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**HISTORY CONFERENCE BEGINS TODAY** The fifteenth annual Northern Great Plains History Conference gets underway today and continues through Saturday with more than 150 participants, including college instructors, historians, history buffs and the general public expected to participate. The conference, which is being sponsored by UMD's history department with the St. Louis County Historical Society co-hosting certain events, will be held at the Radisson Hotel and at the Depot. "Basically, this will be a professionally-oriented conference, but there are a number of sessions which will be of interest to the general public," according to Neil Storch, associate professor of history and one of the conference coordinators. "There really is something for everyone and almost every field of history is covered." There is a wide range of periods and areas covered including international history and local history. For more information, contact the history department, 7253.

**THEA JOHNSON REMINDER** Michael Kammen, a Pulitzer-prize winning historian and professor of American History at Cornell University, will give the first Thea Johnson Lecture of the year at 10 a.m. Friday (Oct. 24) in Marshall Performing Arts Center. Kammen will speak on the topic, "Democracy and the Problem of Tradition in American Culture." Kammen also will appear at an open colloquium at 1:30 p.m. at the Lecture Gallery at the Tweed Museum of Art. In addition, Kammen will address the Northern Great Plains History Conference at a banquet Friday night (Oct. 24) at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Radisson. Kammen will discuss "Changing Perceptions of the Historian's Vocation" at the banquet.

**PRESIDENT WHO?** Absentee ballots for persons wishing to vote in the November presidential election are available upon request. To do so, call the Duluth City Clerk's office, 723-3342, for in-town balloting, or the St. Louis County Auditor's office, 723-3428, for voting done outside the city.

**SKOAL, VIKINGS!** Dick Ringler, a professor of English and Scandinavian Studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, will speak on "The Vikings" (not the football kind) at 8 p.m. Tuesday (Oct. 28) in Bohannon Hall 90. The lecture, which is being sponsored by the departments of foreign languages and literatures and English and the Duluth-Superior Chapter of the American Scandinavian Foundation, is free and open to the public.

**ENGLAND CORRESPONDENCE** The Provost's office will be routinely sending information to the students participating in the Study-in-England Program in Birmingham. The office will be sending materials every other Friday afternoon. If you have materials you would like to send, contact Marian Syrjamaki at 8501, 251 Administration Building.

FACULTY RECITAL Music by Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy, and Prokofiev will be presented in the first faculty recital of the school year. Performing at the recital at 8 p.m. Thursday (Oct. 30) will be pianist Terrence Rust, assistant professor of music. The recital, at the Marshall Performing Arts Center, is free and open to the public.

#### UMD NEWSLETTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS (October 26 - November 1)

SUNDAY -- "Megaliths of Astronomy," free public program, Marshall W. Alworth Planetarium, 3 p.m.; UMD Theatre presents "West Side Story," Marshall Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

MONDAY -- Women's Studies Seminar: "Promotions and Tenure of Women at UMD," Jane Maddy, assistant professor, psychology, Kirby Student Center 250, noon; Coffeehouse Concert: Red Gallagher, Bull Pub, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY -- Women's Volleyball: UMD vs. Southwest State/Northland, Physical Education Building, 6 p.m.; Concert: Jazz Ensemble I, Marshall Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.; Coffeehouse Concert: Red Gallagher, Bull Pub, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY -- Physics Seminar: "Disparate Anode-Cathode Coronal Light Emission," Charles Marttila, University of Minnesota, Room 191, Marshall W. Alworth Hall, 3:15 p.m.

THURSDAY -- Mathematics Colloquium: "Employment Opportunities at IBM," J. Kenneth Allsen, IBM Corporation, Life Science 160, 3:15 p.m.; Geology Seminar: "Geology of the Upper Precambrian Flambeau Quartzite, Fred Campbell, UMD geology department, Life Science 175, 3:30 p.m.; Women's Volleyball: UMD vs. Moorhead State, Physical Education Building, 6 p.m.; Faculty Recital: Terrence Rust, piano, Marshall Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY -- Biology Seminar: "The Genetic and Mathematical Basis of Paternity Testing," Stephen Hedman, UMD associate professor of biology and bio-chemistry, Life Science, 175, 2 p.m.; Concert: Honor Choir Clinic, Marshall Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY -- Women's Volleyball: UMD Invitational, Physical Education Building, 10 a.m.; Men's Hockey: UMD vs. Michigan Tech, Duluth Arena, 7:30 p.m.

ALL WEEK -- Public hours of the Tweed Museum of Art are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and 2 to 5 p.m. weekends. Current exhibits: Knute Heldner Retrospective and Recent Drawings and Paintings by Alexander Beary Gavalas.