

What: Denying felons and ex-felons right to vote and impact on elections

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FELON RIGHT TO VOTE COULD HAVE CHANGED ELECTIONS

MINNEAPOLIS/ST.PAUL--Allowing felons and ex-felons to vote might have given the Democratic Party majority control of the Senate from 1986 to the present and changed the outcome of two presidential elections, according to University of Minnesota sociologist Christopher Uggen and Northwestern University sociologist Jeff Manza in a recently published article in the *American Sociological Review*.

Almost all U.S. prisoners lose the right to vote, and in many states, so do those on probation and parole. In several states, ex-felons who have completed their sentences also lose that right. African Americans and poor or working-class whites are overrepresented among convicted felons, and these groups have traditionally voted for Democrats in elections. Uggen and Manza suggest that the rapid growth in the disenfranchisement of this group in recent years has provided a small, but clear, advantage to Republican candidates in recent elections.

"Disenfranchisement of prisoners alone is unlikely to alter elections," said Uggen. "But the likelihood increases when those supervised in the community are added, and it reaches a critical mass when ex-felons--approximately one-third of the disenfranchised population--are barred from voting."

The authors find that seven Senate elections might have been overturned had disenfranchised felons been allowed to participate: Virginia elections in 1978; Texas in 1978; Kentucky in both 1984 and 1998; Florida in 1988; Wyoming in 1988; and Georgia in 1992.

Although only seven of the 400 Senate elections since 1978 would likely have been altered had the disenfranchised voted, those elections would have been sufficient to shift the balance of power.

Had today's level of felon disenfranchisement existed in 1960, John F. Kennedy may have lost the presidency to Richard Nixon. Uggen and Manza estimate that Kennedy would have lost 224,000 votes, almost double the popular vote margin in the election.

In the hotly contested presidential election of 2000, the authors show that Al Gore would have secured a victory in both the popular vote and the Electoral College if only ex-felons had had the right to vote. There are more disenfranchised felons in Florida than in any other state. Uggen and Manza estimate that Gore's margin of victory in the popular vote in Florida would have risen to approximately 85,000 votes. If merely ex-felons had been allowed to vote, Gore would likely have secured at least 30,000 additional votes and easily overcome Bush's 537-vote margin. Therefore, Uggen and Manza argue, the election hinged on the narrower question of ex-felon disenfranchisement rather than voting restrictions on felons and those under supervision. □

What: U offers new certificate program for developmental education
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U TO OFFER CERTIFICATE FOR DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL—Responding to a national trend toward helping under-prepared high school graduates for four-year college education, the University of Minnesota General College and College of Education and Human Development are offering a new graduate certificate program that will train educators to meet that need.

The certificate program is for the area of postsecondary developmental education, which means working with students who are not qualified for regular admission to selective colleges on developing study skills in math, reading and writing. It is ideal for graduate students in any fields who are interested in teaching in junior or community colleges or working as academic advisers in four-year colleges.

“This is a fast growing area in American education,” said General College faculty Thomas Brothen. “More students are going on to post-secondary education and universities are becoming more selective. There is a lot of criticism for high schools not preparing students adequately for college. Many of these students need more attention and study skill direction.”

According to Brothen, the University of Minnesota, especially General College, is well positioned to meet this trend. “General College has been doing research on developmental education since 1932,” Brothen said. “We are very much a pioneer in this area.”

The University of Minnesota is the only major research university in the country to offer a certificate program for developmental education. The new certificate program is for graduate students only and requires completion of six courses. That takes about two years or less, depending on the students’ major.

Brothen said the program may be beneficial for even educators who plan to teach at four-year universities. Some four-year colleges and even private colleges have students, for example, those who enter the school for their athletic prowess, who need developmental education.

“I think it is important for people going into higher education to have an understanding of developmental education because they will have these students,” Brothen said. “Teaching jobs are very competitive. We think this program will give a person an advantage in getting a job.” □

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What: Coffman Union preview
When: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14
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PREVIEW OF NEWLY RENOVATED U OF M COFFMAN UNION

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--After three years of construction, The University of Minnesota's newly renovated Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., opens Tuesday, Jan. 21. Media and special guests are invited for a preview tour of the student union at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14.

Maggie Towle, director of student unions, Shawn Gaither with Ellerbe Becket, Mark Maghrak of Ryan Companies, Inc., and Chuck Hernick, president of the student union board and a senior in the College of Liberal Arts, will give a short overview of the \$71.5 million project. Media will be broken into smaller groups for a building tour. Several students and alumni will also be on hand for media interviews. Light refreshments will be served at 12:15 p.m. in the Campus Club on the fourth floor. The speakers will be there to answer any questions.

Parking is available in the East River Road Garage, 355 East River Road for \$2.50/hour. Media should enter Coffman Union on the west side by Comstock Hall. Enter through a construction entrance on the ground floor underneath the stairs. Go up the escalators or elevators to the fireplace lounge on the first floor for the presentation. □

What: "From Every Voice," the 22nd annual U of M Martin Luther King Jr., Memorial Concert
When: 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2
Where: Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2128 4th St. S., Minneapolis
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'FROM EVERY VOICE' CONCERT CELEBRATES MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--"From Every Voice," the 22nd annual University of Minnesota concert celebrating the life and achievements of Martin Luther King Jr., will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, in Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2128 4th St. S., Minneapolis. The concert is presented by the University of Minnesota's School of Music and the Office for Multicultural and Academic Affairs.

The concert lineup features professional performing artists appearing alongside students and faculty from the university. Presented in "collage" format, the concert is a fast-paced, nonstop presentation of dance, music and drama using the entire auditorium--stage, balconies, orchestra pit and aisles--as performing spaces. The performance runs continuously for 90 minutes without breaks for applause, building to a high-energy finale with more than 250 performers together on stage.

Featured artists include vocalist Jevetta Steele, pianist and gospel conductor Sanford Moore, and director and actor Lou Bellamy of Penumbra Theatre, among many others. The university's Reginald Buckner Ensemble, named for the late university music professor who founded the memorial concert tradition 22 years ago, is scheduled to perform its unique blend of jazz. The program also includes a screening of portions of King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

The concert is free and open to the public; and no advance tickets are required. Parking is available in the 21st Avenue parking ramp, one block southwest of the concert hall.

Established in 1902, the School of Music offers a dynamic, comprehensive program to 540 music students in undergraduate and graduate programs, led by a world-class faculty of more than 70 artists, scholars and teachers. □

What: Former Federal Reserve Board chair to speak
Who: Paul Volcker, chair of the National Commission on Public Service
When: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21
Where: Atrium, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 301 19th Ave. S.,
Minneapolis
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FORMER FED CHAIRMAN PAUL VOLCKER TO ADDRESS NATIONAL SERVICE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The Humphrey Institute Policy Forum will host a lunchtime address by Paul Volcker, former chair, Federal Reserve Board, who currently chairs the National Commission on Public Service, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, in the atrium of the Humphrey Institute, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

Volcker served in the federal government for almost 30 years during five presidential administrations. Appointed as Chair of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System by President Jimmy Carter in 1979, he was re-appointed by President Ronald Reagan in 1983. After leaving the Federal Reserve in 1987, he served as Chair of the firm of James D. Wolfensohn & Co. until his retirement in 1996.

As chair of the first National Commission on Public Service ("The Volcker Commission") in 1988, Volcker established himself as the nation's most preeminent advocate for the revitalization of public service. In February 2002, President Bush asked Volcker to chair the second National Commission on the Public Service. On Jan. 7, the commission released its final report, "Urgent Business America." The report contains 14 targeted recommendations for improving the state of federal public service to better meet the needs of the 21st century. The report can be downloaded from www.brook.edu/dybdocroot/gs/cps/volcker/volcker_hp.htm.

Cost for the luncheon and Volcker's speech is \$25. For reservations or more information, contact Liz Marquez at (612) 625-8330. □

What: U receives record number of applications

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RECORD NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS TO 'U' INCREASES COMPETITION

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The Twin Cities campus of the University of Minnesota has received a record 16,000 applications to date for fall 2003 admission. Freshman applications are up 21 percent, or 2,800 applications, compared to the same time last year.

"The university's popularity is extremely gratifying, as it reflects our commitment to improving academic quality and the undergraduate experience," said President Robert Bruininks. "Increasingly, the most talented students are making the university a top choice because it offers a great education at a competitive price."

According to Wayne Sigler, director of admissions, a number of factors have contributed to the growing interest in the university, including the quality of the educational experience, cost, and its location in a major metropolitan area. As a result, the student profile has been steadily improving for the past decade.

"As more high-achieving students choose the University of Minnesota, competition for admission has increased," said Sigler.

The record number of applications to the university has implications for both the institution and its applicants. University officials believe that the overall strength of the entering class will improve graduation and retention rates, a high priority for the institution.

"We want students to be successful," said Sigler. "It benefits no one when students do not graduate in a timely manner. Our admission standards are designed to enhance retention and graduation rates by helping to ensure the students we admit succeed."

As applications from high achieving students have increased and admission has become more competitive, Sigler advises applicants whose decisions have been deferred to continue to make alternate educational plans in the event that the university is unable to extend an offer of admission. Complete applications postmarked after December 16, 2002 will be reviewed on a space-available basis.

"As long as Minnesota has been a state, the university has been committed to providing educational opportunities to its sons and daughters, and that has not changed," said Bruininks. "However, to provide a quality educational experience, we must keep new student enrollment reasonably in line with the resources available to serve them. The result for now is a highly competitive situation for freshman admission." □

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What: Board of regents meetings
When: Thursday, Feb. 13, and Friday, Feb. 14
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'U' REGENTS TO DISCUSS BUDGET REDUCTIONS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota board of regents will hold its monthly meetings on Thursday, Feb 13, and Friday, Feb. 14, on the Twin Cities campus in Minneapolis in Suite 600, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis.

The board will discuss the allocation of last week's \$25 million budget reduction Gov. Pawlenty set for this biennium. University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks has allocated the reduction across every administrative and support unit, college and campus, with the exception of financial aid. At the board meeting, Bruininks will discuss the formula for the allocation and the process for individual units to present plans to manage the reductions. The board will also begin discussions of the framework for making decisions about the 2004-05 biennium.

In its second work session on financing the university's teaching, research and outreach mission, the board will review historical revenue and expenditure trend data and discuss related policy questions.

In committee meetings, the Educational Planning and Policy Committee will hear a progress report on the university's efforts to improve graduation and retention rates. Vice President for University Services Kathleen O'Brien will provide an update to the Facilities Committee on the progress she has made, since assuming the position four months ago, on key priorities, including restoring trust in the design and construction process and emergency planning. Budget amendments for capital projects and the impact on the university of a proposed whitewater rafting park on the Mississippi River will also be discussed. The Faculty, Staff and Student Affairs Committee will hear an update on the new employee health care benefit program, which began in 2002, following the university's withdrawal from the State of Minnesota health insurance plan.

Select committee meetings and agenda items follow.

Thursday, Feb. 13

- 8-9:15 a.m. Audit, East Committee Room. Annual compliance audit of federal award programs, an update on the impact on the university of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.
- 9:30-11:30 a.m. Facilities, West Committee Room. Update from O'Brien. Consider capital budget amendments on two projects. Discuss the impact of a proposed Mississippi River whitewater rafting park.

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- 9:30-11:30 a.m. Educational Planning and Policy, East Committee Room. Review strategies for managing university enrollment and discuss the impact of post-Sept. 11 federal guidelines on research and international students.
- 3-5 p.m. Finance and Operations, West Committee Room. Part one of a discussion on the university's financial reporting.
- 3-5 p.m. Faculty, Staff and Student Affairs, East Committee Room. Update on the university employee health care benefits program. Act on the new policy, Protection of Individual Health Information, to comply with the federal Health Insurance Privacy and Protection Act.

Friday, Feb. 14

- 9 a.m.-noon. Board meeting, Boardroom. The board will discuss the allocation of a \$25 million budget reduction for the biennium and is expected to take action on the university's annual Plan, Performance and Accountability Report.

Complete board of regents agendas can be found at www.umn.edu/regents. □

What: Coffman Union reopens
When: 7 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21
 Noon - ribbon-cutting ceremony
Where: Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., fireplace lounge, 1st floor
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COFFMAN UNION REOPENS ITS DOORS TUESDAY, JAN. 21

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL--Coffman Union, the University of Minnesota's student union on the Twin Cities campus, will reopen at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, after a three-year, \$71.5 million renovation. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at noon in the fireplace lounge on the first floor. President Robert Bruininks, Student Union Board President Chuck Hernick and others will speak.

The renovation adds many services that students have requested. The 353,000-square-foot building includes air conditioning, a computer lab, more student organization space, a 400-seat multipurpose theater, more study and lounge space, a full-service branch of U.S. Bank, a branch of STA Travel (a student-focused travel agency), a central 46,000-square-foot University Bookstore (opening in March 2003), and national food chains.

Students, who guided the project and are the primary source of funding for the renovation, have long anticipated Coffman's opening. "Students are excited to once again have a gathering place and a student union that has the amenities we want," said Hernick, a senior in the College of Biological Sciences.

The renovation adds more natural light and a glass face on the south side of the building to visually connect Northrop Mall with the Mississippi River, as the original campus planner, Cass Gilbert, intended. Many of the building's original art deco features were also restored, including the original central first floor entrance, which features 1940s terrazzo flooring with brass inlays. A 17th century fountain was restored on the south plaza overlooking the river. Escalators were installed, making Coffman one of the few student unions in the country with this feature. The building will also be the first on campus with full wireless computer network capabilities. Students can access the Internet anywhere in the union, including its front lawn, with a laptop computer and a wireless adapter card.

"Coffman will link the past and the future, with a historic feel and state-of-the-art capabilities fit to serve students of the 21st century," said Maggie Towle, Coffman Union director. "We are excited to reopen Coffman and deliver to students not only one of the largest, but one of the best unions in the country."

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Student services are the focus of six of the building's eight levels. The basement includes Goldy's Gameroom, a bowling alley, a computer lab and The Whole, a student night club. The ground floor houses the historic Great Hall ballroom plus many student services, including the University Bookstore, U Card Office, postal station, copy center, convenience store, U.S. Bank, M Deli, Starbucks and Minnesota Marketplace, which includes Minnesota's first Chick-Fil-A, Einstein Bros. Bagels, and Baja Sol Tortilla Grill. The first floor has an information desk, a theater, STA Travel, the Student Activities Offices and several student lounges, the original fireplace from the 1940's lounge. The entire second floor is home to seven student cultural centers and 25 student organization offices. The third floor serves as the main events and conferencing center and has offices for Orientation and First-Year Programs. The Campus Club, a university-affiliated membership organization that provides dining, meeting and conference facilities, is on the fourth floor. The Twin Cities Student Union Administration is on the fifth floor, and the sixth floor is home to the new air conditioning system and other mechanical items.

History

Coffman Union was built in 1940 at a cost of \$2 million, funded primarily by student fees and a public works grant, to accommodate 14,000 students. Coffman was remodeled in the mid-70s at a cost of \$10.8 million to accommodate 42,000 students.

Demolition for the most recent renovation began in November 1999. The project's \$71.5 million budget is supported primarily by student fees and Coffman Union reserves, which are paying \$48.6 million. Tenants are funding the remaining \$22.9 million. The construction was completed by Ryan Companies, a design-build firm, and architect Ellerbe Becket, both of Minneapolis.

Opening Events

Students, staff, faculty, alumni and friends are invited to participate in the reopening celebration, which will take place throughout spring semester and start with the following events:

Tuesday, Jan. 21

- 7 a.m. Coffman Union building opens to the public
- Noon. Ribbon-cutting celebration in the fireplace lounge, first floor
- 11 a.m.-2 p.m. DJ in The Whole, a student nightclub
- 7 a.m.-9:30 p.m. "Casablanca" and "The Bourne Identity" showcase the theater's new movie screen and sound system
- 12:30-1:45 p.m. Mason Jennings performs in the Great Hall

Wednesday, Jan. 22

- 7 p.m. "Second City" National Touring Company comedy team performs in the Great Hall
- 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. "Casablanca" and "The Bourne Identity" showcase the theater's new movie screen and sound system.

For more information on Coffman Union, including 360-degree panoramic tours of the interior, see www.coffman.umn.edu. □

What: Tim Penny returns to the classroom
When: 5:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27
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PENNY RETURNS TO CLASSROOM

MINNEAPOLIS/ST.PAUL--After an unsuccessful run for Minnesota governor, Tim Penny will return to the classroom at 5:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. Penny will be teaching a public budgeting course for the spring semester. The class is held in 230 Blegen Hall, 269 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

Penny serves as a senior fellow and co-director of the Humphrey Institute Policy Forum, a position he shares with former Minnesota congressman Vin Weber. Penny took a leave of absence from September 1 to November 11 and did not teach classes at the Humphrey Institute during the fall semester to focus on his campaign for governor. ❁

- What:** 2003 legislative briefing
When: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21
Where: Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak. St. S.E.,
Minneapolis
Who: Regent Bill Hogan, President Robert Bruininks, alumni leaders and
volunteers, faculty members, legislators
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NEW LEGISLATORS ARE A FOCUS OF ANNUAL BRIEFING

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota's annual legislative briefing will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 21, in Memorial Hall at the McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis.

This year, as the state of Minnesota faces difficult budget challenges, the focus of the briefing will be on demonstrating the value of the university to the state. Displays will depict the impact various programs have had in Minnesota communities. For the first time, many university supporters have invited their legislators to accompany them to this event. Organizers expect about 15 legislators and 500 alumni volunteers, friends of the university, faculty and university leaders to attend. During a brief program, President Robert Bruininks, Regent William Hogan and University of Minnesota Alumni Association President Deborah Hopp will speak about the university's value and urge attendees to be advocates for the university this legislative session.

Reservations for the event, which include a complimentary buffet and parking, are required. To RSVP, phone (612) 624-2323 or visit www.alumni.umn.edu/legnetwork. The event is sponsored by the University of Minnesota Alumni Association. □

What: U President to speak on business-university partnerships
When: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22
Where: Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs,
301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
Who: Robert Bruininks, president, University of Minnesota
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BRUININKS SPEAKS ON IMPORTANCE OF U OF M AND BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota president Robert Bruininks will speak about the importance of the university's role in creating businesses and helping them grow as part of his keynote address at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, at The Collaborative's "The Business of Creating Businesses and the University's Involvement" event at the Humphrey Institute's Cowles Auditorium, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

Bruininks' remarks will include a look at the university's role in helping to create high-tech start up companies. He'll also speak on the university's improved patents and technology marketing operations, which are creating new partnerships with the private sector.

A panel discussion will follow at 7 p.m. Speakers include Tony Strauss, assistant vice president for patents and technology marketing at the university.

To register, call The Collaborative at (612) 338-3828. The Collaborative is dedicated to providing resources for emerging companies, entrepreneurs and investors. For more information, see www.collaborative.net. □

What: 'U' Hockey pep band to appear on 'A Prairie Home Companion'
When: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21 - rehearsal
 4:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 - live broadcast
Where: Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis
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U OF M HOCKEY PEP BAND TO APPEAR ON 'A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION'

MINNEAPOLIS/ST.PAUL--At the request of Garrison Keillor, the University of Minnesota's Hockey Pep Band, under the direction of Skeeter Burroughs, will appear on the national radio program "A Prairie Home Companion" on Saturday, January 25, live from the Fitzgerald Theater, 10 East Exchange St., St. Paul. The pep band will rehearse for its appearance at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21 in room 4, Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis.

"Prairie Home" is hosted by U of M graduate and celebrated writer Garrison Keillor. The show is produced by Minnesota Public Radio and is broadcast live from the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul to public radio stations nationwide, including KSJN 99.5 FM in the Twin Cities.

Keillor personally invited the band to perform on the show after he attended an October match between the Gophers and the University of North Dakota Fighting Sioux. In an e-mail to Hockey Band personnel confirming the band's appearance, Keillor wrote, "With so many Minnesota boys on the UND team it's hard to summon up the old animosity toward them that we oldsters had back when they were made up of Canadian Junior A players, but the pep band is all an old alumnus needs to make him feel 21 again."

Other guests on the program include the chorus of Minneapolis-based group VocalEssence (conducted by University alumnus Philip Brunelle) and vocalist Jearlyn Steele.

Tickets to "A Prairie Home Companion" are \$10 - \$30.50; rush tickets are available. More ticket information is available at www.prairiehome.org or www.ticketmaster.com.

The Hockey Pep Band is one of many ensembles in the University's School of Music. Established in 1902, the School of Music celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. □

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- What:** Affordable housing challenges discussion
When: Noon-1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24
Where: Room 1-147, Carlson School of Management, 321 19th Ave. S.,
Minneapolis
Who: Kit Hadley, former commissioner, Minnesota Housing Finance
Agency
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AFFORDABLE HOUSING CHALLENGES: WHERE WE'VE BEEN AND WHAT'S AHEAD

MINNEAPOLIS/ST.PAUL--Kit Hadley, former commissioner of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, will discuss the challenges and future of affordable housing at noon Friday, Jan. 24, at the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) monthly housing forum in Room 1-147, Carlson School of Management, 321 19th Ave. S, Minneapolis.

Hadley will discuss such issues as land, funding, private unsubsidized lower-cost housing, public visibility, and long-term homelessness.

The forum is free and open to the public. In addition to the housing forum, CURA supports more than a dozen programs that provide research support and technical assistance to community organizations and government agencies throughout Minnesota. For more information, see www.cura.umn.edu.

Kit Hadley served as commissioner for eight years. She will reflect on changes in affordable housing during her tenure and offer thoughts on key issues for the future. □

- What:** U of M ready to use SEVIS international tracking system by Jan. 30 deadline
- When:** Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1-3 p.m.
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U OF M PREPARED FOR JAN. 30 SEVIS REPORTING DEADLINE

MINNEAPOLIS/ST.PAUL--After months of preparation, the University of Minnesota is ready to begin using the new Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) reporting system in time for the Thursday, Jan. 30, deadline. Kay Thomas, director of International Student and Scholar Services, will be available for media interviews from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, to discuss the uses and reasons for the system.

SEVIS is an electronic reporting system that provides the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) with information on international students and scholars in the United States. The INS created this Internet-based, record-keeping system to maintain data on nonimmigrant visa holders; information includes biographical data, arrivals, departures, academic status and field of study. Although tracking system legislation was first introduced in 1996, the USA Patriot Act of 2001 mandated full participation in SEVIS by Jan. 30. All educational institutions that admit international students or scholars are required to use SEVIS.

University of Minnesota staff will begin entering data about international students and scholars into the SEVIS system on January 30 (or earlier, if approval is received from the INS). Only students and scholars who need assistance with their visas, such as travel authorization or a program extension, will be entered into SEVIS at this time. The deadline for all students and scholars to have a record in the system is Aug. 1, 2003. □

What: U of M presidential inauguration events and theme set
When: Feb. 23-March 1
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'U' PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION SET

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Robert Bruininks will be inaugurated as the University of Minnesota's 15th president at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, in Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis. The program includes several musical selections, Bruininks' inauguration address and a presentation of the mace and medallion, symbols of the university leadership, by Gov. Tim Pawlenty and University of Minnesota Board of Regents Chair Maureen Reed.

The theme of the inaugural is "Advancing Knowledge: A Partner for the Public Good." Throughout the week, inaugural events will focus on the university's contributions as the state's only research university and its partnerships with Minnesota communities to improve the quality of life through commercializing technology, enriching civic and cultural life and educating tomorrow's workforce.

"The inauguration is an important opportunity to renew the university's connections with the people of Minnesota," said Mary Jo Kane, co-chair of the Presidential Inauguration Committee, professor and director of the Tucker Center for Research on Girls & Women in Sport. "However, recognizing the state's tough financial times, this presidential inauguration will be a very modest event."

The inauguration coincides with Founders Week, Feb. 23-March 1, a celebration to mark the founding of the university 152 years ago.

Following are key Founders Week events. All events are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, Feb. 23

- 2 p.m. University Symphony Orchestra concert, Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2128 4th St. S., Minneapolis.

Monday, Feb. 24

- Noon-1p.m. Founders Week Kickoff, Northrop plaza, Minneapolis. Free chili and chips will be served to approximately 4,000 students, faculty and staff. The program will feature Bruininks and Robert Jones, vice president and executive vice provost for faculty and academic programs, and will include a "special appearance" by the late John Sargent Pillsbury, father of the university.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

- 7:30 p.m. "Great Conversations: Civil Rights and Human Dignity" with Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Jones. Northrop Auditorium. Tickets: \$25 (\$20 for faculty, staff and students), (612) 624-2345.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

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- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. "Research Into Products." A daylong showcase of university research that has been turned into real-world products. The open house will include exhibits of about 50 university-developed technologies and other research projects. Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis.
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Friday, Feb. 28

- 12:45 p.m. Inaugural Academic Procession, Northrop Mall.
- 1 p.m. Inauguration ceremony, Northrop Auditorium. Free. No tickets required.
- 3-4:30 p.m. Public reception, Great Hall, Coffman Union. This event is free, and no reservation is required.

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What: U of M presidential inauguration events and theme set
When: Feb. 23-March 1
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'U' PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION SET

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Robert Bruininks will be inaugurated as the University of Minnesota's 15th president at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, in Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis. The program includes several musical selections, Bruininks' inauguration address and a presentation of the mace and medallion, symbols of the university leadership, by Gov. Tim Pawlenty and University of Minnesota Board of Regents Chair Maureen Reed.

The theme of the inaugural is "Advancing Knowledge: A Partner for the Public Good." Throughout the week, inaugural events will focus on the university's contributions as the state's only research university and its partnerships with Minnesota communities to improve the quality of life through commercializing technology, enriching civic and cultural life and educating tomorrow's workforce.

"The inauguration is an important opportunity to renew the university's connections with the people of Minnesota," said Mary Jo Kane, co-chair of the Presidential Inauguration Committee, professor and director of the Tucker Center for Research on Girls & Women in Sport. "However, recognizing the state's tough financial times, this presidential inauguration will be a very modest event."

The inauguration coincides with Founders Week, Feb. 23-March 1, a celebration to mark the founding of the university 152 years ago.

Following are key Founders Week events. All events are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, Feb. 23

- 2 p.m. University Symphony Orchestra concert, Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2128 4th St. S., Minneapolis.

Monday, Feb. 24

- Noon-1p.m. Founders Week Kickoff, Northrop plaza, Minneapolis. Free chili and chips will be served to approximately 4,000 students, faculty and staff. The program will feature Bruininks and Robert Jones, vice president and executive vice provost for faculty and academic programs, and will include a "special appearance" by the late John Sargent Pillsbury, father of the university.

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Who: Solar car team 
What: Welcoming ceremony
When: Noon-1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1
Where: East side of Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis
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U OF M TO WELCOME SOLAR CAR TEAM HOME

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Fresh from their second-place finish in the 2003 American Solar Challenge race, the University of Minnesota's Borealis II solar car and the team of students who built, drove and serviced it will drive to a warm welcome home at noon Friday, Aug. 1. Institute of Technology Dean H. Ted Davis will congratulate the team during an informal ceremony on the east side of Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis.

In the American Solar Challenge, held July 13-23, solar cars from colleges and universities in the United States and Canada raced along old Route 66 in a 2,233-mile course from Chicago to Claremont, Calif. Of the 31 teams that entered the competition, 20 qualified for the race. The University of Minnesota fielded a team of 18 students, plus faculty adviser Patrick Starr, a professor of mechanical engineering.

The American Solar Challenge is held biennially. The University of Missouri-Rolla won this year's event, and the University of Waterloo, Ontario, finished third. More on the race is on the Web at www.americansolarchallenge.org. □

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What: U of M General College to sponsor African American Read-In
When: 10:30 a.m. to noon, Monday, Feb. 3
Where: Room 26, Appleby Hall, 128 Pleasant St. S.E., Minneapolis
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U READ-IN EVENT AIMED AT INCREASING LITERACY AMONG YOUTH

MINNEAPOLIS /ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota's General College and Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of Writing will sponsor an African American Read-In from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Monday, Feb. 3, in room 26, Appleby Hall, 128 Pleasant St. SE., Minneapolis. This year's event, now in its 14th year, is part of the national African American Read-In (AARI) program aimed at encouraging reading and increasing the literacy rate among youth. On Feb. 3, University students, faculty and community members will participate in storytelling, poetry readings and dramatic presentations. University professors and school teachers--even those who don't teach literature classes--are encouraged to participate by reading a book aloud a written by an African American. Event organizer Ezra Hyland, an instructor in General College, also call on educators and community leaders in the Twin Cities to observe the read-in and host their own African American Read-In on Feb. 3.

"Last year, about 12,000 students throughout the state participated in the Read-In," Hyland said. "We invite all to participate in this year's activities. Activities may be as simple as reading a poem or short story, or it can be a daylong series of readings incorporated into a classroom or community organization."

In addition to the General College, the event also receives funding from the African American Men Project, the Archie Givens Collections of African American Literature and Life, Insight News, the Minnesota Vikings Children's Fund, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Target Corp. and the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English.

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What: U President to speak at Minneapolis Rotary
When: Noon, Friday, February 7
Where: Marquette Hotel, 710 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis
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BRUININKS TO SPEAK AT DOWNTOWN ROTARY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks will speak to the Minneapolis Rotary Club at noon on Friday, February 7 at the Marquette Hotel, 710 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis.

It is the first time since assuming the presidency that Bruininks has addressed this group and his remarks will focus on the future of the university and the difficult budget challenges ahead. The speech is one of a number Bruininks is making as he meets with citizens around the state. □

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What: U President to speak at Edina Rotary
When: Noon, Thursday, February 6
Where: Edina Country Club, 6324 Westwood Court, Edina
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BRUININKS TO SPEAK TO EDINA ROTARY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks will speak to the Edina Rotary Club at noon on Thursday, February 6.

It is the first time since assuming the presidency that Bruininks has addressed this group and his remarks will focus on the future of the university and the difficult budget challenges ahead. With approximately 8,900 alumni, 650 students and 480 employees in Edina, the university has strong connections to the city. In addition, the university spends about \$2.8 million annually on services and products from Edina-based businesses. The speech is one of a number Bruininks is making as he meets with citizens around the state. □

What: Student clothing designers hold fashion show
When: 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7
Where: McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis
Contact: Missy Bye, clothing design professor, (612) 624-3751
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STUDENTS SHOWCASE THEIR FASHION LINES

MINNEAPOLIS/ST.PAUL--University of Minnesota clothing design students will hold a fashion show 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 at the McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis, complete with lights, music and a runway.

Eleven seniors will showcase three to five articles from each of their clothing lines that they designed and constructed over the last semester. Some of the lines include clothes made entirely of leather and denim, items all in pink, costumes from a movie made in the Twin Cities, classic tailored suits with a modern twist and brightly-colored fiber garments.

Other undergraduates will model and display some of their work. The annual event is a way for students to show their work and get experience organizing a fashion show.

Most of the students participating have dreams of being designers. Missy Bye, clothing design professor, says several graduates of the program are designers at North Face, Target and Gander Mountain.

Tickets are \$20 at the door. □

What: U of M honors "Breaking the Silence" award winners
When: 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6
Where: Campus Club, Coffman Memorial Union, 300 Washington Ave. SE, Minneapolis
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BETH ZEMSKY, JEAN TRETTER RECEIVES GLBT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL— The University of Minnesota Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Program has named Beth Zemsky and Jean-Nickolaus Tretter recipients of its ninth annual Breaking the Silence awards. They will be honored at a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Campus Club in Coffman Memorial Union, 300 Washington Ave. SE. Minneapolis.

The awards recognize individuals or organizations that have worked to confront discrimination based on gender identification or sexual orientation, thereby improving campus climate for GLBT people at the university.

JEAN-NICKOLAUS-TRETTER

Tretter, a library assistant in the Special Collections and Rare Books Office in the university's Andersen Library, is widely recognized as the expert in GLBT history, culture and chronology in the United States.

A native of Little Falls, he served in Vietnam, where he was a decorated linguist. After the war he moved to the Twin Cities, where he and his friends organized the first Twin Cities commemoration of the Stonewall riots in June 1972. Tretter studied social and cultural anthropology at the university from 1973-1976 and began to collect thousands of books, photos, and documents on GLBT history that now make up his collection. "Our gay history was disappearing as fast as we were producing it," Tretter said. "It's important we create a historical legacy to pass along to future generations. I would like to have a part in giving gays and lesbians of the future something to hold on to."

In 2001 he donated his collection to the university's GLBT Studies Program. The Jean-Nickolaus Tretter Collection, housed in Andersen Library, is the foundation for a growing and developing GLBT archive, a local, national and international resource especially useful to scholars and researchers in GLBT Studies.

"Part of my generation's growing up gay was an internalized homophobia that made us feel inferior and that anything we did was not of value," Tretter said. "To receive an award like this

helps to break that internal silence. To be so honored by people I admire and who are my peers and friends adds validity to my life that can not be expressed by mere words."

BETH ZEMSKY

Zemsky became the founding director of the university's GLBT Programs Office in 1993, after a committee, appointed by then-President Nils Hasselmo, documented discrimination, harassment, and violence against GLBT people on campus.

At the time, it was one of a handful of such offices on college campuses nationwide. Under Zemsky's leadership, the GLBT Programs Office served as a local and national resource for information about GLBT culture and scholarship. In 1995 Zemsky helped lead discussions and training for a variety of campus departments including the University Police when controversy broke out about public sexual behavior in university buildings. Ensuing discussions were a trial-by-fire for the fledgling office and its director, trying to balance the needs and expectations of the university community with those of the GLBT community. Zemsky managed the conflict in such a way that the GLBT Programs Office had stronger connections with the university community and the off-campus GLBT community.

In 1996, Zemsky helped the university secure a \$500,000 bequest that led to the creation of the Steven J. Schochet Center for GLBT Studies, now in the forefront of GLBT studies nationally. She also secured the Jean-Nickolaus Tretter Collection in GLBT Studies.

The GLBT Programs Office has continued to break new ground, sponsoring annual Lavender graduation ceremonies; annual scholarships for GLBT students; a GLBT College Fair and career workshops; and ongoing GLBT student support services, as well as creating a GLBT Alumni group and a U of M GLBT Employee Network.

During the 2000-01 academic year, Zemsky used a Bush Foundation Fellowship to take a sabbatical to do research on organizational development in social justice organizations. This past fall, she used material from her fellowship to teach the university's first-ever class with a GLBT course designator, GLBT Social Movements.

Zemsky will begin a new position in Human Resources at the University of Minnesota on Feb. 10. "I had several goals for this program when I came to the university in 1993, and I have been able to meet almost all of them," she said. "I feel privileged to have been a steward of the GLBT community's vision, and I hope that my work at the university has moved that vision forward." □

- What:** Reflecting on race, education and civil rights
When: 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21
Where: Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street S.E., Minneapolis
Who: National Council of Teachers of English
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FREE EVENTS FOCUS ON RACE, EDUCATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL--A keynote speech on "Race, Power and Education: Finding the Democratic Potential in American Life," by University of Texas law professor Gerald Torres, will open a three-day conference on race and education hosted by the U of M.

Torres will speak at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, in Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street S.E., Minneapolis. A reception will follow at 7 p.m.

At 8 p.m. Friday, a panel will discuss "Dr. King's Legacy in Politics, Civil and Human Rights, Social Justice and More," in Memorial Hall. Panelists include: Torres; John A. Powell, founder of the Institute on Race and Poverty at the University of Minnesota Law School; Kristi Rudelius-Palmer, founding co-director of the Human Rights Center at the university Law School; Kirt Wilson, assistant professor of communication studies; Sallye McKee, associate vice provost for multicultural and academic affairs, and David Roediger, professor of history at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

The panel was organized by Weisman Art Museum in conjunction with its current exhibition, "In the Spirit of Martin: The Living Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

Both the speech and panel are free and open to the public. They are part of the National Council of Teachers of English conference, "Teaching and Researching Across Color Lines: Literacies, Pedagogies, and the Politics of Difference." The conference is sponsored, in part, by the curriculum and instruction department and the College of Education and Human Development.

The conference focus is on race and education, said Timothy Lensmire, an associate professor of curriculum and instruction at the university. "One of the reasons for that is that our public schools have an increasingly diverse student population. Meanwhile, the teaching force is increasingly white," he said. "Given the history of personal and institutional racism in our country, we need to help educators and researchers figure out how to work with and draw on the strength of diverse children and families." □

What: Snow Week returns to the U

When: Monday, Feb. 10 - Saturday, Feb. 15

Where: University of Minnesota Twin Cities campuses

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SNOW WEEK RETURNS TO THE U OF M CAMPUS

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL- -University of Minnesota students will celebrate winter and the return of a campus tradition during "Snow Week," Monday, Feb. 10 through Saturday, Feb. 15 on the Twin Cities campus.

Sponsored by the Student Activities Office, "Snow Week Returns" is the theme for this year's festival. It marks the return of the "Snow Week" name and replaces the "Winterfest" celebration planned by the student unions the past several years. The event will also be part of the Coffman Memorial Union semester-long reopening celebration.

"I think it's important to carry on tradition, and with the return of Snow Week and Coffman, we are connecting to 60-year-old traditions at the U," said Holly Benson, Snow Week co-coordinator and senior in the College of Liberal Arts.

Snow Week began in 1939 with events such as snowshoe contests, sled races, and ice sculptures. This year's celebration will include those traditions as well as new events. Highlights include:

Monday, Feb. 10, 9-11 p.m. "Rock-n-Skate"

Students will gather at the Minneapolis Depot, 225 3rd Ave. S., for a night of skating.

The first 50 students get in free.

Tuesday, Feb. 11, and Friday, Feb. 14, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. "Dog Sledding at the U"

A team of sled dogs will give a demonstration on the Northrop Mall and the Saint Paul campus mall.

Students can try "mushing."

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Wednesday, Feb. 12, 5:30 p.m. "Step Afrika!"

In celebration of black history month, this dancing group will present an amazing step routine in Coffman Union's Great Hall, 300 Washington Ave. SE.

Thursday, Feb. 13, Noon - 5 p.m. "Wax Hands"

Students can dip, dunk and submerge their hand in buckets of melted wax to create everlasting models of their favorite hand motion in the St. Paul Student Center lobby, 2017 Buford Ave.

Thursday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m. Comedian Cris Clobber

This stand-up comic, actor and writer will perform a comedy routine in the Whole, located in Coffman Union. Clobber has been featured on Comedy Central, MTV Spring Break, "CBS This Morning," "A&E's Evening at the Improv," and at numerous comedy clubs and cruise lines.

Thursday, Feb. 13, 9 - 10:30 p.m. Panoramic Blue will perform in the Whole, in Coffman Union. This band embodies a variety of sounds and musical influences. It has opened for Sony recording artists Nine Days, Universal recording artists Stroke 9, and most recently Atlantic recording artists Sugar Ray.

Saturday, Feb. 15, 8 p.m. - midnight "SnoBall 2003"

This annual dance closes the week's festivities and will capture the tradition of the 1940s, thanks to its setting: Coffman Union's historic Great Hall. Cosponsored by the Student Alumni Leaders.

Other Snow Week activities include musical competitions, food giveaways, the "Icy Olympics," University of Minnesota's own "Five-Minute Dating," outdoor adventures, films, concerts and late-night activities in Goldy's Gameroom in Coffman. For more information and a complete list of Snow Week events, visit www.coffman.umn.edu/snowweek or call (612) 626-6919. □

What: Study finds benefits in teenage work
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STUDY FINDS BENEFITS IN TEENAGE WORK

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL--Contrary to other studies of working teenagers, a new study by University of Minnesota sociologist Jeylan Mortimer shows that adolescent work experiences can provide many benefits. The findings are presented in her book, "Working and Growing Up in America," to be released in February by Harvard University Press.

Mortimer surveyed about 750 St. Paul students over 12 years from the beginning of high school through their mid-20s. They resoundingly favored high school jobs. Mortimer concluded that high school students who work even as much as half time are better off in many ways than students who don't have jobs. Having part-time jobs can increase confidence, foster time management skills, promote vocational exploration, and enhance subsequent academic success.

"The wider social circle of adults teens meet through their jobs can also buffer strains at home," said Mortimer. "Some of what young people learn on the job--such as responsibility and confidence--gives them an advantage in later work life."

Earlier studies of teens suggested that paid work might lower grades and lead to problem behavior. But in this study, parents and teens agree that working during school can help teens manage time and prepare them for later work challenges. Moderate work--limited to 20 hours a week or less--is better for teens than more time-consuming work, Mortimer said.

Mortimer's research shows that teenagers who worked part-time in high school learned to cope with job stress. During adolescence, high schoolers who experienced stress on the job felt less control over their lives than kids doing stress-free work. In their early 20's, however, those who had coped with work stress as teens did better at handling adult work stress. □

What: U engineering students win design prize in national competition

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ENGINEERING STUDENTS WIN \$5,000 DESIGN PRIZE, ADVANCE TO PHASE TWO

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL--A team from the University of Minnesota has advanced to the final round of a student engineering competition, taking second place in the SRC SiGe Design Challenge. The U was one of three schools awarded prizes this week in Phase One of the challenge, taking home \$5,000 and advancing to Phase Two, the final round in which 15 schools compete for a \$25,000 first place award.

The contest's objective is to create novel circuit designs that will help accelerate the adoption of the high performance semiconductor SiGe (silicon germanium) technology. Contest sponsors say technologies such as SiGe help create new integrated circuit (IC) designs that can significantly improve the functionality and performance of a variety of electronic systems.

In Phase One, team members Byunghoo Jung and Jaewon Kim presented a simulation of a chip. For the next round they will send their plans in for manufacturing and compete with an actual chip. Jung and Kim are both Ph.D candidates in electrical engineering.

Judges will announce the overall winners in July. □

What: U restructures construction and facilities operations
Who: Kathleen O'Brien, vice president for University Services
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RESTORING TRUST IS GOAL OF 'U' RESTRUCTURE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Since assuming her position as vice president for University Services five months ago, Kathleen O'Brien has completed a comprehensive review of the university's construction and facilities management organization and process. As a result, today O'Brien announced a restructuring of the university's planning and construction and facilities management organizations.

"While many talented and committed employees have contributed to enormous physical improvements on our campuses in the past few years, we are implementing a new organizational and leadership structure that will improve service, accountability and stewardship and restore trust and confidence among both internal and external stakeholders," said O'Brien.

Specifically, the reorganization moves the construction project management function out of facilities management, freeing up facilities personnel to focus on cost control, responsiveness and productivity. The plan also combines construction project planning with project delivery functions, ensuring a team approach from beginning to end of all projects and strengthening contract management and oversight.

The plan will be funded out of existing resources and result in fewer positions and the creation of two new positions. An associate vice president of capital planning and project management position will be created. This position will be responsible for planning and programming, architectural, design and construction services, and space and contract management. A search will commence immediately and an interim leader will be named by March. The second new position is a director of business and contract management, to be hired by the associate vice president of capital planning and project management.

"Our objectives are to keep project costs on budget, to strengthen contract management and problem solving, to build a smart and courageous leadership team and to continually improve," said O'Brien. "We believe this new structure will focus our activities, placing responsibility and authority with talented leaders who can deliver on these objectives."

O'Brien's review of facilities and construction management came at the direction of University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks to restore trust and confidence in university design and construction services.

Facilities management and capital planning and project management have more than 1,000 employees and a budget of \$131 million. □

What: University Board of Regents discusses budget**Contact: Amy Phenix, University News Service, (612) 625-8510****'U' REGENTS DISCUSS BUDGET REDUCTIONS**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--At the board of regents meeting today, University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks described the administration's approach to cutting \$25 million from its budget this fiscal year, at the governor's direction. Noting that the budget reductions need to be made quickly, by June 30, Bruininks said the university's approach spread the reduction across every administrative and collegiate unit and campus, while protecting student financial aid, and scholarships and existing debt, lease and utility obligations.

"Large adjustments in a short amount of time are difficult," he told the board. "We must handle this responsibly while ensuring that the reductions are consistent with university priorities."

Bruininks said that units were instructed to protect academic priorities and student services and support and were urged to seek administrative reductions, if possible. Individual unit plans for managing the reductions will be submitted to the administration next week and reported to the board in March.

Turning to the longer term, the board and Bruininks began a discussion of principles and strategies for managing what are expected to be additional budget reductions for fiscal years 2004 and 2005. Bruininks outlined a framework that balances the budget and invests in critical strategic priorities.

Bruininks stressed that increasing tuition will not be the first strategy as the university seeks additional revenues to make up for state budget reductions but that "higher than desirable" tuition increases are likely. The board will begin more in-depth discussions on these issues in March, after the governor's budget has been released.

"We are the stewards of the university for the people of Minnesota," said Board Chair Maureen Reed. "That means preserving the academic quality and mission of the university even as we wrestle with this difficult budget and face what are sure to be tough decisions ahead."

In remarks to the board, Bruininks clarified the university's position on student aid, noting that the university supports the state financial aid program and believes it is important to give students a choice to go to either a public or private institution. He said that some proposals being discussed, however, would transfer significant amounts of money out of the university's core budget and into financial aid, which could have harmful consequences, including very dramatic tuition increases.

In other business, the board heard a report on the university's move to self-insured employee health benefits. In the first year of the program, 2002, performance was 6.4 percent better than expected, with cost growth rising 9.7 percent, compared to double-digit growth in both the public and private sectors in Minnesota last year.

The next board of regents meetings will be March 13-14 on the Twin Cities campus. Complete board of regents agendas can be found at www.umn.edu/regents. □

What: Golden Gopher Growth Fund gets a new name

When: Friday, Feb. 14

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GOLDEN GOPHER GROWTH FUND GETS A NEW NAME

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL--The Carlson School of Management's renamed investment fund, Carlson School Growth Fund, was approved today by the University of Minnesota Board of Regents.

Previously called the Golden Gopher Growth Fund, the fund is operated by Carlson School of Management students as part of the Carlson Funds Enterprise. The fund was originally launched in May 1998.

The Carlson School Enterprise program includes the Carlson Funds Enterprise and three distinct businesses: Carlson Ventures Enterprise, Carlson Consulting Enterprise and the Carlson Brand Management Enterprise. The Enterprise program allows master in business administration students involved in real businesses in partnership with faculty and the business community. □

What: Obituary
Who: Paul Meehl, psychology professor
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PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR PAUL MEEHL DIES

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL--Paul Everett Meehl, retired Regents Professor of Psychology at the University of Minnesota, died Friday, February 14, at his home in Minneapolis. He was suffering from chronic myelomonocytic leukemia (CMML). He was 83.

Meehl received bachelor's (1941) and doctoral (1945) degrees in psychology from the University of Minnesota. He was a former director of the clinical psychology training program, former chair of the department of psychology, former president of the American Psychological Association, and was a member of the National Academy of Sciences, among other appointments.

Meehl is best known for his wide range of well-known scholarly works. His 1962 theory of the genetic basis of schizophrenia concluded that genetics plays a central role in schizophrenia. It was a view ahead of its time and is still very highly regarded and cited.

In a 1954 book, "Clinical and Statistical Prediction: A Theoretical Analysis and Review of the Evidence," which he called "my disturbing little book," Meehl showed that clinicians' predictions were either inferior, or at best equal to those obtained from statistical formulas. He concluded that applying formulas would be cheaper and work better. He did early work on the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI) and was an author of one of its principal scales.

"Paul was a legendary polymath, a renaissance man, who wrote respected works in law, religion, political science, psychology and many other areas," said William Grove, University of Minnesota psychology professor, who Meehl advised during his doctoral studies.

Meehl retired in 1990, but continued to teach with Grove until December 2002. He received an outstanding achievement award and honorary degree doctor of science award in Oct. 2001.

Meehl was predeceased by his first wife Alyce Roworth Meehl. He is survived by wife Leslie Jane Yonce; daughter Karen Enid Hill (Sheldon N. Rosen) of Seattle; son Erik Rolf Meehl of Hopkins, Minn.; and grandsons Seth Jacob Hill, Jonathon David Hill and Spencer Thomas Hill.

No funeral or memorial service is planned. The family requests no flowers, cards, calls or visitors. More information on Paul Meehl and his scholarly works can be found at www.umn.edu/~pemechl. □

What: General College dean receives international peace award
When: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, Humphrey Institute
Who: David Taylor, General College Dean
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GENERAL COLLEGE DEAN RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

MINNEAPOLIS/ST.PAUL--David Taylor, dean of the University of Minnesota General College, has been selected to receive the Gandhi, King, Ikeda Community Builders prize, presented by Atlanta's Morehouse College, the alma mater of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Taylor will receive the award at a ceremony from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Humphrey Institute's Cowles Auditorium. Past winners of the Gandhi, King, Ikeda Award come from leaders in the fields of education, academia, religion, and politics, and include M. Lenore Bennet, Jr., executive editor of Ebony Magazine; H. M. Taufaaahau Tupou IV, the King of Tonga; United States ambassador Andrew Young; and Rosa Parks.

The award was created to celebrate the lives and work of three men from three different cultures and countries whose common path of dedication to peace has been recognized internationally. Taylor received the award for his "outstanding leadership of General College and its commitment to nonviolence and peace and for his extraordinary efforts to promote educational opportunities for all Minnesotans," said Lawrence Edward Carter, Sr., dean of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Chapel and professor of philosophy and religion at Morehouse.

The prize is given in conjunction with the international exhibition on nonviolence, "Gandhi, King, Ikeda: A Legacy of Building Peace," to be shown at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs Feb. 17 through Feb. 22.

About the exhibit: The traveling exhibit created by Morehouse College called: Gandhi-King-Ikeda: A Legacy of Building Peace, is hosted by the university's SGI/Buddhism Student Club in support of Black History Month. For more information contact Kwabena Siaka at (651) 645-7767; or e-mail at: rhod0027@umn.edu . □

- What:** Minority leadership in affordable housing
- When:** Noon-1:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 21
- Where:** Honeywell Auditorium, L-110, Carlson School of Management, 321 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
- Who:** Paul Williams, Twin Cities Local Initiatives Support Corp., (651) 265-2297
- Contact:** Catherine Peloquin, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

MINORITY LEADERSHIP IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

MINNEAPOLIS/ST.PAUL--An initiative to include more minority leaders in affordable housing decision making will be discussed at the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) Housing Forum at noon Friday, Feb. 21, at the Honeywell Auditorium, Carlson School of Management, 321 19th Ave. S, Minneapolis.

Paul Williams from Twin Cities Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), Tom Fulton from The Family Housing Fund (FHF), and George Stone from the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) will discuss the launch of the "Changing the Face of Housing in Minnesota" initiative.

Started in December 2002, the initiative includes four strategies to increase the number of people of color in high level and decision-making roles in the affordable housing and community development industry. A 2001 study found that most affordable housing benefits people of color, yet there were no people of color in decision-making roles for affordable housing. Williams says the initiative aims to improve recruitment and retention of people of color and to build a pipeline of potential job candidates. New internships will bring mid-career people of color from related industries with transferable skills to jobs in affordable housing, and two newly-created Community Development Fellowships are being set up in conjunction with the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute.

The CURA Housing Forum is a monthly discussion of housing research and issues in the Twin Cities. The forum is free and open to the public. In addition to the Housing Forum, CURA supports more than a dozen programs that provide research support and technical assistance to community organizations and government agencies throughout Minnesota. For more information see www.cura.umn.edu. □

- What:** Discussion on the future of the American public research university
When: 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27
Where: Cowles Auditorium, Hubert H. Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
Who: Robert Bruininks, University of Minnesota president
Juan Williams, NPR commentator
Contact: Catherine Peloquin, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

DISCUSSION ON FUTURE OF THE PUBLIC RESEARCH UNIVERSITY

MINNEAPOLIS/ST.PAUL--University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks has assembled a panel to discuss the future of the American public research university, one day before his inauguration, at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27 at the Cowles Auditorium, Hubert H. Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

Bruininks will start the event with the introduction of higher education issues and will participate in the question and answer session following the discussion. The panel will explore questions such as: how does a university assert the value of education and academic research; how does a university nurture a sense of academic community that goes beyond specific disciplines; how does a university balance its land-grant covenant with the state and its responsibility to address global issues; and how do technology changes affect a university?

National Public Radio commentator Juan Williams will moderate the discussion and question and answer session. Panelists include: Robert Berdahl, University of California-Berkeley chancellor, Anne Taylor, Medical School associate dean and professor, Dennis Ahlburg, Carlson School of Management associate dean and professor and Patricia Hampl, department of English regents professor and author.

The public can e-mail questions for the panelists to Margaret Oltmans at moltmans@hhh.umn.edu. The events can also be viewed by live streaming video at www.umn.edu/inauguration.

The event will also be broadcast on University of Minnesota campuses throughout the state: University of Minnesota, Crookston (101 Dowell Hall), University of Minnesota, Duluth (173 Kirby Plaza), University of Minnesota, Morris (7 Humanities Fine Arts) and University of Minnesota, Rochester (202 Coffman Hall). Tickets are not required for these sites.

The event is hosted by the Faculty Consultative Committee. □

Note: Media interested in covering this event should contact Liz Turchin at (612) 625-1274 to secure credentials.

What: Archbishop Desmond Tutu visits the U
When: Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church Street S.E., Minneapolis
Contacts: Aaron Berstler, Kohnstamm Communications, (651) 228-9141
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DESMOND TUTU TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREE AND DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Human rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner Desmond Tutu will be awarded an honorary degree from the University of Minnesota and take part in a human rights discussion at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, in Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis.

The discussion is part of the university's College of Continuing Education's (CCE) spring Great Conversations series. University president Robert Bruininks and board of regents chair Maureen Reed will confer an honorary doctor of laws degree upon Tutu immediately after the discussion with Robert Jones, university vice president for campus life and vice provost for faculty and academic personnel.

At the height of the contentious battle over apartheid, Tutu and Jones worked together for 10 years to provide black South African students with an education at 200 U.S. colleges and universities including the University of Minnesota.

Jones is one of the foremost authorities on corn physiology and a consultant for the South African Education Program. Tutu won the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent campaign against apartheid. Tutu is also the author of several books, including "No Future Without Forgiveness," a memoir of his work investigating apartheid atrocities.

The Great Conversation series, which is in its second year, teams prominent university faculty with renowned world experts for discussions, allowing the public to listen in and ask questions.

The College of Continuing Education's programs allow adults to capitalize on the vast resources and academic excellence at the University of Minnesota with programs such as Great Conversations. □

What: Impress the President: A Student Exposition
When: Noon-3 p.m. Wednesday, February 26
Where: Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
Contacts: Christina Frazier, president, Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, (612) 644-8811
Paul Moore, University News Service, (612) 624-0214

MORE THAN 100 STUDENTS READY TO "IMPRESS THE PRESIDENT"

MINNEAPOLIS--University of Minnesota students from all over the state will have a chance to take their work right to the top--they'll present their research and public engagement projects to President Robert Bruininks.

"Impress the President: A Student Exposition," which is part of Inaugural Week activities, will give more than 100 students the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge through displays on the 3rd floor of Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. About 20 of the students will join in a roundtable discussion with President Bruininks, with another 15 making presentations. The event runs from noon-3 p.m. Wednesday, February 26, with the roundtable discussion at 2 p.m. The discussion will highlight student research trends and innovations at the university.

Student topics at the exposition will include everything from Eurasian milfoil, infant brain activity and chromosome inactivation to clothing design and a theater piece in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King.

"We have such a wide scope of research at the university, and students are constantly coming up with innovative ways of exploring new ideas and topics," said President Bruininks. "I can't wait to see all that knowledge on display. The undergraduate and graduate research opportunities offered at the U are something you can't find anywhere else in Minnesota."

All University of Minnesota campuses will be represented at the event, which is free and open to the public and sponsored by the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, the Minnesota Student Association and the Twin Cities Student Union Coffman Board of Governors. □

Media Note: Photos of Bruininks and his wife, Susan Hagstrum available at www.umn.edu/inauguration.

What: U of M presidential inauguration events and theme set

When: Feb. 23-March 1

Contact: Catherine Peloquin, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

'U' PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION SET

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Robert Bruininks will be inaugurated as the University of Minnesota's 15th president at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, in Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis. The program includes a faculty procession from the Washington Ave. Bridge to Northrop, music, the president's inauguration address and a presentation of the mace and medallion, symbols of the university leadership, by Gov. Tim Pawlenty and University of Minnesota Board of Regents Chair Maureen Reed.

The theme of the inaugural is "Advancing Knowledge: A Partner for the Public Good." Throughout the week, inaugural events will focus on the university's contributions as the state's only research university and its partnerships with Minnesota communities to improve the quality of life through research and technology, enriching civic and cultural life and educating tomorrow's workforce.

"The inauguration is an important opportunity to renew the university's connections with the people of Minnesota," said Mary Jo Kane, co-chair of the Presidential Inauguration Committee, professor and director of the Tucker Center for Research on Girls & Women in Sport. "However, recognizing the state's tough financial times, this presidential inauguration will be a very modest event."

The inauguration coincides with Founders Week, Feb. 23-March 1, a celebration to mark the founding of the university 152 years ago.

Following are key Founders Week events. All events are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, Feb. 23

- 2 p.m. University Symphony Orchestra concert, Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2128 4th St. S., Minneapolis.

Monday, Feb. 24

- Noon-1p.m. Founders Week Kickoff, Northrop plaza, Minneapolis. Free chili and chips will be served to approximately 4,000 students, faculty and staff. The program will feature Bruininks and Robert Jones, vice president and executive vice provost for faculty and academic programs, and will include a "special appearance" by the late John Sargent Pillsbury, father of the university.

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Tuesday, Feb. 25

- 7:30 p.m. "Great Conversations: Civil Rights and Human Dignity" with Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Jones. Northrop Auditorium. Tickets: \$25 (\$20 for faculty, staff and students), (612) 624-2345.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

- Noon-3 p.m. "Impress the President: A Student Exposition." Students from each campus will present research and public engagement projects. At 2 p.m. a roundtable discussion between the students and Bruininks will highlight student research trends and innovations at the university. Mississippi Room and President's Room, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

Thursday, Feb. 27

- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. "Research Into Products." A daylong showcase of university research that has been turned into real-world products. The open house will include exhibits of about 50 university-developed technologies and other research projects. Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis.
- 2-4 p.m. "The Future of the American Public Research University." A panel discussion moderated by Juan Williams, National Public Radio Morning Edition correspondent, with Bruininks and senior university faculty. Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Institute, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

Friday, Feb. 28

- 12:45 p.m. Inaugural Academic Procession, Northrop Mall.
- 1 p.m. Inauguration ceremony, Northrop Auditorium. Free. No tickets required.
- 3-4:30 p.m. Public reception, Great Hall, Coffman Union. This event is free, and no reservation is required.

For the first time, the inauguration ceremony may be viewed by live streaming video at www.umn.edu/inauguration. Guests to the site can also leave a greeting for Bruininks in an online guestbook during Founders week.

The ceremony will also be broadcast on University of Minnesota campuses throughout the state: University of Minnesota, Crookston (4 Hill Hall), University of Minnesota, Duluth (458 Humanities Building), University of Minnesota, Morris (Edson Auditorium, Student Center) and University of Minnesota, Rochester (202 Coffman Hall). Tickets are not required for these sites.

For an updated and complete list of events, parking information and other inauguration information, see www.umn.edu/inauguration. □

What: Research Into Products event
When: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27
Where: Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street S.E.
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INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS AND RESEARCH FROM THE 'U' ON DISPLAY AT EXPO

MINNEAPOLIS --Whether you're eating a specially-grown apple or using a fast new computer chip, just about everyone in Minnesota is touched by products and research from the University of Minnesota. Items such as taconite, pacemakers and airplane black boxes all got their start here. Now the university's latest innovations and technology will be on display during an all-day event, Thursday, Feb. 27, at the McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street S.E., in Minneapolis.

The Research into Products event will showcase both the work of researchers, and the partnerships between the U and investment, business and private sector leaders. It's that partnership that transfers university discoveries to the marketplace to create new products and services.

Other special activities during the exposition include presentations and discussions with university administrators, faculty and private sector investment partners.

In fiscal year 2002, the University of Minnesota received \$527 million in research awards, the first time the University has surpassed the half billion dollar mark, and technology transfer continued its substantial upward momentum. The amount of intellectual property generated by university faculty is up 65 percent over the last five years; the number of active license agreements the university has with business and industry increased 49 percent over the same time period; and royalties generated by university-developed technologies totaled \$26.5 million in fiscal year 2002.

The University of Minnesota is one of the top three public research universities in the nation, according to a University of Florida study. This is the second year in a row the U has achieved that ranking. □

- What:** New U of M 'Super U' Bookstore opens in Coffman Union
- When:** 4:30 p.m. March 4 - ribbon cutting
- Where:** Coffman Memorial Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, ground floor
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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA BOOKSTORE OPENS IN COFFMAN UNION

MINNEAPOLIS/ST.PAUL--The largest public college bookstore in Minnesota and one of the largest independent college bookstores in the nation opens Monday, March 3 on the University of Minnesota campus. The University of Minnesota Bookstore in Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., is holding a "Big, Fat (Tuesday) Bookstore Opening" from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4. The Mardi Gras-themed event, which includes a 4:30 p.m. ribbon cutting, honors local, regional, faculty and alumni authors, and benefits The Kerlan Collection, University of Minnesota Children's Literature Research Collection.

The 46,000 square-foot University of Minnesota Bookstore at Coffman Union offers students, faculty and staff a spacious, fully-stocked academic and general interest bookstore in one convenient, central location. The bookstore consolidated its East Bank, West Bank and health sciences stores, and occupies three times the space of the largest existing store in Williamson Hall on the East Bank campus. It also holds the largest selection of Minnesota Gopher apparel in the state and much more.

"The new University of Minnesota Bookstore at Coffman Union is truly a 'super' bookstore in every sense of the word," said Bob Crabb, director, U of M Bookstores. "We'll offer what you'd typically expect in a college bookstore: a complete inventory of college textbooks and school supplies for students. But we'll go well beyond that with a fully stocked arts supply center, a complete gift department for University of Minnesota merchandise, and a substantial general interest section with the latest titles."

The store will be stocked with more than 200,000 titles, from 3,500 publishers worldwide. "The new bookstore will have the depth and quality of an independent bookstore, an extensive section of textbooks, an unequalled selection of technical books as well as the browsing environment of a book

superstore, complete with Starbucks Coffee just outside the doors," Crabb said.

The bookstore features designed areas--stores within the store--for health sciences, arts, trade and technical publications and supplies, as well as an extensive University of Minnesota-branded gift area. Each area has its own wood and wall color palate to distinguish it from the other areas of the store. Of special note is the new health sciences section, double the size of its previous location, with an expanded selection of textbooks, trade books and medical supplies.

In addition to serving the needs of the university community, Crabb believes the new store will fill an unmet need in the region for an academically-oriented bookstore. "We expect we'll draw customers from a variety of professional, technical and medical fields to browse our shelves," he said.

The bookstore has added to its selection of titles from U of M faculty authors, and increased its general, academic, technical, small press and university press titles.

Books are also available through the U of M Bookstores Web site, www.bookstore.umn.edu. The e-commerce site was developed in 1995, ahead of most retailers, and is the most full-featured college store Web site in the country. The site averages 52,000 hits per day and processes more than 5,000 online textbook orders each semester.

The bookstore was part of the two-year \$71.5 million Coffman Union renovation that was completed and opened in January 2003. The store was originally a parking garage before the renovation began in November 1999. The new store is open to the general public. Convenient public parking is available in the East River Road Garage, 355 East River Road, Minneapolis, and the Weisman Art Museum Garage, 333 East River Road. For more information and store hours, see www.bookstore.umn.edu or call (612) 625-6000. □

- What:** U of M to recognize contribution of 3 American Indian women
When: Noon, Thursday, March 6
Where: Mississippi Room, Coffman Memorial Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
Who: Jillian Berkland, Sandra White Hawk, Ingrid Washinawatok El-Issa
Contacts: Roxanne Gould, American Indian Learning Resource Center, (612) 624-0564; Bob San, University News Service, (612) 624-4082

3 AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN HONORED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL—The University of Minnesota will honor three American Indian women who have made great contribution to their communities at a luncheon at noon Thursday, March 6, in the Mississippi Room, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. Community people are invited to attend and celebrate the work of Jillian Berkland, Sandra White Hawk and the late Ingrid Washinawatok El-Issa.

Sandra White Hawk

For 20 years, White Hawk has been an active advocate for Indian issues in education, including her involvement in Indian children's education in Madison, Wis., and eventually in Native American Student Services at the Madison Area Technical College. In the past two years, her impact has grown as she works with and advocates for American Indian adoptees who wish to integrate themselves back into their families and home communities. "Her life and work demonstrate the progression one person can make – from experiences of self-growth and development to building a network of allies to empowering others at the national level," said Roxanne Gould of the university's American Indian Learning Resource Center.

Jillian Berkland

Berkland is an enrolled member of the Lac Courtes Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe and grew up in Grantsburg, Wis.. Berkland has been promoting American Indian culture on the university's Twin Cities campus as both a student and a staff member. She was a founding member of the Ojibwe Language Society while earning a bachelor's degree in American Indian studies with a focus on the Ojibwe language. Since becoming an admissions counselor working with American Indian Student Outreach and Recruitment, she has been instrumental in creating

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the American Indian Cultural House, a new campus housing option for incoming freshmen that will open in fall 2003.

Berkland received a master's degree in American Indian studies from the University of California--Berkeley in 1995 and is currently working on a doctoral dissertation. Her research interests are American Indian language renewal, applied linguistics, ethnography, storytelling and performance.

Ingrid Washinawotok El-Issa (Flying Eagle Woman)

July 31, 1957-March 4, 1999

Washinawotok El-Issa was an internationally known humanitarian who worked for indigenous peoples' rights, indigenous women's issues, sovereignty and human rights throughout the world. She was executive director of the Fund for the Four Directions in New York City and an award-winning lecturer who spoke out for the rights of indigenous peoples regionally and internationally. Washinawotok El-Issa served as a delegate for the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, chair of Native Americans in Philanthropy, and co-chair of the Indigenous Women's Network, in addition to serving on a number of boards and committees. She and two other members of a humanitarian delegation, Lahe'ena'e Gay and Terence Freitas, were killed in Colombia, where they were helping the U'wa People establish a cultural education system for their children and support their continuation of their traditional way of life.

The Menomonee Nation honored Washinawotok El-Issa with a full warrior's funeral. An American Indian warrior is a wise, respected person who is a spiritual and humanitarian leader servicing the community.

Seating for the event is limited. To reserve a seat, call Roxanne Gould at (612) 624-0564. This event is sponsored by the American Indian Student Cultural Center, the American Indian Learning Resource Center and the Minnesota Women's Center.

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What: Media accommodations for U of M presidential inauguration
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'U' PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION MEDIA ACCOMMODATIONS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Robert Bruininks will be inaugurated as the University of Minnesota's 15th president at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, in Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis. The academic procession will leave Coffman Union at 12:45 p.m. and march down Northrop Mall. A public reception will follow the ceremony in the Great Hall of Coffman Union. **Robert Bruininks will perform on his trumpet for the first time in 40 years, playing the "Minnesota Rouser," the university's school song, along with Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra trumpeter and School of Music graduate Lynn Erickson.**

Following are media accommodations for the event.

PARKING: Convenient parking may be available in the Church Street lot, which is adjacent to Northrop Auditorium. Bring your parking ticket to the Morrill Hall reception area on the first floor for validation. Because shuttle buses will be dropping off passengers on the east side of Northrop, we **request you do NOT park in the circle.** Live trucks can park behind Northrop Auditorium. Please call the News Service at (612) 624-5551, and we will alert campus police.

CAMERAS: A riser will be set up on the left side of the auditorium (facing the stage). Mult boxes and media seating will be provided. A media sign-in table and press kits will be located at the west entrance of Northrop Auditorium. To preview some of the items in the kit, see www1.umn.edu/inaug/media.html. Photographs of Bruininks and his wife, Susan Hagstrum, are available on the site.

VIDEO: In a departure from past inaugurations, there will be no satellite transmission. Streaming video of the inauguration will be available live at www.umn.edu/inauguration. The ceremony will be broadcast to University of Minnesota campuses in Morris, Duluth, Crookston and Rochester via ITV. Media with special requests or needs should contact News Service representative Catherine Peloquin at (612) 624-8038. □

What: Conference on Egypt
When: Thursday, March 6 through Sunday, March 9
Where: Minneapolis and St. Paul
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SCHOLARS SHARE INSIGHTS ON PRE-ISLAMIC EGYPT

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL--Most people think of Egypt as the land of pharaohs, but know little about what happened after Cleopatra died.

The rise of monasticism is one of the remarkable developments of Egypt's early Christian period, which will be explored during "Living for Eternity: Egyptian Monasticism," a conference hosted by University of Minnesota's Classical and Near Eastern Studies department from Thursday, March 6 to Sunday, March 9 in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The three-day meeting is a gathering of international scholars who study the history, art, literature, and community relations of early Christian Egypt. Conference events will be taking place at four different venues in Minneapolis and St. Paul. For a complete list of events and locations, please see <http://egypt.cla.umn.edu/eventsr.html>.

Some highlights of the conference include:

- Karel Innemée, an art historian from the University of Leiden in the Netherlands, will speak on "Mural Painting in Coptic Monasteries: Problems of Dating and Conservation" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6 at the Minneapolis Institute of Art, 2400 Third St., Minneapolis.
- Art historians, theologians and other scholars will share their studies of economic development, trade, the relationships between monks and their surrounding communities, and the art and archeology of Egyptian monasteries in sessions from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, March 7 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 8, Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.
- Sheila McNally, an art historian in Classical and Near Eastern Studies, will lead a gallery tour of the exhibit, "Life in Late Roman and Early Islamic Egypt," at 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 7 in the exhibit hall of the Andersen Library, 222 21st Ave. S., Minneapolis. The exhibit includes pottery excavated by university art historians, textiles, coins from the Weisman Art Museum collection and papyri.

Evening lectures and receptions are free and open to the public. Conference registration is \$50. To register, call (612) 625-5353. □

What: Graduate and Professional Student Assembly congratulates President Bruininks

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GAPSA CONGRATULATES PRESIDENT BRUININKS ON INAUGURATION

MINNEAPOLIS--The Graduate and Professional Student Assembly congratulates new university president Robert Bruininks with special appreciation on his commitment to improving the graduate and professional student experience.

"We hope that the president's address today opens the way for new partnerships of graduate and professional students and the broader community," said GAPSA president Christina Frazier. "Through the excellent research and civic engagement projects being led by graduate and professional students throughout the university, we know that the university will lead the way in the economic and social development of Minnesota, the nation and the world."

"With his dedication to improving the experience of graduate and professional students, President Bruininks guarantees the improvement of the undergraduate experience and the creation of a dedicated core pool of talent that will lead this world for generations to come," said GAPSA executive vice president Todd Powell.

Cristina Frazier is a Ph.D. student in the college of education and human development. Todd Powell is pursuing a master's degree in the college of natural resources.

GAPSA represents more than 14,000 graduate and professional students at the University of Minnesota. □

What: U President's Inaugural Speech
Where: Northrop Auditorium
When: Friday, Feb. 28, 2003
Who: Robert Bruininks, president, University of Minnesota
Contact: Amy Phenix, University News Service, (612) 625-8510

BRUININKS OUTLINES VISION FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--After receiving the presidential mace from Governor Tim Pawlenty today at Northrop Auditorium on the Twin Cities campus, University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks gave his inaugural address in which he outlined his vision and priorities for the university.

Top on his list of priorities is building on strengths that have sustained the University for 152-years: excellence, diversity, a strong academic community and a commitment to community service.

"The citizens of this state have created an outstanding university....We have embraced excellence in every way," he said. "Excellence has characterized the University of Minnesota since its founding and it will be essential as we set priorities and seek change and renewal in the future."

Diversity is "more important today" than ever before, said Bruininks. "If education is the key to success and fulfillment in this society, we cannot live up to our democratic ideals without ensuring that talented people from every income level, every neighborhood, and every background can find a place at the university."

The university is unique, Bruininks said, because of its distinctive research mission. "In a global, knowledge-based economy, where learning and the growth of intellect are the new raw materials, the university's status as a top research university provides Minnesota with a unique advantage."

Bruininks made a case for maintaining the university's unique strengths and improving excellence. "The challenge will be formidable, especially as we work to make new academic investments in times of fiscal austerity." Specifically, he argued that the university must continue to build on existing investments in the biological sciences, the health sciences, biotechnology, computer and information sciences and related fields. As well, he said that it is critical for the university to maintain the strength of academic fields that "claim excellence" today and uphold the reputation of the university nationally and internationally.

Bruininks has long been a strong advocate for the university's public service mission. His vision includes a renewed commitment to service, but one that "reflects the changing conditions of public higher education and the needs society." Specifically, he said that the university's "greatest challenge,

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and greatest opportunity, is to strengthen the connection between our research and education missions and the needs of our society."

As part of this goal, Bruininks will launch three new initiatives. The President's Initiative on Children, Youth and Families will focus on bringing university research to bear on improving the health and well being of youth and families. A children, youth and families summit will be held May 30 to launch the initiative.

The second initiative will focus on using technology to better connect the university with the community. This will include creating new web portals and bringing more university resources on line.

Third, Bruininks announced a new conference series, the President's 21st Century Interdisciplinary Conference, to connect research issues of high public interest and concern.

Education, said Bruininks, must remain foremost at the university. "There is no greater obligation for us than delivering the best possible education to our students," he said.

Bruininks challenged the university community to "make the development, support and learning of our students a deeper institutional commitment." Among his priorities are enhanced advising and career services, learning communities and honors programs, and mentorship opportunities. These things, he said, will improve graduation and satisfaction rates among students and enhance learning.

In closing, Bruininks focused on the challenges the university faces. "We have weathered difficult times and challenges and adversities that have strengthened this institution. As we embark on the next 150 years, this is a time for renewal of our covenant with the people of Minnesota. Let us continue to advance knowledge. Let us continue to partner for the public good."

Following his address, the approximately 3,000 attendees gave Bruininks a standing ovation. The full text of his speech can be found on the Web at www.umn.edu/inauguration. □

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What: Bruininks to throw first ball at tournament
When: 2 p.m. Saturday, March 1
Where: HHH Metrodome
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'U' PRESIDENT TO THROW FIRST BALL WITH CHILD FROM MIRACLE NETWORK

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks will join a child from the Children's Miracle Network in throwing out the first baseball in the DQ Classic Baseball Tournament at 2 p.m, Saturday, March 1 at the HHH Metrodome. Bruininks will be attending the game with his 85-year old father who is in town for the inauguration. Bruininks will be available for media interviews at the game. □

What: U.S./Canada forestry conference
When: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, March 20, 2003
Where: Earle Brown Continuing Education Center
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U.S.-CANADA FOREST MANAGEMENT AND TRADE TO HIGHLIGHT CONFERENCE

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL--How Canada and the United States manage their forest resources and the flow of timber and forest products across the border leads the agenda for a conference at the University of Minnesota. The university's College of Natural Resources, the Canadian Consulate General in Minneapolis and the Great Lakes Forestry Alliance are sponsoring the conference, which runs from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Earle Brown Continuing Education Center, 1890 Buford Ave., on the university's St. Paul campus.

"We'll be looking at how the two countries approach forest management, and the implications of these approaches on wood products trade," said Michael Kilgore, a lead organizer of the conference and director of the university's Center for Natural Resources Policy and Management. "But we'll also confront the very real challenges facing our respective forest products industries and the impact they have on local economies throughout the Great Lakes region."

The conference will bring together forest-based industry, government, academia, and other leaders in the United States and Canada. They'll discuss their respective approaches to sustainable forestry, major policies and programs governing forest management, timber harvesting and forest management practices and wood products trade. Representatives from each country will also share their perspectives on forestland management practices and wood products, economic and trade issues.

"Our hope for this conference is that people will recognize the real and perceived similarities and differences between these countries related to forestry and forest management, the issues each faces, and how best to address the challenges," Kilgore said. "Trade is obviously a very visible and important topic, but there are a number of other economic and environmental aspects of forest management that need attention." The goal of the conference is to help policy-makers and resource managers meet these challenges.

Registration is \$75 before March 10, with discounts available to students and other groups. Call (612) 624-6279 for more information.

What: Student Legislative Advocacy Day
When: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, March 6, 2003
Where: Coffman Union, Minneapolis, State Capitol, St. Paul
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U OF M STUDENTS RALLY TO PROTECT FUNDING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL--Students from all four University of Minnesota campuses will head for the State Capitol Thursday, March 6, to remind lawmakers just how important the university is to the state. The day begins with a 10 a.m. rally in the Great Hall of Coffman Union, led by President Robert Bruininks. Following the rally, students will attend workshops on how to advocate effectively and then board buses to the Capitol to bring their case directly to the Legislature.

"By coming together Thursday we will be a powerful force at the Capitol," said graduate student Brittny McCarthy Barnes. "Our goal is to show each legislator what is at risk for the university, for the whole state, when they cut the university's budget."

Many students have scheduled appointments with their individual legislators and will be discussing the issues one on one.

"People at the Capitol need to understand that cutting the university will be detrimental, even with some of the proposed raises in financial aid," said university student Andy Pomroy. "The 'high tuition-high aid' model of education financing does not work when looking at a public research institution like the university."

Additionally, students from both the Minnesota Student Association (MSA) and the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GAPSA), will be testifying at the House and Senate Higher Education committees, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Here is the schedule of all the day's events:

- 10 a.m. Student rally, Great Hall, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
- 12 noon Buses depart from rear of Coffman for Capitol
- 12:30 p.m. Students testify before House & Senate Higher Education Finance committees
- 12:30-3 p.m. Individual student appointments with legislators

What: New sustainable building guidelines announced
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NEW SUSTAINABLE BUILDING GUIDELINES ANNOUNCED

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL--For decades building designers have strived to improve indoor air quality, reduce energy consumption and trim materials costs. Now, they have a way to measurably account for the economic, environmental, human and community impact of their work.

The State of Minnesota Sustainable Building Guidelines, released in January as part of the Buildings, Benchmarks and Beyond (B3) Project, emphasizes design principles that seek to minimize resource impact before, during and after construction. The guidelines require a 30 percent reduction in energy and water consumption and address such factors as environmentally sensitive site design and management of materials.

"These guidelines raise the bar on how we look at building design and its impact on the natural and built environments," said John Carmody, director of the University of Minnesota's Center for Sustainable Building Research. "In addition to applying certain strategies to save energy, designers will account for the environmental impacts related to the type of energy used."

The guidelines will be mandatory for all new buildings funded by the state's bond proceeds starting in 2004. During the next year, they will be tested on several state-funded building projects.

The guidelines are applied in five areas (site and water, energy and atmosphere, indoor environmental quality, materials and waste, and performance management) throughout the building process. For example, designers will consider factors that impact people, such as building acoustics, ventilation systems and daylight access, as well as factors that impact the environment, such as site-lighting pollution, site disturbance and building and waste materials management and recycling.

In 2001, the Minnesota Legislature established a goal of reducing energy consumption in public buildings by 30 percent. The legislation directed the Departments of Administration and Commerce to develop energy conservation benchmarking for existing public buildings and sustainable design guidelines for new state construction. Sustainable design is defined as a means of reducing operating costs, enhancing the health and productivity of building occupants and improving the quality of the natural environment. □

What: Panel discussion to celebrate Mondale's role in the 89th Congress
Who: Walter Mondale, former senator, vice president and ambassador to Japan
When: 8 a.m.- noon, Wednesday, April 9
Where: Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
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MONDALE AND PANELISTS TO ADDRESS "HIGH TIDE: THE 89TH CONGRESS, LYNDON JOHNSON, AND THE WARREN COURT"

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL--The 89th and 90th were two of the most remarkable congresses in American history. Walter Mondale was involved in one of the greatest outpourings of legislative progress of this country. A lecture and panel discussion, "High tide: The 89th Congress, Lyndon Johnson, and the Warren Court," will celebrate Mondale's involvement in the 89th congress at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 9, in Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

The lecture will explore the special moment in national history when, in January 1965, a new U.S. senator from Minnesota took his seat as a member of the 89th congress. The lecture and discussion features important figures in the history of our senate. Among these: Michael Beschloss, historian who specializes in the U.S. presidency; John Culver, five-term U.S. representative (Iowa); Charles Ferris, Chief Counsel to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield from 1963-77; and George McGovern, U.S. Senator from South Dakota from 1963 to 1981 and a candidate for the presidency in 1968, 1972 and 1984.

Admission for the full program, including seated breakfast is \$35, \$25 for students and educators. The lecture and panel discussion are \$10, or free for students and educators. The breakfast is at 8 a.m. in the Humphrey Center atrium, with the panel discussion from 9 a.m. to noon in Cowles Auditorium.

The event is cosponsored by the university's Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, Macalester College, the Minnesota Historical Society and Minnesota Public Radio. For more information and reservations, call (612) 625-5309 or e-mail cgage@hhh.umn.edu. □

What: Women's Press named U most women-friendly employer
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U NAMED "MOST WOMEN-FRIENDLY EMPLOYER" IN MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL — A readers' poll in the current issue of Minnesota Women's Press lists the University of Minnesota as the "most women-friendly employer" in Minnesota, citing its "long history of promoting gender equity for faculty, staff and students."

"The University not only has a long history of promoting gender equity, but it also has a dynamic history," said Jeanie Taylor, director of the Office for University Women (OUW). "It has responded over and over again to the changing needs of women in higher education. The Office for University Women's mission is to take into account all the women of the U in working for institutional change that would positively impact the campus climate."

Some of the programs OUW offers include the University Women of Color, the Minnesota Women's Center, University Women Consortium, Women in Science and Engineering, Women's Leadership Institute and the National Initiative for Women in Higher Education.

The university's vice president for human resources, Carol Carrier, welcomed news of the honor. "We have excellent benefits and many supportive work/life policies that are seen as supportive. We can do even more, but we have a good foundation on which to build," Carrier said. "Our faculty and staff, both women and men, seem to be engaged with the work they do, regardless of what it is or where it gets carried out, and they care about quality. All of this adds up to a pretty inviting workplace for many."

Carrier said that she hopes the Women's Press honor is encouraging for the many women who work at the university. "We have many outstanding, dedicated women who work at the U in a broad range of jobs—custodians, clerical workers, researchers, editors, academic advisors, administrators, financial specialists, and faculty, to name but a few," Carrier said. □

What: 'What's a White Girl Like You Doing in Multicultural Education?'
When: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 6; free and open to the public
Where: Mississippi Room, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E.,
 Minneapolis
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MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION EXPERT TO GIVE U OF M LECTURE

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL—Noted multicultural education professor Christine Sleeter will speak on "What's a White Girl Like You Doing in Multicultural Education?" at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 6, in the Mississippi Room, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

Sleeter is professor of professional studies and director of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Education at California State University, Monterey Bay. She coordinates a master of arts in education program and teaches courses in multicultural education. She is the author or co-editor of 10 books on multicultural education. Earlier in the day, Sleeter will conduct a student-only round table discussion on the meaning of diversity from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in 201 Appleby Hall, 128 Pleasant St. S.E., Minneapolis.

The event is sponsored by the university's General College, the Office for University Women and the Office for Multicultural and Academic Affairs as part of Women's History Month. □

What: New U study on transportation and growth issues
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NEW STUDY SUGGESTS WAYS TO ADDRESS CONGESTION AND SPRAWL

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL--Results of a study released today (Wednesday, March 5) by the University of Minnesota's Center for Transportation Studies (CTS) will help frame the debate surrounding transportation and land development in Minnesota and offer guidelines for addressing congestion and sprawl.

"Minnesota's economy, environment and state competitiveness are at stake when it comes to transportation and development policy," said Robert Johns, CTS director. "We're at a crossroads and this study will help guide policy-makers toward decisions that will benefit all Minnesotans."

The Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Council sponsored the five-year study, "Transportation and Regional Growth," which comprises 16 separate reports designed to offer policy-makers sensible choices to address the state's transportation and land-development issues.

The study is the most comprehensive ever done on transportation and regional growth issues in Minnesota. Its key findings are:

- Minnesota's current metropolitan development patterns and policies have reached their limits and are costing more than people may be willing to pay.
- The single greatest factor contributing to the Twin Cities' current situation is state and regional policy encouraging low-density, sprawling development*
- Neither of the most discussed options--building more roads and traffic lanes, and increasing mass transit--is, by itself, effective and affordable.
- Congestion is not the problem, but a symptom of larger transportation and regional growth issues, including a system that encourages spread-out growth coupled with nearly total dependence on personal vehicles.
- Mass transit has a limited impact on congestion, but it does effectively serve activity-rich destinations--such as downtown areas and the University of Minnesota--regardless of where transit users live.
- Current development patterns have negative environmental impacts, including endangering water resources.
- Minnesota policy-makers need to think of the Twin Cities metro area as comprising 19 to 24 counties, not seven.

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The study does not offer silver bullet solutions to the state's transportation challenges. Instead, it offers two options for further debate: "honest pricing" and "more market choices."

Honest pricing lets the market work, leading to better decisions and more efficient use of resources. Honest pricing exposes potential home buyers, commercial developers and automobile owners to the true costs of transportation and land development--most of which are currently hidden in state aids to local governments, local property taxes and motor-vehicle registration taxes.

Gearing policies to accommodate trends already evident in the marketplace is the best way to see faster and more durable results. More market choices means more market-oriented planning and zoning to create destinations that would welcome a mixture of employers, services and amenities. These would be better served by a combination of improved roads, an expanded bus system and carefully implanted commuter and light rail lines.

For more information on the study, including detailed findings, go to www.cts.umn.edu/trg.

The Center for Transportation Studies (CTS) at the University of Minnesota is a catalyst for transportation innovation, advancing knowledge through research, education and outreach. □

What: Three former finance commissioners react to Pawlenty budget
Who: Pam Wheelock, finance commissioner for Gov. Jesse Ventura
 John Gunyou, finance commissioner for Gov. Arne Carlson
 Jay Kiedrowski, finance commissioner for Gov. Rudy Perpich
 J. Brian Atwood, dean of the Humphrey Institute
When: 10:30 a.m.-noon, Monday, March 10
Where: Room 181 State Office Building, 100 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., St. Paul
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THREE FORMER FINANCE COMMISSIONERS REACT TO PAWLENTY BUDGET

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Commissioners of finance for Minnesota's last three governors--an Independent, a Republican and a Democrat--will offer observations on Gov. Tim Pawlenty's proposed budget for fiscal biennium 2004-05 at a special roundtable discussion from 10:30 a.m. to noon Monday, March 10, in Room 181, State Office Building, 100 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., St. Paul.

"The Governor's Budget: Opportunities Taken, Opportunities Missed" is sponsored by the Humphrey Institute Policy Forum of the University of Minnesota's Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs as an easy-to-attend briefing for reporters, legislators, legislative and administrative staff, and others working on these issues. The event is free and open to the public.

The panelists are Pam Wheelock, finance commissioner for Independence Gov. Jesse Ventura and now an executive with the Minnesota Wild; John Gunyou, currently city manager of Minnetonka, who served as Republican Gov. Arne Carlson's finance commissioner; and Jay Kiedrowski, a finance commissioner for DFL Gov. Rudy Perpich, and now executive vice president at Wells Fargo & Co. J. Brian Atwood, dean of the Humphrey Institute, will host the event.

"We are very pleased to be convening these leading experts--representing the full spectrum of Minnesota politics--at the Capitol for an engaging, thoughtful debate at a very critical time for our state," said Atwood. "Our goal is to be a resource for legislators, reporters and others working on these issues daily."

The Humphrey Institute Policy Forum, co-directed by former Minnesota Congressmen Tim Penny and Vin Weber, organizes public conferences, forums and leadership development activities on public policy issues and political topics. □

What: U of M police seeking help identifying woman

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U OF M POLICE LOOKING FOR HELP IDENTIFYING WOMAN

MINNEAPOLIS /ST.PAUL--University of Minnesota police are asking for the public's help in identifying a woman found at 8:30 a.m. Monday, March 3 in the Washington Ave. parking ramp, 511 Washington Ave., Minneapolis. Police responding to a call found the woman sitting in the stairwell of the ramp wearing only a shirt and pants and no shoes. She was incoherent and was taken to the hospital. The University Police and hospital staff would like to be able reunite her with those who care for her. The woman is described as:

- Asian
- Approximately 25 to 35 years old
- Approximately 5'4"
- 104 lbs.
- Medium length black hair
- Wearing a light pink shirt and teal pants

Her picture is available at www.umn.edu/umpolice.

If you have any information about this woman, please call the University of Minnesota Police at (612) 624-COPS (2677). □

What: Chinese exclusion scholar among McKnight professors

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PROFESSOR WHO STUDIES DARK SIDE OF U.S. IMMIGRATION HISTORY AMONG MCKNIGHT LAND-GRANT PROFESSORS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--While most Americans know about the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II, many are unaware of America's overt exclusion of Chinese immigrants, a policy that lasted more than 60 years. University of Minnesota assistant history professor Erika Lee's study of Asian immigration history in the Americas has earned her a McKnight Land-Grant professorship, which honors up-and-coming faculty members and provides them with additional resources to continue their groundbreaking work.

In post 9/11 America, with renewed crackdowns on security and war seemingly inevitable, has our country abandoned its credo of welcoming "huddled masses yearning to breathe free"? Or did we do that more than 100 years ago, with the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act, which made America the first country to exclude immigrants on the basis of race? Lee looks into the consequences of immigration restriction and whether the United States is a nation of immigrants or a gatekeeping country. For more information on Lee's research, go to www.hist.umn.edu/~erikalee/profile.html.

Lee will be one of 10 McKnight Land-Grant professors introduced at a celebratory dinner March 10 and presented to the university's board of regents later that week. The recipients are awarded two years of research funding at \$25,000 per year, and a one-year paid leave of absence to do research. They will begin their appointments July 1, 2003.

Each year, the University of Minnesota Graduate School invites departments to nominate their most promising tenure-track assistant professors whose Ph.D.s were earned within the past seven years and whose appointment at the university began within the past three years. The McKnight Land-Grant Professorship Program began in 1987 as a way of supporting young scholars and encouraging them to make the U their permanent career choice.

Here is the complete list of this year's recipients:

Vinay K. Gidwani, Geography

William M. Gray, Plant Biology

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Kathryn J. Kohnert, Communication Disorders

Erika Lee, History

Tian-Jun Li, Mathematics

Krishnan Mahesh, Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics

Paul G. Mermelstein, Neuroscience

Fernando Porte-Agel, Civil Engineering

Natalia Y. Tretyakova, Medicinal Chemistry

Byeong-Uk Yi, Philosophy □

What: Board of regents meetings
When: Thursday, March 13, and Friday, March 14
Where: Suite 600, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis
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'U' BUDGET WILL DOMINATE BOARD DISCUSSIONS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota board of regents will hold its monthly meetings on Thursday, March 13, and Friday, March 14, on the Twin Cities campus in Suite 600, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis.

In a work session and at its board meeting, the board will discuss a likely reduction in state support for the University of Minnesota and strategies for managing that budget reduction. President Robert Bruininks will present a set of principles to guide budget decisions over the next few months. The board will also review, and is expected to act on, a resolution to revise the 2002-03 budget to account for the \$25 million reduction imposed in January. Included will be a summary of the personnel and human resource impacts, general operating and administrative impacts, programmatic impacts and revenue enhancements. The Faculty, Staff and Student Affairs Committee will discuss human resource issues related to budget reductions.

These will be the first meetings for new board members John Frobenius, Patricia Simmons and Clyde Allen, who will be sworn in by state Supreme Court Chief Justice Kathleen Blatz on Thursday morning, along with the other recently re-appointed board members. Friday, the board will recognize the 2003 McKnight Land-Grant Professors; 10 of the university's most outstanding junior faculty members. More on this year's honorees can be found at www.unews.umn.edu.

In committee meetings, the Educational Planning and Policy Committee will discuss enrollment management strategies and policy issues including principles for enrollment management and initial goals for enrollment on each campus and in major colleges, such as the College of Liberal Arts. The committee will also hear an update on the University of Minnesota Extension Service strategic plan, implemented in 2002, and discuss future directions of graduate programs.

The Faculty Staff and Student Affairs Committee will discuss the President's Enhancing Service and Productivity Initiative, launched in fall 2002 with a goal of saving several million dollars through increased revenues and cost reductions. The committee will also discuss the First Year Experience program, which focuses on enhancing the undergraduate experience, improving student satisfaction and building community among freshmen to improve graduation and retention rates.

Select committee meetings and agenda items follow.

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Thursday, March 13

- 8:30-9 a.m. Board of Regents, Boardroom. Swearing-in of newly appointed board members.
- 9:15-11:15 a.m. Educational Planning and Policy, East Committee Room. Enrollment management discussion, update on the University of Minnesota Extension Service and a discussion of future directions and strategies for graduate education.
- 9:15-11:15 a.m. Facilities, West Committee Room. Action on capital budget amendments for the Molecular and Cellular Biology Building and the Arboretum Visitor Center projects reviewed last month. Review and act on schematic plans for a chilled water facility on the St. Paul campus.
- 1:15-2:45 p.m. Work session, East Committee Room. Discuss the conceptual framework for the 2004-05 budget, including strategies for managing budget reductions and a review of proposals regarding student financial aid funding in Minnesota.
- 3-5 p.m. Faculty, Staff and Student Affairs, West Committee Room. Discuss human resources strategies related to budget issues, the service and productivity initiative and the first year experience program.

Friday, March 14

- 9 a.m.-noon. Board meeting, Boardroom. Recognize the 2003 McKnight Land-Grant Professors. Elect a vice chair of the board. Review and act on a resolution to implement the \$25 million budget reduction from the State of Minnesota. Discuss strategies for managing the 2004-05 budget and budget reduction strategies.

Complete board of regents agendas can be found at www.umn.edu/regents. □

What: 2003 Off-Campus Housing Fair
When: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, March 12
Where: Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
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BUYER'S MARKET EXPECTED TO DRAW STUDENTS TO OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING FAIR

MINNEAPOLIS--More housing choices and incentives from landlords are among the drawing cards as University of Minnesota students go in search of fall housing at this year's Off-Campus Housing Fair, Wednesday, March 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Great Hall of Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

The softer housing market gives students a wider selection when it comes to off-campus housing and this year's fair will offer information on everything from student legal services and tenant rights to neighborhood organizations and transportation options. Landlords from several nearby apartment buildings and houses will also provide information on their living spaces.

The past few years have seen an increase in the number of available places to live off campus, so students who move out of university housing now have better luck finding something near campus than they did in the past.

This is the third annual off-campus housing fair. It will feature information from more than 40 organizations and landlords and is expected to draw hundreds of students. For information on the fair and off-campus housing, go to www.umn.edu/housing/offcampus.htm. □

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What: Humphrey Institute Dean Atwood comments on Council on Foreign Relations report

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HUMPHREY INSTITUTE DEAN COMMENTS ON COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS REPORT

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--J. Brian Atwood, dean of the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute, is one of about 28 people who wrote a Council on Foreign Relations report, "Iraq: The Day After," to be released Wednesday, March 12. Atwood is available to comment on the report and his role in its creation.

The report, drafted by an independent task force on post-conflict Iraq and sponsored by the Council on Foreign Relations, provides four key recommendations for the United States to take immediate action in order to help Iraq recover from a war.

First, the report recommends that there be an American political commitment to the future of Iraq. Second, the U.S. military should protect Iraqi civilians as a key to winning the peace. Third, the United States should share the burden for post-conflict transition and reconstruction. Fourth, Iraqis should continue to be stakeholders throughout the transition process.

The report says "U.S. officials have yet to share with Congress and the American people the magnitude of resources that will be required to meet post-conflict needs. Nor have they outlined in detail their perspectives on the structure of post-conflict governance."

Atwood is recognized nationally as a leader in international development and an expert on post-conflict reconstruction and international peacekeeping and peace building operations. A former foreign service officer, Atwood led the U.S. Agency for International Development for six years, from 1993 to 1999. During that time, he was designated special presidential coordinator for Kosovo relief operations and led presidential missions to East Africa, Haiti and El Salvador. In 2000, he was the only American on the United Nations' Brahimi Commission, an international panel on improving the success of peacekeeping missions around the world. □

What: State-wide poll shows Minnesotans support school choice
When: 11 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, March 12
Where: Room 10, State Office Building, 100 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., St. Paul
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STATE-WIDE POLL ON SCHOOL CHOICE

MINNEAPOLIS/ST.PAUL--A state-wide poll released today by the Center for School Change (CSC) at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute showed unexpectedly high support for public school choice including charter schools. Joe Nathan, director of the Center for School Change, will share the results with the House Education Finance Committee in room 10 at the State Office Building, 100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, between 11 a.m. and noon on Wednesday, March 12.

This is the first state-wide poll on public attitude of school choice. Key results include:

- 75 percent believe families should have the right to select among various public schools
- 80 percent strongly support or support the post-secondary options program (12 percent oppose)
- 60 percent strongly support or support "Second Chance" choice programs (18 percent oppose)
- 56 percent strongly support or support open enrollment (32 percent oppose)
- 52 percent strongly support or support the charter school law (21 percent oppose)

By margins of more than two to one, Minnesotans approve key concepts of the charter movement:

- 63 percent approve more control at the school level over hiring and firing employees (16 percent disapprove)
- 59 percent approve giving groups of parents or teachers a chance to start charters (25 percent disapprove)
- 57 percent approve allowing charters to focus on a special theme (28 percent disapprove)

When asked about possible results of giving schools more control over hiring and firing employees,

- 65 percent say the schools will be better able to hire good teachers and fire bad ones
- 20 percent say the schools will be more likely to mistreat their teachers and fire them unfairly

The poll showed most Minnesotans are knowledgeable about public school choice.

- 78 percent say they are very familiar or somewhat familiar with post-secondary options

- 53 percent say they are very familiar or somewhat familiar with "Second Chance" choice laws
- 72 percent say they are very familiar or somewhat familiar with open enrollment
- 62 percent say they are very familiar or somewhat familiar with charter schools

There are several demographic variations to note. There is little or no gender gap on most questions. Support is highest among people under age 50 and parents with school age children.

The poll is part of CSC's research on Minnesota Public School Choice programs. CSC hired Mason-Dixon Polling to conduct a random sample of 625 registered Minnesota voters, who were polled February 19-20. The margin for error is plus or minus four percentage points, at a 95 percent confidence level. The poll was part of a study supported by the Ruth and Lovett Peter Foundation.

For more information on the CSC, see www.hhh.umn.edu/centers/school-change. □

What: Obituary
Who: Burton Paulu, journalism professor
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PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR BURTON PAULU DIES

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Burton Paulu, 92, retired University of Minnesota media resources director and journalism professor, died Saturday, March 8, of complications from Parkinson's disease.

Paulu was a pioneer in radio and television education and spent 50 years at the university. He managed the university's radio station and television activities for 40 years from 1938 until retiring in 1978. He started at WLB (now KUOM), the university's noncommercial educational radio station, as a student announcer in 1929. He received a bachelor of arts degree in music and bachelor's and master's degrees in history from the university. He earned a doctorate in communications from New York University.

"Burton really started educational broadcasting," said Sheldon Goldstein, emeritus professor and retired director of the university media resources, who succeeded Paulu in the position. "When you look at the public broadcast system, it's rooted in the work of people like Burton in the 1930s."

Paulu was passionate about classical music and played trombone for the Minneapolis (now Minnesota) Orchestra. Colleagues remember his commitment to bringing classical music to listeners.

"He was very supportive of the music and arts programs and was an advocate of having good classical music on the radio for adults and children too," said Arnold Walker, former associate director of the university media services department. "He was not interested in jazz and pop. There was a very limited amount of classical music on the air, and he wanted KUOM to carry it."

Paulu was a nationally and internationally recognized scholar for his major contributions in comparative broadcasting. He studied public policy questions surrounding the introduction of commercial broadcasting in Britain, as well as broadcast policies and practices in Eastern Europe during the Cold War.

Paulu was the recipient of five Fulbright scholarships, three Ford Foundations grants and a Sigma Delta Chi award for journalism research and many other awards. Paulu, who was married with three children, was born in Pewaukee, Wis. □

What: U of M to award Chris Jenkins business degree posthumously
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U OF M TO AWARD CHRIS JENKINS BUSINESS DEGREE POSTHUMOUSLY

MINNEAPOLIS/ST.PAUL--The University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management (CSOM) will award Chris Jenkins his bachelor of science in business degree posthumously.

"Chris exemplified the educational values of the scholarship, leadership and involvement with others," said University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks. "I have no doubt Chris would have gone on to be a shining star in his professional life, and a continuing source of pride and pleasure to his family and friends. His death is a wrenching loss to the entire university community and to society."

Jenkins, a CSOM student since 2000, disappeared in November and his body was recently found. He was expected to complete his bachelor's degree with an emphasis in marketing in May. Jenkins' sister, Sara, will accept the degree at the May graduation ceremony in honor of her brother. Sara graduated from CSOM in 2000 and their parents, Jan and Steve, also graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1974 and 1975 respectively.

"We were surprised and delighted by the honor," said Steve Jenkins, Chris' father. "It is a true indication of the person Chris would have become. We hope Sara's presence at the graduation is a continued healing process for the students and volunteers who came to our aid in our time of need."

This is the first time CSOM has awarded a posthumous degree to an undergraduate or graduate student, according to their recent records. The graduation ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis.

"Chris' achievements, both academically and personally, are illustrative of the qualities we value in our students," said Carlson School Dean Larry Benveniste. "Conferring his diploma posthumously is our way of paying tribute to this promising young man." □

What: 'U' president presents budget framework
Who: University of Minnesota Board of Regents
Where: Monthly board meeting
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FRAMEWORK FOR 'U' BUDGET PRESENTED TO REGENTS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--At today's (March 14) board of regents meeting, University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks outlined for the first time the framework the administration will use to manage what is projected to be at least a \$200 million budget reduction for the 2004-05 biennium. On top of what is expected to be a large reduction in state funding, the university is projecting an increase of nearly \$90 million in operating costs, compounding the budget challenge. The operating cost increases are due to utility inflation, health care and benefit cost increases, needed academic investments and operations for new buildings, among other things. The total budget challenge for 2004-05 is expected to be between \$237.2 million and \$258.3 million.

"This is a very big challenge that will cause real pain and require sacrifice in all parts of the university," said Bruininks. "If we took this reduction entirely in salaries, it represents 1,709 faculty and staff positions. If we took it entirely in tuition, it would mean a 30 percent increase in fiscal year 2003."

In the framework he outlined, the burden of balancing the budget is shared between the institution and students. Fifty percent of the funding would come from a tuition increase of about 14 to 15 percent in the first year and ten percent in year two, and 50 percent would come from the university. The university's share would be allocated between reducing administrative and operating costs (30 percent), elimination, reduction and consolidation of programs and activities (15 percent) and enhanced revenues (five percent).

As part of the university's cost reductions, Bruininks said a wage freeze for faculty and staff in the first year is likely, subject to collective bargaining. The university will also seek to reduce health care benefit costs and operating expenses.

The board did not act on the framework, but members concurred with its direction. The budget strategy discussion will continue at the April board meeting.

In other business, the board approved a resolution revising this fiscal year's budget to implement the \$25 million reduction in state funds the governor unallotted. To implement this reduction, base state funding to units across the university was reduced, resulting in a loss of 139 full-time equivalent positions, including 29 faculty positions; the majority are open positions that

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will now not be filled or will become vacant due to attrition. For individual units, the reductions have been painful, according to Christine Maziar, executive vice president and provost. For example, the College of Liberal Arts and the Institute of Technology have each eliminated 10 faculty positions. These decisions can have even greater financial implications as each IT faculty member can be expected to attract up to \$250,000 annually in grant funding.

In committee meetings, the board reviewed the long-term strategy for managing enrollment at the university. Craig Swan, vice provost for undergraduate education, reported that the university balances its enrollment targets carefully to ensure the university can absorb increased capacity without reducing quality. Over the next few years, some colleges, such as the College of Biological Sciences and the Carlson School, would like to increase their undergraduate enrollment, while others, like the College of Liberal Arts and the Institute of Technology, plan to maintain current enrollment levels. For the Twin Cities campus, such changes could mean an increase of 500 freshmen and an increase of 2,000 degree-seeking students overall. As enrollment increases in specific colleges, the university may do more national recruiting but Swan stressed that this would not reduce the enrollment of students from Minnesota.

This was the first board meeting for new board members, John Frobenius from St. Cloud, Patricia Simmons from Rochester and Clyde Allen from Moorhead.

The next board of regents meetings will be April 10-11 on the Twin Cities campus. Complete board of regents agendas can be found at www.umn.edu/regents. □

- What:** Companies invest \$11 million to create nation's largest student-managed fixed income fund
- Where:** University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Management
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COMPANIES INVEST \$11 MILLION TO CREATE CARLSON SCHOOL FUND

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL--Provided with \$11 million in corporate startup investments, Carlson School MBA students made their first investments this month for the country's largest student-run fixed income fund. In doing so, they took a giant step in gaining the experience that will help them secure leadership positions in the financial industry.

"To our knowledge, this is the largest fixed income fund in the country being run by MBA students," said Dean Larry Benveniste. "Our corporate investors have given us a great vote of confidence by entrusting their funds to us. In doing so, they have also made an important investment in the students who will become tomorrow's finance leaders."

Five corporations made the initial startup investments, in addition to an investment from the University of Minnesota. They include Advantus Capital Management; American Express Financial Corporation; Thrivent Financial for Lutherans; U.S. Bancorp; and Galliard Capital Management, a subsidiary of Wells Fargo Corporation.

"Investing in the fund was a win-win situation for the investors," said Wells Fargo's Executive Vice President of Institutional Investments Jay Kiedrowski, who led the Carlson School effort to secure the start-up funds.

"They had an opportunity to strengthen the investment community by grooming additional new members, and to get as good or better a return on their investment as with other fixed-income funds."

Four student fund managers will manage the fixed income fund this year, along with a professional and an academic director from the Carlson School. Twelve students in next year's class will join them in late March and take over the fund in May.

Students who apply to participate in the Carlson School Fixed Income Fund aspire to work in a variety of financial positions in the investment business or corporate finance. In addition to managing the fund, the students spend four hours a week in a requisite class.

Students are selected for the program based on strong leadership, communication and academic skills, and relevant career goals. "We want students who will stand up and stick their necks out," said Tim Nantell, the fund's academic director.

The Carlson School Fixed Income Fund is the most recent addition to the Carlson Funds Enterprise. Carlson Funds Enterprise provides selected MBA students with reality-based professional and academic experience in funds and financial management and prepares them to hit the ground running when they graduate.

Other Carlson School Enterprises include Carlson Consulting Enterprise, where students learn consulting skills through secured contracts with companies; Carlson Ventures Enterprise in which MBA students learn venture capital management and small business startup; and Carlson Brand Enterprise, a new program that will provide students with experience in corporate brand management.

Founded in 1919, the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management is one of the nation's top schools of business. Its mission is to provide the highest quality education for present and future business and academic leaders, and advance the understanding and practice of management through research and outreach. The school, accredited by AACSB International, The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, has more than 3,500 students and 40,000 alumni throughout the world. □

What: U of M law professor Robert Hudec dies at age 68
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U OF M LAW PROFESSOR DIES AT AGE 68

MINNEAPOLIS/ST.PAUL—Robert Hudec, a professor emeritus of law at the University of Minnesota, died in his sleep at his vacation home near Fort Myers, Fla., March 12. He was 68.

Hudec was an international trade law expert and a leading authority on the World Trade Organization (WTO) and its predecessor, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). Hudec's scholarship and teaching were in the areas of international economic law and commercial law. In 1987, he became the first holder of the Melvin C. Steen and Corporate Donors Professorship in Law.

Hudec was a summa cum laude graduate of Kenyon College. He received an M.A. from Jesus College, Cambridge University and an LL.B., magna cum laude, from Yale University, where he was editor-in-chief of the Yale Law Journal. He also has been awarded an honorary LL.D. degree from Kenyon College. After graduation from law school, Professor Hudec served as a law clerk to Justice Potter Stewart of the United States Supreme Court and then as Assistant General Counsel to the Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations. He served on the faculty of the Yale Law School before joining the University of Minnesota Law School faculty in 1972. Professor Hudec has lectured at numerous conferences on international trade topics and has taught at universities in Canada, China, France, Germany, and Switzerland. Professor Hudec is the author of five books, including *Enforcing International Trade Law: The Evolution of the Modern GATT Legal System*.

Hudec is survived by his wife of 47 years, Marianne Miller Hudec, two children, Katharine Wright Hudec of Boston and Michael Robert Hudec of Austin, Texas, five grandchildren, sisters Marlene Schmiermund of Avon, Ohio, and Elaine Urban of Kearney, Neb.

A memorial service has been scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. May 3, in Room 25 Mondale Hall on the University of Minnesota west bank campus. □

What: Iraq teach-in series at the U
When: 12:40-1:40 p.m. March 26-28
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IRAQ TEACH-IN SERIES AT THE U

MINNEAPOLIS/ST.PAUL--The University of Minnesota "The War on Iraq: Critical Perspectives," teach-in series kicks off this week, 12:40-1:40 p.m. March 26-28, at two locations on campus. The series will continue through the semester with two or three lectures each week.

Organizers say the purpose of the events is to provide a substantive, critical forum for the analysis and discussion of the current war against Iraq. Teach-ins started in the 1960s, when many students and faculty called for an end to the Vietnam War.

"The teach-in was created as a way to make the university into a site of popular education about the war," said teach-in organizer and geography doctoral student Joel Wainwright. "A teach-in constitutes an effort to open the intellectual resources of the university to the public to improve the critical purchase of our ideas."

The following events are free and open to the public.

Wednesday, March 26, West Bank Auditorium, Willey Hall, 225 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
 "What is the war really about?" - Ragui Assaad, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs associate professor

Thursday, March 27, Room 16 Vincent Hall, 206 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis
 "What counts as fact these days?" - Lisa Disch, political science associate professor
 "The truth versus the facts" - Thomas Pepper, cultural studies associate professor
 "Reading the West" - Qadri Ismail, English associate professor

Friday, March 28, West Bank Auditorium, Willey Hall, 225 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
 Richa Nagar, women's studies associate professor, August Nimtz, political science professor
 Discussion will concern the roots of the current conflict and U.S. foreign policy towards the Mideast.

The series is sponsored by the MacArthur Interdisciplinary Program on Global Change, Sustainability, and Justice at the University of Minnesota. □

What: U of M student contracts bacterial meningitis

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U OF M STUDENT WITH MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTION IN CRITICAL CONDITION

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--A University of Minnesota undergraduate student, admitted to Fairview-University Medical Center late Tuesday, March 25, is being treated for meningococcal meningitis.

The patient, Kristin "Kris" Marx, is in critical condition. She is a second-year student in the Carlson School of Management from Madison, Wis., who lives in the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Marx's parents have chosen to make information about their daughter's condition public out of concern for the welfare of other university students.

Meningococcal meningitis is a bacterial disease that can be characterized by sudden onset of fever, vomiting, headache, confusion and, in some cases, seizures. The disease is spread through direct contact with oral secretions, in activities such as kissing or sharing drinking glasses, pop cans, water bottles, or smoking materials. It is not spread through the air, like colds or flu. Although meningococcal meningitis is considered contagious, the majority of cases are single isolated cases, resulting in no transmission to another person. According to Ed Ehlinger, M.D., director of the university's student health service, unless an individual has had direct contact with the ill person's oral secretions, he or she is not considered to be at risk.

University officials have contacted housemates, students and faculty who were in contact with Marx over the past week and are working with the Minnesota Department of Health to identify and contact others who might have had close contact with her over the past seven days. The majority of this period fell within spring break; classes were not in session, and many students were not on campus.

Students and faculty on the Twin Cities campus have been notified of Marx's illness and Boynton Health Service has evaluated approximately 80 individuals who were exposed to her and provided precautionary preventive treatment with oral antibiotics to 65 of them. Questions or concerns may be directed to Boynton Health Service at (612) 625-8400. □

What: U of M lecture on U.S.-China relations
Who: Jiang Zhenhua, vice-chair of National People's Congress of China
When: 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 2
Where: 3M Auditorium, Carlson School of Management, west bank campus
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U OF M LECTURE TO FEATURE HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL FROM CHINA

MINNEAPOLIS/ ST.PAUL—Jiang Zhenhua, vice-chair and deputy speaker of the National People's Congress of China, will discuss U.S.-China relations at a lecture and panel discussion Wednesday, April 2, at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management, 321 19th Ave. S. Minneapolis. Jiang's lecture: "China's New Leadership, China's Perspective on U.S.-China Relations," will start at 3:30 p.m., followed immediately by a panel discussion.

Jiang, who began his career as a professor of engineering and technology, is one of the highest-ranking leaders in the Chinese government. He has worked in a variety of positions, including chair of the Central Committee of the Chinese Peasants' and Workers' Democratic Party and Deputy Minister of the Family Planning Commission of China. He recently participated in the 10th National People's Congress, where Hu Jintao was named the new president.

At the lecture and panel discussion, Jiang can shed light on the relations between U.S. and China under Hu's leadership and comment about international issues.

Jiang's talk is part of the "Building U.S.-China Bridges" lecture series, sponsored by the university's China Center, the U.S.-China People's Friendship Association and the Minnesota International Center. □

What: A celebration of U of M women
Who: U faculty, students and staff members
When: 3:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 3
Where: Weisman Art Museum, 333 East River Rd., Minneapolis
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“U’ HONORS WOMEN’S CONTRIBUTIONS AT SPRING CELEBRATION

MINNEAPOLIS/ ST.PAUL—A world leader in stem cell research, a philosophy professor who has spent 30 years studying the ethics of aesthetics, and two students who have worked to foster a diverse and inclusive campus climate are among the University of Minnesota women who will be honored at a spring celebration from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at the Weisman Art Museum.

The Office for University Women sponsors the event each year to celebrate the contributions of women to the University community. The theme of this year’s event is “Celebrating Women: A University of Minnesota Tradition.”

The 2003 award winners are:

Distinguished Women Scholars Award in the Sciences and Engineering

Dr. Catherine Verfaillie is an international leader in the highly competitive field of stem cell research. Dr. Verfaillie, who joined the Department of Medicine in 1987, is now director of the Stem Cell Institute, as well as Tulloch chair, Anderson chair, and the McKnight presidential chair in stem cell biology. Dr. Verfaillie holds three patents, and has trained numerous hematology fellows and graduate students. She is one of the most sought after research mentors in the University of Minnesota Medical School.

Distinguished Women Scholars Award in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Arts

Philosophy Professor Marcia Eaton is a distinguished scholar of aesthetics. Dr. Eaton has earned international acclaim and many prestigious awards for her substantial scholarly writings on art, beauty, the ethics of aesthetics, and the centrality of art for the human experience. Eaton, who joined the university in 1972, has also been generous in sharing her belief in the value of the arts with art educators and the national arts community.

Mullen/Spector/Truax Women's Leadership Award

Jeanne Markell, assistant dean and director of the University of Minnesota Extension Service, has served the University of Minnesota for 34 years. During that time she has been committed to improving the status and working conditions of women with whom she has worked, as well as all women at the university. Markell has also been a tireless advocate for non-discrimination and equal opportunity.

Rusty Barceló Award

Nasreen Mohamed is the first recipient of the award that is named after the former Associate Vice President of Multicultural and Academic Affairs. Mohamed, who is now a full-time student, has helped foster a campus environment that values and actively supports a multicultural community through her work with the University YW (the student cultural center focusing on gender and women's issues), the Diversity Institute, the University Women of Color, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Programs Office, and the Office for Multicultural and Academic Affairs.

Sharon L. Doherty Award

University senior Kim Fortin has worked tirelessly to improve the environment for women and people of color at the university and in the Twin Cities communities. She is co-president of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance at the University of Minnesota, and campus coordinator of E-Women Win. She also has volunteered with Women Against Military Madness, Minnesota National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, Glendale Residents' Care and Share Food Shelf, and Mee Moua's state Senate campaign.

Civil Service and Bargaining Unit Staff Awards

V. Lorraine Haley, Executive Administrative Specialist, Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community.

Susan Wagner, Executive Administrative Assistant, School of Music.

Teamster Women Recognition Award

Kimberly Bettin, Senior Food Service Worker, Middlebrook Hall Catering. □

What: Classes Without Quizzes
When: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 5
Where: Borlaug Hall, 1991 Upper Buford Circle, University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus
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FROM MOSQUITOES TO WATER QUALITY, CLASSES WITHOUT QUIZZES TO FEATURE RESEARCH ON TOPICS THAT AFFECT EVERYONE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Talk to any Minnesotan, and at least two things are bound to come up: mosquitoes and the weather. The latest research on those and other relevant topics, including eating right and protecting our food from bioterrorism, will be featured at Classes Without Quizzes, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 5, at Borlaug Hall, 1991 Upper Buford Circle on the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus.

Researchers from the university's College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences will present mini-seminars on topics that affect everyday life. The public is invited to the event, and more than 100 people have already signed up.

The sessions will provide an insider's look at renewable energy for economic development as well as the promise and perils of robots in food production. Plus, special sessions will focus on revitalizing rural communities and strategies to manage the threat of bioterrorism against our food supply.

Classes Without Quizzes participants will meet nationally-renowned researchers and be able to choose from eight mini-classes:

- Is Minnesota's Climate Changing?
- Can Terrorists Attack Our Food Supply?
- What's the Whole Answer to Healthy Eating?
- Robots Growing and Processing Our Food
- What is Happening in Rural Communities?
- Mosquitoes in Minnesota
- Protecting Water Quality
- Empowering the Countryside with Renewable Energy

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More details and a complete program are at <http://alumni.coafes.umn.edu/forum/>. To register for the event either use the online form or call (612) 625-4772. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. University of Minnesota Alumni Association members qualify for a \$5 discount. o

What: Red-hot Iron Pour at U of M
When: Noon-4 p.m. Friday, April 11
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LAST RITES IRON POUR FOR OLD ART BUILDING

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--It's an aesthetic, athletic, pyrotechnic event when University of Minnesota art students and artists pour red-hot iron, rising to more than 2500 degrees Fahrenheit, into their cast iron models to create sculptures for the 34th Annual Iron Pour, from noon to 4 p.m. Friday, April 11, in the Foundry Annex of the old Art Building, 216 21st Ave. S., Minneapolis. The event is free and open to the public.

The annual event sponsored by the University of Minnesota Art Department is organized by professor Wayne Potratz, who teaches cast metal sculpture. Potratz is calling this year's Iron Pour, "The Last Rites Iron Pour."

"One last chance to burn the place down," said Potratz, jokingly. "After 34 years, this is the last iron pour in the old art building." The new state-of-the-art building will open this summer.

Special guest artist for the 34th Annual Iron Pour will be John Ruppert, professor and chair of the art department at the University of Maryland, College Park. Ruppert is recognized for his large size metal castings in aluminum, bronze and iron and for his fabrication work with steel and chain link fencing. Ruppert will be working in residence from April 7-11, and will present a lecture at noon, Thursday, April 10, in room 120, Art Building. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Special limited-edition T-shirts will be sold to commemorate the Iron Pour. Proceeds go to the Department of Art Scholarship Fund.

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What: Universal Healthcare public debate
When: 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 9
Where: Room 125, Willey Hall, 225 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
Who: Dean Mark Becker and policy analyst Jim Frogue
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U OF M PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE SOCIETY HOSTS PUBLIC DEBATE ON UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota Parliamentary Debate Society (UMPDS) is hosting a public debate on universal healthcare Wednesday, April 9 at room 125, Willey Hall, 225 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

Dean of the University of Minnesota's School of Public Health, Mark Becker, and director of health care policy at the American Legislative Exchange Council, Jim Frogue, will debate on whether the United States should adopt a system of Single Payer National Health Insurance.

Arguing in favor of such a system will be Dr. Mark Becker and U of M debater Leila Babaeva. Opposing the single payer plan will be Jim Frogue and U of M Debater Zach Coelius.

Audience participation is encouraged in the form of short speeches for or against the proposal.

For more information visit www.umpds.org

What: Spark Festival first-ever in Twin Cities
When: April 4-5
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FIRST-EVER TWIN CITIES ELECTRONIC MUSIC AND ART FESTIVAL

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--From musical laptops to hip hop poetry to computer animations, this weekend the first-ever Twin Cities festival of electronic music and art will intrigue and entertain visitors with a wide variety of recent creative works made with cutting edge technology.

The multimedia Spark Festival runs April 4-5 at the University of Minnesota School of Music, Ferguson Hall, 2106 4th St. S., Minneapolis, culminating in three performances of music, digital video, dance and spoken word. All the events are free and open to the public.

Composer Paul Lansky and percussionist Greg Beyer will be featured guest artists at the event. Lansky, a professor at Princeton University, is considered one of the most accomplished figures in the field of computer music. One of his works was sampled in a recent song by the rock band Radiohead. Beyer is a virtuoso percussionist from New York City who performs everything from jazz to classical music and is author of the book "Learn to Play Drums with Metallica." His current passion is the berimbau, an Afro-Brazilian traditional instrument created from a large gourd, which he will demonstrate and play at the festival.

Following are details on the events and concerts.

Friday, April 4

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Master class with composer Lansky, 215 Ferguson Hall, 2106 4th St., Minneapolis
 2:30-4 p.m. Lecture and demonstration by percussionist Beyer, 215 Ferguson Hall. Greg Beyer will present and play the berimbau, an Afro-Brazilian monochord instrument made from a very large gourd.

Saturday, April 5

11-1 p.m. Lecture by Lansky on his music and career, 215 Ferguson Hall
 3-4 p.m. Concert #1, Ultan Hall, Ferguson Hall. Works by Lansky, Beyer, and faculty and University of Minnesota students, including works for electronics with video, 8-channel computer music,

and live performers with electronics, featuring Beyer on berimbau and Matthew McCright on piano.

5-6 p.m. Concert #2, Ultan Hall. Works by Lansky and faculty and university students, including works for electronics with video, live performers with electronics, and spoken word, featuring readings by poet Tou SaiKo Lee; performances by Greg Beyer, berimbau; Sonja Giles, flute; Robyn Jones, clarinet; Erica Dicker, violin; Mira Frisch, cello; Corey Hamm, piano; and Tim Roblee, conductor.

6-7:15 p.m. Open House, 215 Ferguson Hall Tours of University of Minnesota Electronic Music Studios.

7:30-9 p.m. Concert #3 Ultan Hall. ABC (with video by Grady Klein), computer music with video by Paul Lansky. Visualspeak, live computer music with live video mixing, by Michael Berkowski and Greg Scranton, Labyrinth, computer music by Paul Lansky, Oculus: Alexandria, 2002, video by Lynn Lukkas, Study for the Machine, No. 2, electronic music by Seth Mulvihill; Mulvihill, electric guitar, Hannelore, music and dance by Alex Lubet and Judith Brin Ingber; Alex Lubet, guitar; Judith Brin Ingber, dance/choreography. Untitled (For Chris Jenkins), video by Ryan Philippe, with music by Mark Petering, Three Moves for Marimba, music by Paul Lansky; Greg Beyer, marimba.

For more information on the festival, please visit www.music.umn.edu/degrees/spark2003.htm.

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- What:** Pulitzer-prize winning historian and biographer talks about Hubert H. Humphrey's life and legacy
- When:** 12 p.m., Monday, May 5
- Where:** Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
- Who:** Robert A. Caro, Pulitzer prize-winning biographer and historian
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HISTORIAN CARO TO DISCUSS "HUBERT HUMPHREY AND LYNDON JOHNSON: TWO STRONG MEN"

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Robert A. Caro, Pulitzer prize-winning historian and biographer, will speak about Hubert H. Humphrey's life and legacy in the next Carlson Distinguished Lecture at noon Monday, May 5, in the Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

Best known as President Lyndon Johnson's biographer and author of such books as "The Path to Power, Means of Ascent," and last year's "Master of the Senate," Caro won the Pulitzer Prize for his 1974 biography, "The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York."

Caro's lecture will be followed by a 1:30 p.m. reunion of individuals who worked as staff and colleagues of Humphrey. The conversation will be taped in the Humphrey Forum for later broadcast. Everyone is welcome to watch a live video feed of the taping in Cowles Auditorium.

The cost for lunch and the lecture is \$35 (\$25 for University faculty and staff; \$15 for students). Limited balcony seating and standing room are available for those wishing to only listen to the lecture. To reserve a place, call (612) 625-5002.

Caro's lecture is one of several public events in April and May commemorating the 25th anniversary of the naming of the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs after Minnesota's most famous public servant. For more information, see www.hhh.umn.edu.

The Distinguished Carlson Lectures are made possible by a gift from Carlson Companies, Inc.0

- What:** Discussion on media ethics in war coverage
- When:** 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 14
- Where:** Mississippi River Room, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S. E., Minneapolis
- Who:** Peter Sussman, co-author of original SPJ code of ethics
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MEDIA ETHICS IN WAR COVERAGE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Media ethics is a top concern among journalists as they cover the war, according to Peter Sussman, co-author of the original Society of Professional Journalists' code of ethics.

Sussman will speak on "A New Kind of Warfare Demands a New Kind of Journalism: Rethinking Journalists' Wartime Ethics," at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 14 at the Mississippi Room, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served starting at 6 p.m.

"The emotion surrounding this war is greater because of the attack on American soil," Sussman said. "The President has declared an undeclared war against numerous entities for an unspecified number of years against unspecified countries. That vagueness leads to confusion in policy choice."

Sussman's workshop will address topics such as: media and government motivation in publishing or suppressing information and assessing the reliability of information.

The event is sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists, the Minnesota Journalism Center, and the Silha Center.

Peter Y. Sussman served as an editor of the San Francisco Chronicle for 29 years and is a recipient of the Wells Key award, SPJ's highest honor. He also is co-author of *Committing Journalism: The Prison Writings of Red Hog*, a book about Dannie Martin, who served time in a California prison for robbery and faced retaliation for attempting to publish his prison memoirs. Sussman's other works include chapters in *Censored 1997: The News That Didn't Make the News – The Year's Top 25 Censored News Stories*, by Peter Phillips and Project Censored. He has also written two foundation-financed reports: *Three Strikes: The Unintended Victims* for the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice, and *Reaching for the Dream: Profiles in Affirmative Action* for a coalition of California civil rights organizations. ○

- What:** Universal healthcare public debate
When: 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 9
Where: Room 125, Willey Hall, 225 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
Who: Dean Mark Becker and policy analyst Jim Frogue
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U OF M PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE SOCIETY HOSTS PUBLIC DEBATE ON UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota Parliamentary Debate Society (UMPDS) is hosting a public debate on universal healthcare 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, at room 125 Willey Hall, 225 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

At the center of the debate is the issue of the United States adopting a system of Single Payer National Health Insurance.

Arguing in favor of the system will be Mark Becker, dean of the University of Minnesota's School of Public Health and U of M Senior Leila Babaeva. Opposing the single payer plan will be Jim Frogue, director of health care policy at the American Legislative Exchange Council and U of M junior Zach Coelius.

Audience participation is encouraged in the form of short speeches for or against the proposal. For more information on the Debate Society, see www.umpds.org.

What: Carlson School of Management ranks tenth in national poll

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CARLSON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT RANKS TENTH IN NATIONAL POLL

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The Carlson School of Management's Part-Time M.B.A. Program has made U.S. News and World Report's top ten list of best business specialty programs in the nation. The program ranked tenth on this list of top picks of business school deans and M.B.A. directors, up from last year's 11th place ranking. The list is part of the publication's America's Best Graduate Schools rankings, which hits the newsstands on Monday.

"This excellent news shows that our efforts to enhance student services are paying off," said Kathryn Carlson, Associate Dean and Director of the Carlson School's Part-Time and Executive MBA Programs. "These students are spreading the word about the quality of the program and the great experience they have when they get here, and our national reputation is growing. I am delighted that this highly ranked and expanding program will make our business community even stronger."

The Carlson School's Full-Time M.B.A. Program ranked 26th in this year's rankings after a two-way tie for 24th place ranking between Georgetown and Purdue Universities. The school's Full-Time M.B.A. program ranked 24th in last year's U.S. News and World Report rankings.

The school's Executive M.B.A. program maintained its 16th place ranking of 2002, tying with the University of Washington.

"Our continued high placement solidifies our position as a top-ranked business school," said Dean Larry Benveniste. "I am confident that all the things we have put in place, like our Graduate Business Career Center, which achieved a student job placement rate of fifth nationwide and exceptional salaries compared with the rest of the country, will reap even greater rewards for us in the future."

The Carlson School is gearing many of its efforts, including a focused investment in faculty and new student-run enterprises in consulting, venture capital and business start-up, funds management, and brand management, to growing the school's national reputation.

For its rankings of full-time programs, U.S. News and World Report surveyed all 365 United States accredited master's programs in business. Business school deans and directors were asked to rate programs, as were corporate recruiters. Schools were evaluated based on their perceived quality; their success in terms of graduate placement and salaries; and student undergraduate GPA and GMAT scores.

The school's Management Information Systems (MIS) program, ranked every year by U.S. News and World Report, maintained its 5th place ranking from 2002. Close employment connections with

national and regional firms and graduates who produce leading research at top business schools were attributed as factors in the program's continued high ranking by program director Rob Kauffman.

The school's Health Services Administration Program, ranked every two years, ranked 5th this year, from its 4th place ranking in 2001. The program ranked third of those Health Services Administration programs located at business schools, behind Wharton and Kellogg.

The school's Production/Operations program was ranked at 22nd. The school's rankings in publications such as U.S. News and World Report are seen as key in attracting the best students and faculty from around the country.

Founded in 1919, the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management is one of the nation's top schools of business. Its mission is to provide the highest quality education for present and future business and academic leaders, and advance the understanding and practice of management through research and outreach. The school, accredited by AACSB International, The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, has more than 3,500 students and 40,000 alumni throughout the world.



What: John Eighmey joins U of M School of Journalism and Mass Communication

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JOHN EIGHMEY NAMED AS UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MITHUN LAND GRANT CHAIR IN ADVERTISING

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--John Eighmey, chairman and professor of the Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication at Iowa State University since 1996, has been named the Raymond O. Mithun Land Grant Chair in Advertising at the University of Minnesota School of Journalism and Mass Communication (SJMC). Eighmey's appointment begins Monday, August 4.

"I see the primary purpose of the Mithun Chair as fostering working relationships between those who practice advertising and the students and faculty who study and research advertising," said Eighmey. "Both the academic world and the professional world can benefit from more productive working relationships."

Eighmey is an authority on advertising, marketing and mass communication and has held senior positions at Young & Rubicam in New York and the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D.C. In addition to Iowa State University, he has been a faculty member at the University of Notre Dame, Northwestern University and the University of Alabama. As Mithun Chair, Eighmey will conduct research and teach in the field of advertising.

"John Eighmey brings an extremely important profile of national industry leadership, original research, government service and respected senior leadership within the academy," said Albert R. Tims, SJMC director. "His portfolio bridging the industry and the academy was unmatched."

Howard Liszt, SJMC Mithun senior fellow and retired chief executive officer of Campbell Mithun Esty, said Eighmey's success in advertising, government and academic institutions will be welcomed by the Twin Cities advertising community. "John has a rare set of experiences and skills that will be of tremendous value to the profession and the university," Liszt said.

The Raymond Mithun Land Grant Chair in Advertising was established in 1987 with a gift from Raymond O. Mithun, co-founder of Campbell Mithun Advertising.

- What:** Mondale, panelists to examine 89th Congress
- When:** 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 9
- Where:** Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
- Who:** Walter Mondale, former U.S. senator, vice president and ambassador to Japan
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MONDALE, PANELISTS TO EXAMINE 89TH CONGRESS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Former Vice President Walter Mondale will host a lecture and panel discussion examining the achievements of the 89th Congress at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 9, at the University of Minnesota Humphrey Center Cowles Auditorium, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

"High Tide: The 89th Congress, Lyndon Johnson, and the Warren Court," will explore the achievements and historical significance of the 89th Congress. As a member of the 89th and 90th Congresses, Mondale was involved in one of the nation's greatest outpourings of social and civil rights legislation.

The lecture and discussion feature several key figures in the history of U.S. Senate. They include Michael Beschloss, historian who specializes in the U.S. presidency; John Culver, five-term U.S. representative (Iowa); Charles Ferris, chief counsel to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield from 1963 to 1977; and George McGovern, U.S. senator from South Dakota from 1963 to 1981 and presidential candidate in 1968, 1972 and 1984. Former Minnesota Secretary of State, Joan Anderson Grove, will moderate the event.

The event is sold out, but guests are invited to view the proceedings simulcast live on video in the Humphrey Center atrium. There is no charge or need to register for this overflow seating.

This Mondale Lectures on Public Service event is cosponsored by the university's Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, Macalester College, the Minnesota Historical Society, and Minnesota Public Radio. For more information, call Camille Gage at (612) 625-5309 or e-mail cgage@hhh.umn.edu

What: Board of regents meetings
When: Thursday, April 10, and Friday, April 11
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BUDGET, EMERGENCY PREPARATION, AMONG ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota board of regents will hold its monthly meetings on Thursday, April 10, and Friday, April 11, on the Twin Cities campus in Suite 600, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis.

University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks will provide an update on issues related to expected reductions in state funding for the university in the 2004-05 biennium.

Kathleen O'Brien, vice president of University Services, will lead a discussion of emergency preparedness at the university. Senior Vice President for Health Sciences Frank Cerra will discuss the unique role the Academic Health Center has in emergency preparedness and response. During the past 18 months, the university has reviewed and revised its emergency preparedness plans, created a new Office of Public Safety, and established a central security monitoring center on the Twin Cities campus, among other emergency planning activities. O'Brien will brief the board on these and the next steps for implementing the plan.

Committee meetings will include an annual presentation on university faculty and staff compensation, including salary comparisons to peer institutions and an analysis of compensation competitiveness. Last year (2002), faculty salaries at the university were 27th out of 30 peer institutions. 2003 salary data from the American Association of University Professors will be presented to the committee for the first time.

A board committee will review proposed changes to the student conduct code. The changes, to be acted on in May, include editorial changes to clarify the intent of the policy and the addition of new conduct issues related to classroom disruptions and possession and/or use of dangerous biological or chemical agents.

The board will honor 2003 Rhodes Scholar David Simon, a senior in the College of Liberal Arts. Select committee meetings and agenda items follow.

Thursday, April 10:

- 1:15-3:15 p.m. Faculty, Staff and Student Affairs, West Committee Room. Review and act on

annual promotion and/or tenure recommendations for 142 faculty members. Review board policy on student conduct. Annual faculty and staff compensation discussion, including salary comparisons and market analysis.

- 1:15-3:15 p.m. Finance and Operations, East Committee Room. Act on board policy on investment of reserves. Hear investment manager's report.

- 3:30-5 p.m. Audit, West Committee Room. Review a resolution related to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which doesn't apply to the university but contains best practices considered beneficial to the university. The policy would prohibit the university from purchasing certain services from its independent auditor.

Friday, April 11:

- 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Board meeting, Boardroom. Recognize the 2003 Rhodes Scholar, David Simon. Recognize outgoing student representatives to the board of regents. Discuss emergency preparedness at the university. Receive an update on budget issues from President Bruininks.

Complete board of regents agendas can be found at www.umn.edu/regents.

What: U of M honors economics professor with endowed chair
When: 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 11
Where: Room 180, Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
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U OF M AWARDS SEVENTH MCKNIGHT PRESIDENTIAL ENDOWED CHAIR

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts will award Regents Professor of Economics Ed Prescott with a McKnight Presidential Endowed Chair at 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 11, at a reception in room 180 Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis. Vice President and Provost Chris Maziar will present the award at a brief ceremony.

The McKnight Presidential Endowed Chair is the second highest honor for faculty at the university, following the regents professorship. Prescott's chair is the seventh such position to be created from a \$15 million gift to the university from the McKnight Foundation.

"Ed Prescott is one of the world's great economists," said College of Liberal Arts Dean Steven Rosenstone. "His work has changed profoundly how people think about economic fluctuations and has influenced the way monetary policy is set in countries around the world. Yet he never lets his international stature interfere with his teaching. He is as present for his students in the classroom as he is for policy makers on the world stage."

Prescott is known for his research on the causes of economic depressions. In studying countries with depressed economies, he has found that ill-conceived government policies abruptly applied as correctives to normal cycles are responsible in many cases for long-term economic stagnation. His theories on business cycles are widely applied by economists seeking to understand and respond to changes in the economy both in the United States and abroad.

Prescott has been a professor at the University of Minnesota and a senior adviser with the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank both since 1980. For his work on business cycles and economic fluctuations, Prescott was awarded the \$125,000 Erwin Plein Nemmers Prize in Economics by Northwestern University in March 2002. The prize recognizes outstanding achievement in economics as demonstrated by major contributions to new knowledge or the development of significant new modes of analysis. ○

What: Three U students named Goldwater Scholars
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U OF MINNESOTA STUDENTS WIN GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIPS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL-- For the third year in a row, the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities has three Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship winners.

All three 2003 Goldwater Scholars are undergraduate honors students currently in their junior year in the Institute of Technology. They are: Derek Lee, a physics and mathematics major from White Bear Lake; Emily Que, a chemistry major from St. Paul; and Matt Rasmussen, a mathematics and computer science major from Eden Prairie.

Approximately 300 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding sophomores and juniors who intend to pursue research-based careers in science, engineering and mathematics. Lee plans to become a professor and researcher in theoretical high energy physics; Rasmussen wants to continue his education in a bioinformatics graduate program and eventually conduct research in the field; and Que plans to go to graduate school for chemistry and eventually become a professor so she can teach and perform research in inorganic chemistry.

"The Goldwater Scholarship helps me out by making these goals financially possible," Lee said. "Otherwise it would be difficult, if not impossible to pay for my education."

"Receiving this scholarship will help me get into the graduate schools I am interested in," Que said. "It will also help fund my expenses for the rest of my undergraduate career. Not having to worry about paying for housing or tuition will allow me to be able to continue my research work in a lab. The more research I can participate in now, the more prepared I will be for succeeding in graduate school and beyond."

The list of this year's winners can be found at <http://www.act.org/goldwater/sch-2003.html>.

- What:** U of M advises against travel to China, Hong Kong
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U OF M ADVISES AGAINST TRAVEL TO CHINA, HONG KONG

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota is advising students, faculty and staff not to travel to mainland China and Hong Kong because of the outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS.

The university is also asking students, faculty and staff in Hong Kong and mainland China to return home as soon as possible. Three students are in Hong Kong and nine students are in mainland China on university-sponsored study abroad programs.

"Many members of the university community have concerns about traveling to the region and about the safety and well-being of students and colleagues already there," said Gene Allen, Office of International Programs Director. "Because the outbreak is expected to continue to expand, and the number of flights out of these areas is declining as airlines reduce or discontinue flights, we thought it prudent to make this decision now."

The recommendations were made after consultation with several public health experts, including Dr. Michael Osterholm of the Center for Infectious Disease on campus.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control, the World Health Organization, and the State Department are all warning against travel to Hong Kong and mainland China, which have the highest number of reported cases of SARS. Growing numbers of universities are taking similar measures.

So far, SARS has been identified in 18 countries, with the most highly affected areas being Hong Kong, mainland China, Vietnam and Singapore. University officials will continue to monitor the situation in other countries and address the changing situation as necessary.

"We have no way of knowing how long this outbreak could affect travel to the region," said Allen. "Some university departments and individuals have already postponed or relocated upcoming trips and programs. It is recommended that, until the situation improves, those with trips planned in the near future should follow news about the outbreak before making decisions about whether to travel."

Staff from the university's international programs, public health, and health services remain alert to the current situation and continually monitor events for the university community.

To learn more about the outbreak and the risks of traveling to these areas, contact the Office of International Programs at (612) 624-5580 or international@umn.edu. Following are some additional resources.

World Health Organization: <http://www.who.int/csr/sars/travel/en/>

U.S. Centers for Disease Control: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/>

U.S. State Department: http://travel.state.gov/warnings_list.html

U of M Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy:

<http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/hot/sars/index.html> o

What: Poet to speak at U of M lecture
When: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 10
Where: Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center
Who: Cherrie Moraga
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U OF M TO HOST FOURTH TONI MCNARON LECTURE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL-- Poet, playwright, and essayist Cherríe Moraga will give the fourth annual University of Minnesota Toni McNaron Lecture in Arts and Culture at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave. S. Minneapolis.

The free lecture, "A Chicanadyke Codex of Changing Consciousness: A Dramatic Reading of Works," is sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Studies Department, Office for University Women, the Department of English, and the Queer Student Cultural Center. The lecture series is named after McNaron, a former university professor and an expert in women and GLBT studies.

About Cherríe Moraga

Moraga is a poet, playwright and essayist, and the co-editor of *This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color*. She is the author of numerous plays including "Shadow of a Man" and "Watsonville: Some Place Not Here," (both won the Fund for New American Plays Award in 1991 and 1995, respectively) and "Heroes and Saints," which earned the Pen West Award for Drama in 1992. Her plays have been anthologized in numerous collections and are also published in a three-volume series of collected works published by West End Press of Albuquerque, New Mexico, including *The Hungry Woman: A Mexican Medea*. Her collected non-fiction writings include: *The Last Generation* (South End Press); a memoir, *Waiting in the Wings: Portrait of a Queer Motherhood* (Firebrand Books); and, a new expanded edition of the now classic, *Loving in the War Years*, republished by South End Press in 2000. Ms. Moraga is also a recipient of the National Endowment for the Arts' Theatre Playwrights' Fellowship and is the Artist-in-Residence in the Departments of Drama and Spanish & Portuguese at Stanford University.

What: U of M fund raising rank rises
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UNIVERSITY RANKS FOURTH AMONG PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR FUND RAISING

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota has risen in national rankings of fund raising, among both public institutions and all U.S. universities, according to an annual survey released by the Council for Aid to Education (CAE), a division of RAND.

Among public universities, the university moved from sixth in 2001 to fourth in fiscal year 2002, according to CAE. Among all higher education institutions, the university moved from 16th to 14th. The University of Southern California ranked first among all institutions.

The CAE rankings are based on gifts received between July 2001 and June 2002. Since then, giving to the university has accelerated, according to Gerald B. Fischer, president and CEO of the University of Minnesota Foundation. "We are very pleased with this performance," Fischer said, "especially considering the economy, financial markets and concerns about the war, which have caused negative results for other nonprofits."

The university is in the final year of Campaign Minnesota, its historic drive to build greatness. The campaign began in 1996, counting ends June 30, and the final result will be announced in September.

"In this final year of our campaign, the momentum is very strong," said Fischer. "We're deeply gratified by the commitment that donors have shown to building excellence at the university."

More than 200,000 donors have supported Campaign Minnesota, including 82,000 alumni and 11,000 staff and faculty. Giving totals include cash gifts and pledges, bequests and other future commitments. About 98 percent of all gifts to the university are designated by donors for specific colleges or programs. Gifts and grants provide about 10 percent of the university's resources each year.

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What: U of M annual faculty compensation report
Where: Board of Regents committee meeting
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'U' FACULTY SALARIES UNCHANGED WHEN COMPARED TO PEERS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Faculty salaries at the University of Minnesota have changed little in comparison to those at peer public and private research universities, according to a new report. At 27th, the same as last year, salaries for full professors on the Twin Cities campus again rank near the bottom of the nation's top 30 research universities. The only improvement among all faculty job classes was for assistant professors, whose salaries moved from 27th to 22nd among the 30 research universities.

The annual faculty salary report was presented to a board of regents committee today (April 10) by Peter Zetterberg, senior analyst, Office of Institutional Research and Reporting.

"While faculty salaries overall haven't improved, the news about the salaries of assistant professors is good," said Zetterberg. "Forty percent of the university's faculty members were hired in the past 10 years, so it is important that we can compete against the nation's very best universities, and especially important that we are competitive with our new hires."

The university fares somewhat better in a comparison of total compensation (i.e., salary and fringe benefits), than for salaries alone. When total compensation is considered, the compensation for full professors on the Twin Cities campus improves to 22nd out of 30 and the compensation for assistant professors improves to 16th out of 30.

Although the university is considering a salary freeze next fiscal year to help offset state budget reductions, Zetterberg doesn't expect it to significantly impact the faculty compensation competitiveness. "I expect that many institutions, both public and private, will be limiting salary increases," he said. "For example, the University of California campuses have already announced a salary freeze, and so has Stanford, one of the nation's premier private universities. Most states are experiencing the same difficult financial circumstances as Minnesota, and the downturn in the economy is hurting both private and public universities."

The faculty salary comparison is based on an annual report from the American Association of University Professors, which obtains information from salary and compensation reports that most colleges and universities must file each year with the National Center for Educational statistics. The university uses a different peer group for each university campus. □

What: U of M confirms second incidence of meningococcal bacteria

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'U' OFFICIALS RESPOND AGGRESSIVELY TO SECOND MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTION

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota officials are responding aggressively to provide preventive treatment and public health education after state health department officials confirmed a second case of a meningococcal infection within the past month in a university student.

"We are taking this very seriously," said Ed Ehlinger, M.D., director of Boynton Health Service, the student health service on the Twin Cities campus. "In partnership with the Minnesota Department of Health, we have identified and provided preventative treatment to close contacts of both patients, and we are educating the university community about prevention and the risks of this bacteria."

The second student infected by the bacteria is a male graduate student who does not live in a university residence hall. He has been hospitalized since Sunday (April 6) for an infection caused by the meningococcal bacteria. He is in stable condition and is expected to recover, said Ehlinger. The second patient has requested that his name not be released, and, as he is conscious and able to report his close contacts, there is no public health need to identify him.

The university has provided preventive oral antibiotics to about 100 people who had close contact with either of the patients and expects to expand treatment to 20 or 30 more individuals. Symptoms can include headaches, stiff neck, fever, vomiting, extreme sleepiness, confusion and irritability; students, faculty and staff are encouraged to seek prompt medical attention if they develop these symptoms. To respond to an expected increased demand for vaccination and information about meningitis, Boynton Health Service is extending its hours over the weekend. They will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 12 and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 13. Questions or concerns may be directed to Boynton Health Service at (612) 625-8400, phones will be staffed tonight until 11 p.m.

University officials stressed that the risks are low for the general student population and that public activities and events on campus will continue as scheduled.

"Meningitis is spread by oral secretions and not through the air. Unless there is direct contact with the case, the risk is extremely low," Ehlinger explained. To prevent the spread of this and other diseases,

Ehlinger urged students and others on campus to wash their hands frequently and refrain from sharing drinks, food or cigarettes or other activities in which bodily fluids could be ingested.

Boynton Health Services offers a meningitis vaccine for \$70 to students, faculty and staff. Most private physicians also offer the vaccine.



What: Board of Regents hears emergency plans

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U OF M EMERGENCY PLANS PRESENTED TO REGENTS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota board of regents today (April 11) discussed plans for preventing and responding to emergencies at the university. Vice President for University Services Kathleen O'Brien and Senior Vice President for Health Sciences Frank Cerra reported that in the past 18 months, the university has made significant progress revising its emergency operations plan, increasing training, engaging senior administrators in emergency planning and improving safety and security on campus.

"The University of Minnesota is at the front edge of preparedness among U.S. colleges and universities. We are looked to as a model by other campuses just beginning this work," said O'Brien.

Among the specific steps the university has taken to improve safety and security is creating an associate vice president of safety under whom police, emergency management and environmental health and safety functions are aligned. A central monitoring station has been established, and additional video monitoring equipment has been installed across campus. Many facilities have had security improvements, including adding new locks and key card access. The University of Minnesota Police Department has moved to community-oriented policing with beat patrols in academic units, and a security and threat assessment has been completed.

O'Brien said the university's emergency preparedness plan has three components: prevention, incident management and operational continuity.

"We want to prevent emergencies and safety threats wherever we can, but we also must manage incidents well when they do occur and return to normal operations as smoothly and quickly as possible," said O'Brien.

Regents responded favorably to the plan, with a number noting the importance of this type of preparedness for an institution of the university's size and scope.

"This is an important discussion for the board, as we are accountable to the people of Minnesota to protect the university and its assets," said Maureen Reed, chair of the board.

In other business, university President Robert Bruininks focused his report to the board on the impact that the university has in every part of the state.

"This university contributes significantly to the quality of life and economy of each part of our state," said Bruininks, who provided examples of the university's impact in four Minnesota congressional

districts.

In the 1st Congressional District, southeast Minnesota, Bruininks reported that the university has 1,363 employees, spends \$15.7 million on salaries and has 11,500 alumni. The 2nd Congressional District, south of the Twin Cities, is home to five businesses that started from university research and 2,832 university employees. In the 7th Congressional District, which stretches from northwestern to southwestern Minnesota, the university spends \$19 million annually and has 947 alumni in the health professions. And in the 8th Congressional District in northeastern Minnesota, the university has 3,849 employees who collectively earn over \$90 million annually.

Bruininks urged the board to help communicate the importance of the university to the state. "We touch Minnesota in incredible ways that are quantifiable and qualitative. All of us can help tell this story," he said.

In an update on the budget, Bruininks reiterated the challenge that the university faces in managing an anticipated \$209 million reduction in state funding for the 2004-05 biennium. He said the university is being creative and is seeking ways to reduce operating and administrative costs, including reducing the costs of health and other employee benefits. The board is expected to review the president's 2004-05 budget in May and approve a final budget in June.

The next board of regents meetings will be May 8 on the Twin Cities campus. Complete board of regents agendas can be found at www.umn.edu/regents. o

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- What:** Discussion on affordable housing for discrete populations
- When:** Noon-1:30 p.m. Friday, April 18
- Where:** Room 1-147, Carlson School of Management, 321 19th Ave. S.,
Minneapolis
- Who:** Gordon Thayer, American Indian Housing and Community
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CURA FORUM ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR DISCRETE POPULATIONS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The Many Rivers Project, a new experiment to provide affordable housing to the Native American community, will be the focus of the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) Housing Forum at noon Friday, April 18, in room 1-147, Carlson School of Management, 321 19th Ave. S, Minneapolis.

Gordon Thayer from the American Indian Housing and Community Development Corp. and Larry Leventhal, an attorney with Larry Leventhal & Associates, will discuss the project's successes and benefits.

Thayer will discuss affordable housing in a competitive market and talk about finding housing solutions for homeless families and individuals in the Native American community. Leventhal will talk about the legal aspects of housing programs that are designed for Native Americans and other discrete populations.

The development is on Franklin Avenue between Bloomington Avenue S. and 15th Avenue S. in Minneapolis. When finished it will offer 74 total units and underground parking. One wing will be completed late this summer, and groundbreaking for the second wing will be within the next few weeks.

The CURA Housing Forum is a monthly discussion of housing research and issues in the Twin Cities. The forum is free and open to the public. In addition to the Housing Forum, CURA supports more than a dozen programs that provide research support and technical assistance to community organizations and government agencies throughout Minnesota. For more information, see www.cura.umn.edu. □

- What:** Tribal Colleges and the University of Minnesota celebrate historic partnership
- When:** 10:15 a.m. Friday, April 18
- Where:** Atrium, McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Ave., St. Paul
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TRIBAL COLLEGES AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CELEBRATE HISTORIC PARTNERSHIP

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Woodlands Wisdom, an unprecedented partnership between six Minnesota Tribal Colleges and the University of Minnesota, welcomes their new director, Barbara Graham.

Concerned about the rates of chronic health problems, such as diabetes, depression, and heart disease among Native Americans, Tribal Colleges established the educational partnership with the University of Minnesota in 1998. Under the agreement, Tribal College students can work in their communities or transfer to the University of Minnesota to receive a bachelor's degree.

A traditional Native American blessing ceremony will help celebrate Graham's arrival at 10:15 a.m. Friday, April 18, in the McNeal Hall Atrium, 1985 Buford Ave., St. Paul. The celebration will include an honoring song by The Boyz (an internationally acclaimed Lakota drum group) followed by a traditional Native feast.

"Our long-term vision for this innovative collaboration is to address the growing health needs of our Native communities by integrating traditional Native knowledge with scientific methods of discovery," said Graham. "I am confident that this partnership will help build on the strengths of Tribal Colleges, commitment to culturally responsive educational experiences, research opportunities, and community awareness of the indigenous knowledge system and on the strengths of the University of Minnesota's commitment to excellence in discovery and learning."

The Department of Food Science and Nutrition, a shared program between the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences and the College of Human Ecology, has signed the first agreement with the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College. The first group of students is expected to transfer to the university in Fall 2004.

The Tribal Colleges included in the partnership are from North Dakota, Wisconsin, and Minnesota

(Turtle Mountain Community College, White Earth Tribal College, Leech Lake Tribal College, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Community College, and the College of the Menominee Nation).

Woodlands Wisdom is committed to providing Native people with the means to improve the quality of health and life in their communities through self-determination. For more information about Woodlands Wisdom, contact Deidre Russeth at (612) 625-3187 or by e-mail at drusseth@che.umn.edu.

Graham, Ph.D., is Sicangu Lakota, of the Rosebud, South Dakota tribe. Born in Traverse City, Mich., she graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in Psychology. In 1993, her educational pursuits brought her to the Twin Cities, where she earned a master's and doctorate in the joint studies of Child Development and Clinical Psychology. Since 1996, Graham has worked in tribal and urban Indian settings, promoting culturally responsive, solution-focused research, Native wellness and education. Her research has centered on resilience among American Indians. Sponsored by a W. K. Kellogg Foundation grant, Graham facilitated talking circles with Native elders to design respectful research strategies. She has guest-lectured and presented on such topics as Native research methodologies, resilience research, and overcoming adversities. As director of Native Wellness, she designed collaborative, holistic wellness programming and healing strategies, which interwove Native traditional ways of healing with western methods.○

What: Reward for information on arsonists, partial damage estimate

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REWARD OFFERED FOR ARSON INFORMATION, U OF M POLICE LOOKING FOR HELP IN IDENTIFYING PERSON INVOLVED IN VIOLENCE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota Police Department (UMPD) is cooperating with the Minnesota Arson Reward Project (www.mniaai.org) to offer rewards of up to \$2,500 for useful information or assistance that leads to arrests on a charge of arson and a favorable disposition of the charge.

The UMPD is investigating several arsons that occurred on university property after Saturday's championship Gopher hockey game. Pictures of suspects possibly involved in arsons and other crimes are posted on the UMPD Web site at www.umn.edu/umpolic/help-id-2003.htm. The UMPD is particularly interested in talking with the person in picture #1, and hopes someone from the community can identify him.

Anyone with information is asked to call (612) 624-COPS or the department's anonymous tip line at (612) 378-1914.

Also today, university officials announced a partial damage estimate from Saturday's incidents. Damage to university property has so far been assessed at around \$39,000. That total does not yet include estimates of fire damage to the Civil Engineering building and a nearby crane. Fire caused considerable damage and engineers are determining what needs to be replaced. Estimates of those repair costs and personnel overtime are expected next week.

What: Beautiful U Day 2003
When: Tuesday, April 22, and Wednesday, April 23
Where: University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus
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BEAUTIFUL U DAY 2003: UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF SHOW THEIR CAMPUS PRIDE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Campus and neighborhood cleanups, a facility rededication and an all-university celebration are among the events of Beautiful U Day 2003, the University of Minnesota's annual beautification project, April 22-23.

"After the violence following the hockey championship, it is more important than ever that the university community demonstrate its pride in our campus and make sure everyone knows what a great place the U is," said Kathleen O'Brien, vice president of university services.

Among the highlights of the two-day event is a series of cleanups: the Beautiful Classroom Campaign, in which students help spruce up classrooms and custodians are honored for their hard work; the Spring Jam student cleanup, where students help out with various projects in the Marcy-Holmes and Dinkytown neighborhoods; and a campus litter collection, which covers the St. Paul campus and both banks of the Minneapolis campus.

The university is also rededicating its integrated waste management facility in honor of the late Fay Thompson, former director of Environmental Health and Safety.

Another event thanks people who contributed to Campaign Minnesota. The All-University Lunch Celebration includes a tree planting and a complimentary lunch on both Twin Cities campuses.

A complete list of Beautiful U Day events is available at www.facm.umn.edu/BeautifulU/. Here is a partial listing:

Tuesday, April 22

- 10 a.m.-noon. Landscape Projects and Campus Litter Collection

East Bank: Parking Lot C-12, South entrance to Rec Sports, 1906 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

West Bank: Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis, 19th Avenue entrance.

St. Paul: Facilities Management Building, 1936 Commonwealth Ave.

- Noon-1 p.m. Campaign Minnesota Thank You Lunch
Northrop Plaza and St. Paul Campus Mall between Eckles & Cleveland avenues.
- 1-5 p.m. Beautiful Classroom Campaign
Recognition of custodians for their roles in creating comfortable, clean and well-maintained classrooms.
1 p.m. Program at Appleby Hall, 128 Pleasant St. S.E., Minneapolis.
3-3:45 p.m. Student/Custodian Challenge, 125 Science Classroom Building, 222 Pleasant St. S.E., Minneapolis.
3:45 p.m. Custodian Recognition Awards, 325 Science Classroom Building.
- 1-5 p.m. Spring Jam '03 Student-led Cleanup
Campus and Dinkytown and Marcy-Holmes neighborhoods.
- 2-3:30 p.m. Rededication of Integrated Waste Management Facility in honor of Fay Thompson
501 23rd St. S.E., Minneapolis.
- 7:30 p.m. Great Conversations Lecture Series
Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2128 4th St. S., Minneapolis.

"Biotechnology and the Environment," features university professor Dr. Anne Kapuscinski, internationally renowned for her work on the ecological risks of genetically engineered organisms, and Margaret Mellon, one of the nation's most respected experts on biotechnology and food safety.

Wednesday, April 23rd

- 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Campus Sustainability Summit
Bell Museum of Natural History and Rapson Hall, 89 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis.

Workshop to identify ways to provide leadership in sustainable development through its teaching, as well as serve as an example of sustainability through its campus operations and community partnerships. (Sustainable development is defined as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs).

- What:** University of Minnesota nutrition educators share value of nutrition education for low-income families with legislators
- When:** April 23
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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA NUTRITION EDUCATORS INVITE POLICYMAKERS TO TAKE THE "THRIFTY FOOD PLAN CHALLENGE"

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota nutrition educators are inviting Minnesota policymakers to take the "Thrifty Food Plan Challenge" and eat for a week on the USDA-defined Food Stamp Program budget to better understand the vital importance of nutrition education for low-income, food stamp-eligible Minnesota families.

In taking the challenge, policy makers will experience what it's like to plan, purchase and eat nutritious meals on the USDA-defined Food Stamp Program budget. Those who accept the challenge agree to try to eat for one week, April 23 - 30, on the budgeted amount. To kick-off the challenge, nutrition educators will invite their legislators to join them for a box lunch at various times and locations at the Minnesota State Capitol in St. Paul, on Wednesday, April 23.

According to the USDA thrifty food plan, a family of four with two children ages 2 to 5 should spend \$93.20 per week on food (dollar amounts for food plans vary by size of family, age, and gender). That's just over \$3 per day per family member for all meals and snacks. Nutrition educators believe that education can help Minnesota families use that \$3 to make healthier food choices.

"We know that nutrition education makes a difference in decision-making and behavior," said Elizabeth Sandell, director of Families That Work at the University of Minnesota. "Evaluations of our nutrition education programs consistently indicate that families who participate in nutrition education experience behavior changes related to food safety, access to nutritious foods, diet quality, and shopping behavior." Sandell hopes that the Thrifty Food Plan Challenge will bring awareness to the importance of supporting nutrition education and good public policy that ensures healthy life choices for Minnesotans.

Some suggest that the outcomes of nutrition education programs often include more than just changes in nutrition behavior. "Through nutrition education, low-income families can stretch their limited food dollars further, which can over time impact the well-being of their children," said Marcie Jefferys, director of the Center for Advanced Child Welfare in the School of Social Work.

University research has shown that having enough food to provide adequate nutrition is a challenge to the health of both urban and rural families. One study that involves Minnesota rural low-income families found that 49 percent of rural low-income families are food insecure and that 17 percent of these families have hunger present.

"Families who know how to manage their money were less likely to be food insecure," said Jean Bauer, a family economist at the University of Minnesota. "Thus, linking money management with food shopping and preparation influences the health and well-being of families."

Nutrition education research has also revealed that good evaluation is necessary. "When evaluating nutrition education, it is important to know what behavior changes you're interested in measuring and how those behavior changes occur so that programming and policy are effective," said Marla Reicks, a nutrition researcher at the University of Minnesota. "Good public policy that is grounded in research and program evaluation results in effective programs that can help families make positive behavior changes."

"This type of programming has demonstrated that families who learn how to manage food budgets and their families' diets are often empowered to improve other aspects of their lives," Sandell said. "For many families, participating in the nutrition education programs is an important first step to self-sufficiency. We know that an investment in this type of program supports and benefits other types of public policy related to family services."

Families That Work, which secures the third largest grant to the university of \$6.5 million, facilitates community-based partnerships through various programs in the College of Human Ecology and University of Minnesota Extension Service to improve the quality of life for low-resource families in Minnesota. Nutrition education is one emphasis, which builds upon existing federal programs, FSNEP (the Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program) and EFNEP (the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program).

The College of Human Ecology at the University of Minnesota is an interdisciplinary college with four academic units including: Design, Housing, and Apparel; Family Social Science; Food Science and Nutrition; and the School of Social Work. For more information about the College of Human Ecology, see www.che.umn.edu.

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What: U of M Humphrey Institute honors public leaders

When: Thursday, May 1
6 p.m. private reception, 7 p.m. dinner and program

Where: Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis

Who: Walter Mondale, Elmer Andersen, Roberta Cordano and Pakou Hang

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FOUR TO RECEIVE INAUGURAL U OF M HUBERT H. HUMPHREY PUBLIC LEADERSHIP AWARDS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs will honor the first recipients of the Hubert H. Humphrey Public Leadership Award at a gala dinner in the Humphrey Center atrium at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 1. A private reception starts at 6 p.m. The Hubert H. Humphrey Public Leadership Awards honor individuals, organizations or projects that have made contributions to the common good through public leadership and service. This year's recipients are Elmer Andersen, Roberta Cordano, Pakou Hang and Walter Mondale.

"We wanted to recognize leaders in our community who exemplify Hubert Humphrey's values of engaged citizenship and leadership for the common good," said Humphrey Institute Dean J. Brian Atwood. "The institute has carried Humphrey's name for 25 years, and we believe that he would be particularly proud of the individuals chosen as the first recipients of this award."

Andersen is considered "Dean of Minnesota Republicans." As a state senator from 1949 to 1958, he championed legislation on fair employment practices, special education, and the state's first civil rights bill. As Minnesota's governor in the early 1960s, he led the cause of creating new parks, an effort that eventually led to the establishment of Voyageurs National Park in northern Minnesota. Andersen, the president of St. Paul-based H.B. Fuller for 30 years, and his wife, Eleanor, established the Elmer L. and Eleanor J. Andersen Foundation in 1957. Through the foundation they have funded the work of many education, environment, arts and human service groups, as well as numerous libraries. Andersen, who served as a University of Minnesota regent from 1967 to 1975, gave the university more than 12,000 rare and precious books from his personal collection. On May 14, 1999, the University of Minnesota Board of Regents unanimously voted to name the newest library facility in his honor.

Cordano is committed to raising the quality of life of the signing community. She is one of the founders of two bicultural/bilingual charter schools for deaf, hard-of-hearing, and deaf-blind children. The Metro Deaf School, a pre-K through eighth grade program, opened 10 years ago; Minnesota North Star Academy, a high school, will open in September 2003. The schools use American Sign Language (ASL) as the primary language of instruction, with English introduced as a second language. Both schools employ deaf and hearing teachers to carry out their bicultural/bilingual philosophies. Cordano was assistant attorney general in Minnesota from 1990 to 2000, and currently is the director of Disability Services at the University of Minnesota.

Hang was born in a refugee camp in Thailand. She and her family immigrated to the United States when she was an infant. Among the first generation of Hmong to attend college, Hang graduated from Yale University in 1999, then returned to the Twin Cities where she has been active in electoral politics. In 2002, as Mee Moua's campaign manager, she played an instrumental role in the election of the first Hmong to statewide office in the United States. Hang capitalized on the Hmong community's oral tradition by producing audiotapes on the political process and using Hmong radio as a grassroots organizing strategy. She also served as deputy political director of the late Sen. Paul Wellstone, bringing her organizing talents to the broader community.

Mondale has served as attorney general for Minnesota, U.S. senator, vice president of the United States, and U.S. ambassador to Japan. Building on an impressive career as a public servant for the citizens of Minnesota, Mondale accepted Jimmy Carter's invitation to join the Democratic ticket and, in 1976 and was elected vice president. Mondale was the Democratic Party's nominee for president in 1984 and, at the request of President Clinton, served as Ambassador to Japan from 1993 to 1996. When Wellstone's plane crashed on October 25, 2002--just 10 days before the election--Mondale stepped in to run in Wellstone's place. Although his bid for the Senate was not successful, Mondale remains active in the community, continuing the Mondale Lectures on Public Service and other initiatives.

For tickets to the Hubert H. Humphrey Public Leadership Awards dinner, call Camille Gage at (612) 625-5309 or e-mail cgage@hhh.umn.edu. Tickets are \$200 (private reception with award recipients and dinner); \$50 for the general public (dinner only) and \$25 (dinner only) for university students and staff.

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What: Faculty and staff campaign gifts to \$62 million
When: Tuesday, April 22
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OVER 11,000 EMPLOYEES GIVE \$62 MILLION TO THE 'U'

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--More than 11,000 University of Minnesota current and retired faculty and staff who have contributed a total of \$62 million to Campaign Minnesota will be recognized Tuesday, April 22, in special events on all campuses.

"The depth of support for the university among its employees demonstrates the extraordinary confidence they have in this great institution," said university President Robert Bruininks. "They come to work each day not merely as employees, but as members of a community dedicated to advancing knowledge and serving as a partner for the public good."

According to Jerry Fischer, president and CEO of the University of Minnesota Foundation, the level of giving by university faculty and staff is virtually unmatched among universities nationally. "Talking to our colleagues in the Big Ten and across the country, it appears that University of Minnesota faculty and staff have contributed to their school's campaign at some of the highest levels nationally," he said.

Among current regular and adjunct employees, 7,700, or about 30 percent, have made gifts to the campaign, which began in 1996 and ends June 30.

The largest portion of faculty and staff gifts, 44 percent, has been designated for scholarships and fellowships to support students. Faculty and staff have also supported all other campaign priorities.

"It's a phenomenal statement of the loyalty and affection the faculty and staff have for the U," said V. Rama Murthy, professor in the Institute of Technology and chair of the Faculty-Staff Campaign Committee. "Obviously, university employees are deeply committed to the university."

Campaign Minnesota is the university's largest fund-raising campaign ever, with an initial goal of \$1.3 billion. As of March 31, \$1.589 billion has been raised, 102 new endowed faculty positions have been created, scholarship and fellowship support for students has tripled, and campaign gifts have helped build or renovate 25 buildings. More than \$646 million has been designated as endowment gifts, providing long-term support for the university.

The full benefit of Campaign Minnesota will be felt over the long term, as the amount raised includes pledges, bequests and other future gifts. About 98 percent of all gifts to the university are designated for

specific purposes by donors, and about half the gifts made during Campaign Minnesota have been designated for endowment.

Events to thank and recognize faculty and staff giving will be held on each campus Tuesday, April 22, as follows:

Twin Cities campus/Minneapolis: Noon, Northrop Plaza. Procession down the Mall, lunch, program, featuring Bruniniks and Goldy Gopher, and tree planting.

Twin Cities campus/St. Paul: Noon, mall between Cleveland and Eckles avenues. Lunch, program, featuring Executive Vice President and Provost Christine Maziar, and tree planting.

Crookston: 8:30 a.m., Kiehle Building. Music and refreshments.

Morris: 8:30 a.m., Campus Mall. Tree planting and refreshments.

Duluth: 1 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Program of student performances.

The events on the Twin Cities campus are part of Beautiful U Day festivities and are made possible primarily through private support. □

What: College of Natural Resources Centennial Banquet
When: 5-9 p.m. April 24
Where: McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis
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COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES HONORS AWARD RECIPIENTS AT 100TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota's College of Natural Resources (CNR) is marking its 100th birthday with a dinner that will also recognize its three Outstanding Achievement Award recipients.

The Centennial Banquet is from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at the McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis. It will include historical displays and exhibits from student clubs and organizations, as well as the awards presentation.

The honorees are all CNR graduates who have distinguished themselves in the field of natural resources:

Robert Herbst is a former commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and former acting secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior. He is also the founder or chair of more than a dozen national or international commissions and foundations.

John Magnuson is the retired director of the Center for Limnology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has led the way in applying oceanic ecological concepts to freshwater lake environments and created a model for funding long-term ecological research sites nationwide.

Steven Weekes is the founder and CEO of Weekes Forest Products, Inc., one of the country's leading softwood lumber wholesalers. He is known for his unwavering support of education and development opportunities for employees in his industry's workforce.

Outstanding Achievement Awards are conferred on university graduates or former students who have attained unusual distinction in their chosen fields and who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and leadership. ○

What: Operation NightCAP Jr.
When: April 25-26
Where: University of Minnesota
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OFFICERS FROM SEVERAL AGENCIES TO TARGET UNDERAGE DRINKING AT THE U THIS WEEKEND

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Officers from the University of Minnesota and Minneapolis police departments, the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office and the Minnesota State Patrol will be looking for underage drinking activity on the university campus and surrounding areas this weekend.

Law enforcement personnel will also stop motorists for traffic- and equipment-related offenses and determine whether they are impaired by alcohol.

There will be a total of 20-30 additional officers on duty from the various agencies. It's all part of NightCAP Jr., an event scheduled several months ago to coincide with warmer temperatures.

"As the weather gets nicer, there tend to be more parties and social activities—some of which revolve around illegal drinking," said University of Minnesota Police Captain Steve Johnson. "Underage drinking can lead to tragedy, and we don't want to see anyone get hurt."

Johnson said he hopes the increased law enforcement presence will encourage people to make good choices about alcohol use and behavior. "Our goal is not to keep people from having fun," said Johnson. "But we want to remind everyone to do so in a safe and responsible manner."

A summary of the operation will be available on the State Patrol media information line, (651) 582-1521, by 8 a.m. on Sunday, April 27.0

What: U of M College Bowl team heads to national tournament

When: April 25-27

Where: University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

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U OF M COLLEGE BOWL TEAM ON THE HUNT FOR ANOTHER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--For the second time this month, the University of Minnesota has a team battling for a national championship. The College Bowl team goes for its first national championship since 1989 at the National College Bowl Championship Tournament, April 25-27 at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. The team earned its trip to nationals by placing first at a regional competition at Macalester College in February. This is the second consecutive year the team has gone to the national tournament.

Five students make up the team:

- Ray Anderson, sophomore, Redwood Falls
- Ryan Peterson, sophomore, Hibbing
- Matt Sauter, sophomore, Rapid City, S.D.
- Aaron Twait, graduate student, Emmetsburg, Iowa
- Chris Malone, senior, St. Cloud

"We might be watching a future Jeopardy champion," said Dave Dorman, College Bowl coach. "In fact, alumnus Brian Weikle, who was on our 1989 championship team, recently won the most money ever as a five-time Jeopardy champion."

The College Bowl National Championship Tournament is the culmination of a year's play on 300 campuses. It features the 15 regional champions in a full round robin tournament, ending with a four-team double-elimination playoff on April 27. Players compete to answer questions in academic subject areas like history, science, literature, religion, social sciences and the arts, as well as sports, current events, popular culture and multicultural topics.

College Bowl is part of the Student Activities Office's Minnesota Program and Activities Council

(MPAC), which is intended to further the cultural, educational, social, entertainment and recreational needs for all students of the University of Minnesota campus community. For more information, visit www.spsc.umn.edu/collegebowl/. o

What: Looting of Iraq museums among topics at U symposium
When: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 30
Where: 350 Anderson Hall, 257 19th Ave. S.E.
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Catherine Peloquin, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

U OF M SYMPOSIUM IMPACT OF IRAQ WAR

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The recent looting of Iraq's museums is one of the issues that will be discussed by a panel of five Mideast scholars at a University of Minnesota symposium regarding the past and future of the U.S. and Iraq in the Middle East region.

The symposium, "Rethinking the Role of the U.S. in Iraq and the Middle East," will be at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, at 250 Anderson Hall, 257 19th Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

Eva von Dassow, professor of classical and Near Eastern history, will discuss "The Spoilation of Iraq's Museums--What the World has Lost".

Renee Worringer, history fellow, will compare the history of British involvement in 20th-century Iraq with U.S. involvement in post-war Iraq, while Taner Akcam, history associate professor, addresses "Turkey, Iraq and the Kurdish Question."

Raqui Assad, associate professor at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, will speak on "The Arab World, the U.S., and the Impact of the Iraq War." Martin Sampson, political science professor, offers a talk entitled "Unclear Trails as a Problem for Cowboys."

Written questions will be welcomed from the audience near the end of the event. The symposium is sponsored by the university's Institute for Global Studies, department of history and the group Faculty Against War.

For more information, call (612) 624-9007. o

- What:** Journalists and experts discuss cultural divide between political parties and the leadership
- When:** 8 a.m.-noon, Thursday, April 24
- Where:** Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
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U OF M HUMPHREY INSTITUTE POLICY FORUM HOSTED BY TIM PENNY AND VIN WEBER

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Former congressmen Tim Penny and Vin Weber, policy forum co-directors, will lead a discussion by a panel of national journalists and experts on the factors causing an increasing cultural divide between Republicans, Democrats and Independents.

The University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute is hosting the Humphrey Institute Policy Forum at 8 a.m. Thursday, April 24, at the Humphrey Institute, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis. They will also discuss what sort of leadership is needed to achieve cooperation and consensus.

The discussion will focus on public attitudes and perceptions, the landscape of electoral politics and challenges for policy makers.

Speakers include:

- Matthew Dowd, senior advisor to the Republican National Committee. He oversees all White House polling.
- Celinda Lake, Democratic strategist and pollster
- John Judis, senior editor, "The New Republic;" author of The Emerging Democratic Majority
- Ramesh Ponnuru, senior editor, "The National Review."
- Ted Halstead, president, The New America Foundation; author of "The Radical Center: The Future of American Politics."

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The cost is \$25. An agenda and brief speaker bios are available at www.hhh.umn.edu/centers/policy-forum. To register call (612) 625-8330. o

What: Forum on the state budget crisis and restoring the Minnesota consensus
When: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday, May 12
Where: Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
Who: Elmer Andersen, Wendell Anderson, Arne Carlson and Al Quie
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FOUR GOVERNORS SPEAK ON BUDGET CRISIS AND RESTORING THE MINNESOTA CONSENSUS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Four governors who served Minnesota in the 20th century have been publicly silent in the current debate about the budget crisis and tax policy, but that will change Monday, May 12, at the 2003 Freeman Forum on "Community, Consensus, and the Common Good."

The Freeman Forum, named in honor of the late Governor Orville Freeman, will feature a panel of former Minnesota governors Arne Carlson, Al Quie, Wendell Anderson and Elmer Andersen who have confronted financial deficits. As governor, each chose to trim budget requests and raise state revenues to maintain necessary government programs, services, and obligations.

Joining the governors will be biographer Rodney Leonard whose new book, "Freeman--the Governor Years," is being published in conjunction with the Freeman Forum. In two of his three terms, Governor Orville Freeman also had to deal with budget deficits and each time proposed higher taxes rather than reductions in services or cost shifts. Lori Sturdevant of the Star Tribune will moderate the panel discussion.

The program also includes a presentation by art history professor Karal Ann Marling, who will examine the effect of cultural changes on today's conflicts over governance, economic growth and social justice. Elected officials, including Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Fybak, Sen. Dean Johnson and Sen. Mee Moua, will talk about conflict and coalition-building surrounding public investments. University President Robert Bruininks will give the keynote address on the importance of education in promoting the "Good Life" in Minnesota.

The cost of the event is \$35 per person; \$25 for students and educators. The fee includes lunch, refreshments and a copy of the book, "Freeman--The Governor Years." Students may also register at no cost but will not receive lunch or a copy of the book.

Register online at www.minnesotaruralpartners.org/freemanforum, or send a check (made out to

Freeman Forum,) along with the name, address and phone number of each person registering to Freeman Forum, Suite 125, Humphrey Institute, 301 19th Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55455. o

What: Spring 2003 Commencements
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U OF M 2003 SPRING COMMENCEMENTS, SPEAKER SET

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL—A TIME magazine Person of the Year, a former governor and three experts on disease control are among the speakers at this year's spring commencement ceremonies at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. More details are available at www.umn.edu/twincities/commencement.

- Graduate School: 1 p.m. Friday, May 2, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: Regents Professor of Chemical Engineering Lanny Schmidt.
- Medical School: 2:30 p.m. Friday, May 9, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: former Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher.
- Institute of Technology: 7 p.m. Friday, May 9, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: former Gov. Arne Carlson.
- College of Continuing Education: 10 a.m. Saturday, May 10, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: Rebecca Yanisch, former commissioner. Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development.
- College of Natural Resources: 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10, Northstar Ballroom, St. Paul Student Center. Speaker: University of Minnesota Regent Patricia Simmons.
- College of Veterinary Medicine: 7 p.m. Saturday, May 10, Northrop Auditorium. Speakers: Drs. Nancy and Jerry Jaax. Nancy Jaax is chief of pathology at the U.S. Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRRID) and also acts as consultant to the Army surgeon general for veterinary pathology. Jerry Jaax is currently the research compliance officer at Kansas State University. He has previously served as the chief of veterinary medicine at USAMRRID.
- College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences: 2 p.m. Sunday, May 11, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: University of Chicago professor of molecular genetics and cell biology Daphne Preuss.
- College of Human Ecology: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: Dudley Riggs, Twin Cities comedian and writer and founder of The Dudley Riggs Brave New Workshop, a comedy theater dedicated to developing young comedians and actors.
- College of Education and Human Development: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum.

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- School of Dentistry: 2 p.m. Friday, May 16, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: Dr. Lisa Tedesco, professor of dentistry and vice president and secretary at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- College of Pharmacy: 7 p.m. Friday, May 16, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: Paul Iverson, owner of Iverson Corner Drugs in Sauk Rapids and former president of the Minnesota Pharmacist Association.
- Law School: 10 a.m. Saturday, May 17, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: FBI agent Coleen Rowley, who in 2002 boldly criticized high-ranking FBI officials for blunders that blocked investigations that might have prevented the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. For her courage, she was lauded as a national hero. TIME Magazine named her one of its Persons of the Year for 2002.
- College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture: 2 p.m. Saturday, May 17, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: Minneapolis Deputy Mayor and architect David Fey.
- College of Biological Sciences: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: University of Minnesota Executive Vice President and Provost Christine Maziar.
- College of Liberal Arts: 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: Thomas Buerghenthal, an international human rights lawyer and judge at the United Nations International Court of Justice.
- College of Mortuary Science: 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18, Memorial Hall in McNeill Hall, St. Paul campus. Speaker: Kelly Guncheon, executive director of the Minnesota Funeral Directors Association.
- Carlson School of Management: 6 p.m. Sunday, May 18, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: Eugene Sit, founder and chief investment officer of Sit Investment Associates of Minneapolis.
- Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 18, Great Hall, Coffman Union. Speaker: Jane Freeman, wife of the late Orville Freeman, a former Minnesota governor and U.S. secretary of agriculture.
- School of Public Health: 5 p.m. Monday, May 20, Memorial Hall in McNeal Hall, St. Paul campus. Speaker: Dr. Julie Gerberding, director, U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention. She recently visited Toronto, Canada, to observe how that city is managing the SARS crisis.
- Reserve Officers Training Corps: 6 p.m. Friday, May 23, McNamara Alumni Center, University of Minnesota Gateway. Speaker: U.S. Rep. John Kline.
- School of Nursing: 1 p.m. Friday, June 20, Ted Mann Concert Hall. Speaker: Barbara Balik, executive vice president, Safety and Quality Systems, Allina Hospitals and Clinics.
- Physical Therapy Program: 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, McNamara Alumni Center, University of Minnesota Gateway. Speaker to be announced. □

What: Time Warner Cable-U of M small business partnership
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TIME WARNER PARTNERS WITH U OF M TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL—The Minnesota division of Time Warner Cable has given the University of Minnesota's Office for Business and Community Economic Development (BCED) an endowment that will help university students and small businesses owned by women, people of color, and people with disabilities.

"One of our core objectives is economic development," said Eric Brown, president of Time Warner Cable, Minnesota Division. "We see the programs we're supporting through the university as being an important catalyst in helping with small business development, particularly in minority communities."

The BCED's Management Assistance Program links University of Minnesota graduate and professional students with small businesses. The students provide management and technical support services and earn a stipend and real-life experiences to apply to their studies.

BCED Director D. Craig Taylor welcomed the \$50,000-a-year gift from Time Warner Cable. "This program is a model of how public and private entities can work together to support the people and businesses that are the foundation our communities," Taylor said. "The generous support of Time Warner Cable will improve the quality of life in our communities, as well as provide an enriching educational experience for students."

Time Warner Cable has observed the benefits of the program firsthand. "Last year we asked some of the students to look at the emerging diverse markets in our service area and give recommendations on changes to our marketing plan," Brown said. He said he was so impressed with the work of the students that the company adopted many of the recommendations.

Many other businesses also have benefited from the program. Connie Frederick, owner of Gifted Baskets and GB Promotional Products in Tonka Bay, said the program offered her services and expertise that her company couldn't afford. Students were asked to evaluate the Web site and make suggested changes.

"I was hesitant to try e-commerce," Frederick said. That changed after the students did a comprehensive Web evaluation and calculated the payoff of different levels of investment in a Web site.

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“They did a great job,” Frederick said. “They laid everything out. We really needed to get ourselves in a position where people could order online, and that’s just what we’re doing.”

Lakeesha Ransom, a doctoral student in human resource development and strategic management, and a member of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents, was one of two students who worked on the Gifted Baskets project. One of the first students to participate in the Management Assistance Program, Ransom has worked on three other projects for the program, including evaluating process management for an event planning company that was experiencing growing pains.

“I definitely feel like our work made a difference. Business owners were appreciative of the work we did for them,” Ransom said.

She said that the experiences also provided a valuable educational opportunity. “It was good to collaborate with students who had different specialty areas. We were able to learn from each other and share our knowledge and skill sets,” Ransom said. □

What: 74th Annual Minnesota State FFA Convention

When: April 27-29

Where: University of Minnesota St. Paul campus

Who: More than 3,000 FFA members

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MORE THAN 3,000 FFA STUDENTS GATHER AT U OF M ST. PAUL CAMPUS FOR STATE CONVENTION

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Wearing their signature blue jackets, more than 3,000 FFA members from around Minnesota will be "diving in" this weekend at the 74th annual Minnesota State FFA Convention on the campus of the University of Minnesota's College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences (COAFES) in St. Paul

"Dive In" is the theme of this year's conference, where students will have many opportunities to develop leadership and communication skills, gain valuable career and agricultural knowledge and gather new ideas from fellow FFA members.

"We are proud to again host this year's convention," said Charles Muscoplat, dean of COAFES. "FFA prepares students for success in higher education and interesting and challenging careers that make important contributions to Minnesota and the world."

During the three-day event, FFA members and their chapters will be recognized for their accomplishments this past year. Special ceremonies will recognize Minnesota FFA degree recipients, state proficiency award winners and the State Stars in Entrepreneurship and Placement. The organization will also name recipients of its prestigious Honorary Minnesota FFA Degree.

Special guests at the convention include state Sen. Dean Johnson; Jim Palmer, Minnesota Soybean Growers Association; Guy Doud, national Teacher of the Year; Nicole Boettger, National Pork Board; Rod Johnson, voice of the Timberwolves; Minnesota House Speaker Steve Sviggum, Speaker of the House; Gary Connell, Carhartt; J Robinson, U of M wrestling coach; and J.J. Jones, national FFA vice president from Kansas. Complete details about the conference are available at <http://www.ffa.umn.edu/>

FFA is a national youth organization of more than 460,000 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture.

The University of Minnesota College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences is a

highly-ranked research and outreach institution offering students a wide choice of educational and career preparation opportunities. More information about the college and its priorities is available at www.coafes.umn.edu

What: Outstanding Community Service Awards
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OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS HONOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS BY U OF M FACULTY AND STAFF

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The founders of a literacy lab, a staff member who helps Somali women and a professor who turns physics into an accessible performance art are among the recipients of this year's University of Minnesota Outstanding Community Service Awards.

The awards recognize outstanding contributions and accomplishments of faculty, staff or university-affiliated community members who have worked to improve public life and the well-being of society. Those contributions may result in long-term and lasting changes for the public good and demonstrate an unusual commitment to the university and greater community.

In effect, the award-winners take the work they do at the university and extend it to the next level, where its benefits reach beyond the campus and into the community. This is the fifth year for the awards, which will be presented at a recognition banquet March 20.

Here are this year's recipients:

Professor Brenda Child, American studies, is a distinguished scholar in the field of American Indian studies. She has increased and improved contacts, connections, interaction and cultural understanding among Native American people.

Carol McCannon, staff member, University of Minnesota-Morris, is honored for her outstanding work in engaging the Morris campus in community service, service learning and volunteerism.

Nadifa Osman, community health coordinator, is acknowledged for her wide-ranging work with women and girls in the Somali community to improve their quality of life.

Kristi Rudelius-Palmer, associate program director, Human Rights Center, is honored for her exceptional contributions to human rights education and justice, linking activists around the world to information and educational curricula.

Professor E. Dan Dahlberg, School of Physics and Astronomy, is honored for his creation of the Physics Force, an outreach program that has demonstrated physics principles to thousands of young people.

The team of professor Thomas Augst, professor Patricia Crain and lecturer Eric Daigne, department of English, is honored for founding the Literacy Lab and the lab's impact on literacy education in the

community.

Honorees each receive \$2,500, with the team from the English department splitting its stipend three ways.0

What: Josie R. Johnson Human Rights and Social Justice Awards
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TWO AT U OF M HONORED FOR COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--A professor of pediatrics and a public affairs graduate student are being recognized with the University of Minnesota's Josie R. Johnson Human Rights and Social Justice Award for their tireless commitment to service and public engagement.

Dr. Amos Deinard and Christopher Dolan will receive their awards at a recognition banquet May 20.

Deinard is an associate professor in the department of pediatrics, a faculty member of the Irving B. Harris Training Center for Infant and Toddler Development in the Institute of Child Development and director of research ethics and regulatory compliance in the Office of the Vice President for Research/Dean of the Graduate School.

Last year, Deinard worked on more than a dozen research projects that focused on improving the lives of women and children from underserved communities. His contributions often fall outside his job description, such as when he volunteered to help with a community-driven project to eliminate lice from children in the Little Earth Housing Community in Minneapolis' Phillips neighborhood.

Dolan's commitment to improving his community began early--he was barely into his teens when, without financial resources, he created a nonprofit organization that collected food for food shelves. Since then, he has done everything from working with young people to address drug use in their communities to co-writing the first draft of an ordinance which covers employees' domestic partners. Dolan's work invites individuals to learn about issues of democracy, active citizenship, social justice and power.

The Josie R. Johnson Award honors faculty, staff and students who have made outstanding contributions to the university and external community in the areas of human rights and social justice. ○

What: Low fertility focus of address at population conference

When: 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 2

Where: Hilton Minneapolis and Towers, 1001 Marquette Ave. Minneapolis

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POPULATION CONFERENCE DISCUSSES HOT TOPICS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Low fertility in the 21st century and whether or not it is a demographic crisis, will be the keynote address by S. Philip Morgan, Duke University professor, at 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 2 at the Hilton Minneapolis and Towers, 1001 Marquette Ave, Minneapolis.

It is part of the annual conference running May 1-3 by the Population Associate of America and the University of Minnesota's Minnesota Population Center.

Other sessions cover a wide range of topics including families, gender, labor force, race and ethnicity, migration, education, aging, health and mortality, fertility and family planning, and reproductive health.

Here are highlights on the final two days of the conference.

--Race, Ethnicity, and the Nicties of Neighborhoods. Chaired by Alisa Lewin, University of Haifa. Presentation examines the dynamics of residential location in the U.S. and Israel. What role does race, ethnicity and poverty play? Friday, May 2, 10:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.

--Abortion: Measurement, Motivations and Determinants. Chaired by Charles Westoff, Princeton University. The papers discuss the factors that lead to abortions in India and discuss sex-selective abortions. Friday, May 2, 10:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.

--How Late Can You Wait? Fertility, Fecundity, and Aging. Chaired by Jane Menken, University of Colorado. The papers discuss the question: how are your chances of having a child affected by the age of the mother? How late is too late? Friday, May 2, 10:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.

--Immigrant Labor Market Integration and Impact. Chaired by Deborah Garvey, Santa Clara University. The papers examine the impact of immigrant workers; both skilled and unskilled on the US labor market. Friday, May 2, 12:30 p.m.-2:20 p.m.

--Race and Ethnic Differences in Educational Aspirations and Attainment. Chaired by Claudia Buchmann, Duke University. The effect of race, class and ethnicity on educational aspirations and

success are examined in this session. Saturday, May 3, 10:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.

The complete conference program is available at www.popassoc.org. O

What: Business plan competition winners announced
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GOPHER THE GOLD BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The Carlson School of Management has announced the winners of the sixth annual University of Minnesota Gopher the Gold Business Plan Competition. The competition, designed to encourage the growth of entrepreneurial ventures in the state, provides an opportunity for University of Minnesota students to work with start-up businesses to develop business plans.

Three winning business plans were selected by Twin Cities entrepreneurs and venture capitalists based on their commercial viability, market potential and plan quality. Prizes are cash and start-up services provided by competition sponsors. The winners also receive access to the Carlson School's network of venture capitalists. A total of 17 entries were received by the March 24 deadline.

"I was delighted with the exceptional quality of the business plans entered this year," said Doug Johnson, director of the Carlson School's center for entrepreneurial studies. "This competition has grown into one of the area's premier opportunities to spur new business growth in Minnesota."

Start-up companies work as a team with one or more university students to develop their business plan. The students assist the fledgling businesses in defining and articulating business goals, identifying potential markets, growth strategies and marketing opportunities.

WINNING BUSINESS PLANS

The business plan for Constant Data won first place, receiving \$30,000 in cash and services. The company provides storage management software for data protection and distribution. Their student partner was Anders Davidson, a second-year Carlson MBA student.

The plan for Linkup, Inc. won second place, receiving \$15,000 in cash and services. Linkup provides cost-effective classified advertising solutions leveraging media including print, the Web, radio and television. Student partners were Luke Harbinson and Per Peterson both second-year MBA students.

PolyChrome Medical's plan won third place, receiving a combination of cash and services totaling \$5,000 in services. Polychrome is a medical diagnostic company that markets a cystic fibrosis test and is in the process of expanding into the drug-testing market. Their student partner was Susan Malaret, a first-year MBA student.

The University of Minnesota Business Plan Competition is sponsored by David and Carolyn Cleveland, Andcor Companies, Dorsey & Whitney LLP, KPMG, St. Paul Venture Capital and the

Carlson School of Management.o

What: Mary A. McEvoy Award for Public Engagement and Leadership
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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA STUDENTS HONORED WITH FIRST MARY A. MCEVOY AWARD FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Mary McEvoy, the University of Minnesota professor who died in a plane crash with U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone last fall, is being remembered with an annual award honoring her work.

Today (May 1) the first Mary A. McEvoy Awards for Public Engagement and Leadership were given to three University of Minnesota students who have demonstrated extraordinary efforts at connecting their academic pursuits with the betterment of the world around them.

The university's Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GAPSA) created the award to carry on the spirit of public engagement fostered by Dr. McEvoy in her work in academia and the wider community.

"As we reflected on Mary's life and work, it became clear that her application of academic work in the broader community was the perfect example of the types of public engagement and leadership we seek to promote with this award," said Christina Frazier, president of GAPSA.

Every year the award will go to one graduate student and one professional student who best carry out the vision of a university actively engaged in the community. But this year, the committee found itself deadlocked between two candidates for the graduate student award. After asking "What would Mary do?" the committee decided to give the award to both graduate students. Each recipient receives a \$1,000 scholarship and an engraved plaque.

This year's award recipients are:

Traci L. LaLiberte, College of Human Ecology, who is pursuing a doctorate in social work with a focus on disability policy and child welfare. She has applied her research in this area directly through meetings with child welfare professionals in the field and through the development of disability curriculum requirements in programs across the country.

Jason A. Paltzer, School of Public Health, who is finishing work on a master's degree in public health with a focus on community health education. In the summer of 2002 Jason applied his academic work through program evaluation of the Makindu Children's Center in Makindu, Kenya, where he met with local leaders and developed programs to increase awareness of and alleviate the orphan population

in sub-Saharan Africa.

Shirley A. Mabini (Sam) Souza, College of Education and Human Development, who is a doctoral candidate with a focus in work, community and family education. Her research has explored strengthening and implementing service learning programs in the Pacific region. She played a key role in securing federal grants to further service learning projects for the islands of Saipan and Guam. She has also served on the state's Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans. o

What: Former Humphrey staffers and advisors gather for weekend
When: 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4
Where: Lakewood Cemetery, 36th Street and Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis
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GRAVESIDE CEREMONY TO HONOR THE LATE HUBERT HUMPHREY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--More than 70 people who served as staff and advisors to the late Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey will gather at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at his gravesite to pay tribute to their friend and colleague. The former staffers will be in town for a weekend (May 3-5) filled with reunion activities in conjunction with the 25th anniversary of the naming of the University of Minnesota's School of Public Affairs after Humphrey.

St. Paul native the Rev. Susan McCone, a former Humphrey aide and now an ordained Episcopal priest, will officiate the service. Lakewood Cemetery is at 36th Street and Hennepin Avenue in Minneapolis. Humphrey's gravesite at Lakewood is A-51-1.

A reception will follow the ceremony at 3:30 p.m. in the Humphrey Forum, the newly remodeled Humphrey museum at the Humphrey Institute, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis. The museum includes hats, portraits, campaign buttons, photographs and items from Humphrey's international travels and his political years.

OTHER REUNION EVENTS

Other reunion events include an invitation-only social hour and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Marquette Hotel, Minneapolis. Humphrey advisor and former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Max Kampelman will speak, and Norm Sherman, Humphrey press secretary, will be the master of ceremonies. Documentary footage of Humphrey will be shown along with a film presentation on his civil rights address at the 1948 Democratic Convention.

The following discussions are all free and open to the public and held at the Humphrey Institute on Monday, May 5. From 8 to 9:45 a.m., there will be a discussion on Humphrey's years in the U.S. Senate. Participants will include Max Kampelman, Al Eisele, Ken Gray, John Reilly, John Stewart, Wini Scheffler and Dan Spiegel.

A discussion from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m., will address Humphrey and the vice presidency and will include Kampelman, Reilly, Doug Bennet, Ted Van Dyk and Pat Gray.

At noon, two-time Pulitzer Prize winning biographer Robert Caro will deliver a Distinguished Carlson Lecture on "Lyndon Johnson and Hubert Humphrey: Two Strong Men." Tickets to the luncheon have sold out, but a live video feed of the lecture will be broadcast in Cowles Auditorium at the Humphrey Institute.

A final discussion from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on "Why Hubert Humphrey Made a Difference" will be held in the Humphrey Forum, with a live feed into the auditorium. Participants include Sherman, Geri Joseph and Neal Peterson. o

What: Living museum at U of M History Day
When: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 3
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HISTORY DAY BRINGS HISTORY TO LIFE AT U OF M

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Minnesota students will turn the University of Minnesota campus into a large and lively museum of history as they present the top projects from regional competitions on Saturday, May 3, at Coffman Memorial Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, and other buildings on the University of Minnesota campus starting at 9 a.m.

Exhibits, performances and video documentaries explore everything from women's suffrage to the Duluth lynchings to the Freedom Riders, with 1,100 students presenting the best projects from schools statewide.

High school and middle school scholars from across the state will present months worth of original research, writing, filming and dramatizing. Examples of student projects include a documentary by Menahga High School tenth graders Ann Haataja, Katelyn Skoog and Heidi Salmen that chronicles the experiences of Minnesota Finns who emigrated to Soviet Russia after World War I.

Charlie Moos, a seventh grader at Murray Jr. High in St. Paul, interviewed conscientious objectors who participated in a World War II starvation experiment at the University of Minnesota. These interviews helped him create the script for his performance about how the experiments helped rehabilitate holocaust survivors.

St. Paul eighth graders Mai Choua Thao and Lysa Vang traveled to Duluth as part of their research on the 1920 lynchings that took place there. The girls will represent Washington Technology Magnet with their junior exhibit.

The awards ceremony is at 4 p.m. in Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis. The two top entries from each category--performance, exhibit, documentary and paper--will attend a national competition at the University of Maryland in June.

At a time when standards for history education are at the center of state and national debates, the National History Day program has been recognized as a leader in facilitating academic achievement.

"National History Day is a tremendous teaching tool because it provides structure, flexibility, and motivation," said Mankato high school teacher Scott Urban. "Program guidelines put structure behind high standards, which students can reasonably meet." By co-sponsoring the program, the Minnesota Historical Society and the University of Minnesota become key partners in classroom achievement. Thousands of students make use of the society's archives, the university's libraries, and other online resources, museums and historic sites each year.

The theme for History Day 2003 is "Rights and Responsibilities in History." High school and middle school students chose topics based on this theme for original research. Working individually or in small groups, students searched libraries, archives and the Internet to find the books and documents needed to develop their projects. The best students at each school advance to regional competition.

Minnesota has grown to be a leader in the program. "By sponsoring National History Day, the Minnesota Historical Society and the University of Minnesota are able to directly assist history teachers in their efforts to improve academic achievement--no other state has this kind of institutional support," said Hoogland. Additional assistance from Minnesota State universities and county historical societies have helped increase History Day participation in the state from 125 students in 1988 to nearly 30,000 students in 2003.

For more information about Minnesota History Day, call (651) 297-3870 or see the National History Day in Minnesota page on the Minnesota Historical Society's Web site at www.mnhs.org/school/historyday.

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What: Delta Kappa Epsilon adopts second squadron, ships items

When: May 5

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DELTA KAPPA EPSILON ADOPTS SECOND SQUADRON, SHIPS ITEMS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity at the University of Minnesota, which recently finished its "Adopt a Squadron" project that collected an estimated \$500 worth of items for a Marine squadron in the Middle East, will be shipping the boxes Monday, May 5. Originally the items were to be sent to Captain Eddy Hansen, a 1995 graduate of the University of Minnesota and a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, but they will now go to another squadron from his camp.

Two squadrons were sent from Camp Pendleton in California: the HMLA-267 Stingers, which Captain Hansen belongs to, and the HMLA-169 Vipers, which will be staying on in the Middle East.

"Because of the rapid success of the war in Iraq, Captain Hansen's squadron is returning home to Camp Pendleton," said Paul DeBettignies, advisor to the fraternity. "We are very happy for Eddy, his squadron and their families that they will soon be reunited. The intent of our effort was to support a fraternity brother and his squadron. With him coming home we will instead be helping out Eddy's Marine brothers and sisters in the Viper squadron."

Delta Kappa Epsilon, also known as the Dekes, acknowledges the following student groups for their help in the effort: sororities at the university including Alpha Sigma Kappa, Delta Gamma, Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Phi, Lambda Delta Phi, and Beta of Clovia; fraternities including Delta Tau Delta, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Chi; students at Sanford Hall; and the University of Minnesota ROTC.

"We also received contributions from Mail Boxes Etc., SilhouettEvents, Johnson Institute, DKS Systems, Deke alumni, and our parents," said Eric Holland, president of the fraternity. "The highlight may be the footballs from the Minnesota Vikings and the gloves and baseballs from the Minnesota Twins. We hope our packages will bring some relief to the men and women of the squadron. For all of the hard work they put in, it was the least we could do."

Delta Kappa Epsilon is a nonprofit, international men's fraternity founded in 1844 at Yale University. Its prominent alumni include five U.S. presidents, business founders, college and university

presidents and publishers. It currently has 60 chapters across the United States and Canada. The Phi Epsilon chapter at the University of Minnesota has been active since 1889 and is the sixth oldest fraternity on campus. The campus has five buildings--Northrop, Vincent, Diehl, Middlebrook and Pillsbury--and a golf course--Bolstad--named after Dekes. For more national information, call 1 (800) 560-3353 or visit www.dke.org. For local information, call (612) 623-0427 or visit www.mndke.com.

What: Habitrot 5K Run/Walk
When: 10 a.m. Saturday, May 3
Where: Race follows the Mississippi River, starts and ends at 800 E. River Road Parkway, behind Coffman Union
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COLLEGE STUDENTS TROTGING TOWARDS AFFORDABLE HOUSING

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Nearly 500 runners and walkers are expected to race along the Mississippi River Saturday to raise money for affordable housing.

Habitat for Humanity at the University of Minnesota will host the second annual Habitrot 5K Run/Walk at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 3. The race will begin and end at 800 E. River Road Parkway, Minneapolis, behind Coffman Union, with the course following the Mississippi River.

Last year's race attracted more than 200 runners and raised almost \$2,000 for the fight for affordable housing. This year race directors expect more than twice that many runners to participate.

Registration is \$20, with all proceeds benefiting Habitat for Humanity at the University of Minnesota. Participants receive a long sleeve shirt and the top finishers will be presented awards. Registration and number pick-up will be from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. at the starting area. The run/walk is open to runners of all levels.

The students at Habitat for Humanity at the University of Minnesota dedicate themselves to eliminating poverty housing in our community and making decent affordable housing a matter of conscience. This student group has sponsored homes within the community and gives students alternative spring break trips to volunteer at different sites around the United States and abroad.

For further information about the Habitrot 5k Run/Walk or Habitat for Humanity at the University of Minnesota, go to www.tc.umn.edu/~habitat. O

What: U receives Cargill gift for chair and fellowships in human metabolism
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CARGILL GIVES UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA \$1 MILLION FOR HUMAN METABOLISM CHAIR AND FELLOWSHIPS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota has received a gift of \$1 million from Cargill Incorporated to expand research in the biological systems that affect human metabolism, nutrition, and diseases linked to food consumption. The gift will create an endowed faculty position, called the Cargill Chair in Systems Biology of Human Metabolism, in the department of biochemistry, molecular biology and biophysics in the College of Biological Sciences, and fellowships in the same area. The university will match the gift with an additional \$500,000, bringing the total value of the gift to \$1.5 million.

The new chair and fellowships are expected to attract a faculty member and graduate students whose research and teaching bridge the fields of nutrition, chemistry, metabolism, biochemistry, mathematics and human genetics, reflecting the complex nature of the relationships between human metabolism and diet-related diseases.

"The links between diet and disease are becoming increasingly evident, and it is important for public research institutions, such as the university, to take the lead in studying all dimensions of these complex systems," said university President Robert Bruininks. "We're delighted that Cargill is helping us achieve this goal."

This new gift from Cargill was announced today (Monday, May 5) at opening ceremonies for the Cargill Building for Microbial and Plant Genomics in St. Paul. The Cargill Foundation gave the university \$10 million toward the building in 1999.

"Cargill wants to be certain that the university has the infrastructure it needs to be a world leader in the fields of microbial and plant genomics," said Warren Staley, chairman and chief executive officer, Cargill. "The addition of the endowed chair and fellowships to the new building shows that by working hand in hand, public-private partnerships can trigger significant growth that will benefit people everywhere."

Cargill views the permanently endowed teaching position and graduate fellowships as an investment in the future of science, discovery and innovation, Staley said.

Matching funds are making it possible for the gift to fund both an endowed chair and fellowships. The university will match \$750,000 of the gift with \$250,000 from the Permanent University Fund, which was created to match gifts for endowed chairs. The remaining \$250,000 of the gift is designated for graduate fellowships and will be matched by the 21st Century Graduate Fellowship Endowment, created to match gifts for endowed fellowships.

"The holder of this chair will add a new dimension to the talent that already exists within the department of biochemistry, molecular biology and biophysics, as well as other disciplines at the University of Minnesota," said Robert Elde, dean of the College of Biological Sciences. "The potential for research that leads to better health is very real."

Research in this field could lead to discoveries in many areas related to nutritional diseases. Examples include how genetics affects diet and exercise patterns, whether personalized medicine or dietary interventions can be identified early in life before the onset of disease, and what the potential is for developing nutraceuticals that aid in treatment.

Creating endowed faculty positions and new graduate fellowships have been priorities for Campaign Minnesota, the universitywide fund-raising campaign that ends June 30. Since the campaign began in 1996, 103 endowed positions have been created, bringing the total to 365. Through March 2003, the campaign has raised \$1.59 billion.

Cargill, based in Minneapolis, is an international marketer, processor and distributor of agricultural, food, financial and industrial products and services with 97,000 employees in 59 countries. The company provides distinctive customer solutions in supply chain management, food applications, and health and nutrition. ○

What: 2003 Distinguished McKnight University Professors
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LEADING CHILD DEVELOPMENT RESEARCHER AMONG 2003 MCKNIGHT PROFESSORS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--We've all known of kids from troubled families who took the wrong path when they became adults. But there are also plenty of kids who overcame their difficult environments and went on to lead productive, successful lives. How did they make it? Answering that question is at the heart of the research being done by Ann Masten, one of four University of Minnesota Distinguished McKnight University Professors for 2003.

Masten, director of the U's Institute of Child Development, is regarded as one of the world's most influential researchers studying resilience in children at risk. She has found that certain protective factors, such as a sense of confidence and connections to adults, turn up all over the world in children who succeed.

Masten and her fellow newly-named McKnight professors, Christopher Cramer, chemistry; Peter Reich, natural resources; and Victor Reiner, mathematics, will be introduced later this week to the university's board of regents.

The professorship recognizes and rewards the university's most outstanding mid-career faculty. Recipients are honored with the title Distinguished McKnight University Professor, which they will hold for as long as they remain at the University of Minnesota. Each receives a \$100,000 grant to be expended over five years. o

What: High-speed network partnership between U of M and MnSCU schools
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METNET LINKS U AND MNSCU IN ONE-OF-A-KIND PARTNERSHIP

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--In an unprecedented partnership, the University of Minnesota and 11 MnSCU campuses are now part of a high-speed network that allows the state's higher education institutions to share data, video and much more.

METNET, the Metropolitan Education Telecommunications Network, uses high-speed fiber to provide the schools access to high capacity networks throughout the state. Students now have faster access to records and services, while their institutions keep costs down by combining their buying power.

"This really is a great example of academic institutions forming a partnership for the common good," said Steve Cawley, chief information officer for the U of M's Office of Information Technology. "This is a huge infrastructure merger that allows systems to work together in ways they haven't before."

Although the network is already in place, schools are just beginning to take advantage of its capabilities. Currently, students can learn from guest lecturers at other campuses through interactive TV, or watch procedures like live surgery through Internet2, the high-speed network that links universities throughout the country. METNET provides the access to Internet2 to metro campuses.

Eventually, METNET will likely make hopping between schools as easy as a mouse click. Students at a college may be able to register for classes at any of the participating schools or even take advantage of student services their particular campus may not offer.

The new technology infrastructure, while supporting the academic mission of the Twin Cities' university and college campuses, will also provide opportunities for collaboration with private colleges, K-12 schools and libraries.

METNET is one of six regions that make up the higher education portion of the Learning Network of Minnesota, an initiative funded through the Minnesota Higher Education Services Office and campus contributions. O

- What:** One of the first Modern architects in Minnesota receives 'U' honorary degree
- When:** 2 p.m. Saturday, May 17
- Where:** Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis
- Who:** Elizabeth Close
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ELIZABETH CLOSE RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota will award an honorary degree to Elizabeth Close, one of the first Modern architects in Minnesota and one of the leaders in the development of the Modern house in the United States. The degree will be presented at the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (CALA) commencement ceremony at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis.

The degree, the Doctor of Humane Letters, is the highest honor conferred by the University of Minnesota. Close is being recognized for her contributions to Modern architecture in America.

During a 50-year career, Close and husband and partner, Winston Close, designed more than 350 Modern houses as well as hospitals, offices, research institutes and schools. "Elizabeth did this at a time when there were very few women in the architectural profession, and even fewer who owned and ran a firm," said Tom Fisher, dean of the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. "Close stands in the vanguard of women architects as well as the vanguard of Modern architects in the United States, with a past that connects her to some of the leading Modern architects and thinkers of the 20th century."

Born Elizabeth Scheu, her parents were house clients to the avant-garde architect Adolph Loos. Close grew up in Loos' famed "Scheu House" and developed an interest in architecture. She received both a bachelor's and master's degree in architecture from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and moved to the Twin Cities with her future husband and partner, Winston Close, and established their firm, Close Associates.

Their firm has left their mark on the University of Minnesota, designing Ferguson Hall (home to the School of Music) and the music school as well as laying out the West Bank, Duluth and Waseca campuses. Her designs have won numerous awards and has designed houses in places such as

Connecticut, Virginia, Idaho and Canada, and has also innovated the design of pre-fabricated and low-cost housing. In a field in which women now approach 50 percent of those in school and where affordable housing and energy conservation rank high on the list of student concerns, Close has stood out as a model of what women and what all architects can accomplish. o

What: Chris Jenkins' sister to accept his posthumous business degree
When: 6 p.m. Sunday, May 18
Where: Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis
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CHRIS JENKINS' SISTER TO ACCEPT HIS POSTHUMOUS BUSINESS DEGREE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Chris Jenkins' sister, Sara Jenkins, will accept her brother's bachelor of science in business degree in his honor Sunday, May 16, during commencement exercises for the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management (CSOM). The ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. in the Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis.

University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks will welcome the graduates, followed by a speech by Gene Sit, founder, chairman and global chief investment officer of Sit Investment Associates. Sara Jenkins will be first in line for the presentation of the undergraduate degrees starting, at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Jenkins, a CSOM student since 2000, was found dead in February after being missing since Halloween. He had been expected to complete a bachelor's degree with an emphasis in marketing in May. Sara Jenkins graduated from CSOM in 2000 and their parents, Jan and Steve, also graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1974 and 1975, respectively.

This is the first time CSOM has awarded a posthumous degree to an undergraduate or graduate student, according to its recent records. ○

What: Forum on fair housing
When: Noon-1:30 p.m. Friday, May 16
Where: 2-213 Carlson School of Management, 321 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
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FAIR HOUSING 35 YEARS LATER: REALITY OR ILLUSION?

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Barriers to fair and affordable housing will be the focus of the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) monthly housing forum at noon, Friday, May 16, in room 2-213 at the Carlson School of Management, 321 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis. The Fair Housing Act was passed 35 years ago this April, but work is still needed to make this legislation reality.

Mark Hendrickson, principal planner, Hennepin County Housing Department, and Justin Cummins, civil rights attorney and law professor at the University of Minnesota, will lead a discussion on implementing recommendations from a study on barriers to fair housing in the metropolitan area.

The CURA Housing Forum is a monthly discussion of housing research and issues in the Twin Cities. The forum is free and open to the public. In addition to the Housing Forum, CURA supports more than a dozen programs that provide research support and technical assistance to community organizations and government agencies throughout Minnesota. For more information, see www.cura.umn.edu. ○

What: Statewide meeting on campus SARS policies and issues
When: 1-4 p.m. Friday, May 16
Where: Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
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ALL MINNESOTA UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES INVITED TO U OF M HEALTH SERVICE MEETING ON SARS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--To address the issues that have been raised about SARS and how colleges and universities should respond, the University of Minnesota's Boynton Health Service will sponsor a meeting from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, May 16, in Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

"We're inviting all colleges and universities in Minnesota to talk about policy approaches that are consistent with current recommendations from the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and the Minnesota Department of Health," said Dr. Ed Ehlinger, director of Boynton Health Service. "We are encouraging everyone who deals with SARS on their campus to come, from college health service and student affairs representatives to people who work in housing and continuing education programs."

Among the SARS topics to be discussed:

- Recent updates and epidemiology
- International students and health risks
- Students traveling abroad
- Suspected cases and quarantine issues
- Campus visitors from infected regions
- Resources and ongoing communications

Pre-registration is not required and there will be no charge to attend the meeting. O

What: Financial challenge prompts Extension Service reorganization
When: May 14, 2003
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U OF M EXTENSION SERVICE RESPONDS TO FINANCIAL CHALLENGES

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota Extension Service has announced changes responding to declining state, county and federal budgets. Those changes enable extension to continue to deliver quality programs that Minnesotans count on, says Charles Casey, Extension dean and director.

The new model calls for a change in the delivery and funding system that allows more choice and clarity for citizens and funders, Casey says. In the new plan, extension will provide statewide programming through educators located in regional extension centers that are funded by state and federal dollars. Programs and services delivered from regional centers will address issues critical to Minnesotans.

Counties and other local agencies, including non-profits, will have the choice of contracting with extension to augment regional programs with local programs, services and positions. This could also include locally-funded satellite offices.

"These changes will bring sharper focus to our core mission and help to ensure that we continue to offer effective, relevant programs to all counties at a level that the state, the counties, the university and the people of Minnesota can afford," Casey says.

With these changes, extension remains committed to providing 4-H youth development opportunities to all Minnesota youth. "Under the new regional center delivery model, 4-H will be available statewide, however, it cannot be adequately funded on state and federal dollars alone," Casey says. "Historically, counties have invested heavily in extension 4-H and we are confident that will continue under this model in order to maintain 4-H as a quality program."

Extension's funding comes from three main sources, the state of Minnesota -- through the University, the state's 87 counties and the federal government. Given the current federal, state and county budget realities, extension's three main funders have reduced or expect to reduce their investment in extension.

"Our county partners have told us that if they are going to meet their budget constraints and be able to provide some extension programs for their counties, they need the flexibility to choose which extension

programs, services and positions they pay for," Casey says.

Extension introduced changes nearly a year and a half ago that have resulted in more focus, greater expertise and more access to teams of regional educators. Because of those changes, extension is in a better position to respond to the current budget realities.

"As many state leaders have said over the past months, none of us can afford to keep doing business as usual," says Casey. "This plan allows extension to continue to provide quality programs to all Minnesotans while providing greater choices to our funders."

Extension currently has offices in every county of the state, with specialized educators who deliver programs in several counties. Each year, more than 800,000 Minnesotans benefit from extension programs, including 4-H youth development, agriculture production education, Master Gardeners, nutrition education programs and leadership development training.

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What: U of M SARS meeting postponed
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U OF M SARS MEETING POSTPONED

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Tomorrow's scheduled meeting on SARS policy and response has been postponed. The University of Minnesota had planned to host representatives from other colleges and universities around the state to discuss various SARS issues.

However, on Wednesday, May 14, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a statement addressing specific issues related to potential SARS cases on college and university campuses. The document, which is online at www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/hostingarrivals.htm, covers many of the issues that were to be addressed at tomorrow's meeting.

University health officials recommend that staff from all colleges and universities review those guidelines and use them as a basis for developing plans specific to their campuses.

So far a date has not been set to reschedule the meeting.

- What:** Outstanding Community Service and Josie R. Johnson Human Rights and Social Justice awards
- When:** 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 20
- Where:** Campus Club, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
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U OF M TO PRESENT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota will honor faculty and staff who have made significant contributions to their community Tuesday, May 20, when it presents two of its most prestigious awards. The university's Outstanding Community Service Award and its Josie R. Johnson Human Rights and Social Justice Award will be presented at the annual recognition banquet from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Campus Club of Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

The Outstanding Community Service Award recognizes outstanding contributions and accomplishments of faculty, staff or university-affiliated community members who have worked to improve public life and the well-being of society. Honorees each receive a \$2,500 stipend.

The Josie R. Johnson Award honors faculty, staff and students who have made outstanding contributions to the university and external community in the areas of human rights and social justice. Honorees each receive a \$1,000 stipend.

This year's Outstanding Community Service Award recipients:

Professor Brenda Child, American studies, is a distinguished scholar in the field of American Indian studies. She has increased and improved contacts, connections, interaction and cultural understanding among Native American people.

Carol McCannon, staff member, University of Minnesota-Morris, is honored for her outstanding work in engaging the Morris campus in community service, service learning and volunteerism.

Nadifa Osman, community health coordinator, is acknowledged for her wide-ranging work with women and girls in the Somali community to improve their quality of life.

Kristi Rudelius-Palmer, associate program director, Human Rights Center, is honored for her exceptional contributions to human rights education and justice, linking activists around the world to information and educational curricula.

Professor E. Dan Dahlberg, School of Physics and Astronomy, is honored for his creation of the Physics Force, an outreach program that has demonstrated physics principles to thousands of young

people.

The team of professor Thomas Augst, professor Patricia Crain and lecturer Eric Daigre, department of English, is honored for founding the Literacy Lab and the lab's impact on literacy education in the community.

The Josie R. Johnson recipients:

Dr. Amos Deinard, a pediatrics professor, has worked on more than a dozen research projects that focused on improving the lives of women and children from underserved communities. His contributions often fall outside his job description, such as when he volunteered to help with a community-driven project to eliminate lice from children in the Little Earth Housing Community in Minneapolis' Phillips neighborhood.

Christopher Dolan is a public affairs graduate student who has been active in his community since he was a teenager, with work that encourages individuals to learn about issues of democracy, active citizenship, social justice and power.

This is the fifth year the awards have been presented. o

What: Homeland insecurities focus of discussion
When: 1 p.m. Thursday, May 22
Where: McNeal Hall atrium, 1985 Buford Ave., St. Paul
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HOMELAND INSECURITIES FOCUS OF DISCUSSION

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--In the years 2025 or 2050, what changes in population, food and hunger, poverty, technology, and global instability will Minnesotans face? Those questions will be the focus of a panel and roundtable discussion, "Homeland Insecurities: Families and Communities in Uncertain Times," at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 22 at McNeal Hall atrium, 1985 Buford Ave., St. Paul.

Community and state agency leaders and University of Minnesota faculty and students will discuss current issues and research related to child care, nutrition and hunger, financial security, food safety and child welfare. These roundtables will follow a panel discussion about social policy issues in the context of world realities and future possibilities.

"Human ecology research, teaching, and outreach initiatives at the university are vitally connected to our families and communities," said Shirley Baugher, dean of the College of Human Ecology. "We hope this event will encourage ongoing community dialogues about issues that affect the daily lives of our families and communities. Our futures will depend on collaborative efforts and conversations between the public and university scholars and students."

For more information or to register for the event, see www.che.umn.edu/s-dialogue/default.html. The event is free and open to the public. ○

- What:** Thousands of donated books loaded into vans
- When:** Wednesday, May 21
9:30 a.m. (Coffman Union)
11 a.m. (Coffey Hall)
- Where:** West loading dock, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E.,
Minneapolis
Loading dock, Coffey Hall, 1420 Eckles Ave., St. Paul
Books for Africa warehouse, 253 East 4th St., Suite 200, St. Paul
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U STUDENTS LOAD UP DONATED BOOKS TO BE SENT TO AFRICA

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota students will load up thousands of books donated the past two weeks at University Bookstores as part of the Book and a Buck program.

After being picked up Wednesday, May 21, the books will be taken to the Books for Africa warehouse, 253 East 4th St., Suite 200, St. Paul, and boxed up for mailing to schools in Africa.

The Book and a Buck campaign ran May 5-17 on the U of M campus. Students were encouraged to donate one of their books and one dollar to send that book, and two others, to Africa. It costs 30 cents to send a book to Africa.

Books are in tremendously short supply in Africa. In fact, there is a "book famine," which contributes to the high rates of illiteracy. Books For Africa, a St. Paul nonprofit, has sent millions of books to 22 African countries over the past 14 years. English language books are in great demand in Africa, as English is the international language of commerce.

University President Bob Bruininks and state Sen. Sandy Pappas are the honorary chairs of the Book and a Buck campaign.

What: 'U' earns AA and Aa2 bond ratings
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U OF M RETAINS HIGH BOND RATING DESPITE SAGGING ECONOMY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Top national rating agencies have issued strong reports on the University of Minnesota's recently issued general obligation bonds. Standard and Poor's and Moody's Investors Service rated the 2003A bonds AA and Aa2, respectively.

In its rating report, Moody's wrote, "Despite modest financial asset base declines, the University of Minnesota remains among the financially strongest of U.S. public universities," citing a disciplined budgeting process, with appropriate expense controls, investment return and new gifts. The report concludes that Moody's expects "that under its strong leadership, the University of Minnesota will maintain and strengthen its reputation as one of the nation's leading public universities in terms of financial resource base, academic reputation and student demand."

President Robert Bruininks said the reports are evidence of the university's solid financial management. "These reports are important indicators, among many, that the university is a well-managed, financially responsive and responsible institution," he said. "We are accountable to the people of Minnesota, and they can have confidence that we're managing the resources they've entrusted to us wisely."

Standard and Poor's, in its rationale, said the "stable outlook" on the university's long-term debt "anticipates favorable demand trends, steady historical levels of state support and balanced operating performance while debt levels remain manageable."

Richard Pfutzenreuter, the university's chief financial officer and treasurer, said the strong rating is particularly important in the current economy. "Given the economy and declining state resources, it is important for public agencies like the university to earn the confidence of ratings houses," he said.

The ratings were for \$71 million in general obligation refunding bonds issued May 20, 2003. □

What: Regents hold open forum on U budget
When: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday, June 17
Where: Boardroom, 6th floor, McNamara Alumni Center,
200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis

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'U' REGENTS HOLD ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota board of regents will hold its annual open forum from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, to hear comments regarding the university's fiscal year 2004 (July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2004) budget. The forum will be held on the Twin Cities campus in the boardroom, 6th floor, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis.

At its June 13 meeting the board will review the president's budget recommendations for the biennium. The board is expected to act on the budget at a special meeting on Thursday, June 26, from 9:30 to 10 a.m.

The state Legislature has reduced the university's biennial budget by \$196.2 million, or nearly 15 percent.

"We encourage students, faculty, staff and other interested parties to participate in this hearing," said Maureen Reed, chair of the board of regents. "The board values input from the university and broader community on spending priorities as we deliberate and set the university's budget."

Individuals wishing to speak at the forum must sign up by noon Tuesday, June 10, by calling the board office at (612) 625-6300 or writing to: Board of Regents, Suite 600, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis MN 55455. The request must include the speaker's name, home and e-mail addresses, the group represented and/or relationship to the university, if any, and a general presentation topic. Each speaker will be limited to five minutes. If there are more speakers than time allotted, the board will draw up a representative list. Written materials may be submitted to the board office until Friday, June 13.

Board of regents meeting agendas can be found at www.umn.edu/regents. □

What: Insect Quarantine Facility opening
When: 3 p.m. Friday, May 30
Where: 1907 Dudley Ave., St. Paul
Contacts: John Byrnes, College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental
Sciences, (612) 625-4743
Paul Moore, University News Service, (612) 624-0214

INSECTS ARE 'LOCKED DOWN' IN NEW U OF M QUARANTINE FACILITY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Insects that are eventually sent out to eat crop-choking weeds and bugs will first be studied in a new state-of-the-art building opening on the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus. Research done at the Insect Quarantine Facility, the only building of its kind in the Midwest, will enable farmers to release just the right insect into their fields, potentially saving millions of dollars by not having to spray pesticides.

The building will have its grand opening at 3 p.m. Friday, May 30, at 1907 Dudley Ave., St. Paul, part of Phase 1 of the \$24 million plant growth facilities project. The project is a combined effort of the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Researchers will now be able to analyze the potential usefulness of beneficial insects in the control of soybean aphids, buckthorn, garlic mustard and other pests. Special security and air filtration systems in the new facility will ensure the insects don't venture out on their own.

The University of Minnesota, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture will all use the facility.

The grand opening comes the day after a two-day symposium, "Biological Control: Risks and Benefits," on the U's St. Paul campus, featuring speakers from universities around the country. o

What: Campus information booth closing
When: June 13
Contacts: Lori Ann Vicich, Communications Manager, Parking and Transportation Services, (612) 625-0357
Paul Moore, University News Service, (612) 624-0214

U OF M CAMPUS INFORMATION BOOTH TO CLOSE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota's campus information booth is the latest victim of budget cuts--the booth will close permanently Friday, June 13.

The university's Parking and Transportation Services' decision to close the booth on Pillsbury Drive will save approximately \$45,000 a year.

The outdoor kiosk next to the booth will continue to be stocked with campus publications and maps, but the booth itself will no longer be staffed.

Campus visitors who need information after June 13 should go to the information booth in Morrill Hall or McNamara Alumni Center.

For detailed U of M parking and transportation information, visit the Parking and Transportation Services Web site at www.parkandtrans.umn.edu. o

What: New associate vice president for capital planning and project management

Who: Michael Perkins, (612) 626-0662

Contacts: Paul Moore, University News Service, (612) 624-0214

U OF M NAMES NEW ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR CAPITAL PLANNING AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota has named Michael Perkins associate vice president for capital planning and project management. Perkins will oversee all phases of the capital planning and project delivery process. He began his appointment Monday, June 2.

Perkins has been a senior executive in strategic planning, design, construction and project management, property management and real estate for more than 20 years. From 1986 through 2002 he served in management positions at American Express, where he developed and managed the team that planned, designed and constructed 13 major corporate projects totaling 5.7 million square feet and valued at more than \$1 billion.

Most recently, as American Express' vice president for design/construction worldwide, Perkins led the design and implementation of a major corporate project, consolidating five major facilities into two, reducing total space requirements by 400,000 square feet and increasing overall productivity by 20 percent.

Perkins was also director of corporate real estate at Medtronic from 1980 to 1986 and facilities manager at Hennepin County from 1976 to 1980. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a bachelor of arts in economics and business administration, a certified property manager and a licensed real estate broker. O

What: National School of the Year award

Contacts: Kevin Dostal Dauer, coordinator, Residential Life Programs,
(612) 626-5092

Paul Moore, University News Service, (612) 624-0214

RESIDENCE HALL GROUP NAMES U OF M NATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The charity and community work done by University of Minnesota residence hall students has resulted in a prestigious award: the National School of the Year award from the National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH). The university beat out the other seven regional finalists for the award, which was announced last month at the NACURH national conference in Raleigh, N.C.

The award takes into account everything from student campus involvement and community contributions to residence hall government structure and cleanliness.

In the past year, University of Minnesota residence hall students raised more than \$19,500 for organizations or services outside the residence halls and the university. Students also volunteered more than 750 hours and donated 1,800 pounds of food to various food shelf organizations.

Other volunteer student activities included:

- Walking dogs at the humane society;
- Collecting prairie seeds at Wild River State Park for the DNR;
- Voter registration drives;
- Trick or treating and caroling for canned foods, holding drives for food shelves;
- Hosting a benefit party for Open Arms of Minnesota;
- Decorating Ronald McDonald House for the holidays;
- Organizing a Red Cross blood drive;
- Working with kids at People Serving People;
- Climb for the Cure - climbing the IDS tower;
- Clothing drive for Mary's Place in St. Paul.

A plaque commemorating the award will hang in Housing and Residential Life's main office in Comstock Hall. o

What: Board of regents meetings
When: Thursday, June 12, and Friday, June 13
Where: Suite 600, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis
Contacts: Amy Phenix, University News Service, (612) 625-8510

U OF M REGENTS TO REVIEW BUDGET AND TUITION RECOMMENDATIONS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota board of regents will hold its monthly meetings Thursday, June 12, and Friday, June 13, on the Twin Cities campus in Suite 600 of the McNamara Alumni Center, University of Minnesota Gateway, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis.

The board will review President Robert Bruininks' operating budget and tuition recommendations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 (July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2005). The approximately \$2 billion proposal includes budget reductions and reallocations to address a \$185 million state budget reduction and fund new financial obligations and requirements totaling \$133.7 million. In addition, \$56.5 million is allocated over the biennium for investment in critical academic and service priorities.

Also included are tuition and fee increases averaging 14.7 percent in FY '04 and 13 percent in FY '05 for undergraduates on the Twin Cities campus. Proposed rates on other campuses vary and are somewhat lower. To help low income families and students manage the tuition increases, Bruininks is recommending that an additional \$7.3 million be invested in need-based financial aid over the 2004-05 biennium (\$2.5 million in FY04 and an additional \$2.3 million planned for FY05).

The board will hold a public forum on the budget on June 17 and is expected to act on the FY '04 budget at a special meeting June 26. While the president's proposal includes budget recommendations for fiscal year 2005, the board will not act on it until next year.

The board will review a new administrative policy prohibiting students from inciting or participating in a riot on-campus, proximate to campus, or in any location when the riot occurs in connection with or in response to a university-sponsored event. If implemented, the university will, for the first time, have the ability to discipline students for off-campus behavior. The board will also act on the Student Code of Conduct policy, which has been under revision for a year.

The board will recognize retiring University of Minnesota, Crookston, Chancellor Donald Sargeant, and recipients of the John Tate Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising, the President's Award for Outstanding Service and the Outstanding Community Service Award.

Friday, prior to the monthly board meeting, the board will hold its annual meeting to elect officers and establish meeting dates for 2003-04.

Select committee meetings and agenda items follow. All meetings are held on the sixth floor of the McNamara Alumni Center.

Thursday, June 12:

- 10-11:45 a.m. Facilities Committee, West Committee Room. Review and act on design guidelines for a Scholars Walk on the Twin Cities campus. Discuss a recent assessment of the condition of university facilities.
- 10-11:45 a.m. Educational Planning and Policy Committee, East Committee Room. Receive an update on the university wide initiative to promote civic engagement and outreach. Review emerging issues and strategies for University Libraries. Review upcoming accreditation and assessments in which the university will be participating.
- 1:30-3:30 p.m. Faculty, Staff and Student Affairs Committee, West Committee Room. Review a new administrative policy related to participating in, or inciting a riot on or off campus. Act on the Student Code of Conduct policy. Receive an update on changes to employee health benefits.
- 1:30-3:30 p.m. Finance and Operations Committee, East Committee Room. Discuss the financial plan for a data network project. Review assumptions guiding the fiscal year 2004 operating budget that the board will review on Friday.

Friday, June 13

- 9 a.m.-noon. Board of regents, Boardroom. Annual meeting to elect officers and set meeting dates for 2002-03. Board recognition of Chancellor Donald Sargeant and university award recipients. The chair's report will include a summary of President Robert Bruininks' performance review. Review the president's proposed FY04-05 operating budget, including tuition, fees and new investments. Review the 2004 state capital request.

Complete board agendas can be found at www.umn.edu/regents. □

What: U's China Center to host picnic for Chinese scholars
When: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 15
Where: Como Park east picnic pavilion
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 Bob San, University News Service, (612) 624-4082

U OF M PLANS SUMMER PICNIC FOR 'STRANDED' CHINESE STUDENTS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Because of the SARS outbreak in Asia, many scholars from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan are unable to visit their families in their homeland this summer. To help ease their disappointment of not being able to see their loved ones, the University of Minnesota China Center is hosting a picnic for these scholars Sunday, June 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Como Park's East Picnic Pavilion.

"The SARS outbreak has disrupted a lot of students' plans to travel home and has separated families this summer," said Hong Yang, director of the China Center. "This picnic will be a day of sharing American and Chinese culture and a chance to show the Chinese students and scholars that we're happy to be spending the summer with them."

The "Summer in Minnesota Picnic" will include a pig roast, kite flying and other games. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children ages 5 to 12. After June 11, all tickets will be \$5. Everyone is welcome. Tickets are available from the China Center (612) 624-1002.

The picnic is sponsored by the China Center; Chinese Consulate General in Chicago; Friendship Association of Chinese Students & Scholars; Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office; Minnesota Chinese Student Association; Taiwan Student Association; U.S.-China People's Friendship Association of Minnesota; and the university's College of Agricultural, Food & Environmental Sciences, College of Education & Human Development, Graduate School, Institute of Technology, Office of International Programs, and School of Public Health.

What: Proposed anti-riot policy

When: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12

Where: West Committee Room, 600 McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E. Minneapolis

Who: Board of Regents Faculty, Staff and Student Affairs Committee

Contacts: June Nobbe, interim associate vice provost for student affairs, (612) 625-6531
Amy Phenix, University News Service, (612) 625-8510

U OF M BRINGS ANTI-RIOT POLICY TO BOARD OF REGENTS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--For the first time, the University of Minnesota will be able to discipline students taking part in off-campus celebratory riots, under a new policy to be presented to the board of regents tomorrow.

The proposed administrative policy prohibits students from inciting or participating in a riot "on campus, in areas proximate to campus, or in any location when the riot occurs in connection with or in response to a university-sponsored event." Students violating the policy will face sanctions, including expulsion, under the U's Student Conduct Code. Currently, the conduct code applies only to on-campus behavior.

"This policy sends a clear message to students that they will be held accountable for their actions," said President Robert Bruininks. "Rioting, disorderly conduct and property damage are inconsistent with the values of this university and of our broader community and we take this problem very seriously."

Following board review of the new policy, it will be effective immediately.

In addition to expanding its disciplinary authority, the university is taking a number of other steps to prevent future violence in conjunction with athletic or other university-sponsored events:

- A full-time community liaison position has been created to help address student behavior off campus;
- A committee led by Ed Ehlinger, director of Boynton Health Service, is working on issues related to alcohol use and will make recommendations this fall to reduce excessive consumption and binge drinking;
- Next fall in Columbus, Ohio, the university will co-host with Ohio State University a national conference on student conduct surrounding celebratory events.
- The university will participate in a student summit on promoting responsible celebrations, hosted

by the University of New Hampshire in September;

- The university will participate in a Michigan State University research project to explore issues surrounding off-campus parties. Each participating institution will appoint a research team of students, staff, university police, city police and other community agencies to collect information through focus groups, surveys and police data. Representatives from the schools will convene next February to share data and identify best practices;

- The university will clearly communicate its expectations for students who will be entering school this fall. Sanctions for violation of university policy will be applied through the Student Conduct Code and students are informed on the range of sanctions outlined in the code.

The April 12 riot following the Gopher men's hockey team's national championship victory caused an estimated \$150,000 worth of damage to the Twin Cities campus and thousands of dollars in damage to private property in nearby neighborhoods.

So far, at least eight people have been charged in connection with the violence, five of those with felonies. The university has charged 12 students with disciplinary violations under the Student Conduct Code for on-campus behavior ranging from public consumption of alcohol to arson. One of these actions has been completed, the rest are in process. The alleged violations include disorderly conduct, theft or property damage, violation of university rules and violations of state law. University sanctions range from probation and restitution to expulsion.

The U of M police are still looking for several suspects. Pictures of suspects yet to be identified are posted at www.umn.edu/umpolice/help-id-2003.htm#new. o

- What:** Legislators discuss I-394 fee to use carpool lane
- When:** 9 a.m.-noon Monday, June 16
9 a.m. Congressman Mark Kennedy speaks
- Where:** Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Marit Enerson, Humphrey Institute, (612) 625-8575
Catherine Peloquin, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

ROUNDTABLE ON PROPOSED FEE TO BYPASS GRIDLOCK

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Proposed legislation for drivers to pay to use I-394 carpool lanes to avoid traffic jams will be the focus of a roundtable discussion sponsored by the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and Center for Transportation Studies on Monday, June 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis. At 9 a.m., Rep. Mark Kennedy (R-Minn.), author of the Freeing Alternatives for Speedy Transportation (FAST) Act, and Minnesota transportation leaders will also talk about proposed federal legislation that would repeal an outdated prohibition in order to permit expansion on congested interstate corridors paid for by user fees.

Recently enacted state legislation authorizes the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to convert the I-394 high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane into an optional express lane. Senate author Ann Rest (D-New Hope), House author Chris DeLaForest (R-Andover), and Senate Minority Leader Dick Day (R-Owatonna) will join senior representatives from the Metropolitan Council, MnDOT and the Federal Highway Administration to discuss how converting existing HOV lanes in Minnesota into express lanes will affect local traffic.

In both the state and federal proposals the fee would be completely optional and charged only when the FAST lanes are used. Where express lanes are available, most drivers choose to pay only occasionally, such as when they are late for an appointment, work, or day care. Fees would be collected electronically at full highway speed, eliminating the traffic slow down associated with traditional toll plazas.

Where an option, 90 percent of drivers support extending express lanes, with the highest level of support from the lowest-income users. Express lanes also enjoy broad support from groups across the political spectrum, such as the Environmental Defense Fund, the Reason Foundation, and the Bush

administration.

The roundtable is free and open to the public. Information about express lanes is available at www.valuepricing.org. For the roundtable agenda, see www.hhh.umn.edu/centers/slp/projects/conpric/fastlanes.pdf.

What: U of M student makes national Hardball Hot Seat finals
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Catherine Peloquin, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

U OF M STUDENT MAKES NATIONAL HARDBALL HOT SEAT FINALS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota student Chris Malone will compete in the national finals for the "Hardball with Chris Matthew Hot Seat" in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, June 12. The taped competitions will air over the next few weeks, according to MSNBC.

Malone competed on Sept. 18, when the U of M hosted the inaugural live broadcast for MSNBC's "Hardball with Chris Matthew" college tour. In 90 seconds, he answered 10 questions correct securing him seventh place in the national tour. In Washington, D.C., he will be among the 10 finalists who will again try to get as many answers correct in 90 seconds. The winner receives a \$10,000 grant and \$5,000 goes to their school.

A resident of Sartell near St. Cloud, Malone graduated in May with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. While attending the U of M, he was a college bowl team member for four years.

Malone's Sept. 18 MSNBC college tour appearance is available at www.msnbc.com/news/813291.asp?0cb=-711108451.o

What: 4-H youth help get fairgrounds ready for State Fair
When: 2-5 p.m. Wednesday, June 18
Where: Minnesota State Fairgrounds, St. Paul
Contacts: Kristen Berning, 4-H associate, (612) 624-8195, cell (612) 247-4020
Catherine Peloquin, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

YELLO! CONFERENCE DRAWS 400 4-H YOUTH LEADERS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--YELLO! means green when you get 400 4-H youth leaders from around the state planting flowers and painting fences at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in St. Paul from 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 18. The students will also help University of Minnesota faculty and staff plant flowers on the Twin Cities campus in St. Paul.

The community service is one of the elements of YELLO!, which stands for Youth Exploring Leadership and Learning Outloud!, an annual 4-H youth leadership conference running June 16-19, at the 4-H Building on the State Fairgrounds.

The conference unites 4-H youth leaders from Minnesota to learn leadership and citizenship skills they'll use throughout their lives.

Other YELLO! activities include fun and educational workshops, discussions on teen issues, motivational speakers such as Glen Taylor, president of the Taylor Corporation and owner of the Minnesota Timberwolves, and Carl Olson, a high school counselor and nationally known motivational speaker.

Minnesota 4-H Youth Development reaches more than 168,000 young people in every part of Minnesota--from rural areas to inner-city neighborhoods. Through 4-H, young people learn practical life skills, serve their communities and develop leadership abilities. Today's 4-H programs address such issues as multicultural relations, use of technology and wetlands conservation, and offers traditional programs such as livestock management and nutrition education. 4-H is a part of the University of Minnesota's Extension Service. For more information about 4-H, visit www.mn4h.com or contact your local Extension office.

What: President makes budget recommendation
When: Friday, June 13
Where: Board of Regents monthly meeting
Contacts: Amy Phenix, University News Service, (612) 625-8510

U PRESIDENT MAKES BUDGET AND TUITION RECOMMENDATIONS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks today presented his proposal for balancing the university's \$2 billion budget over the next two fiscal years (July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2005), calling this year one of the most difficult economic challenges the university has ever faced.

"For the first time in recent memory, the university's budget has been reduced in real terms," he said. "This extraordinary challenge requires sacrifice across the university by each employee and in each unit and by every student."

To address a \$185 million reduction in state funding over the biennium, plus address \$133 million in academic investments, other financial needs new obligations, Bruininks is recommending a combination of cost reductions and enhanced revenues.

Specifically, reductions to faculty and staff benefits reductions and a pay freeze totaling \$55.1 million and administrative, operating and program cost reductions totaling \$103.9 million will fund 50 percent of the budget solution. Enhanced revenues from tuition and fees totaling \$139.4 and institutional activities totaling \$20.3 million will fund the remaining 50 percent. Of this, tuition and fees will comprise 44 percent of the solution to the university's budget challenge.

Proposed tuition and fee rate increases for each campus are as follows for resident undergraduates:

- Twin Cities campus, 14.7 percent, or \$842, bringing the average annual tuition to \$6,562.
- Morris campus, 12.4 percent, or \$826, bringing the average annual tuition to \$7,507.
- Duluth campus, 12.9 percent, or \$761, bringing the average annual tuition to \$6,645.
- Crookston campus, 14 percent, or \$671, bringing the average annual tuition to \$5,471.

Even with these increases, the university expects tuition to remain about in the middle of the Big Ten. Undergraduate non-resident tuition rate increases range from 10 to 14 percent.

Graduate and professional tuition rate increases vary by program, with one exception. In what he called an "extraordinary step" Bruininks said that tuition rates at the Medical School will be frozen in order to help reduce declining enrollment. Currently, the university's Medical School has one of the higher resident rates among public institutions (\$25,973) and one of the very highest non-resident rates

among both public and private institutions (\$47,481).

In presenting the tuition plan, Bruininks stressed that the university is committed to maintaining access and is very sensitive to issues of affordability for students and families. He described new federal tax credits, historically low student loan interest rates and new investments by the university in financial aid that will protect the lowest income students and families, even after these increases take effect.

Also in the proposed budget is \$56.5 million over the biennium for investment in critical academic and service priorities.

"I deeply believe that we simply cannot stand still, to do so is tantamount to a step backward," he said, describing the need for continued investment in priorities.

The board will hold a public forum on the budget on June 17, and is expected to act on the FY '04 budget at a special meeting June 26.

In other business, the board elected new leadership. David Metzen was elected as chair, and Anthony Baraga as vice chair. Both will assume their duties on July 1.

The board endorsed a new administrative policy prohibiting students from inciting or participating in a riot on-campus, proximate to campus, or in any location when the riot occurs in connection with or in response to a university-sponsored event. The policy is one of only three in the nation to give an institution the ability to discipline students for off-campus behavior. The board approved those revisions in the Student Code of Conduct policy.

The board approved a 10-year agreement with TCF Bank for exclusive banking services connected to the U Card, the university's identification and access card all faculty and staff use. A separate agreement for ATM services on the Twin Cities campus was reviewed. Under the agreements, the university will receive more than \$22 million, including \$18 million in unrestricted funds. Of that, the university plans to invest \$12 million to establish a matching fund for scholarships.

"Scholarships are increasingly important for attracting, supporting and retaining the best and brightest students, regardless of their family income," said Bruininks.

The board approved the \$100.5 million 2004 capital improvement budget for repairs to university facilities and construction on all campuses, it also and reviewed the preliminary 2004 state capital request.

The next monthly committee and board meetings will be held July 10-11, on the Twin Cities campus. Complete board agendas can be found at www.umn.edu/regents.

What: University of Minnesota parking rates

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U OF M PUBLIC PARKING RATES UNCHANGED FOR UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--It is a rarity in these economic times: a user fee that does not increase, despite rising costs and declining budgets. Today the University of Minnesota Parking and Transportation Services announced that public parking rates on campus will not increase for the 2003-2004 academic year.

The carpool lot rate remains \$1.75 a day, with the daily lot rate continuing at \$3.25 and the premium rate \$5. Hourly parking facilities will remain on a sliding scale, starting at \$2.50 for the first hour with a maximum of \$12 per day.

The university is making some adjustments that allow it to keep the public rates static.

In the past, drivers with a state of Minnesota disability permit or license plate qualified for free parking at campus meters. Starting July 1, free disability parking at campus meters will have a time limit of three hours. Another option for people with disabilities is to use the designated spaces in university parking facilities and pay the posted rate.

Special event rates will increase \$1 for the 2003-2004 academic year, to \$9 for major events and \$7 for minor events. A major event would be men's hockey or basketball and events at Northrop while minor events would include men's wrestling matches and high school tournaments.

Only three ramps will now be part of the Free Night and Free Sunday programs, which allow free parking during non-event nights and Sundays: Fourth Street on the East Bank, 21st Avenue on the West Bank and Gortner Avenue in St. Paul.

As of July 1, Lot C-55, which is on the corner of 16th Avenue S.E. and 4th Street S.E., will no longer be available for public parking. Evening public parkers are encouraged to find a space in Nolte Center Garage, which will charge the daily rate of \$3.25 weeknights after 4 p.m. instead of the premium rate of \$5. Also as of July 1, Nolte Center Garage will be open year-round.

Evening students can continue to pick up a free hangtag permit from the Office of the Registrar at 200 Fraser Hall. The permit allows students to park in Lot C-55 after 4:30 p.m. on special event nights only for the daily rate of \$3.25. o

- What:** World's largest saxophone event attracts 1,000 musicians
- When:** July 9-13
7:30 p.m. nightly concerts
- Where:** Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2128 4th St. S., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Christopher James, University of Minnesota School of Music, (612) 626-1094
Eugene Rousseau, World Saxophone Congress, (612) 624-3875
Catherine Peloquin, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

SAXOPHONE CONGRESS DRAWS 1,000 SAXOPHONISTS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--It's the world's largest gathering of professional, amateur and student saxophonists. Nearly 1,000 saxophonists from around the globe are expected to attend the 13th World Saxophone Congress, July 9-13, at the University of Minnesota Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2128 4th St. S., Minneapolis.

The public is invited to enjoy nightly concerts by world-acclaimed saxophone soloists, bands and orchestras.

The conference includes master classes, presentations, concerts, world premieres and an extensive trade show of instruments and saxophone music. Registration is \$175. To register online, see www.worldsax.com.

Following is the concert schedule.

- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, Belgian Royal Air Force Band and featured soloists; Alain Crepin, conductor, music of Alain Crepin, Robert Jager, Libby Larsen, Catherine McMichael and David Stock
- 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 10, The World Saxophone Congress Orchestra (includes members of the Minnesota Orchestra and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra) and featured soloists; Glen Cortese, conductor, music of D.C. Heath, Paul Maurice, Marcel Mihalovici, Marilyn Shrude and Tonino Tesei
- 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 11, Belgian Royal Air Force Band; Alain Crepin, conductor, music of William Bolcom, Michael Colgrass, John Harbison, Karel Husa, Ingolf Dahl and David Ott
- 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 12, the World Saxophone Congress Orchestra (includes members of the Minnesota Orchestra and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra) and featured soloists; Glen Cortese, conductor.

Tickets are \$30; \$15 for students. To purchase tickets, call (612) 624-2345.

What: Renewable Energy and the Environment workshop
When: 2:30-5 p.m. Thursday, June 26
Where: 125 Willey Hall, 225 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
Contacts: Jennifer Kuzma, associate director, Center for Science, Technology, and Public Policy, (612) 625-6337
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PUBLIC INVITED TO HELP SHAPE MINNESOTA'S ENERGY FUTURE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--When it comes to renewable energy and how to use it, there's never a shortage of ideas. The University of Minnesota wants to hear the public's thoughts on its Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment (IREE).

In support of IREE, the university's Center for Science, Technology, and Public Policy is hosting a workshop from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday, June 26, to hear from nonprofits, environmental groups, utilities, state agencies and others on what they see as the key issues, challenges and opportunities for renewable energy research.

The workshop will be in 125 Willey Hall, 225 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis, and will also address how the U can work with outside organizations to form the best possible partnerships. It is free and open to the public and there is no need to RSVP.

"This is really a listening session for us," said Dick Hemmingsen, associate director of the university's government relations office and a member of the IREE working group. "After we hear from the various groups, we'll open it up for discussion on the best ways to maximize the synergies among university researchers in different disciplines and between the university and external groups working on renewable energy."

The 2003 Legislature provides \$10 million in one-time funding for the IREE, as well as five years of funding expected to be in the range of \$1.7-\$2 million a year. That money comes from Xcel Energy's Conservation Improvement Program, a state-required program that sets aside two percent of a utility's proceeds for conservation purposes. The one-time funding, which comes from the Renewable Development Fund established from Xcel's "cask money," will be available to the university July 1, 2003. o

What: Release of new Harry Potter book
When: 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 21
Where: University of Minnesota Bookstore at Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
Contacts: Kari Weidling, University of Minnesota Bookstores, (612) 625-6564
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U OF M BOOKSTORE READY FOR HARRY POTTER-MANIA

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota Bookstore will be part of the national Harry Potter craze when it opens its doors at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 21.

Copies of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" will be available to both first-time customers and people who bought the book ahead of time and want to redeem their reservation coupons.

The U of M Bookstore in Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday.

The long-awaited latest adventure of Harry Potter continues with an unprecedented initial print run of 8.5 million copies. The book retails for \$29.99 and can be reserved online through the bookstore at <http://www.bookstore.umn.edu/viewProduct.cgi?from=&productID=5910>. o

6/23/2003

What: First Farming Adventures day camp
When: 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. June 23-27
Where: University of Minnesota St. Paul campus
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KIDS SET OFF ON FARMING ADVENTURES AT U OF M

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Eight- and nine-year-olds will have more fun than a pig in slop when they head off to the University of Minnesota's new Farming Adventures day camp this week on the St. Paul campus.

The June 23-27 camp is the first of a summerlong series that takes kids behind the scenes at the barns, laboratories and greenhouses to learn all about farms, farm animals and food production.

The kids will take in ice cream and cheese-making demonstrations in the dairy lab, watch chicks hatch and dive into just about everything that makes a farm a farm. There will be plenty of hands-on opportunities and although the campers probably won't be asked to do chores, they'll be ready just in case!

In addition to next week's camp, the university's College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences is hosting another camp for eight- and nine-year olds July 14-18, and camps for 10- and 11-year-olds July 7-11 and July 28-Aug. 1.

For more information, go to www.extension.umn.edu/farmadventures/o

6/24/2003

- What:** Swearing-in of Ben, the UMPD's first K-9 officer
- When:** 3 p.m. Friday, June 27
- Where:** Room 2-101, Basic Sciences and Biomedical Engineering building, 312 Church St. Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Officer Andy Panek, UMPD, (612) 385-2639
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U OF M POLICE TO SWEAR IN DEPARTMENT'S FIRST FOUR-LEGGED OFFICER

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--A one-and-a-half-year-old German shepherd named Ben will be sworn in as the first K-9 officer in the history of the University of Minnesota Police Department at 3 p.m. Friday, June 27 in Room 2-101 of the Basic Sciences and Biomedical Engineering building, 312 Church St., Minneapolis.

Ben, who came to Minnesota from the Netherlands, has been on the job with officer Andy Panek since earlier this month. In March Ben and Andy began 12 weeks of training at the St. Paul Police Department training facility, working on obedience, tracking and agility, among other things. In the fall Ben will go back to the facility for training on detecting explosives.

Although Ben and Andy work the 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. shift, they have even more time to get used to each other--Ben lives at Andy's home. Ben will be joined at the swearing-in ceremony by two other new (human) officers. o

7/7/2003

What: U of M board of regents meetings
When: Thursday, July 10, and Friday July 11
Where: McNamara Alumni Center, Suite 600, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis
Contacts: Paul Moore, University News Service, (612) 624-0214

BOARD TO CONSIDER WEAPONS POLICY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota board of regents will hold its monthly meetings Thursday, July 10, and Friday, July 11, on the Twin Cities campus in Suite 600 of the McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis.

The board is expected to review and act on a policy to ban weapons from the university's campuses and events. The policy, drafted in response to Minnesota's new law allowing certain people to carry concealed weapons, augments an existing prohibition on students having weapons on campus.

"It is commonly understood that our classrooms, laboratories, student centers and athletic and event venues are no place for weapons," said University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks. "This proposed policy is an approach that reflects longstanding norms and practices."

In other business, the board will discuss timelines and goals for graduation on all campuses. The university has made improving graduation rates a priority and is proposing a goal of increasing the four-year graduation rate on the Twin Cities campus by 22 percentage points, to bring it to 50 percent, by 2012.

The board will act on the president's recommended preliminary 2004 capital request. The plan currently calls for \$160 million, primarily for renewal and renovation projects on all campuses. Of that, \$22.7 million is designated for new projects, including a recreational sports facility on the Duluth campus and a biomass heating plant on the Morris campus. The plan also includes design funds for business school expansions on the Twin Cities and Duluth campuses. The university would finance \$7.6 million of the total and the state would finance \$152.6 million.

Select committee meetings and agenda items follow. All meetings are held on the sixth floor of the McNamara Alumni Center.

Thursday, July 10

8-9:30 a.m. Audit Committee, East Committee Room. Review the university's internal audit plan and discuss managing compliance with conflict of interest policies.

9:45-11:45 a.m. Faculty, Staff and Student Affairs Committee, West Committee Room. Review and act on board of regents policy regarding the possession of weapons. Receive a program update on

intercollegiate athletics from Athletics Director Joel Maturi. The update comes one year after the merger of the men's and women's athletics into one department under Maturi's leadership.

9:45-11:45 a.m. Finance and Operations Committee, East Committee Room. Review investment oversight policies and procedures.

Noon-1:30 p.m. Lunch with select first-year Twin Cities campus students and their parents.

1:45-3:45 p.m. Educational Planning and Policy Committee, East Committee Room. Review proposed changes to the annual plan, performance and accountability report. Discuss graduation goals and timelines for all campuses.

1:45-3:45 p.m. Facilities Committee, West Committee Room. Act on an agreement to place TCF automatic teller machines on the Twin Cities campus. Review and act on plans for phase two of the new visitor center at the Arboretum.

Friday, June 13

9-11:30 a.m. Board of regents, Boardroom. Introduce the new University of Minnesota, Crookston Chancellor Velmer Burton, Jr. and the chairs of the civil service committee and the council of academic and professional administrator. Act on the preliminary 2004 state capital request. Receive an update on the impact of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on race-conscious admissions.

Complete board agendas can be found at www.umn.edu/regents. o

7/9/2003

What: International Seafood Workshop

When: July 11-12, 2003

Where: The Depot, 225 3rd Ave. S., Minneapolis
Art Institutes International Minnesota, 15 S. 9th St., Minneapolis

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ADVENTUROUS SEAFOOD LOVERS DIVE DEEP TO BROADEN THEIR PALATES

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--People who have never tried organic seafood will get their chance from 11:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Saturday, July 12, during an organic seafood tasting tour at Art Institutes International Minnesota, 15 S. 9th St., Minneapolis.

With the demand for seafood like tuna, swordfish, cod and halibut greatly exceeding the supply of those species and other popular delicacies from our oceans, organically raised seafood may be the wave of the future.

The tour is part of the University of Minnesota's Institute for Social, Economic and Ecological Sustainability (ISEES) International Organic Aquaculture Workshop, July 11-12 at The Depot, 225 3rd Ave. S., Minneapolis. The workshop will bring together people from science, seafood marketing, organic production and certification and environmental conservation, as well as restaurateurs and chefs to evaluate and prioritize low-on-the-food chain species that are promising candidates for sustainable, and especially organic, aquaculture production.

The tasting tour is co-hosted by the culinary arts program of Art Institutes International Minnesota. People taking the tour will sample new seafood species that could be easily raised organically. They'll also eat a multicourse luncheon specially prepared by several local award-winning chefs. The tour is sold out, but local media are welcome.

This is the second organic aquaculture workshop hosted by ISEES. Organic aquaculture is a natural fit for Minnesota, a state that already leads the country in organic agriculture production. Minnesota ranks first in the nation for organic corn, soybean and rye production and sixth in the nation for organic acreage.

ISEES is an interdisciplinary center that brings together people from the natural and social

sciences—as well as practitioners concerned with sustainability issues—to discuss and research solutions. The institute is affiliated with the University of Minnesota's Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change (ICGC) and College of Natural Resources, and is a university-wide resource for social, economic and ecological sustainability research, teaching and outreach.

For more information about the International Organic Aquaculture Workshop and Organic Seafood Tasting Tour, go to www.fw.umn.edu/ISEES. o

7/10/2003

What: U of M names new chief student affairs officer
Who: Jerry Rinehart
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U NAMES NEW CHIEF STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICER

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Robert Jones, vice president and executive vice provost for faculty and academic programs, has named Jerry Rinehart as associate vice provost for student affairs, effective Aug. 11. Rinehart, 56, has been the assistant dean and director of undergraduate studies at the Carlson School of Management since 1986.

Rinehart will serve as the chief student affairs officer on the Twin Cities campus, overseeing the Office for Student Affairs. He will be responsible for student development, student services and campus life, including helping to ensure integration of academic programs with student services and co-curricular activities that support student learning, retention and graduation. The Office for Student Affairs has approximately 300 employees and a \$40 million budget.

"Jerry has more than 25 years of senior administrative experience in student development, student services, academic affairs, curriculum coordination, program development, enrollment and advising management, and educational administration at the University of Minnesota," said Jones. "Jerry has the qualifications, commitment, vision, and experience to meet the near- and long-term challenges in student affairs and to help us create and sustain world-class living and learning environments."

Rinehart has served as chair of the Council of Undergraduate Deans (1999-2001) and chair of the Academic Staff Advisory Committee (predecessor to the Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators). In 2001, he co-chaired the Retention and Graduation Subcommittee, whose report articulated the problem and provided recommendations to improve undergraduate retention and graduation rates across the university. In spring 2003, he received the university's John Tate Award for Academic Advising. Rinehart began his career at the university as a doctoral student in the English department and served as assistant director of the composition program. He has a bachelor of arts from Dartmouth College, a master of arts degree from Middlebury College in Vermont, and a master's in business administration from the University of Minnesota.

"The university has made tremendous progress in the last five years attracting top students and providing services for them," said Rinehart. "I'm looking forward to providing a more integrated and

coordinated framework to make sure students who come to the university have the opportunity to develop their full potential."

Rinehart's selection is the result of a national search. He replaces June Nobbe, who has held the interim position since January 2003. Nobbe will return as director of the leadership programs in the Office for Student Affairs.o

7/11/2003

What: New weapons policy approved
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BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVES NEW WEAPONS POLICY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota board of regents today approved a policy to ban weapons on campus. Under the policy, students, employees and visitors are prohibited from carrying a weapon on university property or at university functions, such as football games at the Metrodome. There are some exceptions, including law enforcement and people who receive permission from the president of the university.

The U of M becomes the eighth Big 10 school to implement such a policy. It was drafted in response to Minnesota's new law allowing certain people to carry concealed weapons and augments the existing ban of students having weapons on campus.

The board acted on the policy today because the first Gopher football home game is scheduled to take place before the next board of regents meeting.

In other business, the board unanimously approved an agreement to allow TCF bank to place 12 automatic teller machines on the Twin Cities campus, a deal expected to generate \$4.2 million dollars over 10 years.

The board also unanimously approved the university's preliminary 2004 capital request to the state, which calls for \$160 million, mostly to improve existing campus buildings. The board will take action on the final capital request in October or November.

The meeting was disrupted for about 45 minutes by demonstrators protesting the university's participation in the Large Binocular Telescope project on Mount Graham in Arizona. University of Minnesota police arrested five people, who were booked in the Hennepin County jail.

The next board of regents meetings will be Sept. 11 on the Twin Cities campus. Complete board of regents agendas can be found at www.umn.edu/regents.

7/14/2003

What: Peace vigil for victims of war in Liberia
When: 7 p.m. Saturday, July 19
Where: Brooklyn United Methodist Church, 7200 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center
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U of M African Studies Department Organizes Peace Vigil

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL-- The University of Minnesota Department of African American and African Studies is organizing a candlelight peace vigil to memorialize the innocent victims of the Liberian civil conflict. The event will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 19, in the Brooklyn United Methodist Church, 7200 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center.

"The suffering of the Liberian people has been on our minds a long time, and we would like to do something to bring more attention to the carnage the civil conflict has caused," said University of Minnesota African studies instructor Wynfred Russell. "We are holding this event to create an opportunity for the Liberian community in the Twin Cities to release the mourning and find hope. This is the solemn phase of our endeavor, as we hope to have a scholarly presentation in the fall on the origins and solutions of the problems in Liberia."

The vigil will feature two speakers from the university and three from the Liberian community, including local Liberian artists and performers.

What: U of M to honor Upward Bound Scholars
Who: 75 high school, college scholarship winners
When: 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 17
Where: St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave., St. Paul
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 Bob San, University News Service, (612) 624-4082

U OF M TO HOST DREAM SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL-- Two successful business owners who want to give back to the community and a group of youngsters dedicated to excelling in school—that combination led to the establishment of the Dream Scholarship Program 15 years ago.

The University of Minnesota Upward Bound Program will sponsor a ceremony to honor 75 high school and college recipients of the Dream Scholarship from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 17, at the St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave., St. Paul. Bill Lahr and Karen Sternal, whose contributions finance the program, will be on hand, as will students from Upward Bound programs from Minneapolis Edison, South and North high schools and students attending the University of Minnesota and other area colleges.

This scholarship program is unique in that the students--who are drawn from lower-income and first-generation-college families--receive scholarships after they perform well in high school. They are told what requirements they need to fulfill in order to be admitted to college. Each semester their transcripts are checked. If they meet the requirements, the money is banked for their scholarships. □

7/16/2003

Media note: Please see end of release for video and photo availability.

- What:** American Solar Challenge
- When:** Sunday, July 13, to Wednesday, July 23
- Where:** Historic Route 66
- Who:** University of Minnesota Solar Vehicle Project
- Contacts:** Travis Lee, Borealis II team leader, (651) 270-3890. (Media must call after 6 p.m. in the time zone in which the team is traveling.)
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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TAKES LEAD IN SOLAR CAR RACE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota solar-powered car, Borealis II, is in first place as it begins the fourth day of the 2,300-mile American Solar Challenge (ASC) today, July 16.

Borealis II has traveled 629.23 miles in 15 hours, 24 minutes and eight seconds. The University of Missouri is in second place, trailing Borealis II by 13 minutes, 27 seconds.

Borealis II was nearing Edmond, Okla., this morning, according to race officials. This would put the university's team at 858.33 miles. Teams can race as far as possible before stopping for the day by 6 p.m. even if it means no hotel for the night.

"Minnesota is so competitive. Knowing them, they could stop in the middle of a corn field for the night," said Christopher Powers, a representative from the U.S. Department of Energy, which sponsors the event.

Twenty teams from universities across the United States and Canada are competing in the ASC, which began Sunday, July 13, in Chicago and will end Wednesday, July 23, in Claremont, Calif. The race travels along historic Route 66. The car with the fastest cumulative time will win the competition.

ASC cars must be powered solely by the sun. Teams build their own solar-powered cars for the competition. The race cars use photovoltaic (solar) cells to convert sunlight into electricity for power. Most cars are made of advanced composites and use the best available solar cells and batteries. Cars travel at highway speeds and are required to obey local speed limits. In general, the cars can run faster on sunnier days.

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For complete race information see www.americansolarchallenge.org/media.html

MEDIA NOTE: Video is available by calling (303) 384-7223, or check with your affiliates in St. Louis, Mo., Oklahoma and Texas. Photos are available online at www.americansolarchallenge.org/daily_photos.html.

7/17/2003

What: New Twin font unveiled for Twin Cities
When: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 19
Where: Ballroom, Radisson Plaza Hotel, 35 S. 7th St., Minneapolis
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NEW TWIN FONT UNVEILED FOR TWIN CITIES

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota Design Institute will unveil a new "Twin" font to communicate the character of the Twin Cities at TypeCon 2003, an international typeface conference, July 17-20 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, 35 S. 7th St., Minneapolis.

The unveiling and a panel discussion, moderated by Design Institute Director Janet Abrams and Typeface: Twin Cities project manager Deborah Littlejohn, will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 19, in the Radisson Plaza Ballroom.

The Twin font has 10 print font styles as well as an ever-changing style on the Web that uses weather and urban city characteristics to form its new shape. Wind, temperature, height of the Mississippi River and traffic patterns can all influence the font through a specially designed software. For an online sample, visit design.umn.edu:8080/cgi-bin/ltrstr/tcdc/alternator?page=interface_003. Print versions of the font include such names as Twin Weird, Twin Loopy, Twin Casual, Twin Formal, Twin BitRound and Twin Gothic.

BACKGROUND

Last year, the Design Institute invited six teams of typographers to propose a new typeface for the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul as part of the Typeface: Twin Cities project. The team of five Twin Cities design professionals and one city official gathered in October 2002 and chose the winning Twin font, by Erik van Blokland and Just van Rossum with LettError of The Hague, Haarlem, Netherlands. Twin will be used as part of the Twin Cities Design Celebration Sept. 3-7. See below for more information.

The font will also be available in two limited edition ChocoLetters sets by Minneapolis confectioner B.T. McElrath. The dark chocolate creations include a one-pound alphabet set made up of the 10 font variations, which sells for \$35. Another six-ounce set that spells "TCDC 2003" sells for \$12. To order a set, e-mail design@umn.edu.

A 160-page book "Metro Letters" on the Typeface: Twin Cities project includes the six font proposals, interviews with the invited typographers and samples of the font's variations. Edited and designed by Deborah Littlejohn and distributed by the University of Minnesota Press, the book sells for \$29.95. It is available online at design.umn.edu and through the University Press at www.upress.umn.edu or (612) 627-1970.

ABOUT TWIN CITIES DESIGN CELEBRATION

The Twin Cities Design Celebration (TCDC) runs Sept. 3-7 to engage visitors and Twin Cities residents in the process of design. TCDC includes the first-ever Big Urban Game (B.U.G.), which will transform the Twin Cities into a 200-square-mile world's largest game board. Two teams will move 25-foot inflatable game pieces throughout the cities taking routes suggested by online voters.

TCDC will also release nine "Knowledge Maps," which outline unique sites throughout the city, such as smells, sounds and rest places. The new Twin font will also be used throughout the celebration. For more information on TCDC visit www.design.umn.edu.

TCDC is sponsored by the Design Institute at the University of Minnesota with support by Target Corporation.○

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- What: 550 students of color to attend U of M national research conference**
- When: Friday to Sunday, July 25 to 27**
- Where: University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus**
- Contacts: Kathy Johnson, Office of Graduate School Outreach, (612) 625-6858**
Bob San, University News Service, (612) 624-4082

U OF MINNESOTA TO HOST NATIONAL SUMMER RESEARCH CONFERENCE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL—For three days this week, 550 of the brightest college students of color in the nation will converge on the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus to compare research projects and search out a possible future home for graduate studies.

The university will be hosting the annual Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP) conference Friday to Sunday, July 25 to 27, at various sites on the Twin Cities campus.

The SROP is designed to interest students in academic careers and enhance their preparation for graduate study through intensive research experiences with faculty members. The 2003 conference will draw more than 550 undergraduate students of color who are involved in research projects with 120 faculty representing all Big Ten universities.

“It’s an awesome sight when you see 550 incredibly bright students of color in one place,” said Kathy Johnson, assistant administrator of the University of Minnesota Office of Graduate School Outreach. “The first time I saw that it was overwhelming. These are the best and brightest students that all universities are fighting to get.”

The conference is structured to simulate an academic professional conference. The students will be exposed to a variety of activities, including visits to various labs on the Twin Cities campus, myriad panel and roundtable sessions and a recruitment fair. It’s not all work as conference organizers have scheduled a full slate of fun events, including, dances, poetry reading, banquets, and, of course, a visit to the Mall of America.

“It is significant that the University of Minnesota is hosting this national conference because it allows us to showcase the kind of research we do and the research facilities we have,” Johnson said. The conference schedule can be accessed at <http://www.grad.umn.edu/outreach/cic/>.

7/24/2003

What: Study on artists' contributions to the Twin Cities' economy
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HUMPHREY INSTITUTE STUDY SHOWS ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TWIN CITIES ARTISTS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--A new University of Minnesota study confirms that the Twin Cities has a thriving arts economy with 12,000 artists (in 1990) or 9 percent higher share of the workforce than other similar-sized metropolitan areas. In fact, the Twin Cities hosts one of the fastest growing concentration of artists in the nation, along with Seattle and Albuquerque, and outpaces other cities such as Chicago, Atlanta, Dallas and Pittsburgh.

The study, by professor Ann Markusen and research associate David King with the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, also shows that the Twin Cities specializes in dance and writing while falling below average in acting and directing.

"The relatively high concentration of dancers can be attributed in large part to the University of Minnesota and area foundations' strong support for this art form, while the large pool of writers may be the product of more diffuse attractors, including writers' own unique membership organizations," said Markusen.

Markusen and King also show that Twin Cities artists are highly entrepreneurial and have a greater impact on the economy than many realize. Beyond ticket sales, dining and parking expenditures, artists contribute to local economies through such spending as leasing space, buying supplies, hiring assistants and exporting their work elsewhere. Artists' skills and work also enhance the productivity of non-arts business sectors.

"We suggest that the productivity of and earnings in a regional economy rises when the proportion of artists increase. Because artists' creativity and specialized skills enhance the design, production and making of products and services in other sectors, help firms recruit top-rate employees and generate income through direct exports of artistic work," said Markusen.

The study is derived from 1980 and 1990 U.S. Census data and estimates from alternative 2000 sources as well as informational interviews with Twin Cities artists. The most recent 2000 data is not available yet. Following are some additional key findings:

- The Twin Cities' artists' share of the workforce has grown from near average in 1980 to 109 percent and 123 percent of the national average in 1990 and 2000, respectively, higher than larger metros such as Chicago and faster-growing cities like Atlanta and Dallas.

- In the 1990s, actors and directors continued to be heavily concentrated in New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Among the metro areas studied, authors are concentrated in Seattle and Albuquerque as well as the Twin Cities. Painters are clustered in New York, Albuquerque and Seattle, while dancers and choreographers are more prominent in New York, Atlanta and the Twin Cities.

- Skilled and talented individuals are becoming increasingly important to regional economies, ensuring their ability to compete with other regions in a more integrated and intensely competitive world economy.

- Nurturing artists through the support of artists' organizations that both enhance the quality of artistic knowledge and disseminate methods for developing market niches and finding new markets may be as important (and less expensive) than funding large new arts spaces.

The study also notes several factors artists consider when selecting a region to live and work in. These include art schools or colleges, prospective funding for the arts, supportive networks and learning venues with other artists, amenities, quality of life and relatively low living and working costs.

For a copy of the 30-page study, contact Michael Leary at (612)-626-1074 or mleary@hhh.umn.edu

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA SOLAR CAR WINS SECOND PLACE IN RACE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota's solar-powered car, Borealis II, soaked up the sun and used energy from its rays to sail into second place in the nearly 2,300-mile American Solar Challenge that ended Wednesday.

Borealis II crossed the finish line in Claremont, Calif., about 1:45 p.m. CDT Wednesday, said team leader Travis Lee. Borealis II made the 2,233.63-mile trek from Chicago to the Los Angeles area in 56 hours, 36 minutes and 31 seconds, according to unofficial times. Borealis II traveled at an average speed of 39.6 miles. The University of Missouri-Rolla's car, Solar Miner IV, took first place after making the trip in 51 hours, 47 minutes and 39 seconds. Solar Miner IV traveled at an average speed of 43.3 miles per hour. The car with the fastest cumulative time wins the competition.

Lee attributed the Borealis II's strong finish to excellent teamwork by the car's 18-member road crew.

"The race is a high-stress environment," Lee said. "I've been really impressed with how the team has worked together and met the challenge. We have a mix of feelings. We're overjoyed about doing so well, but it's also a bit of a letdown now that it's over."

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7/24/2003

What: Gregory S. Hestness new assistant vice president for public safety
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HESTNESS NAMED U OF M ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota Vice President for University Services Kathleen O'Brien today announced the appointment of Gregory S. Hestness as assistant vice president for public safety. Hestness assumes his new responsibilities Aug. 18.

Hestness joins the University of Minnesota after having served the past nine years as deputy chief of the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD), where he led the patrol bureau and administrative services bureau. He has extensive experience as a manager of sworn and non-sworn personnel and in command leadership.

During his 28-year career with the MPD Hestness has served as a patrol officer and an investigator in the family violence and robbery units, has worked in the street crime and repeat offender divisions and led the research and development unit. He was inspector in command of the 5th Precinct (southwest quarter of Minneapolis), and his current command oversight includes the U's Twin Cities campus.

The assistant vice president for public safety is responsible for the development of public safety and service delivery programs for the University of Minnesota system. The assistant vice president reports to the vice president for university services and leads the University Police Department, the Department of Emergency Management, and Central Security.

"The mission of this position is to develop and support an environment in which university community members can safely achieve their educational, research, and employment goals free of fear and concern for their personal safety and well-being," said O'Brien. "We are delighted that Gregory Hestness will take on this role. His experience and accomplishments position him to be very effective in leading the university's public safety efforts."

Hestness is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a bachelor of arts in sociology, specializing in criminology and deviance. He went on to receive a master of arts degree in management from St. Mary's University, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy at Quantico, Va., and the Senior Management Institute for Policy, conducted by the Police Executive Research Forum at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Hestness has been awarded three Minneapolis Police Department certificates of merit, three commendations, three unit citations (including recognition for his work on Super Bowl XXVI), and two

Chief's Awards of Merit (including recognition for his work commanding and restructuring the emergency response unit).

George Aylward, who has been serving as interim assistant vice president for public safety, returns to his role as chief of police for the university. ○

7/28/2003

Media Note: To arrange a tent city tour or an interview anytime during the weekend, call Bill Lindboe at (612) 327-5093.

- What:** 11th annual StandDown for homeless and near-homeless veterans
- When:** 7 a.m. Thursday, July 31, through 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2
- Where:** West bank recreation fields, 133 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
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StandDown site, (612) 332-7533
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U OF M REC FIELDS TURN INTO TENT CITY FOR VETERANS AT 11TH ANNUAL STANDDOWN

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Despite its current heavy deployment overseas, the Minnesota National Guard and Reserve will once again help Minnesota homeless and near-homeless veterans get their lives back on track at the 11th annual Minnesota StandDown.

The event is hosted by the University of Minnesota and organized by Minnesota StandDown, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping veterans and their families deal with daily struggles and find happy, fulfilling lives. It will run from 7 a.m. Thursday, July 31, to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, and turn the university's west bank recreation fields (133 19th Ave. S.) into a tent city where veterans can sleep in a bed, eat hot meals and receive free services ranging from medical treatment to financial counseling. Minnesota Guard reservists will begin setting up the tent city at 7 a.m. Wednesday, July 30.

Though Minnesota StandDown works with veterans throughout the year, the annual weekend at the university is where the group reaches the most people, according to Bill Lindboe, president of the organization. Since the first StandDown in 1992, more than 7,800 veterans have been helped.

"This is an opportunity for these people who have given so much to their country to see what types of services are available to them, find camaraderie and begin to get their lives back on track," said Lindboe.

Hundreds of volunteers will work at the event to provide services such as medical, dental, eye and psychological exams and treatments; job training; legal aid; federal and state tax counseling; social security eligibility information; substance abuse counseling; and food and shelter.

In times of war, a standdown refers to an opportunity for exhausted combat units to get time to rest and recover in a place of relative security and safety. Lindboe invites all Minnesota veterans who need help to visit the tent city or call (612) 327-5093. o

7/29/2003

What: Administrative changes in Minnesota Tourism Center broaden programming, opportunities

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UOF M'S TOURISM CENTER MERGED WITH ACADEMIC PROGRAM

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Minnesota's tourism industry will receive expanded services and increased research-based knowledge because of an administrative realignment of the University of Minnesota Tourism Center effective this month.

The change brings the university's tourism-related education, research and outreach activities under one unit. The center, a joint effort of the University of Minnesota's Extension Service and department of forest resources, will now report to the university's College of Natural Resources. The College of Natural Resources launched a resource-based tourism program for undergraduates and graduates a year ago, a move that has proved popular with both students and tourism businesses.

"We have a number of students who will be seeking internships and opportunities to conduct research that will help Minnesota's tourism industry," said Ingrid Schneider, a research associate in the department of forest resources and leader of the new academic program.

As part of the realignment, Schneider will also lead the Minnesota Tourism Center. "This new arrangement makes it easier for students as well as regional Extension educators to get involved with tourism businesses across the state," she said. "We see many opportunities."

Schneider brings more than a decade of recreation and tourism experience to the leadership post. Her primary research focus is in visitor behavior and attitudes, and how various agencies and businesses can plan for enhanced visitor management.

Potential growth areas for the Tourism Center include research needs related to weather-resistant tourism development, serving tourists with disabilities, sport tourism and further development of nature and culture-based tourism. The center will continue to connect with tourism businesses throughout the state via trained educators based in Extension's network of regional offices.

Minnesota's tourism economy grew to more than \$9.8 billion dollars in 2001 and accounts for more than 135,000 jobs. An estimated 40 percent of tourism business is directly related to the state's natural resources—fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing, or visiting the numerous state and national parks in

Minnesota.

“The Tourism Center adds really important areas of expertise for the tourism industry,” said Randy Gutzmann, a member of the center’s advisory board and president of the Minnesota Festivals and Events Association. “Moving the center will help us capitalize on the tremendous natural resources Minnesota has and use them to boost our economy with tourism, particularly in Greater Minnesota.”

The Tourism Center was created in 1987 and has focused on research and educational outreach programs for the tourism industry. For example, the center worked with the Minnesota Office of Tourism to develop a research agenda for the state focused on three areas: customer behavior, community development, and the economics and financing aspects of tourism. The center’s outreach programs include "At Your Service," a customer service training program; agricultural tourism development; certified festival management; and business retention and expansion.

For more information about the University of Minnesota Tourism Center visit <http://www.tourism.umn.edu>

8/1/2003

What: Open Source Portfolio version 1.0 released
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U OF M ELECTRONIC PORTFOLIO SOFTWARE NOW OPEN TO EVERYONE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--An idea hatched at the University of Minnesota Duluth that lets U of M students continually update their electronic identity for advisors, instructors and prospective employers is now open to the world.

Today the Open Source Portfolio Initiative announced the release of version 1.0, meaning anyone can download the software and use it for any purpose at no cost. This is the first portfolio system produced under an open source arrangement. Open Source Portfolio (OSP) lets students gather, store and distribute personal information selectively and electronically.

"This is great news for the education community," said Kari Branjord, director, Enterprise Application and Web Development at the University of Minnesota. "Educational institutions all over the world stand to benefit from the free exchange of ideas and open sharing of the source code."

Responding to the increased demand in education for electronic portfolio capabilities, the founders of this initiative--the University of Minnesota system, University of Minnesota Duluth, University of Delaware, and the r-smart group, inc.-- took a first step last February by announcing that the University of Minnesota existing systemwide electronic portfolio would be prepared for open source.

The Open Source Portfolio Initiative includes a number of the leading universities in the country, assuring that OSP will continue to grow in functionality.

Used by 25,000 students, faculty, and staff at the University of Minnesota, the electronic portfolio system allows users to store and access their educational records, work samples, resumes, writing samples, legal documents and other personal data in a secure, globally accessible computing environment. Any or all of that information can then be selectively shared with people throughout the world.

OSPI gained further support in June when it received a \$50,000 Mellon Foundation Officer's Grant to plan the ongoing development of the OSP. Trent Batson of the University of Rhode Island will administer this grant on behalf of OSPI.

"This is the first open source electronic portfolio for higher education," said Batson, director of the URI Information and Instructional Technology Services. "It will allow students to keep all of their work

for all of their years at school. We plan to launch a pilot project of the system this fall at URI, so that, by the fall of '04, OSP will become widely available for students, faculty and staff to use."

The OSPI group is a growing community of educational institutions and education-focused organizations that will guide the ongoing enhancements of OSP. Since its founding, many universities and organizations have added their support to OSPI, including the University of Rhode Island, the University of Michigan, Indiana University, the Cal State system, Iowa State University, Georgetown University, Virginia Tech, Central Florida University, The Carnegie Foundation, Stanford University, MIT, Clayton College, Framingham, the University of Buffalo, and Sarah Lawrence College.

Important connections have been established between OSPI and the IMS Global Learning Consortium, The Open Knowledge Initiative (OKI), EDUCAUSE, and the AAHE.

OSPI leaders noted that while the release of version 1.0 is an open-source student portfolio usable for many educational purposes, version 2.0 will be more portable and interoperable, leveraging and influencing emerging standards.

OSPI's organizational structure is viewable at www.theospi.org. On the Project Management Committee (PMC) are Paul Treuer of the University of Minnesota, Duluth, Kari Branjord of the University of Minnesota system, Trent Batson of the University of Rhode Island and Chris Coppola of r-smart. Advisors on the PMC are Carl Jacobson of the University of Delaware and JA-SIG, and Paul Gandel of the University of Rhode Island.

8/5/2003

What: U of M Homecoming Dates Changed
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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA HOMECOMING GAME CHANGED TO NOV. 1

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--To facilitate planning by students, alumni and fans, the University of Minnesota has moved the homecoming football game and related activities to Saturday, Nov. 1, when the Golden Gophers take on Indiana. All homecoming festivities will be held the week of Oct. 27, culminating with the Gophers vs. Hoosiers matchup at the Metrodome on Saturday.

"Confirming the date of homecoming is good news for our students, parents, alumni and fans who need to make plans to participate in homecoming events and attend the homecoming game," said Margaret Towle, director of the student activities department, which coordinates student and campus homecoming activities.

The Gophers homecoming game was initially set for Oct. 18, when they play Michigan State. However, that date, along with the Oct. 11 Gopher home football game may conflict with the Minnesota Twins and Major League Baseball playoffs, so the game time and locations cannot yet be set. About two weeks ago, Maturi and other university officials met with Sen. Norm Coleman, and representatives of the Minnesota Twins, the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission and Major League Baseball, and are hopeful a positive resolution will be achieved by the middle of August.

"It was the safe and prudent thing to do," said Director of Athletics Joel Maturi. "While we continue to work with Major League Baseball and believe a resolution will be found for the Michigan and Michigan State games, homecoming week is very important to the university community and we know we'll play Indiana on Nov. 1 at the Metrodome at a regular kickoff time. We decided to make the change so we can get the word out to the alumni and local community far enough in advance."

"We are delighted that the new date was announced so far in advance," said Sue Diekman, University of Minnesota Alumni Association associate executive director, communications. "While we define homecoming as any time an alum sets foot on campus, confirming the homecoming date now will ensure that more alumni will be able to participate in the official Homecoming activities." □

8/11/2003

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- What:** State Fair Maroon and Gold Day preview
- When:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13
- Where:** University of Minnesota Bookstore at Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
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THE STATE FAIR COMES TO THE U OF M BOOKSTORE IN MAROON AND GOLD DAY PREVIEW

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Food on a stick, a live blues band, a game show and great prizes are all part of the University of Minnesota's State Fair Preview, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the U of M Bookstore at Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. The event is a sneak preview of the U's Maroon and Gold Day, which is Sunday, Aug. 24, at the Fair.

The preview will feature corn dogs, cheese curds, funnel cakes and pickles-on-a-stick, all available in the Coffman Food Court. The university's legendary Bar-B-Que Blues Band will perform and visitors will be able to play the university's fast-paced game show, Know Your U, and win prizes from Famous Dave's Legendary Pit Bar-B-Que.

U of M professor Karal Ann Marling will be signing copies of her book, "Blue Ribbon: A Social and Pictorial History of the Minnesota State Fair," which chronicles the history, myth, politics, education and entertainment of the fair from the 1850s through the 1980s.

The event is free and open to the public. Discounted state fair gate admission tickets are available now through Aug. 21 at the U of M Bookstore in Coffman or St. Paul or online at www.bookstore.umn.edu for \$6 each (regularly \$8). No other discounts apply. Discount tickets are limited. For more information on Maroon and Gold Day, go to www.umn.edu/statefair/.

8/12/2003

What: U of M China Center to Host Grandmaster of Martial Arts
When: Noon Monday, Aug. 18
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U OF M CHINA CENTER TO HOST TEACHER OF JACKIE CHAN AND JET LI

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota China Center will host a luncheon in honor of Grandmaster Wu Bin, the head coach of the Chinese National Wushu team, at noon Monday, Aug. 18 at Hastings Middle School, 1000 W. 11th St., Hastings.

Wu is the leading master of Wushu (which means martial arts) in China. Among his students are Chinese movie stars Jackie Chan and Jet Li. During the week of Aug. 18, Wu and three other high-ranking Wushu Masters from China will be conducting Wushu training for more than 100 students and their parents from the Young Americans Schools of Self Defense, which are located in many rural communities across Minnesota. During the weeklong training, they will learn about Chinese martial arts, calligraphy, culture and history.

Wushu will become an Olympic medal sport in 2008 and Wu is looking at this weeklong training as the first step in helping Americans develop a Wushu team for the 2008 Olympic games in Beijing.

The luncheon is \$7 and reservations are being taken by the Young Americans Schools of Self Defense at (952) 997-7732. This luncheon is being co-sponsored by the China Center, the Chinese American Association of Minnesota and the Young Americans Schools of Self Defense. o

8/13/2003

What: Helsinki architecture exhibit at U of M
When: Sept. 2-Oct. 17
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HELSINKI ARCHITECTURE EXHIBIT AT U OF M

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Take a trip to Helsinki, Europe's best-designed city, through a unique traveling architecture exhibition. The University of Minnesota's College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (CALA) will host an exhibition of Helsinki's contemporary architecture from Sept. 2 to Oct. 17. The exhibition will be in the CALA Courtyard, Ralph Rapson Hall, 89 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis.

The exhibition, Helsinki Contemporary Urban Architecture, has more than 100 photographs taken by Finnish architectural photographer Jussi Tiainen. Finnish Ambassador Jukka Valtasaari will attend the opening reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11.

The Washington Post calls Tiainen "the chronicler par excellence" of the architecture of his home city Helsinki. Tiainen has captured on film 40 of Helsinki's newest contemporary buildings, structures, and milieus constructed from 1998 to 2001. Helsinki, the capital of Finland, has had more significant contemporary buildings constructed in the past few years than any other place in Europe. The second fastest growing metropolis in the European Union, Helsinki's growth is implemented through close cooperation between urban planners and architects.

Many of the projects featured in the exhibition are results of architectural competitions, organized by public sector institutions and the city of Helsinki. Helsinki plays a major role in the development and the "look" of the city both through competitions and urban planning.

The exhibition marks the launching of the CALA exhibitions program sponsored by Kenneth and Judy Dayton and the J. Paul Getty Trust. For more information on the exhibit, call (612) 624-7808.

In conjunction with Tiainen's photo exhibition, the city of Helsinki is sponsoring free public lectures on Finnish cultural traditions and the work of the architectural firm, Artto Palo Rossi Tikka (APRT). For more information, call (612) 624-1832.

- 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 13, Helsinki: A Living Work of Art. CALA Auditorium, Ralph Rapson Hall, 89 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis.

Lecturers include:

Fred Plotkin, author of the best-selling *Opera 101: A Complete Guide to Learning and Loving Opera* and *Classical Music 101: A Complete Guide to Learning and Loving Classical Music*, will discuss the secrets of the classical music superpower and what Helsinki has to offer. Plotkin is also a contributor to the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times* and *Opera News*. He lectures on music for leading institutions including Columbia University, the Juilliard School, and the Smithsonian.

Peter MacKeith, associate dean at the School of Architecture, Washington University, St. Louis, discusses Helsinki architecture from neoclassical and Art Nouveau to contemporary as well as details of some of the gems of Finnish design. He is one of the leading experts in Finnish architecture and has written extensively on the subject.

Tuula Yrjö-Koskinen, cultural counselor at the Finnish Embassy, Washington, D.C., provides opening remarks on the "cultural capital of Helsinki," an official European city of culture in 2000.

• 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, APRT: Recent Work, a lecture by Hannu Tikka, Architect, Arto Palo Rossi Tikka; Finland at the CALA Auditorium, Ralph Rapson Hall, 89 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis.

Much if not all of the work of APRT has originated from competition--designs of prominent public buildings, including concert halls, auditoriums, and cultural centers.

The firm and its Danish partner, KHRAS, have been engaged for several years in an urban development master plan for the Örestad area of Copenhagen. An approach to urban planning is also evident in their building designs, which are treated as miniature cities—one recent project, for example, an eight-story-high building (hotel rooms, offices, and intimate roof gardens) in the heart of Helsinki, incorporates public space, railway traffic and Eliel Saarinen's railway station.

APRT's work is included in the exhibition, "Helsinki Contemporary Urban Architecture."o

- What:** Male sexual assault victims and why they wait to tell their story
- When:** September 18-21
- Where:** Radisson Hotel Metrodome, 615 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
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MALE SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS AND WHY THEY WAIT TO TELL THEIR STORY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--One in four girls and one in seven boys will be victims of sexual assault by the time they turn 18 years old. As witnessed in the recent cases of sexual abuse in the Catholic church, many alleged sexual assault victims wait years to tell their story.

University of Minnesota School of Social Work teaching specialist Peter Dimock, an expert on this topic, is organizing the 10th annual Male Survivor Conference, Sept. 18-21, at the Radisson Hotel Metrodome, 615 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. About 350 people are expected to attend including male sexual assault survivors and professionals who work in mental health, substance abuse, prevention and research.

"Often times a crisis motivates men to seek help at an older age," said Dimock. "Men mask their assault in layers of shame and vulnerability. The assault can often raise many questions about masculinity and make it harder for men to report."

This past legislative session, both the Minnesota House and Senate introduced bills that would allow sexual assault victims more time between the assault and the victim's report to prosecute their abuser. Neither bill came to a vote but Dimock hopes this conference will raise awareness and help pass a bill next year. "It seems reasonable to allow more time for prosecution since men often don't recognize that what happened to them was abuse until long after the fact," Dimock said.

The following conference events are free and open to the public.

6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18. "Recognizing Strength and Resilience Through Art," an exhibit opening at the Larson Art Gallery in the St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave., St. Paul. The opening of the exhibit includes music and food.

7-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18. "The Healing Potential of Art," a lecture by Gregory Stavrou, executive director, Interact Center for the Visual and Performing Arts, St. Paul Student Center Theatre, 2017

Buford Ave., St. Paul.

6-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19. At 6 p.m., a presentation by the Raptor Center entitled "Strength & Resilience in Birds of Prey." The center will show raptors that have been traumatized and talk about how these birds have adapted to live with their injuries. At 6:30 p.m. musicians and vocalists will perform pieces they have written and recorded about their healing from victimization. At 7:30 p.m. Syl Jones, playwright and Star Tribune columnist and author of the book "Rescuing Little Roundhead," will give a personal story entitled "The Soul of a Little Boy." Between 8:30 and 10 p.m. there will be entertainment by individuals who have submitted performance art for the conference. Throughout the evening, items donated for the silent auction will be available for viewing and bidding. Winners will be announced at 10 p.m.

6-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21. A reception for the artists and the announcement of the art exhibit awards at the Weisman Art Museum, 333 East River Road, Minneapolis.

For more information or to register for the conference, see
www.malesurvivor.org/Conferences/2003/index.htm

What: University of Minnesota/Fermilab Neutrino Experiment
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FIRST OF TWO DETECTORS COMPLETED IN SOUDAN UNDERGROUND MINE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Scientists are one step closer to figuring out how much mass the subatomic particles known as neutrinos have.

Scientists of the Main Injector Neutrino Oscillation Search (MINOS) collaboration at the Department of Energy's Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory announced today, Aug. 14 as the official start of data-taking with the 6,000-ton detector for MINOS. In a search for a definitive answer about neutrino mass, the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Chicago will eventually send a beam of neutrinos underground to the MINOS detector, located deep in the University of Minnesota-run detection facility in Soudan Underground Mine State Park in northern Minnesota.

In July, after four years of mining and construction, workers finished building the first of two detectors for the MINOS particle physics experiment. Today, scientists announced the official startup of data-taking with the MINOS "far" detector, ahead of the scheduled completion in April 2004. Technicians will complete the assembly of a smaller "near" detector at Fermilab in August 2004.

"This is an important milestone in the worldwide quest to develop neutrino science," said Raymond Orbach, director of DOE's Office of Science. "The MINOS detector in Soudan, Minn., together with the new Fermilab neutrino beam line, will provide a detailed look at the secrets behind neutrino oscillations. It will complement the large-scale neutrino projects in Japan, Canada and Europe. Significantly, the completion of the detector comes nine months ahead of schedule."

The 100-foot-long detector consists of 486 massive octagonal planes, lined up like slices of a loaf of bread. Each plane consists of a sheet of steel about 25 feet high and one inch thick, covered on one side with a layer of scintillating plastic. To construct the detector, technicians had to transport all detector components in small sections via a narrow mine shaft in a tiny, historic elevator cage that once transported miners underground.

"It was like building a ship in a bottle," said MINOS spokesperson Stanley Wojcicki, physics professor at Stanford University. "We needed to bring all the material underground and assemble it right

there. The last step was to install a magnetic coil and energize it. MINOS is the only large-scale neutrino experiment underground that can separate neutrino and antineutrino interactions, allowing us to look for differences in their behavior."

At present, the new detector is recording cosmic ray showers penetrating the earth. The data will provide first tests of matter-antimatter symmetry in neutrino processes. In early 2005, when the construction of a neutrino beamline at Fermilab is complete, the experiment will enter its next phase. Scientists will use the far detector to "catch" neutrinos created at Fermilab's Main Injector accelerator in Batavia, Ill. The neutrinos will travel 450 miles straight through the earth from Fermilab to Soudan. The detector will allow scientists to directly study the oscillation of muon neutrinos into electron neutrinos or tau neutrinos under laboratory conditions. More than a trillion human-made neutrinos per year will pass through the MINOS detector in Soudan. Because neutrinos rarely interact with their surroundings, only about 1,500 of them will make a collision with an atomic nucleus inside the detector. The rest will traverse the detector without leaving a track.

Scientists have discovered three different types of neutrinos: electron, muon, and tau. The neutrinos play an important role in stellar processes like the creation of energy in stars as well as supernova explosions. Experimental results obtained over the last five years have confirmed that the evasive particles have mass and switch back and forth among their three different identities while traveling through space and matter. Scientists expect the MINOS experiment to provide the best measurement of neutrino properties associated with the so-called "atmospheric" oscillations.

Researchers hope that if the mass of neutrinos can be determined, so can their contribution to the total mass of the universe. Physicists estimate that about 80 to 90 percent of the mass in the universe is "dark matter"--matter that can't be seen. Of this, neutrinos could account for as much as 10 percent. If so, their combined mass--and the gravity associated with objects that have mass--could have played a role in the formation of stars and galaxies throughout the universe. Further, knowing how much mass is tied up in neutrinos might help physicists develop a Theory of Everything to explain gravity, electromagnetism and the forces operating in the atomic nucleus, all in the same terms.

"Neutrinos are the lightest particles with mass," said University of Minnesota physicist Earl Peterson. "We want to know what the family ties between neutrinos are, just as we already know the family ties between quarks--the building blocks of protons and neutrons."

Funding for the MINOS experiment has come from the DOE's Office of Science, the British Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council, the National Science Foundation, the State of Minnesota and the University of Minnesota. More than 200 scientists from Brazil, France, Greece, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States are involved in the project.

What: Special Mars observation course

When: 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Aug. 19-Sept. 4

Where: Room 329, Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Highway 7, Hopkins

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'COMPLEAT SCHOLARS' TO GET CLOSE-UP LOOK AT MARS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Considering Mars is closer to the Earth this month than it has been for more than 50,000 years, it's probably a good time to get out the telescope and take a good look. Participants in the U of M's College of Continuing Education Compleat Scholar program will get that chance in a special course Aug. 19-Sept. 4, at the Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Highway 7, Hopkins.

Between 8 and 10 each Tuesday and Thursday night, students in "Mars: A Closer Look At The Red Planet" will observe Mars through the 12-inch Sauter telescope atop the Eisenhower Community Center, seeing details not usually visible, even with a telescope.

Of course you have to be able to find Mars before you can observe it, so participants will also learn how to locate Mars among the stars, and discover what recent space missions have learned about it. (For instance, Mars has the largest known mountain and canyon in the solar system.) The class will also discuss notions about Mars past and present, such as the possibility of life on Mars and the likelihood of a manned mission there.

The College of Continuing Education's Compleat Scholar program gives adults the opportunity to tap into university and community experts to explore intriguing topics for fun and personal development. The program offers nearly 100 short evening and weekend courses and weekend retreats in topics ranging from studio arts and art history to writing, literature and the sciences.

For more information, call (612) 625-7777 or visit www.cce.umn.edu/scholars. o

8/18/2003

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U OF M RECEIVED MORE THAN HALF BILLION DOLLARS IN RESEARCH GRANTS IN PAST YEAR

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota again brought in more than half a billion dollars in research grants the past fiscal year--a total of \$512 million. The figure was down slightly from the previous year, mostly because the federal government did not have a budget in place until March 2003, causing a significant delay in grant awards.

"Even with budget cuts and a weak economy, our faculty are still bringing in considerable amounts of research funding," said David Hamilton, interim vice president for research. "Faculty also continue to draw the top students and stimulate more and more patentable ideas."

For the third consecutive year, a University of Florida report ranks the U as one of the top three public research universities in the country. That research continues to turn into companies and products that make a difference in the lives of Minnesotans. Over the past five years, the university has helped establish more than 35 start-up companies and now holds nearly 600 active technology transfer agreements with business and industry.

Patents issued for U of M discoveries are up 23 percent over last year and royalties generated by university-developed technologies are up almost 48 percent, to \$38.7 million. o

8/18/2003

- What:** Media welcome now to swim experiment
- When:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18
- Where:** Cooke 10 pool, University Aquatic Center, 1910 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Catherine Peloquin, University News Service, cell (612) 730-3369

SWIM EXPERIMENT

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Media is welcome to join the University of Minnesota swimming experiment currently in progress. Preliminary testing this morning have yielded surprising results. Media members are welcome to take part in the test and swim in the pool. We are hoping to clear out by 2 p.m. at the latest.

Media can enter through the landing doors on the south side of the Aquatic Center facing the Radisson Hotel. Look for white bike racks and signs saying water experiment.

8/19/2003

What: 'U' response to presidential search court decision
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'U' REGENTS REVIEWING OPTIONS REGARDING PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COURT DECISION

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota board of regents is considering its legal options in response to today's (Aug. 19) Court of Appeals decision in a case challenging its constitutional autonomy with regard to compliance with Minnesota's open meeting law in the search for a new president.

"We're disappointed in this decision, said General Counsel Mark Rotenberg. "This is an important case for the university and the board and I are reviewing our legal options at this time."

This case arose out of a November 2002 decision by the board of regents to conduct a closed meeting in order to keep the names of semifinalists for the position of president of the university private. According to Rotenberg, this was a rare case and a very narrow exception to the board's commitment to conducting its business in public.

The court has extended for 30 days the lower court's stay on releasing the finalists' names during that time. □

8/19/2003

What: University of Minnesota Maroon and Gold Day
When: Sunday, Aug. 24
Where: Minnesota State Fair
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A GREAT TRADITION CONTINUES: THE U AT THE FAIR

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Answer: Cheese curds, mini-donuts and the University of Minnesota.

Question: Name three things you can always count on at the Minnesota State Fair.

This year, the U of M will once again be a big part of the Great Minnesota Get Together. The highlight is an entire day of special events during Maroon and Gold Day, Sunday, Aug. 24 at the U of M building, on Dan Patch Avenue and Underwood Street.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., test your knowledge of the university in the "Know Your U" trivia contest, open to anyone who wants to try to win a fabulous prize.

From 2 to 3 p.m., it's the Maroon and Gold Day Parade, featuring the 300-piece University of Minnesota marching band and U of M athletes.

Just before 3 p.m., President Robert Bruininks will introduce the university's Legendary Barbeque Blues Band, which will entertain everyone visiting the many university exhibits inside the building.

The U's athletics booth in the building will also be the site of special events. Football fans can buy the Famous Dave's Football Feast Package, which is available only at the fair. For \$40, fans get tickets to the Gopher football opener, two long-sleeve football shirts and a \$20 gift certificate to any Famous Dave's restaurant.

Saturday, Aug. 23 is Gopher Sports Day at the fair, with athletes and coaches on hand for Q and A sessions, autographs and an eating contest between the offensive and defensive lines. The players will wolf down Famous Dave's "pig wings" prepared down the street at the Holland Grill Cooking Stage. Goldy Gopher will lead the procession to personally deliver the wings to the players.

The U stage will feature special demonstrations and guests every day--everything from robots invented by students to the police department's K-9 officer, to swimsuits over the years. Watch for daily updates throughout the fair.

For more information, go to www.umn.edu/statefair. o

8/21/2003

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA SEPTEMBER STARWATCH by Deane Morrison

Fading but still glorious, Mars continues to dominate the sky in September. Rivals Jupiter and Venus return from trips behind the sun, but they can't match the Red Planet's splendor. Also this month, the seasons change as the sun "falls" into autumn and the harvest moon makes its annual appearance.

Now that Earth and Mars have completed their closest encounter in 50,000 years or so, our planet leaves its mysterious neighbor in the dust as we speed away in our orbit of the sun. But with brilliance to burn, Mars remains brighter than normal even as it dims. For more than a month, Mars has had no challengers to its claim of supremacy over the night sky--and that is too bad. If Jupiter had shared the sky with Mars during the peak of its brightness, it would have been striking to see, for once, usually lackluster Mars outshining big bright Jupiter. Mars comes out in the southeast after nightfall, still low in the sky. If you have a telescope, watch the planet's south polar ice cap. With summer beginning in the southern hemisphere this month, the ice sheet may melt away to almost nothing, especially when the planet is so close to the sun.

Jupiter climbs ever higher in the morning sky, rising two and a half hours before the sun by month's end. Mercury joins the king of planets in the second two weeks of the month, appearing in the east well below and a little to the left of its brighter neighbor. A thin crescent moon visits the pair of planets on the 24th. As usual, Mercury doesn't get very high, but binoculars will help you find it.

Venus, having just whizzed around the sun, returns to the evening sky. Unfortunately, it is still too low to find easily.

Fall arrives officially at 5:48 a.m. CDT on the 23rd, when the sun passes over the equator en

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route to the southern sky. At that moment, Earth's poles point neither toward nor away from the sun, and days and nights are equal in length. Since the spring equinox, the Northern Hemisphere has enjoyed longer days than nights, and the farther north you went, the longer the daylight. At the fall equinox everything reverses, and the farther north you go, the shorter the days. This pattern will hold until the spring equinox, when the North Pole starts tilting toward the sun again.

Every year around the time of the fall equinox, the near-full moon rises earlier than usual from night to night. Farmers take advantage of this phenomenon to work late in their fields, bringing in the harvest before frost sets in. We call the full moon closest to the equinox the harvest moon, and this year's falls on the morning of the 10th, several hours after moonset. Actually, the full moon of October falls almost as close to the equinox, so farmers get what amounts to a second harvest moon. During both months, the moon rises about 20 minutes later from night to night as it approaches and passes the full phase. Compare this to March, when the near-full moon rises an hour and 20 minutes later from night to night at our latitude and the Southern Hemisphere reaps the benefits of a harvest moon.

The September sky hosts a string of watery constellations. Aquarius, the water bearer, appears above Mars, and the Circlet of Pisces, the fish, can be seen below the Great Square of Pegasus. Piscis Austrinus, the southern fish, with its bright star Fomalhaut, swims below Mars. If you look just northeast of Altair, the southernmost star in the bright Summer Triangle, you can see little Delphinus, the dolphin, leaping near the river of light we call the Milky Way. Even Capricornus, a dim constellation west of Mars, qualifies as a water symbol. Known as the Sea Goat, it has been depicted as both a regular goat and a goat with the tail of a fish.

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8/21/03 Starwatch is also on the Web at www.unews.umn.edu.**

8/22/2003

What: United Nations Human Rights Norms
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LAW PROFESSOR HELPS DRAFT UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS FOR COMPANIES

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota Law School Professor David Weissbrodt helped write new United Nations standards aimed at fostering greater corporate social responsibility.

The United Nations Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights adopted the standards last week.

Weissbrodt, a member and former chairman of the Sub-Commission, said the standards, the "U.N. Norms on the Responsibilities of Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises with Regard to Human Rights," are designed to provide guidance to companies.

"Given all the news that's been coming across about Enron, Qualcomm, etc., this is an attempt by the U.N. to provide guidance to companies about what human rights expectations they should fulfill," Weissbrodt said.

"There is a large community of people out there with concerns about corporate social responsibility," he said.

The U.N. human rights standards build on past work done by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the International Labor Organization, the U.N. Secretary General's Global Compact and such things as the "Minnesota Principles," which were initially adopted by the Minnesota Business Partnership and adopted in revised form by the Caux Roundtable--an international forum of businesses that convened in Switzerland, but which has its offices here in Minnesota.

Throughout the U.N. drafting process, Weissbrodt and others sought extensive input from governments, intergovernmental organizations, nongovernmental organizations, transnational corporations, other business enterprises, unions and other interested parties.

"This is said to be the most comprehensive set of standards applicable to businesses. It focuses very broadly on human rights," Weissbrodt said. The standards are already making an impact, he said.

"In several nongovernmental agencies, including Amnesty International and Christian Aid, they have already been using the draft standards as their basis for campaign documents," Weissbrodt said. "When international organizations consider doing business with a company, they can assess the company based

on the human rights standards.”

In addition, investors who wish to have their investments placed in socially responsible companies have used the guidelines in their assessments.O

8/25/2003

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TO HOST MULTICULTURAL KICKOFF DAY FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

About 250 incoming students of color at the University of Minnesota and their parents will be attending a Multicultural Kick-off Day Wednesday, Aug. 27, from 11:30 am. to 8 p.m. at Coffman Memorial Union Great Hall.

The event is organized by the U of M Office of Multicultural and Academic Affairs (OMAA) to welcome the new students and their parents and celebrate the diversity of the university. The day will be devoted to helping students and their parents get the inside scoop on the U and will include a quick refresher course on the most important things new students need to remember from their orientation. There will be special sessions that will provide information for students participating in scholarship, work study, research and volunteer programs.

The students and parents will also be introduced to the various ethnic units on campus such as the student cultural centers and the departments of African and Afro American studies, Chicano Studies, Native American Studies and the new minor program in Asian American Studies.

There will also be musical entertainment from 2:15 to 3:30, a salsa dance class at 5:30 and a motivational speaker. For their participation in the event, the students and parents also receive free tickets for this Saturday's Gopher football game.

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8/25/2003

What: Center for Urban and Regional Affairs receives Minneapolis Foundation grant

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CENTER FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS RECEIVES MINNEAPOLIS FOUNDATION GRANT: NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TO GO HIGH TECH

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--A two-year, \$132,000 grant from The Minneapolis Foundation's Community Action Funds has been awarded to the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs for its Neighborhood Planning and Community Revitalization (NPCR) program. Part of the money will allow NPCR to use electronic devices to gather data and expand the use of geographic information systems for neighborhood planning and more efficient data collection.

Neighborhood Planning and Community Revitalization plans to use the grant to support the collection of accurate neighborhood data, to integrate neighborhood data with public data in order to analyze and present neighborhood conditions and issues, and to provide support for inter-neighborhood cooperation to more effectively advocate for plans and programs to benefit neighborhoods.

Neighborhood organizations are rich storehouses of information and knowledge; unfortunately, a lot of this knowledge is not documented or organized for effective use. By establishing common data formats, data archives, entry forms and report formats, NPCR can help standardize data documentation to improve comparisons over time and cross neighborhood use of data.

To make data gathering more efficient, Palm Pilots or other hand-held electronic devices will be used to enter and electronically download data onto a spreadsheet for tabulation. NPCR will also investigate creating shared data storage on the NPCR Web site to archive information and facilitate cross-neighborhood analysis.

NPCR is part of a growing number of projects that involve multiple neighborhoods. One example is the North Minneapolis Southeast Asian Initiative, which involves four neighborhood organizations and the Southeast Asian Community Council. This initiative responds to a need for better communication between Southeast Asian residents in North Minneapolis.

Neighborhood Planning for Community Revitalization has been providing research assistance to Minneapolis and St. Paul neighborhood organizations and community development corporations for 10 years. NPCR supports student research assistants—and occasionally faculty researchers—to carry out neighborhood-initiated and neighborhood-guided projects. NPCR is on the Web at www.npcr.org.

CURA has been connecting resources at the University of Minnesota with community and neighborhood organizations for 35 years. In addition to NPCR, CURA supports more than a dozen programs that provide research support and technical assistance to community organizations and government agencies throughout Minnesota. CURA is on the Web at www.cura.umn.edu

The Minneapolis Foundation is a statewide center for philanthropy, distributing more than \$30 million in grants each year, sharing its philanthropic expertise with other foundations and engaging the community on critical social issues through public information campaigns and meetings.

The Minneapolis Foundation manages assets of approximately \$500 million, administers more than 700 charitable funds and partners with a variety of communities and institutions to improve the quality of life in our region. Established in 1915, The Minneapolis Foundation is the oldest foundation in Minnesota and one of the nation's largest community foundations. For more information, go to www.MinneapolisFoundation.org. ○

**To contact a Housing and Residential Life manager on Saturday, call
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- What:** 2003 University of Minnesota housing move-in and opening weekend events
- When:** Saturday, Aug. 30 (Residence halls open at 8 a.m.)
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IT'S MOVE-IN DAY AT U OF M RESIDENCE HALLS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--More than 6,600 students will unload books, beds and boxes Saturday, Aug. 30, as they move into University of Minnesota residence halls and apartments on the Twin Cities campus.

Approximately 4,500 of those students are new to student housing this year. The U of M guarantees housing for all its freshmen. This year, everyone who was promised a room can move in right away--no students are relegated to off campus alternatives for the first few weeks.

Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, will be open both Saturday and Sunday to help students ring in the new school year. Special events Saturday include hypnotist Jim Wand, who will perform at 8 and 10 p.m. in the Great Hall; karaoke from 8 to 11:30 p.m. in the Whole; and the movie "Bruce Almighty," at 8 and 10 p.m. in the Coffman Theater. All events are free.

Also Saturday, students can pick up free pom-poms at a pepfest before Saturday's Gopher football opener. The pepfest, which will include the U of M Alumni band, will start at 3 p.m. at the plaza next to Coffman, with free shuttle buses running to the game, beginning at 5 p.m.

The University Bookstore at Coffman will be open both Saturday and Sunday. Extra staff will cover 60 cash registers to handle the textbook crunch.

Sunday is the 3rd annual Target Residence Hall Night. Students can take a free bus to a Target store to pick up last minute items and register to win prizes. O

8/29/2003

- What:** 6th annual New Student Convocation
- When:** 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2
- Where:** Northrop Mall and Auditorium
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CLASS OF '07 WELCOMED IN NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota will give its class of 2007 a warm welcome into the university community at the sixth annual New Student Convocation from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2. The ceremony will include a colorful procession down Northrop Mall, followed by a program in Northrop Auditorium and a celebration at Coffman Union.

The convocation is designed to give new students a feel for the tradition and pride at the university while welcoming them to the community and campus.

Here is the complete schedule for the New Student Convocation:

4:30-5:30 p.m. Traditional academic procession on Northrop Mall, followed by a formal welcoming address from President Robert Bruininks and insights from faculty members in Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church Street S.E., Minneapolis.

5:30-7:30 p.m. The U of M marching band will lead students back down the mall for a dinner and celebration at Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

For more information on orientation and first-year programs, go to www.ofyp.umn.edu. o

9/2/2003

What: No smoking at building entrances policy

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U OF M BUILDING ENTRANCES TO BE SMOKE FREE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota will be implementing its policy prohibiting smoking within 25 feet of building entrances. Small signs outlining the policy are being placed on doors of buildings on the Twin Cities campus. The policy was drafted by the university's committee on Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD) last year.

"We want our students and visitors to be able to enter and exit our buildings without going through a cloud of smoke," said Dr. Marilyn Joseph, medical director of Boynton Health Service. "This policy also reduces the amount of smoke that blows back into the building when people walk through."

Hennepin County implemented a similar policy several years ago that has been successful.

Smoking continues to be the leading cause of preventable death in the United States. o

9/2/2003

What: Big Urban Game (BUG)
When: Wednesday, Sept. 3-Sunday, Sept. 7
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GIANT GAME PIECES HIT THE ROAD AS BIG URBAN GAME BEGINS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The mayor of St. Paul and the president of the University of Minnesota will help send 25-foot-tall inflatable game pieces on their way Wednesday, Sept. 3, as the first-ever Big Urban Game (BUG) kicks off in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Presented by the U of M Design Institute, the BUG is a free five-day event that will transform the Twin Cities into a 108-square-mile game board. Teams will race giant red, yellow or blue game pieces along three different routes over city streets, parks, sidewalks, rivers and bridges toward a final shared destination.

As players in the BUG, members of the public will be able to sign up to support a team, then vote for the five-mile route their game piece races along each day, via the BUG Web site at www.bug.umn.edu. Players are also invited to join their teammates and the community at each daily checkpoint--where they can boost the ranking of their piece by rolling giant dice. The winner will be determined by the shortest cumulative time between checkpoints along the 25-mile course.

Here are the starting checkpoints for Wednesday, Sept. 3:

- Blue piece starts at 6 p.m. at 28th Street and Blaisdell Avenue, adjacent to Fire Station No. 8, Minneapolis. Minneapolis Deputy Mayor David Fey will fire the starting gun.
- Red piece starts at 6 p.m. at University and Malcolm avenues S.E. near the Witch's Hat Watch Tower, Minneapolis. University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks will fire the starting gun.
- Yellow piece starts at 6 p.m. at the Wabasha Street Bridge at Kellogg Boulevard., Saint Paul. St. Paul Mayor Randy Kelly will fire the starting gun.

End Checkpoints

- Blue piece end checkpoint around 8 p.m. at the Lake Harriet Bandshell, Lake Harriet Parkway and W. 42nd Street. Dice roll from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Red piece end checkpoint around 8 p.m. at the Stone Arch Bridge, north side, Pillsbury Park entrance to bridge, Minneapolis. Dice roll from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Yellow piece end checkpoint around 8 p.m. at the Scheffer Recreation Center, Marion Street and Thomas Avenue, St. Paul. Dice roll from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. o

9/4/2003

What: Opening of 25 technologically renovated classrooms
When: 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5
Where: Room 120 Blegen Hall, 269 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
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CLASSROOMS OF THE FUTURE ONLINE TODAY AT THE U OF M

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--They're the classrooms of the future: a fixed video/data projector, user-friendly interface and control systems, laptop capability, various input devices, better accessibility, flexible modular design and more.

At 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks will help unveil 25 refurbished classrooms that let students and instructors take advantage of cutting edge technology. The "re-opening" ceremony will be in room 120 Blegen Hall, 269 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

In addition to the improved technology infrastructure, the \$1.5 million project modified the rooms to enhance acoustics and reduce ambient noise, added whiteboards for better student visibility of writing surfaces and to reduce chalk dust, and upgraded the ventilation systems.

Student learning is also enhanced by new lights that are much more energy efficient and cost effective than the old ones. Wider doors with proper hardware also make these previously inaccessible classrooms fully accessible and ADA compliant.

Because Blegen is the largest general purpose classroom building on the Twin Cities campus, the entire project was done during the summer so the building was not out of commission during semester classes. The project was a successful joint effort by the university units: Facilities Management Design & Construction, Office of Classroom Management (OCM) Facilities coordinators and OCM Classroom Technical Services. o

9/4/2003

What: Big Urban Game (BUG) update
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RED JUMPS OUT TO LEAD IN BIG URBAN GAME

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The red team sits atop the leader board after the first day of the Big Urban Game (BUG). The BUG is the five-day event presented by the U of M Design Institute that's turning the Twin Cities into a 108-square-mile game board.

The red team's leading time is 43:00. The blue team is second at 51:00, with yellow coming in at 1:08:00.

Here are the starting and ending checkpoints for Thursday, Sept. 4:

Starting Checkpoints

• Red piece starts at 6 p.m. at Bethune Park, Emerson Avenue N. and Eighth Avenue N., Minneapolis

• Blue piece starts at 6 p.m. at Pratt Street and Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis.

• Yellow piece starts at 6 p.m. at Lexington Parkway and Summit Avenue, St. Paul

End Checkpoints

• Red piece end checkpoint around 8 p.m. at the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, Hennepin Avenue and Vineland Place. Dice roll from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

• Blue piece end checkpoint around 8 p.m. at Hiawatha Park, 43rd Street E. and 19th Avenue S., Minneapolis. Dice roll from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

• Yellow piece end checkpoint around 8 p.m. at Schultz-Highland Park, Snelling and Hillcrest avenues, St. Paul. Dice roll from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For the latest information on the race, go to www.bug.umn.edu.

9/5/2003

- What:** News conference to announce gift
- When:** 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 5
- Where:** Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex, 600 15th Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
- Who:** President Robert Bruininks, Athletics Director Joel Maturi, Head Football Coach Glen Mason
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U OF M RECEIVES SIGNIFICANT GIFT

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks, Athletics Director Joel Maturi and football coach Glen Mason will hold a news conference at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 5 at the Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex, 600 15th Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, to announce a significant gift to the university. o

9/5/2003

What: Gopher Football Shuttle to Metrodome
When: September Gopher football games
Where: Coffman Union plaza, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
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GOPHER FOOTBALL FANS CAN TAKE FREE SHUTTLE BUS FROM COFFMAN

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Gopher football fans can begin their fall game days at Coffman Union, where they can hop on the free Gopher Football Shuttle to the Metrodome.

Fans can catch the shuttle on the plaza at Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, at 5:45 p.m. The buses will run until 7:15 p.m. and return to the plaza after the game.

So far, the shuttle is scheduled to run football Saturdays in September, but high ridership could create runs for additional games as the season goes on. Nearly 500 fans took the bus to the Gopher opener Aug. 30. o

9/5/2003

What: \$35 million gift for U of M stadium
Who: Robert Bruininks, president
T. Denny Sanford
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GIFT FOR NEW STADIUM WOULD BE LARGEST IN U OF M HISTORY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota alum, St. Paul, Minn. native and former Orono, Minn., resident T. Denny Sanford has pledged a \$35 million contribution to the University of Minnesota to create a matching gift fund for the construction of a new Gopher football stadium and field on the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus. It would be the largest single gift in the university's 152-year history.

"The university is grateful to Denny Sanford for creating a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity--this historic moment--for the University of Minnesota," said University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks. "This gift has the potential to transform the student experience and the campus for generations to come."

"I am thrilled to be able to play a lead role in helping to turn the dream of returning Gopher football to the U of M campus into a reality," said Sanford, a 1958 graduate in business administration. "I have fond memories of games in Memorial Stadium, and I think it is a tragedy that an entire generation of university alumni does not know the exhilaration of an outdoor, crisp autumn Big Ten football game."

As a result of this offer and the interest that other private donors have shown in such a project, Bruininks said the university has stepped up efforts to explore the feasibility of an on-campus stadium.

"I want to stress that we are in the very early stages of exploring an on-campus stadium within the context of existing academic priorities," said Bruininks. "We have the added challenge of moving the university's primary academic mission forward while managing historic budget reductions."

Specifically, the university is studying the facility requirements, including size, amenities, and training, locker room and other needs; construction, development and operation costs; the market demand and revenue opportunities; the potential for academic and student uses of such a facility; and the potential for private fund-raising.

Because these efforts are in the early stages, Bruininks declined to discuss any specifics, including the potential cost, financing or size of such a facility. "We are a public institution, and we have a responsibility to rigorously assess the feasibility and parameters of this project," he said. "As we move forward, this will be a very public and transparent process, including the feasibility of private

fund-raising.”

With regard to the financing, Bruininks said the university’s most important priority is to ensure that a stadium project does not detract from the university’s academic priorities. “We are not going to do this in a way that siphons much-needed resources away from our teaching and research mission,” Bruininks explained. “However, I believe that we can raise substantial amounts of private funds to support a stadium that wouldn’t otherwise come to the university.”

Last year, the university and the Minnesota Vikings completed a study of a joint Gopher-Vikings football stadium on campus. Through that analysis, both parties concluded that such a project did not meet their needs. However, during the study process, the university learned that significant support exists among students, faculty, staff, alumni and campus neighbors for bringing Gopher football back to campus. University officials say the information gathered in the study is being used to inform the current effort to look at a Gopher-only facility.

Sanford, 67, lives in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is the chairman of the board of United National Bank Holding Co. in Sioux Falls and First Premier Capital Leasing Company in Edina, Minn. United National is the country’s highest-earning privately owned bank holding company, with assets over \$1 billion and more than 2,000 employees.

Sanford is also chairman and founder of the Sanford Foundation--a Sioux Falls-based foundation involved in charitable activities throughout the Midwest. The Sanford Foundation funded the creation of HOME in Rapid City, S.D., and continues to endow the Children’s Home Society of South Dakota at two locations.

Sanford’s two sons, William and Scott, and his brother, Chuck, all attended the University of Minnesota. □

9/5/2003

What: Big Urban Game (BUG) weekend update
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RED MAINTAINS LEAD AS BUG HEADS INTO THIRD DAY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Two days into the Big Urban Game (BUG), the red team is maintaining its lead with a time of 1:27:00. The blue team is second at 1:30:00, with yellow following at 1:52:00.

The BUG is the five-day event presented by the U of M Design Institute that's turning the Twin Cities into a 108-square-mile game board.

Here are the starting and ending checkpoints for Friday, Sept. 5:

Starting Checkpoints

- Red piece starts at 6 p.m. at Bethune Park, Emerson and Eighth avenues N., Minneapolis
- Blue piece starts at 6 p.m. at Pratt Street and Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis.
- Yellow piece starts at 6 p.m. at Lexington Parkway and Summit Avenue, St. Paul

End Checkpoints

- Red piece end checkpoint around 8 p.m. at the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, Hennepin Avenue and Vineland Place. Dice roll from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Blue piece end checkpoint around 8 p.m. at Hiawatha Park, 43rd Street E. and 19th Avenue S., Minneapolis. Dice roll from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Yellow piece end checkpoint around 8 p.m. at Schultz-Highland Park, Snelling and Hillcrest avenues, St. Paul. Dice roll from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Here are the checkpoints for Saturday, Sept. 6:

Starting checkpoints

- Red piece starts at 6 p.m. at the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden.
- Blue piece starts at 6 p.m. at Hiawatha Park.
- Yellow piece starts at 6 p.m. at Schultz-Highland Park.

End checkpoints

- Red piece end checkpoint around 8 p.m. at East Phillips Park, 24th Street E. and Cedar Avenue S. Dice roll from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Blue piece end checkpoint around 8 p.m. at Ford Motor Co. plant, Ford Parkway and Woodlawn

Avenue, St. Paul. Dice roll from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

- Yellow piece end checkpoint around 8 p.m. at Minnehaha Falls, Minneapolis. Dice roll from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The race ends between noon and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, at the Lake Street-Marshall Avenue bridge, with a post-game party from 2 to 4 p.m.

For the latest information on the race, go to www.bug.umn.edu.

9/5/2003

What: Update on 'U' labor negotiations
Who: Carol Carrier, vice president for human resources
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U OF M REACHES TENTATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH TWO AFSCME UNITS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota has reached tentative agreements with the AFSCME technical and healthcare units. The leadership of these units have indicated that their plan is to bring these agreements to their members for discussion and ratification votes within the next month.

"These tentative agreements are a positive step that will help preserve jobs as we manage a historic budget reduction," said Carol Carrier, university vice president for human resources. "I want to thank the leaders of these bargaining units for their hard work at the negotiating table."

Despite offering a similar proposal, the university was unable to reach an agreement with the AFSCME clerical unit, which represents 1,900 clerical workers on all campuses.

"We are disappointed that after many days of mediation, we were unable to settle with our AFSCME clerical unit," said Carrier. "We have offered a fair and equitable proposal, consistent with the sacrifice we're asking of all employees this year."

Specifically, Carrier said that faculty and nonrepresented staff are not getting wage or salary increases this fiscal year and will pay more for health care benefits.

The university declined to articulate the details of the tentative agreements or the AFSCME clerical proposal, leaving it to the representatives of those groups to discuss them with members. □

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- What:** Press conference and announcement of 'U' fund-raising total
When: 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10
Where: Memorial Hall, first floor, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis
Who: Robert Bruininks, president
Russ Bennett, volunteer chair
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U OF M TO ANNOUNCE TOTAL IN HISTORIC FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota will announce the results of its seven-year fund-raising effort, Campaign Minnesota, at a press conference at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10, in Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E. Minneapolis.

The announcement by President Robert Bruininks and volunteer leaders of the campaign will include music, balloons, confetti and the unfurling of a banner of the campaign total.

The campaign total is the second highest ever raised by a public university in the United States and more than the university had previously raised during its entire history prior to 1996. Nearly 220,000 donors contributed to Campaign Minnesota.

Campaign Minnesota was launched in 1996, with a goal of raising \$1.3 billion. In 2002, the university announced that it had surpassed that initial goal a year early. The campaign closed on June 30, 2003, and this will be the first time the final figures have been released. □

9/9/2003

What: U of M Board of Regents monthly meetings
When: Thursday and Friday, Sept. 11-12
Where: Suite 600, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis
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U OF M BOARD TO REVIEW 2004 CAPITAL REQUEST

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota board of regents will hold its monthly meetings Thursday, Sept. 11, and Friday, Sept. 12, on the Twin Cities campus in Suite 600 of the McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis.

The board will review the university's proposed \$189 million 2004 state capital request. University President Robert Bruininks is recommending the university seek \$155.5 million from the state of Minnesota and that the university commit \$33.2 million to support critical facilities needs. The majority of the funds would be spent on health and safety, systems, utility, security and classroom upgrades on all campuses.

Only \$25 million of the request would support new construction, including planning funds for business school expansions on the Twin Cities and Duluth campuses and an energy cogeneration facility on the Morris campus.

"This proposal is highly focused on meeting critical facilities needs and advancing our teaching and research mission," said Bruininks. If approved, it would be the university's smallest capital request in recent history.

Alcohol and tobacco policies and prevention and education programs will be discussed in committee. Current data show alcohol use among university students is decreasing, but while lower than national averages, incidents of excessive alcohol use are on the rise. Tobacco use by undergraduates is also declining.

In other business, progress on a partnership with Mayo Clinic, authorized last year by the Minnesota Legislature, will be discussed in committee. The university's biotechnology and medical genomics partnership with Mayo Clinic would use \$2 million in state funding over the next two years and \$1 million each from the university and Mayo to begin a research partnership which will ultimately leverage federal research dollars. The partnership is to present a business plan to the Governor by Oct. 1.

Select committee meetings and agenda items follow. All meetings will be held on the sixth floor of the McNamara Alumni Center.

Thursday, Sept. 11

8:15-9:30 a.m. Audit Committee, East Committee Room. Internal audit update and review of the committee workplan.

9:45-11:45 a.m. Educational Planning and Policy Committee, East Committee Room. Update on the university-Minnesota State Colleges and Universities partnership to meet higher education needs in the metropolitan area. Update on the university-Mayo partnership.

9:45-11:45 a.m. Facilities Committee, West Committee Room. Review and act on schematic plans for the Scholars Walk. Review of the committee workplan.

2:15-4:15 p.m. Faculty, Staff and Student Affairs Committee, West Committee Room. Annual report on faculty and staff diversity at the university. Discussion of institutional policies on alcohol and tobacco.

2:15-4:15 p.m. Finance and Operations Committee, East Committee Room. Discuss asset allocations study. Receive update on plans for replacing the university's financial system.

Friday, Sept. 12

9-11:30 a.m. Board of regents, Boardroom. Recognize Kamil Ugurbil, McKnight Presidential Endowed Chair in Radiology. President's and chair's reports. Review select board policies. Review the 2004 capital request.

The complete board agenda can be found at www.umn.edu/regents. □

9/10/2003

What: Hope not Hate: A Town Hall on U.S.-Islamic World Relations

When: 4-6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12

Where: Cowles Auditorium, 301 19th Ave. S, Minneapolis

Who: David Minge, Minnesota Appeals Court judge and former U.S. congressman

Hugh Parmer, executive director, American Refugee Committee and former top official of USAID

Hamdy El-Sazwaf, director, Islamic Center of Minnesota

Doug Johnson, executive director, Center for Victims of Torture

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YOUNG LEADERS AT UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TO HOST TOWN HALL ON U.S.-ISLAMIC WORLD RELATIONS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Americans for Informed Democracy (AID) at the University of Minnesota and the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs Student Association will host a Town Hall on U.S.-Islamic world relations from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, at the Humphrey Center Cowles Auditorium, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

Among the more than 250 guests expected to participate in the discussion are David Minge, a Minnesota Court of Appeals judge and former U.S. congressman; Hugh Parmer, executive director of the American Refugee Committee and former top official of USAID; Hamdy El-Sawaf, director of the Islamic Center of Minnesota; Doug Johnson, executive director of the Center for Victims of Torture.

The University of Minnesota Town Hall is part of a nationwide initiative called "Hope not Hate," which seeks to facilitate broad, inclusive dialogue on how the United States and the Islamic world can work together to stem growing mutual hatred. The Town Halls will occur in more than a dozen cities across the country and are expected to involve more than 3,000 citizens.

Confirmed speakers for other Town Halls include former Attorney General Janet Reno, former Connecticut Congressman Sam Gejdenson, Al Jazeera host Hafez Al-Mirazi, Gen. William Nash, former Assistant Secretary of State Karl Inderfurth, United Nations Association President William

Luers, Ambassador Mokhtar Lamani, U.S. Rep. Rush Holt, D-N.J., Ambassador Richard Murphy, Save the Children President Charles MacCormack, U.S. News senior editor Kevin Whitelaw, and UCLA professor Khaled Abou El Fadl.

"We're trying to facilitate a critical discussion while promoting an atmosphere that encourages American and Muslim leaders to serve as role models for U.S.-Islamic world relations based on mutual respect and understanding," said Luke Robinson, campus coordinator of AID at the University of Minnesota.

Americans for Informed Democracy is a nonpartisan student organization that seeks to raise awareness in the United States about world opinions and to counteract anti-American sentiment overseas, with the ultimate goal of greater multilateralism in world affairs. ○

9/10/2003

What: Prayer service and peace pole dedication
When: Noon Thursday, Sept. 11
Where: Northrop Plaza
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INTERFAITH CAMPUS COALITION TO HOLD 9/11 PRAYER SERVICE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota Interfaith Campus Coalition will hold a prayer service on the U's Northrop Plaza at noon Thursday, Sept. 11.

The centerpiece of the service will be the dedication of a "Peace Pole." The pole states, "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in English, Hebrew, Arabic and Ojibway. There are more than 200,000 peace poles in 180 countries, representing an international movement for peace.

"We in the Interfaith Campus Coalition felt it was important to remember September 11th by committing ourselves to building a world of peace," said the Rev. Doug Donley, pastor of University Baptist Church and a representative of the Interfaith Campus Coalition.

The half-hour service will include a Native American drum ensemble and Jewish, Christian and Muslim prayers for peace. This will be the third year the Interfaith Campus Coalition has led prayer services on Northrop Plaza on September 11th.

"We hope people will stop and think about what we need to do to secure peace in the world," said Donley. "We can't think of a better way to commemorate this tragic day."

For more information, call (612) 331-1768.o

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What: U of M American Indian Cultural House Fall Feast and Open House
When: noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13
Where: Comstock Hall, 210 Delaware St. S.E. Minneapolis
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NEW U PROGRAM CREATES COMMUNITY ON CAMPUS FOR AMERICAN INDIAN FRESHMEN

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL-- The American Indian Cultural House (AICH), a pilot program at the University of Minnesota aimed at helping American Indian students adjust to campus life, will host a fall feast and open house from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, in the ballroom of Comstock Hall, 210 Delaware St. S.E., Minneapolis.

AICH is a living and learning community on the university's Twin Cities campus open to all incoming freshmen who are either American Indians or students interested in the American Indian culture. According to AICH founder Jillian Berkland, it is the first such retention program among Big Ten universities and only the third of its kind in the nation. Harvard and Dartmouth are the other two.

Berkland, a recruiter in the university's Office of Admissions and a former academic advisor, learned that many first-year students have trouble adapting to life on campus. This is especially true for American Indian students. Many come from reservations and experience cultural shock and isolation when they first arrive on campus. Berkland feels AICH will create a sense of community for these students, help them adapt to college and increase retention rates among American Indians.

At the open house, AICH students and parents are invited to meet with representatives from the University's American Indian Studies Department and American Indian Student Cultural Center. An Ojibwe elder will give blessing and James Anderson, son of Famous Dave's BBQ founder Dave Anderson, will give a welcome speech.

"The goal of AICH is to provide a supportive community where the academic experiences of students will be nurtured and enriched," Berkland said. "It will also help students make friends and find their niche on campus."

Ten students are participating in the house this fall. They live in Comstock Hall and take courses together, form study groups and participate in activities that celebrate American Indian culture.

AICH is a partnership between the American Indian Studies Department and the Office of Housing and Residential Life.

9/10/2003

What: Private donations to U set record

Who: Robert Bruininks, president
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U OF M REACHES \$1.656 BILLION IN CAMPAIGN MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota announced today (Sept. 10) that it raised \$1,655,703,867 in cash and pledges during its seven-year fund-raising effort, Campaign Minnesota. The campaign surpassed its original goal of \$1.3 billion and is the second most successful fund-raising campaign of any public university in the nation.

More than 220,000 individuals, foundations and other organizations contributed to the campaign, including 85,600 alumni and 11,000 faculty and staff. Nearly half--113,000--were first-time donors to the university.

"The results from Campaign Minnesota have been truly amazing," said university President Robert Bruininks. "The University of Minnesota is a different place today than it was seven years ago, and this transformation would not have happened without the generosity of hundreds of thousands of people. I am intensely proud of our alumni and friends, who have shown how important the university is to the people and state of Minnesota."

The final year of the campaign (July 1, 2002-June 30, 2003) brought in \$234 million in gifts and pledges, the most ever raised in a single year.

"Campaign Minnesota has set a new standard for the university in its fund-raising goals, and even though it was a great success, we will not be taking a break from fund-raising," said Bruininks. "The need for private support is actually greater than ever, to help students meet the cost of tuition, to maintain the quality of our programs, to support critical areas of research, and to meet other needs."

Among the highlights of Campaign Minnesota:

- Scholarship and fellowship funding has tripled as a result of new gifts. Thousands more students are being helped today than before the campaign.
- 338 donors gave \$1 million or more. This included 19 who gave \$5 million to \$10 million and 17 who gave \$10 million or more.
- 110 new endowed faculty chairs and professorships were created. These are critical for retaining

and recruiting top scholars. There are 372 endowed positions at the university today.

- More than 25 facilities were built, expanded or renovated. New classrooms and laboratories have improved teaching and research. Two campuses have arts quarters, with the Weber Music Hall in Duluth and the Barbara Barker Dance Center and Regis Center for Art in the Twin Cities.

About half the amount raised, or \$683 million, was designated by donors for endowment, surpassing the endowment goal of \$540 million.

"A strong endowment helps to give the university financial stability," said Gerald B. Fischer, president and CEO of the University of Minnesota Foundation. "Endowment gifts are one of the best ways for donors to make a lasting difference on the quality of the university because they continue to benefit programs far into the future."

Hundreds of volunteers worked on behalf of university colleges and campuses to help get the word out about campaign goals. "A wonderful outcome of the campaign was that we were able to make connections with so many people about the work of the university and how alumni and friends could help," said Russell Bennett, '52, the volunteer chair of the campaign. "I have been very touched by how much people care about this university."

Private support provides about 12 percent of the university's revenues each year, and about 98 percent of all gifts are designated for specific uses by donors.

The campaign total includes cash gifts and future commitments such as bequests. □

9/11/2003

- What:** Largest 4-H recruitment night ever
- When:** Tuesday, Sept. 16
- Where:** 50 neighborhood sites throughout the metro
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GET GREEN! ADVENTURES IN 4-H RECRUITMENT NIGHT INCLUDES 50 LOCATIONS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--One of the largest 4-H recruitment efforts in Minnesota history will include 50 open houses in the seven Twin Cities metro counties all on one night: Tuesday, Sept. 16.

"Get Green! Adventures in 4-H" events will be held in Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington counties to attract more suburban youth to 4-H. Minnesota 4-H is a program of the University of Minnesota Extension Service.

"We want to make sure families in the Twin Cities metro area know that 4-H is not just for rural families," said Dorothy McCargo Freeman, Minnesota State 4-H Youth Development Program leader. "4-H includes short-term adventures for youth of all ages. There are also clubs in many urban areas. Projects like photography and creative arts are very popular."

During the evening, youth and their families can visit a neighborhood site, speak with members and nonmembers and learn about what 4-H has to offer, including projects, community involvement and youth leadership programs.

"Some sites will host project fairs, play games or build model planes, all designed for the fun of learning," said Freeman.

To find a list of the sites, see www.mn4H.org. Or call (763) 767-2881 to find a location in your neighborhood.

Media are welcome to visit any of the metro sites, including the following:

- Cedar Creek Community School
21108 Polk St N.E., Cedar
(763) 753-7150

Contact: Jill Hoffman. Visitors will make a straw rocket, a bee catcher game and a trail mix healthy snack.

- St. Victoria Catholic Church
8228 Victoria Dr., Victoria

(952) 443-2661

Time: 6:30-8 p.m.

- Columbia Heights Public Library
820 40th Ave N.E., Columbia Heights
(763) 706-3690
Contact: Anne Stevenson

ABOUT 4-H

Minnesota 4-H Youth Development reaches more than 168,000 young people in every part of Minnesota, from rural areas to inner-city neighborhoods. Through 4-H, young people learn practical life skills, serve their communities and develop leadership abilities. Today's 4-H programs address such issues as multicultural relations, use of technology and wetlands conservation, along with traditional programs such as livestock management and nutrition education. The Minnesota 4-H Foundation supports the educational programs offered through Minnesota 4-H Youth Development. The Foundation and 4-H programs are committed to the positive development of young people. The foundation acquires resources to support 4-H at the state and local levels.○

9/12/2003

What: 'U' president nominated to board by Bush
Who: Robert Bruininks, president
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BRUININKS NOMINATED TO FULBRIGHT BOARD

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--President George Bush has nominated University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks to the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board, effective Sept. 23, 2003.

"This is a great honor," said Bruininks. "The Fulbright Program has a distinguished history and has made invaluable contributions to advancing knowledge internationally, which is more important than ever in today's global economy."

The Fulbright Foreign Scholarship board was established by Congress to supervise the Fulbright Program and select students, scholars, teachers, trainees and others to participate in educational exchange programs. The 12-member board meets quarterly in Washington, D.C. Bruininks was nominated to a three-year term on the board, pending approval by Congress.

Bruininks, 61, is the 15th president of the University of Minnesota. Prior to assuming the presidency, he was executive vice president and provost, dean of the College of Education and Human Development and a professor of educational psychology. His research centers around accountability, policy research and development, and strategic improvement in K-12 and higher education. He has written or co-written nearly 90 journal articles and more than 70 book chapters, as well as training materials and several nationally standardized tests.

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- What:** U of M forum to explore affirmative action and higher education
- When:** 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29
- Who:** Three U of M law experts on affirmative action
- Where:** 319 Appleby Hall, 128 Pleasant St. SE, Minneapolis
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U FORUM TO EXAMINE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL—Three legal experts will discuss the ramifications of the recent Supreme Court decision on the University of Michigan affirmative action policies at a forum at the University of Minnesota General College from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, in Room 319 Appleby Hall, 128 Pleasant St. SE, Minneapolis.

The forum, organized by the General College's Center for Research on Developmental Education and Urban Literacy (CRDEUL), is titled "Are U in or are U out? Implications of Affirmative Action for Higher Education." The three panelists are: University of Minnesota Law School professor Carol Chomsky, university assistant law professor Karen Miksch and University of Minnesota General Counsel Mark Rotenberg. They will address the current legal issues surrounding affirmative action and its implications for higher education and for the future of developmental education at the University of Minnesota.

Carol Chomsky

Chomsky is a recognized scholar of legal history and a leader in the field of teaching development. Her courses include American legal history, contracts, sales, and judicial externship. Her scholarly work has focused on the history of female lawyers, American Indian legal history, and late 19th century American legal history. She is coordinator of the University of Minnesota's Early Career Teaching Program: Pursuing Excellence in Multicultural Education, and teaches a Law School seminar on teaching and learning law. Chomsky is a member of the American Law Institute. She is an active member of Minnesota Women Lawyers and served as president in 1993-94. She also served on the Minnesota Women Lawyers Task Force on the Status of Women in the Legal Profession.

Karen Miksch

Miksch, an assistant professor who teaches law classes in General College, has extensive professional and academic experience in the areas of affirmative action and college admissions practices. Miksch has conducted research on various universities' admission practices, including the University of Michigan and the University of Minnesota. Prior to coming to the university, Miksch practiced civil rights law in California.

Mark Rotenberg

Rotenberg has been the general counsel of the University of Minnesota since 1992. Rotenberg previously was a partner in the labor/employment law department of the Minneapolis law firm of Dorsey & Whitney. He has served as an attorney in the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel in Washington, D.C., and was law clerk to Judge Patricia M. Wald on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Rotenberg received an undergraduate degree, magna cum laude, in history and politics from Brandeis University, and holds two master's degrees and a law degree from Columbia University, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and an editor of the Columbia Law Review. Rotenberg recently was in Washington, D.C., for oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court in the University of Michigan affirmative action case. He provided a legal analysis of how different outcomes of the case would affect the university.

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- What:** U of M Community Involvement Fair
- When:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17
- Who:** U students and 75 Twin Cities community service organizations
- Where:** Great Hall, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E. Minneapolis
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U STUDENTS CAN CHOOSE AMONG 75 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Grandparents As Parents, the Hmong Cultural Center, the Chicano Latino Service Center and Big Brothers and Big Sisters are some of the 75 Twin Cities community organizations that will be on campus to recruit students and staff for volunteer work at the 10th annual University of Minnesota Community Involvement Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, in the Great Hall of Coffman Union.

The fair, organized by the University's Career and Community Learning Center (CCLC), is an opportunity for university students, faculty and staff to meet and talk with representatives from community organizations. CCLC supplies tables, breakfast and lunch for the organizations free of charge.

"These organizations have opportunities for students to work as volunteers with local activists in a wide range of areas," said Kristin Dawson of the CCLC. "The fair provides a chance for these organizations to come to campus and have one-on-one contact with students. The same is true for the students. Many of them want to do community service work but don't have time to go off campus to visit the organizations."

According to Dawson, the number of organizations participating in the fair has tripled over the years. "We had 25 the first year. This year we could easily have had 125, but we could only register 75," she said, adding that between 400 and 500 students were matched up with community organizations last fall.

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What: Public lecture by Leroy Hood, president, Institute for Systems Biology
When: 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15
Where: Room 100 Smith Hall, 207 Pleasant St. S.E., Minneapolis
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LECTURER TO EXAMINE IMPLICATIONS OF HUMAN GENOME PROJECT

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--An approach to biology that could revolutionize medicine is the topic of a lecture Monday, Sept. 15, at the University of Minnesota. Leroy Hood, president of the Seattle-based Institute for Systems Biology, will speak on "After the Human Genome Project: Systems Biology and Predictive, Preventive and Personalized Medicine" at 7 p.m. in Room 100 Smith Hall, 207 Pleasant St. S.E., Minneapolis. The free public lecture is sponsored by the university's Institute for Mathematics and Its Applications.

In systems biology, all the elements of a biological system and their interactions are considered together, rather than one at a time. Fueled by the Human Genome Project, the systems approach to human biology will lead to medicine that can predict and prevent disease and personalize treatments, all in the next 15-20 years, Hood said. In his lecture, he will discuss these developments and note the challenges they pose in the fields of mathematics and computation.

Hood holds a medical degree from Johns Hopkins University and a doctorate in biochemistry from the California Institute of Technology (Caltech). He began his career at Caltech, where he and colleagues pioneered four instruments, including one that rapidly and automatically determines the sequence of DNA. He was an early advocate of and key player in the Human Genome Project--the quest to decipher the sequence of human DNA. He also helped determine how the immune system can produce antibodies of virtually unlimited diversity, an achievement that won him the Lasker Prize in 1987. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and holds numerous other awards. He founded the Institute for Systems Biology in 2000. □

9/12/2003

What: Board reviews proposed 2004 request
Who: President Robert Bruininks
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‘U’ REGENTS REVIEW CAPITAL REQUEST

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota board of regents today reviewed President Robert Bruininks' proposed 2004 state capital request. The \$189 million request is heavily weighted toward renewal projects rather than new construction.

"We have an obligation to be responsible stewards of the resources we have," said Bruininks. "This proposed request will advance the university's teaching, research and outreach mission by funding critical health and safety, building system and infrastructure needs."

Of the request, 87 percent, or \$164 million, would be spent on maintenance or major renewal projects. Twenty million dollars would be spent on two new facilities, an addition to the recreation center on the Duluth campus and utility facilities on the Morris campus.

To complete these projects, plus secure planning funds for two future projects, Bruininks recommends the university seek \$155.5 million from the state of Minnesota and commit \$33.2 million of its own resources. Board members responded favorably to the proposal, noting the need to take care of university facilities. The board is expected to act on the proposal at its October meeting.

In his report to the board, Bruininks clarified the status of the athletics facilities moratorium. He said that the moratorium has been lifted for fundraising for a Gopher stadium and that he intends to lift it shortly for fundraising for, and construction of, a boathouse. He said no other action has been taken and the moratorium remains in effect for other sports facilities.

The board reviewed and approved schematic plans for a Scholar's Walk, to be constructed on the Twin Cities campus to recognize distinguished faculty, staff and students. The walk would consist of landscaping, monuments and benches leading from the McNamara Alumni Center west to the Mall area. The \$2.6 million project will be privately funded and is expected to be completed in October 2004.

Chair David Metzen reported that Bruininks has been nominated by President George Bush to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

In other business, the board recognized Kamil Ugurbil, recently named to the McKnight Presidential Endowed Chair in Radiology.

A report on alcohol and tobacco policies and prevention and education programs showed that alcohol use among university students is decreasing. However incidents of excessive alcohol use--binge

drinking--are increasing, though still lower than national averages. Tobacco use by undergraduates is also declining. Efforts on campus to educate students about alcohol and tobacco use, and programs, such as creating substance-free residence halls, were discussed.

The next board of regents meetings will be held Oct. 9-10 at the University of Minnesota Morris. Board agendas can be found at www.umn.edu/regents. □

9/17/2003

What: President Robert Bruininks visit to southeastern Minnesota
When: Monday, Sept. 22
Where: Winona, Lake City
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U OF M PRESIDENT BRUININKS TO VISIT WINONA, LAKE CITY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks will visit Winona and Lake City Monday, Sept. 22, making stops at Minnesota State College/Southeast Technical, Whitewater Garden Farm in rural Altura and the Cherry Hill Orchard in rural Lake City.

"Now more than ever, strong partnerships between the university and communities across the state are critical to Minnesota's continued growth and vitality," said Bruininks. "Our research-based engagement in southeast Minnesota showcases the benefits of working together to address today's challenges and opportunities."

Bruininks' itinerary will include a luncheon speech at the college underwritten by Merchants Bank of Winona and sponsored by the Partnership for Housing, Agriculture and Sustainable Economic Development (PHASED), the Winona Area Chamber of Commerce, the Southeast Economic Development Corp. and the Experiment in Rural Cooperation.

In the afternoon Bruininks will join a group of university faculty and students for a tour of local producers hosted by the Southeast Minnesota Food Network. The tour will culminate in a roundtable discussion at the food network's newly inaugurated farm market in Lake City.

Bruininks will end his area visit with the Experiment in Rural Cooperation board of directors meeting at the Cherry Hill Orchard.

Here is his complete itinerary:

Noon. Speech at luncheon meeting of Partners for Housing, Agriculture and Sustainable Economic Development. Minnesota State College/Southeast Technical Tandeski Center, 1250 Homer Road, Winona.

2:15 p.m. Tour of Whitewater Garden Farm. Highway 74 between St. Charles and Whitewater State Park, rural Altura.

3:45 p.m. Lake City Community Roundtable, sponsored by the Southeast Minnesota Food Network. Lake City Farm Market at Bushel and Peck, four miles north of Lake City on Highway 61.

5 p.m. Experiment in Rural Cooperation board of directors meeting at Cherry Hill Orchard.

The noon luncheon is free and open to the public, but reservations are required by 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 18. For reservations, call Southeast Tech President's Office at (507) 453-2720 or e-mail bstanford@southeastmn.edu. o

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**Media and photographers are welcome to attend the opening session,
8-10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23.**

- What:** Crime lab directors workshops
- When:** Sept. 23-25
- Where:** Northland Inn, 7025 Northland Drive, Brooklyn Park
- Contacts:** Catherine Peloquin, Carlson School of Management, (612) 626-0556, cpeloquin@csom.umn.edu

NATION'S CRIME LAB DIRECTORS GATHER FOR BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--About 275 crime lab directors and managers from around the nation are partnering with the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management faculty and national business leaders to learn leadership strategies and practices. They will gather in Minneapolis Sept. 23-25 for the 31st annual Symposium on Crime Laboratory Development, "Achieving Excellence through Partnerships," at Northland Inn, 7025 Northland Drive, Brooklyn Park.

Former commander of the U.S.S. Cole Kirk Lippold will kick off the symposium from 8 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23. Lippold will discuss the importance of partnership and how it played a key role in saving the Cole and dozens of crew members after the Oct. 12, 2000 terrorist attack on the ship while it was refueling in the port of Aden, Yemen. Carlson School Dean Larry Benveniste and symposium director Peter Krembs will also address the audience.

"We are honored the FBI is turning to the Carlson School to share the latest in business practices," said Benveniste. "In this rapidly changing economy, businesses and organizations need to adopt the best practices to stay ahead of the pack."

Throughout the three days, state, county and local crime lab managers will attend seminars, workshops and panels focusing on three areas of partnership: strategy, execution and relationships. Sessions will include such topics as decision-making, negotiations, leadership, public policy, risk management, ethics and integrity.

In acknowledging the impact of this partnership, FBI Lab Director Dwight E. Adams said, "Lab directors encounter many challenges, including leading a diverse workforce, increased external pressures with new standards, and limited budgets. To meet these challenges, we want our leaders prepared with the best management and leadership practices, which will enhance the quality of forensic science throughout the criminal justice system."

The Carlson School Executive Development Center was selected to host the conference after a

competition with other elite business schools. This is only the second year the conference has been held in conjunction with a business school. Last year's symposium was held at Washington University in St. Louis by the Olin School of Business. For more information on the Carlson School Executive Development Center, see www.carlsonschool.umn.edu/edc. o

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What: U of M update on fatal fire
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'U' WORKING WITH STUDENTS DISPLACED BY FIRE, PLANNING MEMORIAL SERVICE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Officials at the University of Minnesota are assisting the students displaced by Saturday's fatal house fire and planning a campus memorial service with the families of the victims.

The service for College of Liberal Arts students Elizabeth Wencl, Amanda Speckien and Brian Heiden is tentatively scheduled for Friday afternoon. University officials are working out final details with the victims' families. The College of Liberal Arts will coordinate memorial plans.

"Our thoughts are with the families and their friends during this difficult time," said Steven Rosenstone, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "We we will respect the wishes of the families and assist them in whatever ways we can,"

The four students who were displaced by the fire are receiving assistance from university administrators, who met with some of them and family members today.

"We are doing all that we can to assist those students who have lost their homes and belongings in this tragic fire," said Gerald Rinehart, associate vice provost for student affairs. "We're also talking with those students' instructors about being flexible when it comes to course assignments and deadlines."

The students have been staying with friends since the fire and, at their request, the university is not releasing their names. Among the options the university will explore with them is temporary university housing or other off-campus housing.

A message was sent to parents of university students today, updating them on the fire and offering resources for students living off-campus. The message can be found on the parent program web site at www.parent.umn.edu. □

9/23/2003

What: Memorial for students who died in Saturday's house fire
When: 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26
Where: Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2128 Fourth St. S., Minneapolis
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U OF M TO REMEMBER STUDENTS WHO DIED IN FIRE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota will remember the three students who died in last weekend's house fire with a special memorial event at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at the Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2128 Fourth St. S., Minneapolis.

The event will commemorate the lives of Elizabeth Wencil, Amanda Speckien and Brian Heiden, who were students in the university's College of Liberal Arts (CLA).

"The victims' family members and friends feel this event would be an appropriate way for the university community to both mourn the deaths and celebrate the lives of Liz, Amanda and Brian," said Steven Rosenstone, CLA dean.

Details of the memorial are still being worked out, but it is expected to last about one hour. It will be followed by an informal reception in the concert hall lobby.

The public and the media are welcome to attend. The families of the victims ask that the media respect their privacy and not request interviews.

Friends who are not able to attend may send condolence messages to the families in care of the College of Liberal Arts Dean's Office, University of Minnesota, 215 Johnston Hall, 101 Pleasant St. S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455, Attn: Memorial; or e-mail sjk@umn.edu.

Parking for the event is available in the 21st Avenue ramp. The Ted Mann Concert Hall is on the university's West Bank campus. A map and directions are at <http://onestop.umn.edu/Maps/MannConc/index.html>. o

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA OCTOBER STARWATCH
by Deane Morrison

Watching the stars in October may get a bit chilly, but the dark skies and scant snow give this month a distinct edge. In the south, Mars sheds its splendor as Earth leaves it behind. Other bright planets move into better viewing position, and the month ends with a half moon shining down on trick-or-treaters celebrating Halloween, one of many holidays with astronomical underpinnings.

Mars has put on a spectacular show, but it's a case of "easy come, easy go." The Red Planet flared up brightly when Earth caught up to it, but now fades rapidly as Earth leaves it in the dust. During October the interplanetary distance lengthens from 42 million miles to 58 million miles. Even so, Mars still stands out against the dim background of Aquarius. While you're watching the planet, look above it and try to find the Y-shaped Water Jar of Aquarius. Below Mars, the bright star Fomalhaut in Piscis Austrinus, the southern fish, is easy to find.

Morning planets Jupiter and Saturn are both well up at dawn. Saturn rises near midnight on the 1st, when we're still on daylight time. But as Earth relentlessly gains on the giant but slower-moving planet, Saturn rises earlier and earlier. The switch to standard time chops off another hour, and by the end of the month the ringed planet rises close to 9 p.m. Saturn appears as a bright object in Gemini, between Orion and the twin stars Castor and Pollux. Jupiter, a beacon below the belly of Leo the lion, rises a few hours before dawn.

Also a morning planet, Mercury sinks into the eastern twilight during the first week or so of October. On the 25th, Mercury glides behind the sun. As usual, its disappearance is short-lived; after a month, the swift messenger of the gods will vault into the evening sky.

Venus plays it cool during October. The "evening star" barely clears the western horizon before setting. We have to wait at least a couple of months for Venus to struggle out of the twilight haze and reclaim its customary glory.

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What: Media invited to tour U of M Art Building and arts quarter

When: 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept 30

Where: Regis Center for Art, 405 21st Ave. S. Minneapolis

**Who: Steven Rosenstone, dean, College of Liberal Arts
Mark Pharis, chair, Art Department
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MEDIA DAY AT NEW U OF M ART BUILDING

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota's new Regis Center for Art, which features a foundry, 23 kilns and a digital laboratory among its 155,000 square feet, will be open for a special media tour at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30.

The tour is a preview to the Oct. 11 public open house for the building and the West Bank Arts Quarter and will include remarks from College of Liberal Arts Dean Steven Rosenstone, Art Department Chair Mark Pharis and building architect Garth Rockcastle of Meyer, Scherer and Rockcastle, Ltd. Reporters will also have the opportunity to talk to students taking classes and working in the building.

In addition to the foundry, kilns and digital lab, the building has art studios, teaching spaces, a wood shop, a metal shop and exhibition spaces for students and professionals.

The Legislature funded the art building in 2000 after an extensive public advocacy campaign that focused on the inadequacies of the existing art building, including health and safety needs. The new Regis Center for Art completes the West Bank Arts Quarter, which also comprises dance, theatre, concert and music facilities. The arts quarter was designed to foster interdisciplinary, cutting edge arts and serve as a catalyst for arts at the university and in the broader Twin Cities arts community.

For more information on the media day, or for news releases and fact sheets, contact the University News Service. □

9/29/2003

What: New Emergency Management director named
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U OF M NAMES NEW DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Earl Kenneth Juskowiak, an expert in security and emergency management with the Minnesota National Guard, has been named director of emergency management at the University of Minnesota. Juskowiak assumes his new responsibilities Monday, Oct. 6.

Juskowiak has a distinguished military career as well as experience in higher education. He has served with the Minnesota National Guard since 1988, specializing in security and developing plans for emergency response. He been responsible for threat and vulnerability analysis, training local first responders in emergency planning for events involving terrorism and weapons of mass destruction and preparing statewide strategic plans, along with supervising staff and budgets. Before joining the Minnesota National Guard, Juskowiak served in the U.S. Army for nine years. Juskowiak is also an adjunct faculty member at Hennepin Community and Technical College, teaching in the college's emergency management program.

"Earl brings a high level of skill to the job, as well as an understanding of how global events might impact our campuses," said Gregory Hestness, university assistant vice president for public safety. "The university is fortunate to have an individual with such a breadth and depth of experience working to ensure our well-being."

The primary role of the department of emergency management is to develop plans and resources to enable the university's four campuses to cope with disasters. Specifically, the department develops and implements emergency preparedness plans, directs response to emergencies and disasters by coordinating the efforts of various agencies, coordinates recovery efforts to restore systems after an emergency, and leads post-event reviews to improve the university's response to emergency situations.

The department of emergency management also operates the university's ambulance service. Juskowiak and his staff will work closely with the state of Minnesota's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

The department of emergency management is a division of Public Safety (led by Hestness), which also oversees the University of Minnesota Police Department and the department of central security. Public Safety reports to University Services, which is under the leadership of Vice President Kathleen O'Brien.

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- What:** **Healthcare meeting**
- When:** **10:30 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Oct. 9**
- Where:** **3M Auditorium, Carlson School of Management, 321 19th Ave. S.,
Minneapolis**
- Contacts:** **Barbara Vaughan, National Institute of Health Policy, (651) 962-4637**
 Jim Buckman, Juran Center for Leadership Quality, (612) 626-7113
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JURAN CENTER EVENT TO FOCUS ON TRANSFORMING HEALTH CARE IN MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Is Minnesota ready for a health care revolution? Former U.S. Treasury Secretary and Alcoa Chairman Paul O'Neill will ask 200 health care leaders and stakeholders that question Thursday, Oct. 9, at an event sponsored by the National Institute of Health Policy (NIHP) and the Juran Center for Leadership in Quality at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management, 321 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

Former U.S. Sen. David Durenberger, chair of the NIHP and Glen Nelson, former vice chairman of Medtronic and co-chair of the Juran Center for Leadership in Quality, invited health care leaders to discuss the state of healthcare in Minnesota and to examine the need for a health care leadership revolution.

"For two generations, Minnesota has led the United States in health care, from outstanding quality of care, to health care costs that were significantly below the national average. That is no longer true," said Durenberger. "In short we are no longer the preeminent national leader we once were." Durenberger was recently appointed by Gov. Tim Pawlenty to lead the Minnesota Citizens Forum on Health Care Costs.

At 10:30 a.m. in the Carlson School's 3M Auditorium, O'Neill will share his experience leading the Pittsburgh Regional Health care Initiative (PRHI), a healthcare collaboration that includes 44 hospitals, hundreds of physicians, four major insurers and other health care industry businesses in southwestern Pennsylvania. PRHI has united previous industry competitors to develop new systems that focus on the patient. Goals include zero medication errors and health care-acquired infections, and perfect clinical outcomes in coronary artery bypass surgery, hip and knee replacement surgery, maternal and child outcomes, depression and diabetes. PRHI also will address the challenges of rising costs, worker shortages, care access and high malpractice insurance costs.

"PRHI is one of the very few regional collaboratives with a shared set of goals, measurements and data," said Jim Buckman, co-director of the Juran Center. "It is cooperating at a depth of which no other region reaches, including Minnesota. What is even more eye-opening is that they're sharing progress publicly."o

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What: Public information meeting on storm water management

When: 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28

Where: Room 135 D, Earle Brown Center for Continuing Education, 1890 Buford Ave., St. Paul

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TO HOST PUBLIC MEETING ON STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota Department of Environmental Health and Safety will host a public meeting on storm water management at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, in Room 135 D of the Earle Brown Center for Continuing Education, 1890 Buford Ave., St. Paul.

Storm water management is the management of rainfall within urban areas to reduce pollution and land damage. Federal and state regulations require that certain practices be followed by construction organizations, large public entities and public works. These regulations help prevent pollution and are used to monitor ways in which sewer systems and drainage systems are built and maintained and how construction sites may operate.

The Department of Environmental Health and Safety holds one public meeting each year on storm water management. The meeting is free and open to the public.

For more information on the University of Minnesota's Storm Water Management program, go to <http://www.facm.umn.edu/test/Stormwater-web/index.html>. o

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- What:** State of the University address
- When:** 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2
- Where:** Theater, Coffman Union
- Who:** Robert Bruininks, president
University faculty and staff
- Contact:** Amy Phenix, University News Service, (612) 625-8510

BRUININKS TO OUTLINE PRIORITIES FOR U OF M

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks will give the State of the University address at 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, in the theater at Coffman Union, on the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus.

Bruininks will discuss the current condition, challenges, achievements and future of the university as well as his priorities, including a number of new interdisciplinary academic areas of focus, and the challenges ahead.

The address is presented annually to a joint meeting of the University Senate, the Faculty Senate and the Twin Cities Campus Assembly and is attended primarily by faculty, staff and friends of the university. The address will be broadcast live on the Web at www.umn.edu and to other university locations as follows:

- St. Paul campus, Student Center
- Crookston campus, Room 101, Dowell Hall
- Duluth campus, 410 Library
- Morris campus, 2950 Science Auditorium
- University of Minnesota, Rochester, Room ST108, University Center Rochester

Following his speech, Bruininks will take questions from audiences in all broadcast locations. □

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Michael Moore will hold a pre-lecture news conference at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, in the media room of the sports pavilion.

- What:** Lecture by author and filmmaker Michael Moore
- When:** 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11
- Where:** University of Minnesota Sports Pavilion, 1923 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Chris Compton and Gladys Mambo, Minnesota Planning and Activities Council, (612) 624-3743
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MICHAEL MOORE TO LECTURE, ANSWER AUDIENCE QUESTIONS AT U OF M

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Michael Moore, bestselling author and director of the Academy Award-winning documentary "Bowling for Columbine," is coming to the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus. Moore will deliver a lecture, answer audience questions and sign his newest book, beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at the University of Minnesota Sports Pavilion, 1923 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

Moore's book "Stupid White Men" was a New York Times bestseller, and his newest book, "Dude, Where's My Country?" was released Oct. 1. His lectures focus on issues covered in his books, including pop culture and political and current events. After giving his lecture and answering audience questions, Moore will sign copies of his books, which will be on sale before and after the event.

Tickets for the event, which are \$5 for U of M students and \$10 for the general public, are on sale at the Coffman Union information desk and will also be sold at the sports pavilion the night of the show.

Moore will be available to answer media questions at 5 p.m. in the media room of the sports pavilion.

Moore's appearance is sponsored by the Minnesota Planning and Activities Council's forum and major events committees, both of which aim to bring high profile guests to perform or speak at the university, and by the University of Minnesota Bookstores.

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What: First Tuesday luncheon with Marilyn Carlson Nelson
When: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7
Where: Radisson Hotel Metrodome, 615 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
Contacts: Catherine Peloquin, Carlson School of Management, (612) 626-0556

**CARLSON COMPANIES CHAIR AND CEO MARILYN CARLSON NELSON
ADDRESSES RELATIONSHIP BUILDING**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Carlson Companies Chair and CEO Marilyn Carlson Nelson will speak on the topic of understanding and making best use of customer relationships at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, during the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management First Tuesday luncheon at the Radisson Hotel Metrodome, 615 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

The talk, "Where We Came From Is Where We're Going," will draw from the experience of Carlson Marketing Group (CMG) and CMG partners Don Peppers and Martha Rogers ("The One to One Future") and focus on the mind change required by most businesses to compete in the new share-of-customer economy.

Nelson has served as chairman and CEO of Carlson Companies since 1999. Carlson Companies is the parent corporation of a global group of integrated companies specializing in travel, hotel, restaurant, cruise and marketing services. With headquarters in Minneapolis, Carlson-related brands and services employ about 198,000 people worldwide.

Each month, as many as 500 Carlson School alumni, students, educators and local business leaders attend the First Tuesday series to hear from the leading business voices in today's economy.

Registration is \$28, which includes lunch and parking in the Washington Avenue Ramp. Register by calling (612) 626-9634, visiting www.carlsonschool.umn.edu or by e-mail, firsttuesday@csom.umn.edu. o

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- What:** Ribbon-cutting for the University of Minnesota gate on University Avenue
- When:** 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3
- Where:** 11th and University avenues S.E., near Sanford Hall
- Contacts:** Paul Moore, University News Service, (612) 624-0214
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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TO OFFICIALLY OPEN GATE ON UNIVERSITY AVENUE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks will officially open a new gate welcoming visitors to the Twin Cities campus at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, at 11th Avenue and University Avenue. S.E.

The gate, donated by Kraus-Anderson Construction Co., marks the northwestern edge of the East Bank campus. The project was inspired by a 2001 cleanup along University Avenue that was part of Beautiful U Day. A mirror image of the gate opened in 2000 along East River Road.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will include remarks from Bruininks and Kraus-Anderson Vice President Tom Sackett. The event is free and open to the public. o

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news

What: U of M establishes Asian American studies minor
When: Starting fall semester 2003
Where: U of M Twin Cities campus
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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ESTABLISHES ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES MINOR

MINNEAPOLIS/ST.PAUL—Beginning fall semester 2003, an Asian American studies minor is available for undergraduate students at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus. The U of M is the only university in Minnesota to offer an Asian American studies minor.

The program will be run under the Department of American Studies. It focuses on the history, politics and culture of Americans of Asian descent. According to English professor Josephine Lee, who was a driving force behind the establishment of the program, the courses are designed to help students explore the diversity of Asian American communities and the history and present conditions of racial formation in the United States and other parts of the Americas. "Our Asian American studies program recognizes both the uniqueness of Minnesota's Asian American populations and their commonalities with each other and with other Asian American communities across the nation," Lee said. "Both its curriculum and its research agenda intersect with and are shaped by community interests and concerns."

The minor draws from a number of disciplines and academic approaches and encourages social awareness, critical thinking, the development of new perspectives, and artistic appreciation. Courses included in the minor allow students to develop their knowledge of Asian American issues in many different contexts. Some courses delve deeply into study of Asian American history, literature and culture, social issues, politics, and psychology. Other courses include significant attention to Asian American Studies topics in the course of broader discussions.

"It's high time it's happening," said English professor Josephine Lee. "It's not just for Asian American students. It's also a field of interest all kinds of people are getting into. It's an academic field that's coming of age."

Asian American studies at the University of Minnesota grew out of the interests and needs of faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and Twin Cities artists, leaders, and activists who recognized a need to reframe for Minnesota a discipline traditionally centered in the East and West coasts.

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Immigration from Asian countries has changed the face of Minnesota. Once known for its cultural homogeneity, Minnesota has become a magnet for immigrants from countries throughout Asia. The burgeoning Asian American population makes Minnesota an exciting research site for studying and addressing the challenges faced both by new immigrants and by earlier generations of Asian Americans.

Asian American Studies aims to tie the resources of the university more closely to those of local communities, particularly those with a high population of Asian immigrants and Asian Americans.

The 2000 U.S. Census reported that Minneapolis and St. Paul have the greatest concentration of Asian Americans in the interior of the United States. The city of St. Paul itself is 12 percent Asian/Asian American. The census found that the state's Asian American population has increased by 108 percent since the 1990s (from 78,000 to over 168,000). Minnesota now has the largest Hmong population in the United States, most of them residing in St. Paul.

The need for Asian American Studies is growing at the University of Minnesota and at many campuses nationwide. The most recent statistics from Fall semester 2003 shows that the undergraduate Asian American student population at the University is 11.6 percent of the total student body. And a survey done by Lee and her fellow faculty members showed that undergraduate student demand for Asian American Studies is high.

Faculty who worked hard to help establish the Asian American studies minor include Lee, Catherine Ceniza Choy (American studies), Jigna Desai (women's studies), Bruce Downing (linguistics), Erika Lee (history) and Richard Lee (psychology).

Having a minor is the first step toward a possible Asian American Studies Department. It may be difficult to set up a department in these challenging financial times but Lee said College of Liberal Arts dean Steven Rosenstone has expressed support for exploring the idea down the road.

"It's the next logical step," Lee said.

For now, Lee and other faculty members will work to develop a successful minor program for students interested in Asian American studies.

"We want to draw faculty from different departments to develop courses," Lee said. "We want to make it a rewarding educational experience for our students."

10/3/2003

- What:** Preview opening of new horse trail
- When:** 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4
- Where:** Dakota County, near Rosemount (see directions)
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U OF M TO OPEN HORSE TRAIL IN DAKOTA COUNTY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Horse lovers, horse educators and community leaders will get a sneak peak at the University of Minnesota's new 12-mile horse trail from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, on university property adjacent to Rosemount in Dakota County.

The entire property has been named the University of Minnesota Outreach, Research and Education Park (UMore Park). The trail itself is called Lone Rock Trail, after a prominent landmark at UMore Park, and comprises about 12 miles of beautiful, tree-lined, hilly terrain. The trail will be a recreational site for horse owners and provide horse management education to citizens via the University of Minnesota Extension Service, the Colleges of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences and the College of Veterinary Medicine.

This preview will allow the university to receive feedback and make final improvements on the trail in time for its opening to the general public next spring.

The property is at the southern edge of Rosemount, bordered on the north by Dakota County Road 42 and on the west by state Highway 3.

DIRECTIONS

- From St. Paul:

From the downtown St. Paul area, take Highway 52 south to the town of Coates (a few miles south of the Flint Hills refinery, formerly Koch). On the south edge of Coates there is a junction with County Road 46 (160th Street). Take 46 west about 3 miles. On the right, there is a sign that says UMORE PARK Administrative Office and Conference Center. Turn left on Station Trail. Follow this road, to the south and east, past 170th Street, until you see signage for the Lone Rock Trail staging area. Watch for the signs - the staging area will be on the right.

- From Minneapolis:

Take 35W south to Highway 62 (Crosstown). Go east on 62 to Cedar Avenue and exit south toward the Mall of America. Continue south roughly 11 miles to 160th Street (County Road 46). Go east on

160th and travel roughly 6 miles, passing South Robert Trail (Highway 3). Just before the UMORE PARK Administrative Office and Conference Center, watch for the Lone Rock Trail sign and turn right on Station Trail. Follow this road, to the south and east, past 170th Street to signage for the trail staging area. The staging area will be on the right. o

10/6/2003

What: West Bank Arts Quarter opens on U of M campus

When: Noon-3 p.m. Sunday, October 12

Where: University of Minnesota, West Bank, corner of 21st. Avenue. S. and Fourth Street S.

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WEST BANK ARTS QUARTER OPENS WITH AFTERNOON OF ARTISTIC, COLORFUL EVENTS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Minnesotans can play Shakespeare games, see how sets are built and electronically alter their voices at a public open house for the new University of Minnesota West Bank Arts Quarter, from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12.

The newly opened Regis Center for Art, at the intersection of 21st Avenue and Fourth Street South, completes the West Bank Arts Quarter, joining Rarig Center (theater, 1971), Ferguson Hall (music, 1985), Ted Mann Concert Hall (1993) and the Barbara Barker Center for Dance (1999) at the south end of the university's West Bank campus.

Here are some of the events at the open house:

- Jordan Gray Gameboy music/video performance, E110 Regis Center
- Regis Center building tours
- Scavenger hunt, Regis Center
- Music activities for kids by Music Therapy Student Association, Ferguson Hall
- Open dance rehearsals, Barker Center
- Open scene shop, Rarig Center
- See the workings of an audio production studio, sing into a microphone, see how your voice can be altered, Sound Studio, 5th floor, Rarig Center
- Shakespeare games with Kenny Mitchell and Guthrie BFA program, Rarig Center Thrust Stage (1:30 p.m.)
- Percussion Ensemble performances, outside Rarig Center
- Opera performances, Ferguson Hall
- Re-stage of dance events, 100 Barker Center

Every year, about 160,000 audience members are expected to enjoy more than 250 events in the arts quarter, including concerts, plays, exhibitions, lectures and opera performances. o

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- What:** Matthew Miller to discuss new book
- When:** 1-2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10
- Where:** Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
- Who:** Matthew Miller, columnist and author of 'The Two Percent Solution'
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MATTHEW MILLER TO DISCUSS NEW BOOK

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Matthew Miller will speak at the University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute Policy Forum on Friday, Oct. 10, addressing his new book, "The Two Percent Solution: Fixing America's Problems In Ways Liberals And Conservatives Can Love." The address will take place from 1 to 2 p.m. in Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Institute, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis. The event is free and open to the public.

The book claims "that for just two cents on the national dollar we could have a country where everyone had health insurance, full-time workers earned a living wage, poor children had great teachers in fixed-up schools, and politicians no longer had to grovel to wealthy donors."

Miller is a nationally syndicated columnist, an award-winning contributor to the New York Times Magazine, the Atlantic Monthly, and other national magazines, a commentator for National Public Radio's "Morning Edition," and the host of "Left, Right & Center," a political week-in-review program aired on public radio stations across the country. □

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- What:** U of M Regents Monthly Meetings
- When:** Thursday and Friday, Oct. 10-11
- Where:** University of Minnesota, Morris
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BOARD TO ACT ON LEGISLATIVE REQUEST, LONG TERM CAPITAL PLAN

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota board of regents will hold its monthly meetings Thursday, Oct. 10, and Friday, Oct. 11, on the Morris campus.

The board is expected to act on the university's 2004 legislative request. University President Robert Bruininks is recommending the university seek nearly \$189 million for critical facilities projects.

Of the request, 87 percent, or \$164 million, would be spent on maintenance, health and safety, security or major renewal projects. The request includes two new facilities, an addition to the recreation center on the Duluth campus and utility facilities on the Morris campus, at a cost of \$20 million. Of the total, the university would seek \$155.5 million from the state of Minnesota and commit \$33.2 million of its own resources.

The board will review the university's six-year capital plan, which includes state and privately funded capital projects for 2004, 2006 and 2008.

Among the state-funded projects in the plan are a renovation of Briggs Library on the Morris campus, a business school expansion on the Twin Cities campus and classroom improvements systemwide. Proposed privately funded projects include construction of a new Bell Museum of Natural History on the St. Paul campus, expansion of the Community University Health Care Clinic and improvements to Northrop Auditorium.

In other business, the board will consider collective bargaining agreements by the university's two AFSCME technical units and Teamsters local. Employee health care benefits, including financial results for 2002 and 2004-05 projections, will be discussed.

The university's student experience survey, designed to measure student perspectives on campus experiences, will be discussed. The 2003 survey shows an overall improvement in most areas since 2001, including satisfaction overall and with the quality of academic programs and instruction.

Select committee meeting times, locations and agenda items follow.

Thursday, Oct. 9

10:30-11:30 a.m. Facilities Committee, Room 160 HFA, Recital Hall. Act on an agreement for facilities and services to host the 2004 U.S. Transplant Games on the Twin Cities campus. Discuss chiller plant for St. Paul campus.

2-3:30 p.m. Faculty, Staff and Student Affairs Committee, Room 160 HFA, Recital Hall. Act on collective bargaining agreements. Review 2003 student experience survey results. Discuss the student experience at the University of Minnesota, Morris. Discuss employee health care benefits.

2-3:30 p.m. Finance and Operations Committee, Room 120 HFA, Black Box Theater. Discuss issues related to the six-year capital plan. Discuss asset allocations study. Receive update on plans for replacing the university's financial system.

3:45-4:45 p.m. Campus tour.

Friday, Oct. 10

9-11 a.m. Board of regents, Boardroom. President's and chair's reports. Review select board policies. Act on the 2004 capital request. Review six-year capital plan.

The complete board agenda can be found at www.umn.edu/regents. □

10/7/2003

What: Workshop on money management and philanthropy

When: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25

Where: West wing of the Campus Club, Fourth floor, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis

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AUTHOR TO LEAD WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN ON MONEY MANAGEMENT

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Nationally recognized educator and author Ruth Hayden will lead a workshop for women interested in money management and philanthropy from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. The workshop is sponsored by the Women's Philanthropic Leadership Circle (WPLC) at the University of Minnesota College of Education and Human Development.

For 15 years, Hayden has taught classes that challenge women to become knowledgeable, strong and focused about money management. Her "Women and Money" course inspired her book, "How to Turn Your Life Around: The Money Book for Women," which was nominated for the 1993 Minnesota Book Award.

In April 2002, Hayden received the prestigious Ann Bancroft Award for Support and Encouragement of Women by an Individual. She is a frequent commentator on Public Radio International's Sound Money and one of the experts on the Public Television series "Right on the Money." The workshop will be in the west wing of the Campus Club on the fourth floor inside Coffman, with parking off East River Road. The workshop fee is \$15 for WPLC members and \$25 for nonmembers. The fee includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

The workshop will also feature luncheon speaker Robert Peterson, a former estate planning lawyer and director of planned giving for the University of Minnesota Foundation. He will discuss "What Women Need to Know about Estate Planning."

Those interested in attending the workshop can send a check written to the University of Minnesota Foundation to Betty Jo Johnson, College of Education and Human Development, 105 Burton Hall, 178 Pillsbury Drive S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455, by Monday, Oct. 20. Space is limited. For more information, contact Johnson at (612) 625-1310 or b-john1@umn.edu. For more information about the Women's Philanthropic Leadership Circle: <http://www.education.umn.edu/giving/circle/default.htm>

10/7/2003

What: U of M Law School speakers forum
When: 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9
Where: Room 20, U of M Law School
Who: John Mooty
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Patty Mattern, University News Service, (612) 624-2801

JOHN MOOTY TO SPEAK ABOUT LAW AND BUSINESS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Minneapolis attorney John Mooty of Gray, Plant, Mooty, P.A. will be the Kommerstad Center Speakers Forum fall speaker at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, in Room 20 of the University of Minnesota Law School. Mooty, a 2003 Minnesota Business Hall of Fame inductee, will speak on "Law and Business in Tandem."

Mooty was born in Adrian, Minn., in 1922 and graduated from the U of M Law School in 1944. Within 10 years, he had made partner at the Minneapolis law firm of Kingman, Cross, Morely, Cant & Taylor, which became Gray, Plant, Mooty. He helped build Minnesota's oldest law firm into one of the largest.

Mooty is known not only as an attorney, but as a successful businessman. As part owner and general counsel of National Car Rental, he played a key role in turning around the insolvent company before selling it to Household Finance Corp.

Within a year of selling National Car Rental, he and his business partners purchased a controlling interest in International Dairy Queen. Mooty helped refocus the struggling, \$10 million franchiser before Warren Buffett merged Dairy Queen into Berkshire Hathaway for more than \$550 million in 1998. Mooty still serves on the board of International Dairy Queen as well as the boards of Culligan Soft Water Service Company and the Minneapolis-based Bureau of Engraving. He also provides leadership to Rio Verde Development, Inc., which has built three communities northeast of Phoenix on land Mooty and several partners bought 30 years ago. In 2003, Mooty was inducted into the Minnesota Business Hall of Fame.

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What: U of M lecture features biographer of Jackie Robinson
When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10
Who: Arnold Rampersad
Where: Weisman Art Museum, 333 East River Rd., Minneapolis
Contacts: Mary Ellis, English Department, (612) 625-3363
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WRITER TO LECTURE ON BIOGRAPHY AND AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Arnold Rampersad, known for writing the biographies of such noted African Americans as W.E.B. DuBois, Langston Hughes, Jackie Robinson and Arthur Ashe, will lecture at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, at the University of Minnesota Weisman Art Museum, 333 East River Rd., Minneapolis.

The lecture is part of the Esther Freier Endowed Lecture Series in Literature sponsored by the university's English Department. Rampersad, a professor in humanities at Stanford University, will talk on "Writing Black Lives: Biography and African American Culture."

"Professor Rampersad brings to the complex art of biography such meticulous scholarship, political intelligence, and elegant writing that his books have become required reading on his subjects," said Mary Ellis of the English Department. "Rampersad's signal achievement not only reveals the life of each individual, but illuminates the larger cultural life of this country."

Rampersad has supervised the preparation of the collected works of Langston Hughes and revised versions of Richard Wright's "Native Son" and "Black Boy." He is also an editor of the monumental Norton Anthology of African American Literature and is currently working on a biography of Ralph Ellison.

The lecture series is named after Esther Freier, a longtime professor in medical technology and a clinical laboratory chemist at the university. Her love of literature and the arts led her, when she retired in 1991, to endow this lecture series in the English Department to allow acclaimed writers to lecture on campus.

10/8/2003

What: 'U' reaction to intent to strike notice
Who: Carol Carrier, vice president for Human Resources
Contacts: Paul Moore, (612) 624-0214

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To help balance its budget, which was reduced 15 percent, or \$185 million by the state of Minnesota for 2004-05, the university has proposed a salary freeze in year one, a 2.5 percent salary increase in year two, and an increase in the employee share of the health care premium cost totaling \$15 a paycheck for the low cost plan. According to Carrier, all non-represented employees and all faculty have been asked to make similar sacrifices this biennium.

"The university is facing a historic financial challenge and we have worked hard to balance these reductions across our budget and in ways that preserve jobs," said Carrier, who noted that the university has laid off over 500 workers already this year.

With regard to operations, classes will be held as scheduled. The university is encouraging faculty to hold classes in their regularly scheduled locations. If faculty choose to hold classes off campus, they may be subject to disciplinary action.

The Bookstore, Coffman Union, the libraries, and most of the other areas critical to student success will be open regular hours. Athletic or cultural events on campus will be held as scheduled, and private

events on campus will not be effected.

University shuttle buses will run as scheduled. Parking facilities will be open and public parking will be available.

If a strike occurs, information about university operations will be posted at www.umn.edu. □

10/8/2003

What: U of M to host Midwest conference on Chicano studies
When: Oct. 9 to 11
Who: About 200 educators, students, community leaders, artists
Where: University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus
Contacts: U of M La Raza Student Cultural Center, (612) 625-2995
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U OF M TO HOST MIDWEST CHICANO STUDIES CONFERENCE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL—The University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus will host the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS) Midwest Regional Conference from Thursday to Saturday, Oct. 9-11.

The conference, organized by the university's La Raza Student Cultural Center and Chicano Studies Department, is titled "Full Circle: Reclaiming Space -- No more atole con el dedo," which means "no more beating around the bush, it's time to show commitment." The title was chosen to reflect the historical struggle to create and maintain a Chicana/o Studies Department at the University of Minnesota.

The conference is open to the public and will attract more than 200 community and business leaders, artists, writers, high school and college students and scholars from across the United States. Panels, workshops and roundtable discussions will address all aspects of the Mexican American, Chicana/o, Latina/o and indigenous communities. Areas covered include: arts and music, culture, education, legal immigration issues, youth empowerment, labor, health/science, identity, literature and poetry, sexuality, and social and environmental justice.

On Friday, Oct. 10, La Raza has organized an "Education Rally" to demonstrate support for the Chicano Studies Department. Marchers will gather at the front of Coffman Union at 11:30 a.m., march to Northrop Plaza in front of Morrill Hall and hold the rally there from noon to 1 p.m.

For a calendar and information on the conference, go to
<<http://www.tc.umn.edu/~laraza/>><http://www.tc.umn.edu/~laraza/>

10/8/2003

- What:** Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- When:** October
- Where:** Peters Hall, 1404 Gortner Ave., and McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Ave., St. Paul
- Contacts:** Ann Kranz, School of Social Work, (612) 625-7086
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U WORKS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--To mark Domestic Violence Awareness month, the Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse (MINCAVA) at the University of Minnesota will host a variety of activities open to the public.

An exhibit inspired by the Clothesline Project, a program that started on Cape Cod, Mass., in 1990 to address issues of violence against women, will be on display Thursday through Oct. 31 in Peters Hall, 1404 Gortner Ave. In its interpretation of the Clothesline Project, MINCAVA has created mock T-shirts made out of cardstock, which will contain the names and stories of each person murdered as a result of domestic violence in Minnesota in 2002-2003.

The community is invited to help decorate the shirts from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, in the Atrium of Peters Hall. Supplies and refreshments will be provided.

A Silent Witness project will be displayed in various locations, including Peters and McNeal halls, through Oct. 15. The project, launched in 1990 by a group of Minnesota women who felt compelled to do something about escalating deaths due to domestic violence, consists of 26 life-size red silhouettes of people, each bearing the name of a domestic violence victim. For more information about Silent Witness, see www.silentwitness.net.

Throughout October, people who work in the fields of domestic and sexual violence will participate in panel discussions about current violence intervention and prevention strategies in Minnesota.

The discussions will be in 22 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Ave., on the university's St. Paul campus. The schedule follows.

- 2 to 2:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20.
- 11 a.m. to noon and 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23.
- 11 a.m. to noon and 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, October 30.

MINCAVA provides research, education and access to violence-related resources. For more information see www.mincava.umn.edu.

The School of Social Work is housed in the University of Minnesota's College of Human Ecology, an interdisciplinary college with programs in design, housing, and apparel; family social science and food science and nutrition.

10/8/2003

What: 'U' releases 2003 enrollment data
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U OF M ATTRACTING MORE AND BETTER STUDENTS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota is attracting more and better students, as measured by high school rank, ACT scores and enrollment.

This year, the average high school percentile rank of freshmen on the Twin Cities campus increased two points from 77.8 to 79.9. Since the fall of 1990 it has increased nearly 10 percentage points, from 70.6 to 79.9. The average ACT score has increased from 22.8 to 24.8 over the same period.

In addition to attracting better students, demand at the university is high. Enrollment this semester (fall 2003) is 63,769, up from 62,789 in fall 2002. Enrollment has increased 9.6 percent since the fall of 2000. At 49,474, enrollment on the Twin Cities campus will likely again be the third largest of any U.S. campus, behind the University of Texas at Austin and Ohio State University.

"This is great news," said President Robert Bruininks. "Demand from outstanding students is stronger than ever, reflecting the high quality academic experience the university offers at an affordable price."

More students on the Twin Cities campus are also on track to graduate in four years. The average credit load for undergraduate students on the Twin Cities campus has increased from 13.3 for fall 2001 to 13.9 for fall 2002 and to 14.2 for fall 2003.

Credit load increases are attributable to the fall 2002 implementation of a 13-credit tuition band (credits above 13 are offered tuition free) and a requirement that new students register for a minimum of 13 credits. Roughly 40 percent of Twin Cities undergraduates are now subject to that requirement.

"It is in students' best interest to graduate in four years and begin professional careers as quickly as possible," said Craig Swan, vice provost for undergraduate education. "Raising graduation rates is an important university priority and it appears that the policies we've put in place to achieve this goal are working."

Other key enrollment trends include:

- For the first time, enrollment on the Duluth campus has topped 10,000.
- A new pharmacy program at Duluth opened as planned, with an enrollment of 52 students.
- The on-campus enrollment of students in Crookston's baccalaureate programs has topped 1,000

for the first time and is an all time high.

- The largest percentage increase in enrollment for a college is in the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs (23.3 percent). Nursing, which began admitting sophomores this fall for the first time, experienced a 24 percent increase.

- The enrollment of freshmen from Wisconsin on the university's campuses increased from 17.7 percent in fall 2002 to 18 percent in fall 2003.

- The enrollment of freshmen who are students of color increased from 14.5 percent in fall 2002 to 16.1 percent in fall 2003 (20.8 percent on the Twin Cities campus).

For detailed enrollment data by campus, college and student level (undergraduate, graduate, first professional or Ph.D.), go to www.irr.umn.edu. □

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What: Additional communications and security related to upcoming events

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U OF M ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR RIOT PREVENTION

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota is taking several steps to ensure the safety of its students and prevent any possible disturbances related to upcoming events.

"We expect responsible behavior by our students, but we are going to be prepared just the same," said President Robert Bruininks.

Bruininks pointed out that there are late night activities after the game Friday night, including regularly planned events at both Coffman Union and the St. Paul Student Center.

"For that tiny percentage of students who can't act responsibly, the university has made it clear we will not tolerate a repeat of what happened last April," he said. "We want to clearly communicate our expectations and the serious consequences students will face for riotous behavior."

An e-mail from student leaders is being sent to all students reminding them of the consequences they face under the new anti-riot policy. Students can now be expelled for taking part in a celebratory riot, even if they are off-campus at the time. The message also details the extra law enforcement that will be on hand after the football game this Friday night, including:

- Additional officers and assistance from Hennepin County, Minneapolis Police and the State Patrol;
- Teams of University of Minnesota Police Department (UMPD) officers videotaping key areas around campus. The videos would be used to aid the identification and prosecution of anyone engaged in illegal behavior;
- UMPD officers with radios stationed on some rooftops to provide an early warning if crowds begin to congregate;
- A police command center established near the Aquatic Center;
- Uniformed officers stationed at shuttle bus stops to help disperse crowds returning from the Metrodome.

In addition to the extra security:

- The university is placing ads in the Minnesota Daily, also reminding students of consequences of riotous behavior;

- A message to faculty members asks them to take a few minutes in class to discuss responsible behavior;
- The university is working with the community (business associations, neighborhood groups) to get these messages out and remind people who don't belong on campus to stay home;
- Residence Hall Community Advisors are being asked to be on high alert for activity in residence halls and are encouraged to offer late night activities to keep residents in the residences.

10/10/2003

Michael Moore will hold a pre-lecture news conference at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, in the media room of the sports pavilion.

- What:** Lecture by author and filmmaker Michael Moore
- When:** 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11
- Where:** University of Minnesota Sports Pavilion, 1923 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Chris Compton and Gladys Mambo, Minnesota Programs and Activities Council, (612) 624-3743
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TICKETS GOING FAST TO HEAR MICHAEL MOORE LECTURE, ANSWER AUDIENCE QUESTIONS AT U OF M

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Tickets are going fast, with only a limited number available, for Michael Moore's appearance at the University of Minnesota. Moore, the bestselling author and director of the Academy Award-winning documentary "Bowling for Columbine," will deliver a lecture, answer audience questions and sign his newest book, beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at the University of Minnesota Sports Pavilion, 1923 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

Moore's book "Stupid White Men" was a New York Times bestseller, and his newest book, "Dude, Where's My Country?" was released Oct. 1. His lectures focus on issues covered in his books, including pop culture and political and current events. After giving his lecture and answering audience questions, Moore will sign copies of his books, which will be on sale before and after the event.

Tickets for the event, which are \$5 for U of M students and \$10 for the general public, are on sale at the Coffman Union information desk. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the sports pavilion the night of the show.

Moore will be available to answer media questions at 5 p.m. in the media room of the sports pavilion.

Moore's appearance is sponsored by the Minnesota Programs and Activities Council's forum and major events committees, both of which aim to bring high profile guests to perform or speak at the university, and by the University of Minnesota Bookstores. o

10/10/2003

What: Graduate and Professional School Day
When: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15
Where: Great Hall, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
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Paul Moore, University News Service, (612) 624-0214

HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS EXPECTED FOR U OF M GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL DAY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Students unsure about their post-undergraduate options will have a lot to choose from this year at the University of Minnesota's Graduate and Professional School Day, Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Nearly 100 graduate and professional schools from across the country will offer information from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Great Hall of Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

The U's Career & Community Learning Center is expecting to provide 750 students with the opportunity to speak with representatives from a variety of graduate and professional programs including law, business, education and the health sciences.

Students can also get help at the following seminars at the event:

- How to Apply to Graduate and Professional School, 10:15 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- Funding Graduate and Professional School, 11:30 a.m.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information and a list of participating schools, go to www.cclc.umn.edu or call (612) 624-7577.0

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10/14/2003

What: Conference on women's business issues at Carlson School of Management

When: 8:30 a.m.- 4:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7

Where: 3M Auditorium, Carlson School of Management, 321 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis

Who: Betsy Bernard, AT&T president
Marilyn Carlson Nelson, Carlson Companies chairwoman and CEO

Contacts: Catherine Peloquin, Carlson School of Management, (612) 626-0556

WOMEN BUSINESS LEADERS TO ADDRESS TOP ISSUES AT THE COMMITTEE OF 200 CONFERENCE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Issues facing women in business will be the focus of a one-day conference, "Strategies for Success: Inspiring Leadership in Today's Business Environment" Friday, Nov. 7, at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management. The conference is sponsored by the Committee of 200 (C200), a professional organization of leading female entrepreneurs and corporate executives. It is held biannually at the nation's top business schools and attracts some of the country's leading women in business, including members of C200.

AT&T President Betsy Bernard kicks off the event at 8:45 a.m. in the 3M Auditorium with her keynote on how gender affects management style. Marilyn Carlson Nelson, chairwoman and CEO of Carlson Companies, will speak at 12:15 p.m. with an address on integrative leadership.

"I'm honored that the Committee of 200 has chosen the Carlson School of Management as the setting for this outreach seminar," said Carlson Nelson. "It's an opportunity to showcase our community's business vitality and the Carlson School's commitment to leadership development."

The conference is co-sponsored by the C200 and the Carlson School of Management's chapter of Graduate Women in Business. Co-chairs of the event are Jo Marie Dancik, regional managing partner, Ernst & Young; Barbara Mowry, president/CEO, OneRealm; and Carlson Nelson. Seminar topics include the fusion of business, public policy and philanthropy, new definitions for leadership, the historic rise of female entrepreneurs, the impact of women in business and philanthropy, and integrity in business.

The registration fee is \$30 for CSOM alumni, \$50 for individuals and \$40 for corporate invitations. To register, call Cindy Solo at (612) 625-4857 or visit www.cars.csom.umn.edu/gwib_c200/. For more information on C200, see www.c200.org. o

10/14/2003

- What:** U of M to host indigenous language symposium
- When:** Oct. 16 to 17
- Who:** About 200 educators, students, community leaders, students
- Where:** Holiday Inn, St. Paul East, I-94 and McKnight Road
- Contacts:** Yvonne Kelly, American Indian Studies Department, (612) 624-8217
Bob San, News Service, (612) 624-4082, sanxx001@umn.edu

SYMPOSIUM TO FOCUS ON PRESERVATION OF OJIBWE, DAKOTA LANGUAGES

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL—About 200 scholars from the United States and Canada will attend the first Minnesota Indigenous Language Symposium this Thursday and Friday, Oct. 16 and 17, at the Holiday Inn St. Paul East.

The symposium, hosted by the University of Minnesota Department of American Indian Studies and the Grotto Foundation, will focus on Ojibwe and Dakota language revitalization initiatives within Minnesota and its neighboring states. Both languages are seriously threatened. Today, Minnesota's Native languages are being spoken fluently by only a few Native people, most of them elderly.

"A unique Native and collective human cultural legacy is at risk," said Yvonne Kelly, a program associate of the university's Department of American Indian Studies. "The world view of a people, its riddles, its philosophy, its medicinal knowledge and its lifeways are deeply rooted in language."

"Without the Ojibwe language, the culture is lost and Ojibwe people become mere descendents of Indians, with little to differentiate themselves from non-Indians," said Anton Treuer, a University of Minnesota instructor and author of "Living Our Languages: Ojibwe Tales and Oral Histories. "Language and tradition combine to make culture. Indian people need both to survive."

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Treuer will be one of many presenters at the symposium. The speakers will reflect on community language activism, master /apprentice models, immersion programs, higher education programs and language-related media.

“The symposium will be an opportunity to build partnerships, explore the field and examine innovative educational approaches to restore Native languages and improve the educational outcomes for American Indian students,” Kelly said. “Through networking and sharing of information, the conference hopes to build support between and among programs committed to language revitalization and the preservation of the indigenous world view.”

For a schedule of the symposium, go to <http://cla.umn.edu/amerind/events.html>.

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10/15/2003

What: Presentation on traffic congestion

When: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28

Where: Radisson Hotel Metrodome, 615 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis

Who: Center for Transportation Studies

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TRAFFIC CONGESTION: FRIEND OR FOE?

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Should we view traffic congestion as a sign of failure? Brian Taylor, director of the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles, (UCLA) will pose that question during the University of Minnesota's Center for Transportation Studies fall luncheon. Taylor will present "Traffic Congestion: Annoying Friend or Dangerous Foe?" from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the Radisson Hotel Metrodome, 615 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

Traffic engineers, transportation planners and public officials responsible for metropolitan transportation systems are often criticized for not easing congestion. Most people view lines of cars backed up for miles as a failure. However, long lines at restaurants or theater box offices are seen as signs of success, not failure. Should wildly popular transportation systems be viewed any differently? Seeing traffic congestion as a product of vibrant, successful cities puts the congestion problem in a different light, Taylor said.

Congestion is clearly a serious problem for certain systems, in certain places and at certain times. But in political terms, this asymmetry is more of a liability than an asset, so it is often ignored. Taylor's presentation will examine congestion as an economic, social, and political phenomenon with an emphasis on critiquing conventional congestion wisdom--the unbearably high costs, the dilemma of induced demand, and the central role of land use planning in causing and solving congestion problems.

Center for Transportation Studies Director Robert Johns said it is important for local transportation officials to hear ideas and perspectives from people like Taylor.

"The Twin Cities has one of the fastest growing rates of traffic congestion in the nation," Johns said. "It's becoming more of a public policy issue, and we want to let people know what leading researchers elsewhere are finding." To examine current research from CTS, go to

(www.cts.umn.edu/trg/news/2003/synthesis.html)

Taylor is an associate professor and vice chairman of urban planning at UCLA. His research centers on both transportation finance and travel demographics. He has examined the politics of transportation finance, including the influence of finance on the development of metropolitan freeway systems and the effect of public transit subsidy programs on both system performance and social equity.

To register for the luncheon, go to the College of Continuing Education registration page at <http://register.cce.umn.edu> and enter Event ID# 175818. For additional information, visit the fall luncheon page at www.cts.umn.edu/events/luncheon/fall/index.html or contact Shirley Mueffelman at (612) 624-4754. o

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**Starring Ken Starr
Š Thursday, Nov. 6**

His name was everywhere in the late 1990s. Now former independent counsel Kenneth Starr is coming to the University of Minnesota to lecture and sign copies of his book "First Among Equals." Starr will speak on "Political Liberty: Campaign Finance and the Freedoms of Speech and Association" at 7:30 p.m. in Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2106 Fourth St. S., Minneapolis, as part of the Silha Lecture Series. He will sign books immediately after the lecture. Contact Kari Weidling, University of Minnesota Bookstores, (612) 625-6564. News Service contact, Paul Moore, (612) 624-0214.

**Total lunar eclipse commentary
... Saturday, Nov. 8**

The full moon takes a short sojourn through Earth's shadow the evening of Nov. 8, treating us to the year's second total lunar eclipse. Chances are our trusty satellite won't entirely disappear, as it will just skirt the southern edge of Earth's dark inner shadow. But its disk may still glow an eerie gray or coppery color. Speaking of color, if you want expert commentary on eclipses, call astronomy professor Terry Jones, (612) 624-8009. Ask him what we'd see if we were astronauts on the moon during this eclipse. News Service contact, Deane Morrison, (612) 624-2346.

**U lecturer to speak on failed colonization attempt in Africa
... Saturday, Nov. 8**

University of Minnesota West African expert Wynfred Russell will be the featured speaker at the International Leadership Institute's (ILI) Ralph Bunche Lecture Series from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the ILI Resource in the Loring Park Office Building, 430 Oak Grove St., Minneapolis. Russell, an instructor and project manager in the university's department of African American and African studies, will speak on "Liberia: America's Failed Attempt at Colonization in Africa." His presentation will include Liberia's history, its relationship with the United States and current events. Russell came to the United States in 1991 as a refugee student after fleeing the civil war in his native Liberia. He attended Northern Michigan University and North Carolina State University, studying political science and Third World studies, respectively. He moved to Minneapolis in 2000 to teach courses in contemporary African issues at the university. Since the outbreak of the Liberian crisis, Russell has made numerous media appearances. He has also written and published several articles and columns on civil war and conflicts in sub-Saharan Africa. Russell has been involved in the community as a social activist with a passion for designing HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention programs. Call Russell at (612) 625-0185. News Service contact, Deane Morrison, (612) 624-2346.

**First Friday focuses on arts
... Noon-1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7**

Curators from Special Collections and Archives at the University of Minnesota Libraries will demonstrate that our history includes not only fine arts such as drama, classical music and dance, but more popular arts such as vaudeville and ethnic music and dance, during the

library's First Friday event in the Givens Conference Suite, Andersen Library, 221 21st Ave. S., Minneapolis. Joel Wurl, curator and assistant director of the Immigration History Research Center, will use videotapes of artistic performances by immigrant groups in his presentation, "All the World's A Stage: Performing Arts and the Immigrant Experience." Al Lathrop, curator of the Performing Arts Archives in the Manuscripts Division, will speak about "The Fine and Not-So-Fine Art of Vaudeville." Lois Hendrickson, acting head of University Archives, will provide insight into visits from the Metropolitan Opera and other activities in her talk, "Bringing the World to Minnesota: The University's Department of Concerts and Lectures." Attendees may bring lunch, and light refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public. Library tours follow the presentations. For more information, contact Timothy Johnson, curator of Special Collections and Rare Books, (612) 624-3552. News Service contact, Patty Mattern, (612) 624-2801.

Tips are on the Web at www.unews.umn.edu

10/15/2003

What: Blind Boys of Alabama concert
When: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13
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GOSPEL LEGENDS TO PERFORM AT TED MANN

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota School of Music (SOM) will present gospel legends the Blind Boys of Alabama at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, in Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2128 Fourth St. S., Minneapolis. The concert is part of Interplay, the SOM's annual series of world music concerts.

For more than 60 years, the Blind Boys of Alabama have thrilled audiences worldwide with their potent and passionate gospel songs. Since forming in 1939 at the Alabama Institute for the Negro Blind, founding members Clarence Fountain, Jimmy Carter and George Scott--along with more recent arrivals Joey Williams, Ricky McKinnie and Bobby Butler--have enjoyed international acclaim and have come to represent the highest standard in American gospel music.

Since first targeting a wider audience with their roles in the 1983 production of "The Gospel at Colonus" (Bob Telson's and Lee Breuer's Obie Award-winning Broadway smash that came to the Guthrie Theater), the Blind Boys have repeatedly reinvented material associated with artists from the world beyond the church. They've transformed Bob Dylan ("I Believe in You") and Richard Thompson ("Dimming of the Day"), illuminating the spiritual message inherent in these soul-searching songs. On last year's Grammy Award-winning "Spirit of the Century" (Real World), they applied that same knack to an eclectic array of tunes drawn from the Rolling Stones, Tom Waits and Ben Harper, with a band that boasted such instrumentalists as blues guitarist John Hammond, string maestro David Lindley and blues harp virtuoso Charlie Musselwhite.

Now starting their seventh decade of performing with unprecedented back-to-back Grammy awards--for "Spirit of the Century" (2002) and "Higher Ground" (2003)--to their credit, the Blind Boys are "fresher than most youthful acts can hope to be," according to the New York Times.

Tickets are \$38 and \$28 and can be purchased by calling (612) 624-2345. Student rush tickets (\$10) are available at the box office the day of the performance. A \$3 handling fee applies to all tickets. Parking is available in the 21st Avenue parking ramp, one block southwest of the concert hall.

10/16/2003

What: Kickoff of new business leadership series

When: 6-7:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21

Where: 3M Auditorium, Carlson School of Management, 321 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis

Who: PBS President and CEO Pat Mitchell
Carlson Companies chair and CEO Marilyn Carlson Nelson

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PBS CEO TO KICK OFF NEW LEADERSHIP SERIES AT CARLSON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Public Broadcasting System President and CEO Pat Mitchell and host Marilyn Carlson Nelson, Carlson Companies chairwoman and CEO, will discuss business challenges and successes at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at the inaugural University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management's "Inside the Boardroom" Leadership Series event. It will be held in the Carlson School's 3M Auditorium, 321 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

Mitchell and Nelson will conduct a public conversation on a range of business issues. They will then be joined by other experts to discuss other education, public policy and communications issues related to public broadcasting.

Mitchell has served as president and CEO of PBS since March 2000. She is the first woman and producer to serve in that role for the nation's largest and only noncommercial broadcasting service. A former network correspondent, independent producer and Time Warner executive, she now oversees the operations of a \$1 billion national enterprise made up of 349 member stations. She graduated magna cum laude from the University of Georgia with a master's degree in English literature.

Nelson has served as chairwoman and CEO of Carlson Companies since 1999. Carlson Companies is a global giant in the travel, hotel, restaurant, cruise and marketing industries. With headquarters in Minneapolis, Carlson-related brands and services employ about 198,000 people worldwide.

Registration starts at 5:30 p.m., and a reception follows. The event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. For reservations, call (612) 626-9635 or e-mail mkinross-wright@csom.umn.edu.

The biannual "Inside the Boardroom" series showcases American CEOs considered leaders in their fields. The series is sponsored by the Carlson Companies and the Carlson School's chapter of Graduate Women in Business.

What: Fundraiser for programs against domestic violence
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PROMINENT MINNESOTA WOMEN KNIT SHAWLS IN REMEMBRANCE OF SHEILA WELLSTONE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--In honor of Sheila Wellstone's work to end domestic violence, the University of Minnesota and Silent Witness, an organization that works to eliminate domestic murders, are partnering for a special project called "Sheila Shawl Extravaganza."

Prominent Minnesota women and skilled knitters are designing and knitting unique shawls that will be auctioned at an extravaganza on June 17, 2004. The knitters include Susan Hagstrum, wife of U of M President Robert Bruininks; Shirley Baugher, dean of the College of Human Ecology; former Minnesota first lady Gretchen Quie; Minnesota author Lorna Landvik; Justice Rosalie Wahl, the first woman to serve on the Minnesota Supreme Court; and former Minnesota Secretary of State Joan Growe. Money raised will be used for a domestic violence fellowship in the university's School of Social Work and for Silent Witness programming. Shawls for the extravaganza have their own private label.

"Sheila Wellstone was a passionate supporter of the work in the School of Social Work," said Jean Quam, director of the school. "She was an advocacy role model for the prevention of violence against women. Her determination was infectious. We are proud to have the Sheila Wellstone fellowship to support the education of a graduate student and Sheila's legacy."

The university/Silent Witness partnership is a special component of the overall Sheila Shawl project, an idea developed and brought to life by Janet Hagberg, a university graduate and executive director of Silent Witness.

The news of Sheila Wellstone's untimely death, along with her husband Sen. Paul Wellstone in a plane crash on October 25, 2002, brought grief to many in the domestic violence community.

"Upon learning of Sheila's death, I sat with a shawl wrapped around my shoulders. It felt like she was in the room with me, comforting me," said Hagberg. "I thought that if I felt this much comfort with my shawl, how would families who had lost a loved one to domestic violence feel?"

"Sheila and Paul were tireless advocates for victims of domestic violence. Sheila Wellstone was practically synonymous with Silent Witness, both in Minnesota and nationally. She appeared at public events and spoke the words of Witnesses who could no longer speak."

The Sheila Shawl project now provides shawls for the families of domestic violence victims. During the last 10 months, Silent Witness has received and sent out more than 170 shawls to women in four countries.

Shawls knitted for the extravaganza will be on exhibit from May 27 to June 15 at the Goldstein Museum of Design, 244 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Ave., St. Paul. Christina Crawford, author and advocate for abused children, will speak and sign books at the opening of the shawl exhibit on Thursday, May 27.

The live auction will be from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. June 17 at Eastcliff, 176 N. Mississippi Blvd., St. Paul. Silent and Web auctions will also take place. For more information about the Sheila Shawl Extravaganza, see ssw.che.umn.edu/sheilas-shawls/shawls-home.htm. For more information about Silent Witness and the Sheila Shawl project, see www.silentwitness.net, and for more on the School of Social Work visit <http://ssw.che.umn.edu>.

What: Grant to sequence genome of a model legume

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA RECEIVES \$10.8 MILLION FROM NSF TO SEQUENCE THIRD PLANT GENOME

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota has received \$10.8 million from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for a multi-institution initiative to sequence the genome of a model legume known by its scientific name, *Medicago truncatula* (the barrel medic). *Medicago truncatula* is the third plant genome to be sequenced; only *Arabidopsis*--a plant widely studied as a model green plant--and rice have been sequenced to date. *Medicago* was given such high priority because it provides an excellent experimental system to study agriculturally important legumes like soybeans, mung beans, chickpeas, cowpeas, and lentils, crops that constitute the major source of protein for people throughout the developing world. Alfalfa is also a legume and is a major source of protein for foraging cattle and a close relative of *Medicago truncatula*.

Nevin Young, a professor with a joint appointment in the departments of plant pathology and plant biology in the university's College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences, will lead the work, which is part of NSF's plant genome research program.

Legumes acquire their high protein content by virtue of their ability to produce their own fertilizer through a process known as nitrogen fixation. Legumes also produce many novel compounds with health-promoting properties, such as anti-cancer activity.

"Legumes are responsible for a majority of the biologically generated nitrogen in the world, especially in agriculture," said Young. That is, before the expensive, energy-intensive process of commercial fertilizer production was invented, agriculture worldwide depended on legumes to supply the nitrogen needed to make protein. Legumes perform this feat with the help of bacteria that infect their roots and form specialized structures called nodules. Within nodules, nitrogen gas from the air is converted into a form that living organisms can use to make amino acids and proteins.

The special compounds legumes make include phytoestrogens and isoflavones, which have been linked to many health benefits. By sequencing the genome, scientists will have the basic tool to understand all these processes and put them to work to improve health and nutrition, Young said.

"We need to have a complete inventory of the genes and gene products," he said. "Until then, we won't even know what we don't know about legume biology. It's like trying to build a car without a complete parts list. With the genome sequence, scientists can sit down and look at all the pieces involved in making health-promoting compounds, converting nitrogen to a usable form, and packing legumes with protein and figure out ways to make them work better."

Of special interest is the way legumes and the bacteria that infect their roots "tell" each other who they are. Such communication is essential for the two organisms to recognize each other and take the next steps in the cooperation that leads to nitrogen being "fixed" into usable forms. The only way to understand the communication is to get a complete gene sequence for legumes, said Young. The sequence for the infecting bacteria has already been determined, in a project that included another University of Minnesota professor, Michael Sadowsky.

The value of having the Medicago gene sequence will be manifold.

"We want to develop more intelligent ways of using crops through traditional breeding, as well as new avenues for applying biotechnology," said Young. "We want plants to fix nitrogen and produce useful compounds as efficiently as possible." He noted that the genes governing the interactions between legumes and beneficial bacteria also control interactions with soil fungi. The roots of many crops, trees and other plants depend on the biochemical "talents" of fungi in order to extract water and nutrients from soil.

Young directs a group that includes Bruce Roe, director of the University of Oklahoma Genome Center, and Chris Town of The Institute for Genome Research (TIGR) in Rockville, Md. The cooperative agreement between Minnesota and NSF is for \$10.8 million over three years, and it adds to more than \$5 million in Medicago genomics research already underway at Minnesota. Young will direct the sequencing project and coordinate its bioinformatics component in cooperation with Ernest Retzel of Minnesota's Center for Computational Genomics and Bioinformatics. Bioinformatics is the discipline that deals with extracting useful information from reams of data, such as is generated in any sequencing project. Roe and Town will lead the actual DNA sequencing work, which will be performed at highly specialized robotic facilities at Oklahoma and TIGR.

The Minnesota-led project is matched by a parallel Medicago sequencing initiative under way in Europe, primarily in England and France. Medicago has eight chromosomes; the U.S. group will be sequencing six, and the European group will sequence two. The researchers will concentrate on the gene-rich regions of chromosomes.

As a model legume, the Medicago genome sequence is expected to revolutionize the field of plant genomics. Scientists will quickly begin to discover the genes responsible for important biological processes like nitrogen fixation, plant-microbe symbiosis and the synthesis of health-promoting compounds. The Medicago sequence is also expected to speed the development of new scientific tools

for legume research, including DNA chips and DNA microarrays, techniques that enable researchers to predict the functions of proteins. The Medicago genome sequence is even expected to simplify and accelerate future sequencing efforts envisioned for crops like soybean.0

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What: Grant to sequence genome of 'herbicide' soil bacterium

When: Next two years

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA RECEIVES \$699,245 FROM NSF TO SEQUENCE GENOME OF HERBICIDE-EATING BACTERIUM

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota has received a National Science Foundation grant of \$699,245 for sequencing the genome of a soil bacterium that breaks down atrazine and other herbicides.

"This isn't just an esoteric science--it has a definite impact on people's lives," said Sadowsky. "It speeds up the discovery of useful attributes that microbes have by orders of magnitude. This is the same type of science that is used to discover new drugs and how plants and animals respond to their environment."

The project will be directed by Michael Sadowsky, a professor in the department of soil, water and climate in the university's College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences; and Lawrence Wackett, a professor in the department of biochemistry, molecular biology and biophysics in the College of Biological Sciences (CBS). Both are also professors in the Biotechnology Institute, a joint program of CBS and the university's Institute of Technology. The grant will fund a two-year project to determine the complete genome sequence of *Arthrobacter aurescens*, a soil bacterium that degrades atrazine and other herbicides. *Arthrobacter* strains are widespread in soil around the globe and contribute to recycling of organic matter, breaking down environmental pollutants and transforming heavy metals. Part of the project includes collaboration with Patrick Hamilton of the Minnesota Science Museum to create hands-on exhibits showing the use of microbial genomic technologies to enhance the environment. Genome sequencing will be done in collaboration with Karen Nelson of The Institute for Genome Research (TIGR) in Rockville, Md.

Although *Arthrobacter* is a common soil microbe, its physiology and genetics are not well understood, said Sadowsky. It possesses a great capacity to degrade herbicides and other organic

compounds and to transform toxic heavy metals into nontoxic forms. For example, it can transform mercury salts to neutral metal. The researchers hope the information they gain from genomics will give them tools--such as genes, enzymes and other proteins--to clean up the environment.0

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What: Humphrey Institute Policy Forum fall conference: "The Politics of Health Care: Prescriptions for Change"

When: 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22
8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23

Where: Oct. 22: River Place Events Center, Main St. N.E. and E. Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis
Oct. 23: Minnesota Historical Society History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul

Who: Oct. 22: Richard Lamm, former governor of Colorado
Oct. 23: Mark Gibson, deputy director, Center for Evidence-Based Policy, Oregon Health Sciences University
Jan Malcolm, former Minnesota commissioner of health
Sara Rosenbaum, professor and chair of the Department of Health Policy, The George Washington University Medical Center
Lawrence R. Jacobs, professor of political science, University of Minnesota and Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs
Sen. Linda Berglin, DFL-Minneapolis
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POLICY FORUM TO ADDRESS POLITICS OF HEALTH CARE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Richard Lamm, former governor of Colorado, will speak on "The Brave New World of Health Care" Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the Humphrey Institute Policy Forum's conference, "The Politics of Health Care: Prescriptions for Change." Lamm will give his address over dinner, which runs from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The conference will continue Thursday morning with a discussion that will include Lawrence R. Jacobs, professor of political science, University of Minnesota and Humphrey Institute of Public

Affairs; Sen. Linda Berglin, DFL-Minneapolis; Rep. Tim Wilkin, R-Eagan; and former Minnesota health commissioner Jan Malcolm (see complete list above).

The conference will conclude with a keynote address on "Overhauling Medicare and Beyond" by Doug Badger, senior adviser on health policy to President George W. Bush.

The cost for the conference is \$60 for both days, or \$40 for Wednesday, which includes dinner, and \$30 for Thursday, which includes continental breakfast and light lunch.

A discount is available for students and people with a limited income. ○

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What: U of M update on clerical strike
When: 3 p.m., Tuesday, October 21
Where: Room 12, Morrill Hall, 100 Church St. S.E.
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UPDATE ON FIRST DAY OF STRIKE AT U OF M

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota vice president for human resources Carol Carrier will provide an update to the media on the AFSCME clerical units' strike today (Oct. 21) at 3 p.m. in Room 12, Morrill Hall. Included will be an assessment of the impact of the strike, including the number of employees reporting to work. □

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What: Operations during AFSCME strike
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OPERATIONS RUN SMOOTHLY AT THE U, AS EMPLOYEES PITCH IN TO GET WORK DONE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--It was business, and education, as usual on University of Minnesota campuses today, despite a strike by hundreds of clerical workers.

Approximately 55 percent of AFSCME clerical unit members came to work today. There are approximately 1,900 members in the unit. The university has 18,000 employees.

As of Tuesday afternoon, there had been no reports of major disruptions due to the strike. Picket lines have been civil and respectful, as have working employees.

“Thank you, to our faculty, students and staff who have pitched in to get the university's work done today,” said Carol Carrier, university vice president for human resources. “Many, many people have taken on extra responsibilities and we are very grateful to them.”

Carrier also said payroll is being processed on schedule and she does not anticipate any disruption to next Wednesday's payday.

Although some professors chose to hold their classes off campus, the majority of classes were held on campus, in their scheduled locations. All events and activities, including sporting events, are also going on as scheduled. That includes a previously planned health walk and fair, which went on today without disruption. □

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What: U of M strike update: day two
Who: Carol Carrier, vice president for human resources
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FIFTY-FIVE PERCENT OF CLERICAL UNIT EMPLOYEES ON THE JOB

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Fifty-five percent of AFSCME clerical union members are at work today (Oct. 22), the second day of a strike at the University of Minnesota.

"We welcome our employees back to work," said Carol Carrier, vice president for human resources. "These are valuable and knowledgeable employees who do important work, and it's good to have them back."

Carrier said that units are coping with the walkout largely by spreading work around.

"Everyone is pitching in, and we're getting the work done," said Carrier.

With regard to classes being held off campus, Carrier stressed that the university offers about 12,000 classes to 50,000 students.

"Clearly, holding classes off campus is an inconvenience. The good news for students is that the vast majority of classes are being held as regularly scheduled," said Carrier.

The university has made no plans with the mediator to resume mediation. Information about the strike can be found at www.umn.edu/ohr. □

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What: Minnesota Supreme Court agrees to hear U of M appeal
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STATE SUPREME COURT AGREES TO HEAR U OF M APPEAL IN PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH CASE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The Minnesota Supreme Court today agreed to hear the University of Minnesota's appeal of the Court of Appeals decision in a case challenging the presidential selection process used last year by the university's board of regents.

"The Minnesota Supreme Court has repeatedly upheld the unique authority of the board of regents to make key decisions governing the university free of outside interference," said General Counsel Mark Rotenberg. "Today's decision will enable the court to apply that principle in the critically important context of choosing a university president."

This case arose from a November 2002 decision by the board of regents to confidentially interview and discuss the qualifications of certain candidates for the position of university president.

Today the Supreme Court also granted a request of the unsuccessful candidates to participate in the case as amici curiae, or friends of the court. That ruling allows the candidates to submit a brief to the court explaining their individual privacy concerns. o

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What: 2003 Homecoming events

When: Monday, Oct. 27, through Saturday, Nov. 1

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U OF M TELLS A NEW TALE: 'ONCE UPON A HOMECOMING'

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota continues a nearly 90-year tradition as Homecoming week launches with the annual kick-off party, 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 27, on the U's Northrop Plaza. The party will feature a hot dog eating contest, live music and enough chili to feed 2,500 people.

Homecoming week concludes Saturday, Nov. 1, with the annual parade and the Gopher football game against the Indiana Hoosiers.

Between the Monday party and the Saturday game, there will be a lip-sync contest hosted by drag queens from the Gay '90s, a pep fest and bonfire expected to draw up to 3,000 people and the traditional Homecoming parade, which annually draws 10,000 people. This year's parade grand marshal is Patty Brooks, wife of the late Herb Brooks.

In 1914 the University of Minnesota began a tradition of bringing the campus community, alumni and friends to campus for a homecoming celebration. This year's "Once Upon A Homecoming," celebrates this tradition with annual festivities like the bonfire, royalty coronation, philanthropy events, University of Minnesota Alumni Association pancake breakfast and the football game.

Featured events include:

- Monday, Oct. 27: Kick-off party-Northrop Plaza 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Lip-sync competition, Northrop Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 28: Cheer preliminaries, St. Paul Mall, 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 29: Free "dive-in" movie, "Finding Nemo," St. Paul Gym pool, 9 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 31: Cheer finals, pepfest and bonfire, St. Paul Gym field, 4-8 p.m. Football coach Glen Mason will address the crowd around 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 1: Homecoming parade, University Avenue, 10 a.m.
Football game vs. Indiana, HHH Metrodome, time to be announced.

Homecoming is planned by a committee of U of M students as part of the campuswide programming board, the Minnesota Programs and Activities Council (MPAC) of the Student Activities Office.

Homecoming committee volunteers make a yearlong commitment, all in the name of school spirit. All

Homecoming activities and events are open to everyone. For more information, visit

www.homecoming.umn.edu.o

10/23/2003

What: U of M Strike Update: Day 3
Who: Carol Carrier, vice president for human resources
Contacts: Amy Phenix, News Service, (612) 625-8510

MORE EMPLOYEES RETURN TO WORK

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Fifty-nine percent of AFSCME clerical union members are at work today (Oct. 23), the third day of a strike at the University of Minnesota. That's up four percentage points from the first two days of the strike. There are 1,900 members of the clerical union and 18,000 employees at the university.

"We welcome these back and hope others will recommend the significant financial constraints the university faces," said Carol Carrier, vice president for human resources. "Because of these budget issues, this is a tough time period for all university employees."

Carrier said that work has continued largely uninterrupted at the university. Deliveries are being made and classes continue to be held.

Information about the strike can be found at www.umn.edu/ohr. □

- What:** Presentation of arsenic in groundwater research at annual water resources conference
- When:** 9:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28
- Where:** Earle Brown Heritage Center, 6155 Earle Brown Drive, Brooklyn Center
- Contacts:** Mindy Erickson, research engineer and CURA Faculty Interactive Grant co-recipient, (612) 624-7885, eric0984@umn.edu
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SMALL TOWNS MAY SAVE MILLIONS THANKS TO U OF M GROUNDWATER RESEARCH

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Small municipalities in Minnesota could save millions of dollars in reducing the levels of arsenic in their drinking water, thanks to research partly funded by a grant from the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA).

Mindy Erickson will present her research in poster sessions at 9:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Water Resources Conference Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center. Erickson was the co-recipient of the grant as part of CURA's Faculty Interactive Research Program.

Erickson's research on drinking wells, which could save communities throughout Minnesota up to \$1 million each, builds on research from the early 1990s that turned up high levels of arsenic in hundreds of communities throughout western and southern Minnesota. Her research was also driven by results from the Minnesota Arsenic Study published in 2001, a study Erickson was involved with while working at the Minnesota Department of Health.

Erickson's research is timely because the federal government recently tightened the Maximum Containment Level (MCL) for arsenic to 10 ug/L. That came in response to research showing that long-term exposure to low levels of arsenic increases the risk of adverse health effects such as skin cancer and disorders of the circulatory, nervous and digestive systems.

Communities will need to comply with the new MCL by Jan. 1, 2006. Many small communities throughout Minnesota, Iowa, and the Dakotas have unique geology that contributes to concentrations of arsenic that exceed the new federal levels.

A new treatment plant can cost more than \$1 million, which many affected communities cannot afford. Erickson's research helps establish lower-cost compliance options, such as drilling an alternate well, which costs only one-tenth that of building a treatment plant.

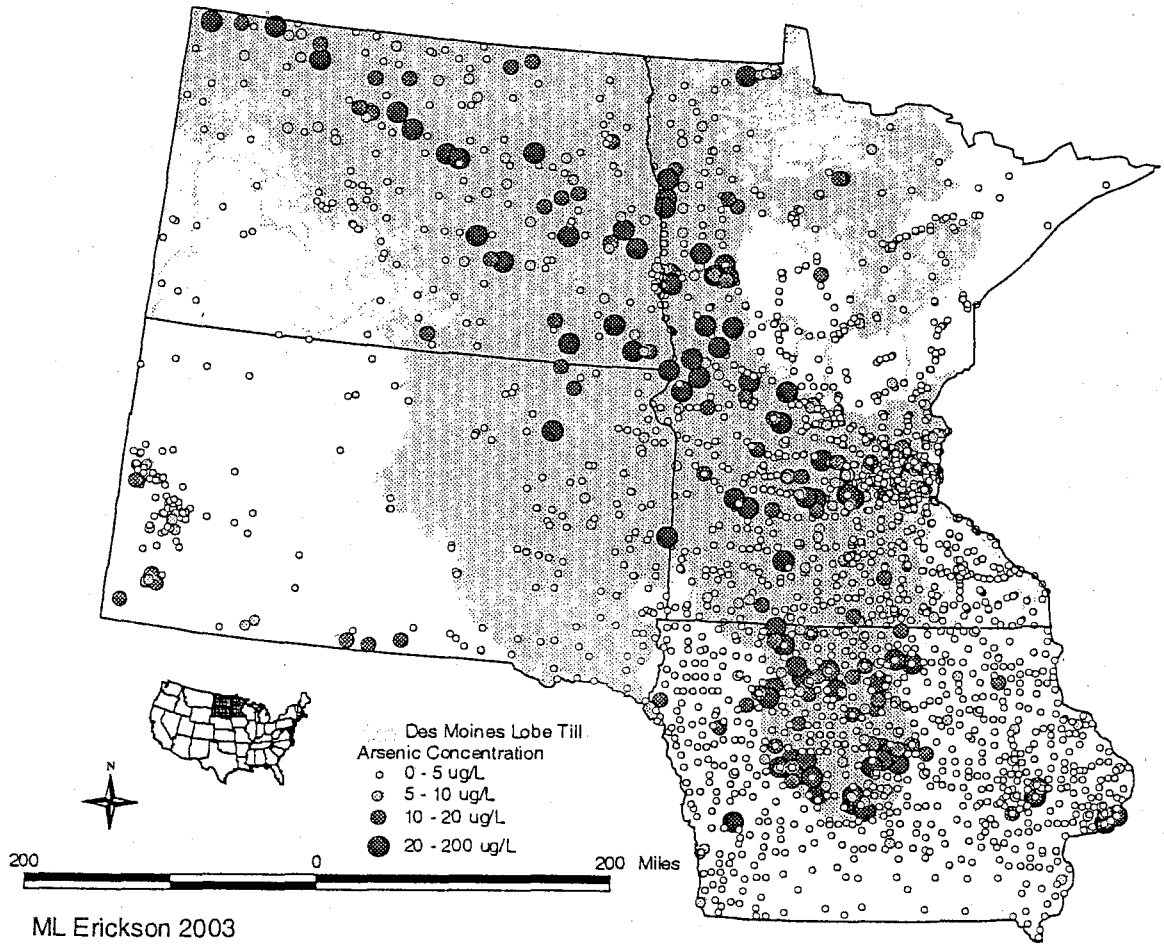
One community that has already benefited from Erickson's research is Neilsville, Minn., whose drinking well is higher in arsenic than the new limit allows. Erickson developed a site investigation protocol and then helped conduct a site investigation. As a result of her work, the Neilsville community will move confidently forward with drilling a new low-arsenic well next spring. Other communities Erickson has worked with include Cosmos, Climax, Frost, Ulen and Elizabeth.

Erickson is a doctoral candidate in the water resources science program at the University of Minnesota. She has been working under the supervision of civil engineering faculty member Randal J. Barnes, the project's principal investigator.

The core of Erickson's work resulted from a consortium of funding and is representative of the kind of support CURA has been providing to researchers and organizations for 35 years. CURA provided financial and other support, along with the Minnesota Department of Health, the Water Resources Center, the Minnesota Geological Survey, the U.S. Geological Survey and community partners around the state.

For an abstract of Erickson's research, send an e-mail to eric0984@umn.edu. For more information on the Water Resources Conference, call the university's College of Continuing Education at (612) 624-3492.

CURA has been connecting resources at the University of Minnesota with community and neighborhood organizations for 35 years. In addition to the Faculty Interactive Research Program, CURA supports more than a dozen programs that provide research support and technical assistance to community organizations and government agencies throughout Minnesota. CURA is on the Web at www.cura.umn.edu. ○



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Arsenic Concentrations in Public Water Supplies in the Upper Midwest, USA

10/24/2003

What: U of M strike update: day four
Who: Carol Carrier, vice president for human resources
Contacts: Amy Phenix, News Service, (612) 625-8510

RETURNING WORKERS WELCOMED

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Sixty percent of AFSCME clerical union members are at work today (Oct. 24), the fourth day of a clerical unit strike at the University of Minnesota. That is up five percentage points from the first two days of the strike.

“The university is a very good place to work,” said Carol Carrier, vice president for human resources. “In addition to competitive wages and health benefits, university employees have many professional opportunities and a good deal of job security.”

Specifically:

- Laid off employees have rights to vacancies in their previous job classification. Laid off employees also have the option of a severance program that includes lump sum payments based on years of service and continued health care coverage.
- The university offers employees free tuition through the Regents Scholarship program, in which it invests \$2.5 million annually.
- Over the past 15 months, the university has offered 2,300 training and professional development courses, all available to clerical employees.

“We really do pride ourselves on being a good employer, and by all of these measures, we are,” said Carrier.

According to university payroll records, there are about 1,900 members of the clerical union and about 18,000 employees at the university.

Information about the strike can be found at <http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/er/strike.htm>. □

10/27/2003

What: U of M strike update: day five
Who: Carol Carrier, vice president for human resources
Contacts: Amy Phenix, University News Service, (612) 625-8510

SIXTY-TWO PERCENT AT WORK AT END OF FIRST WEEK OF STRIKE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Sixty two percent of AFSCME clerical union members are at work today (Oct. 27), the fifth business day of a clerical unit strike at the University of Minnesota.

Each day, the number of employees returning to work has increased and Carol Carrier, vice president for human resources, said university officials are pleased that employees continue to return to work.

"We understand that it may be a difficult decision for some AFSCME members to return to work, but we're very happy to have them back and are working to ensure smooth transitions in colleges and units," she said. "Each of our employees perform important work and when they're not here, others must pick up extra work or it must be delayed."

Tomorrow marks the end of the first business week of the strike and on Wednesday, Oct. 29, the last full paycheck for striking employees will be deposited.

"We continue to believe our offer is fair and equitable, and it is in line with the salaries and benefits Minnesotans in comparable jobs receive," said Carrier.

The university is working to manage a 15 percent state budget reduction over two years, and has proposed a one-year wage and salary freeze for all employees and is asking employees to pay 10 percent of the cost of the health care premium for individual coverage in the base plan.

"Clearly, Minnesotans expect the university to maintain its teaching and research mission with fewer resources," said Carrier. "In turn, we are asking employees to help us meet this challenge."

There have been few reported incidents between picketers and students or others with business on university campuses.

According to university payroll records, there are about 1,900 members of the clerical union and about 18,000 employees at the university.

Information about the strike can be found at <http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/er/strike.htm>. □

10/28/2003

What: \$300,000 grant from U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women
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U OF M AURORA CENTER RECEIVES MAJOR GRANT TO REDUCE VIOLENT CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN ON CAMPUS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota's Aurora Center for Advocacy and Education has received another major grant to continue funding its program to reduce violent crimes against women on campus.

The center will receive \$299,629 from the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women. The U is one of 15 schools nationwide that have won funding for the program every year it has been available. The university has received a total of \$1,063,434 since 1999.

"This grant will allow us to continue to provide excellent service to victims of sexual assault and relationship violence," said Roberta Gibbons, associate director of the Aurora Center. "We are especially excited about our partnerships with other campus programs as well as organizations in the community."

Gibbons said the center will use the grant to advance four main goals:

- Continue to improve the legal advocacy program whereby survivors of relationship violence and sexual assault can have a restraining order written for them by Aurora Center advocates, who also accompany survivors to court.
- Increase outreach to and improve services for underserved populations on campus, including students with disabilities and immigrant and international students.
- Continue to increase outreach to university faculty and staff through a continued presence at new employee orientation and training undergraduate advisers.
- Continue development of "The Green M&M Project," Aurora's research-based violence prevention program. This two-year-old project includes curriculum development, training of peer educators, program development and outreach.

The Aurora Center for Advocacy and Education provides free and confidential crisis intervention to victims of sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking and harassment. The center also provides services for people concerned about a friend or loved one who has experienced these types of crimes. The Aurora Center accepts walk-in clients and operates a 24-hour crisis line, which is answered 365 days a year. The center serves approximately 200 people per year. o

10/28/2003

What: U of M strike update: day six
Who: Carol Carrier, vice president for human resources
Kathy Brown, vice president and chief of staff
Contacts: Amy Phenix, University News Service

U WORKERS CONTINUE TO RETURN

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Sixty three percent of AFSCME clerical union members are at work today (Oct. 28), the sixth business day of a clerical unit strike at the University of Minnesota.

"Each day, we welcome employees back and are very pleased to have them here," said Carol Carrier, vice president for human resources.

Today, Executive Vice President and Provost Christine Maziar, Vice President and Chief of Staff Kathy Brown and Carrier met for about an hour with an ad hoc group of 17 students, who were among about 60 staging a protest in Morrill Hall in support of the striking workers.

Brown described the meeting as cordial and said that university officials listened to student concerns and discussed the serious budget challenges the university is currently facing and how these impacts contract negotiations.

"This institution has a long, rich history of open dialogue and vigorous debate about issues," said Brown. "Our dispute is with the leadership of AFSCME 3800, not with our students, with whom we had a good discussion."

According to university payroll records, there are about 1,900 members of the clerical union and about 18,000 employees at the university.

Information about the strike can be found at <http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/er/strike.htm>. □

10/29/2003

What: President Robert Bruininks visits Owatonna

When: Thursday, Nov. 6

Where: Rotary speech: Ramada Inn, 1212 Interstate Highway 35
 Community Roundtable: Owatonna College and University Center (OCUC), 965 Alexandria Drive S.W.
 Alumni reception: 2480 S. County Road 45

Contacts: Ann Kirby McGill, director of constituent relations, (612) 624-0821
 Paul Moore, University News Service, (612) 624-0214

U OF M PRESIDENT TO VISIT OWATONNA

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks will spend Thursday, Nov. 6, in Owatonna, giving a speech to the rotary, leading a roundtable discussion with community leaders on regional economic development and attending an alumni reception.

"Hearing from Owatonna community leaders really makes a difference as we address today's challenges and opportunities," said Bruininks. "Now more than ever, strong partnerships between the university and communities across the state are critical to Minnesota's continued growth and vitality."

In his speech to the rotary, Bruininks will focus on the challenges and opportunities facing the state's public land-grant research university in the 21st century and its commitment to Minnesota's economic, social, and cultural vitality.

For the roundtable, Bruininks has invited area leaders to discuss economic development and innovative ways of working together. Patricia Simmons of the board of regents and Sandra Gardebring, vice president for university relations, will also take part.

Here is Bruininks' schedule for the day:

- Noon. Rotary speech, Ramada Inn, 1212 Interstate 35, Owatonna.
- 1:30 p.m. Community Roundtable, Owatonna College and University Center (OCUC), 965 Alexandria Drive S.W., Owatonna.
- 3 p.m. Tour of OCUC.
- 5 p.m. University of Minnesota Alumni Association Reception, Daniel C. Gainey Conference Center, University of St. Thomas, 2480 S. County Road 45, Owatonna.

Bruininks will also reserve time to speak with members of the local media. Media interested in setting up an interview should contact Paul Moore at (612) 624-0214. Anyone interested in attending the

rotary speech should call Tom Kuntz at (507) 451-6660. To attend the alumni community reception, call Jerry Groskruetz at (507) 334-0061.o

10/30/2003

What: Department of Defense Cancer Research Program
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RESEARCHER AIMS TO IMPROVE BREAST CANCER TREATMENTS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota researcher Bumsoo Han has received \$170,795 from the Department of Defense Cancer Research Program for research aimed at improving minimally invasive breast cancer surgery techniques. Han is a research associate in the department of Mechanical Engineering's Bioheat and Mass Transfer Laboratory.

Currently, most breast cancer tumors can be easily diagnosed and removed with breast preservation therapy. Early detection and small tumor size have fostered a trend by doctors to perform minimally invasive surgery techniques as an alternative to conventional surgical removal of tumors.

Many of the minimally invasive techniques involve using thermal therapies such as freezing (cryosurgery) or heating (laser, microwave, radio frequency and high intensity focused ultrasound ablation techniques) to destroy cancerous tissue. These techniques involve inserting a small probe through a small incision under the guidance of various imaging systems and activating (freezing or heating) the probe for a long enough period to destroy the tumor.

The benefits of these techniques include smaller incisions, local anesthesia, the possibility of an outpatient procedure and an overall cost reduction for treatment.

However, doctors face challenges involving these techniques. Currently, there are no clear freezing and heating conditions established for breast cancer destruction. That means doctors perform the procedures within certain margins to ensure complete tumor destruction and prevent recurrence. Han's research could help doctors make those margins smaller, minimizing damage to adjacent healthy tissue.

In his research, Han will work to establish thermal thresholds for breast cancer cells and tissues. The thermal destruction of breast cancer cells and tissues will be quantitatively assessed and visualized, Han said. The established thermal thresholds will then be integrated with computer-based thermal models of cryogenic and hyperthermic surgeries. The integrated computer model will allow physicians to simulate surgeries beforehand and determine surgical parameters.

Han's research is being conducted over three years. He works under the supervision of his mentor professor John Bischof, who is director of the department Mechanical Engineering's Bioheat and Mass Transfer Laboratory.

10/31/2003

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What: Month of Kindness Neighborhood Clean Up
When: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2
Where: Dinkytown
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Paul Moore, University News Service, (612) 624-0214

U OF M VOLUNTEERS TO HELP CLEAN UP NEIGHBORHOODS AFTER HOMECOMING

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Volunteers with rakes and brooms will hit the streets Sunday, Nov. 2 to help clean up neighborhoods near the University of Minnesota.

The Month of Kindness Neighborhood Clean Up begins at 11 a.m., when volunteers will gather at the Dinkytown McDonald's at 15th Avenue and Fourth Street in Minneapolis. After receiving hot chocolate and instructions, they'll head out to spruce up area streets, sidewalks and parks. Around 1:30 p.m., the groups will reconvene at McDonald's to eat lunch and celebrate what they accomplished.

The cleanup comes following the Homecoming celebrations and football games, but is also the kickoff event for the Month of Kindness, which is being marked throughout November at the U.□

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What: U lecturer to talk about history of U.S. and Liberia
When: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8
Where: International Leadership Institute, 439 Oak Grove St., Minneapolis
Who: Wynfred Russell, U of M lecturer
Contacts: Russell, (612) 625-0185
Bob San, University News Service, (612) 624-4082

U LECTURER TO SPEAK ON LIBERIA: AMERICAN'S FAILED ATTEMPT AT COLONIZATION IN AFRICA

MINNEAPOLIS/ST.PAUL—University of Minnesota West African expert Wynfred Russell will be the featured speaker at the International Leadership Institute's (ILI) Ralph Bunche Lecture Series from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at the ILI Resource at the Loring Park Office Building, 430 Oak Grove St. in Minneapolis

Russell, an instructor and project manager in the university's department of African American and African studies, will speak on: Liberia: America's Failed Attempt at Colonization in Africa. His presentation will include history, relationship with the United States and current events.

Russell came to the United States in 1991 as a refugee student after fleeing the civil war in his native Liberia. He attended Northern Michigan University and North Carolina State University, studying political science and Third World studies, respectively. He moved to Minneapolis in 2000 to teach courses in contemporary African issues at the university. Since the outbreak of the Liberian crisis, Russell has made numerous media appearances and contributions on: NPR, BBC, CBS, CNN, WCCO, KARE11, New York Times, Orlando Sentinel, Detroit Free Press, Star Tribune and St. Paul Pioneer Press. He has also written and published several articles and columns on civil war and conflicts in sub-Saharan Africa.

Russell gives public lectures and presentations on strengthening the relationship between African Americans and African immigrants and has received an award for "consistent effort in promoting the African Diaspora and black consciousness" Russell has been involved in the community as a social activist, with a passion for designing HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention programs.

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The lecture series was named for Ralph Bunche, an African American diplomat who worked for the United Nations. He was always prepared to uphold human rights and avert humanitarian catastrophe around the world. See web links below for more information on Ralph Bunche, first person of color to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

11/4/2003

What: Tentative agreement ends strike
When: 2 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 4
Where: Room 12, Morrill Hall
Who: Robert Bruininks, president
Carol Carrier, vice president for human resources
Contacts: Amy Phenix, News Service, (612) 625-8510

U OF M AND AFSCME REACH TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks today called the tentative agreement with the university's striking AFSCME clerical units "very good news for our entire community."

The agreement, reached today, ends a 15-day strike by the units, which represent about 1,900 employees on all campuses.

"We value our clerical employees and are very pleased to have them return to work," said Bruininks. "There is no doubt that a strike is disruptive and we are hopeful that we can quickly return to our normally collegial environment."

Bruininks said the university is satisfied with the outcome and that parameters of the agreement are consistent with those accepted by other employee groups. In general, over the biennium, all employee groups are assuming a greater level of cost sharing for health care benefits, a one-year wage freeze and wage increases totaling 2.5 percent in the second year.

"This is a very fair proposal that addresses the concerns of AFSCME members and will ensure that these positions remain competitive in the market," said Bruininks. "At the same time, it is financially prudent and responsive to the huge budget challenge the university is facing."

A state mediator called the parties back to the bargaining table Sunday, Nov. 2. After an all-night session, bargaining resumed Monday at 6 p.m. AFSCME brought the university's final offer to members this morning and announced that they will recommend approval of the tentative agreement.

Also last night, the university reached a tentative agreement with AFSCME Unit 4, representing about 170 health care workers, with comparable terms.

Pending approval by AFSCME members, the contract agreement will go to the board of regents in December. □

11/4/2003

What: Media availability
When: 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4
Where: Room 12 Morrill Hall, 100 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis
Who: President Robert Bruininks
Vice President for Human Resources Carol Carrier
Contacts: Amy Phenix, News Service, (612) 625-8510

MEDIA AVAILABILITY TO DISCUSS STRIKE SETTLEMENT

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Robert Bruininks, president of the University of Minnesota, and Carol Carrier, vice president for human resources, will answer media questions about the settlement reached today with the university's AFSCME clerical unit.

The availability will be at 2 p.m. in Room 12 of Morrill Hall, 100 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis.□

11/4/2003

- What:** Inaugural graduation for Carlson School's China executive MBA program
- When:** Nov. 1-10
Graduation: 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10
- Where:** Cowles Auditorium, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Catherine Peloquin, Carlson School of Management, (612) 626-0556

INAUGURAL GRADUATION FOR CARLSON SCHOOL'S CHINA EXECUTIVE MBA PROGRAM

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management is preparing to graduate its inaugural class of the China Executive Master's in Business Administration (CHEMBA) program. Thirty-eight Chinese executives from Guangdong, China, (the center of the SARS outbreak), will enjoy a 10-day Minneapolis visit, Nov. 1-10, which had been postponed because of the outbreak. They will receive a red carpet welcome by some of the area's leading executives and businesses.

Their 16-month program concludes with a graduation ceremony at 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, in the Cowles Auditorium at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis. Students will don caps and gowns to receive their American Executive MBA degrees. The Carlson School is one of the few American colleges to offer an MBA in China.

"In Eastern cultures, an American MBA is highly respected," said Mary Maus Kosir, director of the international program. "We're among the elite who offer this degree in China. Other schools are Kellogg and Washington University in St. Louis, which are just beginning their programs."

Having just returned from China, Carlson School Dean Larry Benveniste saw firsthand how this new program is not only breaking ground in China, but building relationships with businesses in Minnesota.

"This is just the beginning of an international network that will continue to grow," said Benveniste. "Many of the executives participating in this program are the future leaders of China, and we're honored to have them among our alumni network. Additionally, Minnesota and Chinese executives benefit by building relationships through numerous corporate site visits and receptions."

During their visit, CHEMBA students will meet with CEOs Marilyn Carlson Nelson (Carlson Companies), Al Stroucken (H.B. Fuller), Art Collins (Medtronic) and Gene Sit (Sit Investment Group) and CFO Jim Lawrence (General Mills). They will also have tours and discussions with top executives at 3M and the Federal Reserve Bank to explore U.S. concepts in marketing, finance and strategy.

The executives will tour and discuss the marketing success of the Mall of America with Carlson School marketing professor Mark Bergen, attend numerous networking events and enjoy the 100th anniversary Minnesota Orchestra concert.

The CHEMBA partnership with Lingnan (University) College of Sun Yat-Sen University started in Fall 2001. The CHEMBA program is modeled after the domestic executive MBA program and consists of 16 courses (taught in English) over 16 months, including the 10-day overseas residency. Every CHEMBA course is scheduled over two weekends, totaling 32 credit hours. Courses offer truly international exposure, as they are team taught with both “Western” and “Eastern” instructors.

The Carlson School first offered Global Executive MBAs in 1996, beginning with the Warsaw School of Economics. The Warsaw Executive MBA program consistently ranks number one in Poland, as assessed by Business Week Polska. The Vienna Executive MBA program, which was established in March 2000 with the Vienna University of Business Administration and Economics, is considered the most prestigious program in Austria. □

11/5/2003

- What:** New child welfare research agenda
- Who:** Susan Wells, School of Social Work, (612) 624-7242
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FIRST CHILD WELFARE RESEARCH AGENDA NOW AVAILABLE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Human Services, has developed the first-ever child welfare research agenda for Minnesota.

The document is a consensus of some of the most pressing issues related to Minnesota children and families and was created with input from child welfare professionals, community leaders, policy makers, legislators and university researchers.

“The aim of the project was to create a document to inform people who fund programs and child welfare researchers about what is most needed and to aid program planners in prioritizing research projects when the field is rife with so many possibilities,” said Susan Wells, who prepared the agenda. Wells is Gamble-Skogmo Professor in Child Welfare and Youth Policy at the U of M.

The agenda presents the top five priorities in each of seven child welfare categories with information about topics of immediate concern. It contains recommendations to consider when establishing research projects and information about child welfare research.

The child welfare categories include: program planning and administration, prevention of child maltreatment, child protection, child and family services, out-of-home care, reunification and adoption/relative custody.

“The research priorities identified in the agenda reflect the thoughts of many people who are engaged in child welfare practice, as well as those engaged in research,” Wells said. Taken as a whole, the research agenda represents the perceived needs of the child welfare community in Minnesota, she said.

“This is a tremendous step forward, not only because we are working together on behalf of children but because we will be clearly focusing on the same issues on their behalf,” said María R. Gómez, assistant commissioner of Children and Family Services for the Minnesota Department of Human Services. “The more collaborative and focused we are in our work, the better off children will be in the long run.”

The agenda is intended to guide research to advance knowledge about issues of immediate interest

within the state—not to mandate research projects.

“We plan to ensure that research activities of the School of Social Work are integrated with present and future child welfare practice and policy needs of Minnesota,” Wells said. “We will continue to work with the child welfare community to revise this agenda.”

The child welfare research agenda can be downloaded for free at <http://ssw.che.umn.edu> or http://ssw.che.umn.edu/Gamble-Skogmo/GS_Home_page.htm . Contact Scotty Daniels at sdaniels@che.umn.edu or (612) 624-7242 with questions or to obtain a printed copy for approximately \$5 to cover printing and postage. □

11/5/2003

- What:** Annual U of M car auction
- When:** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8
- Where:** Fleet Services building, 901 29th Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Lori Ann Vicich, communications manager, Parking and Transportation Services, (612) 625-0357
Paul Moore, University News Service, (612) 624-0214

UNIVERSITY VEHICLE AUCTION INCLUDES HYBRID CARS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--For the first time ever, the University of Minnesota Fleet Services' annual vehicle auction will include hybrid vehicles, with three Toyota Priuses among the 82 vehicles on the auction block Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Fleet Services building, 901 29th Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. The auction begins at 11 a.m. and runs until approximately 1 p.m.

The Toyota Prius uses a combination of gasoline and electricity for its fuel. It has a 70-horsepower, 1.5-liter, four-cylinder gasoline-fueled engine teamed with a 44-horsepower permanent magnet electric motor. The Prius never needs to be plugged in for recharging and has an EPA-estimated rating of 52 miles per gallon in city driving and 45 on the highway. The auction will include three 2002 Toyota Prius vehicles, each having between 32,000 and 50,000 miles on its odometer.

The auction also features other cars, trucks and mini vans, including Ford Taurus, Pontiac Grand Am, Dodge Grand Caravan, Plymouth Voyager and Chevrolet Astro Cargo Van. Specialty vehicles include Ford 15-passenger vans, a Chevrolet/Gruman step van and a 200 Ford F450 with a contractor body with less than 10,000 miles. A complete list of vehicles is available at www.umn.edu/fleetsrv.

The auction is free and open to the public. Customers can check out the vehicles starting at 9 a.m. the day of the sale. Free parking is available in lot C-66, across the street from the Fleet Services building. Generally, vehicles sell for wholesale blue book value plus or minus \$1,000.

The mission of Fleet Services is to support the institution's academic and research programs by assisting departments with their vehicular, non-mass transit needs. Fleet Services rents and leases vehicles to departments for varying lengths of time. With locations on the Minneapolis and St. Paul campuses, Fleet Services can service or fuel any university-owned vehicle. Fleet Services also maintains the official university records on all vehicles and licensed equipment and ensures that local, state and federal vehicle laws and regulations are met. The department also runs the university's vehicle insurance and safety and fuel credit card programs. □

11/6/2003

- What:** Winter Warmth from U clothing drive
- When:** Clothing drive starts Nov. 17
Fill the Bus: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3
- Where:** Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
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U OF M STUDENTS TRY TO 'FILL THE BUS' IN WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota students, faculty and staff are being asked to donate an item of winter clothing as part of "Winter Warmth from U," a campus wide clothing drive. The donated items will be packed into a commuter bus during a daylong event Dec. 3, and taken to the Pillsbury Community Center in north Minneapolis.

The clothing drive begins Monday, Nov. 17, when residence halls and university apartment buildings will put out bins to collect donations. On Dec. 3, a bus will pick up those items and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. will park in front of Coffman Union, where volunteers will collect more clothing to try to "Fill the Bus."

The Fill the Bus event will include remarks from Susan Hagstrum, wife of U of M President Robert Bruininks, along with food, prizes and hot chocolate. People who donate clothing will also receive gift certificates from one of several local businesses, including Applebee's and Ben & Jerry's.

The clothing drive was created by John Barber and Surbhi Madia, two fourth-year U of M students who came up with the idea while shivering through one of their first dates last winter in downtown Minneapolis. Both students are community advisors in residence halls, so they began to discuss possibilities of programming they could implement in the dorms and then found support and partners all over campus.

Fill the Bus is the closing event for the university's Month of Kindness, which began with a neighborhood cleanup at the beginning of November. □

11/6/2003

What: University Marching Band's Indoor Concerts

When: 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23

Where: Northrop Memorial Auditorium, 84 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis

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MARCHING BAND TO STORM NORTHROP

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--About 300 members of the University of Minnesota Marching Band will storm the aisles of Northrop Memorial Auditorium Nov. 22 and 23, when the band presents its 42nd annual indoor concerts.

Performances are at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23. For advance tickets, call the University Arts Ticket Office at (612) 624-2345. Group seating discounts are available. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for children 12 and younger and for groups of 15 or more. Tickets are limited; call early for best seating availability.

The concerts, presented since 1961, will feature such time-honored traditions as the band's march into the auditorium and performance in the aisles. Under the direction of School of Music conductors Jerry Luckhardt and Tim Diem, the band will perform traditional Gopher favorites like "The Minnesota Rouser" as well as popular selections.

The concept of an indoor concert for a marching band was created by the late Dr. Frank Bencriscutto, former director of the university's band program. Minnesota was the first school in the nation to stage such an event, and today marching bands across the country pattern shows on the foundation laid by "Dr. Ben."

Established in 1902, the School of Music offers a dynamic, comprehensive program to 540 music students in undergraduate and graduate programs, led by a world-class faculty of more than 70 artists, scholars and teachers.□

11/7/2003

- What:** Roundtable discussion with Rep. James Oberstar on future of transportation funding
- When:** 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 10 (Rep. Oberstar speaks at 9:30 a.m.)
- Where:** Minnesota History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul
- Who:** Rep. James Oberstar
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CONGRESSMAN OBERSTAR TO ADDRESS THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Rep. James Oberstar will be the featured speaker at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs' Rethinking Transportation Finance roundtable. As the ranking member of the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Oberstar will address the future of transportation funding. He will take part in a roundtable discussion with the audience following his address.

Oberstar has played a central role in the development and passage of the groundbreaking Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) in 1991 and its successor, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) in 1998. Oberstar is again providing leadership in sorting through complex transportation finance and policy issues as Congress and the Bush administration craft a new six-year surface transportation authorization law to replace TEA-21, which expired on Sept. 30.

The roundtable, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the University of Minnesota's Center for Transportation Studies and Humphrey Institute's State and Local Policy Program. It will begin with a continental breakfast at 9 a.m. To RSVP, contact Marit Enerson at (612) 625-8575 or menerson@hhh.umn.edu. □

11/12/2003

- What:** Monthly Board of Regents meetings
- When:** Thursday and Friday, Nov. 13-14
- Where:** Suite 600, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E. Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Amy Phenix, University News Service, (612) 625-8510

BOARD TO REVIEW PRINCIPLES FOR CAMPUS STADIUM

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota board of regents will hold its monthly meetings Thursday, Nov. 13, and Friday, Nov. 14, in Suite 600, McNamara Alumni Center, on the Twin Cities campus.

For the first time, the board will discuss guiding principles for the possible development of an on-campus Gopher stadium. The draft principles articulate how such a development will support the university's mission, financial strategy, surrounding neighborhoods, student experience and intercollegiate athletics. As well, the principles will guide governance, management and project development. The university is conducting a feasibility study of an on-campus stadium, expected to be completed in mid-December.

The board is expected to act on the university's six-year capital plan, guiding publicly and privately funded facilities projects on all campuses through fiscal year 2009.

In committee, board members will discuss issues related to tuition policy, including price sensitivity of university programs, the impact of tuition on who attends the university and who does not, a comparison of the university's tuition to that at peer institutions and the university's strategy to recruit more nonresident, nonreciprocity students.

As part of a discussion on the University Enterprise Laboratory and commercialization of technology, the formation of an office of business development to focus on new business opportunities will be announced. Specifically, the office will help university start-up businesses succeed, educate university faculty and staff on the benefits of technology commercialization and provide a point of entry for outside businesses that want to interact with the university.

The board will recognize professor Phyllis Moen, recipient of the University of Minnesota McKnight Presidential Endowed Chair in Sociology. Moen joined the university faculty this fall from Cornell University. Her research focuses on life-course transitions and trajectories related to work, family, health, age and gender stratification, and social policy.

Select committee meeting times, locations and agenda items follow.

Thursday, Nov. 13

9:15-10:30 a.m. Audit Committee, West Committee Room. Report of the external auditor and discussion of the fiscal year 2003 financial statement.

10:45-11:45 a.m. Work Session, East Committee Room. Discuss principles for the possible development of an on-campus stadium.

1:30-3:30 p.m. Educational Planning and Policy Committee, East Committee Room. Discuss tuition policy issues. Extension Service strategic plan update. Discuss policy issues related to commercialization of technology and the University Enterprise Laboratory.

1:30-4 p.m. Facilities Committee, West Committee Room. Review design guidelines for the Nicholson and Jones Hall renovations on the Twin Cities campus. Discuss guiding principles for the six-year capital plan.

Friday, Nov. 14

9-11:30 a.m. Board of regents, Boardroom. President's and chair's reports. Recognize Phyllis Moen, McKnight Presidential Endowed Chair in Sociology. Act on appointments to the University Foundation Board of Trustees. Receive the University of Minnesota Foundation annual report. Act on the six-year capital plan.

The complete board agenda can be found at www.umn.edu/regents. □

11/13/2003

What: Institute of Mathematics and Its Applications (IMA) public lecture
When: 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20
Where: 100 Smith Hall, 207 Pleasant St. S.E., Minneapolis.
Who: Rice University professor Richard Tapia
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PROFESSOR SPEEDS INTO MINNEAPOLIS TO TALK DRAG RACING AND MATH

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--People fascinated with aspects of speed and racing will not want to miss the University of Minnesota's Institute of Mathematics and Its Applications lecture this month.

The speaker, Richard Tapia, a computational mathematics and applied mathematics professor at Rice University in Houston, has a way of bringing math to the masses.

His lectures do not veer into a humdrum routine. At a conference earlier this year, Tapia gave evidence that peeling rubber heats up tires and improves drag racers' acceleration. Through mathematical calculations, he also revealed a large margin of error in timing races.

He will share more drag racing insights in his talk, "Math at Top Speed: Breaking Myths in Drag Racing Folklore," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, in 100 Smith Hall, 207 Pleasant St. S.E., Minneapolis.

Tapia has been involved in drag racing as a participant, support person and spectator for most of his life. He has focused his love for math and drag racing into research. During the first part of his talk, Tapia will use photos and videos to trace the historical development of drag racing as a sport. Later, he will talk about how he has witnessed the rise of many myths concerning dragster speed and acceleration. Then, he will use mathematics to test and prove or disprove various ideas from drag racing folklore. He will also address questions such as: How fast are dragsters really going? What is the maximum acceleration achieved by today's dragsters?

Tapia will also explain why dragster acceleration is greater than the acceleration due to gravity, an age-old inconsistency.

Background on Tapia

Tapia, who is internationally known for his research in the computational and mathematical sciences, is also associate director of graduate studies at Rice and is director of the Center for Excellence and Equity in Education.

Tapia was born in Los Angeles to parents who, separately, immigrated from Mexico as young teenagers in search of educational opportunities for themselves and for future generations. Tapia was the

first in his family to attend college. He received his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in mathematics from the University of California, Los Angeles. In 1967 he joined the department of mathematics at UCLA and then spent two years on the faculty at the University of Wisconsin. In 1970 he moved to Rice University where he was promoted to associate professor in 1972 and full professor in 1976. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and has served on the National Science Board.

Tapia is also a tireless advocate in efforts to bring more women and minorities into the fields of science and math. Due to Tapia's work, Rice has received national recognition for its educational outreach programs and the Rice Computational and Applied Mathematics Department has become a national leader in producing women and underrepresented minority doctoral recipients in the mathematical sciences. Tapia's commitment and service have been acknowledged by a Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring and the Lifetime Mentor Award from the American Association for the Advancement of Science.□

11/13/2003

What: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Grant
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SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK RECEIVES GRANT FOR RESEARCH ON CHILD ABUSE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota's School of Social Work has received a \$235,000 grant for research on child abuse and neglect.

The grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is one of 11 such awards nationwide. It will fund research on such topics as child protection for individuals with various disabilities, cultural differences in the definition of child maltreatment, how supervision affects child outcomes in child welfare, classification and identification of child welfare cases to develop best practices, and the role of social support systems for abused children.

"These issues stand at the forefront of national concerns about child welfare practice today," said Susan Wells, project director and social work professor. "Research from these projects will help maximize effective child welfare practices while making the most of limited resources to care for our most vulnerable populations."

The university will conduct a total of five projects over a two-year period in collaboration with the Minnesota Department of Human Services and the children's services units for Anoka, Dakota, Olmsted, Ramsey, and Washington counties. The projects, based on the topics mentioned above, will be directed by Wells, who is the Gamble-Skogmo Land Grant Chair in Child Welfare and Youth Policy, and will include the work of four doctoral students.

"We are extremely proud of this award and hope that, highlighting the important work being done by Dr. Wells and others, will enhance the national debate on child welfare needs and practice," said Jean Quam, director of the School of Social Work.

In 2001, there were 17,000 reports of child abuse or neglect in Minnesota and about 3 million reports nationwide. Of those, more than 9,000 children were confirmed as victims in Minnesota, and about 903,000 were confirmed as victims nationally. The School of Social Work is a national leader in child welfare research and policy development and plays an active role in training public child welfare workers throughout Minnesota. For more information about the school, see <http://ssw.che.umn.edu/>

- What:** Upper Midwest chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences
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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION STUDENT PROJECTS WIN EMMYS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Two University of Minnesota School of Journalism and Mass Communication (SJMC) student projects won Emmy awards from the Upper Midwest chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. The winners, who were announced October 25 at the Emmy gala, were "Lost Faces," produced in a documentary class, and "The Sandwich Generation," produced in a broadcast news reporting class.

The winning projects represented two of four SJMC student projects nominated for an Emmy. All were created in spring 2003.

"Lost Faces" won in the News and Information (College) category. It is a documentary about homeless children told in three segments. Nina Bouphasavanh, Axel Gumbel, Anthony Maggio and Linda Shudlick produced it. Ken Stone was the instructor.

"The Sandwich Generation" won in the Non-News/Entertainment (College) category. Audra Lynette Harpel produced this piece about baby boomers caught in the sandwich generation--they must care for their own children and their aging parents. Gary Schwitzer was the instructor.

The other nominated project in the News and Information (College) category was "How Careful Do You Have to Be?" Kara Sommerfeld produced this piece, which addressed Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) on college campuses.

The other nominated project in the Non-News/Entertainment (College) category was "Flex Appeal." Stacey Morgan produced this report on "jersey chasers," women who chase male athletes.

SJMC has won seven Emmys in the past four years. In addition to 2003, the University of Minnesota won one Emmy in 2002, two in 2001, and two in 2000. SJMC students saw more competition this year than in any other year. Students at the University of Wisconsin--River Falls, the University of St. Thomas and Gustavus Adolphus College also received nominations.

More information about the Upper Midwest NATAS chapter is at: www.natas-mn.org/ □

What: \$10 million gift to University of Minnesota for scholarships
Who: Nancy and Larry Bentson
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U OF M RECEIVES LARGEST SCHOLARSHIP GIFT IN ITS HISTORY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota has received a gift of \$10 million from alumni Nancy and Larry Bentson for undergraduate scholarships, the largest gift ever received by the university designated solely for scholarships. The gift was originally made in 2002 as an anonymous bequest, as part of Campaign Minnesota. Now, the Bentsons have announced that they will make an outright gift at this time.

"We are delighted to be able to make this gift now, so that we can help the university and its students sooner than expected," said Larry Bentson. "Our interest in helping students dates back generations in our family, when my maternal grandmother established an endowed scholarship in 1949. Also, our many successes, personally and professionally, are rooted in our University of Minnesota education. From this background and our desire to have others sample some of these same life experiences, we have established the Bentson Family Scholarships, much like the fund created by Grandma Hoffman."

The Bentson Family Scholarships will provide students with at least \$5,000 a year for four years and will eventually support about 100 students a year. The scholarships will be awarded to promising incoming students who also have financial need. A preference will be given in awarding the scholarships to students of the Jewish faith.

"This extraordinary gift from the Bentsons couldn't come at a better time, given increased competition among colleges and universities for top students, and increases in the cost of higher education," said university President Robert Bruininks. "I am grateful to the Bentsons for their generosity and sincere desire to help others achieve their dreams. This gift will make it possible for us to attract many more talented students every year and keep the doors of opportunity open for future generations."

Nancy and Larry Bentson both graduated from the University of Minnesota, Nancy in 1945 from the Medical Technology Program, and Larry in 1943 with an engineering degree. Larry pursued a career in communications in partnership with his father-in-law, Eddie Ruben. The Bentsons began their giving to the university in 1977 and have supported the department of pediatrics, the KDWB University Pediatrics Family Center, a fellowship in pediatric cardiology and student scholarships. In 1989 they established the

Ruben-Bentson Chair in Pediatrics. They have also volunteered their time in support of many fund-raising activities at the university.

“We recognize that we have been fortunate throughout our lifetimes--blessed with health, loving family, joyful friends and continuing prosperity,” said Larry Bentson. “Out of genuine gratitude and a sincere desire to share our blessings, philanthropy has been a core value for us throughout our lives.”

“Many donors made gifts to the university in the form of bequests during Campaign Minnesota, and it is wonderful that Nancy and Larry will be able to enjoy the results of their philanthropy during their lifetimes,” said Gerald Fischer, president and CEO of the University of Minnesota Foundation. “We are thrilled and grateful for this gift, both for the Bentsons and for the countless generations of students whose lives will be uplifted as a result.” □

11/14/2003

- What:** More than 30 events celebrating International Education Week
- When:** Nov. 17-21 (see event listings for additional information)
- Where:** Twin Cities campus
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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK, NOV. 17-21

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--A film festival, panel discussions, lectures and even a wine tasting are among the more than 30 events planned for International Education Week, Nov. 17-21 at the University of Minnesota. Colleges, departments and student groups planned the events to highlight the university's support for international education.

Developed in 2000 by the U.S. departments of State and Education, International Education Week has become a national event to highlight efforts across the country to prepare students for a global environment.

A complete list of events is available at www.international.umn.edu/IEweek/2003/events.html.

Selected events:

- Monday, Nov. 17 - Violence and Trafficking of Women and Children, 12:15-1:15 p.m., 2-605 Moos Tower, 515 Delaware St. S.E., Minneapolis

A panel discussion led by Marsha Freeman, attorney and senior fellow and senior lecturer at the university's Humphrey Institute. Freeman is an expert in women's and international human rights. She is director of the International Women's Rights Action Watch, which monitors abuses of women throughout the world. Also participating will be Deborah Levison, associate professor at the Humphrey Institute, who specializes in child labor and schooling in developing countries, gender issues and labor economics. Sponsored by the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

- Monday, Nov. 17 - Wine Tasting Etiquette Event, 5-7 p.m., Carlson School of Management's Private Dining Room, 321 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis

Learn the differences between a rose and a blush wine, what to order with dinner and much more at this event. RSVP required (ip@csom.umn.edu) along with IDs. Sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the Carlson School of Management.

- Wednesday, Nov. 19 - Education in Africa: Case Study of Cameroon, 2-3 p.m., Magrath Library Reference Area, 1984 Buford Ave., St. Paul

Innocent Awason, science librarian, Magrath Library, will discuss his experiences in higher education in Africa. A native of Cameroon, Awason came to the university as part of the Scholars At Risk program because his safety was in jeopardy in Cameroon. He served as deputy university librarian at the University of Ngaoundere before coming to the University of Minnesota. He is also the head of his clan in Cameroon. Sponsored by the University Libraries.

- Friday, Nov. 21 – Discussion of “Reporting on Iraq” led by two local journalists, 9-10 a.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis

J. Brian Atwood, dean of the Humphrey Institute, will lead “Reporting on Iraq,” a discussion including Pioneer Press journalist Hannah Allam and Star Tribune journalist Eric Black. Sponsored by the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

- Friday, Nov. 21 - Announcement of Distinguished Leadership Award for Internationals, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Gold Room, Northrop Auditorium.

The Office of International Programs will announce the winners of the first Distinguished Leadership Award for Internationals, recognizing outstanding achievement by international alumni. Sponsored by the Office of International Programs. □

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA NEWS SERVICE
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**University of Minnesota experts available to discuss smoking
issues on the 27th Great American Smokeout
11/20/03**

Researcher can share expertise on smoking

Dorothy Hatsukami, member of the Cancer Center and co-leader of the Transdisciplinary Tobacco Use Research Center (TTURC), can discuss smoking cessation, smoking reduction and tobacco toxins. Her current research includes a study on teen cessation techniques and a study on NicVax, a shot that prevents nicotine absorption in hopes of stopping addiction. Contact Hatsukami at (612) 626-5168. News Service contact, Patty Mattern, (612) 624-2801.

Health service helps students stop smoking

As recently as 1999, 40 percent of college students were tobacco users, and more than 20 percent of those had started after they enrolled in college. The U's Boynton Health Service offers smoking cessation services especially for students, including individual counseling, medications, follow-up care, and relapse prevention. For more information contact Dana Farley, director of health promotion, at (612) 625-5917. News Service contact, Paul Moore, (612) 624-0214.

11/19/2003

What: Tour by Senate Capital Investment Committee
When: Wednesday, Nov. 19
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LARSON AMONG COMMITTEE MEMBERS FINDING OUT WHAT'S NEW AT THE 'U'

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Members of the Minnesota Senate Capital Investment Committee got a close-up look Wednesday, Nov. 19, at how the money they allocate to the University of Minnesota is being put to use.

Sen. Cal Larson was among five senators who boarded a bus and toured some recently completed buildings and several that need renovation.

The tour included a stop at the recently opened Regis Center for Art, a 155,000 square foot building that cost \$41.5 million, \$18.5 million of which came from the state of Minnesota through bonding. The tour ended at Coffman Union, where the delegation had lunch with U of M President Robert Bruininks.

Among legislators' other stops were the Education Sciences Building and Kolthoff Hall, where they were able to see first hand the need for upgrades. The U's capital request from the state includes \$49 million for renovations of four buildings.

More than one quarter of the university's buildings are older than 70 years, with the Twin Cities campus alone having nearly 100 buildings that are more than 50 years old. Almost all of the university's \$155.5 million capital request is for either renovations or to preserve or upgrade existing buildings.

The 2003-04 Legislature reconvenes Feb. 2, 2004. □

11/20/2003

What: Walter Mondale discusses U.S. foreign policy
When: 9 a.m. – noon Friday, Dec. 12 (optional breakfast at 8 a.m.)
Where: Macalester College’s Janet Wallace Fine Arts Concert Hall
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MONDALE TO SPEAK ON U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN A POST 9/11 WORLD

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Former Vice President Walter Mondale will join foreign policy experts for a panel discussion on U.S. responsibilities and its foreign policy in a post 9/11 world 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Dec. 12, in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts College Hall at Macalester College, 1600 Grand Ave., St. Paul. The event is cosponsored by the University of Minnesota’s Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

Part of the ongoing lecture series “Fifty Years: The Mondale Lectures on Public Service,” the program will include a Mondale lecture on “U.S. Security in an age of American preeminence: the responsibilities of power.” Immediately following, Mondale will take part in a panel discussion of the current policy choices being made and the long-term effects they will have around the world.

Panelists beside Mondale will be William J. Perry, former U.S. secretary of defense and currently a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, and Zbigniew Brzezinski, former national security adviser for President Jimmy Carter and currently a foreign policy professor at Johns Hopkins University. J. Brian Atwood, dean of the Humphrey Insitute, will moderate.

The Mondale Lectures on Public Service aim to foster discussion about the lessons of historic events and encourage people to pursue public service. This is the seventh event in the Mondale lecture series and is cosponsored by the Humphrey Institute, Macalester College, the Minnesota Historical Society and Minnesota Public Radio.

Admission to the lecture and panel discussion is \$10 (free for students and educators). Admission to the full program, which includes breakfast, is \$35 (\$25 for students and educators). For more information and reservations, call (612) 625-5309 or e-mail cgage@hhh.umn.edu.□

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA NEWS SERVICE
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**Rally targets hate and intolerance
& Noon-1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24**

A rally against hatred toward gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) people will be held on Coffman Union Plaza, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. The Queer Student Cultural Center (QSCC) and the University of Minnesota GLBT Programs Office are hosting the rally to draw attention to the hatred and intolerance still being shown toward people in the GLBT community. For more information, contact B David Galt, director, GLBT Programs Office, (612) 625-8519. News Service contact, Patty Mattern, (612) 624-2801.

An Asian minor at the U

Asian Americans comprise the largest ethnic group on the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus, yet it is the only one without its own department. A small step toward the elusive goal was taken this fall, when an Asian American studies minor was officially established. The U thus becomes the only university in Minnesota to offer an Asian American studies minor. "It's high time it's happening," says English professor Josephine Lee. "It's not just for Asian American students. It's also a field of interest all kinds of people are getting into. It's an academic field that's coming of age."

Asian American studies at the U grew out of the interests and needs of faculty and students, Lee says. Once known for its cultural homogeneity, Minnesota has become a magnet for immigrants from countries throughout Asia. The burgeoning Asian American population makes Minnesota an exciting research site for studying and addressing the challenges faced both by new immigrants and by earlier generations of Asian Americans. The 2000 U.S. Census reported that Minneapolis and St. Paul have the greatest concentration of Asian Americans in the interior of the United States. The city of St. Paul itself is 12 percent Asian/Asian American and boasts the largest concentration of Hmong in the country. The most recent statistics from fall semester 2003 show that the U's undergraduate student population is 11.6 percent Asian American. Having a minor is the first step toward establishing an Asian American studies department, Lee says. Call Lee at (612) 625-9510. News Service contact, Bob San, (612) 624-4082.

Tips are on the Web at www.unews.umn.edu

11/24/2003

What: UnitedHealth Group Chairman and CEO speaks
When: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2
Where: Radisson Hotel Metrodome, 615 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
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UNITEDHEALTH GROUP CHAIRMAN AND CEO WILLIAM MCGUIRE REVIEWS GROWTH STRATEGIES

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--UnitedHealth Group Chairman and CEO William McGuire will speak on the key strategies for UnitedHealth Group's growth and success during the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management First Tuesday luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Radisson Hotel Metrodome, 615 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. His talk, "Building a Health and Well-Being Enterprise," will focus on some unique aspects of the health and well-being marketplace.

McGuire has helped Minnetonka-based UnitedHealth Group become one of the fastest growing major businesses in the United States. Since his arrival in 1988, McGuire has advanced revenues from \$440 million to \$29 billion. UnitedHealth Group is the nation's largest diversified health services company, serving 50 million Americans. The company is working to improve access to all health services, with industry-leading innovations.

Each month, as many as 500 Carlson School alumni, local business leaders, students and educators attend the First Tuesday series to hear from the leading business voices in today's economy.

Registration is \$28, which includes lunch and parking in the Washington Avenue Ramp. Register by calling (612) 626-9634, visiting www.carlsonschool.umn.edu or by e-mail at firsttuesday@csom.umn.edu. □

11/25/2003

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- What:** 2004 Great Conversations series
- When:** January-May, 2004
- Where:** Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2128 Fourth St. S., Minneapolis
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BEST-SELLING AUTHORS TO HOLD 'GREAT CONVERSATIONS' AT U OF M

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Best-selling authors Gail Sheehy, Richard Florida and Jared Diamond are among the influential thinkers highlighting the 2004 "Great Conversations" series at the University of Minnesota.

The series begins Jan. 20, when U of M President Robert Bruininks sits down with Florida, author of the widely read "The Rise of the Creative Class: How It's Transforming Work, Leisure, Community and Everyday Life." Their conversation will look into a city's viability and creativity, especially pertinent after the recent designation of Minneapolis as having on of the nation's top 10 "thriving creative classes."

The Feb. 25 conversation also features a best-selling author, Gail Sheehy. Sheehy's landmark work, "Passages," was named one of the ten most influential books of our time by the Library of Congress. She will discuss the losses of 9/11 with Pauline Boss, U of M family social science professor and author of "Ambiguous Loss." Sheehy's most recent book, "Middletown, America: One Town's Passage from Trauma to Hope," is a study of the city that lost the most residents in the terrorist attacks.

Here are the Great Conversations for the rest of the season:

- March 23

Jeffrey Kahn, director of the university's Center for Biomedical Ethics, talks about ethics, policy and society with Harold Shapiro, president emeritus of Princeton University and former chairman of President Clinton's National Bioethics Advisory Commission.

- April 13

Jared Diamond, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book "Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fate of Human Societies," sits down with David Tilman, Distinguished McKnight University Professor and Regents Professor of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior. Their topic: Ecology, Conservation and Human History. Diamond has received the National Medal of Science, the nation's highest scientific honor, and "Guns, Germs and Steel" is the country's best-selling science book.

- May 11

Thomas Frank, editor in chief of the Baffler magazine and author of several books, including "The

Conquest of Cool: Business Culture, Counterculture and the Rise of Hip Consumerism," discusses "Populism in the Heartland" with Catherine Liu, professor of cultural studies and comparative literature.

All five events will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2128 Fourth St. S., Minneapolis. Series tickets, now on sale, are \$85 for university faculty, staff and students, and \$110 for the general public.

Individual event tickets, which go on sale in January, are \$23 for faculty, staff and students and \$28 for the general public. For tickets, call (612) 624-2345 or go to www.cce.umn.edu/conversations.

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What: U of M receives \$400,000 grant from HUD
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U OF M, WILDER AND FROGTOWN CDC RECEIVE \$400,000 HUD GRANT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota's College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (CALA) received a \$400,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) this week as part of a national effort to revitalize and rebuild local neighborhoods.

The grant will help fund the Affordable Housing Initiative developed by CALA and its grant co-recipients, the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation and the Greater Frogtown Community Development Corporation (GFCDC). The team's goal is to create affordable housing that integrates environmentally sound design with new cost-effective building technologies. The Affordable Housing Initiative is part of a larger housing effort coordinated by the Wilder Foundation and the GFCDC called Project 20/20, which aims to develop or rehabilitate 20 demonstration housing units in the Frogtown neighborhood of St. Paul. Ten of those homes are part of the Affordable Housing Initiative.

Over the past two years, the design-research team has completed Phase One of the project, which included the design and construction of the first affordable house prototype, House One. The team used a new construction process employing Oriented Strand Board with structural engineered panel (SEP) technology that retains heat and minimizes moisture. Using the SEP technology and a range of design and construction strategies, the team hopes to optimize space and flexibility while addressing sustainability, energy performance and health issues.

This grant will fund the next phase, in which the team will further develop, test and analyze results of the design features and new technologies used in House One. The team hopes to demonstrate that high performance, sustainable and healthy features can be added to new construction while still maintaining affordability for low-income families.

Leading the U of M's efforts are Mary Guzowski from the department of architecture and John Carmody from the Center for Sustainable Building Research. Those involved from the community are

Tom Schirber of the Wilder Foundation, Kris Graham from GFCD and a U of M design-research team including Lance LaVine from the department of architecture, Anne Forsyth from the Design Center for the American Urban Landscape and Pat Huelman from the Cold Climate Housing Program.

At the project's completion, the team hopes to provide new affordable housing prototypes and building systems that developers can copy around the state. The homes will be designed to work in an urban, suburban or rural setting.

The U of M was one of only 20 colleges and universities nationwide to receive a Community Outreach Partnership Centers grant and the only recipient in the upper Midwest. In total, HUD awarded \$6.87 million across the country.

FAST FACTS:

- This affordable housing is built for those whose incomes fall between 40 percent and 60 percent of the regional median income.
- The project goal is to develop healthy homes that achieve low construction costs through cost-effective design and technology.
 - Goal #1: Affordability – total construction cost targeted between \$85,000 and \$100,000.
 - Goal #2: Environment – reduce energy consumption and construction waste by 50 percent and improve air quality by minimizing moisture and reducing mold.
 - Goal #3: Future use – provide model for statewide developers in creation of new affordable housing. □

What: Photo exhibit featuring women in the U.S. Senate

When: 5 p.m. opening reception; 6 p.m. artist's presentation
Wednesday, Dec. 3

Where: Humphrey Forum in the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs
301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis

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HUMPHREY FORUM HOSTS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT 'CHANGING THE FACE OF POWER: WOMEN IN THE U.S. SENATE'

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The U of M Humphrey Forum will host Melina Mara's photography exhibit, "Changing the Face of Power: Women in the U.S. Senate." Part of a nationwide tour, the exhibit will open at the Humphrey Institute, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis, on Wednesday, Dec. 3, with a special reception at 5 p.m. and a presentation from Mara at 6 p.m.

The exhibit consists of 38 black and white photographs of current and former Capitol Hill lawmakers, including the 14 women currently serving in the U.S. Senate (there were only two following the 1992 elections). Images include behind-the-scenes moments such as Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison walking hand in hand with her young daughter.

The exhibit recently completed a four-month stay at the Smithsonian Institution's Arts and Industries Building. Admission is free, and the exhibit is open to the public at the Humphrey Institute Dec. 3 through Feb. 20, 2004. Hours are weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The exhibit is made possible by Carlson Companies, Inc. □

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What: 'Winter Warmth from U' clothing drive
When: 11 a.m-3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3
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U OF M STUDENTS TO 'FILL THE BUS' WITH DONATED WINTER CLOTHING

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--University of Minnesota students will fill a bus with hats, mittens and coats from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, as part of "Winter Warmth from U," a campuswide clothing drive. The donated items will be packed into a commuter bus parked in front of Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, then taken to the Pillsbury Community Center in North Minneapolis.

The Fill the Bus event will include remarks from Susan Hagstrum, wife of U of M President Robert Bruininks, along with food, prizes and hot chocolate. People who donate clothing will also receive gift certificates from one of several local businesses, including Applebee's and Ben & Jerry's.

The clothing drive was created by John Barber and Surbhi Madia, two fourth-year U of M students who came up with the idea while shivering through one of their first dates last winter in downtown Minneapolis. Both students are community advisers in residence halls, so they began to discuss possibilities of programming they could implement in the dorms and then found support and partners all over campus.

The clothing drive began in mid-November, when residence halls and university apartment buildings put out bins to collect donations.

Fill the Bus is the closing event for the university's Month of Kindness. □

What: Golf tournament raises \$315,000 for leukemia research
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U OF M LEUKEMIA RESEARCH FUND RECEIVES \$315,000 FROM DANNY THOMPSON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The Leukemia Research Fund at the University of Minnesota Foundation received \$315,000 from this year's Danny Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament. Georgie Fenton, president and director of the Danny Thompson Memorial, and Jack Grundhofer, chairman emeritus of U.S. Bancorp and chairman of the Danny Thompson Memorial Board of Directors, presented the donation to the university at a ceremony on November 19 in Minneapolis.

Since 1976, the Danny Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament has contributed more than \$3.5 million to the Leukemia Research Fund. The fund supports interdisciplinary research in leukemia and related diseases at the University of Minnesota's Cancer Center and elsewhere at the University of Minnesota. The Leukemia Research Fund distributes research funds to University of Minnesota faculty with backgrounds in oncology, molecular biology, biochemistry, immunology, pharmacology and other fields. The goal of the fund is to accelerate progress toward a cure of leukemia and related diseases.

"The Leukemia Research Fund staff, researchers and board of directors are an outstanding group of people dedicated to finding a cure for leukemia," said Grundhofer. "This money will be put to good use by a team that's at the forefront of cancer research."

"On behalf of the Leukemia Research Fund, I would like to thank Minnesota business leaders for their support of the Danny Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament," said Leukemia Research Fund chairman Russell Huffer, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Apogee Enterprises. "Their dedication to this event and the leukemia research cause allows the University of Minnesota to attract exceptional people and greater resources to support research on leukemia and related diseases."

Danny Thompson, shortstop for the Minnesota Twins in the early 1970s, died in 1976 of leukemia. His memory lives on through the Danny Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament, which has raised more than \$6.7 million for leukemia research since it began in 1976. The annual tournament was started by former Minnesota Twin Harmon Killebrew and former Idaho Congressman Ralph Harding in memory of their friend, Danny Thompson. The 27th annual Danny Thompson Memorial Gold Tournament was held in Sun Valley, Idaho, in August.

The Leukemia Research Fund is an endowment fund managed and invested by the University of

Minnesota Foundation. Founded in 1962, the University of Minnesota Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization that builds greatness at the University of Minnesota by raising and managing gifts from alumni and friends. □

12/4/2003

What: Story Time with Santa

When: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6

Where: U of M Bookstore in Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave., S.E., Minneapolis

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SANTA HELPS U BOOKSTORE COLLECT BOOKS FOR KIDS IN HOSPITAL

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The jolly old elf known as Santa Claus will stop by the University of Minnesota Bookstore from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, to read stories, hand out treats and help collect books for kids in the hospital. The U of M Bookstore is in Coffman Union at 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

In addition to collecting books during Story Time with Santa, the U of M Bookstore will accept book donations through Dec. 20. The books will go to children spending the holidays at Fairview University Hospital.

Also Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon, Deb Brown, U of M professor and author of the 2004 Minnesota Gardening Calendar, will sign copies of the calendar at the bookstore.

Brown, a noted gardening expert, will also talk about the gardening advice and tips presented in the calendar. The calendar regularly retails for \$12.99 but is available at the U of M Bookstore for \$7.

Both events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.bookstore.umn.edu or call (612) 625-6000. □

12/8/2003

What: U of M stadium study released
Who: Robert Bruininks, president
Joel Maturi, athletics director
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U OF M STUDY RECOMMENDS 50,000-SEAT, OPEN-AIR CAMPUS STADIUM

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--A new University of Minnesota study concludes that a new, on-campus stadium for Gopher football may be feasible. The study, released today, is part of a broader effort by university officials to examine all options for a future home for its football program.

"Bringing Gopher football back to campus is an exciting dream for many of us, including students, alumni, fans and donors," said University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks. "An on-campus stadium could build pride, increase revenues, provide a venue for all-university events and give a new generation of fans a true Big Ten football experience."

The study recommends a 50,000-seat, open-air stadium be built on campus, northeast of Williams and Mariucci arenas. The projected cost is \$180 million, with another \$42 million needed for site preparations and infrastructure improvements, bringing the total project cost to an estimated \$222 million.

Bruininks described the stadium plan as "modest" by current standards and noted that it is based on an analysis of this sports market. Seating would be a mix of chairs and benches, including a variety of premium seating options such as loge seating--an outdoor, rail-enclosed small-group area that is a popular amenity in other markets--which would be a unique amenity here. The stadium would be built to allow for an expansion to up to 80,000 seats in the future. It would include a 30,000-square-foot indoor club, a hall of fame, team facilities, media facilities and rehearsal and storage space for the 300-member University Marching Band. Two new outdoor plazas for pre-game and other non-game-day events would also be included.

"This is a fantastic facility that could be wonderful for our program and our fans," said Athletics Director Joel Maturi. "We believe that an on-campus stadium is the right way to go for the future of our program and that it is the best option out there."

While the study only outlines financing options and is not a full finance plan, Bruininks said the university believes it can raise a substantial portion of the cost of a new stadium from donors and new sources of revenue.

“This is a very exciting opportunity for many individuals and organizations,” he said. “We’re committed to raising significant amounts of private funding for this project.”

While the university is not seeking public funding at this time, Bruininks said the university must be part of any discussions at the Capitol about stadium projects. “We must remain open to public sources of funding.”

University officials stressed that the feasibility study is an important first step, but that a decision has not been made to build a new stadium.

“We are first and foremost an academic institution,” said Bruininks. “We are going to take these recommendations to our communities to get ideas and feedback, and we will consult carefully with Minnesota’s leaders.” To start, Bruininks said the board of regents plans to discuss the study this week, and meetings are being scheduled with students, faculty, neighborhood and business leaders and policy-makers, but he stressed that it is just the beginning of the process to explore the stadium.

The university’s lease at the Metrodome expires at the end of the 2011 football season. It is estimated that it will take four to five years from project inception to complete a new stadium. In addition to looking at an on-campus stadium, the university is assessing the Metrodome. Bruininks said that sharing a stadium with the Vikings in a suburban location is the university’s least favorite option.

“We want to be near campus to give our students a better opportunity to experience Big Ten football and alumni and fans an opportunity to reconnect with our academic community,” he explained.

The feasibility study, which was completed over the last four months, builds substantially on work that was done in 2002 with the Vikings on a joint on-campus stadium. Many of the same consultants were involved, saving time and resources. The study cost about \$145,000 and was privately funded.

For the feasibility study and more information, go to www.umn.edu/stadium □

12/8/2003

What: Walk against gender violence

When: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 10

Where: Peters Hall, 1404 Gortner Ave., St. Paul
St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave., St. Paul

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STUDENTS, FACULTY TO WALK IN SOLIDARITY TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota's Center Against Violence and Abuse (MINCAVA) and the Gender Violence in Global Perspectives class will mark the 16th day of "The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence" from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, which is International Human Rights Day.

Students, faculty and community members will gather at 10 a.m. in the atrium of Peters Hall, 1404 Gortner Ave., St. Paul, and will walk in silent vigil to the St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave. Participants will dress in black as a sign of solidarity with the international Women in Black movement that works to end violence against women worldwide.

"This event helps to remind us that violence against women is not isolated to certain groups or areas but is a significant societal problem around the globe," said Ann Kranz, director, Violence Against Women Online Resources at MINCAVA. "We all have the ability and responsibility to create social change by speaking out and addressing violence against women in our communities and in other parts of the world."

A brown bag seminar including speakers from Minnesota who work to end violence against women will be held from 12 to 1 p.m. in Room 39 in Peters Hall.

"The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence" is an international campaign originating from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute sponsored by the Center for Women's Global Leadership in 1991. Participants chose the span of 16 days from Nov. 25 (International Day Against Violence Against Women) to December 10 (International Human Rights Day) to symbolically link violence against women and human rights and to emphasize violence as a violation of human rights. This 16-day

period also highlights other significant dates including Dec. 1, which is World AIDS Day, and Dec. 6, which marks the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre. On Dec. 6, 1989, Marc Lepine entered an engineering school classroom in Montreal and shot 27 female engineering students, killing 14 of them before killing himself. In a note left behind, he said feminists ruined his life.

Women in Black (<http://www.womeninblack.net>) is an informal international network of women committed to peace with justice. They actively oppose war and other forms of violence. Women in Black vigils were started in Israel in 1988 by women protesting Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, demanding peace between Israel and the Palestinians. Women in Black vigils have since developed in the United States, England, Italy, Spain, Azerbaijan and the former Republic of Yugoslavia.□

12/9/2003

What: Monthly board of regents meetings
When: Thursday, Dec. 11, and Friday, Dec. 12
Where: Suite 600, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis
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U OF M REGENTS TO DISCUSS STADIUM FEASIBILITY STUDY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota board of regents will hold its monthly meetings Thursday, Dec. 11, and Friday, Dec. 12, in Suite 600, McNamara Alumni Center, on the Twin Cities campus.

In a 75-minute work session on Thursday, the board will discuss the stadium feasibility study released this week. The study concludes that a 50,000-seat, on-campus stadium at a total project cost of \$222 million is feasible. Last month, the board discussed and finalized principles to guide any university participation in an on-campus stadium project.

On Friday, the board will review the university's 2003 annual financial report, which includes the independent auditor's report and consolidated financial statements for fiscal years 2003 and 2002. The narrative section of the report focuses on the university's commitment to financial stewardship, efficiency and management, using examples of innovative, cost-saving initiatives.

The board will receive the annual report on university research. In fiscal year 2003, sponsored research awards were down 2.6 percent (to just under \$513 million). However, for the first quarter of FY04, awards increased six percent. Expenditures of research awards, a measure of research activity, were up five percent in FY03. The number of proposals submitted by university researchers, which suggests future research activity, was up 23 percent in FY03 and has doubled over the past six years.

In committee meetings, the biannual student experience survey, which shows overall improvement in most areas--including overall satisfaction, overall quality of academic programs and overall quality of instruction--will be discussed. The survey is one way the university is accountable. Another, the annual Plan, Performance and Accountability report, will also be discussed. Specifically, board members will consider a new scorecard of university performance on a number of key measures, including academic quality, student quality and experience, and finances. The report will be final in February 2004.

The Facilities Committee will review and act on plans to renovate Jones Hall on the Twin Cities campus and create a new College of Liberal Arts Language Center and home for the Admissions Welcome Center. The committee will also consider a landmark on Gateway Plaza, expansion plans for the sports and health center on the Duluth campus and the rehabilitation of the Social Science building on

the Morris campus, among other projects.

Committees will also complete a discussion of tuition issues, begun in November, review and act on collective bargaining agreements with the university's clerical unions, among others, and discuss the president's Service and Productivity Initiative.

Select committee meeting times, locations and agenda items follow.

Thursday, Dec. 11

9-11:30 a.m. Facilities Committee, West Committee Room. Review and act on a number of expansion, renovation and other facilities projects on all campuses.

9-11:30 a.m. Educational Planning and Policy Committee, East Committee Room. Discuss tuition policy issues and the Plan, Performance and Accountability report.

1:15-3:15 p.m. Faculty, Staff and Student Affairs, West Committee Room. Review and act on collective bargaining agreements, discuss the service and productivity initiative and student survey results.

1:15-3:15 p.m. Finance and Operations, East Committee Room. State economic forecast update.

3:30-4:45 p.m. Work Session, East Committee Room. Discuss the feasibility study for a Gopher football stadium.

Friday, Dec. 12

9-11:30 a.m. Board of regents, Boardroom. President's and chair's reports. Report of the student representatives to the board. Annual research report. Review of the Plan, Performance and Accountability report.

The complete board agenda can be found at www.umn.edu/regents. □

- What:** Grant to help special needs students
- When:** Next five years
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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT RECEIVES \$4.5 MILLION GRANT TO HELP SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Researchers in the University of Minnesota's College of Education and Human Development have been awarded a \$4.5 million grant to help special needs students who are integrated into general education classrooms.

The grant, from the U.S. Department of Education, will allow researchers to work with Minnesota teachers to track the individual progress of integrated special education students while at the same time evaluating their success in general classroom work.

This funding will help teachers meet the sometimes competing goals of federal directives for special education students. Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), students with disabilities are guaranteed access to the general education curriculum, including access to standards testing such as Minnesota's Basic Skills Test.

At the same time, special needs students have the mandated right to an individualized education program (IEP), which is designed specifically for each student. Christine Espin, professor of special education, and Teri Wallace, research associate in the Institute on Community Integration, both in the College of Education and Human Development, propose to use a method called progress monitoring to help teachers reach both goals.

"We believe progress monitoring will be effective because it is a uniform yet flexible system of measurement that can work for all varieties of students in the classroom--general students, special education students, students with various disabilities and students of different ages," Espin said. "It also works with the wide variety of curricula found in different states, districts and schools. With this system, students' progress can be followed from one year to the next, one setting to another and from one curriculum to the next."

Progress monitoring is based on a method developed in the College of Education and Human Development in the late 1970s by special education professor Stan Deno. The method is called curriculum-based measurement (CBM) and has since been adopted as a standard by a wide range of educators both locally and nationally.

In CBM, a teacher chooses a task for a student--reading a short passage from a book, for example--that can be done quickly, often in one to five minutes. Teachers score student performance and then graph the data. Teachers use the graph to judge student progress and instructional success. The process does not interrupt classroom routine, and it has been shown through research to be highly reliable and accurate in indicating a student's progress.

"We'll be developing monitoring systems in three areas--language arts, math and science--to see if monitoring progress and making individualized instructional changes based on that information will help students to progress," Wallace said. "We believe progress monitoring of individual students will result in teachers making better instructional decisions for their students and will provide a blueprint for teachers throughout the United States."

Wallace and Espin will use Web-based technology to collect, manage, interpret and share the progress monitoring data. The use of this technology will be especially important for effectively reporting progress to teachers and parents.

"Parent involvement is fundamental to the success of this project," Wallace said. "It is integrated throughout the project design, and parents will provide input throughout the project."

In addition to Espin and Wallace, six other researchers in the college will be involved in the project: Kristen McMaster, assistant professor, special education; Tom Bartholomay, research fellow, Institute on Community Integration; Scott McConnell, professor, educational psychology, and director of the Center for Early Education and Development; Susan Rose, associate professor, special education; Deno, professor, special education; and Jeff Long, associate professor, educational psychology.

A research subcontractor, Anne Foegen, associate professor of curriculum and instruction (special education), Iowa State University, will lead the mathematics portion of the study. The team hopes to involve as many as 100 teachers and approximately 800 to 1,000 students in the study. □

12/12/2003

What: Board approves labor contracts
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U OF M REGENTS APPROVE AFSCME, OTHER LABOR CONTRACTS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--The University of Minnesota board of regents today (Dec. 12) approved labor contracts with the university's AFSCME clerical units. The contracts were negotiated following a 15-day strike earlier this year.

"We deeply value all of our employees and are very aware of the sacrifices they've been asked to endure this year as the university faces historic financial challenges," said university President Robert Bruininks. "We believe these agreements are good for the institution and our employees and are pleased to have the contracts finalized."

The board reviewed the university's annual financial report, "Minding the business of the University." For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, the university reported a nearly \$8 million decline in net assets, which was relatively good news, given the nearly \$50 million reduction in state funding the university sustained during that same time period.

"The people of Minnesota can have confidence that the university is financially very well managed," said Regent David Metzen, chair of the board.

Financial information about the university can be found online at www.budget.umn.edu. Copies of the report are available by calling (612) 624-6868.

In a 75-minute work session on Thursday, the board discussed the Gopher football stadium feasibility study released this week. Generally, board members expressed enthusiasm for bringing Gopher football back to campus but said they want any such project to be consistent with the university's academic mission and financially viable.

The student representatives to the board of regents gave their semi-annual report, focusing on instructor evaluations, costs, operations issues, student retention and advising.

The board approved schematic plans for a number of projects on all campuses, including a renovation of Jones Hall on the Twin Cities campus, a landmark on Gateway Plaza at Oak Street and Washington Avenue, also on the Twin Cities campus, an expansion of the sports and health center on the Duluth campus and the rehabilitation of the Social Science building on the Morris campus.

The board will not meet in January. The next board and committee meetings will be held February 12 and 13 on the Twin Cities campus. Complete board agendas can be found at www.umn.edu/regents. □

- What:** Institute for Mathematics and its Applications lecture on synchrony and the emerging science of spontaneous order
- When:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7
- Where:** Room 100, Smith Hall, 207 Pleasant St. S.E., Minneapolis
- Who:** Cornell University Professor of Applied Mathematics Steven Strogatz
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LECTURE TO EXPLORE MYSTERIES AND SCIENCE OF SYNCHRONY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--What caused hundreds of Japanese children to fall into seizures while watching an episode of the cartoon show Pokemon? Why do women roommates sometimes find that their menstrual periods occur in sync? Why do traffic jams occur even when there's no accident or other apparent cause? What triggers riots, fads and mass hysteria?

Steven Strogatz, professor of applied mathematics at Cornell University and author of "Sync: The Emerging Science of Spontaneous Order," will explore those phenomena during a lecture at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, in Room 100, Smith Hall, 207 Pleasant St. S.E., Minneapolis. Strogatz's lecture is aimed at a general audience and is part of the Institute for Mathematics and its Applications lecture series. It is free and open to the public.

The tendency to synchronize is one of the most mysterious and pervasive drives in all of nature. Every night along the tidal rivers of Malaysia, thousands of fireflies flash in silent, hypnotic unison; the moon spins in perfect resonance with its orbit around the Earth; the intense coherence of a laser comes from trillions of atoms pulsing together. All these astonishing feats of synchrony occur spontaneously--almost as if the universe had an overwhelming desire for order.

On the surface, these phenomena might seem unrelated. After all, the forces that synchronize fireflies have nothing to do with those in a laser. But at a deeper level, Strogatz says, they are all connected by the same mathematical theme: self-organization, the spontaneous emergence of order out of chaos.

Strogatz has been called "a gifted and inspiring communicator" (New Scientist) and "a first-rate storyteller and an even better teacher" (Nature). Popular Science called "Sync" "the most exciting new book of the spring... masterful...a gem." □

What: New director of central security

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U OF M NAMES DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL SECURITY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL--Bob Janoski has been named director of central security at the University of Minnesota. Janoski had served as interim director since the central security department was created in 2002. He will report to Assistant Vice President for Public Safety Gregory Hestness.

Janoski has been with the University of Minnesota since 1984. As program director for the University of Minnesota Police Department (UMPD), he conducted building security assessments and post-crime security inspections, analyzed physical inspections, evaluated security lighting and environmental design conditions, developed security design construction standards, analyzed physical and electronic security requirements, and provided security consultations for all the U of M campuses. Prior to his role as program director, Janoski served as security supervisor, security manager and technical services manager for UMPD.

Janoski has made a number of improvements in campus security while working at the U. He played a key role in developing the Campus Escort safety walk program into a 24-hour service, established electronic card access, video surveillance, and emergency design criteria for new construction and renovation projects, and implemented the Code Blue Project, bringing emergency communication kiosks to the University of Minnesota community. He has also served as a security consultant for FBI and Secret Service advance teams, local colleges, public schools and animal genetics research facilities across the nation.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota in civil engineering, Janoski has also completed the National Crime Prevention Institute courses in crime prevention planning and programming and crime prevention through environmental design.

"Bob Janoski has nearly 20 years' experience in protecting the students, faculty, staff and facilities at the University of Minnesota," said Hestness. "He is a highly skilled professional who understands both the technical field of security and the complexities of the University of Minnesota. We are fortunate to have him leading our security efforts."

Janoski was selected after an external search, led by Leslie Denny, assistant to the associate dean for planning in the College of Liberal Arts. Other committee members were:

- Bill Chose, director of maintenance operations, Facilities Management;

- William Jones, manager of security operations for Target Corp.;
- Greg Steinhagen, manager of Research Animal Facilities; and
- Tom Warnke, senior administrative director of Agricultural Experiment Station administration.

The department of central security (DCS) provides both current security services and future security planning for the University of Minnesota. DCS' monitoring center utilizes the latest video and audio equipment to provide the safest environment and most unobtrusive monitoring possible. DCS provides key and lock services and lock repairs, installs and maintains alarm systems, closed circuit television (CCTV) security systems, network video surveillance systems and card access systems. DCS also consults with academic and administrative departments on building security plans.

The department of central security is a division of Public Safety, which also oversees the UMPD and the department of emergency management. Public Safety reports to University Services, under the leadership of Vice President Kathleen O'Brien. □

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U OF M, MARSHALL U HIGH GRAD TEAM UP TO RAISE FUND FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

MINNEAPOLIS/ST.PAUL— Harvey Johnson has never forgotten his challenging year at the University of Minnesota dealing with seizures or the positive experiences he had in high school interacting with students with disabilities. So in 1989, after his 50-year Marshall High School class reunion, Johnson and his friends took some leftover money and began soliciting contributions for a scholarship fund for students with disabilities.

The pot started with \$286. Fourteen years later, through numerous individual gifts of \$20 to \$100, the Marshall Access Education Fund (MAEF) sits at approximately \$9,000. Now managed by the University of Minnesota Foundation, the fund would be the first of its kind targeted to provide scholarships and other support at the University for students with disabilities.

"We're very excited," says Evonne Bilotta, sign language interpreter in the U's Disability Services office. "That this organization is trying to give to the next generation is very exciting. I think it's a wonderful trend in the disability services arena—that people are thinking of this as a population that needs support."

The first goal is \$10,000, at which point MAEF becomes a quasi-endowment fund. At \$25,000, the fund will reach full endowment status, and money gained on interest can be used for scholarship assistance, Bilotta says. A MAEF committee has been set up to explore fund-raising and determine goals, depending on how much money is eventually collected. "Besides the scholarships, we want to give students with disabilities opportunities for learning, like writing support and leadership," she says.

Down the road, if it continues to grow, Bilotta hopes the fund might be used to conduct disability awareness trainings on campus, bring in outside speakers to give presentations, and develop an academic curriculum in disability studies.

Johnson, 84, grew up with epilepsy and suffered from frequent grand mal seizures. (One grand mal seizure, he points out, can have the energy potential of 80 hours of physical labor.) While at the University, Johnson would have as many as six seizures in a day, which is not exactly conducive to carefree learning. Though he

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was only able to stay at the U for one year, he went on to have a successful career as a mechanic for Northwest Airlines.

Johnson graduated from Marshall High School in Dinkytown, which merged with University High School in 1968. (Marshall U High School closed in 1982 and the building is now the University Technology Center.) He says that virtually all students with disabilities in the Minneapolis School District attended Marshall U. "At the time, none of the other schools had any elevators," Johnson says. "And Marshall U had the teachers who were trained to deal with the students with disabilities—not only orthopedic but visual."

Many Marshall U High School students went on to attend the University, Johnson points out, and he's confident that word of the scholarship fund will trigger their memories. "They're going to get some response from people from Marshall U who didn't know anything about this fund," he says.

Although Johnson has been virtually seizure-free for 45 years now, he's committed to helping those with any disability to flourish at the University. "We just want to give them the opportunity everybody else has for education and [the] extension of their minds," he says.

For more information on the Marshall Access Education Fund, call (612) 625-3676 or visit <http://ds.umn.edu/maef>.