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Please send comments, questions, or submissions to the editor. The submission deadline for the next edition of *Weekly Bulletin* will be Tuesday, December 11, at 4 p.m.

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Featured Events

German Conversation Table

Mondays, 6 p.m.

Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

Jane Addams Project

Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Imholte Hall 111

Spanish Conversation Table

Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

French Conversation Table

Thursdays, 6 p.m.

Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

Mazinaatesijigan gekinoo'amaadiwin Film Series: *Independent Indigenous Film & Media Shorts*

Wednesday, December 5, 7 p.m.

Imholte Hall 109

Symphonic Winds Concert

Wednesday, December 5, 7:30 p.m.

Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

Thursday Afternoon Faculty Seminar—Ray Schultz, "Letters of Tennessee Williams: Flights of Fancy from a Migratory Bird"

Thursday, December 6, 4:30 p.m.

Humanities Fine Arts 6

Jazz Combos in TMC

Thursday, December 6, 5 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

Jazz Dance

Thursday, December 6, 5 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

Last Day of Instruction

Friday, December 7
Morris Campus

Annual Senior Banquet

Friday, December 7, 5:30 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

Game Night @ Briggs Library

Friday, December 7, 6 p.m.
Briggs Library

University Choir Concert

Friday, December 7, 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

CAC Films Presents: *Die Hard*

Friday, December 7, 9:30 p.m.
Science and Math Auditorium

Study Day

Saturday, December 8
Morris Campus

<<http://bit.ly/SHwr1W>>Yule Ball

Saturday, December 8, 10 p.m.
Student Center

Final Exams

Monday, December 10, through Thursday, December 13, 2012
Morris Campus

Check out all of the campus <<http://bit.ly/vn6ZIT>>events.

News and Announcements

<<http://bit.ly/R8aqwk>>Scarborough Promotes Urban Forestry with GreenCorps

Paige Scarborough, Morris's newest GreenCorps member, has been serving the local community by promoting urban forestry initiatives. Working primarily with the city of Morris for the last several months, Scarborough has spent most of her service term assisting with a recent tree planting. She plans to spend more time on campus in the spring. Scarborough's work builds on the efforts made last year by former GreenCorps member Laura Anne Hunt '13, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

<<http://bit.ly/VkweAf>>Students to Spend Winter Break in Ghana

This December, Kristina Grundmanis '13, Minneapolis, and Rachel Harder '12, Redwing, are traveling to Ghana. During the trip, organized by the International Volunteer HQ, the two will spend two weeks providing child care at an orphanage. Upon returning, Grundmanis and Harder will present on their travels in order to spread awareness of international volunteerism and travel.

<<http://bit.ly/Tt6HFK>>Louie's Lower Level Renovated and Ready for Student Life

After undergoing renovations this summer, Louie's Lower Level is again ready for use. Seeking to open the space and give it a new function, the Student Center Committee spent two years planning the renovations, which were completed earlier this fall. The space has been redesigned as a study and relaxation area for students.

Conference on Feminism Coming to Campus

This March, the Morris Feminists will be hosting a conference entitled "The F-Word: What role do you play in redefining gender and culture?" The goals of the conference include expanding socio-cultural understandings in relation to gender, investigating intersections of feminism and general empowerment, and being respectful with language. The group is requesting the help of students, faculty, staff, and the local community to create workshops for the conference. Workshop proposals are due January 25, 2013. For questions, comments and submissions, please contact <<mailto:UMMFEM@morris.umn.edu>>Emily Mutch.

Central Lot Closed

Effective Monday, December 3, the Central Lot is closed until further notice. The East and South Lots are alternative parking for Central permits. There are a limited number of North Lot permits available for a \$10.00 processing fee.

Accomplishments

<<http://bit.ly/VwF1kP>>Grove and Johnson Named Assistant Athletic Directors

Paul Grove, head men's basketball coach, and **Matt Johnson**, assistant football coach, have been named assistant athletic directors. Grove has served as head men's basketball coach for the last 11 years. Johnson has spent nine

years as a football coach for the Cougars. The new assistant athletic director roles add support for a growing intercollegiate athletics program.

Jim Hall, director of information technology, was recently nominated for *Computerworld's* Premier 100 IT Leaders for 2013. This annual list recognizes the most accomplished IT leaders for their achievements in technology, innovation and management.

In the News

Tap Payne, professor of theatre arts, was recently profiled by the *Morris Sun Tribune*. In an article entitled <<http://bit.ly/UeItxj>>“Tap Payne takes final bows in Morris,” the paper recounts his 33 years on stage and behind the scenes in the campus and local community. In an earlier <<http://bit.ly/UnO8DB>>article, the paper profiled **Ken Hodgson**, associate professor of music, and his 34 years of service to Morris. Both Payne and Hodgson will retire at the end of the semester.

The *Morris Sun Tribune* reported on the **UMM Adopt-a-Student program** in a recent <<http://bit.ly/SDVS5Z>>article. Featured in the article are **Leslie Gubash**, international students success coordinator, and **Pilar Eble**, international student program coordinator, as well as **Chris Butler**, instructor of English, sociology, and honors, and **Jennifer Rothchild**, associate professor of sociology and gender, women, and sexuality studies, who hosted international students at their Thanksgiving festivities.