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SUMMER CURRENTS — The final *Currents* for the summer is tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 14. Weekly publication will resume on Sept. 11, the first Friday of fall quarter. Send items by noon on Tuesdays of the publishing week to *Currents*, 315 DAdB, or by e-mail to: currents. Questions? Call Tom Wilkowske at 7110.

KATHY ALLEN FAREWELL — Kathy Allen of the Achievement Center has accepted a position as learning center coordinator at Northland College in Ashland, Wis. A reception is being held in her honor from 2-4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 4 in the Campus Club.

MIDSUMMER CHINA FESTIVAL — The China Center is hosting the second annual Midsummer China Festival from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 2 at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chanhassen. This year's festival includes traditional Chinese music and dance, gongfu sword demonstrations, papercutting, painting, and Chinese gardens. Chinese snacks will be served. For more information contact the China Center at (612) 624-1002 or the arboretum at (612) 443-2460.

HEALTH SERVICE NAME CHANGE — In response to customer requests, and to enhance a new image on campus, the Student Health and Counseling Center has changed its name. The new official name is UMD Health Services. The letters HS will be used as an abbreviation. Call 8155 if you have questions.

CHINA CENTER TRAVEL GRANTS — The China Center, Twin Cities campus, offers partial travel grants for international air fare to University faculty with official invitations to lecture, teach or do research in the People's Republic of China. Applications for travel to Hong Kong and Taiwan will be considered if the purpose is directly related to the study of China. Application deadline for October-December travel is Aug. 15. Call (612) 624-1002 for more information.

TWEED IN BLOOM SET — "Tweed in Bloom," a three-day benefit for the Tweed Museum of Art at UMD, is set for the weekend of September 18-20. Area florists and garden club members will interpret selected paintings from the Tweed's permanent collection with fresh floral arrangements. A luncheon and fashion show will open the celebration at noon on Sept. 18; tickets are \$20 and docent tours are available. On Sept. 19, a dinner party and musical program is planned. The dinner follows cocktail parties hosted in the homes of Tweed associate members. Dinner tickets are \$50. Free herb and flower lectures will be offered at Tweed on Sept. 20 beginning at 1 p.m., and there will be a raffle of several substantial prizes. These events support Tweed's educational development. For more information call Tweed at 8222 or Florence Collins at 724-7351.

SPECIAL ED BROWN BAGS — The Special Education Institute is sponsoring a series of Brown Bag Lunches as part of its offerings. All Brown Bag Lunches will be in Bohannon 116 from 11:45-12:45 on the dates indicated. The speakers, their topics, and the dates are: "British Approaches to Educating Preschool Students Who Are Deaf: A Practitioner's Perspective," Sylvia Fraser, Warwickshire County Council, England, August 3; "Developing Special Education in Developing Countries," Brian Fraser, University of Birmingham, England, August 5; "Early Childhood Special Education: Evolving Practices in Minnesota," Joan Karp, UMD, August 10; and "New Approaches in Minnesota to Handling and Avoiding Problems in Special Education: The Networking and Benefits of Peer Monitoring," Barbara Troolin, Minnesota Department of Education, August 12. For further information about the Special Education Institute, contact Clayton Keller at 8182.

BATTERY RECYCLING — Household batteries at UMD must be collected and disposed of as hazardous waste. Each department should collect its spent batteries in a central location and notify Mahjoub Labyad, Environmental Health and Safety, (x 7139) when pickup is desired.

AROUND CAMPUS — faculty/staff news

DONALD MAYPOLE, professor and director of social work, has been named a visiting professor at the Instituto de Servico Social in Porto, Portugal, for fall quarter. Maypole first became acquainted with the faculty at the institute in 1985, when he was on a Fulbright scholar assignment to Portugal's national drug abuse agency. This fall, he will be team teaching graduate social policy and research courses and initiate a research project on substance abuse treatment, prevention and control policies in European Community nations.

ELEANOR RYNDA, assistant professor emeritus of physical education, was recognized for her service on the NCAA Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee from 1986-1992. Her term expires in August.

GERALD NIEMI, director of NRRF's Center for Water and the Environment, research fellow **J.M. HANOWSKI** and J.G. Blake of the University of Missouri, recently published "Drought and Annual Variation in Bird Populations," in *Ecology and Conservation of Neotropical Migrant Landbirds*, Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington, D.C.

GEORGE HOST, CWE research associate, and K.S. Pregitzer, Michigan State University, will publish "Geomorphic Influences on Ground-Flora and Overstory Composition in Upland Forests of Northwestern Lower Michigan" in the *Canadian Journal of Forest Research*.

CWE research associates **CAROL JOHNSTON** and **JOHN PASTOR** co-wrote "Using Simulation Models and Geographic Information Systems to Integrate Ecosystem and Landscape Ecology," a chapter in *Watershed Management*, published by Springer-Verlag.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded CWE researchers **J.P. SCHUBAUER-BERIGAN**, **CAROL JOHNSON** and **S.C. BRIDGHAM** a two-year, \$200,000 grant to study the spatial dynamics of nutrient and sediment removal process in riverine wetlands.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded CWE researchers **SUBHASH BASAK**, **GERALD NIEMI**, **GEORGE HOST** and **R.S. HUNTER** a three-year, \$353,638 grant to study "Computations Techniques to Quantify Chemical Similarity: Tools for Risk Assessment."

Niemi, Basak, U.S. EPA's Gilman Veith and applications programmer **GREG GRUNWALD** recently published "Prediction of Octanol/Water Partition Coefficient With Algorithmically Derived Variables" in *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry*, vol. 11, pp. 893-900 (1992).