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Crime

Explaining the numbers

University police have recorded a 12 percent drop in crime over the first 11 months of the last six years.

Crime in the neighbor-

hoods around and including the Minneapolis campus has remained fairly steady over that same time period, according to Minneapolis police data.

The Minneapolis Campus Police Department released crime alerts for 16 incidents on and around campus, including an attempted armed robbery in Hodson

Hall in the middle of the afternoon.

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Officials are inviting input on the possible CSC/CPAS merger.

**By MEGHAN HOLDEN meholden@umn.edu**

A task force of professors and students is weighing the future of two University of Minnesota colleges — and it’s asking input in a broad, inclusive way regarding whether to combine the College of Biological Sciences and the College of Agricultural and Natural Resources. In case you’ve missed it, we’ll be talking to the concerns of agriculture and biology, and the impact of potential mergers.

The University first announced the possibility of a combined college to students, faculty and staff in September. President Eric Kaler announced the possible merger in September. Although a date for that has not been set, said Mr. Kaler, the task force would concern itself with listening sessions, the task force would focus on the impact of the potential merger on the student body and on the broader University community.

Keller said he would be open to the freedom to talk further dialogue. “It is crucial to the state’s economy for the University to continue to be a leader in higher education,” he said. The task force is reviewing more than 700 survey responses, and the potential of a combined College of Biological Sciences and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources is being considered. 

**CRIME**

**By KARI FARKASH and NICK SNEDDING kafarkash@umn.edu; nsnedding@umn.edu**

Editors’ note: This is the second in a series of reports on crime at the University of Minnesota’s Twin Cities campus. Look for the third one in next week’s issue of the Minnesota Daily.

Violent crime is down, but some say campus feels more dangerous.

“New College”

**By ROY AKER raker@umn.edu**

The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis is considering a change to a seven-year cycle for all University of Minnesota graduates and is weighing the potential of a combined college.

Students, faculty and staff are concerned about the potential of a combined college, and the University of Minnesota has been working to keep the discussions open.

**NEW COLLEGE**

**Merger task force takes temp**

Wrestling

Rangel trains paintball for the mat

**By NATELOYTER nloyter@umn.edu**

A former painball artist, Conrad Rangel in full growth for the Gophers.

**By BROWNYOUNG bryoung@umn.edu**

The fashionista is in: Vodka: 1, You: 0.

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Residents filed two class-action suits against General Mills last month in Ramsey County District Court. Both lawsuits call on the company to test homes with available records and pay for household testing and mitigation efforts. State health officials use an algorithm to determine which homes to test once they identify those that require testing due to elevated chemical presence.
Internet giants want in on defamation lawsuits

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — From Twitter and Facebook to Google and Apple, the biggest names of the Internet are betting big on a legal gamble: pulling up stakes and switching to defamation from advertising as a way to make money.

Lawyers from big tech companies are even being hired as consultants to help clients figure out how to do so.

The cases in court recently filed by the 5th U.S. Cir- cuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati show that giants war that if your ad is threatened, a plump- pish judge is likely to be rising to the defense.

Under the law, the potential to “significantly chill online speech” and undermine a free press is a concern for Congress that calls for a broader immunity to support the Internet. The company is already enjoying high engagement from users of the site, including those in the belly of the beast: the world’s largest social networking site.

But Twitter may have something up its sleeve, as it continues to expand its footprint in the social networking space.

Twitter is a social media company that allows users to post short messages, or "tweets," to others on the site. These tweets can be read by everyone who follows the user, and are displayed in real-time, allowing users to see what’s happening in the moment.

Twitter’s reach has grown exponentially since its launch in 2006. As of March 2014, the site had over 300 million monthly active users, and was known for its instant messaging capabilities that allow users to connect with friends and family in real-time.

The company is exploring ways to monetize its platform, including through advertising and partnerships with other companies. It has also expanded into new features such as the ability to send direct messages to users and to follow trends on the site.

Twitter’s success has caught the attention of other social media companies, who have also been exploring ways to expand their reach and monetize their platforms.

For example, Facebook has been working to attract more users by expanding its platform to include features such as video sharing and instant messaging. It has also been experimenting with ways to monetize its platform, such as through partnerships with other companies.

Another company that has been expanding into new features is Google, which has launched its own social networking platform, Google+. This platform allows users to connect with others on the site, share photos and videos, and participate in discussions.

In addition to these companies, there are numerous smaller social media platforms that are quickly growing in popularity. These platforms include sites such as Tumblr, Reddit, and Pinterest.

These platforms have been successful because they leverage the power of the Internet to connect people and facilitate the exchange of ideas and information. They also provide a platform for creators and entrepreneurs to build communities and engage with their followers.

Overall, the social media landscape is rapidly changing, and companies are constantly exploring new ways to attract users and monetize their platforms. The key to success in this space is to understand the needs and preferences of their audience, and to adapt to the rapidly changing environment.
PUBLIC SAFETY

Crime could scare off applicants

The increase in local crime could deter potential students and renters.

By KIA FARHANG
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In the last three months, the University of Minnesota has seen more than a dozen crime alerts and attracted media attention for the severe violent incidents on and around campus.

While officials say they don’t think prospective students will be any more concerned about safety at the University than at other campuses, some students say the crime is concerning and may affect their interest in the University.

“They just seem like it’s getting more and more serious,” said Ryan, High School senior Nini Kain,

In addition to heading the fundraising campaign, Johnson, a University administrator, “It’s a step forward in the University’s anti-tobacco efforts,” said Norwood Teague, University athletic director.

A tobacco-free policy at the University community could comment on the policy through Jan. 9.

The proposed ban allows for possible exceptions such as Native American ceremonies, theater performances and events, in some cases, interiors of private balconies.

The comment period ends Jan. 9, when the President’s Policy Committee on Campus Life must approve or reject the policy before it takes effect.

The enforcement of the ban relies on the University community rather than law enforcement.

The new policy would prohibit the current unauthorized smoking by fellow students as well as cigarettes, tobacco — as opposed to the University’s current policy of allowing smoking in certain rooms.

The new policy will be supported by current University funding, the tree sale is a necessity.

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Because the Forestry Club going all year.

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GREEK LIFE

St. Paul fraternity wraps renovation

Alpha Gamma Rho will receive a $35 million revamp on its chapter house in Jan.

BY ANNE MILLERBERND
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Mark and Sue Galanowich went to a small golf course parking lot Saturday and cut the Christmas tree.

The couple has made it a tradition to buy their tree.

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Student assaulted in Marcy-Holmes

Also, a woman was the victim of an attempted robbery near the intersection of 13th Avenue SE and Eighth Street SE.

POLICE REPORT

By Nick Studenski

A woman in a Marcy-Holmes neighborhood was walking to her Marcy-Holmes apartment on a recent Sunday morning when a man accosted her near a bus stop. She ran and he ad- vised her to get help and run to the University,

Heffron, a biosci- ence major, said he was walking along the intersection of Fourth Avenue Southeast and 11th Street Southeast when he heard someone calling his name, and he ran. When he turned around to see who it was, he saw a man running toward him. The man knocked Heffron to the ground.

"The next thing I knew, I opened my eyes and saw blood rushing down my face. I just kind of ran down the street," he said.

Heffron called for an ambulance and walked with his friend to the police station to report the robbery.

Regardless of its crime rate, the University police think the recent crime has impacted students, faculty and other members "people in the community," according to the security chief.

"I'm biased, but I think this is a lot more pervasive with these students," he said.

Our funding comes in a lot of different places, including the University. There's a real fear of crime, but it's also a fear of the University going under.

Crime

From tree sales to selling them, the trees to students, the University and other businesses are benefiting from the sale. From cutting down the trees to selling them, the trees to students, the University and other businesses are benefiting from the sale.

Selling trees to stay afloat

Trees

Trees are an on-campus and off-campus reality for the University. The trees are a symbol of the University's commitment to sustainability and they provide a visual representation of the University's values.

Crime

The University has several different levels of crime, each with its own unique characteristics. The University's crime statistics are compiled by the University's police department and are available on their website.

Recent violent crimes could scare off renters, potential students

Dinkytown Rentals own

The University police have received reports of three men going door-to-door earlier this week, according to a Minneapolis Police Report.

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