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Greetings Friends:

Throughout the year, I have had the wonderful opportunity to meet alumni and to cheer on students in various and changing venues. I started the year 2010 in Turkey, with our theatre students who performed the musical *Footloose* with Turkish students. Eight performances were sold out! I then traveled from Istanbul to Leipzig and on to Wittenberg and Berlin, traveling with the university chorus. The chorus performed in churches throughout Germany and at a magnificent Sunday service in Berlin.

In Istanbul, we met alumni of the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, who were equally proud of the work being done by UMD students. In Germany, we met friends of former Vice Chancellor Bruce Gildseth. Bruce had served in Germany with the Lutheran Social Services prior to the Berlin Wall coming down. In each instance and with each person, I was more proud of the University of Minnesota Duluth. Our students were superb, the production of *Footloose* was outstanding, the services sung in Berlin were magnificent, and the individuals who have supported and known the University of Minnesota Duluth were always there to tell us of the strengths of our students and our campus.

Also in the first six months of 2010, I have attended many alumni events: in California in January and in various other venues, culminating in April in the Twin Cities where I received a tremendous tribute and was made an Honorary Alumna of the University of Minnesota Duluth. This means that I have now joined that great group of individuals who have supported this campus, which I will certainly continue to do, always with a sense of pride in our past and excitement for our future.

You have provided much, including scholarships for many, many students who could not have otherwise attended college. You have made it possible for us to recruit top quality students. No matter what fund it was or how much was given, you cannot believe what your help has accomplished.
I recently attended a scholarship luncheon and heard a scholarship recipient, a talented young woman, tell the story of growing up with her mother, a single mom. They lived at the poverty level. The student had to borrow money for her college application. She got in to UMD, but there was no money from home. She constantly worried if she would have tuition for the following year. I am happy to say she is a senior and will soon graduate. There are students in similar circumstances in all of our colleges, and your contributions are changing their lives.

UMD strives to be good stewards of your gifts. We continue to be a leader in sustainability. Over the years, we have made many advances in this arena. The Labovitz School of Business and Economics building was the first public building in the state of Minnesota to receive the Gold LEED (Leadership in Engineering and Environmental Design) status. We have others with the LEED designation: the Civil Engineering Building and the Life Science Building. The Civil Engineering Building, which will receive its first students in fall 2010, is designed to be a Gold LEED building. Swenson College of Science and Engineering Dean Jim Riehl, architect Carol Ross Barney, and the head of civil engineering, Andrea Schokker, put together a building in which the building itself demonstrates the principals of civil engineering. And very recently we dedicated the Bagley Classroom, on the edge of the Bagley Nature Area. Designed by David Salmela, the classroom received a Platinum LEED designation.

The classroom is a teaching laboratory in the Bagley Nature Area and was constructed by our UMD Facilities Management department. Solar panels, passive solar, and other state-of-the-art technology mean that it will take miniscule amounts of energy to operate.

There has been as much to celebrate this year as there has been for each of the past 15 years. I remember well seeking advice from several members of the community about how UMD could get a new library. After we were successful in receiving funding for the library, it was clear to me and to many others that there were other learning facilities that needed to be added to this campus. Weber Music Hall, the Swenson Science Building, the Labovitz School of Business and Economics, the remodeling of the Life Science Building, the addition to the football stadium, and a superb new Sports and Recreation Center have completed the UMD campus in a way that was envisioned in the late 1940s. Nobody really thought after we dedicated the library that there would be other new buildings on the horizon, but thankfully with the support of our alumni, Ron and Mary Ann Weber, Jim and Sue Swenson, Joel and Sharon Labovitz, we were able to continue changing the horizon with new learning spaces to better support the students and faculty at UMD.

Although new buildings have made a difference, many new programs are also making a positive impact. In 1995 we started the Bulldog Welcome Week, which has made a significant difference to freshmen as they arrive on campus. That week provides experiences to assist in acclimating these young people to the culture of UMD. We also have Best of Class Scholars, a strong Honors Program, and were recently accepted into the Mortar Board Honor Society. All of these accomplishments speak to the quality of our faculty and the leadership of our deans. I salute them now as I have done many times in the past! Nowhere that I have ever served, as a dean or as a faculty member, has there been a stronger and more dedicated faculty than at the University of Minnesota Duluth. I am also proud of the advances we have made in advisement. More students than ever are finding the right classes, the right majors, good career advice, and getting good jobs.

The faculty at UMD are strong and so is the student body. Our students want to be engaged in the educational process. They want to be challenged, and they are not shy about telling the administration what we ought to keep and what we should change. Every week of every year something special is taking place at UMD. Our faculty has set a remarkable standard. They accomplish the highest levels of results with our students, in academics, performance, in undergraduate research, and in service to community. I have seen UMD students perform at the Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, and the Montreux Jazz Festival. I have seen engineering students win international competitions. In fact, in every college, students are accomplishing remarkable things.
UMD’s rankings in many areas are up at the top. The university is engaged in education across the globe, and we continue to enhance our international connections. Currently, there are 449 UMD students studying in 34 different countries. When students get an opportunity to study abroad, it is not only a good experience for them for those months; it is life changing. They learn languages, they learn about other cultures first-hand, they gain new perspectives about their own country, and they make friends around the world. When they return to campus, they share their expanded worldview with their friends, classmates, and professors. That makes UMD stronger.

In athletics as well, we have much to brag about. Just look at our record. During the recent 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games, seven current students and seven alumni competed in women’s ice hockey on the Canada, Sweden, Finland, Russia, and U.S.A. teams. Of all universities with students in the Olympics, according to the *Wall Street Journal*, we ranked second in numbers of athletes competing.

Certainly you all are aware of the strength of our women’s hockey team. Under the leadership of Coach Shannon Miller, arguably the finest women’s hockey coach in the world, UMD added national championship number five! NCAA Div. I sanctioned national championships have only existed for ten years, and the University of Minnesota Duluth has won 50 percent of those championships! That’s a pretty awesome statistic. During the final game of the 2010 Frozen Four, the fifth time the women won the championship, they went into a third overtime. We were exhausted from the tension. The final goal showed 33.06 seconds remaining. Those hockey players played the equivalent of an entire extra game. Another trip to the White House is in our future. We have been there four times, and I am proud to be joining Coach Shannon Miller and her hockey players for the opportunity to meet President Barack Obama at the White House.

Many of our other teams at UMD have gone on to post-season play: the football team in fall 2009, the women’s basketball team, and women’s softball team, to mention a few. The football team won the national championship in 2008. We have also had track and field athletes do extremely well and go on for a chance at national championships. I mention the success of the current students because they are the alums of the future, and their success on the campus today bodes well for the future of the UMD Alumni Association. Our current students are achieving at the same level as many of you did when you were students on our campus.

As I come to the end of my tenure as chancellor, I am experiencing a different role. Two UMD friends, Joel and Sharon Labovitz, have established the Kathryn A. Martin Endowed Scholarship for Theatre, Jazz, and Women’s Ice Hockey. For the first time since arriving at UMD, I am realizing something many of our generous donors already know, how meaningful it is to be directly responsible for scholarships. I met the first students who have been awarded a scholarship named after me: Emmanuelle Blais for ice hockey, Travis Faust for jazz, and Noah Craft for theatre. I cannot tell you how much it meant to me to meet my own scholars.

And finally, at commencement this year we honored two UMD alumni, Michael Berman and Richard Teske, with the degree of Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa. Michael Berman had an illustrious career working his way through the ranks of the Democratic Party and serving as Chief of Staff for Vice President Walter Mondale. Richard Teske is a nationally recognized expert on health care and served during the administration of President Ronald Reagan. What could be better than to honor our own outstanding alums with honorary degrees at our 2010 commencement!

In this position as chancellor, I have learned a lot about the nature of giving. I have learned in these 15 years there is simply no end to the generosity of UMD’s alumni and friends. I have complete confidence in the future. I know that donors, friends, and alumni will be there for UMD, the “Great University on a Great Lake.”

You have been good friends. From the depth of my heart, I thank you for being part of my life!

— Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin
Celebrating Success

KATHRYN A. MARTIN

Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin has served the University of Minnesota Duluth from 1995-2010. She was the first woman to be named a chancellor in the University of Minnesota system and has been honored on many occasions for her outstanding achievements and years of contribution to academia. During her 15-year tenure at UMD, her accomplishments were significant, from 12 important building projects, to the addition of new academic programs, to increasing enrollment. Her most prominent milestones are highlighted here.

2000 – Library
The state-of-the-art library, designed by local architect Ken Johnson, provides hundreds of computers for its users. The $26 million, four-floor building can accommodate nearly 1,400 people at a time, and provides ample study rooms, a lecture rotunda, and panoramic views. A chandelier, created by artist Dale Chihuly, is on display in the entry.
1997 — Blue Heron Research Vessel Acquired

The Blue Heron UMD Research Vessel provides important Lake Superior fresh water research by UMD professors with worldwide significance and global implications.

1999 — Community College Transfer Program

2+2 Transfer Agreements were launched with six community colleges in 1999, ensuring seamless transfer of credits to UMD for thousands of students.

1999 — Best of Class Scholarship Established

The Best of Class Scholarship Program attracts first and second ranked high school students in every high school graduating class throughout Minnesota. Since its inception, approximately 2,660 students have received Best of Class Scholarships.

1999 — A New Women’s Hockey Team Dominates the Ice

The first seasons of UMD Women’s Hockey have been stellar, and the team promises to give fans many exciting games in the future. They won five NCAA Div. I national championships in their first 10 years, more than any other university in the country.
2001 — UMD Creates Graduation Planner

The Graduation Planner is a dynamic web-based tool that simplifies the degree planning process. It was inspired by a UMD staff member and is now being used throughout the University of Minnesota system.

2002 — Weber Music Hall

Designed by the renowned architect Cesar Pelli, who is known for designing some of the world’s tallest buildings, the $9.2 million Weber Music Hall offers first-rate acoustics within an intimate venue. UMD received generous support from Mary Ann and Ronald Weber for its construction. Its high-capped dome makes an impressive statement on the campus.

2003 — American Indian Teacher Education Group Graduates

UMD graduated the largest American Indian Teacher Education Group in Minnesota history. The Gekinoo’imaagejig (“The Ones Who Teach”) continues to be a successful, unique collaboration with Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College and UMD.

2002 — Honors Program Established

The Honors Program for high-achieving students brings dedicated faculty together with students who are serious about their intellectual growth. Special course offerings are enhanced by cultural events and activities.
2003 — UMD’s ePortfolio Provided as an Open Source

UMD developed the Electronic Portfolio (ePortfolio), a system of entering, saving, organizing, viewing, and selectively sharing personal, professional, and educational records. The UMD system is used by the majority of students at UMD, and in 2003 the source code was made freely available to universities and other entities.

2004 — Kirby Plaza

Designed by the architectural firm Krech Ojard and Associates, this 121,000 square-foot project cost $20 million. It houses many services for students including the Food Court, UMD Bookstore & Computer Corner, Bulldog Shop, a convenience store, UMD Print Shop, TCF Bank, a coffee house, student computer lab, College of Liberal Arts offices, University for Seniors, campus organizations, the Multi-Cultural Center, a childcare center, and a Duluth Transit Authority Bus Hub.

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2006 — Sports and Health Center Addition

The 46,000-square-foot addition to the Sports and Health Center was a project initiated and partially funded by the UMD student body. Highlights of the $12.4 million expansion include a two-level fitness center, two group exercise rooms, and a 37-foot climbing wall.

2007 — Life Sciences Building

This building qualified for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification. LEED is a rating system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council to encourage sustainable development. Major remodeling almost completely gutted the building and all mechanical and electrical systems were replaced at the cost of $15 million.

2007 — Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)

This degree program is the first doctoral program to be delivered entirely from the UMD campus. It meets the needs of advanced degree students pursuing careers in K-12 education, in community college/university teaching and administration, as business professionals dealing with education and training, and in the human service field.

2006 — Wild Ricing Moon Sculpture

John David Mooney, an internationally known sculptor and environmental artist, created the Wild Ricing Moon sculpture for UMD. The 89-foot-tall steel sculpture was made possible by a gift from BendTec, Inc. owned by Robert and Diane Meierhoff. It contains a large ring, 40 feet in diameter, representing the full, rice-harvesting moon of late summer. The outstretched, curving lines moving through it depict the North Shore of Lake Superior and the natural features of the region.
2006 — Sieur Du Luth Summer Arts Festival Opens
The UMD Sieur Du Luth Summer Arts Festival enriches and entertains thousands of area residents and visitors. Chancellor Martin directed the play for children A Year With Frog and Toad in 2007. She also directed The Secret of the Talking Bird in 2004.

2008 — Ph.D. Program in Integrated Biosciences (IBS)
The unique, cutting-edge Bioscience Program is one of only four in the nation. Students choose specialization in either a cell, molecular, and physiological biology emphasis or an ecology, organismal, and population biology emphasis.

2008 — Football Team Wins National Championship Title
The UMD Bulldog football team won the NCAA Div. II national championship, finishing the year with a perfect 15-0 record. Head coach Bob Nielson helped orchestrate the biggest one-year turnaround in NCAA Div. II history.

2009 — Mortar Board Chapter Established
Because of its dedication to excellence and enrichment, UMD was inducted into membership by the Mortar Board National Honor Society. The first members included 22 UMD students. The chapter has made a commitment to promoting literacy as a part of the Mortar Board’s national literacy initiative.
This outdoor classroom, nearly 100 percent sustainable and designed by architect David Salmela, is tucked into the woods of the Bagley Nature Area. Constructed with many recycled materials and complete with earth-friendly toilets, the building is equipped with solar panels which are predicted to supply as much or more electricity than the building uses. The super energy efficient building envelope takes advantage of passive solar heating in winter months. The cost of the 1,400-square-foot classroom was $750,000.

2010 — Labovitz School of Business and Economics Building
The Gold-certified LEED building received a $4.5 million gift from Joel and Sharon Labovitz. The “green” building provides students with a three-story sky-lit common area, a 133-seat auditorium, state-of-the-art computer labs, facilities for distance learning and conferencing, and multipurpose classrooms. The Financial Markets Lab, located just inside the front entrance, provides students with the opportunity to participate in the financial markets. The $23 million building had renowned architect Ralph Johnson as principal designer, and the architectural firm Perkins+Will led the project.
2010 — New Scholarship Funding
Scholarships have grown dramatically. Since 1995, 106 new funds, amounting to over $4 million, have been established to support scholarships.

2010 — Donor Support
Since 1995, $97 million has been raised through donor gifts to support UMD campus projects, programs, scholarships, and personnel. The average yearly amount raised has grown from $1 million to $8.5 million with three years topping the $10 million mark. Tuition, research grants, and legislative funding have also supported UMD’s work.

2010 — Campus Growth
UMD’s enrollment grew from 7,500 in 1995-96 to 11,300 in the 2009-10 school year. Under Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin’s guidance, UMD received funding and constructed the nine new buildings listed earlier and these additional projects: Robert W. Bridges Grounds/Fleet Building (2001), Malosky Stadium (2008), and the Chester Park Building (2009).

2010 — Swenson Civil Engineering Building
The $15 million civil engineering building is another LEED-certified “green building.” Forest Stewardship Council certified wood was used in the construction process, and recycled materials were incorporated into the building’s design. Designed by Carol Ross Barney, the building is complete with a large water flume and two 15-ton hydraulic cranes. Large labs, with two-story glass walls, put “Engineering on Display” and showcase what civil engineers actually do. The Swenson Family Foundation provided the leadership gift.
“Alpha Nu has been awarding scholarships since 1964,” said Tom Kraus, one of the founding members of the fraternity. “Mike Dean, now a member of the alumni board, got one of the first scholarships. It was only $100, which doesn’t seem like much, but it paid the tuition for an entire quarter.”

Alpha Nu Omega is the only UMD social fraternity to have survived for 50 years. The many contributions of the alumni members during these years have kept the traditions and activities of the fraternity alive.

Back in 1959, eight people had a vision. In early September, just after the start of fall quarter, eight upperclassmen petitioned the UMD Administration to start a fourth social fraternity on the campus. Founders Tom Kraus, Gary Holzer, Jack Eckholm, Jerry Maeckelbergh, Bob Pike, Lynn Jamison, Bill Peterson, and Richard Pease had all participated in student activities during their college life at UMD, serving in student government, as members of campus organizations, and in the ROTC. They felt strongly that UMD needed a fraternity focused on service to UMD and the Duluth community.

As these founders, and others after them, graduated and embarked on their professional careers, Alpha Nu Omega stayed in their thoughts. They founded the first named scholarship in 1966 following the death of Alpha Nu alumnus, John L. Banks III, in Vietnam. “It made us think about the importance of the scholarships, and we became more dedicated to helping students,” Kraus said.

Over the years the Alpha Nu Omega Alumni Association members established the Daryl B. Knodt Memorial Scholarship, named for an active member of Alpha Nu Omega, and the Warren F. Orrick Memorial Scholarship, named for Warren “Butch” Orrick. Upon his death in 1990, Butch’s estate provided funds for the scholarship. Alpha Nu members have continued to contribute to an endowed fund for scholarship support. Annually since 1964, the Alpha Nu Omega Alumni Association has granted scholarships to the active chapter members selected on the basis of academic success, fraternity participation (social and campus/community service), and need. Over $50,000 was awarded in their first 45 years, and in 2008 the Alpha Nu Omega Alumni Association donated $50,000 to UMD to establish a scholarship through the Reaching Higher Scholarship Initiative.

In September 2009, Alpha Nu Omega celebrated its 50th anniversary with a gathering in Duluth. “It’s amazing to see all these guys come back,” said Kraus. “I’m proud of what we accomplished. We’ve stayed active, and we’re committed to helping UMD students.”
Critical Thinking and the Liberal Arts
KEITH AND CYNTHIA LOVELAND

Keith Loveland ('71), who grew up in Grand Rapids, Minn. remembers seeing UMD for the first time, on a high school trip with the declamation and debate team. “It was a campus on a hill that was stunningly beautiful,” he said. “It had the lake below it and wooded hills behind it. There were new dorms and new buildings.” It wasn’t long after his first visit that Loveland enrolled and began his life-long relationship with UMD.

Loveland started in the pre-law program. He did well in his classes, but simply doing well wasn’t enough. “I went home for the summer between my freshman and sophomore year and worked at the Blandin Paper Mill,” he said. He discussed current events that summer, especially topics like the war in Southeast Asia and whether 18-year-olds should vote. “I was unable to get my points across to others, and it upset me,” he said. “I wanted to learn how to think more clearly and deeply, logically, and rationally.”

That fall, Loveland set up a meeting with his advisor, Harry Lease. That meeting became a turning point in Loveland’s life. “I explained to Dr. Lease that something was missing,” he said. “I could memorize things in history class and pass the tests but I wanted to know how to think, not what to memorize. Dr. Lease sent me down the hall to the philosophy department.”

Loveland then began studying with Philosophy Department Head Henry Ehlers and Professors David “Doc” Mayo and Robert Evans. “I learned to listen carefully to arguments, paying attention to assumptions embedded within the discourse and then responding clearly and honestly. The philosophy courses were satisfying,” he said. “Learning about the world stokes a fire in me.”

Loveland was involved in student government and campus life. “In the 1960s, students were encouraged to think through economic, social, and political issues,” he said. Besides the hot topics of the war in Vietnam, and voting issues, students were debating the rights of women and how to assist minorities and disadvantaged people.

Loveland left UMD to earn a law degree from the William Mitchell College of Law. He has spent his career active in the financial services and securities industry as an attorney, author, and teacher. He chaired an investment committee for a mutual fund complex and served as the CEO of a securities broker-dealer. He married Cynthia Stevens, who has spent much of her time working on social justice causes.

“At many points in your life you find yourself stopping to reflect: when you have a milestone birthday, when you graduate from college, at the birth of a child,” he said. “It is a time to take stock and think about what you want to do. Recently Cynthia and I decided to change our estate plans. What loomed most significant to us was the importance of a liberal arts education. It shapes a person’s life and gives them happiness and success. It’s important that the nation has an educated citizenry to think critically and contribute to a democracy.” The Lovelands chose the UMD philosophy department to receive a planned gift. “The UMD philosophy department is near and dear to us,” Loveland said. “It is where we want to leave our legacy.”
Sometimes giving is more than a personal decision; it’s a family decision. When Jim and Kathy Vizanko set up an endowment fund at UMD’s Labovitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE), they included their son, Brent, not only in the scholarship’s name but also in the process. Thus the Jim, Kathy, and Brent Vizanko Family Scholarship is truly a family scholarship.

The Vizankos’ scholarship will help support students who are studying finance or are financial markets program participants. “We are extremely grateful to Jim, Kathy, and Brent Vizanko for their long-term vision and commitment to education. Their scholarship will benefit students for years to come,” said Kjell R. Knudsen, dean of the Labovitz School of Business and Economics.

The Vizanko family knows the value of education. Jim earned his undergraduate degree from UMD in mathematics in 1975. While attending UMD, Jim received a scholarship and knows the difference it made. In 1977, he began working for Minnesota Power, now Allete, as an assistant forecasting and economics analyst. While he rose through the ranks, Jim also earned his MBA from UMD. Jim’s final position at Allete was as its chief financial officer.

In 2006, Jim retired from Allete and joined LSBE as an instructor of finance. Jim saw how tough it is financially for some students. “It’s becoming harder for parents to help their kids in college,” Jim said. And even though many students hold part-time or even full-time jobs, many still struggle. Jim and Kathy, both Duluth natives, decided to do something that would assist UMD students and began to set up a scholarship at LSBE. It was then that they brought their son into the process.

Brent, who is 15 years old, was pleased to be included. But this wasn’t his first lesson in philanthropy from his parents. “I’ve always seen my parents giving a lot,” Brent said. Starting when Brent was 10, the Vizankos adopted a family each year during the holidays through the Salvation Army. Kathy and Brent would go out shopping for their adopted family. “I wanted Brent to see that giving was not just writing a check, it involved doing something,” Kathy said.

Brent obviously took the lesson to heart. Brent is a member of the Key Club at Central High School, where he is a student. Each member is required to volunteer a minimum of 30 hours. Last fall Brent, along with other Key Club members, spent a night in cardboard boxes as a way of raising money and awareness for youth who are homeless. During the holidays, the club participated in a toy drive and wrapped presents. Brent likes that he is doing good and having fun doing it. Kathy points out that Brent is continuing on a family heritage. Her father was extremely civic minded and volunteered extensively.

The Vizanko family agrees on so many things. Both Jim and Brent nod when Kathy points out, “We’ve been very fortunate.” They know that education can change a person’s life and that their scholarship will help ease the financial burden of more than one LSBE student. They like reflecting on the fact that their scholarship will positively impact students’ lives for years to come. “It’s nice to think that this will go on,” Jim said.

The first scholarship will be awarded for the fall 2011. “We’re really looking forward to meeting the winner,” Kathy said. The Vizankos will attend the award dinner – together, of course.

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— Kathy Vizanko
Aid for Elementary Education

MERLE BRYANT

Merle L. Bryant (’64) spent her life educating. Whether she was teaching young children in an elementary school setting or young adults pursuing their teaching degrees in elementary education, Bryant guided each of them with purpose and passion. So it is little wonder that upon her death, Bryant left a legacy that established the UMD Merle L. Bryant Elementary Education Fund to benefit the UMD College of Education and Human Service Professions.

Bryant’s gift will be used to fund initiatives and further the development of UMD’s Elementary Education Program. Paul Deputy, dean of the College of Education and Human Service Professions, is deeply grateful to Merle Bryant. “Her gift will allow us to extend our resources and help our elementary education students to develop their full potential as teachers,” he said. “We will join her in building the future by using the funds well.”

Bryant earned her graduate degree in elementary education from UMD. After teaching for a number of years in elementary schools in northern Minnesota, she worked at the University Laboratory School in Duluth as an instructor and supervisor of student teachers. When the University Laboratory School closed, Bryant was appointed to the faculty of UMD’s Elementary Education Program, an honor that acknowledged her experience and devotion to education.

Verna Norha, who taught with Bryant at the University Laboratory School and later at UMD, remembered her as “a very dedicated person,” adding that it was “a privilege to work with her.” Vernon L. Simula, UMD faculty emeritus, recalled Bryant as “encouraging and nurturing” with her students and as someone who always had a “positive outlook.” Frank Guldbrandsen from UMD’s education department remembered Bryant as “an absolute ray of sunshine” who maintained an open door policy. “She was very student-oriented, and they gravitated towards her because of that,” he said.

Many honors and awards were presented to Bryant for her work as an educator. She was a member of Pi Lambda Theta and Delta Kappa Gamma, both honor societies for educators. Bryant held many offices in professional organizations including extensive work in the local and state levels of the MEA and Delta Kappa Gamma. She was appointed to and chairperson of many UMD administrative and college of education committees over her tenure. She had many speaking engagements and was a published journal author.

Bryant traveled extensively both abroad and throughout the United States. A lifelong learner, she studied in Europe in the 1950s and did research in children’s literature in England in 1974. She served as a docent for special groups at Glensheen, the historic Congdon mansion in Duluth.

Bryant was born in the small town of Tenstrike, Minn. and graduated from Bemidji High School as a salutatorian. After receiving her undergraduate degree in elementary education from Bemidji State College in 1946, she taught in a rural school, Bass Lake School in Bemidji. She served as an elementary teacher at Washington School in Thief River Falls, Whittier School in Austin, and Congdon Park School in Duluth. Bryant passed away in 2008 at the age of 93.
Through graduate school, to a professional career at Cargill and then the Tennant Corporation, chemist Norm Gill ('59), hasn’t forgotten what it was like to be a student at UMD.

Gill commuted from his Duluth home. He majored in chemistry and studied with some of UMD’s greatest professors, James C. “Charlie” Nichol, Edward Cowles, and Moses Passer. “Charlie Nichol taught physical chemistry, the hardest classes I ever had.”

Gill ran cross country in high school but at UMD he had so many labs in fall, he waited until spring and went out for track. In his junior year, he placed second in the two-mile race in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. “That year, it was so cold in Duluth that by the time we went to the conference meets, we had never practiced outside once,” Gill said. “We had to do our practice runs in the halls.”

“I had a strict budget. I bought used books and sometimes I used the textbooks in the library,” he said. “UMD was affordable and yet the education was at the top. When I got to graduate school, I had already taken many of the advanced courses at UMD.” Nothing stopped Gill. “I hitchhiked to Minneapolis for my graduate school interview. After it was over, I didn’t have money to stay overnight, so I hitchhiked back to Duluth.”

Gill had almost finished his chemistry master’s degree at the UM-Twin Cities when a friend presented him with an opportunity. Cargill was hiring chemists. “I applied so I could practice my job interview skills,” Gill said. He was offered the position. “I still had a couple of months to go before I could get my degree but I was so sick of being poor, I took it.” Gill finished his degree later in 1964 by taking night classes.

Gill was in graduate school when he met Joan Henry, a school teacher from Iowa. They met at a wedding, and it wasn’t long before they married. “I knew right away that she was the one,” said Gill. “Besides being really nice, Joan had a car.”

Cargill, the international producer and marketer of food, agricultural, and industrial products, presented Gill with some exciting challenges. As a research and development chemist, he developed products and took them from their “very inception right through their use by the public,” Gill said. “I worked with technical services, mass production, and marketing.” His name was listed on the safety and handling instruction sheets of all of his products. Norm’s wife Joan remembers a few late and not-so-late calls. “Norm’s phone numbers were listed on those sheets, and he kept them filed at home. One day, Norm was on his way home when someone called. The man said he had a container that was bulging and getting bigger. I tried to calm him down, and I assured him Norm would call him back very soon,” she said. And Norm did.

“Cargill had a family atmosphere,” Gill said. “Cargill MacMillan, the owner, would go through the plant and stop to talk to people about what they were working on.”

After 16 years at Cargill, Gill took on a new challenge. He took a position in R&D at the Tennant Corporation, a manufacturer of industrial cleaning solutions as well as floor coatings. He stayed with Tennant for 21 years. It was long enough to see many changes in the industrial world.

Norm and Joan Gill have established a scholarship for a chemistry student at UMD who is also on the track team. “Those are the things I care about. I remember being in track at UMD, and I had great chemistry teachers there. I want to support those things,” he said. “College is so expensive now, and I remember what it was like to need money.”
A partnership between UMD and a Duluth health care organization has launched a group of modern-day voyageurs – graduate students in music – into Northland classrooms to provide an entertaining theatrical production with a message about healthy living.

For the second year, the UMD Voyageurs became the “Pirates of the Carrot Bean,” praising the merits of eating, not only carrots and beans, but other nutritional foods, plus exercise and hygiene. They’ve presented the 45-minute show to more than 15,000 students in Duluth and surrounding communities. The program is presented to students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Dr. Nancy Beery, a SMDC Health System pediatrician, was a champion of the Voyageurs program from the beginning. Beery knows first hand about the rise in health issues, obesity and inadequate hygiene, that have affected children across the U.S. She developed and manages a comprehensive Pediatric Weight Management program at SMDC and has given numerous talks in the community concerning childhood obesity and its negative effects on child growth and development as well as promoting family lifestyle changes.

Beery saw the Voyageurs program as a fun and positive approach toward health education. “We struggle in our practices to get health messages across to kids and their parents,” Beery said. “The Voyageurs go the next step; they bring the message to teachers and entire classrooms. The message is stronger when everyone hears it.”

Another SMDC pediatrician, Dr. Anne Stephen, provided creative suggestions for the script. “The goal isn’t only to expose children to the concepts, it is to encourage them to use the health concepts everyday at home,” Stephen said. She led the way at SMDC, encouraging other medical professionals to get involved. In the end, over 100 physicians and staff in 30 specialties are participating in the program.

Kristi Schmidt, vice president, marketing and corporate communications for SMDC Health System and Essentia Health, is a fan of the Voyageur performances. “Our health system takes its role and responsibility seriously,” she said. “It’s our job to improve the lives of the people in the communities we serve.”

“You see it once and you are completely hooked,” said Beery. “It’s an important message, and the music students make it easy for anyone to understand. They’ve designed the message directly aimed at young people.”

UMD has partnered with SMDC Health System and Duluth Children’s to bring the program to our region. HealthPartners provided funding for the Voyageurs’ assistantships and health benefits, which attracted talent from top music programs across the country. Duluth Public Schools have also played a critical role in creating the partnership by involving teachers, principals, and school leaders.

“This program is top-notch,” said Schmidt. “Teachers are mesmerized, kids are into it, and it’s a lot of fun.”
Paul Stembler and Mary Ebert
ENRICHING STUDENT’S EXPERIENCES

When Adam Meyer, development director for the College of Liberal Arts (CLA), contacted alumna Mary Ebert (’70) about possibly serving on the CLA board, they got to talking about the rising costs of tuition, the increasing number of students who graduate deeply in debt, and the importance of scholarships to relieve some of the burden. But then, instead of saying, “isn’t that awful” or “times are tough,” Ebert asked a remarkable question. She wanted to know if she and her husband, Paul Stembler, could set up two scholarships over the phone with a credit card.

Ebert exudes a can-do spirit. Her positive experiences at UMD fueled her passion for setting up the scholarships. “My years spent at UMD were some of my most memorable. The support I got and the encouragement I was given from my professors was outstanding,” Ebert said.

While at UMD, Ebert focused on sociology and political science but enjoyed delving into other subjects as well. “What I gained from my exposure to history, philosophy, the arts, as well as science, and math classes, gave me such a wonderful academic foundation,” she said. Ebert also participated in social organizations, professional clubs, and on committees. “Involvement in activities such as these, in my eyes, was an equally important facet of my education at UMD. I learned so much about myself, and I formed life-long relationships.”

Stembler is not a UMD alumnus by experience, but perhaps could be considered an alumnus by marriage. He nurtures his wife’s enthusiasm for her UMD years and recognizes the many UMD alumni friends he’s acquired since the couple married almost 35 years ago.

The UMD Ebert/Stembler Scholarship is awarded to two CLA students who demonstrate academic excellence and financial need. The couple hopes that these new and impactful $5,000 scholarships will allow the recipients to enjoy more of what UMD has to offer without having to worry so much about money. Ebert hopes that the scholarships will give each student a chance “to make their UMD experience richer” whether that means joining a UMD club, securing an internship, or attending lectures or performances outside of class. After all, Stembler notes, “There’s more to college life than going to classes.”

Ebert and Stembler were thrilled to meet the two CLA students who received their scholarships. Mary K. Tennis is pursuing a double major in English and art history. Eric Fischer is majoring in criminology with a minor in Spanish. They both will be juniors next fall. Both students impressed the couple. “They were very dedicated, hard working, and interested in their futures,” Stembler said.

Ebert is a Duluth native. After obtaining her undergraduate degree from UMD, she went on to earn a Masters in Counseling Psychology and a Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education Administration from the U of M Twin Cities. Ebert worked for the Minnesota Community College system for ten years and retired in 1986.
Each May, UMD faculty member Ken Gilbertson (’78), takes senior students who are majoring in the Recreation/Outdoor Education program on a nine-day adventure in North Dakota at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. There, Gilbertson said, “students encounter a level of self-awareness that they couldn’t get in the classroom.” They gain enduring leadership skills, increase their ability to face challenges, and hone their problem solving skills. After all, waking up and finding 140 bison in your camp will quickly put theory into practice. Gilbertson has made this trek every year for the past 27 years because he believes that what students learn there is invaluable. “Doing things they’ve never done before, like pitching a tent in the rain, they learn how to take care of themselves,” Gilbertson said. Students also “learn how to bring the best out of others” – a key component of a successful leader.

Gilbertson knows that through nature, people learn about themselves and that those lessons can stay with them throughout their lives. That is one of the reasons that Gilbertson helped found the UMD Recreational Sports Outdoor Program (RSOP), which allows students to take part in various outdoor activities, learn new skills, and stretch themselves physically and mentally.

Prior to helping establish the program, Gilbertson studied other university programs to learn what worked and what didn’t work. He quickly realized that UMD’s program needed to be tied into academics and that it needed to provide professional training. Over time, UMD’s RSOP has become one of the leading programs in the country and celebrates its 30th anniversary this year.

To honor his efforts, the UMD Ken Gilbertson Leadership Award was created to provide scholarship awards for UMD students involved in the Outdoor Program. Recipients do not have to be majoring in this program, and thus can gain valuable skills regardless of their career goals. Former students of Gilbertson’s have contributed to this fund over the years.

As a rather shy undergraduate, Gilbertson didn’t set out to be a professor. But working one summer as a canoe guide with American Indian kids from Aberdeen, S.D., he came to appreciate his abilities. “I learned I could listen. I learned I could share. I could share about nature,” Gilbertson recalled. Eventually he went on to earn his Ph.D. in Outdoor Education with a Clinical Counseling emphasis.

Sharing his love of nature has been the cornerstone of Gilbertson’s career. It will also serve as the foundation of the legacy that he will one day leave to UMD. “My life has been focused on UMD, and while research is important, I’m committed to students first and foremost. I’ve decided to use my estate to enrich the Recreation/Outdoor Education program at UMD,” Gilbertson said.

With the gift, Gilbertson would like to help both graduate students and undergraduate students as they pursue their education. “I want to support bringing faculty from other schools to UMD,” he said. He believes it is important for students to learn from educators from different backgrounds and with different perspectives. He is currently working on establishing a student exchange program with universities in Finland. His work and his legacy will continue to benefit many UMD students.
Heller Hall and two named scholarships are fitting tributes to Robert L. Heller who began his 37-year career at UMD as a geography professor, founded the Geology Department and served as its head, then moved into administration and eventually became the provost and chancellor of UMD. His daughter, Nancy Heller Olsen, also wanted to honor her mother, Geraldine Hanson Heller, who worked behind the scenes as her husband’s career flourished and her daughters grew into accomplished women.

Olsen, together with her two sisters, established the Geraldine Hanson Heller Scholarship, which is awarded each year to a full-time undergraduate student pursuing a degree in the Department of Art and Design. This scholarship honors their mother’s accomplishments, her love of art and design, and her love of learning.

As a devoted wife and mother, Geraldine Hanson Heller took on a number of roles. “She didn’t really like to be in the spotlight,” Olsen remembered. Despite that, Mrs. Heller was active in what was then known as the Faculty Wives Club and later as First Lady of UMD. Her position required entertaining and attending countless events – all of which she did graciously.

Mrs. Heller also found time to volunteer with the Townview Improvement Corporation, a group that built and renovated low and moderate-income housing and apartment buildings in Duluth for individuals and families in need. There Mrs. Heller was able to tap into her love of architecture. She had earned her Bachelor of Architecture Degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., and worked briefly for the Harold Starin Architecture Agency before her marriage in 1946. Through the years, Mrs. Heller helped friends and relatives design additions and remodeling projects in their homes. “She sometimes joked that her master’s degree was designing and building our family home,” Olsen recalled.

Mrs. Heller also explored her creativity through painting. She took watercolor classes from UMD Professor Cheng-Khee Chee. For the past few years, Mrs. Heller has suffered from dementia and hasn’t been able to pursue her interest in art until she participated in “Storytelling at the Tweed,” which offers museum tours for visitors with memory loss. The program is a collaboration between UMD’s Tweed Museum of Art, the UMD Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, and the Alzheimer’s Association of Minnesota-North Dakota. Participants are encouraged to discover themselves while reminiscing about, reflecting upon, or comparing their own life stories to the stories in works of art. When Mrs. Heller attended, participants made collages relating their lives to the museum’s art work. Olsen was thrilled to see the collage her mother produced, which incorporated flowers and architectural elements – things that had always been important to Mrs. Heller. “It provided glimpses of who she is inside, which doesn’t come out anymore,” Olsen said.

Olsen and her mother recently attended the School of Fine Arts Scholarship Award dinner. There they met Apton Rapp, a junior studying ceramics, who is the most recent recipient of the Geraldine Hanson Heller Scholarship. “It was fun to talk to her,” Olsen said, and Olsen appreciated the effort Rapp made to speak with her mom.

Olsen remembers all that her mother did for her family, making sure that her girls were able to try so many different things from skiing to harp or piano lessons. “All she ever did was give, give, give,” Olsen recalled. And with a scholarship in her name, the generosity of Geraldine Hanson Heller will continue.
NEW LEADERSHIP: UMD Welcomes Chancellor Lendley C. Black

On August 1, 2010 the University of Minnesota Duluth will welcome a new chancellor, Dr. Lendley (Lynn) C. Black. Black comes to UMD from Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Ga. where he served as vice president for academic affairs from 2002 until he was promoted in 2006 to provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Black has extensive administrative experience including nine years as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, three years as director of undergraduate studies and more than three years as director of student advising at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas. He earned his Ph.D. in theatre at the University of Kansas.

In his previous positions, Black has demonstrated his ability to engage the university with the surrounding community to establish strong relationships between faculty, students, and community members. He has also shown a commitment to bringing diversity to the campus and the community.
VICTORY IN VANCOUVER:
UMD Ranks Second Among Colleges with Olympic Athletes

UMD was well represented at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia: on the ice, in the newsroom, and behind the scenes. UMD ranked as the second highest college in the world with the most athletes in the Winter Games. A total of 15 Olympians hailed from UMD.

Seven current Bulldog women’s hockey players hit the ice for three teams: Canada, Finland, and Sweden. UMD redshirt forward Haley Irwin won her first gold medal playing for Team Canada. Former Bulldog and assistant captain for Team Canada, Caroline Ouellette also celebrated the victory over Team USA. The silver medal for former Bulldog and Team USA’s Jenny Potter makes her the most decorated UMD Olympic medalist in program history with four total medals; a gold in 1998, a silver in 2002 and 2010, and a bronze in 2006. In June, USA Hockey named Potter the 2010 women’s player of the year in the United States. Former 2007-08 Bulldog Assistant Coach Julie Chu also earned her second silver medal and third Olympic medal overall with Team USA.

Bulldog Senior Captain Saara Tuominen helped Team Finland to a 3-2 overtime victory over Sweden for the bronze medal by shooting the game-winning goal. The bronze medal game featured two currently rostered UMD players, Tuominen, and Mariia Posa who played for Finland; four currently redshirted Bulldogs, Elin Holmlov, Pernilla Winberg, Jenni Asserholt, and Kim Martin all played for Sweden; and three UMD alums, Heidi Pelttari for Finland and Maria Rooth and Erika Holst for Sweden.

Former students Iya Gavrilova and Kristina Petrovskaya also competed in the XXI Olympic Winter Games for Russia’s women’s hockey team. Duluth native and former Bulldogs hockey player Leah Wrazildo refereed the women’s hockey games.

Three former UMD students also made up part of Team USA’s men’s curling team. Former curling Olympian and 2007 UMD marketing graduate John Shuster represented Team USA for the second time since 2006 when he helped them win the bronze medal, America’s first curling medal. Jeff Isaacson, a previous student at UMD, was also on the team that was coached by yet another former UMD student Phill Drobnick.

In addition to the many successes on the ice, UMD was also represented off the ice. UMD’s radio station, KUMD, sent Mimmu (Ira) Salmela to the Vancouver Olympics to update the Northland. Former UMD student Chad Salmela also reported at the Olympic games as the primary color commentator for NBC’s coverage of the biathlon as well as covering cross country skiing events.

Topping off the lengthy list of UMD connections to the 2010 Winter Games are the handful of alumni involved behind the scenes. Former Bulldog goalie Tuula Puputti worked as an administrator for the Finnish Olympic Committee. Kara Salmela was the hospitality host for the biathlon events. Cory Salmela served as a statistician for NBC sports and also assisted broadcasting for KUMD. Josh Sandell served as a chiropractor with the sports medicine team that cared for Team USA during the Olympic games.
Toni Thorstad, a UMD alumna, received the 2009 Port Cities Woman of the Year award as well as the Grant Magnet School Peace-maker Award in February 2010. Thorstad earned her master’s degree in social work from UMD in 2007 and is now employed with Bridge House in Duluth. Thorstad’s job is part of ARMS (Adult Rehabilitation Mental Health Services), a state of Minnesota program. Much of Thorstad’s day is spent teaching skills in a client-centered approach to individuals with chronic and persistent mental illness.

Cases involving difficult challenges are scary to most; however, Toni was captivated by the opportunities and experiences within this line of work. Although Thorstad was initially hesitant about the research she had to do in the field, she attributes many UMD professors with encouraging her to succeed.

Thorstad’s professors welcomed her because of her experiences as a mother, grandmother, and community activist. Anne Tellett, an assistant professor in the MSW program, recalled, “Toni was never afraid to say what she thought. She has a very strong personality, and we knew she was going to be a great asset to the university. We were right.”
IRON RANGE ENGINEERING
New Masters Programs

Advanced engineering degrees are now offered at the Mesabi Range Community and Technical College in Virginia, Minnesota through the UMD Iron Range/Graduate Engineering Education Program.

The program will offer six to eight courses every academic year including classes for a Master of Science in Engineering Management (MSEM), a Master of Environment Health and Safety (MEHS) and a new Master of Engineering (MEng) with specializations in civil engineering, chemical engineering, electrical & computer engineering, industrial engineering, or mechanical engineering.

The various classes are geared toward people who are either interested in obtaining an advanced degree to further their engineering career or who are simply wishing to upgrade their skills or maintain their professional licenses.

James (Moe) Benda (pictured above), a chemical engineer from the airplane manufacturer Cirrus Design, is the director of the new program. “The degree is tailored to the heavy industry of the Iron Range,” Benda said. “There are a dozen industries with employees who would like advanced training.”

The program is coordinated through the UMD Swenson College of Science and Engineering in conjunction with the Arrowhead University. The Iron Range Higher Education Committee has provided the financial support for the program.

UMD, a leader in American Indian education, has once again excelled by launching an Ojibwe immersion program for ages four and five. In September 2009, the Enweyang Ojibwe Language Nest was established. Brian McInnes, program director, and Gordon Jourdain, the Ojibwe Language Nest head child care teacher, along with others from UMD’s College of Education and Human Services Professions, Enigkendaasoyang and more, have created a care and education immersion program. Located in UMD’s Chester Park building, the half-day program includes science, math, literacy, music, and art lessons. It’s a wholistic approach. “The lessons are taught through the Ojibwe language,” said McInnes.

Of the ten students enrolled into the program, about 60 percent have an American Indian heritage. On most days, a UMD education student works beside Jourdain, allowing college students to gain the experience of teaching as well as mentoring.

The classroom is separated into designated areas: learning, playing and projects. Objects and items are labeled with the Ojibwe name to reinforce the language in its written form. The program also enjoys exploring beyond the classroom and makes use of other UMD facilities such as the Tweed Museum of Art, Bagley Nature Center, and the UMD Library.

McInnes believes that this program will become part of a greater movement to bring the Ojibwe language back into homes, families, and communities. Although only a portion of the students have American Indian heritage, McInnes is happy to see anyone embrace the language and believes it is a step towards “intercultural competence.”
CIVIL ENGINEERING BUILDING OPENS FOR FALL 2010 CLASSES:
Engineering Technology on Display

The Swenson Civil Engineering Building, which broke ground less than two years ago, had its grand opening on June 28, 2010. The new 34,000-square-foot, two-story building that connects to Voss Kovach Hall houses specialized teaching and research laboratories as well as classrooms and administrative offices.

The new building was designed with the recent addition of the Civil Engineering undergraduate degree in mind. The new program, which emphasizes transportation, structural, water resource, and geotechnical engineering, is able to offer upper-level classes this fall due to the addition of the new labs in the building.

Of the six labs, two are very large and reach two-stories high. One of the large labs features a flume, a channel to demonstrate water flow. The second large lab displays structural engineering with two 15-ton hydraulic cranes used for lifting large sections of concrete and other structural elements for evaluation and testing.

The building is designed to be a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified “green building.” LEED is a rating system established by the U.S. Green Building Council. Certification of LEED involves precise evaluation of environmental sustainability aspects such as: water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, and overall indoor environmental quality, and applies it to the building’s design, construction, and operation.

The construction of the new facility was led by the Duluth firm SJA Architects. Ross Barney Associates of Chicago also contributed to the architectural design of the project. The two firms collaborated five years ago on the construction of the James I. Swenson Science Building located on campus.

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SENIOR FELLOW NAMED: LSBE Honors Alumnus

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CARING FOR THE EARTH: Bagley Classroom Opens

The Bagley Classroom had its grand opening in June 2010. Accessible through Bagley Nature Area, the new classroom allows students studying multiple disciplines to experience classes in the natural setting of UMD’s nature area.

Duluth architect David Salmela was inspired by the environment and created a place that reflects sustainability inside and out. The new building is built mainly out of recycled and local materials. It was constructed by UMD Facilities Management staff. An interesting characteristic of the building is the “green” toilets, which look and function like regular toilets. What you can’t see is the transformation of human waste into compost, which will be used to fertilize plants around campus.

The building opts out of an air-conditioning unit and instead uses a high-tech air-cooling system which senses the weather and takes in cool, dry air when necessary. When the weather changes to warmer and wetter, the vents close off to keep the cool air inside. In addition, its vegetative roof doesn’t absorb the sun’s heat, keeping the building at a more even temperature.

The new building has 16-inch thick walls for improved insulation and uses only 10 percent of the power of comparable buildings. The building is strategically placed facing south to utilize the sun and has solar panels. These panels will generate more energy than the building needs, which will allow UMD to sell the extra electricity back to the grid. Students will learn during classes inside the building, but also from it by studying the sustainable technologies the building possesses.

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TELE-PRESENT WIND: UMD Shared Live Robotic Art with Moscow, Russia

The Visualization and Digital Imaging Lab at UMD was the site of an art project connecting a wind catching installation in Duluth with a performance installation in Moscow, Russia. David Bowen, professor, Department of Art and Design, designed the international art collaboration entitled, “International Robotic Art: Tele-Present Wind.”

Bowen (pictured above) connected an accelerometer device to a dried tansy plant stalk outdoors in Duluth to thin dried tansy plant stalks in a gallery in Moscow. When the wind blew in Duluth, it caused the stalk outside to sway. The accelerometer detected and transmitted the Duluth movement in real-time and caused the grouping of devices in the gallery in Moscow to sway as well.

The 21 x/y tilting devices were installed at Laboratora Art and Science Space in Moscow, and the sensor was installed at the Visualization and Digital Imaging Lab at UMD in June 2010. The data collected by the sensor was sent via the Internet to the installation in Moscow.
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1956 .................
Beatrice Ojakangas, Duluth, was the featured speaker at the Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards in May 2010 in Duluth. Ojakangas, also known as the “Scandinavian Chef,” has published 27 cookbooks including the Best Casserole Cookbook Ever, which was nominated for a James Beard Award in 2009. Her book The Finnish Cookbook, first published in 1964, is now in its 35th printing.

1970 ........................
Richard Maturi ('70/'79) and his wife Mary Buckingham Maturi ('80) live in Cheyenne, Wyo. Their paperback edition of Triple Crown Winner: The Earl Sande Saga made its debut at the Santa Anita Racetrack in March 2010. HRTV featured the Maturis and their book on the Race Day America program. The couple have been telling the Sande story at racetracks in 23 states and Canada.

1974 ........................
Paradise Gray, Marina, Calif., is the author of two books of poetry: Golden Curls from Heaven and The Hidden Treasure of Paradise.

1976 ......................
Jeff Hovis, North Oaks, Minn., traveled with members from his church to Haiti in spring 2010 to help the Mission of Hope orphanage expand its care from 40 to 240 children.

Jill Klingner, assistant professor of healthcare and operations management at UMD’s Labovitz School of Business and Economics, traveled with UMD students to Thailand to help them gain a better understanding of Thailand’s family social sciences, healthcare system, and medical tourism.

1979 ......................
Dennis O’Hara, Duluth, has a new book out — Picture Duluth: Photographs of the Zenith City. The book captures Duluth’s natural and man-made beauty: its parks, landmarks, historic buildings and homes, and the working waterfront of the world’s most inland seaport. The book is published by Tony Dierckins ('88,'93), X-communication Press.

1982 ......................
Chris LaVictoire Mahai, (MBA) St. Paul, Minn., is the co-owner and managing partner of Aveus, LLC in St. Paul. The company is a global strategy and operational change firm. They diagnose corporate problems and give companies the tools they need to implement successful solutions. Chris joined the company as CEO in 1999 and took ownership in 2001.
1985

Dirk Cannon, Minneapolis, is a producer for Eagle Heart Productions, a full service professional film production company, delivering high-definition, content-rich products and crossing film with digital animation. They produce live concert shoots, music videos, television shows, television commercials, promotional videos, corporate training videos and pilots. Cannon’s new production “Community Heroes: Youth Violence and Gangs” can be viewed on their website: www.eagleheartproductions.com.

1987

Todd Joseph Toner and his wife Sophie live in Edina, Minn. Todd is an account manager in sales and marketing for Network Instruments.

1988

Lt. Col. Michael W. Glaccum attained the rank of full colonel in the U.S. Air Force on June 1, 2010. He and his wife, Leah, are currently stationed in London, England where Michael is serving as an exchange officer in the British military.

1989

Sarah (Hohenstein) Burk, Minneapolis, Minn., is on the faculty of McNally Smith College of Music in St. Paul where she teaches music theory, keyboard, ear training, and Latin performance. She’s a pianist, a violinist, and a vocalist, and after graduating from UMD, she toured the U.S., Europe, and the Middle East in a variety of ensembles and theater troupes. She is working on a Masters of Liberal Studies at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

1991

Suzanne Warmanen, Minneapolis, is a Guthrie Theater resident cast member. She performed in Macbeth in spring 2010. Suzanne has also performed at the Theatre de la Jeune Lune, Illusion Theater, Theatre Latte Da, and others. She has taught acting and voice at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, the Guthrie Theater, and Bay View Theater. Suzanne appeared in the independent film, Herman, U.S.A. and recently released a Blues vocal CD entitled All Around Woman.

1993

Kyle Collins and Stacy Ann Gramentz were married on August 7, 2009. They live in Waseca, Minn. Kyle is the arena manager for the Waseca Community Arena. He coaches girls and boys high school hockey and tennis. In 2009, the Waseca girls tennis team placed second in Class A, and Kyle was voted Class A Girls High School Coach of the Year.

1996

Linda Ross Sellner, Duluth, attended the University of Wisconsin-Superior for Geographic Information Systems certification. She is currently doing research on the watershed delineation of impervious surface impact to Duluth streams.

1997

Cheryl Reitan, (MA ’97, MLS ’04) Duluth, is the director of marketing and communication for UMD. She received the 2010 American Advertising Federation Duluth/Superior Silver Medal Award which recognized outstanding contributions to advertising, furthering the industry’s standards, creative excellence, and responsibility in areas of social concern.

2000

Erin Vigen, Duluth, left a career in the banking industry to become a cosmetologist. She opened Hairapy by Erin — Therapy for Your Hair in Duluth. She was recently a featured guest at the Minnesota Salon Spa Association.

2001

Sarah Angst, Bozeman, Mont., uses linoleum block printing to create art prints and jewelry. Her work is inspired by the work of Czech artist Alphonse Mucha. She sells her jewelry at art fairs, on her website, and at art galleries including UMD’s Tweed Museum of Art.

Top of the Rock, Metropolitan Museum of Art, three Broadway Shows, Stage Door Chat, the Frick Collection, Museum of Modern Art and an alumni and friends reception at the Alexandre Gallery.
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1. Mill City Event, April 2010: Alumni Jazz musicians Geoff Senn ’02, Nicolai Zielinski ’00, Matt Peterson ’04, Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin and Ryan Frame, UMD director of jazz studies.


5. Grandma’s Marathon: Eric ’74 and Amy ’77 Kaiser.

6. United Way Park Clean-up, June 2010: UMD Care Team — Dick and Patty DeLano (left), Zach Finney ’11 and Kari Schieving ’11 (bottom of slide), Skeeter Morre ’87 and Lisa Pratt ’77 (top of slide), and Anne Peterson ’77 with Anita Gillie (right).
Lee Havermeier and his wife Heidi live in Rosemount, Minn. Lee received his MBA from the Carlson School of Business in 2009 and is a treasury analyst at Travelers.

Jenny (Teeson) Heger and her husband Matt Heger (’03) live in Andover, Minn. Jenny is the national hotel sales manager for AmericInn International.

Amber (Sexe) Moravec and her husband Andrew Moravec (’00) live in White Bear Lake, Minn., with their children Everett, age two and Elise, age one. Amber, a chiropractor, recently opened her own practice, Naturally Aligned Family Chiropractic located within Minnesota’s first free-standing birth center. The practice specializes in the care of pregnant women and new babies.

Dawn Lynn (Bergstrand) Sathers and her husband Erik (’02) live in Duluth. Dawn is a staff accountant for Bellisio Foods, Inc.

Troy Alan Gengler and his wife Marci live in South Milwaukee, Wis. Troy is the graphic coordinator for Midland Packaging and Display. He manages an art department and designs point of purchase displays.

Jason Dauffenbach, Sioux Falls, S.D., is a resident physician for the University of South Dakota Department of Internal Medicines.

Kirsten Joy Gunnarson, Grand Forks, N.D., is a graphic design specialist for the University of North Dakota Alumni Association. She designs the alumni Review magazine.

Alumni Events

Thursday, Sept. 30
Twins vs. Toronto Blue Jays, Target Field, 7:10 pm

Saturday, Oct. 16
UMD Homecoming
Football vs. University of Mary, 1 pm
Women’s Hockey vs. Mankato, 3:07 pm
Volleyball vs. Winona State, 4 pm
Men’s Hockey vs. Providence, 7 pm
Class of 1960 50th Class Reunion

Thursday, Oct. 28 — Sunday, Oct. 31
NYC Theatre Tour. Broadway shows, museums, Alexandre Gallery, and more!

Saturday, Oct. 30
Alumni and Friends New York City Reception
Alexandre Gallery

Saturday, Dec. 11
Men’s Hockey vs. UM and Break the Ice, 7:07 pm
Alumni Event at TCF Stadium-Twin Cities

Thursday, Dec. 30
Men’s Hockey vs. Univ. of North Dakota, 7:37 pm
Alumni Event and DECC Grand Opening

Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011
Men’s Hockey vs. UM and Break the Ice, 7:07 pm
Alumni Event at the DECC - Duluth

February 16-26, 2011
Costa Rica Windstar Alumni Cruise

June 10-21, 2011
Cruise to Scandinavia and Russia

September 16-26, 2011
Gohagen Cruise from Vienna to Istanbul

October 24-November 4, 2011
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Death Announcement: Name and class year, place and date of death.

NOTE: UMD publishes death notices in the Passing section of the BRIDGE magazine only when we receive a newspaper clipping, a public notice, or permission from family or loved ones.

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Check out the alumni web page at  www.UMDalumni.com

2009  ................

Alicia Kozlowski, Duluth, Minn., has a new job as a historical interpreter for the Minnesota Historical Society at Split Rock Lighthouse.

Dayna Landgrebe lives in Duluth. While studying at UMD, she was offered a job at WDIO-TV as their morning show producer.

Brittany Kucko, Duluth, graduated with a bachelor’s degree in communication sciences and disorders and is currently pursuing a UMD graduate degree in the same field. She was awarded the 2010 Margaret Haley Kepner Scholarship which made it possible for Brittany to travel to China to present her research on assistive technologies for people with autism.

2010  ................

Jeffrey Carlson, Madison, Wis., is working as associate scientist I for Roche Pharma.

Adam Mika, Minneapolis, is working in a software engineer research and development position at Garmin-Digital Cyclone in Minnetonka, Minn.

Brittany Schubitzke, Proctor, Minn., started a new job as a staff accountant in inventory systems at the retail chain Maurices, Inc. in Duluth.

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1982

Kenneth Wayne Witt, April 16, 2010

UMD faculty

Joann M. Johnson, Health, Physical Education and Recreation
March 15, 2010

Glenn C. Nelson, Art and Design, April 17, 2010

Theodore John Leppi, Medical School, May 12, 2010
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