([Dec. 12](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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ASSESSING U-WIDE INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTERS: Doug Ernie is the new, half-time associate dean in the Graduate School charged with overseeing a process to monitor the growing number of U-wide interdisciplinary centers in a way that facilitates their continued development. Ernie, associate professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, brings interdisciplinary experiences that include helping to build the MAST lab for international research on earthquake-like forces applied to large-scale structures, leading the UNITE project that delivers courses to IT professionals, and working on the Graduate Fellowship Committee. Read more in "[Assessing interdisciplinary success](#)."

MINDING THE DIGITAL GAP: Technology surveys of faculty and students conducted biannually at UMTC since 2001 document the true nature of differences between the two groups. Most faculty members have used technology in a course, while students are not as sophisticated as many assume. But the most important theme to emerge is a strong positive attitude toward educational technology. Read more in "[Mind the digital generation gap](#)."

PEOPLE: U alumnus Earl Bakken, '48, inventor of the pacemaker and cofounder of Medtronic, will receive the Medical School's first honorary doctorate Dec. 13; kinesiology professor Maureen Weiss has been named 2008 chair of the Science Board of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, the group that reviews the President's Challenge physical fitness program; the regents will recognize McKnight Presidential Chair Gunda Georg, UMTC medicinal chemistry, and McKnight Presidential Professors Robert Hecky, UMD biological limnology, and David Wilkins, UMTC American Indian studies. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

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University-wide:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS WILL MEET DEC. 13-14. Agenda items include updates on graduation rates, undergraduate initiatives, and U research; reports on the student health survey and employer health care trends affecting the U; and the state economic forecast. See the [news release](#) and the December [agenda](#) and [docket](#).

A POTENTIAL POST-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH-CARE SAVINGS PLAN (HCSP) BENEFIT for civil service staff members is being evaluated by the Civil Service Committee ([CSC](#)) and Office of Human Resources. The HCSP is a public-employer-sponsored program administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System that allows employees to save pre-tax earnings to pay post-employment medical expenses and health-insurance premiums. The CSC is sponsoring forums to gather input and feedback. The first forum, on the feasibility of setting up an HCSP benefit for U civil service employees, was recorded and can be [reviewed](#). The final forum will be Dec. 17, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 2-137 Jackson Hall, UMTC, with Web-viewing capability. See [UMConnect](#) or get [technical support](#).

SAVE THE DATE: 2008 LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING. 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 leadership 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, the U of M-Duluth will hold a session specifically for UMD alumni and friends, 5:15-6:15 p.m. See [Support the U](#) or call 612-626-1417.

SMALL GRANTS TO SUPPORT RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH (RCR) CONTINUING EDUCATION awareness and discussion activities are offered by the Office of the Vice President for Research. The next deadline for applications is Jan. 30. See [more details](#).

CALL FOR STATEWIDE NOMINATIONS: 2008 HUMPHREY PUBLIC LEADERSHIP AWARDS. The Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs gives four publicly nominated awards each year--to two emerging or established outstanding leaders, one Humphrey Institute individual or entity, and one woman leader under 35--to recognize significant contributions to the common good through public leadership or service. Special consideration is given to those who have bridged traditional divides such as party lines or geopolitical boundaries. Nominees need not be from Minnesota. Deadline for nominations: Feb. 15. See the [news release](#).

MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM TRAILS ARE OPEN. They include 8.5 miles of cross-country ski trails and 1.25 miles of snowshoe trails. Open daily, 8 a.m.-sunset. See more [information](#).

Crookston:

THE UMC EMPLOYER RESEARCH TEAM conducted its second biannual employer focus group and survey this fall to solicit employer attitudinal and assessment data about UMC graduates. The data is used to improve the student academic experience so graduates will be prepared to enter the job market and pursue successful careers. Regional employers, faculty, administrators, and other stakeholders are members of UMC's Program Improvement and Advisory Committee. Read [more](#).

CONSTRUCTION OF A 76 X 180-FOOT CAMPUS ICE RINK began in November, with plans to open after classes begin in January. The rink will include benches, extra lighting, music, and eventually a warming shed. Donations of ice skates of all styles and sizes are welcome. Contributing to the effort have been associate vice chancellor Peter Phaiah, Facilities Management, students in ag systems management, and the Eagles hockey team. For more information, contact Phaiah at phaiah@umn.edu or Lisa Samuelson at samue026@umn.edu.

CORN COLLEGE involves in-depth, hands-on workshops designed for corn producers featuring top extension and research specialists from the U of M and North Dakota State U. Dec. 19, UMC, and Dec. 20, Minnesota State University in Moorhead. See [Corn College](#).

Duluth:

WINTER JAZZ CONCERT will include UMD Jazz Ensemble I, directed by Ryan Frane, and UMD Jazz Ensemble II, directed by Scott Belck. Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Tickets \$6 adults, \$5 seniors, \$3 students. See the [Department of Music](#).

"UMD COACHES RADIO LUNCH," a live show with UMD hockey coach Scott Sandelin, features UMD and opposing coaches talking about game-of-the-week strategies, a ticket giveaway, door prizes, and an all-you-can-eat buffet. Dec. 14, 11:30 a.m., Grandma's Sports Garden. See the [Bulldog Club](#).

HOLIDAY BRUNCHES AND TOURS OF GLENSHEEN HISTORIC CONGDON ESTATE are offered every Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday in December. See the [calendar](#).

UMD'S EMERGENCY TEXT-MESSAGING SYSTEM was tested successfully Dec. 4 when the campus closed early due to weather. Read more in "[Getting the word out](#)."

Morris:

SIX SYMPHONIC WINDS STUDENT MUSICIANS were selected for the 2008 Intercollegiate Honor Band, hosted by the College Band Directors National Association: Sara Friedrichs (alto saxophone), Jessica Henry (French horn), James Jarvie (trumpet), Brian Kotila (euphonium), Lisa Musielewicz (trumpet), and Joshua Nyquist (tuba). They will represent UMM in a performance at the Minnesota Music Educators Association Midwinter Clinic capstone event, Feb. 15, Minneapolis Convention Center. See [UMM Symphonic Winds](#).

FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR JAMBOREE, Dec. 6, featured a variety of presentations in posters, plays, games, displays, and performances that showcased students' semester experience. Read [more](#).

Rochester:

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER OF THE ROCHESTER AREA MATH AND SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP (RAMSP), in which Outstanding Educator awards were presented to three area instructors, featured a keynote, "Math Matters in Biology," by UMTC College of Biological Sciences professor Claudia Neuhauser. RAMSP includes the area's 13 school districts, higher education providers, Mayo Clinic, and IBM, and prepares teachers to offer cutting-edge education in math, science, and computers so students can meet the challenges of the 21st century. The event was held Dec. 11 at the Plummer House.

A RECEPTION FOR PARENTS OF ROCHESTER AREA YOUTH in the U of M Talented Youth Math Program (UMTYMP) was held Dec. 6. About 35 math students, 10-14 years old, are active in the program that focuses on algebra, geometry, and calculus. See [UMTYMP](#).

Twin Cities:

COACHE SURVEY REPORT: In results published last week, UMTC was named among top institutions in two categories--overall effectiveness of policies and global satisfaction--of the Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE) study at Harvard. COACHE surveyed junior, tenure-track faculty at institutions across the country, asking them to assess their experiences regarding promotion and tenure, the nature of their work, policies and practices, and the general climate, culture, and level of collegiality on their campuses. The findings were reported Dec. 5 in *Inside Higher Education*. See the [story](#) and [COACHE](#); see also the survey and PowerPoint presentation given at UMTC at [Faculty Development](#). For more information, contact vice provost Arlene Carney at carne005@umn.edu.

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS SEEKS A U STAFF MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE STUDENT SERVICES FEES COMMITTEE. The committee reviews applications and hears presentations from student groups who seek a portion of the student services fee and makes recommendations for the 2008-09 fee. Time commitment begins in February and continues through the end of March; among the dates are two Saturday meetings (Feb. 2, 7) and two late-afternoon meetings (Feb. 13, March 26). If you have questions or are interested in serving, contact Amelious Whyte, chief of staff, Office for Student Affairs, at awhyte@umn.edu or 612-624-2678.

ADVISE ALL NEW AND TRANSFER INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARRIVING for spring semester 2008 to visit International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) to complete federal requirements. New students are allowed to arrive no more than 30 days before the start of the semester, though many transfer students may not be required to leave the United States and will arrive earlier. For more information, see [ISSS](#).

STADIUM CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: The last of 2,200 steel pilings was driven into the ground Dec. 7; next, concrete beams will be set and a slab poured to complete the foundation. Above-ground construction will begin in January. Roadway configuration around the site was completed this fall. The project, scheduled to open for the 2009 football season, is on time and on budget. See the [stadium](#).

DISCOUNT TICKETS for the Pompeii exhibit at the Science Museum of Minnesota, the Minnesota Zoo IMAX theater, Spirit Mountain, and more are available at the student unions. See [discount tickets](#).

MORE EVENTS include a showcase of student design ideas for the Ford assembly plant ([Dec. 12](#)); "Definition and Ideology in the New Rhetoric: I. A. Richards, Richard Weaver, and Current Research on Definition," a talk by David Beard, UMD ([Dec. 13](#)); "Promoting Critical Thinking in the Classroom" ([Dec. 14](#)); Graduate School commencement ([Dec. 14](#)); and "Re-Greening Cities" in Caf e Scientifique ([Dec. 18](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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Editor's note: *Brief* now takes a winter break. The next issue will be published Jan. 9. The deadline to submit items is noon on Friday, Jan. 4.

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FACULTY TENURE POLICY REVISIONS, approved by the Board of Regents this year and implemented in October, are among the U's top accomplishments of 2007. In a process led by the faculty, the U gained a policy with criteria and standards more rigorous and explicit and with greater flexibility for work-life balance. Regents professor Tom Clayton, who chairs the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, and vice provost for faculty and academic affairs Arlene Carney talked this month about the process and results. Read more in "[Tenure policy revised in historic effort](#)."

BOARD OF REGENTS: The U won \$595 million in research expenditures and awards in 2006, an annual increase of 8.4 percent that moved the institution from 10th to 9th among public research universities, VP Mulcahy reported Friday. On Thursday, Vice Provost Swan delivered a report on undergraduate initiatives to the Educational Planning and Policy committee, including a demonstration of the Graduation Planner, one of several tools to encourage retention and timely graduation. At UMTC, graduation rates increased in 2007 to 44.9 percent in four years, 60.5 percent in five years, and 63.6 percent in six years. See the news release about [research funding](#) and read more about [graduation rates](#); see also the December [meeting materials](#), including video of the full board meeting Dec. 14.

UMD TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (TLP): EMOTIONAL COMPETENCE was the theme of a workshop for current and former participants in the UMD TLP last week. "Managing Yourself and Leading Others" will be followed by personal assistance and coaching to create and carry out a competency development plan. Read more in "[Emotional competence and breakthrough leadership](#)."

PEOPLE: New dean of the Law School is David Wippman, a leading scholar in international law and human rights at Cornell U; new director of the BioTechnology Institute is regents professor Ted Davis; director of the Institute for Health Informatics is Julie Jacko from Georgia Tech and Emory U; the 2007 Tapestry Award winner for promoting campus diversity is Silvia Álvarez, creator of a bilingual show on UMTC's RadioK. Read about these and more awards and appointments in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

University-wide:

STANDARD BUSINESS MILEAGE RATE CHANGES FOR 2008: The Internal Revenue Service announced the following changes, effective Jan. 1:

--The standard business mileage reimbursement rate for personal vehicle use on approved U business increases from 48.5 cents to 50.5 cents per mile. See the Rates section in Appendix P of the U policy, [Traveling on University Business](#).

--The standard mileage rate for moving expenses decreases from 20 to 19 cents per mile.

--Business mileage incurred in 2007 but reimbursed in 2008 must use the 2007 mileage rate.

The Employee Expense Worksheet (UM 1612) accommodates changes to the mileage rates. See also [Financial Policies](#).

U OF KENTUCKY PRESIDENT WILL HEADLINE THE SECOND ANNUAL QUALITY FAIR: Lee Todd, Jr., who developed a business plan to drive improvements 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. Sponsored by the Office of Service and Continuous Improvement and the Improvement Liaison Group. [Register](#) and reserve a box lunch.

THE ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER (AHC) ACADEMY FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE SCHOLARSHIP OF TEACHING AND LEARNING confers upon four AHC faculty per year the highest recognition of excellence in the AHC educational mission. It includes a salary/teaching augmentation of \$10,000 for five consecutive years. Nominations are encouraged from all AHC colleges and departments. Deadline: Feb. 22. Send to Sara Balick, U Senate Office, 424 Morrill Hall. See [nomination requirements](#).

GRANT-IN-AID OF RESEARCH, ARTISTRY, AND SCHOLARSHIP for faculty members: The spring 2008 application deadline is Feb. 4. See the [request for proposals](#).

FACULTY-LED SHORT-TERM STUDY ABROAD WORKSHOPS prepare faculty and staff members who are planning to lead or administer a short-term international program during the 2007-08 or 2008-09 academic year. Topics will include benefits and challenges, predeparture orientation, on-site support, health and safety, emergency procedures, group dynamics, and student conduct; presenters will include faculty who have led programs. Feb. 7, 9-11 a.m., West Bank (room to be determined); register by Feb. 1 by contacting Mandi Miller, mil3214@umn.edu or 612-625-8829. To request a one-to-one meeting about your faculty-led short-term study abroad program in addition to the workshop, call 612-626-9000. Sponsored by the Learning Abroad Center.

A LIST OF TIPS FOR HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS IN THE WORKPLACE is now available. See the [Office of Human Resources](#) and download the [tip sheet](#) (PDF).

PLANT INFORMATION ONLINE (PIO), one of the world's largest database resources for botanical and horticultural information, is available free to the public. Sponsored by U Libraries and the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. See the [PIO](#).

MINNESOTA TIGER SUMMIT: PREPARING FOR 2010. The Technology Informatics Guiding Education Reform (TIGER) summit is an opportunity to be part of Minnesota's overall strategy to prepare health care providers to use interoperable electronic health records, soon to be required by law. Jan. 11, Earle Brown Heritage Center. See [more information or register](#).

Crookston:

DELIVERY OF A CAREER-ORIENTED ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY DEGREE, beginning in fall 2008, was approved by the regents Dec. 14. The program will offer a solid background in the social sciences and an interdisciplinary focus on human resource development skills geared for multiple employment settings. The B.S. offers emphases in industrial and production management as well as consumer service. Read the [news release](#).

THE FIRST ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL HORSE SHOW was hosted by the equine science program Dec. 14. Students in riding classes showcased skills, knowledge, and horsemanship developed through the semester. Students in the training and showing class demonstrated skills and abilities in training young horses. See [equine science](#), one of UMC's top majors.

AN ENDOWMENT TO HONOR the legacy of longtime Crookston resident and area baseball coach Jim Karn has been created by the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. It will provide ongoing financial support for future generations of UMC baseball players. Read the [news release](#).

Duluth:

HOLIDAY TWILIGHT TOURS AT GLENSHEEN HISTORIC CONGDON ESTATE include, on the first floor, a glimpse of a Congdon Christmas circa 1900 and, upstairs, a trip through time, with each room reflecting a decade, from the homemade charm of the '20s to the nostalgic kitsch of the '50s. Dec. 27-31, 2-6 p.m. See the [calendar](#).

THE ALWORTH PLANETARIUM STAFF presents "Star of Bethlehem," a dark-sky presentation and discussion. Dec. 19 and 22, 7 p.m., Marshall W. Alworth Planetarium. Free and open to the public. See the [planetarium](#).

Morris:

UMM JAZZERS WILL TOUR NEW ORLEANS during winter break, under the direction of James "Doc" Carlson. They will perform at the French Market, Jan. 17, noon; Jack's Brewery, Jan. 18, noon; and the Children's Museum, Jan. 19, 1 p.m. See the [jazz ensemble](#).

"FROM MOLECULAR DYNAMICS TO HEDGE FUND MATHEMATICS: The Career of a UMM Physics Graduate" will be the title of the Joseph J. Latterell Visiting Alumnus Program Lecture by Jeff Ulrich, '95. Jan. 31, 7:30 p.m., 2950 Science Building.

Twin Cities:

SEARCH: DIRECTOR OF DISABILITY SERVICES. The Office of the Vice President and Vice Provost for Equity and Diversity has launched a national search for the next director of Disability Services, one of the nation's leaders in providing progressive services to people with disabilities. See the [position description](#) and application instructions; see also [Disability Services](#).

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS HOURS WILL CHANGE DEC. 31. Visit offices will be staffed Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and selected Saturdays during the academic year. Several online tools are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, including the "Ask Us" knowledge base, applications for admissions, and application status check. For more information, see [Admissions](#).

OPEN HOUSE FOR 717 DELAWARE STREET S.E., which will house more than 20 offices of the Academic Health Center, including the Office of Clinical Research, will be held Jan. 16. A short program at 3 p.m. will be followed by refreshments and tours of the \$36.5 million renovation until 5 p.m. For more information, call 612-625-4110; see also the [construction update](#).

ORIENTATION PROGRAM AWARDS: The Office of First-Year Programs (OFYP) won awards in three categories at the National Orientation Directors Association (NODA) Publication and Media Showcase this fall: outstanding Web site; outstanding multimedia/emerging technologies for the *Pieces of the Puzzle* diversity video on themes including respect and responsibility, wellness, interpersonal skills, violence and harassment, and U resources; and outstanding use of theme, applying the U's Driven to Discover campaign in the Gopher Guide and orientation materials. See [OFYP](#) or [NODA](#) or contact Bill O'Connor at oconn301@umn.edu.

GOLDY GOPHER MADE IT TO THE MASCOT FINALS with final competition for the top award against Zippy from the U of Akron. Voting has ended, and the winner will be announced at the [Capital One Bowl](#) Jan. 1 in Orlando. Goldy Gopher is part of the Spirit Squads in the [Department of Athletics](#).

LAST CALL: MODEM POOL WILL CLOSE DEC. 31. Arrange for alternative home Internet service at special rates for U community members through [UMart](#). If you need assistance or have questions, call 1-HELP (612-301-4357) or e-mail modem@umn.edu. See the ISP tab at NTS [Data Services](#).

"WOMEN'S LIVES, WOMEN'S LEGACIES," an introductory legacy writing workshop, will be sponsored by the Center for Spirituality and Healing (CSH) as part of the Purpose Project. Jan. 15, April 3, or July 17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. See the [CSH](#).

SAVE THE DATE: "FROM EVERY VOICE" ANNUAL CONCERT in honor of the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., will feature the Steeles gospel/soul quintet. Jan. 20, 4 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Free and open to the public. See [event information](#).

MORE EVENTS include the Usability Lab open house ([Dec. 20](#)); *Waste = Food* in the Science on Screen series ([Dec. 20](#)); and "Spend Your Life Wisely," a talk by *The Wealth Management Index* author Ross Levin in the Carlson School's First Tuesday luncheon series ([Jan. 8](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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