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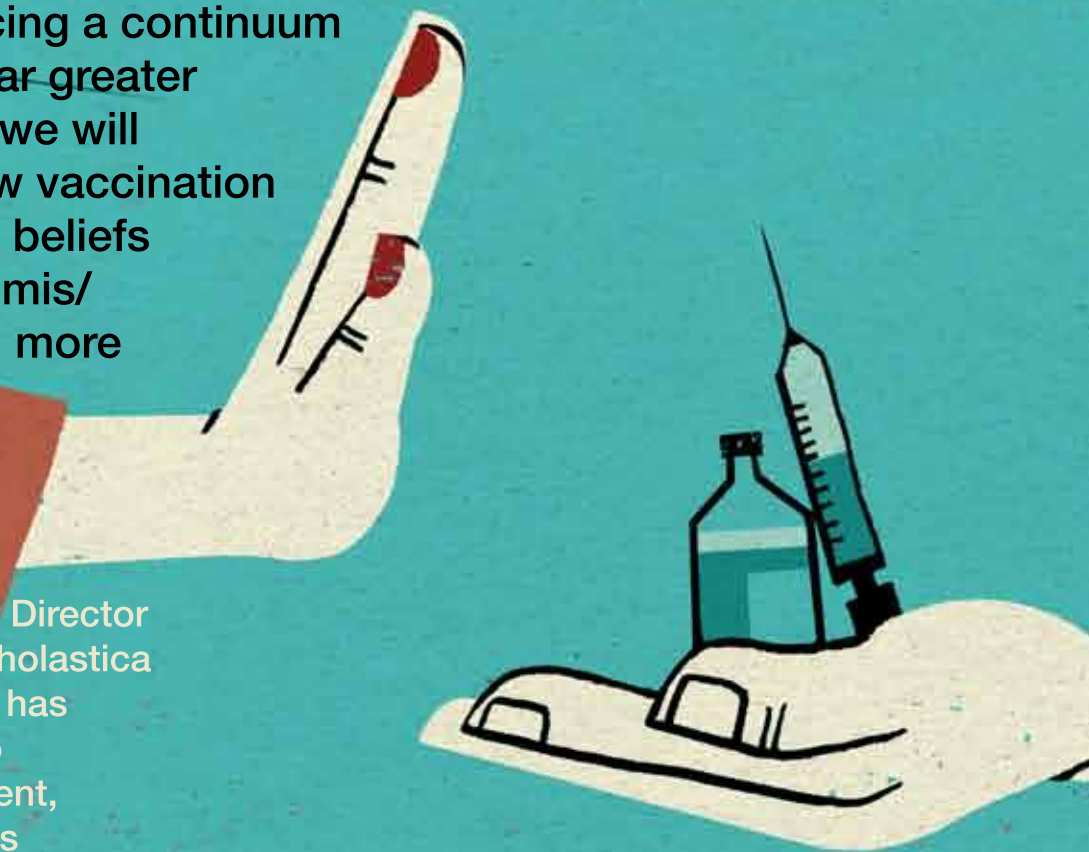


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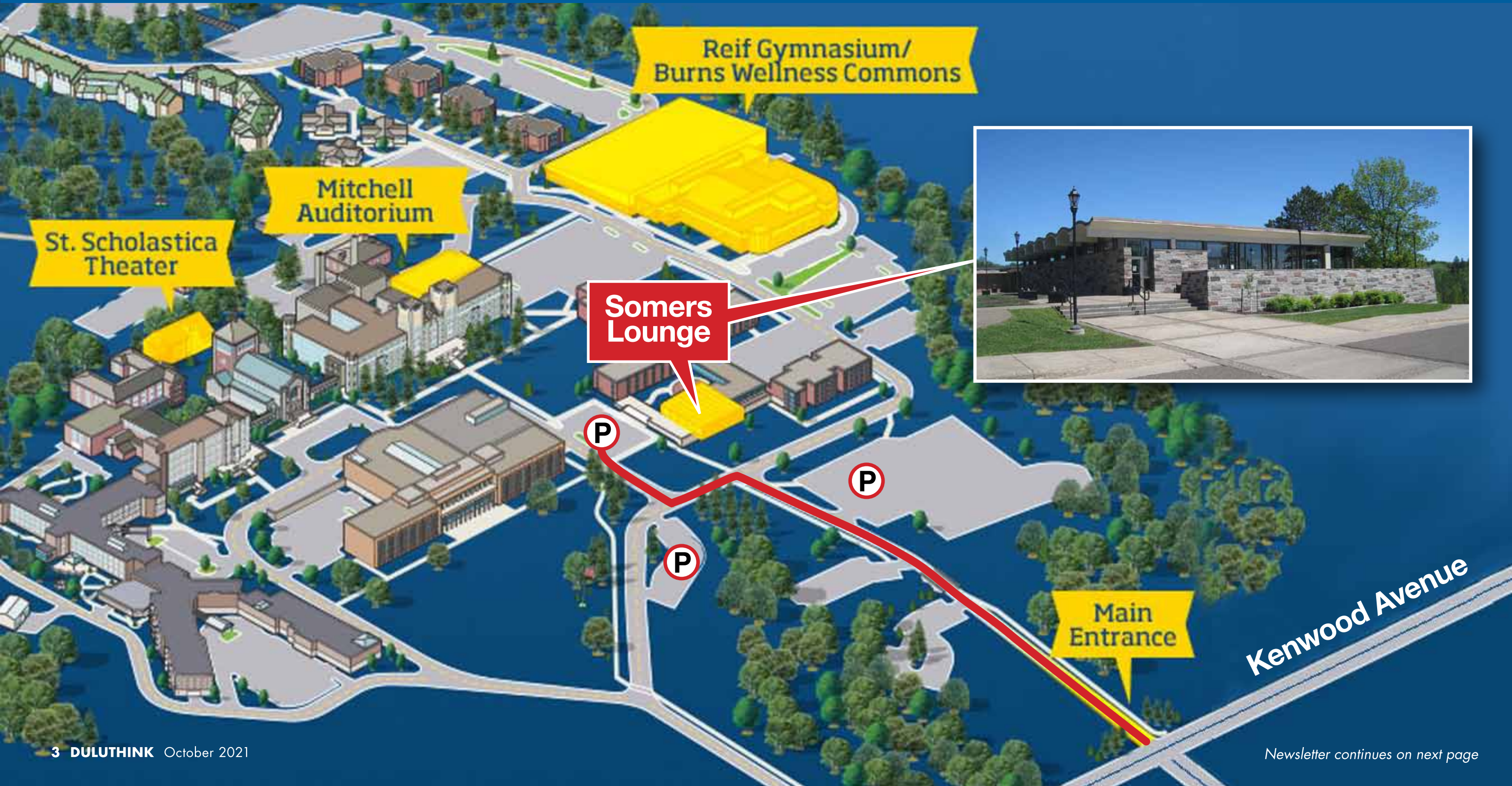
The Psychology of Vaccine Hesitancy

As COVID wears on we are experiencing a continuum of responses to vaccination that bear greater understanding. In this presentation we will discuss the history of vaccination and how vaccination works, the vaccine hesitancy spectrum of beliefs and behaviors, the role of social media in mis/disinformation, and ways in which we can more effectively engage hesitant people in re-examining their reluctance.

David X. Swenson PhD LP is Professor and former Director of the MBA in Rural Health at the College of St. Scholastica and a forensic psychologist in private practice. He has been in the field for 50 years and is a consultant to health and human service agencies, law enforcement, and emergency services with an emphasis on crisis management and leadership.



Directions to St. Scholastica's Somers Lounge, 1200 Kenwood Avenue





JOIN US FOR **HAPPY HOUR**

**4:00-6:00 pm Thursday, October 7th at Mexico Lindo,
Fitzgers Brewery Complex**

OCTOBER SOCIAL DINNER

Join us October 20th at 5:30 pm for LSF's October Social Dinner at Pier B on the waterfront



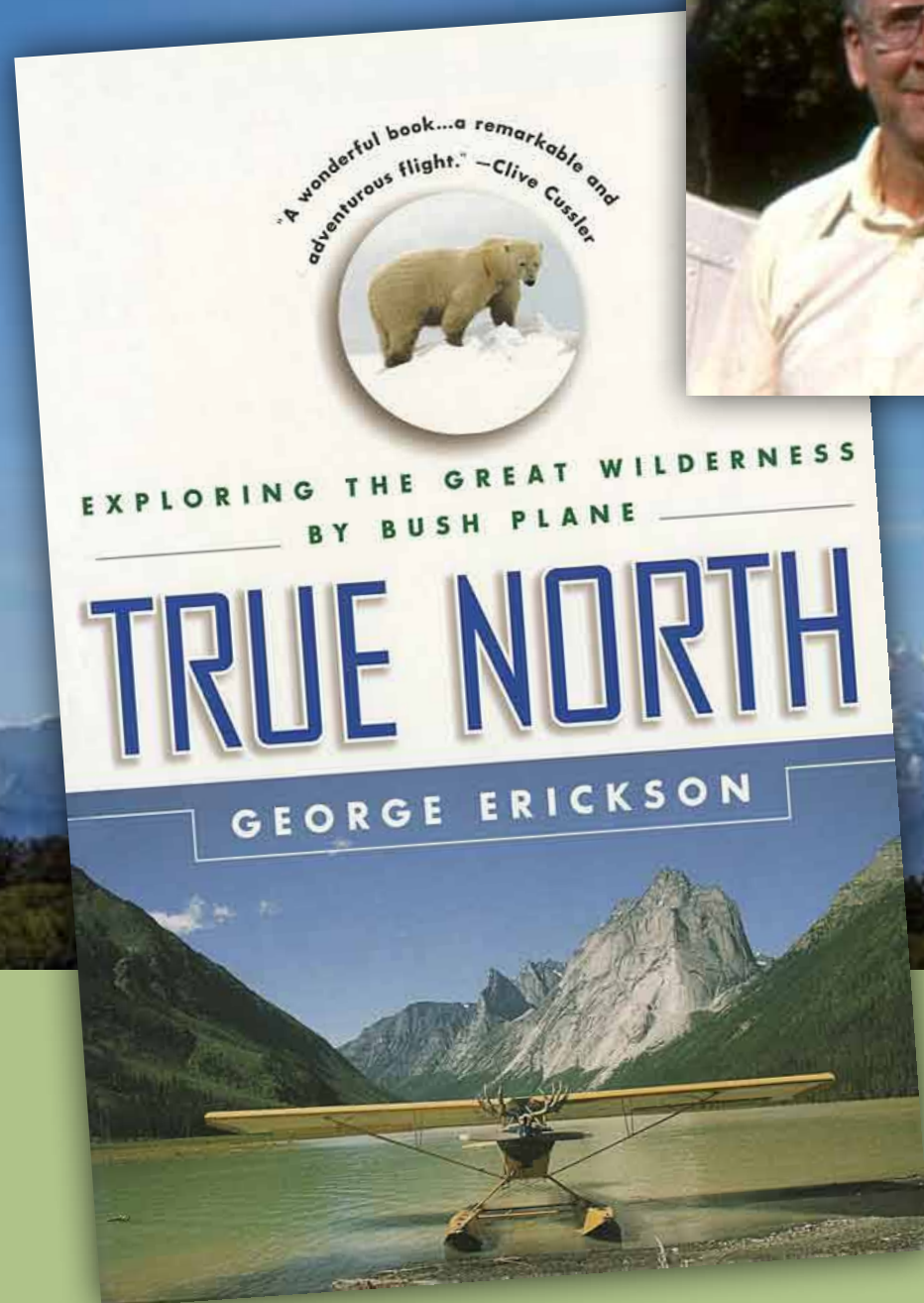
Next Pavilion Party October 23rd

Pavilion Parties continue this summer on the fourth Saturday of each month at the home of our “Flounder”, Bill Van Druten.

Plan to arrive at 1pm. Bring a food item you have made, or maybe an interesting libation to share with other attendees. We'll talk and laugh at Dr. Van Druten's home: 2931 Greysolon Road in Duluth. Park anywhere on Greysolon Road but not on 30th Avenue!



Hi LSF Friends and associates



As some of you know, I am the author of the bestseller, *True North: Exploring the Great Wilderness by Bush Plane* - the first of my five books. My aviation-related articles have also appeared in a wide variety of magazines. My PowerPoint presentations on bush flying in Canada and Alaska have taken me to many aviation related organizations in major cities in the U S, Canada and Australia.

I'm now 88, and because life and aviation has been VERY good to me, I have decided to make the PDF of True North available FREE from my website - www.tundracub.com - in the hope that it will provide some relief to the economic and Covid 19 stresses that so many are enduring. (If you check my website, you will see that I also donate all of my book profits to educational charities.)

The original book included 15 color photos in the center section, but in the PDF, you will find more than twice that number inserted within the text where appropriate.

You can also download the FREE, October update of *Unintended Consequences* from the same website. *True North* is NOT just a guy book, and it is fun reading, but *Unintended Consequences* is very serious.

George Erickson holds a Bachelor of Science and a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Minnesota.

He is a former president of the Minnesota Humanists, a past director of the American Humanist Association, a recent Vice-President of the Minnesota Seaplane Pilots' Assoc. and a former chairman of the Worthington, MN Airport Commission and the Nobles County, MN Art Center. He has served on the New Brighton, MN Environmental Quality Commission. Since 1967 he has made 38 flights through Alaska, the Yukon, the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, northern Quebec and Australia.

Upcoming Secular Student Alliance Webinars

There has never been a better time to support the next generation of the secular movement. Please join us in empowering students who hold secular values to grow and connect with other like-minded students. Together, we prepare these students to be leaders in their communities promoting the separation of religion and government, as well as working towards the creation of policies and laws that are based in reason, compassion, civility, and equity for all.

TUESDAY OCT 12 • 4PM/7PM

COMBATTING CHRISTIAN ATTACKS ON TRANS EXISTENCE



A panel discussion on the strategies conservative Christian organizations have used to target gay and lesbian people and now trans people, current legislation targeting trans people, discrimination against trans people based on religious beliefs, and what secular people can do. Open to everyone.

Chrissy Stroop, Empty the Pews
Alison Gill, American Atheists
Rodrigo Heng-Lehtinen, National Center for Transgender Equality

THURSDAY OCT 14 • 3PM/6PM

SSA STUDENT MEMBER MEETING

Make plans now for your Graveyard of the Gods display on campus. What are you doing on your spring break?

TUESDAY NOV 2 • 3:45/6:45

SECULAR DAY OF THE DEAD - DIA DE LOS MUERTOS



A Secular Day of the Dead/Día de los Muertos is a celebration of life. Nontheist Hispanics and others view the Secular Day of the Dead as a perfect way to remember the legacy of dead loved ones that does not require prayer, church, or religious dogma. To nontheists, our legacies are

our afterlife. The Secular Day of the Dead will include many redesigned and religion-free Hispanic traditions and rituals that celebrate our one and only life, legacies and cultural heritage.

TUESDAY NOV 9 • 1PM/4PM

A PROGRESSIVE VISION FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



Liz Reiner Platt will discuss the progressive vision for religious liberty rights formulated by legal scholars and theologians in a report titled "All Faiths and None: A Guide to Protecting Religious Liberty for Everyone." The report posits that policymakers have lost sight of the meaning and purpose of the First Amendment's guarantee of religious freedom, and offers guidance on what must be done to protect free exercise rights for

all, not merely a favored few. Its recommendations are organized around a set of guiding principles: religious liberty must be neutral; noncoercive; nondiscriminatory; not absolute; democratic; and pluralistic.

THURSDAY NOV 11 • 3PM/6PM

SSA STUDENT MEMBER MEETING



Last national meeting of the semester. Be the first to hear the details about the SSA national conference and tips on getting funds to help you attend.