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Please send comments, questions, and submissions to the editor. The submission deadline for the next edition of Weekly Bulletin will be Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at 4 p.m.

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Featured Events

Jane Addams Project
Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Imholte Hall 111

Spanish Conversation Table
Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

Russian Conversation Table
Fridays, 4 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday, November 28—Friday, November 29
Morris Campus
No classes. Administrative offices closed.

Chamber Concert
Tuesday, December 3, 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts, Recital Hall

Donna Chollett Book Reception
Wednesday, December 4, 5–7 p.m.
LaFave House

Check out all of the campus events.

News and Announcements

Public Invited to Minimum Wage Conversation

Representatives Ryan Winkler and Jay McNamar, along with a panel of Morris faculty and staff, will moderate a discussion on the implications of the minimum wage in Minnesota and the Morris community on December 3.
DuHamel Performs at Carnegie Hall

Ann DuHamel, head of keyboard studies, performed at Carnegie Weill Recital Hall last month with her group Ensemble: Périphérie, under the auspices of Distinguished Concerts International New York (DCINY).

Yuntuo Wang Provides International Student Perspective

After spending five months in Morris, Wang is settling into campus life and examining the interactions between international and domestic students.

Open Enrollment Deadline Approaches

The last day to make benefit elections online for the 2014 plan year is Monday, December 2. Make changes online through Employee Self-Service. For more information, please contact Sarah Mattson or the U of M Office of Employee Benefits at 1-800-756-2363.

ESUP Delivers The Upgrade Newsletter

The Upgrade, a biweekly digest of news related to the Enterprise Systems Upgrade Program (ESUP) is available online. This newsletter responds to the call for more communication about ESUP. For more information, check your inbox or go to upgrade.umn.edu today.

Accomplishments

Work by Ray Schultz, professor of theatre arts, and Jess Larson, professor of studio art, will be published in Performance on Behalf of the Environment, edited by Richard D. Besel and Jnan A. Blau. This collection, due to be published in December by Lexington Books, addresses theatrical ways of dialoguing with environmental concerns through performance and/or performance practices. The chapter by Schultz and Larson, entitled “Staging Sustainable Shakespeare: ‘Greening’ the Bard While Advancing Institutional Mission,” is a case study of Morris’s 2010 production of As You Like It and, in part, demonstrates how the arts can be used to advance Morris’s sustainability initiatives.

In the News

Matt Hardy ’01 is the focus of a recent news story by TECHdotMN. Last week Hardy met with students at the Minneapolis charter school Venture Academy. The group spent its lunch hour learning about blogging and entrepreneurship.

The Brainerd Dispatch reports that a team from the Facilities Management Office at Camp Ripley toured the University of Minnesota, Morris campus and was hosted by Lowell Rasmussen, vice chancellor for finance and facilities, and Troy Goodnough, sustainability director. While on campus, they learned that Morris is an industry leader in the use and development of alternative energy sources such as wind energy, solar energy, biomass energy,
composting, and enhancement in building design.