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Volunteer for Bulldog Bash 2007!

If you had a great time at Bulldog Bash '06, now is your chance to be a part of Bash '07. We're preparing to welcome our new freshman students when they arrive on campus this upcoming September.

Bulldog Bash volunteers help to make the program possible and are the key to our welcome weekend success. Bash volunteers help out at events during the Labor Day weekend.

What's in it for you? Bash volunteers have a great time, meet lots of new friends, get a cool Bash volunteer t-shirt, and have the opportunity to move in a day early (if they live on campus).

Want to volunteer? Just email Bridget Noonan, Bulldog Bash Student Coordinator, at noon0029@d.umn.edu Tell her your name, email address, summer mailing address and whether or not you'll be living on campus this fall. Thanks!

Got Spring Fever? Get Outside & Enjoy Duluth!

By Joy Hepokoski

It's that time of year again- Duluth has finally thawed out! The trees are blooming, the birds are singing, and it's impossible to keep your head out of the clouds and on your homework. Luckily, there's a ton of things you can do, on-campus and off, to satisfy your spring fever.

If you get spring fever on-campus, there's no shortage of activity. All you have to do is step outside and you'll practically have to dodge it. At any given time, there are students walking around campus, playing basketball or volleyball on Griggs Beach, and tossing around Frisbees. Some play hackey sack, some play catch, and some just lie in the grass and soak up the sun. Another option is to head to the Bagley Nature Area by the Oakland Apartments, where you can have a campfire or just walk around and check out the wildlife and beautiful scenery.

If you're off-campus, there are still plenty of ways for you to enjoy spring. Duluth, being a tourist town, has many fun and interesting things to do and see. Go to Canal Park, visit the lighthouse, and hang out by the lake. Watch boats come in from Lake Superior and go under the famous Duluth Aerial Lift Bridge. Spend an afternoon walking around downtown- there are tons of fun shops and restaurants. Get a gourmet caramel apple from the Rocky Mountain Candy Company to eat while you check out the sights.

If you're looking for a more structured group activity, the UMD Recreational Sports Outdoor Program [RSOP] offers some opportunities to enjoy the spring. If you want to try rock climbing, there's an event coming up on April 15th. Join the North Shore Climbers for a day of climbing excitement and fabulous door prizes for everyone at the Seventh Annual Concrete Smorgasbord Climbing Competition. You can get more details about this event at: http://www.umdrsop.org/climbing/events_workshops/events/spring_07/concrete_comp_s07.htm

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If you're not into rock climbing, there are many more RSOP events coming up soon that you may like, such as a campstove cooking contest and a night of catching catfish. Find out more at: <http://www.umdrsop.org/outdoor/>.

There are also a lot of fun things to do north of Duluth if you have a car or can get access to one. Gooseberry Falls State Park is just north of Two Harbors, about a 40-minute drive from UMD. Gooseberry Falls has great places to rollerblade and to go hiking and you can also learn about Lake Superior at their education center. While you're north of Two Harbors you can catch a slice of awesome pie at Betty's Pies. They have a ton of pie flavors and Betty's Pies is world-famous.

In downtown Two Harbors, you can walk out into Lake Superior on the breakwater and watch the big Lake Superior freighter ships come into the Two Harbors loading/unloading docks. It's a lot of fun to watch a 700-foot freighter make the turn into the docks to unload, and you can watch the whole thing from out in Lake Superior near the Two Harbors light house.

So next time spring fever gets to you, you've got a lot of options. Play catch with your friends on Griggs Beach, walk around downtown, or get out there and go rock climbing. Whether you are on-campus or off, no matter if you're looking for something to do for an hour or all day long, and whatever you're into, you can find something you like in Duluth.

Air Force ROTC @ UMD

By Capt. Eric Fraser, UMD ROTC

Did you know that you could train to be an Air Force officer while going to school here at UMD? If not, now's your opportunity to get that guaranteed job and great benefits after the completion of the ROTC program and your degree requirements. Contact us ASAP if interested and want to join an elite group here on campus! In the meantime, check out the website for more information www.afrotc.com or come visit us in the basement of the Darland Admin building. Need more info? Call 726-8159 or email air@d.umn.edu.

Reminder: Registration for Fall 2007 is This Month

The snow is melting, spring break is over, and it's almost time to register for your fall 2007 courses. We know that you've been through the process a few times before, but here are a few key reminders to get you in shape for your big registration day.

Don't forget that you may be required to meet with your academic advisor before you register. Your advisor will help you select a class schedule that matches your major and/or career interests. Your college may require an advisor meeting; if so, you will not be permitted to register until you have met.

Be prepared to talk with your advisor about classes you think you would like to take. Your academic advisor will expect that you will already have a list of possible courses before you meet. You should be able to explain why you have chosen your possible courses - which requirements the courses meet or why the course is an appropriate choice.

Make a list of possible courses by reviewing Liberal Education and major/minor requirements. You can do this online at <http://www.d.umn.edu/catalogs>. Make sure to review your progress toward Liberal Education requirements as well as requirements for your chosen major. Don't forget to review the class schedule to make sure your potential courses are being offered for fall and that they are still open. Make sure to have back-up classes in case your first-choice courses are closed by the time you register.

To find out your queue time (the time you are scheduled to register for courses), go to <http://www.d.umn.edu/Register/> and click on "When Can I Register?" Registration for Fall 2007 begins on April 9. Most freshmen will register beginning about April 19. You also want to ensure that you don't have any holds that prevent you from registering. You can check for current holds at <http://www.d.umn.edu/Register/> by clicking on "Check for Holds." If you have holds, take care of them now so that they don't delay your registration.

With a little preparation, you'll be ready to register when your queue time comes. Don't fret if your first-choice course or course-time is full. You can continue to check the online course schedule throughout the summer and can make changes to your schedule. Don't hesitate to contact First Year Experience at 60 Solon Campus Center if you have questions! Good luck!

Find that Awesome (or at Least Acceptable) Summer Job... Now!

Although it may still feel chilly here in Duluth, summer is fast approaching. If you're like many college students, you're starting to think about summer jobs. Where can you get one? How much will it pay? Should you get a job here in Duluth or try to find one back home? Whatever questions you might have, don't wait too long... the good summer jobs are going fast.

Finding a Job Outside Duluth

If you're going home for the summer, start looking for summer jobs now. There are a few good places to start. You can contact the city where you live to see if they hire for city work; this may allow you to be outside for the summer in Parks & Recreation or doing landscaping. You can also check by phone with local businesses; calling to let them know that you're interested in summer employment can get the ball rolling even before you get home from school. Of course, there are always the classified ads and the online job listings, usually through your local newspaper. Sometimes, though, nothing beats a little footwork. If you're home for the weekend, spend a day talking with prospective employers. This is your chance to show them that you're sincere, hard-working and that you'd make a great employee. You never know when a small contact may lead to a great summer job.

Finding a Job in the Duluth Area

If you're going to be sticking around Duluth this summer, then there's a great job resource right on the UMD website. Start by going online at <http://www.d.umn.edu/umdhr/studentjobs/jobs.html>! The Student Employment site lists jobs on campus as well as jobs in the Duluth/Superior community. New jobs are posted weekly, so it pays to check the site on a regular basis to see whether new positions have been listed.

It never hurts to contact businesses directly if you're specifically interested in working for them. Remember, Duluth and Superior are college towns and the summer hospitality jobs tend to go fast. Now is the best time to start your summer job hunt.

Do I Go Home or Stay in Duluth this Summer?

For some, the end of the academic year means the chance to go back home for the summer, see old friends, and hang out with the family. For others, this is their first opportunity to live away from home for the summer. How do you choose whether to stay or whether to go? Here are some things to consider when you're making the decision about staying in Duluth vs. going home:

- Does your family expect you to move home this summer? If so, then you will need to talk with them about your desire to stay in Duluth. This issue needs to be settled before you can consider any other factors.
- If finances are a consideration, will you be able to earn enough over the summer to offset any rent and living expenses you have to pay during the summer? Will you still be able to save for expenses during the upcoming academic year?
- Do you have a safe place to live for the summer? You may be able to live in the residence halls or sublet from someone off-campus. Either way, make sure you have housing secured.
- Will you be able to secure a summer job, if you're looking for one? (See the article at left for information.)
- Are you planning on taking summer courses at UMD? If those courses are in-person rather than online, it may be easier to live in Duluth than to try commuting to campus from home.

Make sure you've considered all of the important issues before making your decision. In next month's newsletter, we'll talk more about staying in Duluth over the summer months.

Questions? Concerns?

The First Year Experience office is here to help! Stop by our office in 60 Solon Campus Center, call us at 726-6393, or email us at fye@d.umn.edu. We've also got great information on the web at <http://www.d.umn.edu/fye>

Campus Happenings for April 2007

The campus happenings section of the FYE Spectrum is a great resource that provides timely information about events on campus. In addition to the events listed here, there are lots of other things to do. See what's happening by going to <http://www.d.umn.edu/artent/> or watch the walls all over campus for info on lectures, programs and entertainment events. There's always something to do on campus so check it out!

Sunday, April 1

April Fool's Day!!

April Fools' Day or All Fools' Day, though not a holiday in its own right, is a notable day celebrated in many countries on April 1. The day is marked by the commission of hoaxes and other practical jokes of varying sophistication on friends and neighbors, or sending them on fools' errands, the aim of which is to embarrass the gullible. In some countries, April Fools' jokes (also called "April Fools") are only made before midday.

Tuesday, April 3

Page France and the Headlights

Page France is an indie/folk/pop group and the Headlights are an indie/pop/rock group. Together, they're a guaranteed good time. Come see this killer combo at 10pm in the Kirby Rafters. Free for UMD students.

Ovation Guest Artist Concert

Internationally acclaimed German-Canadian singer Michael Schade is considered to be one of the leading Mozart tenors on the stage today. Weber Music Hall 7:30 p.m. · \$25/\$20/\$15 **All seats reserved. Advance purchase recommended.**

Thursday, April 5

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

Come meet some cool people while showing off your hold 'em skills. Kirby Lounge, 10pm.

April 7- May 6

2007 Student Exhibition

(Opening reception/award ceremony will be held on Saturday, April 14, 6-8pm)

Wednesday, April 11

Leadership Styles- The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Drew Digby, Instructor, UMD History Department, will describe a variety of leadership styles, and discuss the dynamics of what works and why. Kirby 311, 12pm-1:00

Saturday, April 14

UMD Baseball vs. Nebraska-Omaha

at Duluth 1:00pm.

Tuesday, April 17

UMD Softball vs. Concordia-St. Paul

at Duluth 2:00pm.

Wednesday, April 18

In Search of Martians

Take a tour of the Martian surface and go up-close with recent video provided courtesy of the Mars Exploration Rovers, Spirit and Opportunity. 7pm, Planetarium.

Thursday, April 19

Percussion Ensemble Concert

Weber Music Hall 7:30 p.m. · \$6/\$5/\$3

Thursday, April 26

Grocery Bingo!!

Play bingo in the Kirby Lounge for a chance to win groceries and other dorm items. 10:00PM

Friday, April 27

Vocal Jazz Concert

Lake Effect and Chill Factor excite the stage! Tina Thielen-Gaffey, director. Weber Music Hall 7:30 p.m. · \$6/\$5/\$3

Want to know more about what's going on? The UMD website is packed with things going on each month! So check us out!

