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## News

### Let the Lectures Begin!

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Steve Erickson and his team have again done a superb job on the lecture series for this coming season. Things get underway on Monday September 12 with the Fall Banquet at Grand City Buffet, St. Louis Park, where Mark Jirsa of the Minnesota Geological Survey will present highlights of the new Bedrock Map of Minnesota. Watch your email for details. Through the autumn, we will hear from excellent speakers on wind energy and the environment, humans as a geological mechanism, crude oil in the environment, metamorphism, and Roadside Geology of Minnesota. We also will have an excellent lab. Something different this year will be a taste of the 6000-geologist Geological Society of America conference. During that meeting, instead of our regular lecture, let's all head over to the Minneapolis Convention Center, Monday, October 10, 6-7 PM, to see the Subaru Outdoor Life Lecture, featuring Ann Bancroft, the first known woman in history to cross the ice to the North and South Poles. Then, in the New Year, more interesting and informative lectures and another lab. It's going to be good! So please see the insert.

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from the archives  
 GSM field trip, North Shore  
 of Lake Superior, Cascade  
 River Falls, July 1940.



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Driving Instructions for the University of Minnesota

by

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(please note, I did not vote for the light rail line at this location)

Well, the day we have been warned of and dreading has arrived. The new Light Rail construction has started at the University of Minnesota and Washington Ave. is now permanently closed in front of Kellar Hall, the old Computer Science building that we have been meeting in for the past 10 years. This complicates the driving. If you have used Washington Ave. to cross the Mississippi River, you will not be able to do that anymore. To get into the parking ramp across Union Street from Kellar Hall, will take some time and patience. Give yourself a bit more travel time until you know how this will affect you.

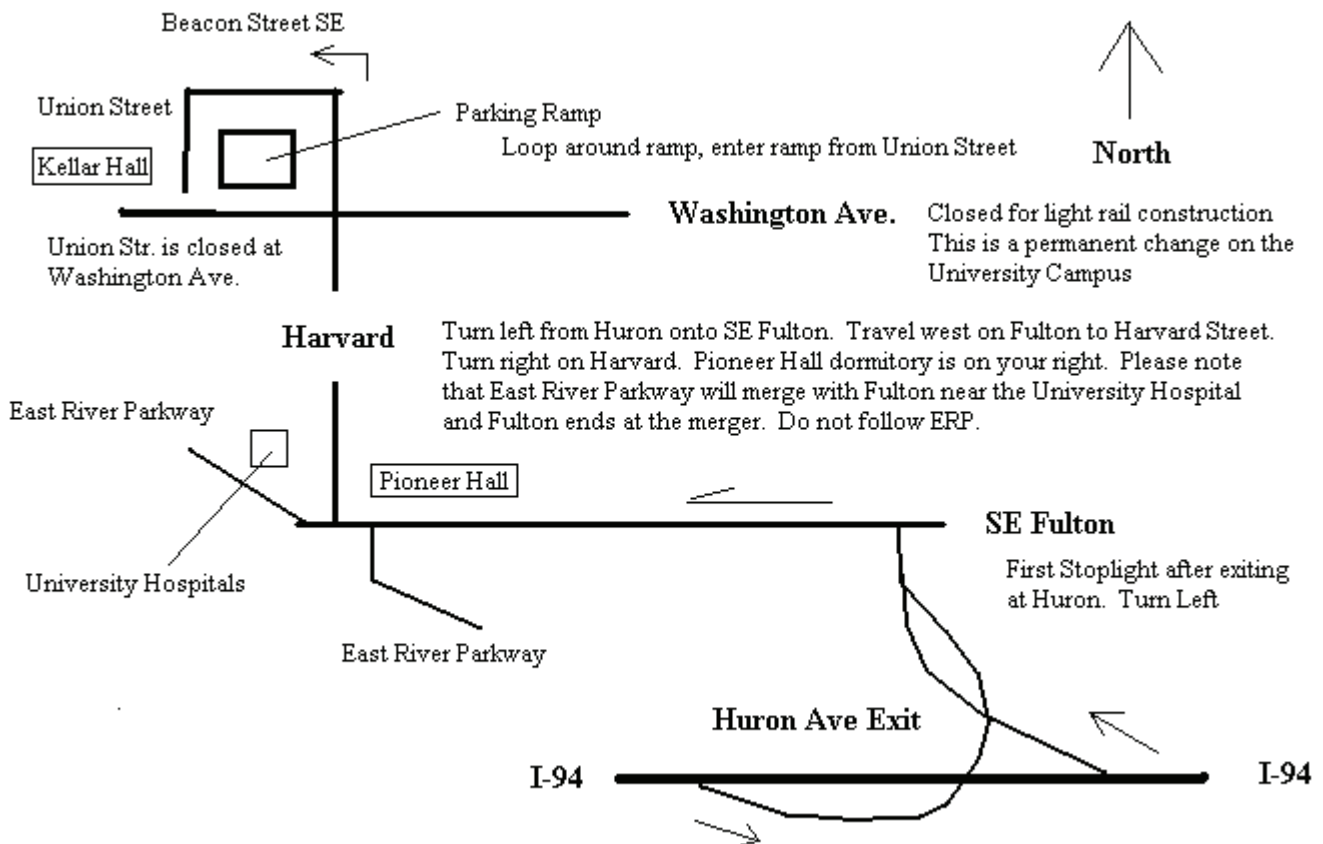
Basically, if you travel I-94, exit at Huron Ave, which is on the east side of the Mississippi River. The first stop light after the exit is SE Fulton. Turn left on Fulton to Harvard Street. Note that Fulton merges with East River Parkway just before it reaches Harvard, and technically, Fulton ends at the merger. Do not follow East River Parkway past the University Hospitals, instead turn right on Harvard.

Harvard is a narrow, busy street, so go slow and keep alert for pedestrians and cyclists, who seem to ignore cars.

Heck, they are right next to the emergency room, so I guess they feel safe. Cross Washington Ave. and the parking ramp we all know and love is just on the other side. Turn left on Beacon Street, and left again on Union. There, that wasn't so bad, was it?

There may be another way in from the north side, but I have not found it yet. Also, keep a heads up for short-term closures of roads, which usually do not get reported until the orange cones go up.

I would like to hear from people if this is too difficult. Try it and see for a couple of tries. I wish I could say this eventually will change, but I fear we are stuck this way for good. Perhaps another location would be better. Some of the old High Schools in the area are now community centers (such as Hopkins Eisenhower or Edina East). We would have to rent the space and that might be costly, but parking might be free and we might come out ahead on that deal. Macalester College uses their classroom on Monday nights and it is too small for us. To change the meeting rooms would be difficult, but might be better in the end. The Board of GSM would like to hear from everyone about this. Please note, the Board did not cause the construction, so please do not yell at them.



**Minnesota State Fair: THANK YOU!**

The State Fair Committee again wishes to thank everyone who participated in staffing the booth this year. Being a major source of new memberships, your time at the booth contributed to keeping GSM healthy. So thanks to the following, and additional people whose efforts are equally appreciated, who got left off the lists – sorry!

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