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**Support the U day March 28**

*Summary: Hundreds of University of Minnesota supporters, including students, faculty and staff from the Morris campus, will join together for a noon rally at the state capitol rotunda on Wednesday, March 28, in honor of Support the U day.*

(March 1, 2007)-Hundreds of University of Minnesota supporters, including students, faculty and staff from the Morris campus, will join together for a noon rally at the state capitol rotunda on Wednesday, March 28, in honor of Support the U day. This annual event is a day that University supporters come together to rally at the state capitol in hopes that they will acquire additional funding for the University of Minnesota campuses.

The tentative agenda for the day includes:

Noon: Rally in the State Capitol Rotunda  
12:45 p.m.: Lunch in the State Capitol Great Hall  
1 p.m.: Meeting with Legislators (optional)

Student representative from each campus of the U will be sharing their college experience and talking in support of the Biennial Budget, which is the main focus of this year's Support the U day. The budget has two main focuses this year: "Sustaining Quality and Competitiveness at the University of Minnesota," and "Creating Minnesota's Future." The University of Minnesota hopes to get funding to expand honors programs and academic advising with the hope to improve undergraduate writing and offer more undergraduate research opportunities. The funding will also help keep faculty salaries competitive, which will retain quality faculty.

"It's important for our campus to know where our money is going and it's also important for students to be more aware of where their money is going so that they can have a better appreciation for our University," said Kristen Farmer, UMM student legislative coalition director, who encourages supporters to attend.

The free bus for students attending Support the U day on March 28 will leave from the Morris campus Student Center at 8:30 a.m. and return to Morris around 6:30 p.m. Attending students will receive an official excuse if they pre-register online.

To register online for Support the U day and to make an appointment with a legislator visit [Support the U](#).

Photo: Kristen Farmer encourages UMM students to participate in Support the U day during a Party for the U held this week in Oyate Hall.

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